



SPRING 2011



The mission of the Vicariate is to be responsive to the ministry of its parishes, schools, institutions, and agencies by:



Coordinating pastoral planning



Enhancing communications and networking



Promoting collegiality



Identifying and utilizing all resources which can be shared

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PONTIAC AREA VICARIATE SPRING ASSEMBLY

“THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL”

WITH

REV. RICHARD FRAGOMENI, PH. D.

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Light dinner 6-7 PM, Presentation 7-9 PM

St. Mary of the Hills

2675 John R, Rochester Hills 48307

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED

A light dinner is included and admission is FREE!

The Roman Missal, the ritual text containing prayers and instructions for the celebration of the Mass has been revised. The new Third Edition will be in use beginning the First Sunday of Advent 2011. Please join us to learn what has been changed and how it will affect your parish.

Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni, Ph.D, a priest of the diocese of Albany, New York, is associate professor of liturgy and homiletics and chair of the Department of Word and Worship at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He has written widely on topics of liturgy, music, symbolism, the Catechumenate, the Eucharist, and is a frequent presenter at liturgy and preaching workshops around the country.

Because we anticipate a full house, registration is required by March 28, 2011

Online: www.pontiacareavicariate.org Email: rsvp@pontiacareavicariate.org

If online or email is unavailable, phone 248-652-3626



ACTS is a one-day program to train lay ministers for voluntary service. Presentations include a strong foundation in Parish Ministry and practical communication skills. This is a valuable opportunity to gather with other lay ministers, appreciate your call to lay ministry, and perfect the skills you need to be effective. Much more information is available on the PAV website (www.pontiacareavicariate.org) or by contacting Nancy Mason Bordley (Parishserv@aol.com).

April 16, 2011, 9:00 AM — 3:00 PM

St. John Fisher Parish, 3665 E. Walton Blvd., Auburn Hills, 48326

Name: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Parish: _____

Return this form and check for \$10.00 (\$30 if outside the Pontiac Area Vicariate) to: PAV/ACTS, 3665 Walton Blvd., Auburn Hills, MI 48326 by April 11, 2011.

Members:

Parishes

- Christ the Redeemer, Orion Township
- St. Damien of Molokai, Pontiac
- Sacred Heart, Auburn Hills
- St. Andrew, Rochester
- St. Benedict, Waterford
- St. Irenaeus, Rochester Hills
- St. John Fisher, Auburn Hills
- St. Joseph, Lake Orion
- St. Mary of the Hills, Rochester Hills
- St. Paul Albanian, Rochester Hills

Schools

- Holy Family Elementary, Rochester/Rochester Hills
- Marist Academy Lower Level St. Benedict Campus, Waterford
- St. Joseph School, Lake Orion
- Marist Academy Middle School, Pontiac
- Notre Dame Preparatory, Pontiac

Catholic Cemeteries

- Guardian Angels
- Mt. Hope

Vicar's Voice

My earliest recollection of Lent was fasting from (giving up) candy. This was no small feat since my family owned a little grocery store and I was literally living on top of what seemed an endless supply. With a lot of encouragement from the religious sisters at school and a strong resolve to "do something for Jesus" I managed to get through the forty days without sugar passing my lips.

This Wednesday the Church will encourage us once again to take on the penitential practices of Lent – prayer, fasting, and almsgiving – in order to turn our hearts from sin and embrace God's love for us in His Son Jesus. For some people the Lenten season will be a final preparation for entry into the Roman Catholic Church either through the Sacraments of Initiation or a Profession of Faith. Those of us who are already followers of Christ and members of His Church will accompany these Catechumens on their journey and perhaps recall our own struggles to remain faithful to the gospel. Trusting in God's mercy and forgiveness we will all

come to the celebration of the new life won for us through Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Whatever Lenten practice we undertake, let us always rely on God's Spirit to show us God's will and free us to embrace it totally.

Throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit, parishes are engaging in Phase Two of the Together in Faith process. Ten years ago parishes were invited to assess their ministries and resources in the context of their communities and in relation to their neighboring parishes. From this assessment came goals and objectives that have been implemented on both the parish and Vicariate level. Formational programs such as ACTS, an outreach program in Pontiac such as CCRT, and a focus on the Sacrament of Anointing and the care of the sick were some of the results.

Phase Two began in our Pontiac Area Vicariate as representatives of our ten parishes met last week to hear each other's missions, values, hopes and dreams. Representatives then reviewed the current data concerning each parish's sac-

ramental life, outreach, formation activities and financial situation.

They also studied the demographic, economic and housing data pertaining to the communities in which they are located. The representatives will meet several more times before January, 2012 to receive direction from the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, to make recommendations to the Archbishop, and to help form a strategic pastoral plan for the Archdiocese that is based on the data, is realistic, visionary and mission driven. More information about Together in Faith Phase Two is available at the Archdiocesan website

www.aodonline.org. Archbishop Vigneron will also be communicating with us throughout the process with letters in the Michigan Catholic, parish bulletins, and on the website. Ultimately Together in Faith will help us better share Christ in and through the Church.

I wish all of you a fruitful Lent that will lead to a joyous Easter. ✱

Peace and joy,
Fr. Stan

Marriage Enrichment Film Series at St. Mary of the Hills

Sparkling films each night with facilitated discussion by a licensed counselor following Saturday evenings, March 12, 19 & 26 from 6:15 – 8:30 PM
Free, but registration necessary by contacting dnaege02@aol.com or 248-683-2514



Vicariate Looks to Enrich and Support Marriages

Beginning and maintaining a strong healthy marriage is not easy. It requires constant attention and work. Over half of all marriages end in divorce. And many of the marriages that do not end in divorce may not be as healthy as they could be. Many issues tend to divide a couple. Those issues include stress, conflicts, parental roles, in-law difficulties, unsupportive friends, finances, blended families, second marriages, poor communication, physical separation due to work, and the many cultural pressures against the traditional marriage.

According to an article in the February 11, 2011, Michigan Catholic, 72% of the over 18 population were married in 1960. In 2008, 52%

were married. That is a 20% reduction in the number of married people. During the same time span the number of people who never married increased from 15% to 27%.

In an effort to reduce these trends, the vicariate is encouraging parishes to enhance their ministry dedicated to enriching and strengthening the relationship of engaged and married couples. Parish programs should include:

- Preparation for couples planning a wedding.
- Enrichment opportunities to strengthen existing marriages.
- Programs to help troubled marriages.
- Programs to facilitate reconciliation of broken marriages.

- Programs to address the special needs of second marriages.

The vicariate is in the early stages of conducting a survey of programs currently being used within the vicariate to support marriages. These programs include premarital inventories (PMI), seminars, mentorship, couple blessings, counseling, anniversary Masses, and social events to support couples. The sharing of resources and ideas among the parishes will enhance marriage ministry in the Pontiac Area Vicariate.

The members of the Vicariate marriage ministry committee include Fr. Stan Ulman, Ann Moran, Denise Donaldson, and Deacon Ron Valade. ✱

SOS Thanks PAV For New Mattresses

The SOS Mattress Fundraiser was a HUGE success! A total of \$7,560.50 was donated — enough to replace all of the mattresses and have some additional funds left for other services. Donations came from all over the PAV in response to an appeal in the December newsletter. Many parishes also participated in this appeal as part of their alternative giving projects.

The South Oakland Shelter was established in 1985 and is supported by a network of 65 congregations in Oakland County who serve as host for the homeless for one week during the year. SOS provides a 90-day comprehensive program to help break the cycle of homelessness. They were recognized as the State of Michigan's Most Outstanding Volunteer Program of 2009. St. John Fisher, St. Irenaeus, Sacred Heart, and St. Mary of the Hills provide a week of hosting every year. *



PAV Member Nancy Isken presents Austin Kralisz, SOS Liaison and Volunteer Coordinator, with a check for new mattresses.

Spring and Lent Events Around the PAV

If you have not visited another PAV parish, perhaps one of these special services will fit your schedule. Holy Week and Easter Mass times are available on parish websites. Call the parish listed for more information.

