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CHANCERY

1. CONFIRMATION

Tues., March 2, 7:00 pm	St. Rose, Girard	Bp. Tobin
Wed., March 3, 7:00 pm	O.L. Mt. Carmel, Niles	Bp. Tobin
Sun., March 7, 2:00 pm	St. Paul, Salem	Bp. Tobin
Sun., March 14, 3:00 pm	Holy Family, Poland	Bp. Tobin
Tues., March 16, 7:00 pm	St. Joseph, Jefferson & St. Andrew, Kingsville	Bp. Warfel
Wed., March 17, 7:00 pm	St. Patrick, Hubbard	Bp. Franzetta
Wed., March 17, 7:00 pm	St. Stephen, Niles	Bp. Warfel
Thurs., March 18, 7:00 pm	Ashtabula Parishes	Bp. Warfel
Sat., March 20, 11 am & 2 pm	St. Paul, North Canton	Bp. Warfel
Sun., March 21, 3:00 pm	St. Christine, Youngstown	Bp. Warfel
Tues., March 23, 7:00 pm	Holy Spirit, Uniontown	Bp. Warfel
Wed., March 24, 7:00 pm	St. Mary, Massillon	Bp. Warfel
Thurs., March 25, 7:00 pm	O.L. Peace, Canton	Bp. Warfel
Sun., March 28, 11:00 am	St. Mary, Canton & St. Paul Canton	Bp. Tobin
Sun., March 28, 3:00 pm	St. Michael, Canton	Bp. Franzetta

2. DIRECTORY NOTES

Rev. Thomas Dyer	Administrator, St. Ann Parish, Sebring Effective March 1, 2004 President, St. Thomas Aquinas High School Effective July 1, 2004
Rev. Robert Gibas	Pastor, St. Clement 216 E. Wooster St., Navarre 44662 (publishing error: should be on pg. 33)
Rev. J. Patrick Manning	Vice Rector/Vice President Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus Effective January 13, 2004
Rev. Leo Wehrlin	Full-time Vocation Director Residence: St. Patrick Parish, Hubbard Effective February 23, 2004

Address Correction: Sacred Heart Parish
3049 St. Rt. 45, P.O. Box 310, Rock Creek, OH 44084
(incorrectly listed as Box 110 in February *Communique*)

3. CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

A. Update Document

Enclosed with this issue of *Communique* is a copy of "An Update on the Status of the Child Protection Policy in the Diocese of Youngstown." This document contains statistics and general information about child sexual abuse and policies in our diocese, including information submitted as part of the study commissioned by the USCCB and conducted by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. The "Update" was printed in the February 13 issue of the Catholic Exponent, is posted on the diocesan website, and has been sent to parishes and the media. Additional copies may be obtained from the Chancery Office, 330-744-8451, ext. 235.

B. Fingerprinting Requirement

The *Diocese of Youngstown Child Protection Policy* requires "Each applicant for employment or volunteer service in a position with regular contact with children will provide his/her fingerprints in order that a criminal background check may be made."

Pastors, principals and administrators are required to ensure that their employees/volunteers have complied with this requirement, whether they are new to service in the diocese or have been serving our children for many years.

Questions about procedures may be directed to Nancy Yuhasz at the Chancery Office, 330-744-8451, ext. 235.

C. Webcheck Billing

Persons who are fingerprinted for the Child Protection Policy and request that the parish or institution be billed are asked to print or write clearly the name of the parish and city, or the name of the school and city, on the log sheet in order that the proper institution may be billed. Thank you for your cooperation.

4. CHURCH OVERSEAS COMBINED COLLECTION

The annual combined collection for the Church Overseas was held in parishes of the diocese the weekend of February 14/15, 2004. This four-in-one collection includes (1) American Bishops' Overseas Appeal (2) Holy Father/Peter's Pence (3) the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and (4) the Church in Latin America.

