

# COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

November 2004



A communication tool for the Deacon community of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lansing

## TRANSITIONAL DEACON ORDINATION

Seminarians **Charles J. Canoy, Steven M. Mattson, Michael P. O'Brien, Jeffery A. Pohl, and Gordon P. Reigle**, will be ordained deacons at St. Mary Cathedral *Saturday, November 20, 10:30 a.m.*

The deacons of the diocese will welcome our newest brother deacons, along with Bishop Mengeling, with a sign of peace. All deacons are invited to vest with alb and white stole, process together and sit as body to welcome these men in the Order of Deacon.

**Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their ordination.**

### The History, Sacramental Identity and Theology of the Diaconate

Tuesday, November 9, 2004

9:30 am-3:00 pm

St. Mary Parish Hall, Lansing, MI

Presenter: Deacon Bill Ditewig

### Plan to attend: A Day with Deacon Bill Ditewig

Bishop Mengeling has made a strong appeal to the priests, pastoral coordinators, parish staff and deacons to attend this day. It will be a wonderful opportunity for all concerned to have a better understanding of the history, sacramental identity and theology of the diaconate. So, plan on attending with your pastor and staff and help solidify the bond we share in ministry.

Copies of Bill's latest book,

**"101 Questions and Answers on Deacons"**

will be available for purchase and Bill has agreed to a book signing.



## SILENCE

The Liturgy of the Word is to be celebrated in such a way as to promote meditation, and so any sort of haste that hinders recollection must clearly be avoided. During the Liturgy of the Word, it is also appropriate to include brief periods of silence, accommodated to the gathered assembly, in which, at the prompting of the Holy Spirit, the word of God may be grasped by the heart and a response through prayer may be prepared. It may be appropriate to observe such periods of silence, for example, before the Liturgy of the Word itself begins, after the first and second reading, and lastly at the conclusion of the homily.

#56, GENERAL INSTRUCTION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2003



The next issue of  
**Community Communications**  
will be a combined  
**December 2004/January 2005**  
issue.

*Please, plan accordingly.*

The deadline is  
November 26th.





## NIGHT PRAYER

BY: JOY FRANKLIN

Dear Lord, what a day you made today!

Thank you for letting me in on the secret of how it must be for You to listen to me!

Yesterday was such a day of Peace,

Lord...what happened today? Was yesterday the Gift to be able to survive today? Must have been! Gosh... You really do have it together! Thanks!

Lord, You called Tom to ordination, why do I seem to get the assignments? He gets to dress in the nice white garment and come home smelling so good from the incense...

I get to have purple stained arms, and fingernails that are also stained...

Fruit of the vine etc... Lord, I don't even LIKE wine...

why do You have me MAKING IT?

Did You choose the grape to become Your Blood because it would stain?

Because it would stick? Or because it would require input from both Man and You to become Your Precious Blood?

You made the grape...Man made the wine.

See...You're holding tight really well! We are spinning again...Gosh I love You Lord!

I am so glad You breathed life into the world. I am so glad that You breathed New Life into my soul, and continue to do so on a daily basis when I let You.

Why don't I let You do that more often?

It seems so silly tonight Lord to ever resist Your touch, Your urging, Your voice.

You are awesome.

I have things to ask you tonight My Lord, some things I cannot even put into words, but You hear hearts not just words.

Please Lord grant me faith to believe You answer, even when I don't understand.

Please help me see You in the "assignments" You present in my life and help me complete them for You.

Let my patience increase as others spin their lives out to me,

help me to do as You do, and not grab them and set them straight,

but rather gently listen, then urge, then nudge them into Light and stability.

Help me to really believe what I say about things happening for reasons,

and that You are really in control, not me.

Oh My Lord and My God...hold me this night.

Whisper Your comfort and Your salvation into my soul.

Brush my errant hair off my forehead and soothe my aches,

grant my spirit the joy that comes only from You.

For You are my God...You are my friend.

Goodnight Lord.

