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THE INSTALLATION OF THE MOST REV. JOSEPH R. CISTONE SIXTH BISHOP OF SAGINAW



SOLEMN EVENING PRAYER

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2009

7:30 P.M.

CATHEDRAL OF MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW AT CATHEDRAL CAMPUS.
SOLEMN EVENING PRAYER IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2009

2:00 P.M.

ST. STEPHEN CHURCH, SAGINAW

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW AT CENTER FOR MINISTRY, SAGINAW
ADMISSION TO CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION BY TICKET ONLY.

REGIONAL MASSES OF THANKSGIVING

August 5	Resurrection of the Lord, Standish
August 6	St. Roch, Caseville
August 11	St. Denis, Lexington
August 13	Sacred Heart, Mount Pleasant
September 8	Blessed Sacrament, Midland
September 10	St. Stanislaus Kostka, Bay City
September 15	Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption

*All Masses begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by a reception.
Each Mass is open to the public.*



27 MAKE LAY MINISTRY COMMITMENT



BY JOAN LaPOINTE
Coordinator of Lay Formation

Recently, 27 candidates marked the completion of their first two years of formation in the Diocese of Saginaw Lay Ministry Program with a commitment ceremony held at Blessed Trinity in Frankenmuth. Fathers Robert Byrne and William Taylor presided. The candidates and their respective parishes are:

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| Martha Arvizu | Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, Saginaw |
| Richard Banaszak | St. Mary of the Assumption, Bay City |
| Kathleen Bersano | St. Michael, Pinconning |
| Jerry Blaxton | St. Vincent DePaul, Shepherd |
| Lonne Brown | Sts. Peter & Paul, Saginaw |
| Margaret Clor | Our Lady of Lake Huron, Harbor Beach |
| Anne Dearington | St Anthony/St. Joseph, Auburn |
| Barbara Ferrante | St Stanislaus Kostka, Bay City |
| Margaret Flannery | St. Hyacinth, Bay City |
| Gerald Hegenauer | Our Lady of the Visitation, Bay City |
| Joseph Henige | St. Michael, Maple Grove |
| Sheree Laskowski | St. Hyacinth, Bay City |
| Bonnie Mault | St. Brigid of Kildare, Midland |
| Connie Messinger | Blessed Sacrament, Midland |
| Claudia Miller | Our Lady of Lake Huron, Harbor Beach |
| Scott Mills | St. Pancratius, Cass City |
| Kitty Murtha | St. Mark, AuGres |
| William Myles | Sts. Peter & Paul, Saginaw |
| Jeanette Neitzel | St. Stanislaus Kostka, Bay City |
| Dawn Marie Ozark | Sts. Peter & Paul, Saginaw |
| Lynn Pajk | Blessed Sacrament, Midland |
| Janet Rapson | Sacred Heart, Bad Axe |
| Brian Smith | St. Brigid of Kildare, Midland |
| Pam Spencer | St. Anthony/St. Joseph, Auburn |
| Laura Sprywa | St. Hyacinth, Bay City |
| Stacey Trapani | Blessed Sacrament, Midland |
| Richard Warner | St. John Vianney, Saginaw |

To learn more about the Lay Ministry Formation Program, contact Joan LaPointe at (989) 797-6609 or jlapointe@dioceseofsaginaw.org

MEET, PRAY FOR OUR '09-'10 SEMINARIANS

BY MARK GRAVELINE
Associate Director of Vocations

The Diocese of Saginaw is set to have 15 men discerning God's call to the priesthood as seminarians this upcoming academic year. They are:

TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE

Deacon Christian Tabares

Deacon Rick Varner

Deacon Juan Ignacio Velasquez

THEOLOGY

Eddie Dwyer

Nate Harburg

Thomas Held

Robert Kelm

Andrew LaFramboise

Tim O'Hagan

Marcel Portelli

Robert Schikora

Nick Schmelter

PRE-THEOLOGY

Stephen Gendreske

Marc Hopps

Alberto Vargas

Please pray for our seminarians. A seminarian prayer calendar is included with this month's newsletter.



BAY CITY CEMETERY EXPANSION TO BE BLESSED BY BISHOP AUG. 2

Bishop Joseph R. Cistone will dedicate and bless three new ground burial sections, eight columbariums, and statues of Pope John Paul II, Mother Teresa and St. Stanislaus Kostka at 2 p.m. on August 2 at St. Patrick Cemetery in Bay City. A light reception to meet the bishop and view the sections, columbariums and statues will follow the dedication and blessing. All are invited.



