

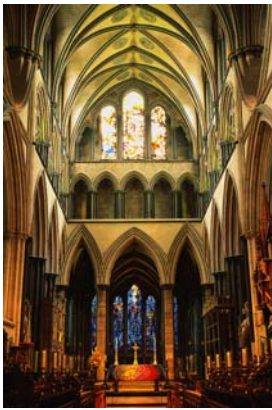
COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

November 2006



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

On-Going Formation



The third year Candidates will be learning about the liturgical roles of the deacon from now until next May. All deacons are welcome to attend these sessions as a way to brush up on their liturgical skills. See the schedule on page seven for topics, dates and locations.

The sessions include lunch and are free of charge but registration, through the Office of Deacons (awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org), is required in order that we have an accurate count for lunch.

These sessions are a great way to fulfill on going formation contact hours and at the same time get to know the Candidates and their wives.

Liturgy and Music Conference

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Annual Diocesan Liturgy and Music Conference

Mark your calendars for the Tenth Annual Liturgy and Music Conference to be presented by the Office of Worship, Saturday, February 3, 2007 at St. Patrick, Brighton from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The theme of the day will be Ever Ancient, Ever New. Fr. Lawrence Madden, SJ, Director of the Georgetown Center for Liturgy, will be the featured speaker. As in the past, there will also be a variety of workshops for liturgical ministers, inspirational prayer and uplifting music.

A great opportunity to earn on going formation hours. Contact the office of Worship for more information.

Note: The next issue of Community Communications will be the combined December 2006/January 2007 issue. Please, plan accordingly.



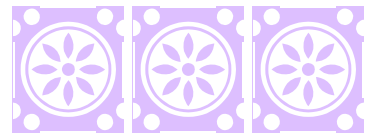
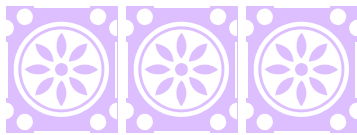
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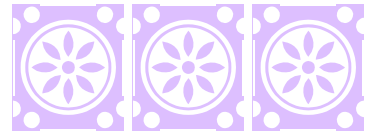
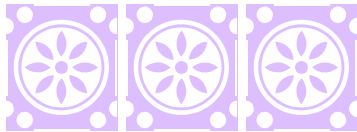
Candidate Profiles

Once again Community Communications will be providing profiles and pictures of the First Year Candidates and their wives, as a way of introducing these newest members of our community. There are seven profiles presented this month.

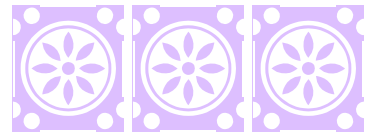
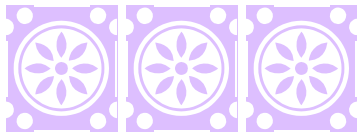
Roger and Rosemary (Cookie) Cahaney live in Fowlerville and belong to St. Agnes Parish. They have been married 39 years and have four adult children.



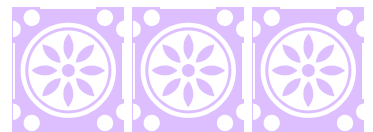
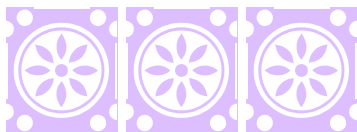
Wayne and Sandy Corrion are members of St. Joseph Parish, Gaines, and live in Durand. They have been married 22 years and have three daughters and a son.



Ray and Brenda Ellingson have been married 34 years and have three adult boys. They live in Clio and belong to SS. Charles & Helena Parish.



Jim and Karen Kasprzak live in East Lansing and are members of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. They have four adult children and have been married 33 years.



