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CHANCERY OFFICE

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

1. Diocese of Youngstown Compliant with *Charter*

The Diocese of Youngstown participated in the annual Compliance Audit for Child Protection in October. This year's audit was on-site, conducted by StoneBridge Business Partners of Rochester, New York. A letter to Bishop Murry dated December 12, 2011, states:

"Based on the results of our recently performed on-site audit of the Diocese of Youngstown, the Diocese has been found to be in compliance with all audited Articles within the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* for the 2010/2011 audit period. The conclusions reached as to the compliance of your Diocese are based upon our inquiry, observation and the review of specifically requested documentation furnished to StoneBridge Business Partners during the course of this audit."

2. Requirements and Procedures

Employee and volunteer requirements:

- Authorization & Verification; Acknowledgement

All employees and volunteers must receive a copy of the Child Protection Policy and sign the Authorization and Verification (pg. 35) and Acknowledgement (pg. 36). The signed forms are to be kept on file at the location of service; the date signed is to be noted on the Compliance Checklist and sent to the Chancery. Do not send the signed forms to the Chancery.

- Fingerprinting and In-Service

Employees and volunteers who work with children, regardless of their level of contact with children, must be fingerprinted and participate in our "Treasured Gifts from God" in-service program. It is commendable when an employee or volunteer has attended a child protection in-service from another source (e.g. Scouts, another diocese, etc.) but they must participate in our program to be compliant. Any Webcheck location may be used. Background reports are to be sent to the location of service, not to the Chancery Office.

3. Updating Information

Administrators must submit updates for employees and volunteers as they complete child protection compliance requirements (either on the Status Report or copy of Compliance Checklist previously submitted); and must submit all information for new employees and volunteers on the Compliance Checklist.

4. In-Service Classes

The following "Treasured Gifts from God" classes are scheduled as of publication date of this issue of *Communique*. Classes are added regularly, so please contact the Office of Religious Education for other classes which are scheduled after publication date.

Jan. 22	1:30-3:30 pm	St. George Parish, Lisbon	330-424-7648
Jan. 24	time tbd	St. Mary Parish, Orwell	440-437-8216
March 31	9-11 am	St. Christine Parish, Youngstown	330-793-0544

Please call ahead so enough materials will be available.

5. 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 civil authorities.

[CATHOLIC TELEVISION NETWORK OF YOUNGSTOWN \(CTNY\)](#)

1. Log on to the CTNY website at www.cathdoy.org for program information and more.
2. Programming on the Ecumenical Channel:

March for Life Washington, DC

This is the most important pro-life event of the year. This special coverage includes interviews, panel discussions and speeches from pro-lifers around the country.

January 23, Live at 11:00 a.m.

Walk for Life West Coast

Join Father Mark Mary Cristina and Doug Barry for coverage of the Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco, California.

January 21 at 1:00 p.m.

Presentation of the Lord

From St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, Vespers and Holy Mass on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord with Pope Benedict XVI.

February 2 at 11:30 a.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:

- The Current Issue segments will feature: Fr. Nick Shori with a Diocesan Planning Update, Brain Antal from Catholic Charities, Dan Thimons from the Office of Pro-life, Marriage and Family and an editorial from Lou Jacquet, editor of the Catholic Exponent.

- Diana Hancharencko, Pastoral Minister from St. Charles, Boardman, will tell us about the Saints celebrated this month.
- Fr. Jim Korda, Pastoral Director of CTNY, will interview Judy Welsh about the People of Life Project; Joan Lawson, Pastoral Minister from St. Michael, Canfield, about Dinner and Doctrine, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Lutheran Bishop, on Ecumenism; and Dr. Nicholas Wolsonovich, Acting Superintendent for Catholic Schools, for Catholic Schools Week.
- Fr. Joe Witmer, Ecumenical Office for the Diocese of Youngstown, will give an update on Ecumenism during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
- The Music segment will feature songs from the CD entitled "The Gift" from the late Miriam Tardibuono from St. Mary Church in Chandler, Arizona.
- Deacon Terry Coulter, from St. Jude Parish, Columbiana, will give his thoughts on this month's Sunday Scriptures.

4. Church at Home Encore

This series was produced by CTNY and broadcast by the Catholic Television Network of Youngstown (CTNY). Father James Korda, Pastoral Director of CTNY, is the show's host. He interviews individuals from the local community, as well as special guests from outside the community. This half-hour show may be seen on ETC-TV Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.

Reconfiguration	1/11/12
Devotions/Sacramentals	1/18/12
Youth Ministry	1 – 25 – 12
Pro-Life	2/1/12

5. New Programming

"The Bishop's Corner" will begin production in January and is slated to air on ETC-TV in March.

