



# Communique

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## CHANCERY OFFICE

### CONFIRMATION

#### Schedule for January

Thursday, Jan. 15	7:00 pm	St. Mary, Mineral Ridge
Tuesday, Jan. 20	7:00 pm	St. Luke, Boardman

### CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

#### 1. Updating Information

Administrators must submit updates for employees and volunteers as they complete child protection compliance requirements; and must submit all information for new employees and volunteers on the Compliance Checklist. This is the only way information is entered into the Child Protection Policy data base.

Requirements: all employees and volunteers must sign after reading the Policy (2008 Policy for new employees and volunteers; current employees and volunteers fully compliant with the previous 2003 Policy must receive a copy of the 2008 Policy but do not need to sign again). All employees and volunteers who work with children must also be fingerprinted and attend the "Treasured Gifts from God" in-service program.

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.

#### 2. Upcoming In-Service Opportunities

As of date of publication of this issue of Communique, the following in-service opportunities are scheduled for Child Protection Policy compliance. Check the *Communique* each month for dates and places; and contact the Office of Religious Education for opportunities which were scheduled after the publication of *Communique*.

Jan. 12 or 14	St. Joseph Parish, Alliance	Time TBA	Gail Pavliga	330-821-5760
Jan. 15 & 22	St. Joseph Parish, Maximo	7-9 pm	Theresa Estock	330-823-7809
Jan. 20, 27	Immac. Conception, Ravenna	6:30-8:30 pm	Eileen Edwards	330-296-6434

Please call ahead so enough materials will be available.

### 3. Reporting Abuse

If you or someone you know has been abused at any time by a priest, deacon, religious, employee or volunteer of the diocese, please contact Nancy Yuhasz, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 330-744-8451, ext. 235, as well as secular legal authorities.

### CATHOLIC TELEVISION NETWORK OF YOUNGSTOWN (CTNY)

1. Log onto the CTNY website at [www.cathdoy.org](http://www.cathdoy.org) for program information and more.

2. Programming on the Ecumenical Channel

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: Pope Benedict XVI to preside at Mass in St. Peter's Basilica  
**January 1<sup>st</sup>** Live 4:00 a.m., Encore 12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord: Mass of the Epiphany with Pope Benedict XVI  
**January 6<sup>th</sup>** Live 4:00 a.m., Encore 12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m.

Solemn Mass for the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord: Pope Benedict XVI celebrates the Solemn Mass for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord from the Sistine Chapel in Rome  
**January 11<sup>th</sup>** Live 4:00 a.m., Encore 12:00 noon

Vigil Mass for Life Live: The Solemn Vigil Mass for Life, celebrated at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.  
**January 21<sup>st</sup>** 7:00 p.m.

Mass for Life Live: The Solemn Mass for Life, celebrated at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.  
**January 22<sup>nd</sup>** 7:30 a.m.

March for Life 2009: Live and complete coverage of the most important pro-life event of the year: the 2008 March for Life. This prayerful walking procession up Constitution Avenue in Washington D.C., ends with a Rally for Life at the Washington Monument.  
**January 22<sup>nd</sup>** Live 11:00 a.m., Encore 10:00 p.m. and **January 24<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 a.m.

Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Celebration of Vespers: Pope Benedict XVI presides over the vesper service celebrating the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle. From the Basilica of St. Paul-Outside-the-Walls in Rome  
**January 25<sup>th</sup>** Live 11:30 a.m., Encore 3:30 p.m.

### 3. Radio Programming

*Wineskins* airs every Sunday at 7:30 a.m. on WKBN 570 AM in Youngstown, and 9:30 a.m. on WILB 1060 AM in Canton.

#### Highlights for January:

In the current issue segment, John Damico explores ideas for developing spiritually at and through words.

Dr. Alan Digianantonio will tell us about Catholic Schools Week.

Mr. Steve Garchar from St. Matthias Parish will tell us about the January Saints.

Fr. Richard Jastrzebski, O.P., from St. Dominic Parish will reflect on the Sunday Scriptures.

The music selections are from the CD "Blessings" by Lorraine Doan.

