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CHANCERY OFFICE

CONFIRMATION

Schedule for March

Sunday, March 8	3:00 pm	Holy Family, Poland
Monday, March 9	7:00 pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, McDonald
Wednesday, March 11	7:00 pm	St. Patrick, Hubbard
Thursday, March 12	7:00 pm	St. Mary and St. Joseph, Newton Falls
Saturday, March 14	11:00 am	Our Lady of Peace, Canton
Sunday, March 15	3:00 pm	St. Michael, Canton
Monday, March 16	7:00 pm	St. Rose, Girard
Wednesday, March 18	7:00 pm	St. Joseph, Canton
Thursday, March 19	7:00 pm	St. Matthias and Holy Name, Youngstown
Sunday, March 22	2:00 pm	Immaculate Conception, Ravenna
Wednesday, March 25	7:00 pm	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Niles
Thursday, March 26	7:00 pm	St. Nicholas and Holy Trinity, Struthers
Sunday, March 29	3:00 pm	St. Christine, Youngstown
Monday, March 30	7:00 pm	Sacred Heart, Louisville
Tuesday, March 31	7:00 pm	St. Jude, Columbiana and Our Lady of Lourdes, E. Palestine

COLLECTIONS

1. Church Overseas

The Church Overseas Combined Collection was held in our parishes the weekend of February 14/15, 2009. This four-in-one collection includes Catholic Relief Services, Holy Father/Peter's Pence, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and the Church in Latin America. Parishes are asked to forward the proceeds to the Chancery Office in a timely manner. For more information about this four-in-one collection, please see the fact sheet included with the attachments to the February 2009 *Communique*.

2. Collection Dates for 2010

At the request of the envelope companies which serve our diocese, we prepare diocesan collection dates a year in advance. Pastors have received the schedule by email. A copy is included with this month's *Communique* attachments. Bookkeepers are asked to keep for your reference.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

1. New Video

Production of the new video, one part of the "Treasured Gifts from God" in-service kit, is complete and the new kit will be available soon. Watch for information about training meetings for presenters.

2. Upcoming In-Service Opportunities

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

March 11 & 18: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Aurora, 7-9 pm -- Margaret Clapp - 330-562-8519
March 23: St. Joan of Arc School, Canton, 6:30-8:30 pm -- Linda Liesner & Mary Fiala- 330-477-6796

Please call ahead so enough materials will be available.

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 sent in); and must submit all information for new employees and volunteers on the Compliance Checklist.

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

For more information or questions on any of our Child Protection Policy procedures, contact Nancy Yuhasz at the Chancery Office, 330-744-8451, ext. 235.

CATHOLIC TELEVISION NETWORK OF YOUNGSTOWN (CTNY)

1. Log onto the CTNY Website at www.cathdoy.org for Program Information and More

2. Programming on the Ecumenical Channel:

Crossing the Goal: On the Road for the 12th Annual Columbus Catholic Men's Conference
March 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Cathedrals Across America: Feast of the Annunciation: Bishop Victor Galeone celebrates the Mass of the Solemn Feast of the Annunciation from the Cathedral-Basilica of St. Augustine, Florida.
March 25 Live at 12:00 noon, Encore at 6:30 p.m.

3. Radio Programming

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

Highlights for March

The current issue segments will feature the latest information from the Youth and Young Adult Ministry, the Catholic Exponent, Family Life Department, and Catholic Charities Services of the Diocese.

Father John-Michael Lavelle, Pastoral Director of CTNY, will interview Sister Patricia McNicholas, Executive Director of the Beatitude House; Monsignor John Zuraw on diocesan planning; Pat Kelly, CFO of the Diocese of Youngstown; and First Friday Club speaker Sister Carol Zinn, SSJ.

Deacon Mike Kocjancic from St. Charles Parish in Boardman will reflect on the Lenten Sunday Scripture for March.

The music is from the CD *Praised be to Christ* by the St. Thomas Moore Group.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORPORATION

1. Thanks for Your Support

Thank you to those who attended and supported Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County's 3rd Annual Men Who Cook event held in January. The Agency raised approximately \$11,000, an increase of about 30% over 2008. All proceeds are used to help fund the Agency's emergency assistance program, which has experienced a significant increase in the number of requests over the past several months.

