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CLERGY NEWS

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From the Director

- ⇒ I thought the woman on the other end of the phone had misspoken “What do you mean we can’t order hydrangea plants? We always order hydrangea plants for Easter.” The nursery representative was kind in tone, but reminded me that hydrangeas won’t be ready for delivery until about the fourth or fifth week in Easter.
- ⇒ So there I was on a mild Friday afternoon chipping away at the ice, which still clung to the brazier. I mumbled a few unkind thoughts toward Msgr. Tocco and his committee that five years earlier planned for a wonderful gathering space for the Easter fire in a plaza filled with the names of hundreds of faith communities around the Archdiocese of Detroit. On this late winter day, it was just me, two dead pigeons and a plaza that the Red Wings could use for practice!

Now that spring has officially arrived, we can file our “winter of ‘08” stories for future generations. As this season unfolds around us and the early spring flowers push through the frozen earth we come out of our winter doldrums and embrace new life.

Spring is traditionally a time when we recognize anniversaries and milestones in ministry. I hope you have your calendar marked for the April 7th jubilee celebrations set for Bishop Gumbleton’s 40th and Bishop Anderson’s 25 anniversary of Episcopal ordination. It may be a done deal by press time, but we are certainly appreciative of some many years of strong leadership to our local church. May 4th is the date for the deacon jubilee, May 27th for the priests and May 28th for religious.

Not to be lost in the midst of these spring celebrations is Earl Boyea’s farewell dinner at Sacred Heart Major Seminary on April 23rd. The priests will gather to offer congratulations to Earl as he heads off for the state capitol and the great local church of Lansing.

Check out the numerous formation invitations found in this issue and begin to plan for your next retreat or seminar. The blessing of an early Easter is that we have all of the liturgical challenges behind us and we can spend time on our own health and well-being.

- Mike LeFevre

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Diaconate Notes

Dear Diaconate Community,

He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Each year as we participate in celebrating the Paschal Mystery, our faith deepens in the sure knowledge that Jesus Christ is alive and constantly working in our lives. Now that the Octave of Easter is over, we look forward to be renewed once again in the Spirit at Pentecost. Of course all receive the gift of the Spirit at baptism and confirmation, but we who have been blessed with the sacrament of orders are able to bear particular witness to the Spirit working in our lives. This is especially true as we recognize our own inadequacies as compared to the blessings that God works through our service to His holy people. May God bless each of us this Pentecost that we may come to a deeper realization of His grace working in us and through us.

Many thanks to those deacons who volunteered to serve at the Cathedral during Holy Week. Their names are listed elsewhere in this *Newsletter*. We should all be reminded that we have a duty to serve the Church at the Archdiocesan level – that we only serve at our immediate parish at the bequest of the Archbishop. If you have not yet done so, I would particularly ask that you volunteer to serve at one of the Masses at the Cathedral as the opportunities present themselves. Yes, much to your pastor’s chagrin, he can get by without you for a weekend.

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Summer Conference for Priests, Deacons and Seminarians

Join your brothers in Christ at the Summer Conference for Priests, Deacons and Seminarians at Franciscan University of Steubenville June 9—13. This conference, *You Will Receive Power!*, is hosted by Fr. Mike Scanlan and Fr. David Pivonka and features the following speakers:

Fr. Tom Forrest	Fr. Michael Scanlan	Fr. Tom Valenti
Fr. Francis Martin	Fr. Leo Patalinhug	Fr. Richard McAlear
Dcn. Alex Jones	Dcn. Ralph Poyo and Sr. Ann Shields	Dcn. Henry Liberstat

Early bird registration is \$175; after 5/3/08 registration is \$195. Room for 4 nights is \$170, meals (12 meals) is \$120, and bus is \$60 per person. Contact Clem Stankiewicz if you have questions: stanclem1@yahoo.com or 248-444-0002.

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.

Notice re: Chaldeans and First Communion

In the Chaldean Church, infants are baptized and confirmed but they **do not** receive first communion. Therefore, any Chaldean children attending Latin Rite churches can receive first communion along with their fellow students.

Jubilarians will be listed in the next issue!

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, rdistler@umich.edu, (734) 665-6846.

Priests' BBQ at SHMS

All Detroit priests, both Religious and Diocesan, are invited to the **2nd Annual Priests' Barbecue**, held at Sacred Heart Major Seminary on Tuesday, May 20th. Cocktails and tours begin at 5:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. Look for an upcoming invitation for more information.



Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

Fr. David Toups at the USCCB reminds all preachers that their web page is up and running for downloading all sorts of important ideas and projects surrounding this year's election season. As usual there are wonderful bulletin inserts and homily notes to guide us and our parishioners through our national election. Appropriate addresses: www.faitfhfulcitizenship.org <http://www.faitfhfulcitizenship.org/parish/homily>

Locally, the Archdiocese of Detroit is offering several opportunities for parish staff to gather and discuss creative ways to use this important document from our Catholic Bishops. Click on the Faithful Citizenship icon found on our Archdiocese of Detroit web page and follow the steps to download dates and places for the workshops.

The 31st Annual Workshop for Elder Religious & Diocesan Priests, sponsored by Misericordia University's Center for Adult & Continuing Education, is taking place May 24—29 in San Antonio, TX and July 19—24 in Dallas, PA. Call (570) 574-6161 for more info.

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Ten Commandments for Parish Leaders

(No matter what your role, if you volunteer or if you are a member of the parish staff, you are considered a leader in our parish.)

