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CHANCERY

1. DIRECTORY NOTES

Rev. Robert Hannon	Pastor, St. Patrick Parish, Kent Effective July 1, 2003
Rev. David Misbrener	Pastor, Our Lady of Victory Parish, Andover & St. Patrick Parish, Kinsman Effective May 21, 2003
Rev. Joseph Ruggieri	Pastor, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Ashtabula Effective August 1, 2003

2. CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

A. New Brochure Available

A summary of key points of our Child Protection Policy is now available in brochure format. If you would like copies for groups, meetings, etc. please contact Nancy Yuhasz at the Chancery, 330-744-8451, ext. 235.

B. Webcheck

As you already know, all employees and volunteers who work with children on a regular basis must be fingerprinted through the Webcheck process at one of our three locations. It is requested that payment be made at time of fingerprinting.

The hours for Webcheck at Walsh University on Wednesday have been changed to 3-5 p.m. Other days and hours remain the same at Walsh: Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.-noon and Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon. Individuals who cannot come during scheduled hours should contact Walsh at 330-490-7474 to schedule an appointment. Hours for Webcheck at the Office of Catholic Schools remain the same: Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.-noon; Wednesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Thursday, 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. For St. Mary Parish, Orwell, please call for an appointment at 440-437-8216.

C. Forms Reminder

- The blue form listing names and positions of persons being considered for employment or volunteer service must be sent to the Chancery.
- The Background Questionnaire and Applicant's Certification are to be kept at the parish or institution for placement in the individual personnel files (unless there is a 'yes' response to the Background Questionnaire).
- For teachers, the Background Questionnaire and Applicant's Certification are to be sent to the Office of Catholic Schools.

3. SCAM TARGETING PARISHES

A man requesting financial assistance to procure a worker's permit with the INS has approached many of our parishes, using the names Paulo, Pablo, Juan or Robert Claros. He is also suspected of theft. He presents a very convincing story. Please contact your local police, and the Chancery, if he solicits money from you.

4. CONFIRMATION

The annual Confirmation request forms have been mailed to pastors, associate pastors, PDRE/PCRE and Confirmation Team Contact persons. Please send in only one form per parish. Once all forms are received the schedule will be made according to the Bishops' calendars.

5. BINGO APPLICATIONS

The Chancery Office has received updated information regarding bingo licenses. The latest information from the Catholic Conference of Ohio states: "We recommend that you advise your churches and schools that haven't submitted the applications to conduct instant bingo during their traditional bingo game or during their festivals that are scheduled after July 1, 2003 to do so as soon as possible."

Please see the additional information from the CCO enclosed with this issue of *Communique*. If you have any questions please contact the CCO at 614-224-7147.

6. OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

A. Journey of Hope...Alternatives to the Death Penalty

Family members of murder victims will visit the Diocese of Youngstown with the Journey of Hope on Sunday, October 5 and Tuesday, October 7. The Journey is a non-profit organization that addresses alternatives to the death penalty. Journey members will conduct media interviews and speak to school groups and parish organizations. Visit the Journey of Hope website at www.journeyofhope.org. To book a Journey speaker for your parish group call the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 330-744-8451, ext 289.

B. Legislative Seminar

National Committee for a Human Life Amendment will conduct a legislative seminar next month for parishes and lay group leaders in the Diocese of Youngstown. The legislative seminar will provide diocesan leaders and parish coordinators with the tools to develop effective legislative advocacy. Topics include: key pro-life legislation updates, the legislative process, and organizing local programs. Visit www.nchla.org. For information on seminar date & time contact Melinda Knight, Office of Pro-Life Activities.

C. Biking 4 Life

The National Catholic Student Coalition Biking 4 Life will visit the Diocese of Youngstown on Wednesday, July 16, as part of a 70-day pilgrimage from San Francisco to New York. Their aim is to spread the Gospel of Life in a culture of death through active discipleship in heeding the call of Pope John Paul II to “respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life!” For details, contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities.

D. EC Advertising Campaign

Emergency contraception (EC) is aggressively marketed to teenage and young adult women through deceptive radio, print and online advertising. EC (also called the “morning-after pill”) is a megadose of daily contraceptives and is available online. EC works both as a contraceptive and an abortifacient. Please phone or write local media outlets to protest. Resources and media contact information are available through the Office of Pro-Life Activities

E. Intercessions and Bulletin Announcements

Recommended Intercessions and bulletin announcements for June are included with this issue of *Communique*.

