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OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

Suggested Intercessions for the Month of May

May 2nd FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

That this season of newborn life may move the hearts of all who dwell in the shadow of the culture of death; *We pray to the Lord:*

May 9th FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

That the power of the resurrection may fill all expectant parents with a growing joy in anticipation of the birth of their child; *We pray to the Lord:*

May 16th SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

For all who are close to death, that we might treasure the gift they are to the Church and to the world; *We pray to the Lord;*

May 23rd SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

For every newborn child: that they may be treasured as a proof of the everlasting love of God; *We pray to the Lord:*

May 30th PENTECOST SUNDAY

That the Holy Spirit will enkindle in the hearts of all Christians a great zeal to defend God's precious gift of human life; *We pray to the Lord.*

Suggested Bulletin Messages for the Month of May

In our time, great progress has been made in the scientific understanding of life, a fundamental gift of God of which we are the administrators. Life is to be welcomed, respected and defended from its beginning until its natural end; the family, cradle of each newborn life, must be protected with it.

– Pope John Paul II (World Day of the Sick, 2003)

In the first place, cloning is a procedure that goes against nature and, in the second, it eliminates the cloned embryo. Therefore, if it is already something monstrous to clone a person – and to make a photocopy according to our will -it is even more so to eliminate the embryo to make therapeutic use of it.

- Bishop Elio Sgreccia, vice president of the Pontifical Academy for Life

I had my abortion three months ago and I've never felt so low in my life. The confidence I once had has gone completely; I feel so unbelievably insecure and my self-esteem has been reduced to nothing. I need constant reassurance from my boy friend which I know he must be getting tired of. I feel worthless and ugly...

I sometimes don't know what the point is anymore; my life has been reduced to nothing.

-Anonymous letter to a post-abortion website

Stay where you are. Find your own Calcutta. Find the sick, the suffering and the lonely right there where you are – in your own homes and in your own families, in your workplaces and in your schools... You can find Calcutta all over the world, if you have the eyes to see. Everywhere, wherever you go, you find people who are unwanted, unloved, uncared for, just rejected by society – completely forgotten, completely left alone. – Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Suggested Bulletin/Pulpit Announcements to promote First Step for Change

May 1-2, 2004

Beginning this weekend, our parish will be participating in “First Step for Change,” a project sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities and Catholic Charities to collect spare change to assist low-income pregnant women and families with food, formula, clothing, diapers and other items essential to a child’s health, safety and well-being. Each family interested in participating is asked to pick up a baby bottle (MENTION WHERE THE BOTTLES ARE LOCATED) after Mass. Take the bottle home and put it in a common location (on the kitchen table, on the counter, by the telephone, etc.) and fill it with spare change during the month of May. The process is similar to the Catholic Relief Services’ Operation Rice Bowl campaign. The weekend of May 29-30, 2004, you are asked to bring your filled bottle to church with you for collection.

May 8-9

On this Mother’s Day weekend, you are reminded to pick up a “First Step for Change” bottle (IF THEY ARE STILL AVAILABLE; IF THERE ARE NO MORE BOTTLES LEFT, SUGGEST THAT FAMILIES USE SOME OTHER CONTAINER TO COLLECT SPARE CHANGE). The funds collected through this project will be used to help low-income mothers-to-be give their children a healthy start in life. If an expectant mother does not have access to food, shelter, clothing and essential items—like cribs or car seats—her baby is at-risk from the very beginning. Take home a bottle today, fill it with spare change, and make a difference in the lives of low-income pregnant women and families with small children.

May 15-16

One way to support the Catholic Church’s pro-life, pro-family position is to participate in “First Step for Change,” a project sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities and Catholic Charities to collect spare change to assist low-income pregnant women and families with food, formula, clothing, diapers and other items essential to a child’s health, safety and well-being. Pick up a bottle (IF THEY ARE STILL AVAILABLE; IF THERE ARE NO MORE BOTTLES LEFT, SUGGEST THAT FAMILIES USE SOME OTHER CONTAINER TO COLLECT SPARE CHANGE) and fill it with spare change. Support the Gospel of Life by reaching out to women and families who need a helping hand.

May 22-23

Next weekend we will be wrapping up the “First Step for Change” campaign at our parish. Please remember to bring your filled baby bottle with you to Mass next week. (DESCRIBE THE LOCATION OR THE METHOD YOU PLAN TO USE FOR COLLECTION).

