

## Director's Notes

As the Tigers struggle to stay in the run for the playoffs and the Lions begin to prowl on Ford Field, most of us are scratching our heads and wondering what happened to summer vacation.

As this issue of "Clergy News" goes to print, we are gathering to say farewell to Father Clarence Williams, CPPS who has ministered here in the Archdiocese of Detroit for almost his entire priesthood of 30 years. Whether it was through one of his books, or by attending one of his workshops, Clarence invited us into racial sobriety.

While our local church loses a strong voice for healthy relations in the human family, Clarence will do us proud as he travels to Washington to work with the Catholic Charities of America. Make certain you drop him a note to wish him well in his new ministry.

Another quiet change this summer was Jim Bilot leaving the Vocations Office and taking over the pastorate at Divine Child in Dearborn. Many of us joke about what "job" we wouldn't want to have in the Archdiocese – and Vocation Director is usually at the top of most lists. Jim did a fine job in meeting with hundreds of men and women to discuss their call to ministry in our church and I publicly thank Jim for his witness.

Obviously, I also need to say thanks to Tim Birney for his willingness to take on the ministry of Vocations. Tim has never hidden the fact that he thinks this is his "dream job"; I hope we can all assist Tim in making his dream into reality.

See you at Boyne!

*Mike LeFeuvre*



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## Diaconate Notes

Dear Diaconate Family,

I have recently been blessed with the opportunity of visiting the various churches of the diocese where the 10 men who were ordained to the Permanent Diaconate last October were assigned. I am pleased to say that the grace of the Holy Spirit given in ordination is evident in each of these men.

Each man with his own skills and abilities seems to have found the perfect place for him to exercise his ministry. Just as there is a diversity of men, so, too, I found diversity in the celebration of mass. I saw everything from a Novus Ordo Latin mass with the priest facing the wall to a Charismatic mass with hand clapping. I saw everything from churches that sang all eight verses of an entrance song to one where the organist played two verses and stopped before the priest got to the sanctuary. I saw masses which were somber and no one sang and I saw masses which were lively and everyone sang. I saw masses that lasted a little over a half an hour and masses that lasted an hour and a half. I saw churches that had fully implemented the GIRM and churches that were decades behind the current requirements.

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### Convocation Set for the Last Week of September

As the convocation date draws near we have the details of making the event a success to consider.

1) **Coverage:** If you are not going up to Boyne for the convocation it has long been an expectation that you would assist with funeral coverage in your vicariate. Fr. Pat Casey always attempts to work up a list of available priests who stay in town. Please make his job easier and give him a call to tell him you are willing to help cover for funerals. (734-981-1333)

2) **Liturgical ministers:** We will need people to preside at Morning Prayer on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; Evening prayer on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday; Readers for the Hours of Prayer and for Daily Eucharist.

3) **Hospitality:** Some of our priests will need a little extra assistance as they check in and get to their room. If you are able to assist them, we could use you at the lobby near the Registration Desk to lend a helping hand.



### Barter's Corner

For Sale: 1425 sq ft, end, quiet, abbey-themed Highland Coves condo off of Schoenherr, south of Moravian, near St. Malachy, St. Blase. 2 BR, 2 bath, appl, hardwood, finished bsemt, paver deck, fireplace, ideal for retiring priests, elderly couple, starter home. (586) 504-0506.

### An Invitation to Priests in the Archdiocese of Detroit by Mary Dudley

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Archdiocese of Detroit Women's Conference will take place on Saturday October 27, 2007 from 8:30am to 4pm at the Macomb Community College Sports and Expo Center. This conference offers women the opportunity to share love for Jesus and their desire to grow in holiness and fellowship. Each year since its inception attendance has grown dramatically. The 2006 conference welcomed over 1500 women, many of whom came from out of state and Canada. That number is expected to nearly double for the upcoming conference. The day features speakers, liturgy, the sacrament of reconciliation, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, break-out sessions for young adults and teens, a Eucharistic procession with Benediction, and time for conversation and reflection.

Auxiliary Bishop Daniel Flores, STD will be the keynote speaker and presider for the 11am liturgy. The 2007 conference, "Women Encountering Christ in Friendship and Love," includes talks from Dr. Patricia Cooney-Hathaway, PhD from Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Sr. Prudence Allen, RSM, PhD from Denver's St. John Vianney Theological Seminary, and author Immaculée Ilibagiza, a survivor of the Rwandan genocide.

As the number of conference participants has grown each year, so has the desire to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Many priests have already generously offered time to hear confessions at the conference, citing their remarkable experiences at past conferences for their enthusiastic response this year. Several time slots still need to be filled to ensure that all who wish to receive the Sacrament at the conference will have that opportunity. Participating priests are also invited to celebrate Mass with Bishop Flores, should their schedules permit.



More information regarding the conference and the AOD women's ministry may be found online at [www.aodonline.org](http://www.aodonline.org) To schedule a time to provide the Sacrament at the conference, please contact Mary Dudley at [mdudley@aol.com](mailto:mdudley@aol.com) or call 248-252-4141.

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## Good Leaders—Good Shepherds Third Cohort Forming

Fifty-six priests are well into their curriculum for leadership development. Most of the priests involved in the project agree that the skills that are being fine tuned in the curriculum are necessary for ministry in today's church.

The third cohort of priests is being formed and so far eleven priests have signed on to begin their curriculum on January 29<sup>th</sup> – February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not received your information on this project, you need to call the Office for Clergy Life and Ministry as soon as possible so that the appropriate dates can be sent to you. We need a minimum of 28 priests to run a cohort. Information will be available while we are at Boyne for our convocation.