AMEN



## 36 WAYS TO REDUCE STRESS



1. Pray
2. Go to bed on time.
3. Get up on time so you can start the day unrushed.
4. Say No to projects that won't fit into your time schedule or that will compromise your mental health.
5. Delegate tasks to capable others.
6. Simplify and unclutter your life.
7. Less is more. (Although one is often not enough, two are often too many.)
8. Allow extra time to do things and to get to places
9. Pace yourself. Spread out big changes and difficult projects over time; don't lump the hard things all together.
10. Take one day at a time.
11. Separate worries from concerns. If a situation is a concern, find out what God would have you do and let go of the anxiety. If you can't do anything about a situation, forget it.
12. Live within your budget; don't use credit cards for ordinary purchases.
13. Have backups; an extra car key in your wallet, an extra house key buried in the garden, extra stamps, etc.
14. K.M.S. (Keep Mouth Shut). This single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble.
15. Do something for the Kid in You everyday.
16. Carry a Bible with you to read while waiting in line.
17. Get enough rest.
18. Eat right.

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Never borrow from the future. If you worry about what may happen tomorrow and it doesn't happen, you have worried in vain. Even if it does happen, you have to worry twice.

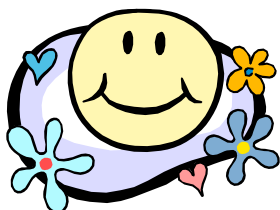
# 36 WAYS TO REDUCE STRESS

(THE OTHER EIGHTEEN)

- 19. Get organized so everything has its place.
- 20. Listen to a tape while driving that can help improve your quality of life.
- 21. Write down thoughts and inspirations.
- 22. Every day, find time to be alone.
- 23. Having problems? Talk to God on the spot. Try to nip small problems in the bud. Don't wait until it's time to go to bed to try and pray.
- 24. Make friends with Godly people.
- 25. Keep a folder of favorite scriptures on hand.
- 26. Remember that the shortest bridge between despair and hope is often a good "Thank you Jesus."
- 27. Laugh.
- 28. Laugh some more!
- 29. Take your work seriously, but not yourself at all.
- 30. Develop a forgiving attitude (most people are doing the best they can).
- 31. Be kind to unkind people (they probably need it the most).
- 32. Sit on your ego.
- 33. Talk less; listen more.
- 34. Slow down.
- 35. Remind yourself that you are not the general manager of the universe.
- 36. Every night before bed, think of one thing you're grateful for that you've never been grateful for before. God has a way of turning things around for you.

*"If God is for us, who can be against us?"*

(Romans 8:31)



## WHO?

BY: TOM FRANKLIN



Lord, who do you say that I am? When you consider me, does your face soften? Do you delight in me? Are you fascinated by me? In me are you well pleased? Does your divine heart quicken at my approach? How do you love me, Lord?



Are we each to the other lover and beloved? Who am I to you?

It is enough for now that you let me presume upon your smile – the one you gave me yesterday, from a young mother's arms – It is enough for now that your Word enters into me and stirs my very soul, forming me, shaping me ever more into your image – 'tis enough for this moment that your Spirit envelops me in peace, somehow safe but not insulated –

But I anticipate a Day of the Lord, when you call me by my name. On that day, there will be the gentle joy-filled roar of a thousand Niagras, and the thunderous silence of butterflies' flight -- thus will be your call and my response, lover and beloved, the blending of infinite love and love totally given - I in you and you in me, so completely One that it is no longer me, but you, in me, that others see... I, secreted in the recesses of your heart, and you taking residence in mine...



But until that Day, Lord, I am curious to know – Who do you say that I am?

## EUCCHARISTIC CONFERENCE

SUBMITTED BY: BILL SIRL

### SEVEN CONCLUSIONS FROM EUCCHARISTIC CONFERENCE

Zenit News Service

John Paul II's legate to the International Eucharistic Congress held in Guadalajara presented seven conclusions of the meeting. The proposals, which are also recommendations to live the Year of the Eucharist, summarized the ideas that arose from the prior theological pastoral symposium, catecheses, and reflections of the various linguistic groups.



The document that condenses the conclusions of the linguistic groups was presented and approved in a general assembly last Saturday.