In our interview segment, Fr. Tom Dyer will share his thoughts on 2 Timothy; Fr. Joe Witmer will update us on the Ecumenical Movement for Christian Unity Week and Fr. Bill Loveless reflects on the Spirituality of St. Paul.

## CANONICAL SERVICES

### In-Service Available

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.

Ten sessions have been held since the inception of the program in May of 2004, and close to 100 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.

Interested parties, who have not already registered or who need a "refresher" at either the Tribunal in Youngstown or at a parish in Canton, should call the Tribunal at (330) 744-8451, ext. 252, to have their names placed on the registrant list. You would then be contacted when there are at least eight registrants for a particular location.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORPORATION

#### 1. Keep the Kids Warm

In response to this growing need for utility assistance, Catholic Charities has received Bishop George Murry's approval to ask the parishes of our diocese to support "Keep the Kids Warm," a special second collection to take place during the Christmas season. Funds collected through this special effort will be used by the Catholic Charities Agencies to provide direct assistance to families in need of winter utility assistance.

*This special collection is not meant to detract from your parish Christmas collection.* We understand that you rely on the generosity of your parishioners during the holiday season for the financial well-being of your parish. All we ask is that you consider a special collection between the Feast of the Holy Family (December 27-28, 2008) and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 11, 2009) for Catholic Charities utility assistance.

Please visit the Catholic Charities website at [www.catholiccharitiesyoungstown.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesyoungstown.org) for downloadable bulletin inserts and materials, or call Rachel Hrbolich at 2330-744-8451, ext. 328 for information and further assistance.

On behalf of the children and families that you will help to keep warm this winter. . . thank you!

#### 2. Van for Sale

Catholic Charities of Stark County has a wheelchair accessible/hydraulic lift van for sale. The 2000 Chevrolet conversion van is in good running condition. It has 29,000 miles, new tires, and a new electrical system.

For more information, contact Sr. Edwardine Baznik, SJSM, at 330-491-0896.

### 3. 2009 Day Planners

Catholic Charities has a limited number of 2009 Monthly Monitors available at no charge. To request one of these 6" x 9" day planners, call Shellie Sabel at 330-744-8451, ext. 322.

### 4. Men Cooking Again in Ashtabula

Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County will be hosting its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Men Who Cook" event on **Saturday, January 24, 2009** from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Bernard Vacca Mount Carmel Community Center, Ashtabula. Tickets, available through pre-sale only, are \$30.00 each. Reserved tables for eight can be purchased for \$270.00. All proceeds will help fund the Agency's emergency assistance program.

For more information, call 440-992-2121.

*Up Next: Catholic Charities of Portage County's "Men Who Cook," February 21, 2009. Details to follow in the next issue of Communiqué.*

## CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### OFFICE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION OF PRIESTS

Please mark your 2009 calendars for **Monday, May 18, 2009**. The Priests' Anniversary Celebration will be held at St. Christine's Parish. Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will follow in the Parish Center.

The Priests' Convocation will be held in Columbus, Ohio, **November, 2009**. The theme will be Marriage for the dates of Thursday, November 5 and Friday, November 6. More information will be forthcoming.

### OFFICE OF VOWED RELIGIOUS

#### 1. Vocation Awareness Week

The Church will celebrate Vocation Awareness Week from **January 11 – 17, 2009**. Please contact the Office of Vowed Religious or the Vocations Office in order to schedule a priest, seminarian or religious to speak about religious vocations at your parish meeting, CCD program or Catholic school. Several Vocation Awareness lesson plans are available for every age level. The Office of Vowed Religious will send packets by request. Please call Diane Nichols at ext. 237.

#### 2. World Day of Consecrated Life

Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., will celebrate the annual diocesan *World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life* on **Sunday, February 8, 2009** at St. Columba Cathedral at the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. All are welcome. Please mark your calendars and join us in celebrating the gift of Consecrated Life to the Diocese. The flier, General Intercessions and Bulletin Announcements for this event are included this month in the *Communiqué* attachments.

