

OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

Suggested Intercessions for the Month June

June 6th MOST HOLY TRINITY

That the creative, sustaining and obedient love of the Most Holy Trinity might strengthen the love of all husbands and wives; *We pray to the Lord:*

June 13th BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

That by their reception of Holy Communion, all engaged and newly married couples might grow in holiness each day of their lives; *We pray to the Lord:*

June 20th 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

That through a growing love for the Gospel of Life, those who govern us might come to see the infinite value of all human life from conception to natural death; *We pray to the Lord:*

June 27th 13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

That the new life of springtime might remind us of the everlasting love of God, Who forever brings us new life and calls us to rejoice in it; *We pray to the Lord:*

Suggested Bulletin Messages for the Month of June

Marriage and the family cannot be considered a mere product of historical circumstances or a superstructure imposed from outside on human love. On the contrary, they are an inner need of this love to fulfill itself in its own truth and in the fullness of the reciprocal gift of self. Even those features of spousal union that today are all too often misunderstood or rejected, such as unity, indissolubility and openness to life, are instead requests for the authenticity of the covenant of love. It is in this very way that the bond which unites man and woman becomes an image and symbol of the covenant between God and His people, which finds its definitive fulfillment in Jesus Christ. – *Pope John Paul II (February 26, 2004, To the Priests of Rome)*

Today is so hard. My child would have turned seven this week. He should be here with me, we should be together. Instead, I sit here alone, head pounding, tears falling, feeling myself drifting back into that pit of regret and pain that I fought so hard to get out of. Every time I feel like I've moved on, it comes back. When will this stop? – *Anonymous letter to a post-abortion website*

This (Korea cloning of a human) is a sign of moral regress. Human cloning turns procreation into a manufacturing process, treating human life as a commodity made to preset specifications... Science and technology are great human food when placed at the service of the human person. Here the opposite occurred. Human beings were treated as objects of technology, then used and discarded. – *Cardinal William Keeler, February 12, 2004, on the announcement that Korean scientists had successfully created a human clone.*

I consider it opportune to recall that the legislator, and the Catholic legislator in particular, cannot contribute to the formulation or the approval of laws contrary to the 'primary and essential norms that regulate moral life', the expressions of the highest values of the human person and proceeding in the last analysis from God, the Supreme Legislator. – *Pope Paul II, address to Argentina's new ambassador to the Vatican, February 28, 2004*

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Voice of Hope Award Nomination Form 2004

**** Please refer to the "Guidelines for Selection" Sheet for more information ****

All entries must include the following:

- completed nomination form
- 500-word typed essay

Section 1 -- Nominee Information

Award Category (circle one only): Individual Parish Institution

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Section 2 -- Nominator Information

Nominated by: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Section 3 -- The Essay

Please describe in 500 words (about 2-3 paragraphs) or less why your nominee should receive a Voice of Hope Award. Your essay should provide examples of how the nominee's talents, skills and dedication in the areas of charity and/or justice have made a difference in the Diocese of Youngstown. *Preference will be given to nominees who interface with the ministries and/or agencies of Catholic Charities.*

Please direct any questions to Rachel Hrbolich at 330-744-8451, ext. 328 or

rhrbolich@youngstowndiocese.org

Deadline for nominations: July 16, 2004

Catholic Charities Voice of Hope Awards 2004

GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION

Award Mission: To recognize an individual, a parish and a Catholic institution demonstrating excellence, creativity and leadership in charity and justice on behalf of disadvantaged people.

Eligibility/Guidelines: All nominees (individual, parish or institution) must be located in and affiliated with the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown.

- Individual nominees must serve in a volunteer capacity. They cannot be paid employees of a parish or institution.
- Parish or institution nominees must demonstrate the involvement of a “group effort” in meeting a need or challenge in their community.
- Former Voice of Hope Award nominees *are* eligible for re-nomination.
- Former Voice of Hope Award winners *are not* eligible for subsequent awards *unless* the individual, parish or institution is nominated for an effort unrelated to their previous award.

Standards for Selection: One winner will be chosen from each of the three categories (individual, parish, institution). Award recipients will be selected according to the following criteria:

- nominee’s achievements and leadership
- nominee’s efforts to support and/or assist the ministries/agencies of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Youngstown
- nominee’s dedication to his/her/their cause
- impact of the nominee’s efforts on his/her/their community and/or the Diocese of Youngstown

Selection: Nominees will be individuals, parishes and institutions connected to the Catholic Church who exhibit excellence, creativity and leadership in charity and justice on behalf of disadvantaged people. An ad hoc committee will review the nomination materials and rank each nominee according to the Standards for Selection listed above. Top recommendations from each category will be submitted to the Executive Director of Catholic Charities for his consideration. The Executive Director will then forward the final choices to Bishop Tobin for his review and approval.