Cardinal Jozef Tomko, the papal legate, presented these conclusions:

1. It is urgent to emphasize the importance of Sunday Mass, central part of the congress.
2. The feast and procession of Corpus Christi (the Body and Blood of Christ) must be emphasized again.
3. Eucharistic adoration in all its forms must be revalued, including nocturnal adoration.
4. Emphasize the importance of frequent and worthy Communion, coupled with the sacrament of reconciliation.
5. Encourage the spirit of mission, which stems from the Eucharist.
6. Share one's table and Mass with the poor, in the service of charity. Combine spiritual commitment with the need of the poor.
7. Renew faith, sacrifice, communion and service in the Eucharist, as a sign for the Catholic Church and the world.

# CHILDREN & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SUBMITTED BY: BILL SIRL

Bringing Children to Christ in Eucharistic Adoration

excerpted from a Zenit News Service interview

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Thanks to a French priest's vision and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, hundreds of children are engaging in Eucharistic adoration and experiencing the real presence of Christ. Father Antoine Thomas, 46, a priest of the Congregation of St. John, has been working in youth ministry for 15 years and began leading children's holy hours more than 10 years ago. Now he has started a program, Children of Hope, that helps others lead adoration for kids.

The priest, who came from Paris, shares how children can embrace and be enriched by spending time with the Blessed Sacrament in their schools and parishes, and what adults can do to encourage the practice particularly during the forthcoming Year of the Eucharist.

*What we learn as children will remain in us and help us to stay close to Jesus*

Pope John Paul II said back in 1996: "I urge priests, religious and lay people to continue and redouble their efforts to teach the younger generations the meaning and value of Eucharistic adoration and devotion. How will young people be able to know the Lord if they are not introduced to the mystery of his presence?" The Holy Father continues to stress this importance today.

What we learn as children will remain in us and help us to stay close to Jesus, Fr. Thoms says. Before young children have received their first holy Communion, Eucharistic adoration is a great way to help them receive Jesus in their heart through spiritual communion. And afterward, it helps increase in them a desire for more frequent Communion. Hopefully during the teen years these same children will find in Jesus a best friend, strength and light. They also may be more disposed to hear and follow their vocation in life.

Children have a great excitement about being part of this kind of prayer group. They enjoy being at the feet of Jesus, resting under the loving gaze of he who is no longer hidden in the tabernacle. The children experience a pacification of body, mind and spirit. They have a deeper desire to pray, are more attentive at Mass and have an unshakeable faith in the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

What we do with the children is to remind them of the love that Jesus has for all. On the night before he died 2,000 years ago, driven by love and a desire for us not to forget, he chose this way, the Eucharist, to remain close to us in a more visible way. He chose this not out of necessity, but out of his infinite and merciful love. They are reminded of the words of consecration and that Jesus gave this power to all priests. Once they realize they are spending time with Jesus they are thrilled to come each week; it is their time with him. Parents are usually the ones who are worried at first about the children being bored. After attending a chil-



See "Adoration" on page 5)

# CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND MISSION

In response to a **VOICES** goal (4.4) to promote and support vocations to priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life and the call to ecclesial lay ministry, the Department of Formation is formulating a multi-faceted vocations campaign. In recognition of the universal call through our Baptism to worship, witness and service, Bishop Mengeling has entitled this campaign **Catholic Identity and Mission**.

During 2005, a comprehensive vocations campaign will focus on the various calls to ministry, each with its own dedicated vocation Sunday. Coupled with this will be a year long series in FAITH Magazine on vocations.

These special vocations Sundays are listed in the left hand column of the next page (5).

Parishes will be provided with appropriate posters, bulletin inserts and response cards for each Sunday. Homilists will be asked to **infuse** the message of the particular vocation being featured into their homilies for the respective Sundays. We hope to be able to provide four or five sample homilies for each vocation. If you would like to write a sample homily for the vocation of deacon, please let Bill Sirl know as soon as possible. Completed homilies will be needed well in advance of the April 24 date.

Thank you so much. I know many of you have been asked to be parish vocation reps during this campaign. We all share in the work of building up of God's call to the baptized.



