

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

- 1) FBI WARNING on "JURY DUTY" SCAM: most of us have received an official letter telling us to report for Jury Duty. This is our responsibility as citizens. However, the FBI is warning people about a new scam. What happens is that a person gets a phone call or email. The message says, "you failed to appear for Jury Duty and there is an arrest warrant against you." The person who gets this message is upset, of course. So he/she says, "I never got the notice; what should I do?" The person who sent the message says, "Okay, don't worry. Just give me your date of birth and your Social Security number, and we will clear this up." NO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
THIS IS A SCAM/ FRAUD! Do NOT give this person any of your personal information, especially your Social Security number! The Court system will NEVER contact you this way. Never give someone you do not know your personal info, especially your Social Security, bank account, checking account information.
If you do receive an official notice for jury duty, you have the right to request a sign-language interpreter for you during the entire time you serve on a jury.
- 2) Thanks to PATRICIA SLISZ for her great help at Access Chicago.
- 3) THREE FUN PICNICS:
 - a) Sat, 8/2, 10am-7pm: Deaf European Picnic, Labagh Woods, 5300 N. Cicero, Chgo. Sat, 8/2, 11am. Deaf Snowmobile Picnic, Deicke Park, 11419 S. Rt. 47, Huntley.
 - b) Sat, 8/9, 10am-dusk: Deaf Latino Picnic, Deer Grove Forest Preserve, Dundee & N. Quentin Rd (Gate #4), Palatine. FREE. Family activities. nellytavic@hotmail.com
- 4) BUSES & EVENTS: in the past, St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center paid for busses to take our people to picnic, events, etc. However, renting busses has become very costly because of gas and insurance. Therefore, from now on, if a group of people wish to ride a bus from St. Francis Borgia to an event, we must have at least twenty (20) people who signed up and PAID \$5 each person before we can rent the bus.
- 5) ADORATION OF JESUS in the BLESSED SACRAMENT: the chapel of adoration is located in the back of the deaf center. The chapel is open everyday 6:30am-midnight. Sometimes, we need to be quiet in our minds and hearts. We can take time to be with Jesus in that chapel (or just sit quietly in our Mass chapel). This will give us great peace.
Also, many Catholic parishes have Perpetual Adoration Chapels. Check to see if your own neighborhood church has such a chapel. These are places of "rest" for our hearts and souls.
- 6) This FALL will be extremely busy: many deaf events, the ALDAcon International Conference in Chicago, some special workshops and talks. How to get good information?
 - a) Get on the mailing list for the Catholic Office of the Deaf. We will soon send out our FALL LETTER with lots of important information and dates.
 - b) Get on the Catholic Office of the Deaf email alert network for prayer list news, funerals.
 - c) Check out the website for the Catholic Office of the Deaf.
How? Call: 312-655-7899v, 312-751-8368vp/tty, email: cathdeafch@archchicago.org
Website: deafchurchchicago.parishesonline.com
- 7) ARD is Addiction Recovery of the Deaf. There are deaf and hard of hearing people who need help because of alcohol and drugs. ARD can help. The ARD staff understand deaf and hard of hearing people and their communication needs. Calls are CONFIDENTIAL. 773-227-8562tty/vp
- 8) MS NANCY HUBER worked with deaf children and their families for over 40 years. We will have a wonderful "Retirement" party for her on Sunday, Aug. 24th, after our 10:30am Mass. Everyone is welcome, especially Ms. Huber's former students. Plenty to eat. Free. Please tell others!
- 9) Recently, several people contacted me to discuss family members who may have Alzheimer's Disease. I am most glad to sit down with anyone (or family members) to talk about this Disease and what families can do to help their loved ones.
- 10) WHY DRIVE? The Metra Train system has many routes, easy to go to many places. Sign up for a FREE SUMMER FUN kit at www.metrarail.com.