Parishes are asked to remit proceeds of this collection to the Chancery in a timely manner, as some national collections have different dates and diocesan proceeds are often due to national offices soon after our combined collection

5. OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

A. Catholic Radio WLOA 1470AM Conference

Lenten Conference **March 19-20** in Buffalo. Speakers include Dr. Ray Guarendi, Dr. Alan Keyes, and Jason Evert. Round-trip charter bus transportation provided from Youngstown. For reservations, visit www.holyfamily.ws or call 877-888-6279.

B. Natural Family Planning Instruction

Natural Family Planning is based on respect for human life, human dignity and the truths about marriage. Classes begin **March 23** at Mercy Medical Center, 1320 Mercy Dr., NW, Canton. Phone 330-489-1329.

An NFP Information Session will be offered **March 10** at St. Raphael Bookstore, 4365 Fulton Dr., NW, Canton. Phone 330-492-7018 or 1-800-548-8720.

C. Feast of the Annunciation/International Day of the Unborn Child

The Feast of the Annunciation/International Day of the Unborn Child on **March 25** is an opportunity to raise awareness in your parish of the sanctity of human life. For parish pro-life resources contact Melinda Knight, Office of Pro-Life Activities 330-744-8451 ext 289.

D. Execution Scheduled

The Ohio Supreme Court has scheduled the execution of William Wickline for March 30, 2004. Parishes interested in holding a vigil of prayer for the victims and families of violent crime and for those on death row please contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 330-744-8451.

For information about Catholic teaching on capital punishment visit the U.S. Bishops' website at www.nccbuscc.org/sdwp/national/criminal/cappunishment/htm or Catholics Against Capital Punishment website at www.cacp.org. For information about the death penalty in Ohio, visit Ohioans to Stop Executions at www.otse.org.

E. Pro-Life Conference

Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, presents "Rebuilding the Culture of Life" **June 5-6**, 2004. Speakers include Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life, Joe Scheidler of Pro-Life Action League, former abortion provider Lorraine LaNeve and Denise Mackura, Executive Director of Ohio Right to Life. The Pro-Life Conference will include time for prayer, worship, Liturgy and a Eucharistic Holy Hour, as well as practical talks and workshops on cutting-edge strategies and projects to help advance respect for human life.

Early registration is suggested. Register online at www.franciscanconferences.com or call the conference office at 1-800-437-8368 or 740-283-6314.

F. The Gospel of Life and Political Responsibility

"Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics," U.S. Bishops' 1998 document and study guides are available from the Office of Pro-Life Activities, 330-744-8451 ext 289.

G. Intercessions and Bulletin Announcements

Recommended intercessions and bulletin announcements from the USCCB Pro-Life Secretariat for the month of March are included with this issue of *Communique*.

6. CTNY

Log onto the CTNY website at www.doy.org for program information and more.

A. Programming on the Ecumenical Channel

1. Solemn Mass of the Annunciation from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. – LIVE – March 25, 12:10 pm

2. Knights of Columbus Solemn Mass: Day of the Unborn – March 25, 7:30 pm
 3. Holy Land, Holy People – Mondays, 8:00 pm
From the barren mystical desert of Jerusalem's sacred sites, this series examines the three faiths, their relationships in history and the modern individuals who are joining together to bring life to the future.
 4. Parables of Matthew & Mark – Thursdays, 8:00 pm
Msgr. John Lenz from the Archdiocese of Detroit discusses the Parables and how they apply to today's world.
 5. Christopher Close-Up with Msgr. Jim Lisante – Tuesdays, 8:30 pm

March 2:	Simple Things	March 23:	Kitchen Privileges
March 9:	A Balanced Life	March 30:	The Ryan Project
March 16:	Act Natural		
 6. World of Paul in Lenten Cycle C – Thursdays, 8:30 pm
- B. Wineskins Highlights for March – Sunday Mornings

