

**Directors Notes**

I was recalling a lesson Tom Kirwan taught me some twenty years ago when we shared rectory space at Shrine in Royal Oak. Earlier in the evening, I had met with a wedding couple and they had protested the way they had been treated by a neighboring priest. In relating the story, I had told Tom that I simply made excuses for the behavior of my fellow priest.

Tom became quite animated and told me of his pastoral style in such situations: "I always say to the couple, 'that's not been my experience with Fr. X. Do you mind if we call over there right now and see if this wasn't just a misunderstanding?'" Tom shared that more times than not, the couple were simply playing neighboring priests off one another.

In these past couple of months, I have been reflecting on the need for the clergy of this diocese to improve the way we treat one another. There are too few of us these days to spend our time at odds with one another.

One of the verbal affirmations at the end of the first module of Good Leaders – Good Shepherds was that there was a remarkably low level of this kind of behavior during the three days. Participants focused on discussions of leadership and how to better themselves as pastors. The discussions around the table, in session and after, were animated and upbeat.

Maybe there is a lesson in this for us as we move from Ashes to Easter: turn away from negativity and believe that even that person next door is proclaiming the Good News!

**In this issue:**

Abridged Bachelor Degree	2
Barter's Corner	4
BBQ at SHMS	4
Burial Sites for Deacons	4
Cayman Island	3
Chaste Celibacy	3
Clergy Spring Retreat	4
Deacon Men's Retreat	2
From the Editor	2
Great School of Spirituality	4
Good Leaders, Good Shepherds	4
In Memory & Sick Bay	2
Individual Retreats Offered	3
Lenten Reflection	4
Men's Conference	4
Ministry Openings	3
MOSIAC Woman's Retreat	2
On the Agenda	4
Parishes Requesting Deacons	2
Pastoral Leadership Intensive	3
Priest Convocation	4
U/Dayton Scholarships	2

**From the Diaconate**

During the Diaconate Retreat in January Peter Herbeck, from Renewal Ministries in Ann Arbor, helped us to reflect on the importance of taking an active part in the Church's call to the new evangelization. While we are all called by our baptism to evangelize, it is especially true for deacons. Pope John Paul II reflected on the Rite of Ordination of a Deacon noting that the deacon comes before the Bishop who hands him the Book of the Gospels and says: "Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you are. Believe what you read, teach what you believe and practice what you teach." The Holy Father went on to say to the Permanent Deacons who were assembled before him: "This is your mission, dear brothers: embrace the Gospel, reflect on its message in faith, love it and bear witness to it in word and deed. The work of the new evangelization needs your contribution, marked by consistency and dedication, by courage and generosity, in the daily service of the liturgy, of the word and of charity."

Every day we come across people who were baptized as an infant, catechized as a child but never evangelized and consequently were never converted to the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. Where do we expect them to hear the message unless we preach it? How will they ever become convinced of the truth unless they see that we are convinced?

During the Holy Season of Lent take the time to reflect on your own conversion experience. Formulate that experience in your own words. Then during the Easter season proclaim your story with confidence and courage and with the fire of the Holy Spirit. The rest is up to God.

*Dcn Mike McKale*

## Woman's Retreat

The MOSIAC Woman's group will be having a retreat April 20-22, 2007 at Maryville Retreat House. Gail Boscigal will speak to "What In the World is a Woman to Do? Keeping Spirituality in Today's World". Contact JoEllyn Smith.

## From the Editor

Holy Moly! It's cold out there! I have gotten my weekly call from Arizona from my daughter who doesn't stop laughing. I am continually reminded that my sister and her husband live on a sailboat and is currently cruising' in the Bahamas - "wherever the wind takes us." I know some people want to shout "Shut up" but hey - we choose to live in Michigan. We have the charm of ever changing, ever unpredictable weather. Just think, Spring and warmer weather is just around the corner. I was intrigued when my daffodils started coming up in the unseasonably warm weather in December.