### 3. Conference/Jubilee Day

This year we will honor our Religious Jubilarians on **Saturday, March 28, 2009** at St. Patrick Church in Leetonia. The presentation will begin at 2:00 p.m. Father John Jerek, Vicar for Clergy, will speak followed by the Eucharistic Liturgy at 4:00 p.m. Bishop Murry will be the main celebrant. Dinner will follow at 5:00 p.m. Registration forms will arrive shortly. Please mark your calendars.

## DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP

### 1. 2008 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church . . . "Together in Faith"

As of December 10, 2008, commitments totaling \$3,521,434 toward our goal of \$3.6 million have been received in our Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church. These gifts came from 26,294 Catholic households.

The Bishop's Appeal offers Catholics the opportunity to join together in faith and respond to our Lord's challenge . . . that we serve those in need.

Please pray for the success of our 2008 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church.

### 2. Stewardship Bulletin Inserts

Stewardship bulletin inserts for January and February are included in the *Communique* attachments.

### 3. Opportunities to Give Through the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008

The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 included a provision that once again offers opportunities to avoid being taxed on IRA distributions by having funds directed to a qualifying charity. Parishioners over the age of 70 ½ can have their distribution directed to their parish or any Catholic cause and avoid paying taxes on the distribution. Many from around the diocese took advantage of this opportunity last year when it was made possible for only one year through the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

Below is a bulletin announcement you may wish to use now and periodically throughout 2009.

If you have any questions please call Pat Palombo at 330-744-8451 ext. 325.

#### **NEW LAW OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY**

If you are over the age of 70 ½, you must take a required minimum distribution from your IRA. Normally, the amount of the distribution is taxed as ordinary income. However, federal legislation enacted on October 3, 2008 offers the opportunity for you to make a direct distribution from your IRA to a qualified charity, such as your parish or other Catholic cause. Such distributions, while not subject to income tax, will still count toward your fulfilling your required minimum distribution.

For more information call Mr. Pat Palombo, Director of Development & Stewardship, at 330-744-8451 ext. 325 or email Mr. Palombo at [patpal@cboss.com](mailto:patpal@cboss.com).

## PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

### OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

#### 1. The Golden Apple Award

The Golden Apple Award program was introduced to the Diocese of Youngstown in 2000 through the generosity of the Donahue Family Foundation in Pittsburgh. The Golden Apple Award recognizes teachers in our Catholic schools. Seven teachers, six elementary teachers and one high school teacher can be the recipient of this award. The Award will consist of a cash award of \$5,000, a certificate, a Golden Apple paperweight, and a Golden Apple lapel pin, all presented at a ceremony during an awards banquet on a date to be announced.

The candidate must be a practicing Catholic, full-time teacher and have completed a minimum of three full years in the elementary or secondary school at which he/she is currently hired. These schools must be listed in the current Diocesan Directory. The applicant must be nominated by a teacher or by a parent and student. The Golden Apple Award may be received only once. Previous winners are not eligible.

If you are a parent or student enrolled in our Catholic Schools, and have a teacher in mind that you would like to nominate, please take a moment to contact the school principal or the Office of Catholic Schools at 330-744-8451 for further information.

#### 2. Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week begins on **Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> and ends Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**. The theme for this year is: *Celebrate Service*. Catholic Schools Week kicks off registration for the 2009-2010 school year for our Catholic schools. Students and staff also spend time each day celebrating the week in a special way. Below are a few suggestions as to how to celebrate each day of Catholic Schools Week. These suggestions are taken from the Marketing Handbook by the National Catholic Education Association and The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. 2008.

**Sunday:** The Good News in Education: In Our Parish. Celebrate the Eucharist with parents, guardians, parishioners, prospective students and neighbors. Provide an Open House after the Mass.

**Monday:** The Good News in Education: In our Community. Ours schools and community work together to educate the next generations of citizens. Learn about and honor those who serve the community.

**Tuesday:** The Good New in Education: In Our Students. Catholic schools promote an educational approach that emphasizes intellectual, spiritual, moral, physical, and social values in all our students. Recognize accomplishments, or hold a rally with a community leader, who values education.

**Wednesday:** The Good New in Education: In Our Nation. This is a day to remember the vital role that Catholic schools have played in American civic life. Encourage local officials to recognize Catholic Schools Week. Send notes and special care packages to our men and women overseas.