7. CTNY

A. Programming on the Ecumenical Channel

1. Ordination to the priesthood will be broadcast:
June 2, 8:00 p.m.; **June 3**, 2:00 p.m. and **June 4**, 10:00 a.m.
2. Cardinal Mooney High School Baccalaureate will be broadcast:
June 10, 8:00 p.m.; **June 11**, 4:00 p.m.
3. Ursuline High School Baccalaureate will be broadcast:
June 11, 8:00 p.m.; **June 12**, 4:00 p.m.
4. Mosaic: The video magazine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m.
5. World of Paul: Thursdays, 8:30 p.m.
June 5 Jerusalem City of Pilgrimages
June 12 Fortress of the Desert
June 19 Interview of Dr. Walter Persegati
June 26 Sistine Chapel
6. Christopher Close-Up: Tuesdays, 8:30 p.m.
June 1 Life Beyond Congress with Rick Lagin
June 8 Pushing the Envelope with Billy Gray
June 15 Art for God with painter Stephen Sawyer

B. Wineskins Highlights for June

WKBN – 570 AM, 7:30 a.m.; WRCW – 1060 AM, 10:30 a.m.; WLOA 1470 AM 10-11 a.m. Sundays

- June 1** World Communications Day reflection with Fr. Jeff Mickler, Society of St. Paul;
Sr. Brendon Zajac interviews Msgr. Robert Siffrin
- June 8** Melinda Knight, diocesan director of Pro-Life Activities, interviews Dave and Genny Norton on the types of Natural Family Planning
- June 15** Cindee Case, diocesan director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, will discuss the upcoming Diocesan Marian Congress at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Warren
- June 22** On Facts of Faith, Fr. Larry Rice will talk on Biblical manuscripts;
Sr. Brendon interviews Msgr. Siffrin
- June 29** Lou Jacquet reports from the Exponent;
Mr. Bill Dunlop will talk about the Society of St. Vincent DePaul

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES

1. CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORPORATION

A. Voice of Hope Update

All nominations for Catholic Charities Voice of Hope Awards are due by June 30, 2003. Three awards will be presented in the following categories: Individual, Parish, and Catholic institution.

The nomination process has been simplified this year. Take advantage of this opportunity to recognize a person or group in your community who exhibits excellence, creativity and leadership in charity and justice.

So far, 50 tickets have been sold for the 2003 Catholic Charities Voice of Hope Dinner. Mercy Medical Center, Humility of Mary Health Partners and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Youngstown have signed on as sponsors for the event.

Make your reservations today and join us to celebrate the unity and identity of Catholic Charities Services in the Diocese of Youngstown on Friday, **October 24**, 2003 at Leo's Ristorante and Banquet Center, Warren. Cocktail hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:20 p.m.

Call Rachel Hrbolich at 330-744-8451, ext. 328 with any questions regarding the Catholic Charities Voice of Hope Dinner.

B. Helpful Resource Available

Copies of the *Catholic Charities Program and Service Guide* are available by calling 330-744-8451, ext. 328. This helpful resource provides the addresses, phone numbers and fax numbers of all Catholic Charities locations in the Diocese of Youngstown, as well as a listing of all programs and services offered.

CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

1. OFFICE OF CHURCH VOCATIONS

Congratulations to Reverend G. David Weikart who was ordained to the priesthood on May 31, 2003.

2. OFFICE OF VOWED RELIGIOUS

Free Health and Wellness Programs for Religious

Humility of May Health Partners (HMHP) invites women and men Religious from across the diocese to take advantage of some health and wellness programs. For your convenience, these programs can be offered at your motherhouses or local convents. This free service is a way for HMHP to show concern and gratitude to Religious for all they have done to support ministry over the years. Some of the available health and wellness programs are:

Women's programs	Stress management	Diabetes
Cardiac	BP Screening	Cancer & specific cancers
Injury prevention	Bone density	Fibromyalgia
Nutrition/healthy eating	Stroke	Exercise tips

These and other programs can be designed specifically for your needs and are offered without cost to the congregation. To take advantage of this offer please contact: Sr. Judith Shoff, OSU, St. Elizabeth Health Center, 330-480-3245 or email: judith_shoff@hmis.org.

DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP

1. Annual Bishop's Appeal

As of May 13 we have received pledges totaling \$1,920,343 toward our goal of \$3.5 million in our 2003 Annual Bishop's Appeal. These commitments are from 8,735 donors responding to the Advanced Gift Phase of our 2003 Appeal.

Please pray for the success of our Appeal and those served through its success.

2. Bulletin Inserts

Suggested stewardship bulletin inserts for June/July are included with this issue of *Communique*.

PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. OFFICE OF LAY MINISTRY FORMATION

Foundations in Ministry Program

Information sessions for Foundations in Ministry Program are scheduled for:

Monday, July 14, 2003
St. Patrick Parish, Leetonia
Parish Center
Hosted by Fr. Ed Brienz

Monday, August 4, 2003
St. Louis Parish, Louisville
Hoffer Center
Hosted by Sr. Andre Kravec, OP

Program director Eileen W. Novotny will be contacting pastors in each of the deaneries to host an informational session for area parishes.

2. OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A. Employment of Parish Ministers

Pastors seeking new or additional parish ministers to serve pastoral ministry, youth ministry or religious education are asked to contact the Office of Religious Education for assistance. Positions will be made known to qualified applicants, and pastors will have help with selection criteria, creation of suitable position descriptions and additional needs. Other support services are available from the Office of Religious Education and the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

B. Living for the Lord Summer 2003 Christian Formation Series

Vacation Bible School isn't just for children – many adult opportunities for ongoing faith development are available this summer. Take advantage of the slower pace of summer to enrich your faith and deepen your spirituality. Contact the Office of Religious Education to register, or to request additional brochures.

C. Sowers of God's Peace

The theme for the new catechetical year 2003-2004 is "Sowers of God's Peace." For the USCCB resource packet filled with ideas for celebrating parish catechesis please call the Office of Religious Education. Packets are \$10.00 plus shipping.

D. Sowers of God's Peace Fall 2003 Christian Formation Series

Parish leaders planning to offer an adult faith formation series in the fall are asked to contact Barbara Walko for inclusion in the Christian Formation Series brochure. Parishes hoping to host a course for their parishioners and would like the Office of Religious Education to make arrangements are encouraged to call as soon as possible.

3. OFFICE OF WORSHIP

General Instruction of the Roman Missal

The Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments has recently approved an English translation of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. In light of this, there will be workshops to facilitate the implementation of the changes to the celebration of the Mass. Two workshops remain in June for all involved in liturgy, especially liturgy committees and parish ministers.

Tuesday, **June 3**, 7:00-9:00 p.m. **-or-** Thursday, **June 5**, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
St. Michael Parish, Canfield Little Flower Parish, North Canton
Registration at both sites is at 6:45 p.m.

Registration information has been mailed. For more information please contact the Office of Worship.

4. OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

A. Diocesan Marian Congress for Youth

Please keep the delegates, speakers and chaperones in your prayers for the Congress on **June 17** at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Warren.

B. Eagle of the Cross Awards

Congratulations to all 2003 Eagle of the Cross recipients and their families, and thank you to all who helped with the awards liturgy and banquet.

C. Brake the Cycle of Poverty in America

This cross-country bike tour, sponsored by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, is a way to raise awareness about poverty in America. The group will be pedaling through the Diocese of Youngstown about July 24-25. For information about the tour and route, visit www.brakethecycle.org or contact Mary Yerrick at 301-320-6888. Check here next month for information on events planned in the diocese.

PROGRAMS - RETREATS

1. AIDS Ministry – Prayer Support Group

For persons challenged by HIV/AIDS, their families, friends or those grieving their loved ones. The Ursulines of Youngstown invite those feeling the impact of HIV/AIDS to join them for a meal and socialization on Saturday, **June 21**, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Ursuline Center, 4280 Shields Road, Canfield. Reservations are not necessary. Call Sister Kathleen Minchin, 330-792-7636 or Father Frank Zanni, 330-394-2461, for more information.