Upcoming VIRTUS Sessions

FROM THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE OFFICE

HOW WE CAN SUPPORT STANDISH

BY TERRI GRIERSON

Director of Christian Service

STANDISH – On June 5, Governor Jennifer Granholm’s administration announced the closure of several state prisons, including the Standish Maximum Correctional Facility.

The closing of the prison will result in the loss of more than 300 jobs and is expected to have a catastrophic effect on the local community. In addition to high unemployment, Arenac County is one of the poorest counties in the state, with a per-capita income of \$16,300 - nearly \$6,000 below the state average.

Upon hearing the news that the prison was slated to close, Father Jim Fitzpatrick, pastor at the city’s Resurrection of the Lord Parish, initiated a petition drive, which has resulted in at least 1,000 signatures. On Friday, June 12, hundreds of people attended a community rally hosted by the parish to protest the governor’s decision. The prison is scheduled to close as early as August.

In these tough economic times, unemployment affects everyone. The financial concerns that result from unemployment can be overwhelming, but for many the sense of isolation and hopelessness they experience is debilitating.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

- Pray for the people of Arenac County and all of our brothers and sisters who are unemployed or facing unemployment.
- Be faithful citizens. Contact your legislators and encourage legislation that supports and strengthens families and communities. Protest decisions that hurt people and cause economic hardship.
- Sponsor a weekly or monthly parish meal.
- Establish a ministry for people who are unemployed.



CAREGIVERS CONFERENCE

Saginaw County Commission on Aging will host a Family Caregiver Conference on September 24 at Horizons Conference Center in Saginaw. The conference is free to Family Caregivers of Saginaw County. Registration is at 9 a.m. the day of the event. For more information, contact Julia Schmidt at (989) 797 7564.



VIRTUS SESSIONS

Upcoming VIRTUS sessions and other important safe environment information are posted on www.saginaw.org, under Protecting God’s Children. VIRTUS may be scheduled for your parish, cluster or vicariate by contacting Sr. Janet Fulgenzi, OP at (989) 797-6682 or jfulgenzi@dioceseofsaginaw.org.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

If you are a victim of clergy abuse or know of someone who is, please contact Sister Janet Fulgenzi OP, PhD, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, at (989) 797-6682 or jfulgenzi@dioceseofsaginaw.org. If you have cause to suspect a child or young person is being abused or neglected, immediately contact the Michigan Department of Human Services or law enforcement officials in your county.

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE SUPPORTS EMBRYO RESEARCH TRANSPARENCY

LANSING – Michigan Catholic Conference Vice President for Public Policy Paul A. Long offered the Conference’s support for a bipartisan package of bills introduced recently that promotes transparency in human embryo research:

“The voters of Michigan spoke last November in support of Proposal 2, and from the Conference’s perspective nothing in this package of bills affects the will of the people. The bills do, however, provide much needed transparency in the area of human embryo destruction in Michigan. A key component of the package mirrors an acceptable provision in recently proposed federal guidelines pertaining to human embryo research, specifically that which ensures human embryos cannot be created solely for the purpose of destruction.

“Prohibiting the trafficking of cloned human embryos into Michigan, prohibiting the creation of human-animal chimeric embryos, and requiring researchers to report how many human embryos are retained in storage, further represent common sense measures that should be widely supported in the legislature and the general public. That both Democrats and Republicans in the House and Senate have already offered their support for these measures, combined with the fact that nothing in this package of bills reverses the outcome of Proposal 2, should allow for Michigan to take its first step toward transparency in human embryo research.”

Senate Bills 647-652 were introduced June 18 and referred to the Senate Health Policy Committee. Identical legislation is expected to be introduced in the House of Representatives.

Michigan Catholic Conference is the official public policy voice of the Catholic Church in this state.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Engaged Encounter Marriage Preparation is for couples planning their weddings in the next couple of years. Week-end Encounters currently scheduled in the Diocese of Saginaw include:

- September 25 - 27, 2009
- January 29 - 30, 2010
- May 14 - 16, 2010
- September 24 - 26, 2010

For more information or to register, contact Mary Ann Cherry at mcherry@dioceseofsaginaw.org or (989) 797-6660.