# 2005 VOCATION SUNDAYS

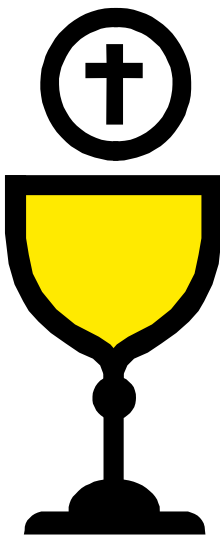
January 9	Baptism of the Lord	Call of all the baptized
February 6	World-wide Day for Consecrated Life	Consecrated Life
April 17	Good Shepherd Sunday	Priesthood
<b>April 24</b>	<b>Selection of the seven (Acts 6:1-7)</b>	<b>Diaconate</b>
May 22	Trinity Sunday - icon for the family	Marriage/ family
July 10	"Some are developed 100 fold"	Dedicated single life
October 9	World-wide lay ministry Sunday	Ecclesial lay ministry
October 23	Mission Sunday	Home/ foreign missions

## QUOTABLE

Despite all the talk about a **vocation shortage**, there is no such thing in the Catholic church... The shortfall in the number of candidates for the priesthood, the consecrated life and other forms of Christian witness and service would quickly disappear if many more Catholics, and ideally all, made it a practice to discern, accept and live out their unique, irreplaceable callings from God—their personal vocations.

—Russell Shaw, in *AMERICA*, March 29, 2004

## Adoration *(Continued from page 4)*



dren's holy hour, they are amazed at how fast the time goes by. One 6-year-old boy remarked at the end of his first hour, "Can we stay a little while longer, Mommy? I am not through talking to Jesus." Another exclaimed, "I had the best talk with Jesus!"

Far from being bored, these little ones begin to feel that love which Jesus has for them. They come to understand they are important to him, and their prayers are heard and answered.

Here's one example of the power of prayer of a child.

A nine-year-old boy came each week to pray for his sister, who was to be married outside of the Church. He asked his mother many times if his sister had come back to the Church yet. After six months his sister called saying, "I have come to believe the Eucharist is really Jesus, and only the Catholic Church has this." She went back to the sacraments and was married in the Church. Then the little boy began praying for his future brother-in-law to become a Catholic. Fourteen months later they got another call around Christmas. Guess who had started RCIA and became a Catholic last Easter? All due to the faith

of a child and the power of prayer.

Parents, first and foremost, must bring children before Jesus and adore with them regularly. They should make time either before or after school for a visit; arrive early for Mass to visit Our Lord in the tabernacle for a few minutes; stay after Mass, praying in thanksgiving together.

Many schools began adoration in anticipation of the Year of the Eucharist. For schools, we recommend a shorter format. It works well to bring the children in groups each half-hour all day long until all have had a turn. For the parish, we recommend one hour weekly adoration for children ages 5 to 12. Younger siblings are welcome as long as they are able to sit still and the parents remain to supervise them.

There are three other things we can recommend to encourage the children.

First, read and share with them the "Letter to Children" written by Pope John Paul II. In it he shares his thoughts on the importance of the prayers of children for the world.

Second is the story of Fatima. When the angel first appeared to the three shepherd children he prostrated himself and said, "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love you." He told the children to pray this way because the hearts of Jesus and Mary were attentive to them. This helps the children to realize how important their prayers are.

Third, share with them the sixth day of the Divine Mercy Novena. On this day, Our Lord told St. Faustina: "Today bring to me the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children, and immerse them in my mercy. These souls most closely resemble my heart. They strengthened me during my bitter agony. I saw them as earthly angels, who will keep vigil at my altars. I pour out upon them whole torrents of grace. I favor humble souls with my confidence."

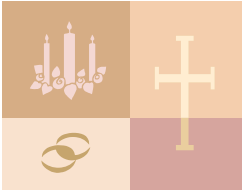
In these words we see how these children today fulfill this. They are the angels keeping vigil at his altar.

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# THE MONITUM AND VETITUM

BY: JOHN CAMERON, JCL



Well, there you are. You helped the intended bride and groom obtain their annulments, and now you read their final decrees. Each contains a stipulation from the judge or judges, something that restricts the planned wedding of the party. A **monitum** (a warning or caution) appears on one decree: "The Court cautions that Barbie be given adequate assessment and preparation prior to attempting another marriage in the Catholic Church." A **vetitum**

(a prohibition) appears on the other: "The Court further orders that Ken not be permitted to remarry in the Catholic Church without clearance from the Tribunal."