May 29-30

Thanks to all of you who have participated in the “First Step for Change” campaign at our parish. (DESCRIBE THE LOCATION OR METHOD FOR COLLECTING THE BOTTLES).

June 5-6

This is the final collection weekend for “First Step for Change” bottles (DESCRIBE THE LOCATION OR METHOD FOR COLLECTING THE BOTTLES). If you forgot, please drop off your bottle at the parish offices within the next week so that we can forward our bottles and funds to the Diocesan offices. Thanks to all of you who participated in this project.

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OPERATION RICE BOWL GRANTS

DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN

I. Criteria for Awarding Rice Bowl Grants

- A. Rice Bowl monies are available for groups or organizations who provide food distribution for those in need. Applications for other than food distribution will not be considered.
- B. Economic factors and population of an area are used to determine the size of the grant.
- C. Preference will be given to the inclusion of all counties or geographical areas in the Diocese of Youngstown.

II. Grants are made in units of \$100. The number of units granted will be determined by the Criteria for Awarding Rice Bowl Grants above.

NOTE: In previous years, grants were made to between 45-50 food programs in a given year. The grants ranged from \$200 to \$700 with most of them being \$200 or \$300.

III. Rice Bowl Applications

- A. The enclosed application form should be submitted for the consideration for Rice Bowl funding in the Diocese of Youngstown.
- B. Please answer all questions. Use only the space provided.
- C. Deadline for submitting applications is **August 1, 2004**.
- D. Please forward applications to:

Rice Bowl Grants
Social Action Office
Diocese of Youngstown
144 W. Wood Street
Youngstown, OH 44503

For further information contact:

Social Action Department
(330) 744-8451

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APPLICATION FOR GRANT FROM RICE BOWL FUNDS - 2004

1. Organization/Institution applying _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Contact Person _____ Phone _____

2. Amount Requested _____
How will the money be used? Nutrition Education _____ Equipment _____
Programs _____ Purchase of Foods _____ Rent/Utilities _____
Other: _____

3. Economic factors in your area that have a bearing on the need for food
distribution:

4. Approximately how many people do you feed or provide food. (Indicate
daily, weekly, or monthly basis.)
_____ Daily _____ Weekly _____ Monthly

5. Who will be the direct beneficiaries of the grant? What types of clients do you service? (families,
individuals?)

6. How will distribution be accomplished?

7. Over what period of time will distribution be made?

8. Does your organization provide any nutrition information for people?

What types of information?

If training were available, would you be willing to provide more nutrition education to the persons you serve? YES _____ NO _____

9. What types of food products do you make available in your program?

10. How is your organization structured? How are decisions made?

11. What methods of accountability/bookkeeping do you utilize?

12. What other monies do you receive in order to provide your services?

13. Do you work in coalition with any other group/Church/program? Which groups? _____

14. Has your organization been funded by Rice Bowl in the past? _____

If so, what year(s)? _____

Mail application to: Rice Bowl Grants
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DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: AUG. 1, 2004

Suggested Stewardship Bulletin Inserts for May/June

May 2, 2004 (4th Sunday of Easter)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

May 16, 2004 (6th Sunday of Easter)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's reading from Revelation offers a vision of the City of God, the new Jerusalem. "But," the bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us, "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now."

May 30, 2004 (Pentecost)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

One miracle of Pentecost was that, despite their diversity, each listener heard God's word in his or her own language. The meaning for stewardship is that, by sharing the gifts poured out on us by the Holy Spirit, we will be empowered to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters, whatever they may be.

June 6, 2004 (Holy Trinity)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's psalm reminds us that we have been crowned with glory and honor and given rule over the works of God's hands. But we must be good stewards, for the Lord will surely hold us accountable for the use of those gifts.

June 20, 2004 (12th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks Peter in today's Gospel. Does my use of the gifts and talents entrusted to me accurately reflect my answer to that same question? How willing am I to deny myself, take up my cross, and follow in His steps?

May 9, 2004 (5th Sunday of Easter)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples – and us – a new commandment: "Love one another." Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

May 23, 2004 (7th Sunday of Easter)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The second reading today contains the somber warning that Jesus is coming soon and will bring to each person the reward that his or her conduct deserves. Has my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me been such that I could respond joyfully, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"?

June 13, 2004 (Body and Blood of Christ)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's Gospel, the disciples suggest that Jesus disperse the crowd so that they might individually seek food and lodging. The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand is Jesus' powerful reminder that when we share our gifts in His name there is always more than enough!