WKBN – 570 AM, 7:30 am; WRCW – 1060 AM, 10:30 am; WLOA 1470 AM 10:00 am

- March 7: John Damico, director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life, will tell us about the new publication, "Between Man and Woman, Questions and Answers about Marriage and Same Sex Unions" published by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Fr. Leo Wehrin will interview Br. Thomas Aquinas Dolan, a Dominican Brother who Diocesan Director of Missions and Evangelization, as part of the series for the upcoming Vocation Congress. Joanne Carney Smith tells us about the Lives of the Saints; and Fr. Larry Frient reflects on the Scriptures for the month of March.
- March 14: Fr. Jeff Mickler interviews Joseph and Phyllis Tuscan, the parents of Fr. Joseph Tuscan, a Capuchin priest, for the Vocation Congress Series.
- March 21: Brian Corbin, executive director of Catholic Charities Services, will tell us about the Pope's Lenten message concerning the poor children of the world. Sr. Brendon Zajac will interview Bishop Thomas Tobin on the upcoming Vocation Congress.
- March 28: Fr. Larry Rice speaks about the Stations of the Cross from the Facts of Faith series. Mary Ann Cosentino will interview Norm and Maryanne Duffy about the Retrouvaille program.

The music for the month of March was taken from the CD Psalms for the Church Year by David Haas and Jeanne Cotter.

7. ECUMENISM

Lutheran-Catholic Covenant Commission

The Lutheran-Catholic Covenant Commission has prepared a set of Discussion Questions and Reflections for Lent, 2004 based on the Sunday readings. These are included with this issue of *Communique*. You are encouraged to use these materials, and/or adapt them, for ecumenical gatherings during this holy season.

CANONICAL SERVICES

In-Service Available

Staff members of the Tribunal are available to provide a 1½ hour in-service program for pastors, associates, deacons, religious, principals, 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 program will focus on preparation of case histories, compilation of documents, witnesses and determining the appropriate grounds of nullity.

Size of the in-service will be in small groups. 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. Because of the diversity of ministries and theological backgrounds the sessions will be divided into two separate groups, namely, (1) priests and deacons, and (2) pastoral ministers and parish personnel who work in this canonical area. Interested parties should call the Tribunal at 330-744-8451, ext. 252.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES

1. CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORPORATION

A. New Venture for Catholic Charities of Portage County

Executive Director Sharon Minson announces the purchase of Riddle Block Nine in Ravenna by Catholic Charities of Portage County. This four-floor building houses the Catholic Charities agency, as well as its job-training program, COPY THIS! Business Center. Two of the floors contain a few efficiency apartments as well as 16 two-bedroom apartments – some of which are vacant and ready for new tenants. In order to make further inquiries about the rent amounts or to make an appointment to see an apartment, call Laurie Miller Patterson at 330-297-7745.

B. Last Chance for Newsletters

Extra copies of the Winter 2003 issue of the Catholic Charities Newsletter are available to individuals, parishes and other Catholic institutions on a first-come, first-served basis. Call Rachel Hrbolich at 330-744-8451, ext. 329 (or email: rhrbolich@youngstowndiocese.org) to request your copies.

2. OFFICE OF SOCIAL ACTION

A. Operation Rice Bowl – Collection Date: April 8, 2004

Parishes have received information packets from Operation Rice Bowl for distribution. If you would like more information on this program, visit their site at www.catholicrelief.org/orb. For more information here in the diocese, contact Brian Corbin at charities@youngstowndiocese.org. Please consider giving again in 2004 as the Church needs your help responding to the basic human needs of people locally and globally. Again, thanks for your participation and generosity.

Other related Web Sites:

<http://www.catholicrelief.org/fairtrade/coffee/ee.cfm> CRS in partnership with Equal Exchange coffee. Consider buying this coffee for home/parish/school/work as a daily act of solidarity.

B. Migration and Refugee Services Conference/Symposium

The Church and Outreach to New Immigrants. Mark your calendars.

When : Friday, **May 14**, 2004; 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Walsh University, Davis Center

What: A day long symposium on the role of the Church and outreach to new immigrants will feature workshops on legal issues, pastoral outreach, and social services.

Who: a) Keynote: Bishop John Manz, Member of USCCB Committee on Migration and Refugees and Episcopal Liaison with Catholic Farmworkers Network, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago.
b) all are welcome, especially priests, deacons, religious, catechetical workers, teachers, social concerns contacts.

More information will be forthcoming. For more details, contact Brian Corbin bcorbin@youngstowndiocese.org or call him at 330-744-8451 ext. 320.