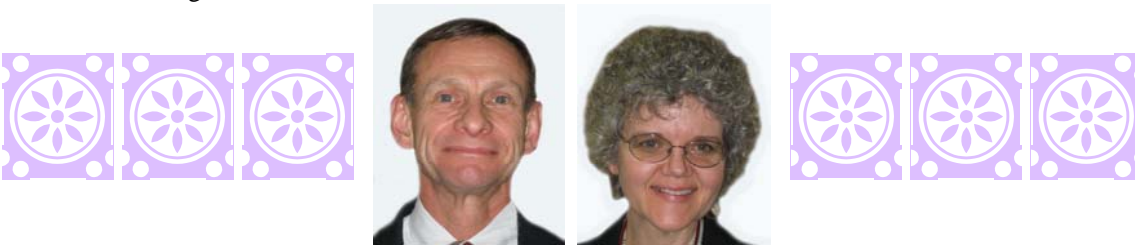
Dennis and Sue Pennell have been married 27 years and have three children. They live in Flushing and are members of St. Robert Parish.



Aaron and Kathy Petersen are members of St. Anthony Parish in Hillsdale. They have been married ten years and have five children with another due in December.



Greg and Peggy VandeVoorde have five adult children and have been married 31 years. They belong to Christ the King Parish in Ann Arbor.



In a few weeks Arlene will be mailing the **2006 Deacon Activity Report** form. They are due in the Office of Deacons in January so you may want to review your calendar from this past year and start compiling information toward completing your report. Ministry Agreements will be due for those deacons with new pastors or in cases in which the current Ministry Agreement is three years old or older.

Directory Update



Jim Igoe
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Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Hubble

by Tom Franklin

Father, it looks like we're going to rebuild Hubble.— How cool is that? I have seen some of the pictures that it has brought us, and now I know that many of those almost invisible specks that You have shown me in the still night sky are clouds of galaxies – clouds of your Glory— With its new eyes, Hubble may be able to see far enough back in time to show us the moment of the Universe's conception, the hour of its birth, the moment when you said for the first time "This is good."



How marvelous is your handiwork – how great is your vision – how wonderful is your love! Lord God whose creation cannot be counted, whose power and might cannot be measured, you have called each of us your child. You have carved our names in the palm of your hand, ever to remind us that you cannot forget us, that your love for us cannot be quenched, no matter how much we play the fool, the sinner.

I am amazed at how you depend upon us to spread the Good News about your love. You who made the universe, You who know us place your faith and trust in us. You call us to collaborate with you – help us to prepare the way for you, that all may come to lay their head upon your heart and know a Father's love.

Customer Satisfaction

by Marv Robertson

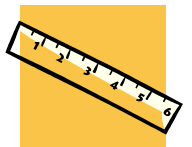
Ever go to a hotel or restaurant and be asked to fill out a "customer satisfaction" survey? Would similar feedback be helpful for us in ministry? Within limits, I would say "yes." As a wise mentoring priest told me early in diaconal ministry, "It's our duty to both comfort the afflicted, and to afflict the comfortable." I think we can all agree with that mandate. However, it is instructive to know what the people in the pews expect of their clergy.

I remember reading about a poll, which asked what service parishioners desired most from their clergy. At the top of the list in responses was "meaningful worship services."

Several issues ago in U.S. Catholic magazine, select readers were asked to fill in the blank in order of importance: "The most important qualities of a parish priest are . . ." The top five in the order of greatest number of votes were: (1) Spiritual depth, (2) Kindness and sensitivity, (3) Communication skills, (4) Collaborative style of management, and (5) Excellent preaching.

The same magazine issue asked respondents to rate preferences for parish priests. The top five were rated as follows, beginning with the highest rating: (1) Someone with exemplary moral integrity, (2) Open and comfortable working with women, (3) Fluent in English and familiar with American customs, (4) Heterosexual, and (5) Able to speak more than one language.

It's safe to infer that the above parishioner preferences would apply to deacons as well as priests. How do we measure up?