"How Is God Calling You," a series on Vocations, will begin production in February and will air in the spring.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORPORATION

1. Portage and Stark Catholic Charities Agencies Merge

Effective January 1, 2012, Catholic Charities of Portage County and Catholic Charities of Stark County will merge their agencies under the name "Catholic Charities Serving Portage and Stark Counties." Catholic Charities will maintain all of its current service sites in both Portage and Stark Counties, which include offices in Ravenna, Canton, Alliance and Massillon. The merger will not result in the elimination of staff, programs or services. The new Board of Directors for Catholic Charities Serving Portage and Stark Counties is a combination of current board members from each of the former agencies. New and expanded services for both Portage and Stark Counties can be expected in 2012.

For more information, contact either Mary Ellen Andersen, President & CEO of the Diocese of Youngstown Catholic Charities Corporation, at 330-744-8451 or James Armour, Executive Director of Catholic Charities Serving Portage and Stark Counties, at 330-491-0896.

2. Help Us “Keep the Kids Warm”

Catholic Charities’ annual “Keep the Kids Warm” campaign began on the Feast of the Holy Family (December 30) and will run through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 9, 2012). This important effort raises utility assistance funds for families served Catholic Charities throughout the Diocese of Youngstown. One hundred percent of the funds raised are returned to the county in which they were collected to help meet needs in the donor’s own community.

For more information, contact Rachel Hrbolich or Nikole Baringer at 330-744-8451, or visit our website at www.ccdoy.org.

3. Non-event Fundraiser to Benefit Catholic Charities Regional Agency’s Christina House

Catholic Charities Regional Agency (CCRA) will host its first annual “non-event” fundraiser this month. You are cordially invited to stay at home and relax in support of Christina House, CCRA’s domestic violence shelter located in Columbiana County.

A flyer with more information is included in the attachments to this issue of *Communiqué*.

For more information, contact Nikole Baringer at 330-744-8451, ext. 323, or visit Catholic Charities’ website at www.ccdoy.org.

4. Catholic Charities Offers Adult Day Services in Louisville

Catholic Charities Adult Day Services, a program of Catholic Charities Serving Portage and Stark Counties, is located on the campus of St. Joseph Care Center in Louisville. Adult Day Services assist family or friends caring for a loved one; individuals who are socially isolated; and persons who have medical needs and/or cannot be left alone during the day. Catholic Charities Adult Day Services include light breakfast, hot lunch and afternoon snack; daily range of motion exercises; variety of activities including bingo, crafts and music; nursing services including medication administration; licensed social worker on staff; personal care/bathing services; beauty and barber services; outdoor patio; gardening and seasonal picnics; therapy services; and community outreach assistance.

The dedicated and experienced staff at Catholic Charities Adult Day Services provides individualized attention (1:4 ratio) to all participants. Financial assistance is eligible for those who qualify, and transportation is available. Veterans can attend the program free of charge.

Please call Catholic Charities’ Adult Day Services for further information at (330) 875-7979.

5. Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County to Host “Men Who Cook”

Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County will be hosting its annual “Men Who Cook” event on **Saturday, January 21, 2012**, 6:30—9:00 p.m., at Mount Carmel Community Center in Ashtabula. Tickets are \$30.00 each or \$270.00 for a table of eight.

For more information, call Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County at 440-992-2121.

[OFFICE OF SOCIAL ACTION](#)

1. Fair Trade Coffee, Teas and Other Goods

Please consider purchasing Fair Trade goods for gifts for family, friends, neighborhoods and colleagues. Consider giving yourself Fair Traded coffee or tea for your daily routine. Your investing in Fair Trade goods helps to promote international and local economic justice by paying fair wages to many persons throughout the world that live on less than \$2 a day.

For more information on Fair Trade:

- 1) Visit our Diocesan Religious Education Media Library Office where we have a Fair Trade Tienda (small market)
- 2) Visit <http://www.crsfairtrade.org/> for access to fair trade products sponsored or related to Catholic Relief Services.
- 3) Visit Raptis Coffee in Warren, OH who has recently added Fair Trade goods. Raptis has also offered a percent of their proceeds from Fair Trade goods as a donation to Catholic Charities. Main website is www.raptiscoffee.com <http://www.raptiscoffee.com/fair-trade.html>

All of the flavored coffee in the following categories allows people to choose Fair Trade as an option for an additional price:

- <http://www.raptiscoffee.com/extflavoredcoffee/flavored1lb.html>
- <http://www.raptiscoffee.com/extflavoredcoffee/flavored2lb.html>
- <http://www.raptiscoffee.com/extflavoredcoffee/flavored5lb.html>

2. USCCB Poverty Month: January 2012

January is "Poverty in America Awareness Month"

Today, millions of Americans—and 1 in 6 children (that's 18 percent of all American children)—are living below the poverty line. They live in families who are of necessity making hard choices between food, health care, heat and rent. To bring attention to this national crisis, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has designated January as "Poverty in America Awareness Month."