Some of the solicited comments offered by current participants include Fr. Tony Richter: "Good Leaders, Good Shepherds has strengthened my own identity as a priest and my understanding of my role in the parish, the diocese and the world..." And Fr. Todd Lajiness adds: "I would highly encourage priests to make the commitment, even in the midst of busy schedules. The benefits of this program are invaluable, both for the priest himself and for his interaction with the people of God."

## Foundation Topics in Pastoral Ministry

The Office for Pastoral Ministries is presenting a ten-session introduction to pastoral ministry, designed for those who are seeking a clearer understanding of the nature of pastoral ministry. Those who may benefit include Pastoral Council and Commission members, and those discerning a call to serve in the Church.

Topics include: The Identity of Pastoral Ministry; Prayer and Spirituality; The Work of Pastoral Leadership; Self-Understanding in the Light of Faith; Church Structure; Pastoral Care; Diversity; Ecumenism and Interfaith Relationships; Worship and Ministerial Roles; and Legal and Ethical Concerns.

Sessions are on Saturdays from October—April and cost \$10 each or \$80 for all 10 sessions. If your parishioners are interested in one or more of these sessions, please have them call Debi Pionkowski at (313) 883-8520 for more information.



## 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. Ronald Cyprys**  
**Deacon Stanley Belanger**  
**Carol Otto**, wife of Deacon Bill Otto  
**John Lewandoski**, son of Deacon  
Anthony and Mrs. Alice Lewandoski

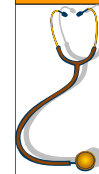


## Congratulations...

To Deacon John and Mrs. Kathy Santeramo, who celebrated 25 years of marriage on July 16.



## 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. Aaron DePeyster
- \* Fr. Michael Hrydziuszko
- \* Fr. Joseph Janiga
- \* Fr. Norbert Maciejewski
- \* Fr. Janusz Marzynski
- \* Fr. John Nowlan
- \* Fr. Jim Profota
- \* Fr. Francis Skalski
- \* Fr. Jerome F. Tracy, SJ
- \* Fr. Richard Ugolik

### Diaconate Community:

- \* Pat Biondo, widow of Dcn. Joseph Biondo
- \* 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

## Priest Retreat Opportunity

**March 24 – 28, 2008 Jesuit Retreat Center, Los Altos, CA.**

“Memory as Event” retreat led by Msgr. Lorenzo Albacete. The Catholic priest does that which allows the memory of Christ to become the event that generates our humanity.

**Cost: \$350.00 (\$100.00 should accompany registration)**

**Checks payable to: “The Human Adventure Corporation”  
136 East 57<sup>th</sup> Street  
Suite 501  
New York, NY 10022  
Attn: Priests Retreat 2008**

Retreat is sponsored by the Communion and Liberation (CL) movement founded in 1954 by Msgr. Luigi Giussani in Italy. Inquiries can be sent to [clnationaloffice@clhac.com](mailto:clnationaloffice@clhac.com).

## On the Agenda



- **Sept. 14:** Rite of Candidacy, BSC
- **Sept. 20:** Pastor Prep, CP
- **Sept 23-27:** Priest Convocation, Boyne Highlands, Fr. Ron Rolheiser
- **Oct 6:** Permanent Deacon Ordination, BSC
- **Oct. 18:** Pastor Prep, CP
- **Nov. 6:** Mass for deceased priests, SHMS
- **Nov 12-16:** Clergy Fall Retreat, SPC, Fr. Marty Iott, OP
- **Dec 3:** Advent Reconciliation Service, SHMS
- **Jan. 7-10:** NOCERCC Annual Forum, Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor
- **Feb. 20:** Lenten Day of Prayer for Priests, Manresa
- **Feb. 21:** Pastor Prep, CP
- **March 13:** Pastor Prep, CP
- **April 17:** Pastor Prep, CP
- **May 10:** Presbyteral Ordination, BSC
- **May 12-16:** Clergy Spring Retreat, SPC, Fr. Patrick Collins

CP= Cathedral Place (office bldg behind the Cathedral)

BSC = Blessed Sacrament Cathedral  
SPC = St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Ctr.  
SHMS = Sacred Heart Major Seminary

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The bottom line is that I am convinced more than ever that there are opportunities in this diocese to meet every individual's spiritual, intellectual and pastoral dispositions. Accordingly, if a deacon is not happy in his current assignment because he is not being fully utilized or because he is not being fed, there are plenty of opportunities to find a location that needs him and will meet his needs. I am not writing this to encourage everyone to move to another parish, but I would encourage you not to complain. If you are not being fulfilled where you are, pray about it and join in the next round of assignment changes which will begin in December. At that time you will be given the opportunity to state whether you want to stay where you are, or whether you are willing or want to move. By the way, there is no reason not to have an additional assignment outside your parish if you are not being fulfilled.

*Deacon Michael McKale*



## From the Editor

It hardly seems possible that I've already been here three months. In some ways I feel like I started yesterday, and yet somehow I feel like I've been here for a very long time. One thing's for sure: you can tell I'm settling into a job when the pile of filing starts getting too big for my out box. (Yes, secretaries hate filing too!)

I think the main thing I want to be sure to say is that we (our office) are here to help. Please don't think twice about picking up the phone or sending an e-mail; even if it turns out to not be something I can help you with, I'm always happy to help figure out who can help. It is always a pleasure to be able to serve the servants of Christ. (Much more fun than filing!)

God bless,

*Katie Orloff*