Those of you who have family member or friends with two or three-year olds, try getting down to their level (without breaking your back and knees). See what they see. As with my daffodils, see the wonder of our world through their eyes. It might be the delicacy of a snowflake. Or how fun it is to eat black olives off the tips of your fingers. Or even when you can create something with mash potatoes on your plate. Enjoy Michigan, enjoy Life.

*Dee Antieau*

P.S. If you are getting this newsletter electronically, there are links to the fliers about the Lent Reflection at Manresa with Fr. Donald Goergen, OP and the Spring Clergy Retreat with Fr. Eugene Hensell, OSB. I hope you can make it to either or both.

## 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:

Joe Schoenherr  
Larry Sirokey  
Ferdinand Wolber

### Deacons:

Mike Cummins  
Raul Feliciano

## In Memory

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

Joseph Bitar  
Fred Henley, SJ  
Walter Lezuchowski  
Dcn Joseph Sullivan  
Peter Vander Linden  
Robert Wyzgoski

## Parishes Requesting Deacon

- North Branch Tri-Cluster
- OL of Good Counsel, Detroit
- OL Mt Carmel, Temperance
- St. Alfred, Taylor
- SS Augustine & Monica, Detroit
- St. Colette, Livonia
- St. Cyprian, Riverview
- St. Fabian, Farmington
- St. Joan of Arc, St. Clair Shores
- St. Roch, Flat Rock
- St. Theodore, Westland

Contact the Clergy Office if you would like to add your parish to the list or even if you have questions to how a Permanent Deacon can further enhance your parish family and give assistance to you.

## ABridged BACHelor degree

The ABridged BACHelor of Theology and Religious Studies is a program of study leading to an academic Bachelor's degree yet based on a program that is considerably shorter than the full program. The Faculty is able to offer a reduced program because it fully recognizes the candidate student's previous academic record.

The complete Bachelor's program at the Faculty of Theology of the K.U.Leuven normally consists of 180 study points - which is generally understood to represent a three year study load. Students in the ABridged BACHelor can complete their program within a period of one or two years.

For copy of brochure, contact the Clergy Office or Catholic University of L o u v a i n a t information@theo.kuleuven.be or website: www.theology.be .

## Scholarships to U/Dayton

Children, grandchildren, nephews or nieces of permanent diaconate are eligible for financial scholarships at the University of Dayton (Ohio). On the on-line application you must indicate the relationship to the deacon .

(<http://admission.udayton.edu/apply>)  
Call 800-427-5029 for information.

## Deacon Men's Retreat

The Deacon Men's Retreat will be held May 18-20th at The Retreat Center at St. John's. This years speaker will be Deacon Alex Jones. Look for an upcoming flier.



**The Clergy Newsletter** is published by the Office for Clergy Life and Ministry, Archdiocese of Detroit. If you would like an additional copy of this or any past issue of the *Clergy News*, or would like to submit information for a future issue, contact:

Cathedral Place  
9844 Woodward  
Detroit, MI 48202-1309

Dee (Denise) Antieau, Editor  
Office for Clergy Life and Ministry  
Antieau.Denise@aod.org  
**313-865-6300 x226**  
FAX: 313-867-4613

## St. Ignatius, Grand Cayman

Now that all has been rebuilt after hurricane Ivan, we are happy to report that the apartments have been completed and are ready for occupancy.

I welcome priests to come and stay for a week, a month or even more if you desire. The weather here is almost always perfect - in the 80's most winter months, and there are many great restaurants on the island. This is a place to come and relax and do nothing most of the time unless you are a not, you can learn in some waters in the Caribbean. Other attractions include swimming with the sting rays, renting a sailboat, deep sea fishing (depending on the weather), a walk through a botanical park, and a trip to Rum Point. Nearby is Seven Mile Beach which is one of the best in the world. The apartments are one block from the picturesque Caribbean Sea and 2 blocks from the Parish of St. Ignatius.