**Thursday:** The Good News In Education: In Our Vocations. Plan your day by learning about religious life and learn about other ways to serve the church. Invite in lay people who serve as music ministers or Eucharistic ministers. Adopt a seminarian or novice in the diocese and send them letters of support and include them in daily prayers.

**Friday:** The Good News in Education: In Our Faculty, Staff & Volunteers. End Catholic Schools Week with a National Teacher Appreciation Day to honor your dedicated teachers. Have a mass and light a candle for each staff member, hold an appreciation breakfast, recognize volunteers, and/or give small tokens of appreciation.

### 3. Partnership between The Diocese of Youngstown and Walsh University

In partnership since 2004 with the Diocese of Youngstown, Walsh University offers all current full-time Youngstown Diocesan employees, who are admitted into the program, a 60% tuition discount. Walsh University offers an accelerated program for the Master of Arts in Education. The program totals 36 credits (12 classes) and students meet one night a week for eight weeks at the Ursuline Center in Canfield.

Walsh also offers classes for an undergraduate Bachelors of Arts degree in Business Management. Carla Mattiussi, Site Director at the Canfield Campus, is happy to present to our schools an informational session in regard to these programs.

If you have any questions or would like a personal consultation call Carla Mattiussi at 330-793-6727 or email her at [cmattiussi@walsh.edu](mailto:cmattiussi@walsh.edu).

## OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY MINISTRY

### 1. Natural Family Planning Classes at Mercy Medical Center, Canton

Mercy Medical Center's Women's Pavilion is offering Natural Family Planning classes for married and engaged couples. The next series begins **January 11th** at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room C located across from the cafeteria. All classes are taught by certified teaching couples. The fee for the class is \$40. Parking is free. For a complete schedule of classes or to register call Mercy's Women's Pavilion, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at 330-489-1329 or 1-800-223-8662.

### 2. Annual Mass for Life

Bishop Murry will be the celebrant and homilist for the eleventh annual diocesan Mass for Life on **Saturday, January 17, 2009** at 12:00 noon in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel on the campus of Walsh University in Canton. All are welcome.

### 3. Pro-life Luncheon

Dr. Ray Guarendi is the keynote speaker at the luncheon in the Barrette Business Center following the Mass for Life on **January 17<sup>th</sup>**. Reservations are required at \$5/person. The pro-life luncheon is sponsored by Walsh University Campus Ministry, Walsh Students for Life, St. Anthony Parish and the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family. For reservations call 330-744-8451, ext. 289 or 273.

### 4. Prayer Vigils for Life

A vigil of prayer will be held Saturday, **January 17** from 9:30-10:30 a.m. across from the Mahoning Women's Center, 4025 Market St., Youngstown. All are invited to spend an hour in peaceful, prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life and for the protection of the unborn.

On **January 22**, St. Columba Cathedral and the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division # 6 will hold Holy Hours for Life, beginning with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 4:00 p.m., concluding with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be available in St. Columba Hall at the conclusion of the Holy Hours for Life. All are invited to spend time in prayer for a greater respect for all life and for an end to abortion.

### 5. March for Life Washington, DC, Bus Trip

A few seats remain for the bus trip to the March for Life in Washington, DC, leaving Youngstown on **Wednesday, January 21 at 11 p.m., returning Thursday, January 22**, following the March. Bishop Murry plans to attend the March for Life and will meet with Diocese of Youngstown pilgrims in Washington. For details or reservations, contact the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family.

## 6. Day of Penance and Prayer, January 22, 2009

This date marks 36 years since the tragic Supreme Court decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Help is available for those suffering the effects of abortion; call 1-800-5 WE CARE or visit [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com).

## 7. Fight FOCA Postcard Campaign

With the approval of the U.S. Bishops at their November, 2008 general meeting, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment are co-sponsoring the "Fight FOCA Postcard Campaign." According to the Bishops' Conference, FOCA (the Freedom of Choice Act) is a radical piece of legislation that goes far beyond the Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision. The new Administration in Washington has vowed to sign the proposed legislation into law. The "Fight FOCA" postcard campaign sends a united message to Congress and provides an opportunity for individuals to give public witness to their belief in the sanctity of human life. Help is needed to coordinate the postcard campaign in your parish. The date for this event is the weekend of **January 24-25, 2009**. Please contact the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family for details. Additional information is available at [www.cathdoy.org/](http://www.cathdoy.org/)

## 8. Bereavement/Divorce and Beyond

Courses will be offered by Blessed Sacrament Parish in Warren beginning **January 20 and 22, 2009**. To register, call the parish office at 330-372-2215.

