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# CLERGY NEWS

## Archdiocese of Detroit

### Director's Notes

I was already 15 minutes late and I was circling back to Ford Road for the second time wondering who moved Evergreen Road! Of course, this was also the day I left my cell phone in the house still connected to the power cord – have you looked for a public phone lately?

I rolled into the gas station at Michigan and Oakman and spied the last public phone in Wayne County. As Katie answered the phone on her end, I had to drop the receiver and jump out of the way of this wave of water coming at me from a passing truck. "I'm lost", I sheepishly confessed. "Can you pull out that well worn grey covered directory in my office and tell me how to find St. Thomas Aquinas?" (You need to know that Katie and I are both "eastiders" and, therefore do not have the genetic wiring to know that Evergreen is west of Southfield!)

That story will never have to be my story again because my family gifted me a Garmin Streetpilot c340. The cover of the quick reference guide assures me that I will have every location readily available, never having to prove my provincial ignorance again.

Not being able to find our way doesn't just happen when we are behind the wheel of our cars, it also happens to us in ministry. While the Streetpilot c340 is probably a wonderful gadget it will not help me to stay focused in my ministry – for that I rely on spiritual direction and strong relationships with others in ministry.

The spiritual formation committee of the Presbyteral Council plans to focus on surfacing the names of men willing to do spiritual direction. Sr. Rosemarie Kiefer and Fr. Vic Clore are willing to provide the formation necessary for those willing to pursue spiritual direction as a ministry. If you feel called to this specialized ministry please give me a call so that we can invite you into the conversation. - *Mike LeFevre*

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### Diaconate Notes

Dear Diaconate Community,

By the time you receive this newsletter we will be fast approaching Passiontide and then the celebration of Easter. May the celebration of the great mysteries of our faith be particularly meaningful to you this year and may the blessings of Resurrected Christ abound for you and yours.

A note of interest perhaps for some of you: the Permanent Deacons from Hawaii and their Bishop are inviting you to participate in a week-long Diaconate Conference from October 25, 2008 until November 1, 2008. The conference is aboard the Norwegian Cruise Line vessel, the Pride of America. The ship will move among the islands and you will have a chance to tour during the day and in the evening there will be conferences and panel discussions. Those who are interested can go to [www.deaconshawaii.org](http://www.deaconshawaii.org) for more information and registration.

Also of interest is the fact the Pontifical College Josephinum is beginning to offer a "Distance Learning Program for the Diaconate." As of this time they are offering 6 different courses for continuing education that can be taken over the internet. Those interested should go to [www.pcj.edu/distance/courses.html](http://www.pcj.edu/distance/courses.html) for more information.

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## Upper Room Crisis Hotline

### The Upper Room Crisis Hotline

The Upper Room is a national crisis hotline serving the needs of priests and men religious. It is a private, not-for-profit corporation registered in the state of Illinois.

Sr. Mary Frances Seeley, Ph.D., who has extensive national and international experience in hotline administration and maintenance, will conduct the day-to-day tasks of administration.

### Their Beliefs

The Upper Room Crisis Hotline is to be the expression of God's unconditional love for those called to the ministry of Jesus... The Upper Room be a place where brothers and sisters can meet to exchange confidences, to pray, and to mutually support one another in our daily ministry.

### Contact

24 hrs. a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year

1-8888-808-8724

For Priests, Religious Brothers and Deacons Only

### Spiritual Assistant Needed

Spiritual Assistant sought for Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites community, now meeting at Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak, second Sunday afternoons, Sept.-May.

Primary role--to give individuals spiritual direction in context of Reconciliation, with appreciation for Carmelite spirituality as expressed by St. Teresa of Jesus and St. John of the Cross; guidance if necessary regarding discernment of vocation to Secular Order. Stipend.

Contact: Ruthann Distler, OCDS, President, Our Lady of the Paraclete Community, [jdistler@umich.edu](mailto:jdistler@umich.edu), (734) 665-6846.

### UNITY EXPLOSION CONFERENCE

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston is sponsoring a July 17-20, 2008 conference providing worship experience that addresses the ministerial, pastoral, evangelization and liturgical needs of those ministering in parishes with Catholics of African descent.

