



Communique

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CHANCERY OFFICE

1. CLERGY NOTES

Rev. Christopher Luoni	Leave of absence for reasons of health Effective January 15, 2007
Rev. Maciej Mankowski	Associate pastor pro-tem, St. Charles Parish, Boardman Effective January 6, 2007 (In addition to Administrator, St. Joseph and St. Mary Parishes, Newton Falls)

2. CONFIRMATION

Schedule for February

Monday, Feb. 5, 7:00 pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, McDonald
Thursday, Feb. 8, 7:00 pm	St. Michael, Canfield
Saturday, Feb. 10, 10:30 am	St. Charles, Boardman
Monday, Feb. 12, 7:00 pm	St. Paul, New Middletown
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 7:00 pm	St. Catherine, Lake Milton & St. James, North Jackson
Thursday, Feb. 15, 7:00 pm	St. Patrick, Kent
Sunday, Feb. 18, 2:00 pm	Combined Confirmation at St. Columba Cathedral
Monday, Feb. 19, 7:00 pm	St. Mary, Mineral Ridge
Saturday, Feb. 24, 10:00 am	Our Lady of Peace, Canton

3. CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

A. Webcheck (BCI) Reports - Important Notice

When using Webcheck somewhere other than the three diocesan sites, employees and volunteers must ask the operator to send the report to their own location of service (parish, school, institution). Catholic school teachers' reports must be sent to the Office of Catholic Schools

The Chancery is holding several fingerprint reports for persons whom we are unable to identify because they did not follow this procedure. If your parish or school is missing a report please call Nancy Yuhasz at the Chancery Office, 330-744-8451.

B. Requirements Reminders

1. Fingerprinting - In-Service - Questionnaire

All employees and volunteers who work with children must be fingerprinted by Webcheck and participate in an in-service program. All employees and volunteers must sign the background questionnaire whether or not they work with children.

2. Compliance Checklist

The Checklist must be updated and sent to the Chancery as employees and volunteers complete the requirements. Failure to complete the requirements, and/or failure to update the Checklist, results in non-compliance for the employee or volunteer, and consequently non-compliance for the diocese.

Sending the Compliance Checklist will also alleviate the problem of unidentified BCI reports as noted above.

For more information or questions on any of our Child Protection Policy procedures, contact Nancy Yuhasz at the Chancery Office, 330-744-8451, ext. 235.

4. COUNSELING ASSISTANCE FUND

The Ohio Catholic Bishops, through the Catholic Conference of Ohio, have created a new fund, independent of the Church, to help adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. The Counseling Assistance Fund is designed to provide counseling or similar mental health services for persons who were sexually abused as minors by clergy or other representatives of the Catholic Church.

The Counseling Assistance Fund is different from existing forms of assistance because it is directed toward persons who are reluctant to contact the Church for help.

For more information on the Counseling Assistance Fund, go to www.counselingassistancefund.org.

5. LENTEN ABSTINENCE

When scheduling parish events during Lent, groups should avoid Lenten Fridays for luncheons, celebrations, etc., so that dispensation from the abstinence from meat will not need to be requested.

Additionally, please remember that Ash Wednesday (February 21) and Good Friday (April 6) are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (Canons 97 and 1252).

The teaching of the Holy Father may be simply paraphrased: the obligation to do penance is a serious one; the obligation to observe, as a whole or substantially, the penitential days specified by the Church is also serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard; failure to observe an individual day of penance is not considered serious. People should seek to do more rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion.

6. CHURCH AT HOME COMBINED COLLECTION

Parishes have received promotional information for the Church at Home Combined Collection, to be taken the weekend of **February 17/18, 2007**. Please be generous to this collection which combines four-in-one: Catholic Relief Services, Aid to the Church in Eastern Europe, Latin America, and Holy Father/Peter's Pence.

7. SALES TAX AT BINGO GAMES

The Catholic Conference of Ohio has notified us that it is necessary to collect sales tax on the sale of food, beverages, daubers and other related items at bingo games. The sale of food and beverages at athletic events, candy sales and other related activities will not be subject to the collection of sales tax. Parishes and high schools have received information in order to obtain a vendor's license. The CCO has recently advised that some county auditors will not accept "sole owner" as the response to question #1 on the application. In that case, the Ohio Department of Taxation suggests using "association" as the response. For further information, or for questions, contact the CCO at 614-224-7147.

