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CHANCERY

1. CONFIRMATION

Schedule for February

Thurs., Feb. 12, 7:00 pm	St. Michael, Canfield	Bishop Tobin
Sat., Feb. 14, 4:00 pm	St. Louis, Louisville	Bishop Tobin
Sun., Feb. 15, 2:00 pm	St. Joan of Arc, Streetsboro	Bishop Tobin
Tues., Feb. 17, 7:00 pm	St. Nicholas, Struthers	Bishop Tobin
Wed., Feb. 18, 7:00 pm	St. Mary, Warren	Bishop Franzetta
Sat., Feb. 21, 12:30 pm	St. Charles, Boardman	Bishop Tobin
Sun., Feb. 22, 2:00 pm	Combined Parishes at St. Columba Cathedral	Bishop Tobin
Sat., Feb. 28, 11:00 am	St. Peter, Rootstown	Bishop Tobin

2. DIRECTORY NOTES

Rev. Scott William Allen	Associate Pastor, Queen of the Holy Rosary, Vienna Effective December 16, 2003
Rev. Robert Miller	Administrator, St. James Parish, Waynesburg Effective February 2, 2004
Rev. Michael Seifert	Pastor, Regina Coeli Parish, Alliance Effective February 2, 2004
Address Correction:	Sacred Heart Parish 3049 St. Rt. 45, P.O. Box 110, Rock Creek, OH 44084

3. CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

A. Update

The Chancery Office has prepared an informational document, "An Update on the Status of the Child Protection Policy in the Diocese of Youngstown." This document contains statistics and general information about the child sexual abuse situation in our diocese, and will be available in mid-February. It will be found in the Catholic Exponent, on the diocesan website, and in parishes. Additional copies may be obtained from the Chancery Office.

B. Survey

The Office of Child and Youth Protection of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops commissioned a survey of all dioceses/eparchies in the United States in order to get a picture of the statistics on child sexual abuse on the national level. This survey, compiled by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City, will contain details such as the number of clergy who have been accused of abuse, the number of known victims, and monies spent for counseling, settlements and legal fees. The survey will be released by the USCCB on February 27.

C. Webcheck Billing

Although it is preferred that payment be made when fingerprinting takes place, if the institution is to be billed, employees and volunteers are reminded to note on the log sheet whether it is the parish, or the school, that is to be billed. It is especially important to note in which city the parish or school is located, since some parish names are found in more than one city.

4. CHURCH OVERSEAS COMBINED COLLECTION

The annual combined collection for the Church Overseas will be taken in all parishes of the diocese the weekend of **February 14/15**, 2004. This four-in-one collection includes (1) American Bishops' Overseas Appeal (2) Holy Father/Peter's Pence (3) the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and (4) the Church in Latin America.

Parishes have received bulletin announcements and fact sheets for reproduction in bulletins, for placement in the gathering space or on bulletin boards.

Please be generous in your gift to the Church Overseas.

5. CHANGE IN MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

Bookkeepers are asked to take note that effective January 4, 2004, the IRS has increased the rate for mileage reimbursement to 37 1/2 cents (37.5).

6. OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

A. Execution Scheduled

The Ohio Supreme Court has scheduled the execution of John Glenn Roe for February 3, 2004. Parishes interested in holding a vigil of prayer for the victims and families of violent crime and for those on death row please contact Melinda Knight, Office of Pro-Life Activities, at 330-744-8451.

For information about the death penalty in Ohio visit Ohioans to Stop Executions at www.otse.org. For information about Catholic teaching on capital punishment visit the U.S. Bishops' website at www.nccbuscc.org/sdwp/national/criminal/cappunishment/htm or Catholics Against Capital Punishment website at www.cacp.org.

B. Teaching on Capital Punishment/Immigrant Workers

The Social Action and Outreach Committee of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, Cortland, will sponsor a prayer service and presentation on the Church's pro-life teachings on capital punishment/immigrant workers on **February 17** at 7:00 pm. For more information, contact Mary Fioramonti at 330-744-8451, ext. 225. All are welcome.

C. Feast of the Annunciation/International Day of the Unborn Child

The Feast of the Annunciation/International Day of the Unborn Child on March 25 is an opportunity to raise awareness in your parish of the sanctity of human life. For parish pro-life resources contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities.