June 27, 2004 (13th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's second reading, St. Paul provides a wonderful one-sentence summary of Christian stewardship: "Out of love, place yourselves at one another's service."

SAVE THE DATE!!

Diocesan Stewardship Day

Thursday, September 23rd, 2004

***Featuring:* Mr. James K. Kelley**
Diocese of Charlotte, NC

Jim Kelley is a “standing room only” presenter annually at the International Catholic Stewardship Conference. He has authored numerous books and manuals on stewardship. Jim was the ICSC 2000 recipient of the Bishop William Connare Stewardship Award.

WHERE: St. Michael Parish, Canton
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

&

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Warren
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!
DETAILS FORTHCOMING

Sponsored by the Diocesan Stewardship Commission

Phone Mr. Pat Palombo, Director of Stewardship & Development at 330-744-8451 ext. 325 for information.

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PARISH FESTIVALS – 2004

DATES	PARISH	LOCATION	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
June 3-6	St. Joseph, Campbell	633 Porter Ave.	ethnic food & dances; free entertainment; games; Bingo; rides
June 9-13	Immaculate Heart of Mary Austintown	4490 Norquest Blvd.	5K fun run Thurs.; dinners Fri., Sat., Sun. in social hall; Pastimes Band Thurs., Fri., Sun.; Polka Mass 5 pm Sat., polka music till 11 pm; \$5,000 grand prize drawing & fireworks Sun. night; \$500 drawing Thurs., Fri., Sat. nights; special ride matinee 1-5 Sun. for one price
June 10-13	St. Clement, Navarre	216 E. Wooster St.	bands every night
June 16-20	St. Nicholas, Struthers	764 Fifth St., Struthers	children's preview Wed.; bargain-priced food; rides – children & adult; games of chance
June 24-27	St. Charles, Boardman	across from Southern Park Mall	fireworks 10 pm Sun.; grand prize raffle drawing Sun. 11 pm
June 25-27	Sacred Heart of Mary, Louisville	8900 Columbus Rd., NE	rides for children; hot air balloon rides; nightly music (bands); games for all ages; lots of favorite foods
July 8-11	St. Christine, Youngstown	3165 S. Schenley Ave.	rides; food; music; games; fireworks Sun. night
July 8-11	St. Luke, Boardman	5235 South Ave.	
July 9-11	St. Louis, Louisville	300 N. Chapel St.	midway rides; quilt raffle; silent auction; grocery wheel; kids stuff; live music; food booths; indoor casino
July 9-11	St. Joseph, Randolph	2643 Waterloo Rd.	nightly musical entertainment featuring a different group each night; "featured" dinner each night; children's tractor pull Sun.

DATES	PARISH	LOCATION	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
July 14-18	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Niles	381 Robbins Ave.	hourly, nightly & grand raffle; bingo; live music; rides, games; Italian food; lunch served Wed., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. 11 am-2 pm; Sunday ride matinee
July 16-18	St. Joseph, Ashtabula	1200 East 21 st St.	food, raffles; entertainment, games; hourly drawings; fireworks on July 18
July 16-18	St. Joseph, Mantua	11045 St. Joseph Blvd.	delicious food; live entertainment; rides; games; contests & giveaways; tractor, pick-up & semi pulls; hourly & \$7,000 raffle drawings; big midway; indoor casino; trade booths; www.stjosephmantua.com for more details
July 22-25	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Youngstown	343 Via Mt. Carmel	13 bands; entertainment nightly; food vendors; wine taste; morra, bocce tourneys; little prince & princess pageant
August 7-8	St. Mary/St. Frances, Conneaut	744 Mill St.	live band entertainment both nights; dinner; reunion Sat. for 50th anniversary celebration for St. Frances; Morre tournament
August 5-8	St. Patrick, Hubbard	225 North Main St.	music nightly; bingo
August 12-15	St. Rose of Lima, Youngstown	50 Struthers-Coitsville Rd.	fireworks; Hispanic music groups every night; dancers, Hispanic food; games
August 13-15	Little Flower, Canton	2040 Diamond St. NE	
August 20-22	St. Joseph & St. Mary, Newton Falls	709 Milton Blvd.	rides; Bob Matasy Orchestra; games of chance; fireworks; ethnic food; vendors; dancing; hosted by K of C #3350

List is current as of 4/20/04