2. Sacred Heart Retreat Center, Youngstown (330-759-9539)

June 1-5	Diocesan Priests' Retreat	
June 10	Women's Auxiliary Annual Banquet (for paid members)	5:30 pm
June 12	Women's Auxiliary Card Party Lunch and door prizes	10 am-3 pm \$5.00 donation
June 23-27	MSC Chapter	

3. Villa Maria Retreat Center, Villa Maria, PA (724-964-8920, ext. 3358)

July 7-13	Directed Retreat Registration due: June 23	7 pm Mon.-Breakfast Sun. Cost: \$250
July 13-20	Conference Retreat "The Prophets – Voices from the Past, Challenges for Today" Registration due: June 27	7 pm Sun.-Breakfast Sun. Cost: \$260
July 20-27	Directed Retreat Registration due: July 4	7 pm Sun.-Breakfast Sun. Cost: \$270

July 27-Aug. 3

Conference Retreat
"Thomas Merton Uncensored"
Registration due: July 14

7 pm Sun.-Breakfast Sun.
Cost: \$260

4. Magnificat of Stark County

Magnificat of Stark County, a women's ministry modeled after the Visitation, will sponsor a breakfast **June 14** at Shady Hollow Country Club, 4865 Wales Ave (Rt. 241 south of 685). Doors open 8:30 a.m. with breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$15.00. Speaker Aggie Neck will discuss how Jesus led her to discover who she is in Him. Send checks payable to "Magnificat of Stark County" by June 6 to: Ruthanne Plas, 10250 Lafayette Dr., NW, Canal Fulton, OH 44614. No tickets at the door. For more information call 330-854-4894 or 330-499-2030.

MISCELLANEOUS

Preschool Administrator/Teacher Needed

Little Flower Parish, North Canton, is seeking a positive and innovative individual who can work collaboratively with the community of the faithful serving as both the preschool administrator and teacher. Must meet State of Ohio and diocesan requirements. Send cover letter and resume to Fr. Kevin Fete, 2040 Diamond St., NE, North Canton, OH 44721 or fax: 330-494-2536 by June 27, 2003.

IN MEMORIAM

	<u>June</u>
<i>Rev. Joseph J. Elias</i>	1/62
<i>Rev. Thomas D. O'Shaughnessy</i>	3/66
<i>Rev. Anthony Battes</i>	5/51
<i>Rev. Jeffrey Volzer</i>	6/94
<i>Rev. Gregory Scholz, OP</i>	9/46
<i>Rev. Thomas P. Gallagher</i>	11/59
<i>Rev. John A. Stefanic</i>	12/48
<i>Rev. John J. Reichert, OP</i>	13/87
<i>Rev. Vincent Scharff</i>	13/93
<i>Rev. Alphonse A. Konarski</i>	14/61
<i>Rev. Frederick J. Bertram</i>	17/56
<i>Rev. William Dillon, OP</i>	18/74
<i>Rev. John C. Welsh</i>	21/01
<i>Rev. Anthony Lang</i>	22/68
<i>Rev. Paul J. Dehnke</i>	23/73
<i>Rev. Kenneth Beznoska, MSC</i>	27/96
<i>Rev. Alexander Krupa, OFM</i>	27/02
<i>Rev. Emil S. Kalafut</i>	28/66
<i>Rev. James G. Joyce, OP</i>	28/79
<i>Rev. Edward C. Gallagher</i>	28/90
<i>Rev. Henry Post, CPPS</i>	30/67

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**APPLICATION FOR A BINGO LICENSE TO CONDUCT
INSTANT BINGO DURING YOUR FESTIVALS
LAS VEGAS NIGHTS AND/OR TRADITIONAL BINGO**

Catholic Conference of Ohio

If you haven't submitted your application to conduct the gaming activities mentioned above, you should do so as soon as possible. If you have already submitted your application and haven't been contacted by the Attorney General concerning additional information needed, clarification of your responses, etc. your bingo license will be mailed to you on or about June 28-29.

To assist in the completion of the application, the Catholic Conference of Ohio has prepared an annotated copy to help you. On May 2 the annotated application can be found by going to www.cdeducation.org/cco entering the website and clicking the link titled "Annotated Application to Assist Parishes and Schools in Preparing the 2003 Bingo Application." There is also a link to the Attorney General's website in case you need a copy of the Application, Instructions or Schedules A,B or C.