## 9. Engaged Couples Retreat Dates

Offered by the Diocese of Youngstown, the day-long optional retreat is designed to assist engaged couples in deepening their understanding of the vocation to marriage. Married couples are also welcome. Dates for 2009 are **January 31, February 28, April 25, May 16**. For locations and to register contact the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family or visit [www.cathdoy.org](http://www.cathdoy.org).

## 10. Marriage Renewal Weekend

A weekend of enrichment for married couples sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Canton will be held **February 20-22, 2009** at the Comfort Inn Belden Village. Cost of \$150 includes all meals and accommodations. To register, call 330-464-5791.

## 11. Help for Hurting Marriages

Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples heal their marriages. Weekend programs are scheduled **February 20-22** in Aurora, **April 24-26** at Avalon Inn, and **October 23-25** in Aurora. For confidential information call 1-800-470-2230 or visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

## 12. Respect Life/NFP Bulletin Briefs

Recommended bulletin announcements for January are included with this issue of *Communique*.

## 13. Parish Bulletin Insert

"The African American Family and the Culture of Life" from the USCCB Respect Life Program 2008-2009 is included as an attachment with this month's *Communique* and may be reproduced for use in parish bulletins.



## 5. Treasured Gifts from God: Protecting God's Children

The following in-services are open to employees and volunteers working with children and youth. Please call the phone listed to register and to ensure that adequate materials are prepared. Additional dates scheduled may be available through the Office of Religious Education.

**Tuesday, January 20, 2009**

Time: TBD

**Tuesday, January 27, 2009**

Time: TBD

Immaculate Conception Parish

Ravenna

Facilitator: Eileen Edwards

Phone: 330 296-4549

## 6. Focus on Initiation: Mystagogy

Diocese of Lansing, Michigan -- **June 25, 26, 2009**

In partnership with the North American Forum on the Catechumenate

This institute seeks to foster a deeper understanding of the period of Mystagogy and to develop the skills needed to implement fully the vision of this period in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Particularly suited for experience initiation ministers, participants at most institutes include liturgists, pastoral musicians, pastors and associates, catechists, directors of religious education, campus ministers, Catholic school principals and teachers, members of the catechumenate team and sponsors.

Access Forum's website [www.naforum.org](http://www.naforum.org) for online registration and a downloadable copy of the brochure.

## 7. Scriptural Prayer for Ordinary Time Winter 2009

An order of service based on the *lectio divina* method of Scriptural prayer for the Sunday Gospels of Ordinary Time Year B (January 20, 27 and February 3) 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, [www.cathdoy.org](http://www.cathdoy.org).

## 8. Online Faith Formation Opportunities

Visit the following web sites for these online faith formation opportunities:

C21 Online, Boston College, [www.bc.edu/sites/c21online](http://www.bc.edu/sites/c21online)

Loyola Institute for Ministry, Loyola University New Orleans, [www.lim.loyno.edu](http://www.lim.loyno.edu)

Paulist Evangelization Training Institute Online, [www.pncea.org](http://www.pncea.org)

Satellite Theological Education Program (STEP), University of Notre Dame, [www.step.nd.edu](http://www.step.nd.edu)

Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), University of Dayton, [www.vlc.udayton.edu](http://www.vlc.udayton.edu).

If you have any questions, contact the Office of Religious Education.

## **OFFICE OF WORSHIP**

### 1. Calendar Advisories

**Thursday, January 22, 2009** – On this anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, *Roe vs. Wade* (1973), this day shall be observed in all dioceses of the United States as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right of life. The Mass "For Peace and Justice" (#22) from "Masses for Various Needs and Occasions" should be celebrated with violet vestments.

