



# Communique'

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<b>CHANCERY</b>
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## 1. DIRECTORY NOTES

Rev. Frank Lehnerd	Retired	Effective January 10, 2005
Rev. Gerald Sommer, MSC	Retired	Effective December 5, 2004

## 2. CONFIRMATION

December Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 5, 10:30 am	St. John, Canton	Bp. Tobin
Wed., Dec. 8, 7:00 pm	St. Robert, Cortland	Bp. Franzetta

## 3. CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

### A. Compliance Checklist

The new Compliance Checklist must be kept up to date in the parish, school and institution; and a copy sent to the Chancery as new employees and volunteers are accepted for service. Please include the address with each name, as our masterfile may contain more than one person with the same name and we want to ensure that the proper person is credited with compliance. Updated information (background questionnaire signed, webcheck completed, training completed) should be submitted for persons whose names were previously submitted but for whom this information was incomplete.

### B. Webcheck

Please see the attachment to this issue of *Communique* regarding Webcheck locations and the possibility of diocesan employees and volunteers using Webcheck at locations other than the diocesan sites.

## 4. OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

### A. Seventh Annual Mass for Life

Bishop Tobin will celebrate the seventh annual Mass for Life at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, **January 15, 2005**, at St. Dominic Church in Youngstown. Prior to Mass, a prayer vigil will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. across from 4025 Market Street, Youngstown. Following Mass, the Knights of Columbus Council 274 will host a free spaghetti luncheon at the St. Dominic Parish Center. All are welcome.



5. Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 24, 10:30 pm – LIVE

6. Solemn Mass of Christmas Day from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 25, 12:00 noon – LIVE

7. The Christophers Holiday Programs – Tuesdays, 8:30 pm

December 7: Martin the Cobbler

December 21: The First Christmas

December 14: Michael the Visitor

December 28: The Chime

B. Wineskins Highlights for December – Sunday Mornings

WKBN – 570 AM, 7:30 am; WILB – 1060 AM, 9:30 am; WLOA – 1470 AM 10:00 am

December 5: Br. Dominic Calabro interviews Msgr. James Kolp about his book, “The Amazing Fr. Lindesmith, Chaplain in Indian Country.”

December 12: This Sunday begins a new series on the various ministries of the diocese. Jim Merhaut from St. Michael Parish in Canfield will speak on the topic, “Bridging the Generations: Essential Catechetical Works.”

December 19: Sr. Teresa Ann Wolf, OSB, director of Centro San Jose/Pastoral Care to Migrants and Refugees, will speak about Migrant Ministry.

December 26: Judith Magielski from St. Charles Parish in Boardman will examine ways we can seek, encourage and support those who have gifts necessary for ministry.

John Damico will tell us about the new Blesseds in our Saint Segment, and Msgr. Robert Siffrin will reflect on the Scriptures for the month of December. Our music is from the CD “The Birth of Jesus” by John Michael Talbot .

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES**

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORPORATION**

A. Voice of Hope Dinner a Huge Success!

Catholic Charities wishes to thank those parishes, organizations and groups that participated in the 2004 Voice of Hope Dinner. Thousands of dollars were raised for the Catholic Charities Agencies to meet the emergency needs of individuals and families. Mark next year’s event on your calendar: Friday, November 4, 2005 at Leo’s Risoranate and Banquet Center, Warren. Stay tuned to *Communique* for more details . . .

B. Catholic Charities’ Holiday Activities

Each Catholic Charities Agency has a unique approach to meeting community needs during the holiday season. If your parish or group is interested in helping Catholic Charities with its Christmas programs, “adopting” needy families and children, or obtaining “wish lists” for parish giving trees, please contact the location nearest you for details:

Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County	440-992-2121
Catholic Charities of Portage County	330-297-7745
Catholic Charities of Stark County	330-491-0896
Catholic Charities Regional Agency	330-744-3320 (Mahoning County)
	330-393-4254 (Trumbull County)
	330-385-4732 (Columbiana County)

## CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### 1. OFFICE OF CLERGY SERVICES

#### Priest Personnel Board

Congratulations to the elected members to the Priests' Personnel Board:

Rev. Thomas Kraszewski, representing Associate Pastors (re-elected)  
 Rev. Stephen Popovich, representing all the priests (re-elected)  
 Rev. Daniel Venglarik, representing Pastors (newly elected)

The term is for two years and is effective January 1, 2005.

