



Communiqué

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CHANCERY OFFICE

A. DIOCESAN WEB ADDRESS

Please note the new address for the Diocese of Youngstown website: www.cathdoy.org.

B. DIRECTORY UPDATES NEEDED

1. Official Catholic Directory

Parishes, schools and institutions of the diocese should have received, or will soon receive, their annual mailing from the P.J. Kenedy Publishing Company, publishers of the Official Catholic Directory. This is not an ad. The mailing contains your update sheet for the 2009 OCD and needs immediate attention. Please make the necessary statistical changes, corrections and additions, sign and return to the Chancery as directed on the form. If you normally receive the annual form but do not receive it, please contact Nancy Yuhasz at the Chancery Office, 330-744-8451, ext. 235.

2. Diocesan Directory

Current listings in the Diocesan Directory, published by the Catholic Exponent, will soon receive a copy of that listing to update. All updates for the Diocesan Directory are due back to the Exponent no later than October 8. Contact Carole Vlosich at the Exponent, 330-744-5251.

Thank you for your cooperation in observing the deadlines for these important projects.

C. CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

1. Updating Information

Administrators are reminded to submit updates for employees and volunteers as they complete child protection compliance requirements; and to submit all information for new employees on the Compliance Checklist. This is the only way information is entered into the Child Protection Policy data base.

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.

2. Upcoming In-Service Opportunities

The following in-service opportunities are available for Child Protection Policy compliance. See the *Communique* each month for additional dates and places; or contact the Office of Religious Education.

September 9, 7-9 pm - Blessed Sacrament Parish, Warren – contact Matt Abramowski, 330-372-2215
 September 9, 7-9 pm - St. Michael Parish, Canton – contact Sr. Dorothy Fuchs, 330-492-3119
 September 9, 7-9 pm - St. Joseph School, Mantua – contact Beth Frank, 330-274-2268
 September 10, 5-7 pm - St. Christine Parish, Youngstown - contact Colleen Boyle, 330-793-0544
 September 11, 7-9 pm - St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown-contact Sr. Isabel Rudge, 330-744-5233
 September 18, 7-9 pm - St. Barbara School, Massillon - contact Robert Ott, 330-833-9510
 October 6, 7-9 pm - St. Joseph School, Mantua – contact Beth Frank, 330-274-2268

Please call ahead if you plan to attend one of these sessions so enough materials will be available.

D. 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

Diaconate on ETC-TV

St. Paul, Canton:

September 7 at 12:00 noon
 September 10 at 8:00 p.m.
 September 12 at 10:00 a.m.
 September 26 at 10:00 a.m.

St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown:

September 15 at 8:00 p.m.
 September 17 at 12:00 noon
 September 19 at 10:00 a.m.
 September 26 at 12:00 noon

Diaconate on WIVM-TV 52 and Time Warner Digital Cable 585, WIVN TV 29 Adelphia Cable 99

St. Paul, Canton: September 7 at 1:00 p.m.
 St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown: September 21 at 1:00 p.m.

3. Radio Programming

Wineskins airs every Sunday at 7:30 a.m. on WKBN 570 AM in Youngstown; 9:30 a.m. on WILB 1060 AM in Canton; and can be heard on Walking On Water Radio 1360 WWOW-AM in Ashtabula County, Eastern Lake County and Western Pennsylvania at noon on Mondays.

Highlights for August:

1. In the current issue segment Catholic Charities will focus on stewardship. Sr. Edwardine Baznik Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Stark County, will tell us about its regional service in Stark County.
2. Mr. Ron Puhalla from Holy Family Parish in Poland will tell us about the Saints in September.
3. Father John Michael Lavelle, Pastoral Director of CTNY, will interview: Miguel Chavez, Director of Campus Ministry at Walsh University; Donna Orsuto, Professor at the Pontifical Gregorian in Rome; Barbara Walko, Diocesan Director of the Office of Religious Education and Rick Walker, Assistant to the Executive Director of Catholic Charities.

4. Fr. Joe Zmary, Pastor of St. James in Waynesburg, will reflect on the Sunday Scriptures. The Music selection will be taken from the CD "Turn My Heart, A Sacred Journey from Brokenness to Healing" by Marty Hagen.