**Sunday, January 25, 2009** – In this Jubilee Year marking the 2,000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Paul's birth, the Mass celebrating The Conversion of St. Paul, apostle, as found in the Roman Missal for 25 January, may be used today. In such a case, the second reading of the Mass is taken from the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Creed is said.

## 2. Liturgy Day

**Saturday, February 7, 2009**  
St. Charles Parish, Boardman

Reverend J-Glenn Murray, S.J., will be the Keynote Speaker. Brochures were mailed in December.

## 3. The Rite of Election

The Rite of Election will be celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent, **March 1, 2009**, at two locations in the diocese: St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown, at 2:00 p.m. and St. Joseph Parish, Canton at 6:00 p.m. Bishop George V. Murry will be the celebrant at both locations. Information will be mailed to pastors and primary RCIA contact persons in January.

## 4. Time for the Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil will be **April 11, 2009**. Sunset that evening will be 7:59 p.m. in the Diocese of Youngstown with the end of civil twilight at 8:27 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. and 8:30 p.m. is recommended for complete darkness.

## 5. Parish Musician Needed

St. Patrick Parish, Youngstown, is in need of a Director of Music. This is a part-time position. For more information, contact the parish at 330-743-1109.

## **OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

### 1. NCYC 2009 Planning Team

The next National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), "Christ Reigns," in Kansas City, Missouri, **November 19-21, 2009** is fast approaching. You can make a difference in the life of your high school teens by helping to plan our diocesan pilgrimage. Please contact Faye at [fabbondanza@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:fabbondanza@youngstowndiocese.org) or 330-744-8451, ext. 281 by January 16, 2009 for more details.

### 2. Youth Ministers Gatherings

Youth Ministry Leaders come and celebrate the holidays with your peers at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Ministers Epiphany Party at Cindee Case's home in Canfield on **Thursday, January 8, 2009** from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sign-up to bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre, snack or dessert to share, and all are invited to participate in the optional White Elephant gift exchange. Spouses are also welcome. Please RSVP to Cindee, [ccase@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:ccase@youngstowndiocese.org) or 330-744-8451, ext. 280, by Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> to receive the address and directions.

Mark your calendar for the Spring Gathering on the feast of St. Joseph, **Thursday, March 19, 2009** at St. Joseph Parish, Alliance from 12:00 noon –3:00 p.m.

### 3. Eagle of the Cross Nominations

It's time to submit nominations for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Eagle of the Cross Awards. The award is given to outstanding high school juniors and seniors from diocesan parishes or Catholic schools. Nomination forms are available by calling the OY&YAM at 330-744-8451 or online at [http://www.cathdoy.org/offices\\_educ\\_youth\\_eagle.asp](http://www.cathdoy.org/offices_educ_youth_eagle.asp). All nominations must be submitted to the OY&YAM by Friday, February 27, 2009. The Eagle of the Cross Awards Liturgy and banquet will take place, **Wednesday, April 29, 2009**.

### 4. Diocesan Youth Congress

Give the teens at your parish/school the opportunity to gather with their peers and share their views on issues of faith at the Diocesan Youth Congress on **Sunday, March 29, 2009**. The congress will take place from 12:30 – 5:30 p.m. at St. Columba Cathedral. More information and registration materials will be available in the January issue of the COMPASS.

## PROGRAMS & RETREATS

#### A. Ursuline Center, Canfield (330-799-4941)

Ursulines on the Road: spiritual, educational, formational and professional programs at your parish or school. Individual pastoral/bereavement counseling and spiritual direction by appointment. Bereavement Group meets last Friday monthly, 12-1 pm.

Pastoral Care for Caregivers: 7:00-8:00 p.m. Choose any or all sessions \$10/session  
Jan. 20 – Legal aspects; Feb. 10 – Medical Aspects; March 10 – Emotional Aspects

Registration required.

