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CLERGY NEWS

From the Director

The Basilian Community in Windsor invited me to offer an afternoon Advent reflection on my experience as a pastor in both urban and suburban parishes. I found the preparation for the talk to be a wonderful opportunity for personal reflection – you'll have to ask the Basilians' if it had any impact on their Advent!

The common value I gleaned from my reflection is that a pastor needs to be a learner. At St. Blase it was learning to be a pastor for the first time and learning to appreciate the role of women and their ministry in our church. In the Cathedral cluster the key element as a white leader in a black church is to see my role as one of support, and not of taking control. My work today is one of building on the foundations of black culture and that leadership is coming from a growing number of black Catholic leaders.

As a resource, I used the input of the Catholic Charities document from 2007 entitled: "Poverty and Racism: Overlapping Threats to the Common Good." Going through my cupboards I also found a discussion guide from 1975 produced by the now defunct "Inter-Cultural Formation Center: An Afro-American Pastoral Institute" that used to operate here in the Archdiocese.

Take some time this winter to do your own self reflection on ministry, and then share it with your prayer fraternity or Vicariate.

Blessings in the New Year!

- *Mike LeFevre*

Diaconate Notes

Dear Members of the Diaconate Community,

May your Christmas be holy and blessed as we once again celebrate our Emmanuel – the God who once came to this earth 2000 years ago, who continues to manifest his presence among us, and who, by His grace, will one day share the fullness of the Beatific Vision with us.

In this holy season I am sure that many of you are involved in charitable activities in your parishes and communities as you seek to bring the joy of the true Saint Nicholas to those you find in need. You are living your diaconate. The Gospels admonish us to give as gift what we have freely received. By doing so you become exemplary to your families and communities of what it means to be Christian – Christ like – deacon.

At Christmas we celebrate God's greatest gift to us – Jesus the Christ. The joy of receiving our Savior makes us want to share such happiness with others – particularly those who are less fortunate than ourselves. It was and is through such "Acts" that the Lord continues to be made manifest in our midst.

We are also about to enter into a new year in which many people are filled with fear and trepidation as they face an uncertain future. But our hope is in the Lord Who made heaven and earth and all that it contains and Who gives us our daily bread. Our strong faith in the living God helps us to give others the hope and

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Study Grant for Polish Priests and Deacons

The Priests' Conference for Polish Affairs is happy to announce the availability of a study grant offered to American born priests or deacons of Polish descent ministering in the Archdiocese of Detroit. The grant provides an opportunity for summer study of language and culture in Poland. For information please contact the Conference's president, Msgr. Stanley Milewski, at 248-682-0880.

Quarterly Meeting for Polish Priests and Deacons

The Archdiocese of Detroit Priests' Conference for Polish Affairs will conduct their next meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at 3:30pm at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish in Hamtramck. The meeting will be followed with refreshments and dinner. Priests and deacons of Polish descent who will be attending the meeting and dinner are asked to RSVP by calling 313-891-1520.

2008 International Eucharistic Congress

On behalf of His Eminence Marc Cardinal Ouellet of Quebec, we are pleased to inform you that numerous DVDs from the 2008 International Eucharistic Congress are available for purchase, either on the Web (www.ecdq.tv) or via mail through the Diocese of Quebec. More information, and order forms, are also available upon request from the Clergy Life Office, (313) 865-6300 x 226.

A Lent Project for you and your Parish – 40 Days for Life

“Would you spend some time with the little babies in your own neighborhood before they die? Maybe you'll even be able to directly save lives; maybe not. What's even more important: you'll be there. In a sense, it may be a way to redeem the abandonment of Jesus by His Apostles at His death. The little ones dying today are intricately connected with the sufferings and death of Our Savior. There is a bond here that must not be overlooked.

“So please grab your Rosary, pick up your Bible, bring your devotionals, and go out to the 'Calvary' not far from you – where Christ is being crucified today in our midst. We may not be able to save their lives, but can we not plead on their behalf? And should they die, as usually happens (God forgive us!), let us lift up our hearts to God Almighty on their behalf ... it will be the only human love they will know on this earth.” (from *Calvary Today!* by Joan Andrews, Helpers of God's Precious Infants)

Please include your parish's participation in the **40 Days for Life Campaign of Prayer, Fasting and Vigil** at Metro Detroit Area abortion facilities as part of your Lent, 2009 program. Our local 40 Days for Life coordinators are Mike Stack (West Side - 248-321-2105) and Maribeth Criscenti (East Side – 586-264-4671) or go to www.40daysforlife.com for information.

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From the Editor

The *Clergy News* is back on schedule! **Please note that the deadline for submissions for March/April 2009 is February 16, 2009**—anything submitted after 5 p.m. that day has no assurance of making it into the issue.

On a personal note, I will be entering into the Sacrament of Matrimony on January 24, 2009. I don't mention it to solicit congratulations, but because my e-mail address will be changing as of the end of January! However, I have received assurance from our IT department that they will be able to keep my current e-mail alias (Orloff.Katie) active even when they create my new alias with my married name, which will be Tremblay (pronounced TROM-blay). **To ensure that I receive what you send me, please continue sending e-mails to Orloff.Katie@aod.org for the time being.** I will send out an e-mail notification to everyone in my address book when the new alias is active, and will announce the new alias in the next issue of *Clergy News*.