C. Political Responsibility: Faithful Citizenship

If your parish would like a workshop or guest speaker on the 2003 U.S. Catholic Bishops' document, Faithful Citizenship, contact Brian Corbin at bcorbin@youngstowndiocese.org or call him at 330-744-8451 ext. 320.

Check the Bishops' website: <http://www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship/faithfulcitizenship03.htm> for a copy of the text.

CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

1. OFFICE OF CHURCH VOCATIONS

A. Ministry of Lector

Matthew Albright, a seminarian studying for the Diocese of Youngstown, will be installed in the Ministry of Lector at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 8, 2004 at St. Vincent Basilica, Latrobe. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will preside.

B. Diocesan Congress on Vocations

Please pray for the success of our upcoming Diocesan Congress on Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life, which will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, **March 27**, 2004 at the Maronite Center in Youngstown.

Parishes should have received a packet of materials which includes posters to display, a supply of prayer cards, suggested bulletin announcements and general intercessions, and a copy of the delegate manual. Suggested bulletin announcements and intercessions for the Liturgy are included in this issue of *Communique*. Delegates to the Congress will receive a reminder letter along with directions to the Maronite Center.

Because there may be parishioners who are not delegates who would still like to participate in the event in some way, pastors are encouraged to make available some time for prayer. Perhaps it could be as simple as encouraging parishioners to make a visit to the church sometime during the congress and pray for its success. Eucharistic adoration in our parishes during the time of the Congress would also be especially appropriate.

These weeks of preparation are also an excellent opportunity to include the topic of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in your parish religious education program, school religion classes or other adult formation gatherings.

If there are any questions please contact one of the members of the Vocation Congress Committee: Msgr. John Zuraw, Rev. Leo Wehrin, Sr. Joyce Candidi, OSHJ, or Sr. Brendon Zajac, SND.

C. Seminary Live-Ins

The next Seminary Live-in at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, is scheduled for **March 7-9, 2004**.

If you know of anyone interested in attending this Seminary Live-in, or if you would like additional information, please contact the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451, ext. 329.

D. Vocation Prayer Cards

Anyone interested in ordering Vocation Prayer Cards, please contact the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451, ext. 329. Please note that there is no charge for the prayer cards.

3. OFFICE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION OF PRIESTS

A. Workshop

“Burying our People with Dignity” A workshop for priests, deacons and funeral directors.

Tuesday, March 9 , 2004	12:00-3:30 p.m.	Ursuline Center, Canfield
Wednesday, March 24 , 2004	12:00-3:30 p.m.	St. Michael Parish, Canton

B. Priests' Anniversary Mass & Dinner

Monday, May 17 , 2004	4:00 p.m.	St. Charles Parish, Boardman
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C. Priests' Retreat

September 19-23 , 2004	Fr. Noah Casey, O.S.B., from St. Meinrad
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D. Priests' Convocation

September 6-9 , 2005	Fr. Steve Rossetti is scheduled.
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4. OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS

A. Religious Conference Day

All Religious in the diocese are invited to celebrate the gift of Religious Life as well as the Golden and Silver Jubilees of our sisters and brothers on Sunday, **March 13**, 2004 at the Ursuline Education Center, Canfield. Congratulations to all Jubilarians.

B. Theology of Religious Life

You are invited to a conversation on the Theology of Religious life with theologian Sister Patricia Walter, OP, Ph.D., at the Villa Maria Community Center, Pennsylvania, on Friday, **April 2**, and/or Saturday, **April 3**, 2004. Please note that every religious house should have received a flyer. For further details please call Sister Mary Cunningham, HM, at 724-964-8920, ext. 3383 or e-mail: Mcunningham@humilityofmary.org.

C. Associates and Religious

The North American Conference of Associates and Religious (NACAR) is an excellent resource for congregations interested in beginning an Associate Program, or for keeping updated, networking and mutual support for those congregations with an existing Associate Program. For more information on the goals, activities and available resources of NACAR please contact Sister Ellen Rose O'Connell, SC, at 718-918-9420 or e-mail: eocsc@aol.com

DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP

1. 2004 Annual Bishop's Appeal Launched

The 2004 Annual Bishop's Appeal was launched on February 9 when the Leadership Gift mailing was sent to 310 Catholic households. The Leadership Gift mailing is sent to those Appeal supporters identified as having the capacity to make a gift of \$1,000 or more. This year's Appeal goal is \$3.6 million and its theme is "Sharing His Love. . . for Church and Charity."