For the sick:

- Judy Barrett
- Mike Barrett
- Jim Brown
- Santos Ceballos
- Bob Chadwick
- Currie Cormier
- Donna Cormier
- Terry Fleming
- Bill Fudge
- Warren Hecht
- Tony Mammina
- Jerry O'Toole
- Jesse Pizana
Grandson of Ray & Grace
- Dave Scharf
- John Sundwick
- Thomas Timms
Father of Donna Cormier
- Helga Vivio
Mother of Linda Charlton

For those who have died:

Rev. Joseph Papes



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



Community Prayer Line



Genesee/Owosso Cluster

Place:
Date: January 6, 2007
Time: TBD
Contact: Gary Gallagher
Other Details:

Jackson/Lenawee/Hillsdale Cluster

Place: Nicholson's Home
Date: November 18, 2006
Time: 9:00 am
Contact: Carol or Linda Franssen
Other Details:

Lansing Cluster

Place: Most Holy Trinity—Fowler
Date: February 16, 2007
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Contact: T. Fogle, T. Heutsche
Other Details: Jail ministry presentation (O. Washington)

Livingston Cluster

Place: St. Joseph—Howell
Date: November 18, 2006
Time: TBD
Contact: D. Piggot or E. Doran
Other Details:

Washtenaw Cluster

Place: TBD
Date: TBD
Time: TBD
Contact: W. Hecht or T. Franklin
Other Details:

Cluster Meetings

Holiness Is Not A Luxury

Zenit News Service

Commentary by Capuchin Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, Pontifical Household preacher, on the readings from the feast of All Saints. (Translation by Zenit)

The saints the liturgy celebrates on this solemnity are not only those canonized by the Church and mentioned in our calendars. They are all those who are saved and form the heavenly Jerusalem. Speaking of the saints, St. Bernard said: “Let us not be slow in imitating those we are happy to celebrate.” It is, therefore, the ideal occasion to reflect on the “universal call of all Christians to holiness.”

The first thing to do in speaking about holiness is to free the word from the fear it inspires, due to some mistaken representations that we make of it. Holiness can entail extraordinary phenomena, but it is not identified with them. If all are called to holiness it is because, properly understood, it is within everyone’s reach, it is part of the normality of the Christian life.

God is the “only Holy One” and “the source of all holiness.” When one attempts to see how man enters into the sphere of God’s holiness and what it means to be holy, the ritualistic idea in the Old Testament immediately prevails in one’s mind.

The means of God’s holiness are objects, places, rites and prescriptions. Heard, it is true, especially in the prophets and the Psalms, are different voices, exquisitely moral, but voices that remain isolated. In Jesus’ time, the idea still prevailed among the Pharisees that holiness and justice consist in ritual purity and scrupulous observance of the law.

Looking at the New Testament, we see profound changes. Holiness does not reside in the hands, but in the heart; it is not decided outside but within man, and **it is summarized in charity** (emphasis added).

The mediators of God’s holiness are no longer places (the Temple of Jerusalem or the Mountain of the Beatitudes), rites, objects or laws, but a person, Jesus Christ. In Jesus Christ it is the very holiness of God that comes to us in person, not in a distant reverberation of his. He is “the Holy One of God.” (John 6:69)

We come into contact with Christ’s holiness in two ways, and it is communicated to us: by appropriation and by imitation. Holiness is above all a gift, grace. Given that we belong to Christ more than to ourselves, having been “purchased at great price,” it follows from this, inversely, that the holiness of Christ belongs to us more than our own holiness. It is what gives flight to the spiritual life.

Paul teaches how this “audacious blow” is given when he states solemnly that he does not want to be found with a righteousness of his own, or holiness based on observance of the law, but only with that which is through faith in Christ (Phil. 3:5-10). Christ, he says, has made himself “our righteousness and sanctification and redemption” (1Cor. 1:30). He is “for us”: therefore, for all intents and purposes, we can claim his holiness as our own.

Along with this fundamental means of the faith and the sacraments, imitation must also have a place, that is, **personal effort and good works** (emphasis added). Not as a separate and different means, but as the only appropriate means to manifest the faith, translating it into act.