Christ the Redeemer

2700 Waldon Rd., Lake Orion
248-391-1621

- Evening of Celtic Prayer
Sunday, March 13, 7:30 PM
- Taize Prayer at 7 PM, Tuesdays during Lent beginning 3/15
- Prayer and Soup Tuesdays
March 15, 22, April 5 & 12
5:30-7:00 PM (Fundraiser for the Hope Warming Center)

Sacred Heart

3400 S. Adams, Auburn Hills
248-852-4170

- Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent 7 PM
- K of C Fish Fry every Friday during Lent 4:30 PM-7 PM
- Lenten Speaker: Msgr. John Zenz, "The Passion According to Matthew's Gospel"
March 15 & 29 at 7 PM
- Mass and Anointing of the Sick
Friday, April 1 at 9:00 AM
- Communal Reconciliation (with individual confession)
Monday, April 11 at 7:00 PM

St. Andrew

1400 Inglewood, Rochester
248-651-7486

- Communal Penance Service
Monday, April 18, 7:30 PM
- Fr. Peter Dougherty of the Michigan Peace Team at all Masses on March 19 and 20
- Peace Team Training Workshop
April 9, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

St. Benedict

80 S. Lynn, Waterford
248-681-1534

- Penance Service
Tuesday, April 12 at 7 PM.

St. Damien of Molokai

248-332-0283

- Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent 6 PM (Spanish), 7 PM (English)
- Anointing of the Sick
After noon Mass on the first Wednesday of each month. Both of the above held at the Shrine of St. Joseph, 400 South Blvd West, Pontiac
- Penance Service
Monday, April 18 at 7 PM at St. Vincent de Paul, 46408 Woodward, Pontiac

St. Irenaeus

771 Old Perch, Rochester Hills
248-651-9595

- Monday Lenten Series Program
6:45 PM on March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 11, 18
- Penance Service
Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30 PM
- Living Stations of the Cross by the Youth Group, Palm Sunday, April 17 at 7 PM
- Communion Services every weekday at 6:30 a.m.
- Stations of the Cross every Friday at 4PM and 7 PM

St. John Fisher

3665 Walton Blvd., Auburn Hills
248-373-6457

- "Morality For Discipleship"
March 10, 17, 24, 31; 5:30 PM
Dinner; 6:30 PM Program;
7:30 PM Liturgy
- Communal Penance Service
Tuesday, April 12 at 7:15 PM
- Anointing of the Sick After
5:30 PM Sat /10 AM Sunday
Masses, Mar 26/27, May 28/29

St. Joseph

715 Lapeer Rd., Lake Orion
248-693-0440

- Tuesdays in Lent Series (Mass with special Lenten message)
March 22, 29 April 5, 12 at 7PM
- Mass and Anointing of the Sick
Saturday, April 2 at 11 AM
- Communal Penance Service
Thursday, April 14 at 7 PM

St. Mary of the Hills

2675 John R, Rochester Hills
248-853-5390

- Communal Anointing Mass
Monday, March 28 at 7 PM
- Communal Penance Service
Wednesday, April 20 at 7 PM

St. Paul Albanian

525 W. Auburn Rd. Rochester Hills, 248-844-8201

- Evening with Patrick Madrid: "Why Be Catholic? (When You Could Be Anything Else)"
Friday, March 11, 6 PM Mass (in English), Program at 7PM

Members:

Religious Communities

- Dominican Sisters of Peace
- St. Benedict Monastery

Chaplaincies

- Crittenton Hospital
- Oakland County Jail & Outreach Ministry
- Oakland County Juveniles
- POH Medical Center
- St. Joseph Mercy Oakland

Nursing Homes

- Lake Orion
- Sanctuary at Bellbrook
- Oakland County Medical Care Facility
- Lourdes Campus

Oakland County

- Agape Young Adult Community
- Catholic Community Response Team
- Catholic Social Services
- Genesis Young Adult/Campus Ministry
- Guest House
- St. Mary's Retreat House

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