Canon 1684 §1 permits the judge(s) to attach a vetitum (prohibition) to the sentence in a marriage case. Such a stipulation can be placed by a judge when the case reveals that some grave condition or issue exists that caused the nullity of the marriage (and its failure presumably), and would probably lead the next marriage down the same sad path. We'll return to that. But as well, a number of situations mentioned in canon 1071 §1 require the permission of the local ordinary, apart from the case of necessity, before a marriage can be legally celebrated. I won't list them all here, but suggest you read that canon. (For example, without permission, it is not permitted to witness the wedding of someone who has natural obligations to others arising from a former marriage. Do any of us remember getting it when a party had to pay alimony or child support, even though there was a decree of nullity for the former marriage? I thought not.)

The monitum and vetitum present situations when a marriage might be against the law, but could still be valid. While Torquemada won't come to toss you into an ecclesiastical prison for witnessing a marriage illegally, there is a long list of compelling reasons why the Church expects its ministers to observe the law and consequences when they fail to do so.

Now in a particular case the local ordinary can prohibit the marriage of his own subjects wherever they are staying and of all persons actually present in his own territory, but only for a time, for a serious cause and as long as that cause exists (c. 1077 §1). (If he wished to, a diocesan bishop could delegate this power to his pastors but I don't think that's been done in this diocese.) In practice though, with or without the faculty, a priest might carefully conclude that the parties to a proposed marriage are so grossly immature, he could not witness the wedding in correct conscience until this is resolved and refer this to the diocesan bishop. Clearly the bishop could impose the prohibition.

The prohibition couldn't be a general one though, such as forbidding the marriages of all people under 21, or forbidding marriages of migrant workers (anyway, they would be temporary residents or travelers according to c. 100 and not transients where permission must be had according to canon 1071 §1, 1°). The prohibition can only last as long as the serious cause exists. No authority less than supreme authority can attach invalidity to such a prohibition (c. 1077 §2).

Canon 1130 also says that for a serious reason, that ordinary can permit the secret celebration of a marriage. By implication, a secret wedding apart from that permission is against the law.

Now back to the tribunal. A stipulation can be placed on one or both parties due to the gravity of conditions discovered in the process that might call into question the validity or success of a subsequent marriage. There are two kinds.

See "*Marriage*" on page 7)

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

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## REGIONAL FORUM

### *For Pastoral Leadership.*

Held at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor each January, Region VI of the National Organization for Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy offers wonderful opportunities for continuing formation. Originally intended solely for pastors, the program has been opened up to anyone in pastoral leadership positions, including deacons.

The theme this year is "Caught Between Culture and My Faith: What Do I Do Now?" Speakers include Fr. Anthony Gittins, CSSp, Sr. Donna Markum, OP, PhD, Fr. Kenneth Schmidt and Ms. Sharon Froom of Kalamazoo, Fr. Stephen Dudek, and our own Fr. Matt Fedewa. For more information, contact the Office of Deacons.



# ONE GOOD BOOK FOR THE PREACHER

SUBMITTED BY: JUDE SICILIANO, OP

**Blessed Are You:**

**The Beatitudes and our Survival**

Evelyn Mattern

Notre Dame: Ave Maria Press, 1994

I highly recommend this book. It comes from the author's ministerial experience with the poor, as well as her background in literature, biblical studies, spirituality and women's issues. This book makes the practice of the beatitudes real for our time. The message of the beatitudes turns our world upside down and the author does a good job in showing us how they do that.



## Marriage (Continued from page 6)

A vetitum or prohibition requires that the tribunal lift the prohibition. Before a legal marriage can take place, you must consult the tribunal issuing the decree of nullity about the cause and what must be done to remove it. A monitum or warning urges that special care during preparation and assessment should be taken. It is a caution to be sure that any condition or issue is resolved satisfactorily. It is not necessary for the tribunal to formally lift a warning. Here you would contact the tribunal to determine what the concern is.

Suppose a person suffered from alcoholism throughout the common life of the marriage, and that the judge determined this also presented a grave incapacity present at the time of consent. There has usually been a careful review by the court expert before this conclusion is reached. The judge might conclude with moral certainty that this party was not able to assume the essential obligations of marriage for causes of a psychic nature (read: psychological). With evidence of that alcoholism continuing, a vetitum might be placed.