A special thank you to Rev. Thomas Eisweirth for his service on the Board.

### 2. OFFICE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION OF PRIESTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Wednesday, **March 2**, 2005: Priests' Day of Reflection with Fr. Steve Doyle, OFM  
 "Spirituality of the Sacred Triduum"

Monday, **May 9**, 2005: Priests' Anniversary Celebration  
 St. Charles Church – 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer  
 Fr. Haidet Hall – 5:30 p.m. Dinner

### 3. OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

#### A. Vocation Awareness Week

Vocation Awareness Week is **January 9-14**, 2005. Resources will be mailed in December so that you can adequately plan for the week.

#### B. *Initiative for Action* Brochures

Every parish and school should have received brochures entitled *Initiatives for Action: The Paths of Vocations are Paved by People*. These brochures summarize the initiatives for promoting vocations which were proposed by delegates at the March 27, 2004 Diocesan Congress on Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. If you would like additional copies please contact the Office of Vocations.

#### C. *Responding to God's Call* Posters

Posters highlighting our seminarians have been sent to all parishes and schools. If you would like additional copies please contact the Office of Vocations.

## D. Intercessions

Recommended intercessions for the month of December are included with this issue of *Communique*.

### DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP

#### 1. *Today's Sacrifice . . . Tomorrow's Church* Capital Campaign

The *Today's Sacrifice . . . Tomorrow's Church* Capital Campaign is underway in the sixteen parishes participating in Block 1. As of November 12, \$4,303,588 or 13% of our goal of \$34 million has been committed by 1,607 donors. These figures include the achieved targets due the Capital Campaign from the two parishes conducting Piggyback Campaigns, St. Barbara in Massillon and Little Flower in North Canton.

We are off to a great start in this historic campaign for the Church in the Diocese of Youngstown! May our Lord bless those who make sacrifices in support of the campaign and all who will be served through it success.

Please keep the *Today's Sacrifice . . . Tomorrow's Church* Capital Campaign in your prayers.

#### 2. 2004 Annual Bishop's Appeal

As of November 12 we surpassed our 2004 Annual Bishop's Appeal goal of \$3.6 million with pledges totaling \$3,682,270. Pledges received from 32,126 parishioner households indicate that these donors increased their level of giving by \$512,988, or 16% over what they gave in 2003.

May our Lord bless those who generously make sacrifices for our Annual Appeal, and those who will be served thanks to those sacrifices.

#### 3. Bulletin Inserts

Suggested stewardship bulletin inserts for December/January are included with this issue of *Communique*.

### PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

#### 1. OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

##### A. Library Resources Binder

The Office of Religious Education has compiled a series of bibliographies on a variety of ministry topics pertinent to many aspects of parish life. The bibliographies identify books, videos, CDs and other resources available to borrow through the Office of Religious Education. Each parish should have received one Library Resources Binder. Additional copies are available for purchase at \$12.00 each.

##### B. New Circulation Policy Announced for Library & Media Resources

Annual Library Membership Enrollment Fee: \$175.00 for parishes, Catholic high schools or universities within the Diocese of Youngstown, and other diocesan agencies.

Library membership benefits

- Unlimited use of resources for parish and/or school.
- Catholic elementary schools are included in parish membership.
- One annual invoice for all library usage saving personnel time as well as conserving environmental resources.
- A/V previewing privilege with no additional shipping fees.

Non-Member Fees

Those not enrolled in the Library Membership plan will be assessed shipping, handling, and return postage, a minimum of \$3.00 per item.