By Dick Lyles

1. I shall always treat my role as a gift from God that provides me an opportunity to love and serve him in this world. I will make all my work a prayer.
2. I shall embrace, live, and promote the teachings of the Catholic Church.
3. I shall always be mindful that in my role I will be seen as a representative and an example of my parish and our Church; therefore I will always maintain the highest standards of conduct and performance.
4. I will treat everyone with cheerfulness, friendliness and respect. I will initiate acts of caring good will.
5. Because fulfilling my role is a privilege and a service to God, I will never complain about my wages or lack thereof, nor will I compare my compensation to that of another.
6. I will share responsibility for taking care of our parish community. If I see a problem, I will see to it that the problem is solved.
7. I will share responsibility for taking care of other parish leaders.
8. I will share responsibility for taking care of our parish facilities and equipment.
9. Because the needs and demands of our parish will continue to change over time, I will change how I fulfill my role and my perception of my role to meet emerging needs and demands.
10. I shall view feedback about my performance as a gift, regardless of the source or how it is delivered, and I will offer that gift appropriately to others.

THANKS FROM THE HEART!

Sincere and heartfelt thanks go to the deacons who gave of their scarce free time to serve at the Cathedral during Holy Week. In addition to the many men who volunteered to assist at the Chrism Mass, special thanks go to **Michael Chesley, Ron McIntyre, Gary Meerschaert, Steve Mitchell, and Brian White** for serving at the various liturgies that needed deacons between Palm Sunday and Easter. *Thanks so much!*

Quarterly Meeting for Polish Priests & Deacons

The Archdiocese of Detroit Priests' Conference for Polish Affairs will conduct their next meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at 2:30pm at the Orchard Lake Schools. All priests and deacons of Polish descent are invited to attend the meeting which will take place in the campus' Athletic Center. The meeting will be followed by the Orchard Lake Schools' annual Clergy Appreciation Day celebration.

Chaplain needed for Carmelite monastery in Traverse City

Requirements:

- Fidelity to the Magisterium in doctrine and liturgical practice.
- Some familiarity with Carmelite spirituality and Latin is preferred.

Monastery provides:

- \$300 monthly salary, plus \$10 daily in Mass stipends
- Payment for health insurance and FICA equivalent
- Furnished two-bedroom house with garage and small fenced garden.
- Utilities: central air conditioning, natural gas, electricity, cable TV, and well water.
- Chaplain's meals, although a priest who does his own cooking or can bring a relative to act as housekeeper would be preferred.
- Paid vacation time (for a period of about 10 days).

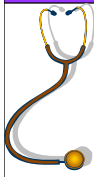
Chaplain is responsible for:

- Public Mass each morning (6:55 on weekdays, 7:30 a.m. weekends & holy days).
- Evening devotions (e.g. Benediction, extra Mass) approximately 3—6 times a month, depending on liturgical seasons and feast days.
- Sacraments of Penance and Anointing of the Sick occasionally for the nuns.
- Telephone and Internet costs.
- His own car and its maintenance.

Interested applicants, please contact:

Mother Mary of Jesus, OCD, Prioress
3501 Silver Lake Road
Traverse City, MI 49684-8949
(231) 946-4960; press 9 to bypass answering system

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. Greg Deters
- * 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
- * Julie Johr, daughter of Phyllis and the late Dcn. Bill Johr
- * Dcn. Wyatt Jones
- * Bonnie Krauskoff, widow of Dcn. William Krauskoff
- * Karen McMahan, wife of aspirant Mark McMahan
- * Dcn. Don Sandstrom
- * Diana Shubik, wife of Dcn. Rich Shubik
- * Clarice Urbiel, wife of formation student Joe Urbiel

Diaconate Notes

As a reminder May 4th is the date of our annual opportunity to attend Mass and renew our commitment to the Archbishop at Sacred Heart Seminary. This year we have 39 jubilarians who will be celebrating a significant anniversary of ordination. It is an opportunity for the Archbishop and all of us to congratulate them for their many years of service to the Archdiocese of Detroit. Please RSVP as soon as possible.

On May 18th the Archdiocese will be celebrating a memorial of its 175th Anniversary with a special Mass at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral. Please plan to attend if you are able.

Shalom,
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. James E. Curtin
Fr. Lawrence E. Dunn
Fr. Gerard Hadad
Fr. Dominic Rossi, PIME

Rose Guerriero, widow of Dcn. Anthony Guerriero
Carl Jones, brother of Dcn. Wyatt Jones
Geraldine Mahoney, mother of Fr. Joseph Mahoney
Charles Mitchell, father of Dcn. Steve Mitchell
Cecile Varieur, wife of Dcn. Maurice Varieur



On the Agenda



- **April 6:** Parents of Priests, SHMS
- **April 8:** Courageous Conversations, Fr. Myles Sheehan
- **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 17:** Transitional Diaconate Ordination, SHMS
- **May 20:** 2nd Annual 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

Retirement Party for Mark Radeke

St. Kenneth Parish invites you to join them in honoring Mark Radeke on Saturday, April 12 as he retires from 30 years of music ministry. Liturgy at 4:30 p.m., with a reception to follow from 6—10 p.m. at the parish. RSVP (734) 420-0288.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Deacon Bob and Mrs. Mary Kay Dreyer, who celebrated 50 years of marriage on February 1!