**All completed Voice of Hope Award nomination forms are due by Friday, July 16, 2004.
Mail, fax, or e-mail completed nomination forms and essays to:**

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Questions? Call 330-744-8451, ext. 328

Suggested Stewardship Bulletin Inserts for June/July

June 6, 2004 (Holy Trinity)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's psalm reminds us that we have been crowned with glory and honor and given rule over the works of God's hands. But we must be good stewards, for the Lord will surely hold us accountable for the use of those gifts.

June 20, 2004 (12th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks Peter in today's Gospel. Does my use of the gifts and talents entrusted to me accurately reflect my answer to that same question? How willing am I to deny myself, take up my cross, and follow in His steps?

July 4, 2004 (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"The harvest is rich," Jesus tells the seventy-two in today's Gospel, "but the workers are few." The situation is the same today. How can I help with God's harvest? Am I called into the field? Am I one who could provide food or shelter or wages to those who toil in the fields of the Lord?

July 18, 2004 (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire – a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver.

June 13, 2004 (Body and Blood of Christ)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's Gospel, the disciples suggest that Jesus disperse the crowd so that they might individually seek food and lodging. The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand is Jesus' powerful reminder that when we share our gifts in His name there is always more than enough!

June 27, 2004 (13th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's second reading, St. Paul provides a wonderful one-sentence summary of Christian stewardship: "Out of love, place yourselves at one another's service."

July 11, 2004 (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The good Samaritan was also a good steward, giving his time and his treasure to meet his neighbor's need. At the end of this familiar story, Jesus urges his hearers – and us – to go and do the same!

July 25, 2004 (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when He says in today's Gospel, "Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted." But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards – those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Diocesan Stewardship Day

Thursday, September 23rd, 2004

Featuring: **Mr. James K. Kelley**
 Diocese of Charlotte, NC

Jim Kelley is a “standing room only” presenter annually at the International Catholic Stewardship Conference. He has authored numerous books and manuals on stewardship. Jim was the ICSC 2000 recipient of the Bishop William Connare Stewardship Award.

WHERE: St. Michael Parish, Canton
 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

&

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Warren
 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!
DETAILS FORTHCOMING

Sponsored by the Diocesan Stewardship Commission

Phone Mr. Pat Palombo, Director of Stewardship & Development at 330-744-8451 ext. 325 for information.



You still have time!

A "YES! Congress on the Bible"

is coming to The Diocese of Youngstown

Tuesday, June 29, 2004, 8:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Begin a Catholic teen-to-teen Bible-sharing group in your parish,
school, or organization.**

What is a "YES! Congress on the Bible"?

A "YES! Congress on the Bible" is a one-day training for high school teen peer leaders and adult mentors on how to begin a teen-to-teen Bible-sharing group in their parish, school, or organization. Bishop Tobin will begin our day with Mass.

History of "YES! Youth Engaging Scripture"

Research in both secular and Christian circles shows that young people desire to have a better understanding of the Bible and how it relates to their life. Saint Mary's Press initiated the "YES! Youth Engaging Scripture" project to help Catholic young people grow together in their understanding of the Bible and its application to everyday life. The Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry is sponsoring this program so that more teens will utilize sacred scripture for their faith development.

Your parish, school, or organization

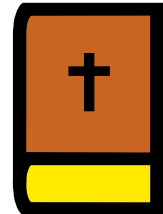
You are invited to send a team of teen peer leaders and their adult mentors who are interested in establishing Bible-sharing groups in your parish, school, or organization. (Maximum of 5 teens)

What will they learn?

Teen peer leaders and adult mentors will learn how to develop and facilitate peer groups for reading and reflecting on the Scriptures through a process called *lectio divina*.

Cost

Registrations received by June 1	\$20 pp
Late Registration, space permitting, June 1-8	\$25 pp
(NO registrations will be accepted after June 8 th . Event is limited to 150 people.)	



Where

A "YES! Congress on the Bible" will take place at **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Niles**
381 Robbins Ave. (Rt. 169 east of 46), Niles, Ohio 44446

Registration

Information was mailed to the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry mailing list on April 1st. Forms and further details can be found in that registration packet. Or contact the office at 330-744-8451 or ccase@youngstowndiocese.org.

Don't Miss this Opportunity!