GRIEF MINISTRY AND SUPPORT

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Midland will host the next Midland-area Grief Recovery Program. The program runs for seven weeks from July 16, 23, 30, to August 27. For more information or to register, contact the parish office at (989) 631-4447

RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREATS

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats are beautiful opportunities for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The retreat offers exercises to help you grieve the loss of your child and help you know the mercy and compassion of God. The retreat and registration are strictly private. All inquiries will be answered confidentially. The next retreat in Saginaw is August 14-16, 2009. The cost is \$150. For more information or to register, contact Sandy Buza at (989) 754-0091 or (989) 797-6652.



SAVE THE DATE: MARCH FOR LIFE 2010

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to the 2010 March for Life in Washington, D.C., will take place January 21-23.



OPERATION RICE BOWL GRANTS

Applications for funding through Catholic Relief Services’ Operation Rice Bowl will be available beginning August 1. Grants will be awarded to local non-profit groups or organizations that support the poor with food and shelter, or with projects that assist the individual with their own development. For more information or for an application, contact Terri Grierson at tgrierson@dioceseofsaginaw.org or (989) 797-6650. **Application deadline is August 31.**



CATHOLIC JOB OPPORTUNITIES

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish, Vassar, seeks a full-time administrative assistant. Requirements include strong organization and communication skills; a positive and creative attitude; experience with bookkeeping and secretarial duties; proficiency with Word and Excel; knowledge of the Shelby bookkeeping program is preferred. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to Philip Krill, Pastoral Administrator, 334 Division Street, Vassar, MI 48768.

BI-LINGUAL OFFICE ASSISTANT

The Catholic Diocese of Saginaw seeks qualified candidates for the immediate, full-time position of Office Assistant in the Office of Christian Service. The successful candidate will be bilingual: proficient in reading, writing, speaking Spanish and English. Requirements include strong organizational and communication skills; proficiency with Word, Excel and Shelby; experience with bookkeeping and general secretarial duties. Must have knowledge of the Catholic Church and familiarity with its structures and functions. Send letter of interest, references and resume to: Diocese of Saginaw, Office of Human Resources, 5800 Weiss St., Saginaw, MI 48603-2762 or e-mail to the Office of Human Resources. Application deadline: July 10, 2009.

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Saginaw is seeking a qualified person to fill the position of Pastoral Associate. This is a full-time position, starting in August 2009. Duties include directing faith formation programs, sacramental preparation, RCIA and coordinating Christian Service. Contact Father Jack Johnson, Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, 4735 W. Michigan Ave., Saginaw MI 48638. (989) 799-5448.

PRINCIPAL

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School in Chesaning is seeking a principal for the 2009-2010 school year. This is a Catholic school in rural Saginaw

County with a potential for growth. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications. The principal must be a practicing Catholic who is a capable leader, creative and innovative. Other qualifications include:

- eligible for a Michigan Teacher Certificate, minimum of five years successful teaching experience
- Mater's in Education preferably in Administration and/or minimum of 20 hours in Administration,
- experience or training in school building administration, curriculum/program development and implementation
- evidence of success as an educational, spiritual and managerial leader.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to Father Richard Bokinskie, 404 S. Wood St., Chesaning, MI 48616.

YOUTH MINISTER

St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Stephen parishes and other interested parishes seek a full time Youth Minister. Forty hours per week, weekends and evenings included. Full benefits. Salary negotiable. Education and experience will be taken into consideration. Responsibilities include: Planning and conducting youth retreats, prayer services, youth events and service activities; training and mentoring a youth leadership team; liaison with Nouvel Catholic Central students and area parishes. Applicant should possess organizational and administrative skills. The successful applicant will be an enthusiastic, energetic and faith filled Catholic Christian. Applications may be sent to: Search Committee, c/o St. Stephen Parish, 2711 Mackinaw St., Saginaw, MI 48602.