During this special month of observance, we devote our efforts to heightening the nation's understanding of the breadth and depth of the problems of poverty by:

- Releasing a powerful public service campaign to raise awareness of poverty in America.
- Encouraging the editorial media to focus on poverty.
- Educating the public to be sensitive to the needs of those in poverty and to treat poor people with respect.
- Holding events in Catholic schools and public settings to make sure poverty is top-of-mind for all Americans.

What can you do to promote Poverty in America Awareness Month? Visit the US Catholic Bishops' website at <http://old.usccb.org/cchd/povertyusa/povamer.shtml> for more information. Contact Brian Corbin bcorbin@youngstowndiocese.org or George Garchar ggarchar@youngstowndiocese.org for more local information or for ideas on how to get involved. Both can be reached at 330-744-8451.

3. Another New Year's Idea: Calendars for Federal Inmates

The ministry team at the Federal Correctional Institution in Elkton has asked our office to solicit help from parishes in the diocese. They need 2012 Catholic parish calendars (or any calendar) for inmates. Although it is a small gesture, it means a lot to the inmates that cannot get their own calendars. They do, in fact, put calendars to daily use just like everyone else.

Some suggestions:

- 1) When placing your order for the 2012 calendars add 10 extra for our program.
- 2) If you have parish calendars leftover, would you please consider donating them to our program? They don't necessarily have to be Catholic calendars. Any kind will be fine. We will never have too many. There are several State and County institutions in the area that can also benefit.

Please forward calendars to Joe Miles at the Diocesan Catholic Charities Office, 144 W. Wood Street, Youngstown, OH 44503 or contact him at (330) 744-8451, ext. 327, or jmiles@youngstowndiocese.org for further information.

CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

OFFICE OF CLERGY SERVICES

Rest in Peace
Rev. John Lyons † December 10, 2011

OFFICE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION OF PRIESTS

At the last Priestly Life Committee meeting we began discussing the direction of continuing education of priests and prayer/retreat opportunities for priests. I shared with the committee that fewer and fewer priests are taking advantage of continuing education (even with a variety of topics) both within the diocese and in some cases outside the diocese. This, coupled with the costs of bringing in presenters, provides us the opportunity to study the direction of continuing education for priests.

What I am recommending is a more coordinated effort with other diocesan departments that together we might provide a calendar of events rather than each fashioning our own. This department could also be a resource as to what opportunities there are outside the diocese for continuing education. Engaging in continuing education with other diocesan entities may be more advisable. I will be discussing this with diocesan personnel after the New Year. Doing this may allow this office to concentrate more on bringing priests together for social and spiritual opportunities around the diocese. Dinner and prayer opportunities, along with social time together, may be more appreciated. I am also thinking of putting together a two-day retreat opportunity in the off-year of our Priests' Convocation. This does represent a change in direction, so I am very interested in your thoughts and feedback. Please feel free to contact me personally or through diocesan email with your thoughts.

-- Fr. Nick Shori

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

1. Vocations Awareness Week

Vocations Awareness Week will be held **January 9-15, 2012**. The purpose of this week to help make all of the faithful aware of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and how all of us can work to help promote vocations throughout our diocese. Online materials for use in schools, youth ministry and parish programs have been emailed to all in the diocese. As well, a flyer to be inserted into the parish bulletin has been sent. If your parish does not have online capabilities to access the materials, or, if for some reason you did not receive the materials, please call the Vocations Office at 330-744-8451.

2. Promotional Materials

After the first of the year (hopefully in time for Vocation Awareness Week) the new seminarian poster and bookmarks will be distributed to all parishes. As well, a brochure and reflection booklet will be emailed to all parishes. A vocation prayer card will also be sent soon. This card is meant to be used to communally pray for vocations. More instructions for each of these publicity pieces will be sent soon.

3. Vocation Committees

Presently three parishes in the diocese have committees formed to help promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life and diaconate in our diocese. There is a desire to get more groups started. Because parishes already have many committees/ministries an idea was presented at a recent priest focus group to form regional/county vocation committees. With this in mind, we are asking all parishes to submit one name to the Vocations Office of a person in the parish who would be willing to be part of a regional vocation committee. For more information please contact the Vocations Office at 330-744-8451 or email Fr. Chris Luoni at cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

4. Seminary Live-in Weekend

The weekend of **April 26-28, 2012**, Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus will be hosting a "come and see" live-in experience at the college. It will begin on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. and conclude Saturday at noon. The weekend is open to all juniors and seniors in high school, as well as older men who are interested in finding out what seminary life is like. There is no cost to attend this weekend. If you know of someone who may be interested, please contact Fr. Chris Luoni at 330-744-8451, ext. 368, or by email at cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org. More details will be offered as they are available.