2. Catholic Charities Regional Agency Seeks Donations through the I Do Foundation

Socially conscious gift-giving is a recent trend in wedding planning. The I Do Foundation, through its website www.idofoundation.org, offers couples the ability to support their favorite charity by allowing friends and family to make online purchases for them at selected retail stores. When gifts are purchased for the couple through the I Do Foundation's website, a portion of the proceeds go to the charity. Everything from invitations to honeymoons can be purchased through the I Do Foundation, and donations can be generated for Catholic Charities Regional Agency.

Check out www.idofoundation.org and suggest Catholic Charities Regional Agency as the beneficiary of your charitable wedding planning. For more information, contact Nancilynn Gatta at Catholic Charities Regional Agency: 330-744-3320.

3. Word, Worship and Service Newsletter

The latest issue of *Word, Worship and Service*, the collaborative newsletter produced by the Department of Catholic Charities, the Office of Catholic Schools and the Office of Worship, is found as an attachment to this issue of *Communiqué*. To provide comments or ask questions about material found in this publication, contact Rachel Hrbolich at 330-744-8451, ext. 328.

4. Catholic Charities "Chunks"

Catholic Charities would like to fill that little extra corner in your parish bulletin or school newsletter. Beginning with this issue of *Communiqué*, Catholic Charities will be offering "Catholic Charities Chunks" – information that can be cut and pasted into your publication to keep people informed about the work of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Youngstown.

For more information, contact Rachel Hrbolich at 330-744-8451, ext. 328.

Below are "chunks" for March:

March 7-8, 2009 – It's not too late to support Catholic Charities' Keep the Kids Warm campaign. This effort helps Catholic Charities provide utility assistance to the increasing number of families in need that have come through our Agencies' doors in recent months. Please make your checks payable to Catholic Charities and mail them to Diocese of Youngstown Catholic Charities Corporation, P. O. Box 614, Youngstown, Ohio 44501. Thank you for your compassion and support.

March 14-15 2009 – Catholic Charities serves all qualifying people in need—not just Catholics. Check us out on the web at www.catholiccharitiesyoungstown.org, or in your Bible: Matthew 25.

March 21-22, 2009 – Did you know that your local Catholic Charities Agency accepts non-perishable food items to distribute to families who come to us hungry? Call your local Catholic Charities Agency to find out how you can help us feed our neighbors in need.

March 28-29, 2009 – Catholic Charities is Pro-Life. We support women, children and families with young children ages 0-3 through First Step. This Agency program provides material assistance with food, clothing, formula, diapers and other essential baby items, as well as case management services to help families out of poverty. Consider a diaper or formula drive for Catholic Charities to help moms give their babies a healthy start in life.

CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

OFFICE OF CHURCH VOCATIONS

Bishop Murry has appointed Fr. Chris Luoni as Vocation Director and Fr. John Jerek as Director of Seminarians. Fr. Luoni is responsible for promoting vocations throughout the diocese, recruiting candidates, serving as the initial contact for those discerning priesthood, and conducting the screening process for acceptance into a formation process. Fr. Jerek is responsible for the candidates once they are in formation for the diocese, and is the contact person for seminarians, their formation teams and faculties. He will oversee pastoral and deacon internships assignments and manage rites associated with candidacy, transitional diaconate and priesthood ordination.

OFFICE OF VOWED RELIGIOUS

1. World Day of Consecrated Life

We want to thank all who assisted in planning and celebrating *World Day of Consecrated Life* in the Diocese of Youngstown. It was a wonderful opportunity to affirm religious for their untiring dedication to the Diocese and encourage our young adults to be attentive to God's call in their life. Televised copies of the Liturgy can be purchased in DVD for \$10 and in videotape for \$15. Place an order by contacting CTNY at: (330) 533-2243.

2. Religious Conference Day

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

DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP

1. 2009 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church . . . "Sharing the Love of Christ"

The Advanced Gift Phase of our 2009 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church begins this month. The Appeal theme, "Sharing the Love of Christ," challenges the Catholic people of the Diocese of Youngstown to make sacrifices for the less fortunate as an expression of the love and compassion demonstrated by our Lord Jesus.

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

2. Stewardship Bulletin Inserts

Stewardship bulletin inserts for March and April are included in the *Communique* attachments.

ECUMENISM

Lutheran-Catholic Scripture Resources for Lenten Reflection

The Gift of Lent 2009: Resources for Discussion and Reflection Cycle B is included as an attachment in this issue of *Communique*. The Lutheran-Catholic Covenant Commission publishes this ecumenical Scripture reflection for use in personal devotion or with a group from a neighboring Lutheran congregation and Roman Catholic parish. A copy is also available on the Lutheran-Catholic Covenant website, www.lccovenant.org. The Commission hopes this resource helps congregations/parishes observe Lent and promote Christian unity.

PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

1. Catholic Schools Planning

In order to keep people informed and to obtain necessary input there are six regional meetings scheduled for Catholic school teams. Each school is represented by the pastor, the principal, a teacher representative and two parent representatives. The purpose of these gatherings is twofold: to give some demographic data and diocesan information that may impact the discussion of school planning, and, secondly, to generate issues and concerns that must be considered for future planning for K to 12 Catholic education in the diocese.

2. Superintendents Meet with Bishop Murry

The superintendents of the six dioceses of Ohio meet together on a monthly basis in Columbus or conference call if inclement weather. Once a year, the superintendents meet with one of the bishops to discuss Catholic School education. This year on March 18 the superintendents are looking forward to meeting with Bishop Murry in Youngstown.

3. Response to Intervention

At the March 11 meeting for administrators, Mr. James Gembar, special education consultant for State Support Team Region 9, will speak to our principals on Response to Intervention (RtI). According to the National Association of State Directors of Special Education, "Response to Intervention (RtI) is the practice of providing high-quality instruction and interventions matched to student needs, monitoring progress frequently to make decisions about changes in instruction or goals and applying child response data to important educational decisions." Response to Intervention (RtI), therefore, is a data-driven approach used by a school to identify and address student academic difficulties.

OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY MINISTRY

1. Freedom of Choice Act Postcard Campaign

Many thanks to pastors and parishioners for responding to the request from the U.S. Bishops for participation in last month's nationwide Stop FOCA postcard campaign. Ninety-seven percent of parishes in the Diocese of Youngstown distributed and mailed nearly 255,000 postcards urging Congress to retain existing pro-life laws and policies and to oppose FOCA. Additional postcards are available through the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family. For updated information about the postcard campaign, visit www.usccb.org/prolife and click on "National Pro-Life Postcard Campaign."

2. Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

Married couples can learn more about making their "good marriages better" by participating in a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Praised by Pope Benedict XVI, the Marriage Encounter apostolate offers married couples a chance to hear presentations from couple presenters, a priest, and time for private reflection. There is no group discussion. To register for the Marriage Encounter **March 13-15** in Auburn Hills or **March 20-22** in Dayton, visit www.wwme.org.

3. God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage Engaged Retreat Dates

Diocesan-sponsored one-day marriage preparation retreat day for engaged couples will be held on **Saturday, March 28**, at St. Charles Parish, Youngstown and **Saturday, May 16**, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Canton. Ideal for engaged couples and all involved in parish marriage preparation ministry. Reservations a must. To register, visit www.cathdoy.org or call the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family at 330-744-8451.

4. An Evening with Christopher West

Christopher West will present "The Gift – Come Discover Your Call to Greatness" on **Tuesday, March 31**, from 7-9 p.m. at St. Charles Parish in Boardman. Tickets are \$10 before March 15, \$15 after March 15. To register, contact the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family.

5. Marriage Renewal Evening for Couples

Reserve now for an evening of talks, Mass, candlelight dinner and social on **Saturday, April 4, 2009**, at Little Flower Parish, Middlebranch. Contact the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family 330-744-8451, ext. 289, for details and reservations.

6. Pro-Life/Family Intercessions and Bulletin Messages

Recommended pro-life intercessions and bulletin announcements for March, prepared by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, are included with this issue of *Communique*.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1. Lent Easter 2009 Adult Faith Formation

Brochures have been distributed for the Lent/Easter 2009 Adult Faith Formation Opportunities. Open to all interested, these sessions are offered on a variety of topics at various locations throughout the diocese. Additional courses available include:

The Book of Revelation: Message of Hope
Fridays, February 27 – March 27 (no session March 6) 7:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 St. Michael Parish Instructor: Reverend Jim Lang
 9736 East Center Street 4 hours general.
 Windham, Ohio

2. Walsh University Theology/Philosophy Symposium

The Catholic University: Advancing Urban Solidarity
 “Whether Advancing Urban Solidarity is Essential to Catholic University Identity”

Saturday, March 21, 2009 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 Barrette Center Walsh University

Dr. Suzanne C. Toton, Ed.D., Villanova University and Brother Raymond Fitz, S.M., Ph.D., University of Dayton. Respondees: Mr. George Garchar and Ms. Karen Feller