Conference cost is \$125.00 with hotel rates of \$109.00 per night. Contact: [dladet@archgh.org](mailto:dladet@archgh.org) or [www.unityexplosion.org](http://www.unityexplosion.org)

### Priest Wanted for Part-Time Coverage at U of M Hospital

The **Spiritual Care Department** at the *University of Michigan Hospitals* in Ann Arbor, Michigan is interested in hiring one or more priests for helping with coverage until mid year 2008 when our full time priest is expected to return from military leave. The need we have includes coverage of regular shift (daytime) in-hospital ministry as well as some evening on-call ministry (currently 5-11 p.m.). If filling **any part** of our schedule needs and participating in pastoral ministry in the hospital setting interests you please contact Deacon Wayne Charlton [deaconwc@med.umich.edu](mailto:deaconwc@med.umich.edu) or 734-763-2418. I would be happy to email details/job description or discuss via telephone.

**American House is offering discount rates to Senior Priest residents at any of their locations, eight in Macomb County alone. Three of our senior priests currently reside in their facilities. If interested, please contact Fran Marable, at 586.776.8500.**

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## Courageous Conversations: Recovering Our Catholic Tradition of Palliative Care

Myles Sheehan, S.J., M.D.

April 8, 2008

Lunch at Noon, Presentation starts at 1, ends at 3 PM

Open to all Deacons and Priests

### Précis

What does it mean to have a peaceful death in the twenty-first century? How does our Roman Catholic tradition influence our perspective and choices on issues related to medical care, the use of life-sustaining technology, and ultimately, a happy death? In this presentation on palliative care, Fr. Myles Sheehan, S.J., of Loyola's Stritch School of Medicine and a physician specializing in Internal Medicine and Geriatrics, will focus on essential end of life issues. He will emphasize the need to understand common, expected, and usual outcomes as people address health-care needs near the end of life.

### About Myles Sheehan, S.J., M.D.

Dr. Myles N. Sheehan, S.J. is Senior Associate Dean for Educational Programs at Loyola University Chicago's Stritch School of Medicine. Dr. Sheehan is a specialist in Internal Medicine and Geriatrics and is often listed as one of Chicago's Top Doctors. Dr. Sheehan is a professor and director of the Leischner Institute. Dr. Sheehan joined Stritch in 1995. Dr. Sheehan currently combines an active ministry with medical students with his responsibilities in curriculum development, educational administration, teaching, and patient care.



## PASTORING IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

New program developed by the Pastoral Leadership Institute will gather pastors, parish life coordinators, administrators and ministerial teams to a five day workshop in Jacksonville, Florida at the Marywood Center for Spirituality. Two workshop dates are planned: April 6-11, 2008 and January 11-16, 2009.

Conference cost is \$950.00

Contact:

[pastoring21stcentury@gmail.com](mailto:pastoring21stcentury@gmail.com)

Mary Sellars Malloy  
c/o Pastoral Leadership Program  
1060 Larkspur Court  
Florence KY 41042.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL PRIESTS' BBQ

Join your brother priests at the annual Priests' Barbecue at SHMS, Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Questions? Call the Office of the Rector at (313) 883-8501. Watch your mail for your invitation and response card!

## NOCERCC Gleanings by Mike LeFevre

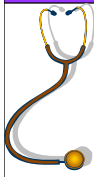
At last month's gathering of directors for continuing education of clergy I had the opportunity to pick up the usual materials on sabbaticals and other educational offerings around the country.

One that caught my eye is a distance-learning project by The Georgetown Center for Liturgy. This allows for long distance coaching for Preachers and Presiders who can connect with their coach and work on bettering their style of worship and perfecting their craft at preaching. You can get more information from their email address [centerforliturgy.georgetown.edu](mailto:centerforliturgy.georgetown.edu) or (202)687-4420. Some of you may also be familiar with their other liturgical resource known as [www.envisionchurch.org](http://www.envisionchurch.org). This resource allows you to enter into conversations ranging from seasonal environments to art and architecture.

Any who are looking to sharpen their skills on pasturing might be interested in "Pastoring in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" a workshop offered next winter at Marywood Center for Spirituality in Jacksonville, Florida. The dates are January 11-16 and the contact would be Mary Sellars Malloy whose email address is [pastoring21stcentury@gmail.com](mailto:pastoring21stcentury@gmail.com) Cost for the workshop is \$950.00.

I will be sharing other information from the convention with the committees of the Presbyteral Council so that they can also be in touch with other national offerings.

## Sick Bay



We hope to list the priests and deacons within the Archdiocese of Detroit who are currently in need of our prayer, a note, or a phone call. To add a name to the listing please contact the person first to make certain they want such information published and then send the name through to our office.