<b>LIBRARY CIRCULATION POLICY</b> <b>Applies to Library Membership Plan and Non-Members</b>			
<b>Loan Policy</b>	<b>Print Resources</b> 28 days	<b>VHS/DVDs</b> 21 days or as needed <i>Reservations recommended</i>	<b>CDs/Tapes</b> 14 days
<b>Overdue Charges</b>	<b>\$0.50 per day</b>	<b>\$1.00 per day</b>	<b>\$1.00 per day</b>
<b>Upon availability, all library resources may be renewed two times.</b> <b>Renewal requests accepted by phone or Email.</b>			
<b>Lost or Damaged</b>	<b>Actual replacement cost plus shipping.</b>		

C. Parish Reports Reminder

The Office of Religious Education requests your cooperation with the annual parish personnel and program report collection. These forms have been distributed to parish ministers and contact persons for five areas of catechetical ministry. Please be sure that your parish personnel forms are returned with correct information in order that our mailing lists are updated. The program reports serve to compile statistics and are important for staff to participate in state and national surveys, as well as respond to local needs in our diocese. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

D. Scriptural Prayer for Advent and Christmas 2004

An order of service for Advent and Christmas 2004 Year A, based on the *lectio divina* method of scriptural prayer, is available upon request from the Office of Religious Education. You are invited to use it for personal prayer or to copy for parish ministry groups. A copy ready version is also available on the DOY web site scroll.

E. New LIMEX Group

The Office of Religious Education is organizing a new LIMEX learning group for the fall. If you serve as a parish ministry leader and are interested in a graduate degree or continuing education certificate in religious education or pastoral studies, consider joining this group. For information about application to Loyola University New Orleans Institute for Ministry Extension (LIMEX) program, contact the Office of Religious Education.

## 2. OFFICE OF WORSHIP

### A. Calendar Advisories

The date assigned in the liturgical calendar for the celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is **December 12**. This year the feast falls on the Third Sunday in Advent. Because "Sunday must be ranked as the first holy day of all," it gives way only to solemnities or feasts of the Lord. "The Sundays of the seasons of Advent, Lent, and Easter...take precedence over all solemnities and feasts of the Lord." On Sunday, December 12, 2004, therefore, only the texts and readings for the Third Sunday of Advent may be used.

This year the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) falls on Saturday, **December 25**, while the Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph occurs on Sunday, **December 26**. If Mass is celebrated on the evening of Friday, December 24, the Mass is that of the Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord. If Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening, December 25, the Mass is that of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, **January 1, 2005**, falls on a Saturday. The obligation to attend Mass on this holy day is abrogated by the decision of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

### B. Resources for the Upcoming Liturgical Year

The annual publications of Liturgical Training Publications continue to be available for purchase through the Office of Worship, 330-744-8451, ext. 304. See the October *Communique* for details.

### C. Liturgy Day

The annual Liturgy Day sponsored by the Office of Worship will be held:

**Saturday, February 5, 2005**  
St. Charles Parish, Boardman  
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Reverend J-Glenn Murray, S.J., will be the keynote speaker. Brochures will be mailed after Christmas.

### D. The Time of the Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil will be **March 26**, 2005. Sunset that evening will be 6:45 p.m. in the Diocese of Youngstown. The Sacramentary reminds us that "The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall..." In the Diocese of Youngstown, the Vigil should not begin before 7:00 p.m.

## 3. OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

### A. Diocesan Youth Convention

Thanks! to all who assisted and supported the 2004 Diocesan Youth Convention.

### B. Parish Youth Ministry Report Forms

Parish YM Report Forms (purple legal-sized sheet) were due October 29. If your parish has not already submitted one, please do so now. The OY&YAM needs this information to prepare diocesan reports. If you are not sure if your parish returned one, please contact Rachel Flasco at 330-744-8451, ext. 279.