5. School/Parish Visits

Please keep in mind that members of the Vocations Office would like to come to the diocesan schools and parishes for presentations, Mass, youth ministry functions or in any other way that we can help spread the word about vocations to the priesthood and religious life. With three seminarians on pastoral internship and with the Vocation Director, Fr. Chris Luoni, being full time in the Vocations Office, there is a greater presence of being available to the diocese. Please contact the office at 330-744-8451, or email Fr. Luoni at cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org to schedule a time.

6. Vocation Intercession and Bulletin Blurbs for January

Included in the attachments to the *Communiqué* are vocation intercessions and bulletin blurbs for the month of January. Please use these in your bulletins and at Mass to help promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life in your parish community.

OFFICE OF VOWED RELIGIOUS

1. Vocation Awareness Week

The Church will celebrate Vocation Awareness Week from **January 9 – 15, 2012**. Please contact the Vocations Office or the Office of Vowed Religious 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 330-744-8451, ext. 237.

2. World Day For Consecrated Life

Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., will celebrate the annual diocesan *World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life* on **Sunday, February 19, 2012** 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 in the attachments to this issue of *Communiqué*.

3. Conference/Jubilee Day

This year we will honor our Religious Jubilarians on **Saturday, March 17, 2012**, at St. Peter's parish in Canton. The presentation will begin at 2:00 p.m. Sister Janice Fulmer, a member of the Sisters of the

Holy Family of Nazareth, will speak followed by the Eucharistic Liturgy at 4:00 p.m. Bishop George Murry will be the main celebrant. Dinner will follow at 5:00 p.m. Registration forms will arrive shortly. Please mark your calendars.

4. Vocation DVD Series

The Catholic Television Network of Youngstown – CTNY will be producing a Vocation DVD series in the spring of 2012. Each 30-minute program will feature a religious congregation represented in the Diocese of Youngstown. Any religious congregation interested in participating in this project is asked to please contact Sister Joyca Candidi, OSHJ, at 330-744-8451, ext 238.

DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP

1. 2011 Annual Bishop's Appeal – Changing Lives...One Family at a Time

As of December 13, we received pledges totaling \$3,772,350 toward our goal of \$3.8 million in the 2011 Annual Bishop's Appeal. These gifts are from 23,218 households. We are receiving the final reports from our parishes at this time.

Please pray for the success of the 2011 Annual Bishop's Appeal.

2. Stewardship Bulletin Inserts

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

ECUMENISM

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2012

The Lutheran-Catholic Covenant Commission invites Catholic and Lutheran churches to commemorate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: *We Will All Be Changed by the Victory of Our Lord Jesus Christ, January 18-25, 2012*. For celebration resources, visit the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute web site, www.geii.org. For suggestions to celebrate Christian unity throughout the year, visit the Lutheran-Catholic Covenant website, www.lccovenant.org. For other helpful information, visit the USCCB Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs web site, www.usccb.org/seia.

PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

1. Mass for Life

Bishop Murry will celebrate the annual diocesan Mass for Life on **Saturday, January 21**, at 12:00 noon at St. Columba Cathedral. A pasta luncheon and program will be provided in St. Columba Hall following Mass. Guest speaker for the luncheon program is Rev. Gregory Maturi, O.P., speaking on "Life and Justice 2012." No reservations needed. All are welcome.

2. Rev. William J. Witt Respect Life Award

At the Mass for Life on January 21, the Human Life Guild will present the Rev. William J. Witt Award to recognize a local person, who through prayer and work, has worked to protect and foster respect for all human life in the Diocese of Youngstown. The award is also intended to honor the memory of Fr. Witt, a true champion of the pro-life movement who passed on to eternal life in February last year.

3. Holy Hours for Life at St. Columba Cathedral

St. Columba Cathedral will observe *Holy Hours for Life* on **Sunday, January 23**, from 4-7 p.m.. The Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 6 and Men and Women United for Life will provide refreshments at 7:00 p.m. in St. Columba Cathedral Hall. All are invited to spend time in prayer for a greater respect for all life and for an end to abortion.

4. Day of Penance and Prayer January 23 in All Parishes

On this day we remember the tragic 1973 Supreme Court decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. All dioceses of the United States will observe 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 to life (see GIRM no. 373). The Mass "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" (#48/1A or B from Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions) should be celebrated with white vestments, or the Mass "For the Preservation of Peace and Justice" (#30) with violet vestments.