### Priests:

- \* Fr. Jim Bjorum
- \* Fr. Joseph Janiga
- \* Fr. John LaCasse
- \* Fr. Norbert Maciejewski
- \* Fr. Janusz Marzynski
- \* Fr. Norman Nawrocki
- \* Fr. John Nowlan
- \* Fr. Bill Petron
- \* Fr. Jim Profota
- \* Fr. Jacob Samonie
- \* Fr. Francis Skalski
- \* Fr. Jerome F. Treacy, SJ
- \* Fr. Richard Ugolik

### Diaconate Community:

- \* Dcn. Luther Aman
- \* Dcn. Pat Bruen
- \* Dcn. Peter Cornell
- \* Dcn. Andy Fairbanks
- \* Dcn. Wyatt Jones
- \* Karen McMahan, wife of aspirant Mark McMahan
- \* Diana Shubik, wife of Dcn. Rich Shubik
- \* Clarice Urbiel, wife of formation student Joe Urbiel

## Diaconate Notes

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As is the case each year we are in need of as many deacons as are available for the Maundy Thursday Chrism Mass. Please let Katie (313-865-6300 ext 226) know of your availability.

- *Deacon Mike McKale*

## In Memory

*Happy are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.*

Fr. John Beez, S.J.  
 Fr. Fred Bergewisch, S.J.  
 Fr. Paul Boyle, C.P.  
 Fr. James Brichetto, S.J.  
 Dcn. Eugene DiCresce  
 Fr. Thomas Duffey  
 Fr. Paul Huber, S.J.  
 Dcn. William Johr  
 Fr. Donald Leininger  
 Dcn. William Lenny  
 Fr. John Lucal, S.J.  
 Fr. Bernard Mullen  
 Fr. William Pettit  
 Fr. Reinhold Schmitt, C.M.M.  
 Eleanor Campernel, mother of Dcn. Jerry (Judith) Campernel  
 Art Gonzales, father of Mrs. Michelle (formation student José) Diaz  
 Klemens Grankowski, father of Fr. Zbigniew Grankowski  
 John Imesch, brother of Bp. Joseph Imesch  
 Paul Kolarik, father of formation student Bill (Linda) Kolarik  
 Ashley Lewandoski, granddaughter of Dcn. Anthony Lewandoski  
 Sophie Maida, mother of Adam Cardinal Maida  
 William Marks, father of Dcn. Steven Marks  
 Nathan Meerschaert, son of Dcn. Gary and Teresa Meerschaert  
 Margaret Murphy, mother of Fr. Daniel Murphy  
 Betty Nienstedt, mother of Abp. John Nienstedt  
 John Nienstedt, father of Abp. John Nienstedt  
 George Salenbien, father of Mrs. Judy (Dcn. George) Cousino  
 Jeanne Siroskey, mother of Fr. Larry Siroskey  
 Richard Stiffler, brother of Mrs. Judy (Dcn. Bob) Goetz



## On the Agenda



- Feb. 20: Lenten Day of Prayer for Priests, Manresa
- Feb. 21: Pastor Prep, CP
- March 13: Pastor Prep, CP
- April 17: Pastor Prep, CP
- April 18—20: MOSAIC retreat, Maryville
- May 10: Presbyteral Ordination, BSC
- May 12-16: Clergy Spring Retreat, SPC, Fr. Patrick Collins
- May 20: Priests' BBQ, SHMS
- June 12: Eucharistic Holy Hour, SHMS
- July 30: Midsummer Day of Reflection, Capuchin Retreat Center
- Aug. 25: Clergy Golf Outing, SJC
- Oct. 4: Diaconate Ordination, BSC

CP= Cathedral Place (office bldg behind the Cathedral)

BSC = Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

SJC = St. John's Retreat Center

SPC = St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Ctr.

SHMS = Sacred Heart Major Seminary

## Ecumenical/Interfaith

Parishes interested in presentations on Judaism or Israel are welcome to contact the Jewish Community Relations Council at 248-642-5393.

## MOSAIC Conference

Join the women of the diaconate community at the MOSAIC retreat at Maryville in Holly, April 18—20. Cost is \$135. Fr. Ed Prus will celebrate Mass.

## Barter's Corner

- \* Holy Name parish in Birmingham has 20 13' long solid oak pews 248-646-2244.
- \* St. Isidore has a bushy 15' Christmas tree and a Cecilware twin 3 gallon capacity coffeemaker for sale. Each \$300. Contact Ron: (586) 286-1700.