May our Lord bless those who generously make sacrifices for our Annual Appeal, and those who will be served thanks to those sacrifices. Please pray for the success of our 2004 Appeal.

2. Diocesan Stewardship Day

Hold the date: Diocesan Stewardship Day will be celebrated **September 23**, featuring Mr. Jim Kelly of the Diocese of Charlotte. Jim is nationally recognized as a featured presenter on stewardship and the formation and education of parish stewardship committees. His presentations at the annual International Catholic Stewardship Conference are "standing room only,"

Stewardship Day in the Diocese of Youngstown will feature a morning session in Stark County and an evening session in the Youngstown area. Jim Kelly will be featured at both locations. Mark the date now. Details are forthcoming.

3. Bulletin Inserts

Suggested stewardship bulletin inserts for March/April are included with this issue of *Communique*.

PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. OFFICE OF LAY MINISTRY FORMATION AND PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS

A. Women's Spirituality Day

Holy Women: Past, Present, Future -- Saturday, **March 6**, 2004, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Ursuline Center, 4280 Shields Road, Canfield, Ohio

Featuring Sr. Ruth Fox, OSB, Director of the Benedictine Spirituality Center at Sacred Heart Monastery of Richardton, North Dakota. Bishop Thomas Tobin will celebrate Morning Prayer.

For information please call 330-744-8451, ext. 271. Registration is \$25 per person.

B. Evening of Reflection and Affirmation

For Lay Ministry Formation Track II Participants, an Evening of Reflection and Affirmation will be held on Monday, **March 22**, 2004 at St. Michael Parish Center in Canfield. Fran Amer, director of the Office of Worship, will facilitate "Bread for the Journey." Reservations are \$10 per participant, \$15 per guest and are needed by March 15, 2004. Please contact Elaine Donchess at 330-744-8451, ext. 271 (fax: 330-744-2848) to register.

C. 2004 Parish Pastoral Councils Regional Meetings

Creating a Culture of Life and Hope 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Monday, **May 3**: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 3430 St. Michael Blvd., Canton

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Wednesday, **May 5**: The Ursuline Center, 4250 Shields Rd., Canfield

Mr. Rick Krivanka, Director of Pastoral Planning, Diocese of Cleveland

Request to Pastors/Secretaries/Parish Pastoral Council Chairpersons: If there have been changes in your Parish Pastoral Council membership and/or chairperson, please fax (330-744-2848), email (enovotny@youngstowndiocese.org), or mail an updated roster to the Office of Lay Ministry Formation, 144 W. Wood St., Youngstown, OH 44503. This information is needed by March 15, 2004 so that we can correct mailing addresses for the brochure concerning the 2004 Parish Pastoral Councils Regional Meetings.

2. OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A. Sowers of God's Peace: Lent/Easter Christian Formation Series

Opportunities for adult faith formation on a variety of topics are available through the Office of Religious Education "Sowers of God's Peace Lent/Easter Christian Formation Series." Participants are requested to pre-register if possible, and registrations are accepted at the first session. Additional brochures may be acquired from the office.

B. Additional Opportunities

Additional opportunities for faith formation are offered throughout the diocese. The following list of events, courses, and study circles have been submitted to the Office of Religious Education and are open to any interested person. Please contact the parish for more information.