We have three apartments available. Two 1 bedroom apartments with 2 double beds to a bedroom and one 2 bedroom apartment with a queen size bed in each bedroom. Plus there is a spare bedroom in my apartment that has a queen size bed in it. That is a total of 7 beds available. Each apartment has a kitchen and living room. Three of the apartments have a TV with cable so you can keep up on the news around the world. Wireless capability is available for any lap tops you may want to bring to keep in touch with your parish. The parish often has one 4-seat small SUV also available, if none of our other cars have broken down at the time.

If you are interested in vacationing in Grand Cayman, e-mail me and we will make room for you the best we can.



[mamwoody@candw.ky](mailto:mamwoody@candw.ky)

1-345-949-6797 Parish Phone

1-345-916-8647 My Cell Phone

Michael A. Molnar

## Chaste Celibacy: Living Christ's Own Spousal Love

The Sixth Symposium on the Spirituality and Identity of the Diocesan Priest offered by the Institute for Priestly Formation and the St. Vincent DePaul Regional Seminary will gather March 15-18th in Boynton Beach, FL. Bishop Allen Vigneron will be the keynote speaker.

This symposium is part of an on-going series about various aspects of the spirituality and identity of the diocesan priest. The Institute is returning to the theme of "Chaste Celibacy" in order to deepen the understanding of how the diocesan priest receives this gift. Inspired by Ephesians 4:12-13, the symposium will focus on affective maturity, brought about through God's healing power, blossoming into a life of virtue and a full peaceful receiving of the gift of celibacy. Call 402-546-6384 or 561-732-4424 for information

## Ministry Openings

The Carmelite Nuns in Ada MI (near Grand Rapids) are in need of a chaplain to offer daily Mass. For this service amenities given to you will included room & board, cleaning, laundry and a salary. The sister would be grateful for someone who can spend a few weeks, any month or longer periods of time. Call 616-6918538 and leave message for Sr. Mary Angela, OCD.

Our Lady of the Paraclete Community of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites is looking for Spiritual Assist at the St. Joseph's Manor on Cadieux, Detroit.. We are looking for someone with solid fidelity to the church, knowledgeable about their Charism, prayer & living a life for the glory of God and the good of the world in the spirit of the Carmelite saints to help us with spiritual direction. For more information, call Ruthann Distler, OCDS at 734-665-6846 or e-mail [jdistler@sbcglobla.net](mailto:jdistler@sbcglobla.net).

## Individual Directed Retreats Offered

The Jesuit Retreat House of Cleveland OH invites you to make a directed or personal retreat this summer. Located on 57 acres of rustic, peaceful property, twelve minutes from Hopkins International Airport and eight minutes from the heart of Cleveland, the Jesuit Retreat House welcomes groups and individuals for any length of time for quiet reflection and prayer beginning June 8th. Consider this a personal invitation from me, Fr. Clem Metzger, SJ to come to this "oldest" Jesuit Retreat House in the US for spiritual renewal and rest. Prices vary based on length of stay. For more information please call 440-884-9300.

## The Pastoral Leadership Intensive

The Pastoral Leadership Intensive is a unique and innovative program that has been designed to provide personal and professional growth experience. This includes the combination of small group sharing, classroom lectures and one-on-one spiritual direction. The program goal is to provide each participant with professional applications that will empower and renew each pastoral leader so that they can return to their pastoral work renewed and invigorated. The next PLI is scheduled for May 6-19. For more information contact Mercy Center, Inc. in Colorado Springs, CO by phone: 719-633-2302, e-mail: [themercycenter@aol.com](mailto:themercycenter@aol.com) or web: [www.mercycenter.com](http://www.mercycenter.com)

## Priest's BBQ at SHMS

All Detroit priests, both Religious & Diocesan, are invited to the first annual priest's barbecue, held at Sacred Heart Major Seminary on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cocktails & tours begin at 5:00, dinner at 6:00. Look for an upcoming invitation for more information.



## Good Leaders, Good Shepherds

We will soon beginning the second cohort/cycle of the Good Leaders, Good Shepherds workshops. Diocesan priests are invited to learn more about the program before signing up. The information meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at Cathedral Place from 1:00-2:30.