CANONICAL SERVICES

In-Service Available

The Tribunal staff has made available an ongoing, in-service for pastors, associates, deacons, religious, 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 focuses on preparation of case histories, compilation of documents, witnesses and determining of the appropriate grounds of nullity.

Ten sessions have been held since the inception of the program in May of 2004, and close to 100 registrants have had the opportunity to participate. Size of the in-service is in small groups of between 8-12 participants and generally runs approximately two hours. 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.

Interested parties, who have not already registered or who need a "refresher" at either the Tribunal in Youngstown or at a parish in Canton, should call the Tribunal at (330) 744-8451, ext. 252, to have their names placed on the registrant list. You would then be contacted when there are at least eight registrants for a particular location.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORPORATION

1. Thank You for Supporting First Step for Change

The 2008 First Step for Change campaign has been the most successful in the effort's five year history. A big "thank you" goes to those 40 parishes who collected approximately \$35,000 to assist those pregnant women and families with young children served by Catholic Charities' First Step programs across the diocese. This money will help to provide material assistance—food, formula, diapers and other health and safety items—to families in need.

2. 2008 Voice of Hope Dinner

Catholic Charities' 11th Annual Voice of Hope Dinner will be held on **Friday, October 24, 2008** at Ciminero's Banquet Centre, Niles. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. with a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Clarence Williams, CPPS, Director of Racial Equality and Diversity Initiatives for Catholic Charities USA, will provide a keynote address on this year's Voice of Hope theme, "Saved by Hope."

The following will be recognized with Voice of Hope Awards:

Dr. James & Dr. Cynthia Kravec
Blessed Sacrament Parish, Warren
Kent State University Catholic Student Association
Msgr. John Zuraw

Tickets can be purchased for \$55.00 each (table of 8 for \$440) by calling Shellie Sabel at 330-744-8451, ext. 322 or slsabel@att.net.

3. Men Who Cook

Catholic Charities of Stark County will be hosting its 2008 Men Who Cook event on **Saturday, November 1** at Walsh University's Barrette Center from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Some of the chefs participating in this fundraiser to support the Agency's First Step Program will include Father John Nentwick, Father Brad Helman, Father John Warner, and Father Tom Dyer.

For more information, contact Catholic Charities of Stark County at 330-491-0896.

4. Van for Sale

Catholic Charities of Stark County is selling a 2000 Chevrolet conversion van with lift. The van seats 12 passengers. Contact Sister Edwardine Baznik at 330-491-0896 or ebaznik@sbcglobal.net for more information.

CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

A. OFFICE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION OF PRIESTS

1. "Preaching Faithful Citizenship"

September 17, 2008 – "Preaching on Faithful Citizenship" with Bishop George V. Murry, S.J. for priests and deacons, 12:00-3:00 p.m. at the Ursuline Center

September 19, 2008 – "Faithful Citizenship" with Joan Rosenhauer, USCCB, open presentation 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, Canfield

2. Priests' Retreat

This fall, plan to register for the Priests' Retreat, **September 28-October 2, 2008**, at Villa Maria Center in Villa Maria, PA. Rev. Peter Fennessy, S.J., will be speaking on the topic "Works of Art to Address the Spiritual Exercises."

3. Gospel of Mark

Mark your calendars for an upcoming event with Fr. John Donahue, S.J. He will be speaking on the Gospel of Mark to the general public the evening of **December 1, 2008**; and an afternoon session with priests and deacons on **December 2, 2008**.

B. OFFICE OF VOWED RELIGIOUS

1. Vocations Website

This is a reminder to all Religious Congregations to submit any upcoming events, celebrations, photos, etc. taking place within or relating to the Congregation. We would like to post these on our Diocesan Vocations Website. Please e-mail all information to Sister Joyce Candidi, OSHJ at: sjcandidi@youngstowndiocese.org. Also note that the Diocesan Website address has been changed to www.cathdoy.org.

2. Scholarship for Religious Women

The University of Akron Law School provides Scholarships for religious women (Matthew 25:31-46 Scholarship) to become poverty lawyers by providing tuition assistance to pursue its Juris Doctor degree program. Any religious women interested in obtaining more information can contact the Office of Religious at (330) 744-8451, ext. 238.

DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP

A. 2008 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church . . . "Together in Faith"

As of August 12, 2008, commitments totaling \$3,405,780 toward our goal of \$3.6 million have been received in our Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church. These gifts came from 24,738 Catholic households.

The Bishop's Appeal offers Catholics the opportunity to join together in faith and respond to our Lord's challenge . . . that we serve those in need.

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

B. Stewardship Bulletin Inserts

Stewardship bulletin inserts for September and October are included in the *Communique* attachments.

ECUMENISM

Week of Prayer

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated **January 18-25, 2009** with the theme "*That they may become one in your hand.*" (Ezekiel 37:15-19, 22-24a) Priests, Catholic School principals, CCD principals, pastoral ministers and youth ministry contact have been sent a catalog/order form for materials to help celebrate the Week of Prayer. Please order early directly from Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute, or download resources from www.geii.org.

PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

A. OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

In-Service Day and Service Recognition

Teachers and administrators within the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown met on August 19, 2008, at St. Michael Parish in Canton for a Diocesan In-service. The theme for the In-service, *Celebrate Service*, highlighted the special role teachers have in the positive spiritual, academic and social growth of our students. To emphasize the importance of what our teachers do so well every day, all Catholic school educators throughout the diocese came together as a community of faith-filled people to begin the school year.

The Office of Catholic Schools recognized teachers and administrators of our schools for their years of service in the ministry of Catholic school education. Service was recognized in five-year increments (i.e., completion of five, ten, fifteen, etc., years of service as of the 2007-2008 school year). Educators honored for 40 years of service were: Mr. Paul Gregory, teacher at Cardinal Mooney High School, Youngstown; Sister Mary Alyce Koval, OSU, Principal at St. Charles Elementary School, Boardman; and Mr. Valery Litwinow, teacher at St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Louisville. Three teachers were honored for 45 years of service to the diocese. They are: Miss Rose Krantz, teacher at St. Mary Elementary School, Massillon; Miss Nancy Shugart, teacher at Cardinal Mooney High School, Youngstown; and Mr. John Ulicney, teacher at Ursuline High School, Youngstown.

The speaker was Dr. Elinor Ford, internationally known for her work in Catholic education. Dr. Ford has long been a friend, a supporter, a champion and a challenger of those who so valiantly serve and lead the various ministries within Catholic education and parishes.

B. OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY MINISTRY

1. 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, September 27**, at St. Charles Parish, Boardman and **Saturday, October 18**, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Canton. An ideal option for engaged couples and all involved in parish marriage preparation ministry. Reservations a must. For a complete schedule or to register, visit www.cathdoy.org or call the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family at 330-744-8451.

2. Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Murry will preside at Mass for couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries on **Sunday, October 26**, 2:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church in Canton. The celebration includes a reception for couples and their families, a personalized certificate for each couple, and an opportunity for a couples' photo with Bishop Murry. Couples must register for this event by contacting their parish before September 29.

3. Human Life Guild Love and Life Conference

Join members of the Diocese of Youngstown Human Life Guild on **Saturday, October 4**, to kick off Respect Life Month with a day-long conference in celebration of life and love at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon, North Jackson, Ohio. Speakers include Sister Renee Mirkes, OSF, PhD; Colleen Kelly Mast and Fr. James M. Sullivan, OP. All are welcome to attend. For registration information contact the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family at 330-744-8451.

4. Bioethics Conference - Moral Conviction vs. Political Pressure

How can healthcare institutions and professionals distinguish between morally legitimate and morally evil acts? What should they do if asked to cooperate with wrong procedures or policies? How can they uphold Catholic moral values, maintain professionalism, and show genuine compassion for their patients? These and related questions will be discussed at the Institute of Bioethics Conference, Moral Conviction vs. Political Pressure, to be held at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, **October 9-11, 2008**. Speakers include Bishop Anthony Fisher, OP, DD, auxiliary bishop and episcopal vicar for Life and Health for the Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia; Maureen L. Condit, PhD, associate professor of neurobiology and anatomy at the University of Utah School of Medicine; Father Christopher Saliga, OP, RN. For registration information, visit www.franciscanconferences.com

5. Bioethics Certificate

The National Catholic Bioethics Center offers a Certification Program in Health Care Ethics. This one-year program begins in September, and is designed to enable those engaged in health care and related fields to articulate Church teaching, apply the Church's moral teaching, and identify resources that provide guidance on bioethical issues. More information can be found at www.ncbcenter.org/certification.asp

6. Respect Life/Family Bulletin messages and Inserts

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

C. OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1. Catechetical Sunday: September 21, 2008

“The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church” is the theme for the new ministry year designated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Parishes throughout the country will be recognizing the many generous and dedicated catechists for their service to the Ministry of the Word.

