

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON
APRIL 27, 2008 **6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 4TH:

- a) Several of our parents will receive Holy Communion for the first time;
- b) We will have our "May Crowning" of the Blessed Mother;
- c) 12:30pm, we will have a wonderful workshop in the chapel on "Catholic Etiquette/Customs" (meaning: ways we practice our faith).

What is MFP? MFP means MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM. MFP is a program to teach deaf people how to do Ministry (the work of God) in the Church. The MFP meets six weekends/year and has wonderful teachers. MFP usually meets in Mundelein, IL at a very nice retreat center. For the last five years, Sr. Alverna Hollis, has been the Director of MFP. (Before her, Sr. Maureen Langton was the Director for ten years.) Beginning July 1, 2008, FR. MICHAEL DEPCIK & SISTER RITA WIGGINTON will be the new Leaders of MFP.

If you are interested in the MFP, talk with Fr. Joe, Fr. Mike, Deacon Ralph Hinch, Ms. Nancy Huber about the program.

TAX RETURNS/ TAX REBATE CHECKS:

Many people will be getting money from the government. The government is telling people, "spend the money; buy things!" There are three things you should do with the money:

- a) Pay off your debts! Did you borrow money from someone? That money was a loan to you. Now is the time to pay those people back! This is justice! You will feel better; no more debt!
- b) Reduce your credit card debt. When you have debt on your credit card, you pay too much interest. Pay off what you owe on these cards, and you will have more money.
- c) Put your money in your retirement account (IRA), savings, grandchildren college fund.

NANCY HUBER 70TH BIRTHDAY is this month. We will have cake and ice cream for her on Sunday, June 1st after Mass.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Fri-Sun, 5/2-4: MFP Weekend.

Sun, 5/4: Mass, 10:30am. Workshop on "Catholic Customs" at 12:30pm.

Fri, 5/9: Catechist dinner/meeting. 6pm, meal. 6:30pm, meeting.

Sun, 5/11: Mother's Day. Mass, 10:30am. Coffee and rolls (free for all women).

Sun, 5/18: Masses, 9(First Communion) and 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiart, Tinley Park.

Thurs, 5/22, 10am-3pm: Senior Citizen Social.

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

4/28: Acts 16:11-15/ John 15: 26-16:4

5/1: Acts 18:1-8/John 16:16-20

4/29: Acts 16:22-34/John 16: 5-11

5/2: Acts 18:9-18/John 16:20-23

4/30: Acts 17:15,22-18:1/John 16:12-15

5/3: Acts 18:24-28/John 16:24-28

Catholic feast days this week:

5/1: St. Joseph the Worker. St. Joseph was a man who supported his family. How? By hard work and sweat! St. Joseph was willing to do everything possible to support his family.

5/2: St. Philip and St. James were both Apostles of Jesus. St. James is the patron saint of people who are dying.

TWO DEAF EVENTS AT ST. FRANCIS BORGIA:

Sat, 5/3: Cinco de Mayo Celebration. Flyers on the table.

Sat, 5/10, 1:30-3:30pm: ROBERT SCHLEIFER, deaf actor, will give a FREE presentation on Leadership (personal and Community). Voicing/captioning provided for hearing families
Mr. Schleifer is very well-known throughout the acting world for his teaching!

MOTHER'S DAY ENVELOPES: please fill in the names of your mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, mothers-in-law on the Mother's Day envelopes and place on the altar for Mass. We will remember these women, living and dead, throughout the month of May at our Masses.

DO YOU HAVE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER IN YOUR HOME or OFFICE? Check the date on the inspection tag. If the date is 2006 or earlier, get that extinguisher re-charged! Also, summer time people start using their outdoor grill. Before using the grill this summer, make sure you...

...clean off , scrape off all the old grease from last year;

...if you have a propane line to the grill, make sure that the feed into the grill is clear/clean;

...keep a fire extinguisher near your grill, especially if you have the grill on a wooden porch;

...always make sure you cover your grill EVERY TIME you finish using it.

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) Please pray for...ROBERT KONSBRUCK (89), father of Christopher Konsbruck, who died 4/16...MIKE KORNACKER who had serious eye surgery this past week...young people, especially from our families, who are in the military in Iraq & Afghanistan...SAMI RAI, brother of Vivian Cardona, who has brain cancer.

2) Sat, 4/19, Pope Benedict attended a youth rally in New York. At the rally, a deaf choir from New York City signed the song, "Take Lord Receive". The Pope thanked the Deaf Choir for their beautiful signing.

3) CHILDREN/GRANDCHILDREN: Joe Morrissey, hearing son of PATRICK & JEANETTE MORRISSEY, won a state of Illinois competition for cooking, and he will go to the National Championship this summer in Florida...the MROZ kids (ED SCHULTZ's grandchildren) have won several different science fairs; they will go to TENNESSE for a National Competition ...AARON KUBEY did a terrific job as master of ceremonies at the 50th anniversary dinner-dance for Holy Trinity School.

This time of the year, many children receive First Communion. If you need a sign-language interpreter for a First Communion Mass or Confirmation, contact Catholic Office of the Deaf as soon as possible!

4) Attention RNs and LPNs In-Home Care: Need full time home health care to hire immediately for 12 year old boy, Chicago Northwest Suburbs. Contact David at (847) 635-1787 for preliminary information.

5) STRESS & MONEY: recently, I have seen more and more families who have great stress. Why? The cost of gas and food; the cost of insurance & medicine; falling behind credit card and mortgages payments; getting warning letters from government, real estate, gas company, banks. What happens when we have too much stress? Our physical health becomes worse: heart problems, headaches, exhaustion (no strength), etc. Our emotional health also suffers: depression, frustration, sadness, anger, fear, etc. So, what do people do? Often, people hurt themselves (drink too much alcohol, use drugs, commit adultery, gamble, etc.) Or they hurt others (beat-up spouse, punish/abuse children, steal, blame others, lie). What to do?

GET FINANCIAL HELP! Many of the CILs -Access Living (Chgo), Progress Center (suburban Cook), DuPage, Lake, Will Grundy, Fox Valley - have programs to help people deal with the paperwork and financial forms. Also, there are special organizations - Consumer Credit Counseling - that can help people manage their bills. If you must go to a government office - Social Security, Public Aid, Unemployment: insist on having a sign-language interpreter!

GET PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP! Fr. Mike, myself; counseling from Advocate or Mt. Sinai. There are people who will sit with you and listen to your problems.

HELP YOURSELF! Do not spend money you do not have. Make a budget and stick with it. Do NOT go to a casino boat to try to win money to lessen your debt. (Gambling NEVER works!) Do NOT increase your credit card debt. Pay off the debt and reduce your interest payments. Combine trips in your car, meaning, don't drive to the store/go home, then drive to the bank/go home, then drive to friend's house/go home. Go to store, bank, friend's house - all in one trip!

COME TO CHURCH! A recent research program proved that people who come to church each week & pray during the week, live longer and have healthier lives than people who do not go to church!

6) Catholic Office of the Deaf is now registered for GoodSearch and GoodShop. Our supporters can raise money for our services to continue by using GoodSearch to search the internet and GoodShop to make online purchases! www.goodsearch.com