D. Intercessions and Bulletin Announcements

Recommended intercessions and bulletin announcements from the USCCB Pro-Life Secretariat for the month of February are included with this issue of *Communique*.

7. CTNY

Log onto the CTNY website at www.doy.org for program information and more.

A. Programming on the Ecumenical Channel

1. Vatican News: Sunday, 12:00 pm; Wednesday and Saturday, 1:30 am; Friday, 5:00 pm
This weekly program reports on the events taking place at the Vatican.
2. In the Front Line: Sunday, 3:00 pm; Saturday, 6:30 pm
Fr. Paul Ritt and Kevin Wilson interview and travel with laity in the front line mission of today's Church.
3. Black History Month: Divine Word Missionaries: February 16, 6:00 pm and 4:30 am
Fr. Mitch Pacwa looks into the history of the Society of the Divine Word, the first African-American Religious Community in the U.S.
4. The Field Afar: Mondays, 8:00 pm
February 2: Tanzania
February 9: Cambodia
February 16: Guatemala
February 23: A Maryknoll History
5. Orthodox Christianity: Mondays, 8:30 pm
February 9: Orthodox Mission Centers
February 16: The Ancient Church
February 23: Windows to Heaven, Part I
March 1: Windows to Heaven, Part 2

B. Wineskins Highlights for December – Sunday Mornings

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

- February 1: Lou Jacquet, editor of the *Exponent*, will speak about Catholic Press Month. In light of the Diocesan Vocation Congress on March 27, Wineskins will feature stories of those called to priesthood and religious life. Msgr. John Zuraw will interview Fr. David Weikart, a newly ordained priest for the Diocese of Youngstown. Nancy Yuhasz will tell us about the lives of the saints, and Msgr. Peter Polando will reflect on the Scriptures for the month of February.
- February 8: Mr. John Damico will speak about World Marriage Day. Sr. Brendon Zajac interviews Sr. Kathy McCarragher for the series on the Diocesan Vocation Congress.
- February 15: Melinda Knight discusses the upcoming local and national pro-life events. Religious priests, Fr. Matthew Roehrig and Fr. Jeff Mickler from the Society of St. Paul, tell us about their call to religious life.
- February 22: The Diocesan Vocation Congress series continues with Fr. Leo Wehrlein interviewing one of the diocesan seminarians.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES

1. CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORPORATION

A. Extra copies of Catholic Charities Newsletter Available

Individuals or parishes interested in free copies of the Winter 2003 Catholic Charities Newsletter are asked to call or email Rachel Hrbolich at 330-744-8451, ext. 328 (rhrbolich@youngstowndiocese.org). Extra copies will only be available while supplies last. Act now!

B. Thank You for Helping Us Help Others

Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Youngstown served nearly 40,000 individuals in 2003. Your support for the Annual Bishop's Appeal helps us help others in the name of the Catholic Church. Thank you for promoting Catholic Charities and the Annual Bishop's Appeal in your parish, school, institution or community.

2. OFFICE OF SOCIAL ACTION

A. Operation Rice Bowl

Thank you for your generous support of Operation Rice Bowl. Throughout the Gospel, Jesus teaches us to pray and take action in solidarity with those in need. Operation Rice Bowl embraces our Lenten observance by providing us with the opportunity to bring the Gospel message to life through prayer, reflection and action. The Lenten prayers and offerings of your faith community support Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) food security development projects in over 40 countries, and the work of many parish groups working to alleviate hunger throughout our diocesan region.

These international projects include helping small farming communities in the Gambia, giving people opportunities to start their own businesses in Pakistan, and helping communities in Honduras access clean water. Twenty five percent (25%) of the collection remains in the Diocese. In the Diocese of Youngstown, thirty six (36) groups, mostly parishes, used Operation Rice Bowl monies to help feed the hungry through food pantries, food baskets, and hot meals. Approximately thirty percent (30%) of the local Operation Rice Bowl monies support parish based St. Vincent de Paul Societies, who are valuable partners with Catholic Charities in providing food for the hungry.