## Men's Conference

"**Courageous Companions of Christ**" is the topic of the 5th Annual Catholic Conference for Men on March 24, 2007. Speakers include Bishop Robert Carlson, Ralph Martin, Fr John Riccardo and John Riccardo. Look in your mailbox for information, clergy ticket and a reply card if you are willing to assist on that day.

## Clergy Spring Retreat

Is the church moving in directions the Second Vatican Council never intended? Has the church lost its sense of tradition? Was the Council a big mistake? Are mixed loyalties dividing the church? Fr. Eugene Hensell, OSB will address these issues and more as he talks about "**Ministering to a Church Characterized by Conflict**" at the Spring Clergy Retreat May 7-11, 2007. See the enclosed registration flier for more insight into this topic and the registration form.

## On the Agenda



- **March 13:** Priest Lenten Reflection, Manresa, Fr. Donald Goergen, OP
- **March 16:** Rite of Acolyte for Diaconate, SHMS
- **May 6:** Permanent Deacon Jubilee, SHMS
- **May 7-11:** Clergy Spring Retreat, SJC, Fr. Eugene Hensell OSB
- **May 18-20:** Deacon Men's Retreat, SJC
- **May 29:** Presbyteral Jubilee, SHMS
- **May 26:** Presbyterate Ordination, BSC
- **May 30:** Religious Jubilee, SHMS
- **June 14:** Eucharistic Holy Hour, SHMS, Fr. Jan Michael Joncas
- **July 25:** Mid-Summer Reflection, Capuchin Retreat House
- **Aug 7:** Senior Priest Luncheon
- **Aug 17-19:** Formation Couple's Retreat, SJC
- **Aug 24-26:** Aspirancy Couple's Retreat, SJC
- **Aug 27:** Clergy Day, SJC
- **Sept 23-27:** Priest Convocation, Boyne Highlands, Fr. Ron Rolheiser
- **Oct 6:** Permanent Deacon Ordination, BSC
- **Nov 12-16:** Clergy Fall Retreat, St. Paul of the Cross, Fr. Marty Iott, OP
- **Dec 3:** Advent Reconciliation Service, SHMS

CP= Cathedral Place (Office bldg behind the Cathedral church)  
 BSC = Blessed Sacrament Cathedral  
 SJC = The Retreat Center at St. John's  
 SHMS = Sacred Heart Major Seminary

## Burial Sites for Deacons

Any deacon wishing to be buried at Holy Sepulchre will be buried in Section 12 which is reserved for the Deacons of the Archdiocese of Detroit. A grave next to the Deacon will be reserved for his wife. If the Deacon's wife predeceases him, a grave next to his wife (in section 12) will be reserved for him. This is good news as past practice allowed Deacons to be buried in the priests' section of Holy Sepulchre but their wives had to be buried elsewhere. This arrangement will end that practice. For more information, please call: Holy Sepulchre Cemetery at 248-350-1900

## Lenten Reflection

Fr. Don Goergen, OP will contemplate - "**What is the Spirit Saying to the Churches**" at this year's reflection on at Manresa Retreat House on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. RSVP to Dee by March 5<sup>th</sup> if you will be attending.

## Priest Convocation



For the Convocation this year we have invited Fr. Ron Rolheiser to join us. We will continue on the theme of "One Body: Many Parts, Many Gifts". I hope you join us for this gathering on Sept 23-27, 2007 at Boyne Highlands.

## Great School of Spirituality

Whether you are currently practicing or are thinking of going into Spiritual Direction, "**Standing With and Against the Tide**" is a "do-not-miss" opportunity. The program will be from June 11-15 and included noted speakers as Patricia Cooney-Hathaway, PhD, Susan Muto, PhD, Wendy Wright, PhD & Msgr John Zenz. Register at [www.TheRetreatCenter.org](http://www.TheRetreatCenter.org) or call 734-414-1104.

## Barter's Corner

St. Clement Parish Center, CenterLine has office space available for rent. Contact Mrs. Goodfellow for more info. At 586-757-3306 or 586-883-3936.