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

Jan. 6	Coffee & Contemplation Series Registration required	9:30-11:30 am \$7/\$13.70 w/lunch
Jan. 20	Reflection Series Bridges to Contemplative Living Registration required; books available Villa Shoppe	9:30-11:30 am \$5session/\$35 series \$6.70 lunch
Jan. 25	Year of St. Paul Registration and payment by Jan. 7	10:30 am-3:00 pm \$40 adults/\$35 students

## MISCELLANEOUS

#### 1. St. Columba Cathedral Afternoon of Prayer

In observance of the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the U.S. Bishops have designated **January 22** as a day of penance in reparation for sins against the dignity of human life. In observance of this day of penance, the Cathedral Parish of St. Columba will hold an afternoon of prayer, beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 4:00 and concluding with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. Throughout the afternoon there will be opportunities for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are welcome to come together to pray for an end to abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, war and violence.

This event is co-sponsored by the Mahoning County Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Security will be provided.

## 2. Mileage Rate

Effective January 1, 2009, the IRS rate for business mileage is \$.55 per mile.

## 3. USCCB Advisories

The Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania, advises its concerns regarding Fr. John Pender of that diocese who left active ministry in December, 1968 without permission of the bishop, and may be seeking or have had ministerial assignments in other dioceses. Contact James B. Earley, Chancellor, at 570-207-2216.

The USCCB issued a cautionary memorandum March 23, 2001, regarding Fr. Chijioke Placid Iheduru of the Diocese of Okigwe, Nigeria. Fr. Iheduru recently requested and was denied faculties in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The Diocese of Arlington reported that he admitted to inappropriate conduct with a female parishioner and his faculties were withdrawn there. Baltimore contacted Arlington and learned of Fr. Iheduru's background. Further info: Fr. Jay O'Connor, Archdiocese of Baltimore, 410-547-5550.

## IN MEMORIAM

### January

<i>Rev. Thomas C. McNally</i>	<i>1/00</i>
<i>Rev. Joseph A. Malik</i>	<i>2/96</i>
<i>Rev. Werner E. Hackert</i>	<i>4/62</i>
<i>Rev. Joseph A. Feicht</i>	<i>4/65</i>
<i>Rev. Edward D. Novotny, CPPS</i>	<i>4/71</i>
<i>Rev. Richard Maro</i>	<i>5/91</i>
<i>Rev. Patrick Mahar, OP</i>	<i>6/52</i>
<i>Rev. Daniel Crowley, OP</i>	<i>6/97</i>
<i>Rev. Msgr. Breen Malone</i>	<i>8/86</i>
<i>Rev. William E. Degan</i>	<i>9/61</i>
<i>Rev. John Sargent</i>	<i>9/05</i>
<i>Rev. Joseph Gallagher</i>	<i>10/46</i>
<i>Rev. John J. Murphy, OP</i>	<i>10/59</i>
<i>Rev. Francis J. Bogacz</i>	<i>12/78</i>
<i>Rev. Sergius Kafka, OFM</i>	<i>12/82</i>
<i>Rev. Gottlieb J. Pawlewicz</i>	<i>13/65</i>
<i>Rev. Warren Braun</i>	<i>14/97</i>
<i>Rev. Herbert J. Cook</i>	<i>15/66</i>
<i>Rev. Msgr. William P. Maxwell</i>	<i>15/85</i>
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Davidson</i>	<i>16/52</i>
<i>Rev. William O'Neil</i>	<i>16/97</i>
<i>Rev. John Sudock</i>	<i>17/65</i>
<i>Rev. Paul A. Bagley, OP</i>	<i>18/62</i>
<i>Rev. Paul J. Buchholz</i>	<i>18/64</i>
<i>Rev. John Andrecic</i>	<i>21/96</i>
<i>Rev. Aloysius C. Sutter</i>	<i>22/65</i>
<i>Rev. Henry J. Cibulka</i>	<i>22/74</i>
<i>Rev. John S. Bialek</i>	<i>23/57</i>
<i>Rev. John P. Gallagher</i>	<i>23/74</i>
<i>Deacon Stephen Pytlik</i>	<i>25/95</i>
<i>Rev. Leo A. Dempsey</i>	<i>26/60</i>
<i>Rev. George J. Rourke, OP</i>	<i>27/65</i>
<i>Rev. John Gardner</i>	<i>29/81</i>
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Stephen Kocis</i>	<i>30/52</i>
<i>Rev. Herbert Maximillian, CPPS</i>	<i>30/67</i>
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. William S. Nash</i>	<i>31/65</i>