3. 2009 Annual NAPRC National Conference

July 23 – 25, 2009 Our Lady of Mercy Parish
 Harborcreek, PA (Diocese of Erie)

The National Alliance of Parishes Restructuring into Communities plans its national conference in nearby Erie, PA. Keynote speaker Bill Huebsch will address “New Wine in New Wineskins, Small Church Communities, Whole Community Catechesis, Doing Things Differently, Bringing New Vision to the Church.” Website: www.naprc.faithweb.com

4. Adult Faith Formation

Valley Bible Study: Collaborative Ministry of Mahoning County parishes (weekly)
 St. Brendan Parish Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 School building Room 103 1 Hour General per Session

First Friday Club of Youngstown
 Antone’s Banquet Center
 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 For reservations: 330-533-1023

Thursday, March 5, 2009
 Poverty and the Millennial Goals of the UN
 Sister Carol Zinn, SSJ
 Representative to the UN as NGO for
 Sisters of St. Joseph Federation

Ken Hamilton Luncheon Forum
 St. Michael Archangel Parish, Canton
 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Thursday, March 5, 2009
 “The Challenges of Secular Humanism”
 Most Reverend George V. Murry, S.J.

Portage County Dinner & Doctrine
 Twin Lake Country Club, Kent
 6:00- 8:00 p.m.
 330-296-4549

Tuesday, March 10, 2009
 “Marriage: What Does It Mean to Say I Do?”
 Reverend John Keehner

5. Required Child Protection Inservice

All persons working or volunteering with children and adolescents are required to participate in an inservice for compliance with The Diocese of Youngstown Child Protection Policy. "Treasured Gifts from God: Protecting Our Children" provides an overview of the policy expectations, the signs and symptoms of child abuse and neglect and familiarity with the responsibilities to create and maintain safe environments for children and youth.

Administrators who would like to provide the in-service locally must complete the Program Prospectus Form (F-2.3 in the Directory for Catechesis) and send it to the Office of Religious Education at least four weeks before the program date.

Inservice schedule (as of *Communique* publication date):

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Aurora
March 11 & 18 7:00-9:00 pm

Margaret Clapp
330-562-8519

St. Joan of Arc Parish, Canton
March 23, 2009 6:30-8:30 pm

Mary Fiala/Linda Liesner
330-477-6796

6. Focus on Initiation: Mystagogy

Diocese of Lansing, Michigan - **June 25, 26, 2009**
In partnership with the North American Forum on the Catechumenate

This institute seeks to foster a deeper understanding of the period of Mystagogy and to develop the skills needed to implement fully the vision of this period in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Particularly suited for experienced initiation ministers, participants at most institutes include liturgists, pastoral musicians, pastors and associates, catechists, directors of religious education, campus ministers, Catholic school principals and teachers, members of the catechumenate team and sponsors.

Access Forum's website www.naforum.org for online registration and a downloadable copy of the brochure.

7. Focus on Initiation: Concerning the Baptized

Diocese of Altoona, Johnstown, Pennsylvania - **June 19-20, 2009**
In partnership with the North American Forum on the Catechumenate

This institute is best experienced by persons with previous pastoral experience with the RCIA and participation in Institutes.

The two day Institute will present the vision for journeying with baptized adults seeking to complete their initiation and/or to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church: help to clarify the distinct theological and pastoral realities of the baptized; explore appropriate preparation and celebration with the baptized catechized adult; explore appropriate liturgical, catechetical and pastoral formation of the baptized uncatechized adult; invite reflection, faith sharing, discernment, and liturgical celebration. Additional information: www.naforum.org

8. Scriptural Prayer for Lent 2009

An order of service based on the *lectio divina* method of Scriptural prayer for the Sunday Gospels of Lent Year B is available upon request from the Office of Religious Education. You are invited to use it for personal prayer or to copy for parish ministry groups. A copy ready version is also available on the DOY web site, www.cathdoy.org.

9. Boston College School of Theology and Ministry C210 Online

Looking Ahead to Lent: Christian Faith and Moral Character features downloadable articles by Professor Kenneth Himes, OFM. After clarifying the meaning of character and its significance for the moral life, this course will treat the topics of moral freedom, human sinfulness and the nature of conversion. Streaming video film clips from feature films will be used to highlight various themes emphasized in the articles. Four weeks beginning March 2.