CANONICAL SERVICES

In-Service Opportunity

Since May of 2004, the Tribunal staff has made available an ongoing, in-service for pastors, associates, deacons, religious, directors of religious education, religious education coordinators and counselors in order to prepare them in facilitating pleas for nullity for persons within the community whose marriages have broken down and who may be seeking a second union recognized by the Church. The in-service focuses on preparation of case histories, compilation of documents, witnesses and determining of the appropriate grounds of nullity.

Nine sessions have been held since the inception of the program and more than 80 registrants have had the opportunity to participate. Size of the in-service is in small groups of between 8-12 participants and generally runs approximately two hours. The in-service is offered at either the offices of the Tribunal of the Diocese of Youngstown or at a parish in the Canton area.

Currently, the Tribunal is in need of several more registrants to schedule one of their in-service programs in the Canton area. The Tribunal will be contacting any remaining registrants who are on file and who have been unable to attend prior sessions. Interested parties, who have not already registered or who need a "refresher" at either the Tribunal in Youngstown or the Canton area location, should call the Tribunal at (330) 744-8451, ext. 252, and have their names placed on the list for any future in-services sessions.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES

1. CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORPORATION

A. 2007 Voice of Hope Date Set

Mark your calendar and plan to join Catholic Charities on **Friday, October 26, 2007** for the 10th Annual Voice of Hope Dinner. The event will be held at Leo's Ristorante and Banquet Center, Warren. More details will be forthcoming.

Voice of Hope Award Nomination Forms will be available in the next issue of *Communique*.

If you would like your name on the Voice of Hope mailing list, call Rachel Hrbolich at 330-744-8451, ext. 328.

B. “Danger: Men Cooking” to Benefit Catholic Charities Regional Agency

Catholic Charities Regional Agency will be hosting its 2nd Annual Men Who Cook fundraiser on **Friday, April 13, 2007** at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Hall, Youngstown. Some of the chefs vying for the coveted People’s Choice Award include: Sen. John Boccieri, Rep. Ken Carano, Dr. Robert Cuttica, Fr. James Korda, Commissioner John McNally, US Rep. Tim Ryan and Judges Gene & Joseph Donofrio.

Tickets for this event are only \$35 per person. For more information or to reserve your ticket, call 330-744-3320.

2. OFFICE OF SOCIAL ACTION

A. Campaign to Reduce Poverty in America

Catholic Charities USA released its 2006 policy paper *Poverty in America: A Threat to the Common Good* and launched the Campaign to Reduce Poverty in America (<http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/poverty/>).

What is the Campaign to Reduce Poverty in America? Catholic Charities USA’s Campaign to Reduce Poverty in America is a multi-year, multi-faceted approach to alleviating poverty in the United States.

The goals of Catholic Charities USA’s Campaign to Reduce Poverty in America are:

- to reduce poverty in the United States by 50% by the year 2020
- to call upon the government to do more to serve those who are poor, and to improve public policies that strengthen and support families
- to educate policymakers and the public about the struggles of those living in poverty and the good work of those who serve them in local communities
- to engage those who are most impacted by government policies to be active participants in developing solutions to reducing poverty
- to work with individuals and organizations across the country to address poverty in our country

The Poverty paper is available at: <http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/poverty/downloads/policy06.pdf>.

Our accompanying guide, *Tools for Reflection and Action*, is available at: <http://catholiccharitiesusa.org/poverty/downloads/StudyGuide.pdf>.

Visit also the USCCB Catholic Campaign for Human Development Poverty USA website at: <http://www.usccb.org/cchd/povertyusa/index.htm>.

B. Operation Rice Bowl/Lenten Program begins February 21, 2007

The Operation Rice Bowl 2007 featured countries are Mexico, Pakistan, Angola, Cambodia and Niger. Through these stories, photos and tours, meet the people who are impacted by Catholic Relief Services projects made possible by your participation in Operation Rice Bowl. Sample the food of the Operation Rice Bowl countries with your families and friends by preparing a simple, meatless recipe shared with us by the people we serve overseas. Remember, 25% of monies raised in Operation Rice Bowl are allocated to local agencies, like parishes and St. Vincent de Paul Societies, to help feed hungry families. For more information on Operation Rice Bowl, visit <http://orb.crs.org/> or contact Brian Corbin at 330-744-8451 or bcorbin@youngstowndiocese.org.

CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

1. OFFICE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION OF PRIESTS**A. Survey of American Catholic Priests**

Reminder: Be sure to complete the "Survey of American Catholic Priests" and return to Dr. Dean Hoge by February 13, 2007 in the self-addressed, stamped envelope that was sent to all active, retired and religious priests in early January. The results of this survey will be the basis for Dr. Hoge's presentation at our upcoming Priests Convocation. If you did not receive your mailing please contact Geri Deane, 330-744-8451, ext. 237.

B. Addiction and Ministry

Addiction distorts human development and has adverse effects upon individuals, relationships, and the system that surrounds them. Join Dr. Oliver Morgan, Ph.D., NCC, LMFT, to learn more about addiction and being pastorally sensitive in our ministry with people. **Thursday, March 8, 2007**, Noon-3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Youngstown. Further information and registration forms will be mailed shortly.

C. Priests Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendars for our Priests Anniversary Celebration - **Monday, May 21, 2007**, at St. Lucy Church. Solemn Evening Prayer - 5:00 p.m. Dinner to follow in the banquet center. Invitations will be sent as the date draws nearer.

2. OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**A. Candidacy**

Michal Zabrecky, a seminarian studying for the Diocese of Youngstown, will be admitted to Candidacy for Sacred Orders on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at St. Vincent Archabbey Basilica, Latrobe, Pennsylvania

B. Discernment Opportunities

Visiting a seminary is an ideal way for young men who are considering a vocation to the priesthood to reflect further on their vocations. There are a number of upcoming opportunities for young men who are juniors or seniors in high school or older who are interested in knowing more about seminary life:

College Day**Monday, February 19, 2007** (Presidents' Day)

Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus

Seminary Live-In Experience**Sunday, February 25 - Tuesday, February 27, 2007**

St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA

Welcome Weekend**Friday, March 23 - Saturday, March 24, 2007**

Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Cincinnati

Seminary Live-In (for high school juniors and seniors and older)**Thursday, March 22 - Sunday, March 25, 2007**

Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus

Each event includes a tour of the seminary, discussion with seminarians and faculty, meals, prayer time with seminarians, attendance at classes, and time for recreation. Transportation is provided. There is no charge for the weekend. If you are interested in participating in any of these events or would like more information, please contact Fr. Leo Wehrin, Director of Vocations, at 330-744-8451 ext. 368 or email him at lwehrin@youngstowndiocese.org.

3. OFFICE OF VOWED RELIGIOUS

A. Retirement Fund for Religious - RFR

Pastors please note that all Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) returns should be in our office by February 26. Any monies received after this date will be credited to next year's appeal. Thank you for your cooperation.

B. Religious Jubilarian/Conference Day

We invite all religious to reserve **Saturday, March 24, 2007**, to celebrate with jubilarians of 25, 50 and 60 years of religious life. This year the parish of Immaculate Conception, Ravenna, is hosting the celebration. Brochures and registration forms will be sent out later this month.

DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP

1. 2006 Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church

As of January 11, 2007, \$2,805,002 has been committed by 24,011 donors. We ask for your prayers for our Annual Appeal and all that are served through the generosity of those supporting it.

2. Don't Let the IRS Tax Your IRA

If you have an IRA and are at an age where you are required to take distributions, you know how taxing that experience can be. As a supporter of the Church in the Diocese of Youngstown you may be surprised to learn that a new law allows you to keep those IRA withdrawals up to \$100,000 from ever being taxed.

For a free brochure that describes the provisions of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, call Mr. Pat Palombo, Director of Development and Stewardship, at 330-7844-8451, ext. 325, or email Pat at patpal@cbosscom.

3. Stewardship Bulletin Inserts

Bulletin inserts for February and March are included with this issue of *Communique*.

ECUMENISM

Lutheran-Catholic Lent Scripture Resource

The Lutheran-Catholic Covenant Commission offers an ecumenical Scripture reflection resource for Lutheran and Catholic congregations' discussion and reflection during Lent 2007. Enclosed with this issue of *Communique* is the resource for the Lent Sunday readings, Cycle C. A copy is also available on the Lutheran-Catholic Covenant website, www.lccovenant.org. The Commission encourages neighboring congregations to form a joint study group to prayerfully reflect on the Lent readings. The Commission hopes this resource will help congregations celebrate Lent and promote Christian unity through prayer, study and action.

PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Crisis Management Plan

In 1997 the schools of the Diocese of Youngstown began to develop and maintain a school crisis management plan. Since that time, the ten category planning guide and security audit document provided by the Office of Catholic Schools has lead our school administrators to develop crisis management plans that are aligned with the policies of their local emergency service agencies. Each of the ten categories in the diocesan guide outline preparations for a different potential crisis. The ten categories are: threats of violence, threats upon persons or property, natural disasters, civil unrest, intruders, environmental disasters, contraband, contagion, utilities failure and death in the proximate school community. These ten are, of course, in addition to the usual fire and tornado plans. In 2006 the Ohio Legislature passed House Bill 422 that required all schools in the state to have in place emergence plans and critical incident responses. Diocesan schools, ahead of the curve by 2006, needed only to continue the annual update of their management plan and begin the new reporting procedures outlined in HB 422. With the preparations our schools have been making since 1997, compliance with the reporting requirements of the Ohio Attorney General and the local laws enforcement authorities became a part of their routine.

New, challenging security issues present themselves as quickly as the news changes on television. Our school administrators have just received training in some cyber security and internet crimes that can entrap our children as they go about learning the proper use of on-line resources. This will become the eleventh category of security planning. On January 10, Agent Brance Johnson, Special Agent Supervisor for cyber forensics of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, provided in-service training and materials which our administrators can share with staff and parents. In the coming months, a new section will be added to the crisis management plan guide to lay out a response protocol and preemptive strategies that will protect our children from cyber predators. Parents, staff persons and children need to be aware of the value of internet use and the dangers of internet use.

We are certain the strong professional relationships which our schools have formed with the Ohio Attorney General and their local law enforcement agencies will continue our commitment to safe learning environments. In the Catholic school, our commitment to safe learning environments is supported by law (HB 422) but it begins with our foundation in faith and our abiding concern for the moral and physical wellbeing of our students.

2. OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY MINISTRY

A. Thursday Night Theology

The Catholic Student Association at Youngstown State University and the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family will sponsor "An Introduction to the Theology of the Body" beginning **February 1, 2007** at 7:00 p.m. at YSU Newman Center, 254 Madison Avenue, Youngstown. All are welcome and no pre-registration is necessary. For more information call the Newman Center Catholic Campus Ministry at 330-747-9202.

B. Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Turn a good marriage into a great marriage through a Worldwide Encounter Weekend, **February 9-11, 2007**. For registration information visit www.wwme.org or call 330-305-9963.

C. Help for Hurting Marriages

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps get marriages back on track. A Retrouvaille program will begin the weekend of **February 23, 2007**. The program also includes six post-weekend

sessions and a monthly support group. For confidential information or to register for the February weekend and post sessions, call 330-497-7117 or visit the website www.retrouaille.org.

D. God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage

A diocesan sponsored one-day marriage preparation retreat day for engaged couples will be held on **Saturday, February 24, 2007** at Our Lady of the Woods Center, Youngstown. Ideal for engaged couples and all involved in parish marriage preparation ministry. To register, visit www.doy.org or call the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family at 330-744-8451.

E. Executions Scheduled/Vigil of Prayer

The Ohio Supreme Court has scheduled the execution of James Filiaggi on February 13, 2007 and Christopher Newton on February 27, 2007. A vigil of prayer for an end of the death penalty will be held at the Youngstown State University Newman Center on **Tuesday, February 27**, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. All are welcome

F. Wedding Anniversary Celebration Dates

Dates for the 2007 wedding anniversary celebrations for couples celebrating 25, 40 and 50+ years are **Sunday, June 10**, at St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown and **Sunday, October 14**, at St. John the Baptist Parish in Canton. Couples may register by contacting their parish beginning in May.

G. Respect Life Intercessions/NFP Bulletin Briefs

Recommended intercessions and bulletin announcements for February are included in this issue of *Communique*.

3. OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A. Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown

Luncheon Speaker Series, Antone's Banquet Center, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 1, 2007

"Consumer Culture: What Is It Doing to Christian Faith? What Can We Do About It?"
Dr. Vincent Miller, Associate Professor of Theology,
Georgetown University

Thursday, March 1, 2007

"Media, Message, Me"
Joe Negri, Jazz guitarist on PBS Mister Roger's
Neighborhood

Call for reservations: 330-533-1023

B. Designing a Parish Catechetical Plan

Implementing the National Directory for Catechesis

Mark Markuly, Ph.D., Director, Loyola Institute for Ministry, Loyola University of New Orleans
Ursuline Center, Canfield

Wednesday, March 14, 2007 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 15, 2007 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The evening session will provide an overview of the basics of a catechetical plan for parishes. The full day session will assist pastors and their staffs in the development of a practical means to address the total catechetical needs of the parish. Brochures will be available in February.

C. NCCL Annual Meeting

The National Conference of Catechetical Leadership will hold its annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio, **Sunday through Thursday, April 22-26, 2007**. The conference consists of major addresses by Bishop Richard Malone, Father Bob Duggan, Dr. Adele Gonzalez, Dr. Thomas Groome, Dr. Edward Hahrenberg, prayerful liturgies, many breakout sessions and round table discussions. Anyone interested in participating in this professional opportunity is encouraged due to the location. Brochures are available at the Office of Religious Education.

D. Scholarship Available

A limited number of scholarships to participate in NCCL 2007 are offered to young adults who may be interested in pursuing a vocation in catechesis. Eligible candidates must have some ecclesial ministry experience, but never employed by the church in a professional capacity. The purpose of the opportunity is to encourage young adults (under 40 years of age) and foster strong ecclesial leadership development. Should you know of someone you would like to nominate and they are able to attend the NCCL Conference April 22-26, 2007, have transportation and can assume housing costs, please contact Barbara Walko for an application.

E. Tienda Relocated

Under the direction of Sr. Teresa Ann Wolf, OSB, a small tienda (store) was developed at Centro San Jose, Canton, to provide religious articles, reading materials, and Guatemalan/Latino traditional arts and crafts. These items have been relocated to the Office of Religious Education and are available during regular business hours. Persons working with newcomers and pastoral outreach may be interested to learn of the many resources, Spanish and bilingual, in the Office of Religious Education Library. Additionally, select items from SERRV International are also available for purchase.

F. Documents

The Office of Religious Education has copies of current documents of the Church as a service to parishes and individuals who may be interested in purchasing their own copies. Select titles include:

Catechism of the Catholic Church, USCCB, © 2000	\$17.00
Compendium - Catechism of the Catholic Church, USCCB, © 2006	13.50
General Directory for Catechesis, © 1997	17.00
National Directory for Catechesis, © 2005	16.00
U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults, USCCB, © 2006	21.00

G. Treasured Gifts from God: Child Protection In-service Kit

All new volunteers and employees of the Diocese of Youngstown must fulfill the requirements of the Diocesan *Child Protection Policy*. Administrators may offer their new volunteers and employees an in-service in compliance with the *Policy* by using a prepared kit from the Office of Religious Education Library. The required in-service is a two hour session with video assistance and handouts. To obtain the Child Protection In-service Kit, please complete the Program Prospectus Approval Form (F-2.3 in the Directory for Catechesis) and send it to the Office of Religious Education. You may also refer any questions regarding initial in-service and ongoing formation to the office staff.

H. Scriptural Prayer for Advent and Christmas 2006

An order of service based on the *lectio divina* method of scriptural prayer for Lent 2007 Year C 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 of this prayer and one for Winter 2007 Ordinary Time Year C is also available on the DOY website scroll.

4. OFFICE OF WORSHIP

A. Liturgy Day

The annual Liturgy Day sponsored by the Office of Worship of the Diocese of Youngstown will be held on **Saturday, February 3, 2007**, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at St. Charles Parish, Boardman. The Reverend Monsignor James Moroney, executive director of the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy Secretariat and advisor to the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments, will be the keynote speaker. A wide range of workshops will provide formation for liturgical ministers, liturgy committees, musicians, RCIA teams, lay leaders of prayer and anyone who is interested in the liturgy. The cost of the day is \$26 per person including lunch. After January 26, the cost is \$28 per person and lunch is not guaranteed. Brochures were mailed in late December. For additional information or brochures, please contact the Worship Office, 330-744-8451, ext. 304.