Ashtabula County

"Adult Film Study"
Tuesdays, April 20, 27, 2004
Sister Mary Agnes O'Malley SND

Sacred Heart Parish, Rock Creek, Parish Hall
7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Mahoning County

Lenten Lunch Series
Tuesdays, March 2–30, 2004

St. Patrick Parish, Youngstown
11:30 a.m. Mass
lunch and speaker 12 Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Reverend Carl Kish, Melinda Knight, Reverend Ed Hussey, Reverend George Gage, Geri Jacquet

Lenten Lunch Series "Living In God's Peace" St. Charles, Boardman, Multi-purpose Room
 Wednesdays, March 3 – 31, 2004 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
 Linda O'Brien, Kathy Giblin, Mary Bridget Kennedy, Reverend Nick Shori, Reverend David Joachim

Scriptures of Lent St. Edward, Youngstown, Lettau Hall
 Tuesdays, March 2 – 30, 2004 supper at 6:00 p.m., speaker 6:40 p.m.
 Reverends Tom McCarthy, John Trimbur, Michael Balash, Kevin Fete, Joe Rudjak

Portage County

Lenten Scripture Retreat St. Patrick Parish, Kent, Captain's Cabin
 Mondays, March 1 – 22, 2004 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
 Margaret Ann Clapp

Using your Bible to Enrich Your Prayer Life Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Aurora
 Thursdays, March 4 – April 1, 2004 Parish Center
 George S. Matejka, PhD. 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Stark County

"Therese: The Story of a Soul" Little Flower, Canton
 Sunday, March 28, 2004 7:00 p.m.
 A play performed by Margaret Masny of St. Luke Productions

"Faith in the Family" Regina Coeli Parish Alliance
 Wednesdays, March 3 – 31, 2004 Vespers at 7:00, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
 Speakers Joe Torma, PhD, John Damico, Anne Weeks, Sandy Bailey, and a special speaker

Introduction to Scripture Study Circle St. John the Baptist, Canton
 Begins Tuesday, February 24, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
 with additional gatherings negotiated with participants.
 Facilitator: Sister Mary Ann McFadden SND

Catholic Belief and Tradition Study Circle St. Joan of Arc Parish, Canton
 Begins Thursday, February 26, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
 with additional gatherings negotiated with participants.
 Facilitators: Linda Liesner and Greg Jackson

Trumbull County

"Paul and Company: A Devotional Approach to the Epistle Readings of Cycle C" St. Pius X Parish Warren
 Evenings, March 3, 9, 16, 31, April 7, 2004, 7:00 p.m.
 Mornings, Wednesday, March 3 – 31, 11:00 a.m.
 Reverend Bill Loveless

Isaiah 43 Mission St. Vincent de Paul, Vienna
 Sunday, March 14 through Wednesday, March 17, 2004 7:00 p.m.
 Father Dennis Chriszt, CPPS

C. A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility, Faith and Politics

Tuesday, **March 9**, 2004 St. Michael Parish, Canton
 Registration 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Workshop 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 Guest presenter: James Tobin, Associate Director, Catholic Conference of Ohio

This workshop will provide an understanding of the USCCB's teaching: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility and the challenge of faithful citizenship. In the introduction to the statement, the Bishops state: "These times and this election will test us as American Catholics."

Persons interested in attending the workshop are asked to pre-register by March 1, 2004. Copies of the text A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility are available through the Office of Religious Education.

D. NCCL Annual Conference

The National Conference for Catechetical Leaders (NCCL) will host the 2004 Annual Conference in Albuquerque, NM, **April 25-29**. *Catechesis: Spirit of Life in the Desert*. For more information, contact the Office of Religious Education or visit www.nccl.org.

E. Eucharistic Congress: Heaven Unites with Earth

In prayerful recognition of Pope John Paul's encyclical letter, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious (CMSWR) is sponsoring a Eucharistic Congress at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on **September 24-25**, 2004. The CMSWR is inviting students in Catholic educational programs (schools, religious education programs, and home schooling programs) to become involved in the Congress through participation in an art or activity contest. Announcements and information about the Congress as well as the contest will be posted on the CMSWR website (www.cmswr.org). To aid those who choose to participate in the contest, there will be instructional material on the Eucharist posted on the website for teachers to use to integrate the project in their curriculum. Please seriously consider your participation in this project for grades K – 12.

F. Diocese of Youngstown Child Protection Policy

Parish ministers working with volunteers who minister with children and adolescents are reminded that the Child Protection Policy instructs an annual in-service for adult volunteers. Please review the many resources available through the Office of Religious Education Library for assistance in planning the in-service.