Parents Handing on the Faith. The Church calls parents to be the primary religious educators of their children. This course will assist parents to attend to the values and lifestyle of the home, to provide religious rituals and opportunities for shared prayer, to practice outreach to those in need, and to capitalize on the everyday "teachable moments" for sharing faith with children. Video by Professor Thomas Groome. Four weeks beginning March 2.

What Makes Us Catholic, part 2 (it is not necessary to have taken Part 1). This course is a guided discussion of the second half of Boston College Professor Dr. Thomas H. Groome's critically acclaimed book, *What Makes Us Catholic*. In each of the four chapters considered, Groome poses a question on which to reflect and suggests a gift for life that can be found in our Catholic identity. For example, "In what will we invest?" discusses taking a leap of faith; and "What are our politics?" examines working for justice for all. Join in a discussion of how to integrate Catholic Christian faith into "real life," weaving together a spirituality to sustain us in the everyday. Video by Professor Thomas Groome. Four weeks beginning March 2.

Spiritual Practices. Spiritual practices have expressed, informed and shaped the practice of faith for generations of Catholics. From the rosary to centering prayer, from lectio divina to the examen of consciousness, ways of practicing faith have marked what it is to live the Catholic life. Join us for this discussion based on the Spring 2000 issue of the university's *C21Resources* publication, "Catholic Spirituality in Practice." Two week workshop beginning March 2.

Gospel of Matthew. Learn about it's setting, the evangelist who wrote it, and the community for which it was written. Then explore practices to encounter the Gospel in prayer and reflection. Features video with Fr. Michael Himes. Two week workshop beginning March 23.

Fees: Individuals: \$75 per course, \$35 per workshop www.bc.edu/c21online

10. Vatican Launches YouTube Site

The Vatican has launched a YouTube site, www.youtube.com/vatican, with video clips of Pope Benedict's activities and with links to the Vatican's official site, Vatican Radio and TV.

OFFICE OF WORSHIP

1. Morning of Reflection for Women

A Morning of Reflection for Women will be offered on **Saturday, March 21, 2009**, at St. Michael Parish, Canfield. Sister Regina Rogers, O.S.U., and Reverend Monsignor John A. Zuraw will present: *Women and the Spirituality of Change in a Changing Environment*. The event is sponsored by the diocesan Committee on Women's Issues. The cost of the program is \$10.00. Brochures have been mailed and are available at www.cathdoy.org.

2. The Chrism Mass

All are invited to take part in this celebration during which Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., 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 9, 2009
 10:30 a.m.
 St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown

3. Time for the Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil will be **April 11, 2009**. Sunset that evening will be 7:59 p.m. in the Diocese of Youngstown with the end of civil twilight at 8:27 p.m. The Sacramentary reminds us that "The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall..." In the Diocese of Youngstown, the Vigil should not begin before 8:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. is recommended for complete darkness.

4. 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 Murry 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 and should be sent to the Office of the Bishop as soon as possible.

OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

1. Youth Ministers Gathering

Join your peers for the Spring Youth Ministers Gathering **Thursday, March 19, 2009** from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish, 427 East Broadway, Alliance. Celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, with lunch, networking, focused discussion and diocesan business. Bring along a favorite resource to share: a book, video, magazine, website, etc. Don't forget to bring your Youth Congress registrations. RSVP to the OY&YAM at 330-744-8451 or ccase@youngstowndiocese.org by Friday, March 13.

2. Diocesan Youth Congress

Encourage your teen leaders to participate in the 2009 Diocesan Youth Congress, "You Need to Know the Talk to Walk the Walk," **Sunday, March 29, 2009** from 12:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown. Teens will spend the day learning about discipleship from church leaders and their peers as well as assisting in the diocesan planning process by imagining the future of the Church. The day will include roundtable discussions, prayer, food, fun and Mass in the Cathedral. The cost is only \$5/person. Registration materials are available on the diocesan website at http://www.cathdoy.org/offices_educ_youth_congress.asp. The registration deadline is March 20. For more information, contact the OY&YAM.

3. NCYC Registration Packets

The National Catholic Youth Conference is a biennial pilgrimage of faith for thousands of high school teenagers and adult chaperones from across the United States. Parish/School groups interested in joining the pilgrimage to the National Catholic Youth Conference, "Christ Reigns," in Kansas City, MO **November 19-21, 2009** should contact Faye for a packet of registration materials (fabbondanza@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451, X281). The group is limited to 200, and the initial deposit of \$100/person is due March 31.

4. Eagle of the Cross

Thank you to all who submitted nominations for the 11th Annual Eagle of the Cross Awards. Judging will take place in early March and notifications will be sent out by the end of the month.