## C. Youth Ministers' Gathering

An "Epiphany Party for Youth Ministers" will be held Thursday, **January 6**, 2005, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the home of Cindee Case, Director, in Austintown/Canfield.

Enjoy a relaxing evening as we celebrate the Gifts of the Magi through prayer, networking, and fun. Bring an hors d'oeuvre (last name A-O) or dessert (last name P-Z) to share.

To participate in a white elephant gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift. Spouses are welcome. Please RSVP to the OY&YAM by Tuesday, January 4, and address and directions will be provided.

## PROGRAMS - RETREATS

### 1. AIDS Ministry – Prayer Support Group

For persons challenged by HIV/AIDS, their families, friends or those grieving their loved ones. The Ursulines of Youngstown invite those feeling the impact of HIV/AIDS to join them for a meal and socialization on Saturday, **December 18**, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Ursuline Center, 4280 Shields Road, Canfield. Reservations are not necessary. Call Sister Kathleen Minchin, 330-792-7636 or Father Frank Zanni, 330-394-2461, for more information.

### 2. Villa Maria Retreat Center, Villa Maria, PA (724-964-8920, ext. 3358)

Jan. 4	Morning Prayer: Coffee & Contemplation "The Prayer of <i>Lecio Divina</i> " Registration due: December 21	9:30-11:30 am Sugg. offering: \$2.00-3.00
Jan. 26	Scripture Study Day "Gospel of Matthew" Registration due: January 12	10 am-2 pm Cost: \$15

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Employment Opportunities at Central Services

Two positions are available at Central Services:

- Director of Lay Ministry Formation, Department of Pastoral and Educational Services
- Fundraising Specialist, Department of Catholic Charities Services

Please see the attachments with this issue of *Communique* for details.

IN MEMORIAM
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	<u>December</u>
<i>Rev. Dermot Coleman</i>	2/74
<i>Rev. Joseph R. Lucas</i>	2/95
<i>Rev. William J. McLaughlin, OP</i>	3/58
<i>Deacon George Mastrovich</i>	4/03
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Gordon G. Gutman</i>	6/98
<i>Rev. A. Patrick Dempster</i>	7/97
<i>Rev. Clement Falter, CPPS</i>	8/42
<i>Rev. Valentine Fleckenstein, CPPS</i>	10/61
<i>Rev. John J. Pallante</i>	10/71
<i>Rev. Richard Reis</i>	12/98
<i>Rev. Bartley J. Kennedy</i>	13/91
<i>Rev. George R. Bobal</i>	14/51
<i>Rev. Cyrill M. Stolarik</i>	14/90
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Andrew A. Prokop</i>	15/95
<i>Rev. Paul Hill, MSC</i>	16/02
<i>Rev. William J. Keefe</i>	17/45
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. James Eischen</i>	17/53
<i>Rev. J. Robert Coleman</i>	17/86
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Alfred J. Heinrich</i>	18/64
<i>Rev. Theodore T. Coward</i>	18/87
<i>Rev. Francis J. Palm</i>	19/54
<i>Rev. Robert J. Novotny</i>	19/92
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Anthony P. Boeff</i>	20/73
<i>Rev. Robert Brengartner</i>	21/99
<i>Rev. Joseph Raible, CPPS</i>	22/96
<i>Rev. Austin W. Scully</i>	25/53
<i>Rev. Ernest Smith</i>	26/53
<i>Rev. Edgar R. Landy, OP</i>	27/47
<i>Rev. Joseph R. Bennett</i>	27/85
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. John H. Lenz</i>	28/59
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. John L. Bardon</i>	29/70
<i>Rev. Edward J. Dierker</i>	29/91
<i>Rev. Maron Abi-Nader</i>	29/96
<i>Rev. Gabriel Takacs, OFM</i>	30/73
<i>Rev. Daniel Higgins, sP</i>	30/82
<i>Rev. Albert Klein</i>	30/01
<i>Rev. William J. Fitzgerald</i>	31/85
<i>Rev. William Ellis, MSC</i>	31/95

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