When Paul writes: “For this is the will of God, your sanctification,” it is clear that he understands precisely this holiness which is the fruit of personal commitment. He adds, in fact, as though to explain in what the sanctification he is talking about consists: “that you abstain from immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor” (1 Thes. 4:3-9).

“There is but one sadness in the world, and it is not to be saints,” said Leon Bloy, and Mother Teresa was right when a journalist asked her point-blank how she felt being acclaimed as being holy around the world, and she answered: “Holiness is not a luxury; it is a necessity.”



Third Year Candidates

December 9, 2006	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	St. Mary - Pinckney
Benediction; Blessings; Other Devotions - Rev. Ken Coughlin Leading the Community In Prayer		
January 6, 2007	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	St. Mary Magdalen - Brighton
Baptism - Rev. Dave Howell Baptism Homily		
February 3, 2007	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	St. Thomas - East Lansing
Prayers over the Deceased; Visit with the Family; Vigil Service - Dcn. Ed Schneider Vigil Service Homily		
March 3, 2007	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	St. Andrew - Saline
Funeral; Committal Service; Memorial Service - Rev. Will Stevenson Ordination Planning - Rita Thiron		
March 31, 2007	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	St. Casimir - Lansing
Wedding, Rehearsal - Rev. Bill Lugger Wedding Homily		
April 28, 2007	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	St. Mary Cathedral- Crypt
Assisting at Mass, Assisting the Bishop at Mass, Incensing -Msgr. George Michalek and Dcn. Tom Fogle		
May 19, 2007	10:00 a.m.	St. Mary Cathedral
Ordination		

First Year Candidates



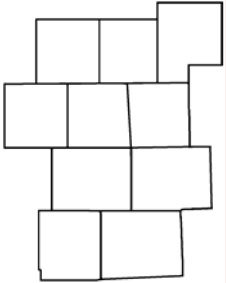
December 9, 2006	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	St. Mary - Pinckney
You as a Minister in the Church - Rev. Karl Pung		
January 6, 2007	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	St. Mary Magdalen - Brighton
Hospital & Nursing Home Ministry - Dcn. Wayne Charlton Ministering to the Dying and Bereaved		
February 3, 2007	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	St. Thomas - East Lansing
Marriage & Family - Tom Fogle Restorative Justice - Tim Metts Persons with Disabilities - Joann Davis, Rose Smith		
March 3, 2007	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	St. Andrew - Saline
Hispanic and Migrant Ministry - Dcn. Ray & Grace Pizanna Ministering to Youth and Young Adults - John Bishner Bishop's Council on Alcohol & Other Drugs - Bob LaPrad		
March 31, 2007	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	St. Casimir - Lansing
Ministry Skills - Judy Scharf & Doug Reynolds		
April 28, 2007	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Diocesan Center
Homiletics - Dave Borzenski		
May 12, 2007	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Diocesan Center
First Homilies		



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Postcards and Prayers

Submitted By: Wayne Charlton

Inmates on death row are the most forgotten people in the prison system. Fr. Jude Siciliano, O.P. posts these names along with his “First Impressions” weekly scripture reflections. You are invited to write a postcard to one or more of these inmates 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”**

Please write to:

Daniel Gamer	#0141374	(On death row since 9/3/93)
Johnny Daughy	#0099090	(10/4/93)
George C. Buckner	#00544991	(10/8/93)
James E. Williams	#0441726	(11/3/93)
Shawn D. Bonnett	#0037215	(9/27/96)
James F. Davis	#0510234	(10/2/96)
Melvin L. White	#0434355	(10/15/96)
Jeffery Barrett	#0021418	(6/1/93)
Norfolk Best	#0030124	(6/7/93)
James Campbell	#0063592	(7/8/93)
Eugene Decastro	#0104984	(4/28/93)
Gregory Warren	#0156518	(5/18/93)
David Lynch	#0251740	(5/27/93)



Central Prison 1300 Western Blvd. Raleigh, NC 27606

Pray for Peace