PROGRAMS & RETREATS

1. Ursuline Center, Canfield (330-799-4941)

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

Pastoral Care for Caregivers: Emotional Aspects	March 10, 7-8 p.m.	\$10
Faithful Parenting:	Three part series (choose any or all sessions) 7-8 p.m.	\$10/session
	March 19: Faithful Development in Children	\$15/book
	March 26: The Parents' Role in Faith Development	
	April 2: Building a Household of Faith	

Registration required.

2. First Friday Club of Youngstown

Thursday, March 5, 2009

Antone's Banquet Center, Boardman

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Reservations: 330-533-1023

Poverty and the Millennial Goals of the UN

Sister Carol Zinn, SSJ

Representative to the UN as NGO for

Sisters of St. Joseph Federation

3. Hamilton Forum

Thursday, March 5

St. Michael Parish Hall, Canton

11:30 a.m. - luncheon \$10

Bp. George V. Murry, S.J.

"Secular Humanism"

Reservations requested by March 2: 330-649-1231 or www.hamiltonforum.org

4. Villa Maria Retreat Center, Villa Maria, PA (724-964-8920, ext. 3241)

jarena@humilityofmary.org or cwilpula@humilityofmary.org

March 3	Coffee & Contemplation Series Registration required	\$7; \$13.50 w/lunch
March 6-7	Lent Retreat A Time to Ask "How Big is Your God?" Registration and \$50 deposit required in advance	7 pm Friday-5 pm Saturday \$150 overnight; \$105 commuter

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Texas Hold 'Em at Sacred Heart Church

Sacred Heart Parish is hosting a Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament on **Saturday, March 28**, at the church, 400 Lincoln Park Drive, Youngstown. Admission of \$100 includes home cooked dinner and beverage. Registration begins at 2:30 p.m.; dinner begins at 3:30 p.m.; games begin at 4:30 p.m. Contact 330-746-1230 or 330-207-0800.

2. USCCB Advisories

a. Delivermyprayer.org

The Apostolic Nunciature has relayed to the Conference a notification from the Holy See's Secretariat of State regarding an internet fund-raising scheme which is of particular importance because of purported relationship to the Holy See.

This concerns the internet website "delivermyprayer.org" which asks for a "donation" of 3 euros and promises that one's prayer intention will be publicly announced in the Basilica of Saint Peter. The website is said to claim that part of that amount goes to the Holy See. This website also links to two other related sites, "delivermyprayer.com" and "vaticanreading.com." The Apostolic Nunciature states unequivocally that none of these websites or assertions have the approval of the Holy See.

b. Bishop Ramzi Musallam

The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem has advised the Conference of the situation and its concerns of "Bishop Ramzi Mussalam." Mussalam is said to have been ordained a priest in the Polish National Catholic Church and later to have founded a new church, the "Arabic Catholic Church" in Pennsylvania. He then arranged to be ordained a bishop by the "Prime Bishop" of the "Reformed Catholic Church." The Patriarchate states its concern that the bishops of the US be aware that "Bishop Musallam" was ordained outside the Roman Catholic Church and in the Patriarchate's view, he is attempting to attract Arab Catholics to his "Arabic Catholic Church" and away from the Roman Catholic Church.

c. Fr. Rafael Murillo and Fr. Jesus Antonio Escorcia Gonzalez

The Archdiocese of Baltimore has advised the Conference of its concerns regarding these two priests.

Fr. Murillo, a priest of the Diocese of San Vicente, El Salvador, was serving in the Archdiocese when Archbishop O'Brien removed him from his assignment and directed him to return to his home diocese. Fr. Murillo did not return to El Salvador but has approached another diocese in the US seeking an assignment. He may approach other dioceses as well.

During the summer of 2008 the Archdiocese permitted Fr. Gonzales of the Archdiocese of Barquisimeto, Venezuela, to minister in the Archdiocese with a view to eventual incardination based on a letter of good standing and suitability for ministry signed by his archbishop. Fr. Gonzalez did not begin his assignment in Baltimore, and inquiries revealed his documents were falsified and signature forged, and that he had been suspended in two other South American dioceses. The Archdiocese has advised the Department of Homeland Security about the matter and requested the withdrawal of his visas and deportation.

Further info: Fr. Jay O'Connor, Director of Clergy Personnel of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, 410-547-5428 or joconnor@archbalt.org.

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
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