5. Hope After Abortion

Help is available for those suffering the effects of abortion. Call 1-800-5 WE CARE or visit www.hopeafterabortion.com

6. Execution Alert

Charles Lorraine, Trumbull County, is scheduled for execution on **January 18, 2012**, for the deaths of Raymond and Doris Montgomery. Please pray for the victims of violent crime and for those awaiting execution on death row. For more information on Catholic teaching on the death penalty, visit <http://ohiocathconf.org/DP/deathpenalty.htm>.

7. God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage - Engaged Retreat

Diocesan-sponsored one-day marriage preparation retreat day for engaged couples will be held on **Saturday, January 28, 2012**, at St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown. Ideal for engaged couples and all involved in parish marriage preparation. Reservations are required. To register, visit www.cathdoy.org

8. Help for Hurting Marriages

Retrouvaille of Youngstown, a peer ministry of couples helping other troubled couples, is holding local weekend programs throughout 2012. Retrouvaille is a program that begins with a weekend experience and continues through six weekly follow-up sessions in which couples learn the truths about their relationship and a new method of communicating. The presenting couples and a clergy member guide the couples through the process. For registration information please call 800-470-2230 or visit <http://www.retrouvaille.org/>.

9. Pro-Life/Family Bulletin Briefs

Recommended bulletin briefs for January, prepared by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, are included in the attachments to this issue of *Communiqué*.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1. Awakening Faith: Father Frank DeSiano, CSP

Pastors and other pastoral, catechetical, and school leaders are reminded to register for the “Awakening Faith” training session of their choice as previously announced

Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 19, 2012, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

St. Columba Hall, Youngstown

Registration 15 minutes before start of session

Please contact the Office of Religious Education to let us know the number joining you for the session selected. The materials ordered will be distributed at the training.

2. Evangelization for Everyone

Strategize now to encourage active participation of those persons – single, couples, families, friends – who appeared over the Christmas holy days after a brief (or extended) absence from the parish. Select a few highly welcoming parishioners to make personal contact with the individuals or families to encourage a more active participation in the life of the community. Consider people who also may have had an extended absence from the parish as they have a story to share and are often willing to listen to the stories of others. Let’s make a New Year resolution to invite, re-invite, and keep inviting people to our welcoming, active, parish communities. Everyone needs to feel their presence is needed for the good of the whole. Resources on Evangelization techniques are available through the Office of Religious Education.

3. Fair Trade: Always the Best Value

In new year 2012, please consider the purchasing power we have to make a difference in our lives, and in the lives of others. The real “after Christmas” bargains are products that are made with love, whose producers have earned a just wage, under decent labor practices, and are child labor free. As we seek to live the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, resolving to shop differently, consume wisely, and preserve human dignity for all, Faith Trade shopping preferences can make a difference. Visit the Office of Religious Education tienda any day, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to browse and purchase or visit www.crsfairtrade.org for online shopping.

4. New Books at the Office of Religious Education Media Library:

Books and media at the Office of Religious Education Media Library:

Please visit us anytime between 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by appointment. You can access the collection 24/7 at <https://doylelib.follettdestiny.com>.

The Church and New Media : Blogging Converts, Online Activists, and Bishops who Tweet. Brandon Vogt. *Our Sunday Visitor*, 2011. Explores the powers and risks of facebook, YouTube, blogs, and Twitter. How can Christians harness these new tools to reach out, teach, form community, and change the world?

The Mass in Scripture: Lectio Divina Bible Study. Binz, Stephen J. *Our Sunday Visitor*, 2011. Using the new translation of the Roman Missal, Binz explores the biblical foundation of each element of the Mass, offering 30 lessons to deepen love for the Eucharist, and leading readers through study, reflection, prayer, and action.

Prayer from A to Z : for Catechists and Those They Teach Schaeffler Janet, . *Twenty Third Publications*, 2011. Reflections and over 100 creative ways for catechists to share prayer with those they teach.

Risk Shaped Discipleship: on Going Deeper into the Life of God. Biddington, Terry. Resource Publications, 2010. Make friends with change. How do you live out your faith when everything is changing so fast? To those filled with anxiety, fear, and pessimism, Terry Biddington turns the question on its head: How could you possibly live out your faith if the times were not changing? After all, God is about creativity; creation is all about wonder; the Gospel is all about the unexpected.

Surrender: the Life-Changing Power of Doing God's Will. Richards, Larry. Our Sunday Visitor, 2011. Fr. Richards will challenge you to let go of attachments, assumptions, and excuses that hold you back and give yourself more fully to God. What is it in your life that you hold on to so tightly that you can't surrender it in order to receive all God wants to give you?