G. New for the Religious Education Library

The ORE Library and Media Resource Center has acquired a telescan unit for patrons to sample the latest in seasonal and liturgical praise music from Oregon Catholic Press. Select CDs will be available to purchase or borrow. For more information about the CD collection contact Carlette Chordas or Janet Crespi at 330-744-8451.

H. Applications for New Limex Group

If you or someone you know is interested in joining a Loyola University New Orleans Institute for Ministry Extension (LIMEX) group in the Diocese of Youngstown, contact the Office of Religious Education for more information about this graduate ministry education program. If you are a graduate of LIMEX or of another master's degree ministry program, contact the Office of Religious Education for information on focus courses.

I. Scriptural Prayer for Lent and the Triduum

An order of service for Lent and the Triduum 2004 based on a traditional Catholic method of scriptural prayer is available upon request from the Office of Religious Education. You are welcome to use it for personal prayer or to copy for parish ministry groups. A copy ready version is also available in the Directory for Catechesis (Catechetical Resources, G-7.4 2003) or on the DOY web site scroll.

3. OFFICE OF WORSHIP

A. Delegation to Confirm Baptized Catholics

If persons who were previously baptized Catholic are completing their initiation at the Easter Vigil, the pastor needs to request delegation from Bishop Tobin to confirm them. Permission is not necessary to confirm those who will be baptized at the Vigil or those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition. (RCIA #232, 481) A letter naming the individuals for whom delegation to confirm is necessary should be sent to the bishop's office as soon as possible.

B. The Chrism Mass

All are invited to take part in this celebration during which Bishop Tobin will consecrate the Sacred Chrism and bless the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens for use in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the Diocese of Youngstown in the coming year.

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated
Holy Thursday, April 8, 2004
 10:30 a.m.
 St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown

C. Liturgy Day Participants

Fr. Edward Foley has forwarded the notes from his presentation on The Theory Behind the Practice (of mystagogical reflection). Those who participated in the day may request a copy by emailing the office at famer@youngstowndiocese.org. If participants do not have access to email, please call the office at 330-744-8451.

D. Musician Needed

St. Joseph Parish, Austintown, is in need of a director of music. For more information please contact Fr. James Korda at 330-792-1919.

4. OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

A. Eagle of the Cross

Thank you to all who submitted nominations for the Eagle of the Cross Award. Judges will be reviewing the nominations in March and notifying the award winners who will be invited (along with their pastors) to the Mass and dinner on **April 29**, 2004.

B. Diocesan Youth Congress

Later this month, registration materials will be sent to each parish for the 2004 Diocesan Youth Congress, scheduled for Tuesday, **June 29**, 8:45 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Bishop Tobin will begin the day with Mass. Dennis Kurtz of St. Mary's Press will facilitate the Congress on "Youth Engaging Scripture." This will be a wonderful day for teen leaders to learn more about the Bible and how they can lead scripture-sharing sessions with their peers.

C. 2004 Youth Ministry Resource Manual

Orders are still being accepted for the NFCYM publication "Living Justice, Proclaiming Peace: 2004 Youth Ministry Resource Manual." Order forms were enclosed in the January *Compass*. If you need an order form please contact the OY&YAM at 330-744-8451.

Book: \$16.50 (includes one poster and one bookmark)
 Poster: \$3.25
 Bookmarkers: \$7.65 (pack of 50)
 Service Patch \$3.25 (great for the Venture Scouts)

Anne Weeks, Holy Spirit Parish, Uniontown, is one of the contributors to this year's manual.