Planning booklets prepared by USCCB are available through the Office of Religious Education. The booklet and accompanying CD contain resources for use in celebrating Catechetical Sunday, commissioning catechists and families as well as resources for use throughout the year. Features include a retreat for catechists, retreat for families, Advent and Lenten activities, adult faith formation articles and bulletin inserts.

Planning Kit	\$ 13.50
Catechist Certificates (English and/or Spanish)	\$.50
Catechist Prayer Cards (English and/or Spanish)	\$.10
Family Prayer Cards (English and/or Spanish)	\$.12

2. Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States

Attention: Priests, Deacons, Parish Ministers, School Personnel, Parish Council Members, Catechists, Faith Formation Leaders, and all Catholic adults

The Offices of Continuing Education of Clergy, Lay Ministry, Pro-Life, Marriage and Family, Social Action, Worship, Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Religious Education are sponsoring a seminar to provide the official Catholic teaching on Faithful Citizenship. Parishes all encouraged to bring their staffs together for a unified understanding of Catholic social teaching during the election year. Brochures have been distributed. Please contact the Office of Religious Education to register and for additional brochures.

Friday, September 19, 2008

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

St. Michael Parish, Canfield

The featured presenter will be Joan Rosenhauer, on the staff of the USCCB Department of Justice and Human Development.

3. Faithful Citizenship Weekend: October 11 and 12, 2008

All parishes are invited to join in the diocesan wide designation for Faithful Citizenship Weekend for **Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12, 2008**. Resources for formation, homily preparation, intercessions, liturgy planning, and the do's and don'ts of political responsibility will be provided. Additionally, seminars for priests and deacons on **September 17, 2008** and parish leaders on **September 19, 2008** will enable fuller understanding and commitment to our diocesan effort. For additional information visit faithfulcitizenship.org from the official USCCB website.

4. Faithful Citizenship Website for Young Catholics

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has launched a Faithful Citizenship website for young Catholics, www.faithfulcitizenship.org/youth. This new addition to the USCCB Faithful Citizenship web site offers youth friendly resources to help them exercise their “right to have their voices heard on issues that affect their lives and the common good” (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 16).

5. Adult Faith Formation

Valley Bible Study: Collaborative Ministry of Mahoning County parishes (weekly)

St. Brendan Parish	Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. OR	1 Hour General per Session
School building Room 103	Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	

First Friday Club of Youngstown

Luncheon Speaker Series
Antone's Banquet Center
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
For reservations: 330-533-1023

Thursday, September 4, 2008

Megatrends in Catholicism:
10 Forces Turning the Church Upside Down
John Allen, Senior Correspondent, *National Catholic Reporter*

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Preparing to Vote in 2008 Presidential Elections
Jim Tobin, Associate Director, Catholic Conference of Ohio

6. RCIA: International Convocation In Cleveland

Handing On What We Have Received from the Lord

The North American Forum on the Catechumenate has scheduled the fifth international convocation for **November 6 – 8, 2008** in Cleveland. Parish Christian Initiation Teams, clergy, and anyone interested in the RCIA are encouraged to attend. Additional Information and registration; www.naforum.org, or contact Fran Amer or Barbara Walko.

7. Required Child Protection Inservice

All persons working or volunteering with children and adolescents are required to participate in an in-service 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.

8. Treasured Gifts from God: Protecting God's Children

The following in-services are open to employees and volunteers working with children and youth. Please call the phone listed to register and to ensure that adequate materials are prepared. Additional dates scheduled may be available through the Office of Religious Education.