If you have any questions about completing the application after reviewing the annotated version, don't hesitate to contact the Catholic Conference of Ohio at 614-224-7147.

You may receive inquiries from a fraternal or veteran's organization offering to make you a recipient of proceeds generated by the organization in conducting instant bingo. Fraternal and veterans groups are required by the new bingo law to distribute a minimum of 50% of the proceeds generated from instant bingo to a 501 (c) (3) organization. This is all perfectly legitimate. Don't hesitate to be the recipients of their charity. If you have any questions about these contracts, don't hesitate to contact the Catholic Conference at 614-224-7147.

OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

Suggested Intercessions for the Month of June

June 1st SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

For every unborn child; that the miracle of their life may inspire us to preserve, protect and nurture them;

We pray to the Lord:

June 8th PENTECOST SUNDAY

That the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit might move all the sons and daughters of the Church to defend the right to life of all God's children; *We pray to the Lord:*

June 15th MOST HOLY TRINITY

That through our participation in the divine life, the Holy Spirit might inspire within us a growing love for the Gospel of Life; *We pray to the Lord:*

June 22nd MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

That through the gift of his own Body and Blood, Christ might endow the Church with the grace she needs to preserve and protect the life of all who are innocent and weak; *We pray to the Lord:*

June 29th SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

For Pope John Paul II, that his unwavering witness to the dignity of life might remain a gift to the Church for many years to come; *We pray to the Lord:*

Suggested Bulletin Messages for the Month of June

Only when human life is valued and cherished will the safety and well-being of every person and family flourish.

-Archbishop Brunett, Sept. 11, One Year Later, Origins, Vol. 32: No. 16, September 26, 2002

The church respects and supports scientific research when it has a genuinely humanist orientation, avoiding any form of instrumentalization or destruction of the human being and keeping itself free from the slavery of political and economic interests. *-John Paul II, address on Biomedical Research, Limits of Science, February 2003*

The unborn child is not something but 'someone' whose dignity is always to be honored and defended.

-Bishop William Friend, Bishop of Shreveport, LA, Catholic Perspective on Stem-Cell Research and Use, speech at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, February 12, 2003

Every human being, no matter how small or young or dependent on others, possesses infinite value.

-Standing for the Unborn, statement by the Jesuit Conference Board, March 25, 2003

... Truth and solidarity are necessary if humanity is to succeed in building a culture of life, a civilization of love, a world of peace. *- John Paul II, address to the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, March 25, 2003, in reference to World Communications Day, June 1, 2003, Judiciary Committee*

Suggested Stewardship Bulletin Inserts for June/July

June 1, 2003 (7th Sunday of Easter)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Jesus is the perfect steward ... watching carefully over all who had been entrusted to Him by the Father and then sending them all out into the world in service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to me!

June 15, 2003 (Holy Trinity)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's second reading reminds us that we are the adopted sons and daughters ... the heirs ... of God. We are good stewards of our inheritance when we share our faith and fulfill Our Lord's command to "go and make disciples of all the nations."

June 29, 2003 (Peter and Paul)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Saints Peter and Paul worked tirelessly to spread the Gospel. Not all can be apostles, but we, too, must be good stewards of our vocations, using the gifts we've been given in the service of God's Kingdom.

July 13, 2003 (15th in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's Gospel recounts the story of the sending of the twelve disciples; and in the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we, too, are chosen. For what have I been chosen? To whom have I been sent?

July 27, 2003 (17th in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"The hand of the Lord feeds us," says the Psalmist, "he answers all our needs." Both Elisha's servant in the first reading and the disciples in the Gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand saw this happen and knew it to be true.

June 8, 2003 (Pentecost)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

St. Paul reminds us today that all of our gifts have their source in the Holy Spirit and that those gifts are given "for the common good." What gifts are mine to share?

June 22, 2003 (Body and Blood of Christ)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The focus of today's feast is the total self-giving of Jesus. The bishops' stewardship pastoral reminds us that "the glory and the boast of Christian stewards lie in mirroring, however poorly, the stewardship of Jesus Christ, who gave and still gives all that he has and is.

July 6, 2003 (14th in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

This weekend as we celebrate the Independence of our country, we will do well to echo the Psalmist, saying, "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy." May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance He has showered upon us.

July 20, 2003 (16th in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.