Consider a second case. A woman quite flagrantly tells the judge in testimony, she does not accept the notion of permanence in marriage, and clearly believes she has the right to divorce and remarry if she becomes dissatisfied in a marriage. Certainly a stipulation of some kind might be placed.

Neither vetitum nor monitum invalidates a future wedding. They "only" render it illegal, but that is not the point, of course. It makes little sense to witness any wedding likely to collapse, and the tribunal really does not like repeat customers. More to the point, the salvation of souls and the integrity of a divinely-authored institution are to be protected.



## QUOTABLE

SUBMITTED BY: JUDE SICILIANO, OP

While the phrase "communion of saints" itself arises in a Christian context and often functions as shorthand for Christians themselves, the Spirit does not limit divine blessing to any one group. Within human cultures everywhere God calls every human being to fidelity and love, awakening knowledge of the truth and inspiring deeds of compassion and justice. Happily, those who respond are found in every nation and tongue, culture and religion, and even among institutional religion's cultured despisers. Indeed, where human participation in divine holiness disappears, the opposite appears: barbarity, cruelty, murder and unspeakable despair. At its most elemental, then, the communion of saints does not refer to Christians alone but affirms a link between all women and men who have been brushed with the fire of divine love and who seek the living God in their lives. From this angle the symbol of the communion of saints shows itself to be a most inclusive belief. It crosses boundaries, breaks down social lines of division and building up a vastly diverse people by the play of the Spirit through the ages and across the wide world.

Truly Our Sister: A Theology of Mary In The Communion of Saints  
Elizabeth A. Johnson (New York: Continuum, 2003), ISBN 0-8264-1473-7, page 306

# DIACONATE FORMATION

## FIRST YEAR CALENDAR

November 6, 2004	Diocesan Center	Befriender/Stephen Ministry
December 4, 2004	TBD	Ministry
January 8, 2005	TBD	Ministry
February 5, 2005	St. Casimir Lansing	Ministry
March 5, 2005	St Thomas East Lansing	Ministry
April 9, 2005	Diocesan Center	Homiletics
May 7, 2005	Diocesan Center	First Homilies

**All Sessions are 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

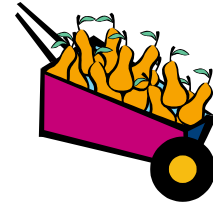


# DIACONATE FORMATION

## THIRD YEAR CALENDAR

November 6, 2004	Diocesan Center	Preliminary Ordination Planning
December 4, 2004	TBD	Vigil Services Funerals Committals Homilies
January 8, 2005	TBD	Ordination Planning Communion Services Sunday Celebration of Liturgy in the Absence of a Priest Benedictions Blessings Sacramentals
February 5, 2005	St. Casimir – Lansing	Weddings Rehearsals Homilies
March 5, 2005	St. Thomas - East Lansing	Assisting at Mass Homilies
April 9, 2005	Diocesan Center	Final Ordination Planning Homilies
April 29 - May 1	Bethany House – DeWitt	Pre Ordination Retreat Michael Fonseca - Retreat Director

**All Sessions are 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**



# CLUSTER MEETINGS

### Genesee/Owosso Cluster

*Place:* No meeting scheduled

*Date:*

*Time:*

*Contact:* Gary Gallagher

*Other Details:*

### Jackson/Lenawee/Hillsdale Cluster

*Place:* Steaks Eatery

*Date:* December 4

*Time:* 11:30 a.m.

*Contact:* Carol or Linda Franssen

*Other Details:*

### Lansing Cluster

*Place:* St. Mary Parish, Westphalia

*Date:* January 21

*Time:* 6:30 p.m.

*Contact:* T. Fleming, D. Stanford,

*Bernie or Harriet Pohl*

*Other Details:*

### Livingston Cluster

*Place:* St. Joseph-Howell

*Date:* November 13

*Time:* 9:00 a.m.

*Contact:* D. Piggot, E. Doran

*Other Details:*

### Washtenaw Cluster

*Place:* Guy Hollaran's

*Date:* November 13

*Time:* 9:30 a.m.

*Contact:* W. Hecht or T. Franklin

*Other Details:* Mass at Christ the King at 9:00 a.m.