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Warren
Facilitator: Matt Abramowski, 330 372-2215

St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Canton
Facilitator: Sister Dorothy Fuchs, 330 492-3119

St. Joseph Parish, Mantua
Facilitator: Beth Frank, 330 274-2268

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

St. Christine Parish, Youngstown
Colleen Boyle, 330 793-0544

Monday, October 6, 2008

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

St. Joseph School, Mantua

Facilitator: Beth Frank, 330 274-2268

Thursday, October 9, 2008

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

St. Patrick Parish, Kent

Facilitator: Linda Kavalec, 330-677-4453

9. Evangelization and Catechesis Conference 2008

Make plans to register your parish teams for the Evangelization and Catechesis Conference on **November 15, 2008**, at Youngstown State University, Kilcawley Center. Edward Hahnenberg Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, Xavier University, Cincinnati, will be the keynote speaker. Gather your parish teams for a ministry renewal.

10. Year of Paul

The Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association is featuring a series of articles about celebrating the Year of Paul available to download in the News section of the PNCEA website, www.pncea.org/news.

11. Proclaiming Christ 2008: Sharing the Gift of Our Catholic Faith

Registrations are still open for Proclaiming Christ 2008: Sharing the Gift of Our Catholic Faith. The Pauline National Catholic Evangelization Association (PNCEA) sponsors this National Online Evangelization Conference on September 16 – 18, 2008. For more information, visit the PNCEA website, www.pncea.org.

D. OFFICE OF WORSHIP

1. Leader of Prayer Formation Series

The Office of Worship will sponsor an eight-week series for the formation of Lay Leaders of Prayer. Those taking part will be instructed in the verbal and non-verbal elements of presiding as outlined in the diocesan document, *Gathered in Steadfast Faith*. The series is open to those discerned for this ministry by their pastor. The sessions will begin on Wednesday, **September 17, 2008** at St. William Parish, Champion, from 7:00-9:15 p.m., and continue each Wednesday **through November 12**, with the exception of October 15. The fee for the series is \$70. Registration information has been sent to pastors and Spiritual Life and Worship chairpersons. For more information, call the Office of Worship at 330-744-8451, ext. 304.

2. A New Offering for Liturgy Committees

Regional gatherings will be held in three locations in the diocese. They will offer liturgy committees the opportunity to discuss the working of their committee with people from other parishes as well as to receive some input on the upcoming liturgical year from members of the Worship Committee of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.

The gatherings will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on:

Monday, September 15
Tuesday, September 16
Tuesday, September 23

Little Flower Parish, Middlebranch
 St. Robert Parish, Cortland
 St. Michael Parish, Canfield

Brochures have been mailed. For more information or additional brochures, please contact the Worship Office, 330-744-8451, ext. 304.

3. Resources for the Upcoming Liturgical Year

The annual publications of Liturgical Training Publications are available for purchase through the Office of Worship, 330-744-8451, ext. 304.

Sourcebook for Sundays and Seasons

1-4 \$13.00 each 5 or more \$11.00 each

Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Readers

1-49 \$11.00 each 50 or more \$10.00 each

At Home With the Word

1-99 \$7.00 each 100 or more \$6.00 each

Children's Daily Prayer for 2008-2009

1-9 \$13.00 each 10 or more \$12.00 each

Daily Prayer 2009

\$11.00 each 2 or more \$10.00 each

Liturgical Calendar (poster size 26 x 26)

Single Poster \$8.00 each 2-24 \$7.00 each

Laminated \$15.00 Notebook Size (packs of 25) \$12.00

The Catholic Handbook for Visiting the Sick and Homebound 2009

\$5.00 each 5 or more \$4.00 each

4. Please Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, February 7, 2009

Liturgy Day

St. Charles Parish, Boardman

5. Liturgical Calendar Advisories

Saturday, November 1, 2008 – Solemnity of All Saints – In 2008, the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1 will fall on Saturday. In accord with the USCCB decision of November 1991, confirmed by the Holy See in July 1992, the precept to attend Mass on this day is abrogated. Since the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated, the funeral Mass may be celebrated on this day (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal* [GIRM], no 336). November 1, however, remains a Solemnity and ritual Masses are forbidden on this day (GIRM, no. 330). Since most marriages in the United States are celebrated on Saturdays, pastors should take care in scheduling weddings on this date. While the ritual Mass for marriage is forbidden on the Solemnity of All Saints, the Mass of the day with the nuptial blessing may be celebrated. The Rite of Marriage outside Mass may also be celebrated.