B. The Rite of Election

The Rite of Election will be celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent, **February 25, 2007**, at two locations in the diocese: St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown, 2:00 p.m., Monsignor Robert J. Siffrin celebrant; and St. Joseph Parish, Canton, 2:30 p.m., Monsignor John Zuraw, celebrant. Parishes are to send the names of those participating to the Worship Office no later than Monday, February 5, 2007.

C. Time for the Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil will be **April 7, 2007**. Sunset that evening will be 7:54 p.m. in the Diocese of Youngstown with the end of civil twilight at 8:22 p.m. 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. Starting at 8:30 p.m. or later will ensure complete darkness.

D. Afternoon of Reflection for Women

An Afternoon of Reflection for Women will be offered on **Sunday, April 22, 2007**, at the Ursuline Center in Canfield. Sister Carolyn Capuano, H.M., will present: "In the Best of Times, in the Worst of Times, at All Times -- Pray." The event is sponsored by the diocesan Committee on Women's Issues. Brochures will be mailed in late February.

5. OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

A. Eagle of the Cross Awards

Reminder: Eagle of the Cross nominations are due in the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry (OY&YAM) by Friday, March 2, 2007. The nomination form was included in the December 2006 *Communique*, and is now available online at <http://www.doy.org/pdfs/EOC-NominationForm2007.pdf>. For more information contact Faye at (330) 744-8451, ext. 281 or fabbondanza@youngstowndiocese.org.

B. National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) 2007

The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) 2007: "*Discover the Way*"/"*Descrubre El Camino*," **November 8-10, 2007** in Columbus, Ohio is less than nine months away! The OY&YAM hopes to take 200-300 delegates to participate in this biennial youth conference sponsored by NFCYM. Information packets for parish leaders will be available for distribution at the February 13 Office of Religious Education Business Meeting. Estimated costs for NCYC are \$500 per person, and include registration, transportation, hotel, some meals, trading items and a diocesan shirt. A deposit of \$100 per person to hold your space is due by March 26, 2007. Contact Faye for more information.

C. Youth Ministers' Gathering

Join us for a Youth Ministers' Gathering, **Wednesday, March 7, 2007** from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Holy Family Hall, 3020 Reeves Road, NE, Warren. Bring your success stories from the academic year and plans for summer events. "Steal" or "borrow" good ideas from your peers in ministry. Summer is a great time for mission trips, service projects, amusement parks, picnics, retreats and much more. Please RSVP to Cindee at 330-744-8451, ext. 280, or ccase@youngstowndiocese.org by Tuesday, March 5.

PROGRAMS & RETREATS

1. First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown Monthly Luncheon Series

Please see listing under Religious Education above.

2. Villa Maria Retreat Center, Villa Maria, PA (724-964-8920, ext. 3331)

March 2	Spiritual Directors' Professional Day How Does the Contemplative Heart Listen? Registration required by February 14	10 am-4:30 pm Cost: \$50 includes lunch
March 6	Coffee and Contemplation Series "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" Registration required by February 16	9:30-11:30 am Cost: \$5.00 \$11.75 with lunch

MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Lourdes Guild -- Annual White Mass

Pastors are asked to include the following announcement in their bulletins for Sunday, February 4, 2007.

ATTENTION: CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS, DENTISTS, PHARMACISTS AND NURSES

Msgr. Robert Siffrin, Diocesan Administrator, cordially invites you to the 11th Annual White Mass on **Sunday, February 11**, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Columba Cathedral. Msgr. Siffrin will be principal celebrant. A brunch reception follows. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting the Diocese of Youngstown at 330-744-8451, ext. 252, no later than Monday, February 5.

2. Mileage Rate

The IRS issued the 2007 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning January 1, 2007, the standard mileage rate for use of a car (including van, pickup or panel truck) will be 48.5 cents per mile for business miles driven.

3. Job Opening for Music Minister/Organist

Little Flower Parish in Canton seeks a music director to oversee the liturgical music program. The position will be available June, 2007. Compensation and benefits commensurate with skill and experience. Please email resumes and/or inquiries to Kyle Johnson, Director of Music, at kjohnson@littleflowerparish.com, or mail to Fr. Robert Hannon, 2040 Diamond St., NE, North Canton, OH 44721

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. Paul Gubser</i>	25/06
<i>Rev. Bonaventure A. Babik</i>	27/86
<i>Rev. Leo Horner</i>	28/86

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