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, **March 20**, 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. Villa Maria Retreat Center, Villa Maria, PA (724-964-8920, ext. 3358)

April 6	Morning Prayer: Coffee & Contemplation "The Bible as Literature" Registration due: March 23	9-11 am Cost: free will
April 7	Holy Week Retreat Day "Is Lent Really Over?" Registration due: March 24	10 am-3 pm Cost: \$20
April 16-17	Art and Spirituality "Mandala for Sacred Spaces" Registration due: April 2	7 pm Fri.-4 pm Sat. Cost: \$85
April 20	Taize Prayer Registration not required	7-9 pm Cost: none
April 24	Workshop "Enneagram – Continuing the Conversation" Registration due: April 8	10 am-3 pm Cost: \$25
April 28	Day for Office Professionals "Wellness and Balance" Registration due: April 14	11:45 am-4 pm Cost: \$20

3. Benedictine Sampler Weekend

March 5-7 for single, Catholic women to explore the Benedictine charism to seek God in community. Meet the Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh who ministered in the Diocese of Youngstown for 46 of its 60-year history, share our prayer and our life. We join contemplation and action in ministry responding to needs of time and place. Reflect on call and discernment, on Benedictine spirituality, explore "lectio divina," pray Liturgy of Hours. Come, listen, and pray. Contact Sr. Judith Nero at 412-931-2844, ext. 118 or email sjnero@osbpgh.org. Website: www.osbpgh.org or www.benedictine-srs-vocations.org.

4. Magnificat Breakfast

Magnificat of Stark County, a women's ministry modeled after the Visitation, is hosting a breakfast on **March 6** at Shady Hollow Country Club, 4865 Wales Avenue (Rt. 241 south of 685). Join in a special time of fellowship and sharing. Guest speaker is Annette Baber from Illinois, a Jewish convert to the faith. Doors open at 8:30 a.m.; breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$15.00. Send checks payable to "Magnificat of Stark County" to Carol Shanabruch, 809 Lucille, SW, North Canton, OH 44720, by February 27. No tickets sold at the door. Call Carol at 330-494-3767 or Jackie at 330-499-2030.

Magnificat also sponsors Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm -- call 330-499-2030; and Prayer Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm -- call 330-497-9772.

5. Liturgical Ministers Retreat Day

A retreat designed for all persons acting in any ministry in the Church is planned for Saturday, **March 20**, 9 am-noon at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 3020 Reeves Road in Warren. Guest speaker is Rev. John Jerek leading discussion on our Lenten Journey. Prayer, group reflection and commissioning are part of the retreat. Open to all parishes in the diocese, participation for those outside Blessed Sacrament Parish is \$5.00. Continuing Education Units are offered. Continental breakfast will be provided. Call the parish office at 330-372-2215 by March 12 to register, or email the registration form available at www.e-blessedsacramentparish.org. All are welcome.

IN MEMORIAM

	<u>March</u>
<i>Rev. Patrick Conway, sP</i>	3/79
<i>Very Rev. Edwin P. Connolly, sP</i>	4/78
<i>Rev. Patrick Tierney</i>	5/75
<i>Rev. Richard Buchman</i>	5/81
<i>Rev. Leo F. Boppell, OP</i>	6/66
<i>Rev. John Babyak</i>	9/82
<i>Rev. James Stenson</i>	9/98
<i>Rev. John P. Turk</i>	9/00
<i>Rev. Anthony P. Koval</i>	13/74
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward Graham</i>	15/44
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Louis Kazmirski</i>	15/64
<i>Rev. Albert Gaulrapp, CPPS</i>	16/67
<i>+ MOST REV. EMMET M. WALSH</i>	16/68
<i>Rev. Robert P. Barrett</i>	17/03
<i>Rev. James J. Stevenson</i>	18/84
<i>Rev. William H. Hohman</i>	19/88
<i>Rev. Thomas J. Downey</i>	20/66
<i>Rev. Thomas J. Bissler</i>	21/91
<i>Rev. James Zanni</i>	21/01
<i>Rev. Francis Beuke, CPPS</i>	22/54
<i>Rev. John T. Humphrey</i>	22/86
<i>Rev. Henry M. Gallagher</i>	23/91
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Glenn W. Holdbrook</i>	23/92
<i>Rev. Msgr. Timothy E. Kenney</i>	23/03
<i>Rev. Joseph J. Tomasch</i>	24/76
<i>Rev. William E. Gardiner</i>	25/61
<i>Rev. Kevin Coleman</i>	28/73
<i>Rev. Fabian Frecker, OSB</i>	29/64

