



## **SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:**

1) I guess people think we are all stupid! In our office, we have been getting emails, all promising us “big returns” on special lottery winnings, “easy credit” if we give the e-mailer our Social Security number or our computer password. These are all scams. During this time when there is so much fear and worry about the economy, criminals will do ANYTHING to steal or defraud innocent people.

Be VERY careful about any offer you receive that promises money, rewards, double credit, “interest free” mortgages, houses for “no money down”, huge profits, etc. These are ALL scams, meant to steal your money. Be extremely careful about giving your personal financial information to anyone, especially people or organizations/companies you do not know. If someone contacts you on VP and the phone number is “blocked” (xxxxx), delete/hang-up immediately!

2) Sat, 11/1, Noon-3pm: The Deaf Asian Association will have an INDIAN luncheon. Indian House restaurant, 2809 Butterfield Rd, Oakbrook. \$30/adult; \$20/child includes delicious meal, talk on Indian culture, other fun happenings. Info: daaac07@yahoo.com

3) Did you notice the ad bench across from St. Francis Borgia on Addison? Neil Levine is an attorney who signs and represents deaf people, especially in criminal cases, traffic cases, etc.

4) No one wants to die. However, we all die. It is important for families to discuss issues about funeral homes, wakes; cremation or casket; church; cemetery; etc. When families KNOW your wishes and desires, it is much easier for the family to plan/prepare for what you want.

5) FAMILIES & HALLOWEEN: There are many safe, free ways for families to enjoy Halloween and FALL.

1) City of Chicago FRANKEN PLAZA, 50 W. Washington, till 10/31. Shows, costumes, fun. Mon-Wed, 11am-3pm; Thurs-Sun, 11am-8pm. [www.chicagoween.us](http://www.chicagoween.us).

2) Chicago Park District has many FREE Haunted Houses at parks. Many other fun activities for children throughout the Fall. [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com) OR stop at any park and ask for “Fall 2008” calendar! 312-747-2001tty, 742-7529v.

6) PEOPLE IN THE NEWS...both PATRICIA SLISZ & PATTI JO KORAS became grandmothers (Patti Jo’s first!)...SHANNA CIRILLO, daughter of DIANE CIRILLO was married 10/18...ANDREA GREIN, daughter of PHIL & PATRICIA GREIN, was married 10/25.

7) NOVEMBER/DECEMBER are becoming very complicated. Why? Because of so many holiday events, meetings. Plus, the Catholic Office of the Deaf (640 N. LaSalle) will move in Dec. So, NEXT SUNDAY, we will have a lot of information in our Church paper and also a special sheet listing holiday events. Make sure you come to church to get this information! Many of these events have EARLY RSVP dates.

8) RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: for many years, NANCY HUBER was the leader of our Religious Education program for deaf children in the Archdiocese. Nancy retired last June, after many years of faithful service to our families and their children. MRS. MARGARET (MAGGIE) SWATEK has taken Nancy’s place.

Maggie and I met last week to review the year so far. In our Religious education program at St. Francis Borgia, we have 60 children. There are also “deaf programs” in Lemont and Glenwood, IL. The programs have gotten off to a good start this year and I am most grateful to all our Catechists, Aides, Helpers. However, Maggie and I also have some concerns:

1) We have wonderfully dedicated Catechists and volunteers. Some of these people have served our children for years! However, we need people for our future! We want to keep the people we have, but we will need replacements sometime.

2) We have no “official” deaf program in the Northwest Suburbs or Lake County. More and more of these deaf and hard of hearing students are mainstreamed in schools. Where are they learning about their Catholic faith???

If you are interested in volunteering or working with our children let Maggie know.

DON’T FORGET. Next Sat. evening, NOV.1, turn clocks BACK one hour before bed.