Monday, December 8, 2008 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – In 2008, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, will fall on a Monday. In accord with the USCCB decision of November 1991, confirmed by the Holy See in July 1992, the precept to attend Mass on this Solemnity is maintained, even when it falls on a Saturday or Monday. Therefore, Monday, December 8, 2008, will be a holy day of obligation for the faithful in the United States.

E. OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

1. Fall Youth Ministers' Gathering

Youth Ministry Leaders, take a break from your everyday routine. Spend some time networking with your peers and discussing youth ministry issues at the Fall Youth Ministers' Gathering, **Thursday, October 16**, from noon to 3 p.m. at Unity Hall in Newton Falls (formerly St. Mary Parish). Lunch will be provided. RSVP by Friday, October 10 to Cindee at 330-74-8451, ext. 280 or ccase@youngstowndiocese.org.

2. Diocesan Youth Convention (DYC)

It's time to motivate the high school age youth at your parish/school to participate. It's "**Time to Choose**," the Diocesan Youth Convention, **Sunday, November 2, 2008**, from 10:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Canton. Teens will have the opportunity to experience the keynote address, and Mass with Bishop George Murry, S.J., as well as the sacrament of reconciliation, workshops, hands-on learning, prayer, music from St. Michael's LifeTeen band, food, fun and much more. Registration materials will be available soon. Don't wait to get your teens ready to choose the DYC.

3. Search Retreat 40th Anniversary

Akron CYO is looking to contact former "Search for Christian Maturity" retreat participants for the 40th anniversary Reunion at Camp Christopher on September 20, 2008. Please contact Louise at 330-762-2961, ext. 206 or email lgrizer@clevelandcatholiccharities.org to request further details.

4. In-service for Diocesan Scouting Leadership

Diocesan Committee members of Boy Scouting, Girl Scouting, Campfire and American Heritage Girls from Ohio and Michigan are invited to come together for an in-service to explore the challenges we face and plan to more effectively meet those challenges. The in-service will take place at River's Edge, 3430 Rocky River Drive. Cleveland, Ohio, from 2:00 p.m. **Sunday, September 28**, to 1:00 p.m., **Monday, September 29, 2008**. The cost of \$75 per person covers housing, three meals, and materials. Register online at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/youthmin/boyscouting/Inservice08/> by Monday, September 15, 2008.

5. National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry (NCCYM)

Adult Leaders, let's show the country that Cleveland Rocks. Take advantage of this opportunity to gather with thousands of youth ministry leaders from all over the USA to learn, network and gather resources. The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) will sponsor "Formed by Living Waters/*Formados por Aqua Viva*" in Cleveland, **December 4–7, 2008**. Register online at <http://nccym.nfcym.org/registration.asp>, then contact the OY&YAM to let us know you'll be attending.

6. Help Needed for NCCYM

Anyone wishing to volunteer to assist with Prayer and Spirituality elements for NCCYM, please contact Cindee at 330-744-8451, ext. 280 or ccase@youngstowndiocese.org.

7. Reminder: Parish Youth Ministry Reports Due

The deadline for submitting Parish Youth Ministry Reports is **October 1, 2008**. Please help the OY&YAM to gather this vital information. The pink report form can be found in the folders from the May 1 Parish Ministers' Gathering. If you do not have a folder, or cannot find your form, please contact Rachel at 330-744-8451, ext. 279 or rflasco@youngstowndiocese.org.

PROGRAMS & RETREATS

A. 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.

Sept. 26	Bereavement Group	noon-1 pm
Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11	Road Map for a Just Society	10-11:30 am
Sept. 29, Oct. 13, 20	Bible Nuts & Bolts	7-8:30 pm

Registration required. \$10 per session.