DISCOVER MORE CATHOLIC JOBS AT WWW.SAGINAW.ORG/NEWS/JOBS

FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR

ATTENTION PARISH RECORD KEEPERS: DIOCESE SEEKS SACRAMENTAL RECORDS FROM 1972 - 2008

Last summer, the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw began an ambitious project of collecting a duplicate of each parish's sacramental registers from 1972 through 2008 for the Archives. The diocese has the records through 1971. These sacramental records are beneficial in case a parish's records are damaged in fire, water problems and so forth. One of our seminarians, Nate Harburg, will help with the project this summer. *If you would like to offer a parish to have the records duplicated, please contact Sister Mary Judith O'Brien RSM at mobrien@dioceseofsaginaw.org or (989) 797-6620.*

FROM THE LITURGY OFFICE

NPM CHILDREN'S CHOIR INSTITUTE

Just a reminder that you are cordially invited to participate in a three-day workshop sponsored by the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM). On July 27-29, some of the nation's finest clinicians will be at Bethany House in DeWitt for an Institute for Music with Children. Lee Gwozdz is the Director of Music at Corpus Christi Cathedral and serves on the Board of the Choristers Guild. He is a very dynamic clinician often using toys to rehearse young children's choirs. Donna Kinsey is an expert in children's voices, a renowned music educator, and an expert in handbells. Dan Girardot is the Director of Liturgy and Music at St. Therese Parish in Austin, Texas, and chair of NPM's DMMD division. There will be tracks for Music Educators and Tracks for Children's choir directors. All this right in our own back yard! *For more information, please call the NPM at (240) 247-3000, visit www.npm.org, or call (517) 342-2480.*

IMPORTANT DATES FOR MUSCIANS

- **October 2**, *Evening of Reflection/Retreat for all Musicians with Steve Janco*
- **October 3**, *Morning of Enrichment for all Musicians with Steve Janco*

IMPORTANT DATES FOR RCIA TEAMS

- **August 8**, *The Historical and Liturgical Foundations of the Catechumenate with Rita Thiron and Fr. Jim Bessert*
- **October 31**, *A Walk Through the Easter Vigil: How we do Ritual from the Historical/Liturgical view with Rita Thiron and Fr. Jim Bessert*
- **January 30**, *Cycle C Lenten Scriptures by Art Zannoni*

FROM OUR PARISHES

ACTOR'S WORKSHOP

All Saints Central High School will host an actor's workshop with Warran Saint George from August 5-17 at the school's Little Theatre, 217 South Monroe St. in Bay City. Submit your name, phone, and e-mail to saintgeorgeii@gmail.com or Tom Cole at (989) 894-2424.



FROM OUR PARISHES

ST. STANISLAUS YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Come join us for an evening of prayer, catechesis, fellowship and food! Ages 18-35 are welcome. We meet in the Youth Room of St. Stanislaus School in Bay City. We begin at 7 p.m., and our summer schedule continues July 15, August 5, August 19. If you have any questions, please contact Mary LaFramboise at (989) 284-3378 or lafram1me@cmich.edu



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

The Knights of Columbus, Father Nouvel Council No. 4232, in Saginaw, will host a Public Square Rosary Rally at Noon on October 10 at its social hall at 4840 Shattuck Road. The rally is part of the "America Needs Fatima" campaign to petition Our Lady for prayers of national conversion from immoral and secularist trends of our society. More than 3,000 rallies were held in 2008. The rallies mark the anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal in 1917. To learn more about "America Needs Fatima" visit www.americaneedsfatima.org. For more information about the Rosary rally, contact Patricia Middleton at (989) 792-5185.





























THE DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER IS JULY 22.



Catholic Diocese of Saginaw - *Seminarians Prayer Calendar*

LET US REMEMBER ONE ANOTHER DAILY IN PRAYER

"I mention you always in my prayers." (Romans 1:9)

1  Christian Tabares	2  Rick Varner	3  Juan Ignatio Velasquez	4  Eddie Dwyer	5  Nate Harburg	6  Thomas Held	7  Robert Kelm
8  Andrew LaFramboise	9  Tim O'Hagen	10  Marcel Portelli	11  Robert Schikora	12  Nick Schmelter	13 Stephen Gendreske	14 Marc Hopps
15  Albert Vargas	16  Christian Tabares	17  Rick Varner	18  Juan Ignatio Velasquez	19  Eddie Dwyer	20  Nate Harburg	21  Thomas Held
22  Robert Kelm	23  Andrew LaFramboise	24  Tim O'Hagen	25  Marcel Portelli	26  Robert Schikora	27  Nick Schmelter	28 Stephen Gendreske
29 Marc Hopps	30  Albert Vargas	31 Pray for Vocations				