5. "Treasured Gifts from God" Child Protection In-service Opportunities

All new volunteers and employees who minister with youth and children are required to participate in "Treasured Gifts From God" Child Protection In-service. For a schedule of upcoming In-services, contact the Office of Religious Education. Approved Facilitators of the Child Protection In-service are reminded to send the Approval Form (A-4) to the Office of Religious Education as soon as possible and preferably four weeks in advance. Please use the revised A-4 sent to all certified facilitators.

Please call the Office of Religious Education for information.

DATE	TIMES	CONTACT	PARISH	PHONE
01.12.2012	1:30 - 3:30 pm	Reverend Jim Lang	St. George Parish, Lisbon	330 424-7648
01.24.2012	Call parish for time	Deborah Scopacasa	St. Mary Parish, Orwell	440 437-8216
03.31.2012	9:00 - 11:00 am	Colleen Boyle	St. Christine Parish, Yo.	330 793-0544

6. Adult Faith Formation

First Friday Club of Youngstown
Antone's Banquet Center
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
<http://www.firstfridayclubofgreateryoungstown.org>
For reservations: 330-533-1023

Thursday, January 5, 2012
Bishop George V. Murry, S.J.
"Five Priorities for the Diocese of Youngstown"

The Hamilton Forum
Luncheon 11:30 a.m.
St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Canton
www.hamiltonforum.org
For reservations: 330 649-1231

Thursday, February 9, 2012
"The Church, The Poor, and Charity:
What the Pope Has to Say to Stark County"
James Armour, Executive Director
Catholic Charities of Stark County

Portage Dinner and Doctrine
Rusty Nail Restaurant, Kent
Dinner at 6:00 p.m. \$ 25.00
Presentation at 7:00 p.m.
Purchase tickets at any Portage County Parish

Tuesday, January 10, 2012
"Walking with the Wounded"
Father James Walker

Tuesday, February 14, 2012
"Why Thinking Catholics Stay in the Church"
Sister Mary McCormick, OSU

7. Upcoming Workshop on Volunteers

The Offices of Religious Education and Youth and Young Adult Ministry along with the Center for Ministry Development are sponsoring a day long workshop on "Mobilizing Volunteers for Your Ministry." The workshop details as well as registration can be found at www.CMDnet.org/volunteerworkshop.

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish, Austintown

Additional local information is available from the Office of Religious Education and the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

8. Scriptural Prayer for Ordinary Time Winter 2012

An order of service based on the *lectio divina* method of Scriptural prayer for the Sunday Gospels for Ordinary Time Year B Winter 2012 is included in the attachments to this issue of the *Communique*. You are welcome to use it for personal prayer or with parish ministry groups.

9. Online Faith Formation Opportunities

VLCFF: Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation
University of Dayton

<http://vlc.udayton.edu>

Classes begin January 8. Registration closes January 4.

C21 Online: Church in the 21st Century Online
Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

www.bc.edu/sites/c21online

Classes begin January 28. Registration closes January 20.

STEP Online: Satellite Theological Education Program
University of Notre Dame Institute for Church Life

Visit www.step.nd.edu

Classes begin January 9.

Contact the Office of Religious Education about catechist certification credit.

10. Adult Faith Formation Online Resources

Sister Rose Goes to the Movies

<http://sisterrosemovies.com/>

A movie review by Rose Pacatte FSP

GEMS: Great Endeavors Mined and Shared

A best practices adult faith formation newsletter by Janet Schaeffler OP

<http://www.janetschaeffler.com/Best-Practices.html>

11. LIM Webinar

The Loyola University New Orleans Institute for Ministry (LIM) invites the public to a free webinar on **January 10, 2012**, 8:00 p.m. CST. Dr. Eduardo Fernandez SJ presents his book [Mexican-American Catholics](#) as a resource for Latino/a ministry today. Go to <http://loyno.adobeconnect.com/webinar/>, select "Enter as a Guest", type in your name, and click "Enter Room".

[OFFICE OF WORSHIP](#)

1. How to Dispose of Old Copies of the *Sacramentary*

The Secretariat of Divine Worship has issued the following information regarding the disposition of copies of the old *Sacramentary*.

Whether or not the *Sacramentary* has been blessed by an official rite, it is appropriate to treat it with care as it has been admitted into liturgical use. Its disposal should be handled with respect. The Secretariat recommends burying the *Sacramentary* in an appropriate location on church grounds, or perhaps in a parish cemetery if there is one. Some have even suggested following a custom used in

various Eastern Churches whereby liturgical books or Bibles are placed in the coffin of the deceased as a sign of devotion and love for the Liturgy. In lieu of burying old liturgical books, they could be burned, and the ashes placed in the ground in an appropriate location on church grounds. It is advisable to retain a copy of the *Sacramentary* for parish archives or liturgical libraries.