Operation Rice Bowl embraces the traditional practices of Lent, and challenges us to pray with our families and faith communities; fast in solidarity with those who are hungry; learn about our neighbors in the developing world; and give sacrificial contributions to those in need. Catholics in the Diocese of Youngstown have been very generous in their giving to Operation Rice Bowl. There was a nineteen percent (19%) increase in donations in 2003 over 2002. The box below tells the story. Overall, eighty-five percent (85%) of the parishes and schools participate in this Lenten program. In a word "*Thanks!*"

Diocese of Youngstown Collection History for Operation Rice Bowl, 2001-2003				
YEAR	Total Collection	National Allocation	Local Allocation	% Chg
2001	\$76,344.39	\$57,344.39	\$17,400	
2002	\$68,691.23	\$51,519.71	\$19,000	-10%
2003	\$81,955.36	\$61,148.06	\$20,800	+19%

Parishes have received information packets from Operation Rice Bowl for distribution. If you would like more information on this program, visit their site at www.catholicrelief.org/orb. For more information here in the Diocese, contact Brian Corbin at charities@youngstowndiocese.org. Please consider giving again in 2004 as the Church needs your help responding to the basic human needs of people locally and globally. Again, thanks for your participation and generosity.

Other related Web Sites:

www.povertyusa.org The US Catholic Bishops website on poverty in the US
<http://www.catholicrelief.org/fairtrade/coffee/ee.cfm> CRS in partnership with Equal Exchange coffee. Consider buying this coffee for home/parish/school/work as a daily act of solidarity.

B. Catholic Relief Services Coffee Project

Catholic Relief Services works proudly with Equal Exchange to support the development of small-scale coffee farmers, to increase the demand for fair trade products, and to connect Catholic communities in the United States with their brothers and sisters around the world.

For information on how your parish or organization can join the CRS Coffee Project, visit www.crsfairtrade.org or <http://www.catholicrelief.org/fairtrade/coffee/howtoparish.pdf> or email coffee@catholicrelief.org.

CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

1. OFFICE OF CLERGY SERVICES

Priests' Personnel Board

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

Rev. William Petrunak – representing Ordination Group 1962 and Before
 Rev. Raymond Thomas – representing Ordination Group 1963-1973
 Rev. Edward Noga – representing Ordination Group 1974-1984
 Rev. Joseph Zamary – representing Ordination Group 1985-Present

A special thank you for Msgr. Lawrence Fye, Rev. William Kraynak and Rev. Bernard Schmalzried for their service on the Board.

2. OFFICE OF CHURCH VOCATIONS

A. Ministry of Lector

Matthew Albright, a seminarian studying for the Diocese of Youngstown, will be installed in the Ministry of Lector at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 8, 2004 at St. Vincent Basilica, Latrobe. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will preside.

B. Diocesan Congress on Vocations

Please pray for the success of our upcoming Diocesan Congress on Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life which will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, **March 27**, 2004 at the Maronite Center in Youngstown. Delegates to the Congress are reminded to submit to the Diocese the summaries of their interviews of a priest or person in consecrated life in ONE of the following ways:

1. Mail the summary to Vocation Congress Interview, 144 W. Wood St., Youngstown, OH 44503
2. Fax the summary to the Diocese at 330-744-5099
3. Optional Internet Tool (directions in Delegate Manual)

Bulletin announcements and intercessions for the Liturgy will be sent in the near future.

C. Seminary Live-ins

The next Seminary Live-in at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio is scheduled for **February 26-29, 2004**.

The next Seminary Live-in at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pennsylvania is scheduled for **March 7-9, 2004**.

If you know of anyone interested in attending these Seminary Live-ins, or if you would like additional information, please contact the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451, ext. 329.

D. Vocation Prayer Cards

Anyone interested in ordering Vocation Prayer Cards, please contact the Vocation Office at (330) 744-8451, ext. 329. Please note that there is no charge for the prayer cards.

3. OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS

A. Retirement Fund for Religious - RFR

Pastors: Please note that all Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) returns must be in our office by February 27, 2004. Any checks received after this date will be credited to next year's appeal. Thank you for your cooperation!

B. Religious Conference Day

All Religious in the diocese are invited to celebrate the gift of Religious Life as well as the Golden and Silver Jubilees of our sisters and brothers on Sunday, **March 13**, 2004 at the Ursuline Education Center, Canfield.