May you have a blessed and merry Christmas season!

Katie Orloff

Barter's Corner

- One slightly used box set of the *Liturgy of the Hours* is available to any priest or seminarian who needs one but is unable to afford his own. Please contact Katie Orloff, who will provide you with the donor's contact information

- MUST SELL: Beautiful Hammond 4000 Series organ. Upper & lower keyboards, 50 automatic accompaniment tabs, many extras. Must see and hear to appreciate. \$4,000. (586) 755-1313 after 5 p.m.

FATHER PAUL TURNER MARCH 10 AND 11, 2009

Our office is happy to co-sponsor the visit of Fr. Paul Turner to Detroit late this winter to share his expertise regarding Christian Initiation. Paul is offering a special session on Tuesday, March 10th for priests and deacons to have a conversation on how we can improve our celebration of the Initiation Sacraments.

Consider this a "save the date" and look for registration materials to be out shortly.

SETON HALL'S INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE CLERGY FORMATION

Great programming and an even better opportunity to mix in with clergy from around the country. I note that this summer's offerings include a week devoted to topics enhancing techniques in spiritual direction (week of July 5 -10). Contact information can be found on their website: <http://clergy.shu.edu>

MOSAIC RETREAT APRIL 2009

MOSAIC retreat for wives and widows of permanent deacons and formation students, to be held April 17—19, 2009 at Marysville, Holly, Mich. Father Jack Baker is leading. For more information or registration, contact Jo Ellyn Smith at (248) 363-0237 or joellyns@att.net.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Multi-Parish Ministry conference February 9—10, 2009 at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Ill. Registration via www.nfpc.org or NFPC, 333 N. Michigan Ave. Ste. 1205, Chicago, 60601-4002.

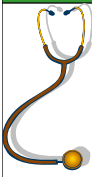
Beginning a New Pastorate conference to be held June 7—12, 2009 in Plymouth, Mich. Sponsored by the Office for Pastoral Services.

PRIESTS' BARBECUE

Please mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Priests' Barbecue, Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at SHMS. Social beginning at 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. dinner.



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. Norbert Maciejewski
- * Fr. Janusz Marzynski
- * Fr. John Nowlan
- * Bp. Francis Reiss
- * Fr. Francis Skalski
- * Fr. John Sullivan
- * Fr. Sean Sylvester
- * Fr. Jerome F. Treacy, SJ
- * Fr. Dave Watson, SJ
- * Fr. Alexander Wytrwal

Diaconate Community:

- * Donna Baross, wife of formation student Don Baross
- * Dcn. James Cron
- * Dcn. Andy Fairbanks
- * Julie Johr, daughter of Phyllis and the late Dcn. Bill Johr
- * Bonnie Krauskoff, widow of Dcn. William Krauskoff
- * Dcn. Al Morad
- * Diana Shubik, wife of Dcn. Rich Shubik
- * Dcn. Thomas Thomas, mother Mary Thomas, and son Edward Thomas

In Memory

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

Norman Bondy, father of Fr. Alberto Bondy

Michael Bucon, brother of Fr. Raymond Bucon

John Burkhart, O.S.A.

Lourdes Galos, sister of Fr. Artemios Galos

Emigdio Hinojos, father of Fr. Jaime Hinojos

Bruno Karpinski, S.J.

Francis Rabaut, S.J.

Diana Sopiak, mother of Fr. Donald Sopiak

Maurice Varieur



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confidence that they will need to carry on in this environment and the freedom from undue anxiety that allows them to find the peace of Christ.

DEACON COUPLE'S RETREAT: To help us better appreciate our role as diaconate families in the sufferings of today we are blessed to have Father Richard Hauser, S.J. to conduct our Couple Retreat this year on the topic "Where is God in Suffering?" Father Hauser is the Director of graduate programs in theology, ministry, and spirituality at Creighton University. He is the author of "In His Spirit: A Guide to Today's Spirituality," "Moving In the Spirit: Becoming a Contemplative in Action," and "Finding God in Troubled Times." The Retreat is January 30th thru February 1st at the Maryville Center in Holly Michigan. There are a limited number of rooms there so be sure to make your reservation as soon as you are able.

May we all find peace on the earth!

Deacon Michael McKale

On the Agenda



- **Jan. 5—8:** NOCERCC Region VI Forum: Mary: Discipleship for the 21st Century, Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor.
- **Jan. 6:** Archdiocesan Epiphany event, SHMS. Fr. Paul Berg.
- **Jan. 30—Feb. 1:** Deacon couples' retreat, Maryville. Richard Hauser, S.J.
- **Feb. 19:** Pastor Prep, CP
- **March 4:** Lenten Day of Prayer, Manresa. Jerome Neyrey, S.J.
- **March 10:** Fr. Paul Turner, SHMS (also serves as March Pastor Prep)
- **Apr. 17—19:** MOSAIC retreat, Maryville. Fr. Jack Baker.
- **May 11—15:** Clergy Spring Retreat, SPC. Dr. Peter Williamson & Fr. Rick Cassidy.
- **May 19:** Annual Priests' BBQ, SHMS
- **June 17:** Day of Sanctification, SHMS
- **Jun. 26—28:** Deacon Men's Retreat, Capuchin Retreat Center

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