Many parishes will also replace hymnals and other participation aids (such as hand missals) in light of updated editions corresponding to the new *Roman Missal*. While the Blessing of Articles for Liturgical Use also mentions hymnals, it might be difficult to appropriately dispose of a large number of copies of such books. After setting aside an appropriate number of copies for archives and libraries, other copies could be stored for use by prayer or study groups in the parish, offered to parishioners for their own private devotional use, or donated to other small communities that could effectively make use of them. Due to copyright agreements, annual hymnals and participation aids should be discarded after their prescribed period of use and cannot be retained for other uses in parishes.

2. Calendar Advisories

January 23, 2012 – On the day following the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, *Roe vs. Wade* (1973) all dioceses of the United States shall observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (see GIRM no. 373). The Mass “For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life” (#48/1A or B) from Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions may be celebrated with white vestments; or the Mass “For the Preservation of Peace and Justice” (#30) with violet vestments.

January 29, 2012 – In response to the beatification of John Paul II on May 1, 2011, the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments has given diocesan bishops permission to designate a Sunday during the year following the beatification on which to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of the new blessed.

The Most Reverend George V. Murry, S.J., Bishop of Youngstown, has chosen the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, which next year falls on January 29, as the date for this celebration to be held in the Diocese of Youngstown. The Opening Prayer for the day is:

O God, who are rich in mercy
and who willed that the Blessed John Paul II
should preside as Pope over your universal Church,
grant, we pray, that instructed by his teaching,
we may open our hearts to the saving grace of Christ,
the sole Redeemer of mankind.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.
Amen.

The other prayers, preface and antiphon are to be taken from the Common of Pastors: For a Pope. The texts for the First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, Second Reading and Gospel are also taken from the Common of Pastors: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; 2 Corinthians 5:14-20, John 21:15-17. Together, let us ask Blessed John Paul to intercede for us as we promote the New Evangelization throughout northeastern Ohio.

3. Liturgy Day

Saturday, February 4, 2012
Liturgy Day
St. Charles Parish, Boardman

Keynote Presenter: Reverend Richard Fragomeni, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Liturgy and Preaching at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago. Father Fragomeni will do a mystagogical reflection on the Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation. Workshops will be offered for those involved in various liturgical ministries. Brochures have been mailed.

4. The Rite of Election

The Rite of Election will be celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent, **February 26, 2012**, 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.

5. Women's Spirituality Day

Women's Spirituality Day will be held at the Ursuline Center, Canfield, on **Saturday, March 3, 2012**. Doris Donnelly, Ph.D., Professor of Theology at John Carroll University will be the Keynote Speaker. Brochures will be mailed in January.

6. Time for the Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil will be **April 7, 2012**. Sunset that evening will be 7:55 p.m. in the Diocese of Youngstown with the end of civil twilight at 8:23 p.m. The *Roman Missal* reminds us that "The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil must take place during the night, so that it begins after 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.

OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

1. Youth Ministers Epiphany Party

Back by popular demand, adults serving in youth ministry in our diocese are invited to the home of Cindee Case for the 8th Annual Youth Ministers Epiphany Party, on **Friday, January 6, 2012**, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. in Canfield (address will be given to those who RSVP by Jan. 4). The Epiphany Party is an opportunity for youth ministers to pray together, relax and have some holiday fun. Bring a wrapped "White Elephant" to exchange and a food to share (appetizer or dessert). Spouses welcomed. RSVP to ccase@youngstowndiocese.org with your name, name of any guests, and what dish you plan to bring.

2. New Youth Ministry Online Training Program

An exciting new Online Youth Ministry Training Program is coming in early 2012 for all adults who currently serve in, or are interested in serving in, ministries with teenagers. There will be options for students to take single, two-week learning modules, or "three-packs" which can also be taken for college credit at the undergraduate or masters level. There are a total of 12 learning modules. More information, including registration forms and prices, will be available in later this month.

3. Parish Youth Ministry Report Forms Now Past Due

The Parish Youth Ministry Report Forms were due in October. Every parish should to take time to evaluate your outreach to, by, with and for teens as you also supply the diocese with necessary information or note reasons for not offering youth ministry programs. Purple copies of the forms were included in the June Parish Minister folders, and can also be found online at <http://www.doy.org/parish-youth-ministry-report.asp> .