Registration will begin at 1:15 p.m. Liturgy and dinner will follow a presentation by Sister Diana Rawlings, ASC, titled: *Religious Vocation: Gift of God For God's People*. Sister Diana is the Vocation Director for the United State Province of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ.

Further information and registration forms will be mailed soon - please mark your calendars!

C. Collaborative Ministry Grants

Any congregations of Women Religious who are involved in Collaborative Ministry and are interested in information on obtaining a grant, please contact the Office of Vowed Religious at 330-744-8451, ext. 238.

DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP

1. Annual Bishop's Appeal – Dollars Pledged Surpass Last Year's Total

Despite the publicized fact that 2003 was the worst in 12 years for nonprofit fundraising, pledges in our 2003 Annual Bishop's Appeal surpassed the amount pledged in 2002. As of January 14, \$3,833,533 was pledged in our 2003 Appeal. This amount exceeds the 2002 pledge amount of \$3,811,132 by \$22,401. Commitments from 33,504 parishioner households represent an increase of 20% over what these generous donors committed in 2002. An extraordinary accomplishment thanks to the generosity of our Catholic people, the leadership of our clergy and the hard work done by our Appeal Parish Volunteers.

May our Lord bless those who have sacrificed to make the Appeal a success, and those who will be served through that success.

2. Bulletin Inserts

Suggested stewardship bulletin inserts for February/March are included with this issue of *Communique*.

PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. OFFICE OF LAY MINISTRY FORMATION

A. Women's Spirituality Day

Please see the insert in this issue of *Communique* for information about the Women's Spirituality Day to be held Saturday, **March 6**.

B. Parish Pastoral Councils

There will be two 2004 Parish Pastoral Councils Regional Meetings this coming May. Both sessions start at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. The first will be held at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Canton on **May 3**. The second will be held at the Ursuline Center in Canfield on **May 5**. Mr. Rick Krivanka, Director of Pastoral Planning, Diocese of Cleveland, will present *Creating a Culture of Life and Hope*. His presentation will include the principles of "Appreciative Inquiry," discuss how this approach helps the parish, ministry groups, and committees focus on creating new vision and new images of a vibrant future and then offer suggestions and methods for application.

2. OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A. That's Enthusiasm! It's not the *What*, it's the *Why*

Thursday, **February 12**, 2004
9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Ursuline Center, Canfield
Presenter: Msgr. Tom McSweeney

Co-sponsored by the Offices of Continuing Education of Clergy and Religious Education, this unique workshop is designed for pastors and their staffs, and intends to build enthusiasm for the everyday parish ministries that evangelize and catechize. Brochures have been mailed. Please call the Office of Religious Education to register or to request additional information.

B. Sowers of God's Peace Christian Formation Series – Lent/Easter 2004

Plentiful adult faith formation opportunities are available throughout the diocese on a variety of topics this Lent and Easter seasons. Please look for the Christian Formation brochure arriving soon, or call the Office of Religious Education for additional opportunities and locations near you.

C. Diocese of Youngstown Child Protection Policy

Parish ministers working with volunteers who minister with children and adolescents are reminded that the Child Protection Policy instructs an annual in-service for adult volunteers. Please review the many resources available through the Office of Religious Education Library for assistance in planning the in-service.

D. New for the Religious Education Library

The ORE Library and Media Resource Center has acquired a telescan unit for patrons to sample the latest in seasonal and liturgical praise music from Oregon Catholic Press. Select CDs will be available to purchase or borrow. For more information about the CD collection contact Carlette Chordas or Janet Crespi at 330-744-8451.

E. Applications for New Limex Group

If you or someone you know is interested in joining a Loyola University New Orleans Institute for Ministry Extension (LIMEX) group in the Diocese of Youngstown, contact the Office of Religious Education for more information about this graduate ministry education program. If you are a graduate of LIMEX or of another master's degree ministry program, contact the Office of Religious Education for information on focus courses.

3. OFFICE OF WORSHIP

A. Rite of Election

Those with responsibility for the implementation of the RCIA in the parishes are reminded that the forms with the names of all those who will be initiated at the Easter Vigil are due in the Worship Office by February 9. The Rite of Election will be celebrated on **February 29**, 2004, the First Sunday of Lent, at two locations:

St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown
Bishop Benedict C. Franzetta, celebrant
2:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish, Canton
Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, celebrant
2:30 p.m.