# COMMUNITY PRAYER LINE

**For the sick:**

- Judy Barrett**
- Jim Corder**  
Father of Deacon Jim
- Jack Daunt**
- Betty Garber**
- Patricia Guarnaccia**
- Jim Hashman**
- Ed Holowicki**
- Gordy and Caren Kilburn**
- Ben Mammina**
- Jim Miles**
- Ray Pizana**

**For those who have died:**

- Madelyn Jennifer Borzenski**
- Tim Strandberg**

## NECROLOGY

**November**

13 Lucille Miller 1993

**December**

1 Bishop Joseph Albers 1965  
 12 Gloria Poulson 2002  
 18 Deacon Michael Lynch 2001  
 21 Deacon Bernard Endebrock 1999  
 22 Helen Mathias 2000



# POSTCARDS TO DEATH ROW INMATES

SUBMITTED BY: WAYNE CHARLTON

Inmates on death row are the most forgotten people in the prison system. I am posting in this space several inmates' names and locations. I invite you to write a postcard to one or more of them to let them know that: we have not forgotten them; are praying for them and their families; or, whatever personal encouragement you might like to give them. If you like, tell them you heard about them through North Carolina's, "People of Faith Against the Death Penalty" Thanks, Jude Siciliano, OP <sup>(24th)</sup>

Please write to:

Archie L. Billings	0471315	(On death row since 6/5/96)
Shawn D. Bonnett	#0037215	( 9/27/96)
James F. Davis	#0510234	(10/2/96)
William Gregory	#0156529	(8/15/94)
Anthony J. Hipps	#0185502	(5/22/96)
Johnathon Hoffman	#0186563	(11/14/96)
Robbie D. Locklear	#0246186	(5/14/96)
Le Roy Mc Neil	#0275780	(11/15/96)
Melvin L. White	#0434355	(10/15/96)



*Central Prison 1300 Western Blvd. Raleigh, NC 27606*

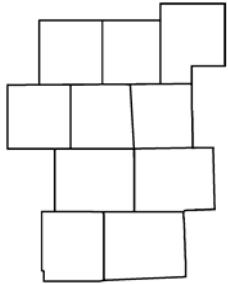
## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 9, 2004	9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.	St. Mary Hall - Lansing
Day with Bill Ditewig for Priests, Deacons and Parish Staff		
November 20, 2004	10:30 a.m.	St. Mary Cathedral
Transitional Deacon Ordination		
February 25, 2005	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	St. Agnes - Fowlerville
Sr. Donna Markham - Culture or Faith/Culture and Faith		
March 12, 2005	9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	St. John Vianney - Flint
Deacon Community Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection		
Rev. Doug Osborn		
March 24, 2005	10:30 a.m.	St. Mary Cathedral
Chrism Mass		
May 14, 2005	10:00 a.m.	St. Mary Cathedral
Deacon Ordination		
June 11, 2005	10:30 a.m.	St. Mary Cathedral
Priest Ordination		

# Pray for Peace



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## THE LIGHTER SIDE

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### A few of Van Gogh's relatives were:

His dizzy aunt— Verti Gogh  
The brother who ate prunes— Gotta Gogh  
The brother who worked at a convenience store— Stop n Gogh  
The grandfather from Yugoslavia— U Gogh  
The brother who bleached his clothes white— Hue Gogh  
The cousin from Illinois— Chica Gogh  
His magician uncle— Where-diddy Gogh  
His Mexican cousin— A mee Gogh  
The Mexican cousin's American half-brother— Gring Gogh  
The nephew who drove a stage coach— Wells-far Gogh  
The constipated uncle— Cant Gogh  
The ballroom dancing aunt— Tang Gogh  
The bird lover uncle— Flamin Gogh  
His nephew psychoanalyst— E Gogh  
The fruit loving cousin— Man Gogh  
An aunt who taught positive thinking— Way-to Gogh  
The little bouncy nephew— Poe Gogh  
A sister who loved disco— Go Gogh  
And his niece who travels the country in a van— Winnie Bay Gogh  
Well, there you Gogh!

### Bible Question and Answers:

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married?  
A. Ruthless.  
Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?  
A. German Shepherds.  
Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?  
A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.  
Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?  
A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.  
Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?  
A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.  
Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?  
A. Samson. He brought the house down.  
Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?  
A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

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