This information is necessary on the diocesan level for regional and national reports on the number of teens involved in parish ministries, the variety of opportunities presented around our diocese, and the number of parishes offering programs and services. At times, we have unique invitations for grant monies, for which this information is asked. When a parish does not submit a report, then there are zero teens listed as involved at that parish. This is unfortunate, as I know that means our diocesan numbers are skewed. So, if you have not yet returned it to the OY&YAM, or completed it online, please do so immediately. Your efforts are appreciated to assist the OY&YAM in gathering this vital information.

4. National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) 2011

The NCYC Experience continued on December 4th with a reunion to pray, share stories, eat and continue discussing faith. Now, it is time for all participants to complete the evaluations so that planning for the 2013 NCYC can begin.

Chaperones, please visit:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22DWK443R9Q>

Teens, please visit:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22DWJJU3EQP>

Everyone, please complete the National Evaluation as well at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NCYC2011>

5. Nominations for Eagle of the Cross

Nominations for Eagle of the Cross Award are now being accepted. The forms can be found at: http://www.cathdoy.org/offices_educ_youth_eagle.asp

Nominations must be received at the Diocesan offices by **Monday, February 17, 2012** (mailed by February 15th). These must be received in written or electronic formats (no facsimiles).

The Eagle of the Cross Awards Mass, Banquet and Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, April 18, 2012. The Eagle of the Cross is the highest award our diocese gives to high school juniors and seniors that have demonstrated Christian values and leadership at their parish and/or Catholic high school.

6. World Youth Day 2013 -- Young Adults are Invited

The Diocese of Columbus has invited young adults (ages 18 – 30s) from the Diocese of Youngstown to join them for the next World Youth Day International Gathering taking place **July 21-30, 2013**, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

World Youth Day (WYD) is a worldwide celebration of young Catholics with the Holy Father. WYD is primarily for young adults (18-30s) and you must be 18 or over at the time of the trip to attend WYD with the diocesan group. You must sign up now to go. Initial registrations are due January 17, 2012. The flyer with estimated trip cost and itinerary can be found at: <http://www.colsdioc.org/Portals/0/Departments/COM/Documents/WYD%202013%20Initial%20Flyer.pdf>

Payment plans are available. Contact the Columbus Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry for more information and to register: call (614)241-2565 or email srobinso@cdeducation.org.

7. Electronic Youth Ministry Updates

Sign up to receive periodic news from the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry via electronic updates (email). If you do not already receive the “YM E-Updates” or the “YAM E-Updates” please send an email to ccase@youngstowndiocese.org now, specifying if you serve in Youth Ministry and/or Young Adult Ministry, to be added to the distribution list(s). This is the primary connection to diocesan news, programs, services, and events regarding teens and young adults.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Catholic Women's Conference

Women Uplifted Catholic Women's Conference: "Stop Playing Hide and Seek with God"

Join women from throughout the Diocese for an uplifting day. Keynote speaker Sister Judy Gomila's talks are designed to assist women in responding to the call of Vatican II with their evangelization efforts of bringing the Gospel message into their everyday environments. These sessions will help them discover the ever present God in their daily living by helping them uncover hidden attitudes which may be hindering them from a more intimate relationship with God. In turn, they can strengthen their role as "the witness which they are bound to bear to Christ by their life and works in the home, in their social milieu, and in their own professional circle" (Ad Gentes 21). Music will be provided by Living Praise Women's Music Ministry.

Saturday, February 18, 2012, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. All attendees are invited to attend Mass at St. Columba Cathedral at 5:30 p.m. Youngstown. Registration Fee: \$25 (includes lunch). Contact: Peggy at 330-632-6725.

2. Church Organist Needed

St. Mary and St. Joseph Church in Newton Falls (southwestern Trumbull County) is looking for an organist, full time or part time. Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (with choir). Contact the parish office at 330-872-5742.

3. USCCB Advisory

The Diocese of Tucson has advised the Conference of the status of Mr. Gary E. Underwood, formerly a priest of that diocese who served in various parishes there from 1980-1986, and in the Military Ordinate from 1987-2006. He was convicted of sexual misconduct with a minor and is currently in prison. On his release, the Diocese of Tucson indicates that Mr. Underwood will have to register as a sex offender. He was dismissed from the clerical state on April 15, 2011, by Pontifical Rescript of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI. More info: 520-838-2500.

PROGRAMS & RETREATS

1. Ursuline Center, Canfield (330-799-4941) website: www.theursulinecenter.org

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. Registration required.

2. Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center, P.O. Box 424, Villa Maria, PA (724-964-8886) Email: dstiger@humilityofmary.org; website: www.villaprograms.org

Jan. 10	Coffee and Contemplation Christian Response to Violence Registration required	9:30-11:30 am \$7/ \$12 w/lunch
Jan. 20-21	22 Hour Retreat Registration required	7 pm Fri.-5 pm Sat. \$99

IN MEMORIAM

January

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

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