B. The Time of the Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil will be **April 10**, 2004. Sunset that evening will be at 7:58 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 8:00 p.m. Beginning at 8:30 p.m. will ensure complete darkness.

C. Devotions and Eucharistic Adoration

Periodically, questions are asked regarding the holding of Benediction following devotions such as Stations of the Cross or novena. A reply from the Committee on the Liturgy of the USCCB states that "Eucharistic exposition and benediction are no longer considered devotions, but rather are a part of the Church's official liturgy. Whereas in the past benediction was frequently added on to the end of another service or devotion, this is no longer permitted. Eucharistic exposition and benediction is a complete liturgical service in its own right and is to be celebrated as such.

This response is based on *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist outside Mass #89* published in 1974. A fuller response to this query can be found on the website of the USCCB: www.usccb.org/liturgy.

D. NPM Institute

The National Association of Pastoral Musicians will be conducting an Institute on Children's Choirs at Walsh University, **July 21-23, 2004**. Information will be sent to pastors and parish musicians as it becomes available.

4. OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

A. Eagle of the Cross

Please send in all nominations for the Eagle of the Cross as soon as possible. Nominations must be received by the OY&YAM by **February 27, 2004**. The nomination form was in the January issue of *Communique*. Call or email Faye with any questions at 330-744-8451 or fabbondanza@youngstowndiocese.org.

B. Principles and Practices of Ministry With Young Adults

Congratulations to the young adult team from Little Flower Parish, Middlebranch. Their team was chosen to receive a free set of "Young Adult Works" Binders (valued at \$225) in the drawing held for young adult teams who registered by January 15, 2004.

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, **February 21**, 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)

March 2	Morning Prayer: Coffee & Contemplation "Praying with Visual Images" Registration due: Feb. 17	9-11 am Cost: free will
March 9	Taize Prayer No registration required	7-9 pm Cost: none
March 19-21	Lenten Retreat "Eyes to See, Ears to Hear" Registration due: March 5	7 pm Fri.-Noon meal Sun. Cost: \$125
March 24	Reflection Day "How Do I Help My Grieving Child?" Registration due: March 10	10 am-4 pm Cost: \$20

IN MEMORIAM

	<u>February</u>
<i>Rev. Robert J. O'Dea</i>	2/85
<i>Deacon Albert Jaskiewicz</i>	3/03
<i>Rev. Peter Hyland</i>	5/49
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Ralph C. Kotheimer</i>	5/69
<i>Rev. Robert Flynn</i>	6/01
<i>Rev. Albert DePascale, CPPS</i>	6/01
<i>Rev. Joseph Dervan</i>	8/60
<i>Rev. Leo H. Collins</i>	10/54
<i>Rev. John Schmidt</i>	10/03
<i>Rev. Hippolyt Deesy</i>	12/64
<i>Rev. Bernard Hawkins, MSC</i>	13/95
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Leo Schlindwein</i>	14/65
<i>Rev. Msgr. Branimir Radetic</i>	15/03
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Alfred Manning</i>	17/54
<i>Rev. Edward P. Franko</i>	17/67
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. John G. Hamrak</i>	18/65
<i>Rev. Berthold Schuh, MSC</i>	18/82
<i>Rev. Joseph G. Beene</i>	18/92
<i>Rev. Leo Vogt, CPPS</i>	19/53
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael Tondra</i>	19/68
<i>Rev. Martin Matulik</i>	19/98
<i>Rev. John L. Maurer</i>	20/62
<i>Rev. Thomas M. Spisak</i>	20/03
<i>Rev. Joseph Bresnyak</i>	21/58
<i>Very Rev. Robert G. Moorhead</i>	22/59
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter Martin</i>	22/77
<i>Rev. John P. Cunningham</i>	23/89
<i>Rev. Donovan Mulert, MSC</i>	24/00
<i>Rev. John T. McFarland</i>	25/61
<i>Rev. Hugh F. Gallagher</i>	25/88
<i>Rev. Bonaventure A. Babik</i>	27/86
<i>Rev. Leo Horner</i>	28/86

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