B. Villa Maria Retreat Center, Villa Maria, PA (724-964-8920, ext. 3331)

Sept. 9	Coffee & Contemplation Advanced registration required	9:30-11:30 am Cost: \$5; \$11.75 w/lunch
Sept. 13	Global Meditation Series Jewish Meditation: Hisbodedut Carpool with 4 people: 3 full price, 4 th only \$8.00 Registration due Sept. 3	10 am-3 pm cost: \$40 includes lunch \$35 by Aug. 28
Sept. 16 & 3 rd Tues. of each month	Reflection Series Bridges to Contemplative Living Registration required	9:30-11:30 am Cost: \$5 plus \$6 for book

C. The Hamilton Forum

Thursdays at the Fannon Center, St. Michael Parish, Canton
Lunch buffet: 11:30 am; program 11:45-12:45 pm Cost: \$10; season pass: \$70

Sept. 4 "Public Faith in a Pluralistic World: An Election Year Meditation" -- Rev. Norm Douglas

Reservation line: 330-649-1231 or hamiltonforum.org by Monday of the week of the luncheon.
Diocesan Religious Education credits available.

D. Midwest Interfaith Immigration Summit

The Ohio Council of Churches is joining an Interfaith Immigration Coalition in sponsoring a two-day conference that will bring together faith-based leaders and advocates in the Midwest to work towards education and mobilizing their communities in support of fair and humane immigration reform. September 10-11, Fort Rapids Resort, Columbus. Contact the OCC at 614-885-9590; or xjones@ohcouncilchs.org.

MISCELLANEOUS

A. USCCB Advisories

1. Fraudulent Bishop Alert: Most Rev. Charles Smith, OSF, presided at a funeral in Cincinnati. He is not recognized as a bishop by the Vatican.

2. Stephen Michael Greinke: working with an organization called the Missionary Brothers of Perpetual Help in Naval, Philippines, has been suspended by the Naval diocese. Further info: 053-500-9032.
3. Fr. José Chavarin: incardinated in the Archdiocese of San Francisco, accused of committing sexual abuse of minors. Whereabouts unknown. Any information contact Very Rev. C. Michael Padazinski, Vicar General, or Bp. William Justice, Vicar for Clergy, at 415-614-5619.
4. Mr. Jordan McCambridge: seminarian dismissed from Archdiocese of Anchorage. Further info: 907-297-7755
5. Rev. Mukisa Grace: emails requesting donations of \$2,820 to him in Uganda are forgeries. The sending email address could be one of the following: Bishopc@mail2Christians.com; Bishopc@mail2world.com; Pbksjefferts@aol.com; or Kjefferts@aol.com. Further info: Br. Matthew Cunningham, Chancellor, Diocese of Reno.
6. Fr. Daniel Medina: on leave from the Archdiocese of Newark and prohibited from exercising any priestly functions or presenting himself as a priest in good standing. Further info: contact Msgr. John Doran at doranjo@rcan.org or 973-497-4002.
7. Fr. Eduardo Nebelung: no longer has an assignment in the Diocese of Sacramento. Further info: contact 916-733-0200.

IN MEMORIAM

	<u>September</u>
<i>Deacon Edgar Cobett</i>	3/02
<i>Rev. Casimir Grabowski</i>	4/63
<i>Rev. Christopher Lynch, OFM</i>	4/78
<i>Rev. Bernard Vacca</i>	6/02
<i>Rev. Ferris J. Petros</i>	8/60
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Lavell</i>	12/65
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Vitus Franco</i>	13/61
<i>Rev. Camillus Lutkemeier</i>	13/80
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Raymond J. Steiger</i>	13/81
<i>Rev. Sebastian McKay, OSB</i>	14/43
<i>Rev. Wolfgang Frey, OSB</i>	14/83
<i>Rev. Bernard Werner, OP</i>	15/85
<i>Rev. John Carolla, SSP</i>	17/58
<i>Rev. Frederick Gordon, OP</i>	18/74
<i>Ring, Rev. Thomas</i>	19/52
<i>Deacon Thomas Cihon</i>	21/93
<i>Rev. August Coccarelli</i>	21/04
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Norman Kelly</i>	23/90
<i>Rev. Thomas F. Murphy</i>	23/05
<i>Rev. Bernard Shaffer, OP</i>	24/65
<i>Rev. William J. Kennedy</i>	24/71
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trainor</i>	25/56
<i>Rev. Joseph S. Beller</i>	25/98
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. John R. Toole</i>	26/85
<i>+MOST REV. BENEDICT C. FRANZETTA</i>	26/06
<i>Rev. William Ring</i>	28/47
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Stephen W. Begalla</i>	29/73
<i>Deacon Eugene Basile</i>	30/99
<i>Deacon Edward Briestensky</i>	30/04

