

CLERGY NEWS

September/October 2011

From the Director

Dear Brothers,

When I received the request by the Archbishop to serve in this office I was surprised. Initially I presumed that I would continue to serve at Holy Family along with this position, as did Pat Halfpenny. When the reality hit that it would be a full-time ministry it caused many questions along with the sadness of leaving the parish. Providentially the second reading for the previous Sunday spoke of Abraham being called to leave his home and family and journey "to a place I will show you." I certainly do not presume to place myself in the same category as our Father in Faith but I do know that the Lord continues to move among his people today, and he continues to call us to follow him with an obedient heart. As we follow the Lord we encounter the peace that surpasses all understanding. My only hope and prayer is that I will serve the Lord and you, my brother priests and deacons and our brothers and sisters who serve Christ in Consecrated Life as he desires. Please God we will come to a deeper relationship with the Lord through our ministry which will then spread among the People of God in the parishes and institutions in which we serve.

CONVOCATION ISSUES

The most immediate event for our priests and deacons is the Convocation taking place beginning Sunday, October 9 for the priests and Thursday, October 13 for the deacons. This is the time to lift our hearts to the Lord and invoke the Holy Spirit for our speakers and attendees.

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Diaconate Notes

Dear Diaconate Community,

I would like to introduce you to Deanne Cortese who is the new Administrative Assistant to the Permanent Diaconate in the Office for Clergy and Consecrated Life. Her phone number is 313-237-5840. Please call Deanne or myself for all diaconate business. I would like to thank Sandra Aceval for helping us out over the last year.

I hope that you will be able to join us during the month of October as we gather for several important events:

Saturday, October 1, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

—Ten men will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate of Detroit

—A reception in the Cathedral Gym will follow

Sunday, October 9, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

—Five men will be accepted as Candidates

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For those brothers not attending and are capable with assistance in providing mass, funeral coverage or whatever else needs to be covered in the parishes, please send a message to the aceval.sandra@aod.org or by phone: 313-596-7151. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

ALBS AND STOLES: For those who wish to concelebrate the daily mass during the convocation, please bring your Alb and Stole.

NEWLY ORDAINED BRETHERN:

On September 14th our brother, Dave Bechill was ordained to the presbyterate. Congratulations Dave and welcome to the table of the Lord. As you continue your ministry at Divine Child, Dearborn, may it be fruitful for the Church and for you.

On October 1st ten of our brothers will be ordained to the permanent diaconate. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their ministry of service to the Archdiocese and to their particular parishes. We all remember the beginning years of our ministry – some more recent than others. May we all work to guide our brothers in their first years (priests and deacons) as they continue minister with us in Word, Sacrament and Service.

GOOD NEWS SHARED

Congratulations to Fr. Mike Verschave on his selection for financial support Lilly Endowment Fund National Clergy Renewal Program during his sabbatical next year. The fund provides support to the parish in his absence. The grant program is entitled "What will make your heart sing?" St. Joseph, Lake Orion has received notification that they will receive nearly \$32,000 for Mike Verschaeve's three-month sabbatical to the Centre for Biblical Formation, Notre Dame de Sion in Jerusalem next year.

Jim Hogan

New Roman Missal Workshop

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

7 p.m.—9 p.m.

Sacred Heart Major Seminary

2701 W. Chicago

Detroit, Michigan 48206

Priests Confessors Needed for Women's Retreat

Priests Confessors are needed for the Women's Retreat on Oct. 28-29, 2011 at The Best Western Hotel in Sterling Heights, Michigan. If you're interested and available, please contact Judy Maten at 313-237-4683

Diaconate Notes (cont'd)

Thursday, October 13, 2011 at Boyne Highlands

Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Permanent Diaconate in Detroit

—Archbishop Alan Vigneron will be keynote speaker

Friday, October 14 and Saturday October 15, 2011 at Boyne Highlands

—Demon Owens of the Theology of the Body Institute will present

—“God, Sex, and the Meaning of Life: A Basic Introduction to the Theology of the Body”

Sunday, October 16 at Boyne Highlands

—Business Meeting and Convocation Closing

Thursday, October 27, 2011 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Retreat Center

—Celebration of the Lives of the deceased members of the Permanent Diaconate Community with Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Even if you have not yet registered for the Convocation there may be an opportunity to still get in. Please call me at 313-319-1853.

Deacon Mike McKale

New Staff Member in Clergy and Consecrated Life Office

Deanna Cortese is our new administrative assistant in the Office for Clergy & Consecrated Life. She began with the Archdiocese in May of 2011 in the Safe Environments Office and recently moved to the Office for Clergy and Consecrated Life. She has many years of executive level support and management experience. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her husband and two daughters. To contact Deanna direct call 313-237-5840 or by e-mail at cortese.deanna@aod.org.

9th Annual AOD Catholic Women's Conference

“Embraced by Mercy, Transformed by Love”

Friday and Saturday, October 28-29, 2011

Best Western Sterling Inn Banquet and Conference Center, Sterling Heights. This year's keynote speaker will be **His Excellency, The Most Reverend Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit**. Join the Archbishop as he challenges us to consider our unique vocation as God's *“privileged agents for sharing the good news of Divine Mercy.”* Additional presenters include: Sr. Mary Finn, Catherine Lanni, Fr. Joseph Horn and Marjorie Gabriel-Burrow; music and drama under the direction of Dr. Noriko Ernst, Kelly Nieto and Marjorie Gabriel-Burrow. For Conference pricing, registration and event details visit www.aodwomensministry.org or call (313) 237-4683.

Seeking Priest or Deacon for Spiritual Assistance

Our Lady of Mercy Third Order Carmelites who meet at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish are in need of help for a spiritual director. Qualifications: Interest and knowledge of the Carmelite spiritual tradition and/or contemplative prayer. Please call Amy at 734-674-4772 if you can help.



Catholics and Orthodox Over the Centuries:



Orthodox Fr. John Erickson
St. Vladimir Orthodox
Theological Seminary



Roman Catholic Fr. Ron Roberson
United States Conference of
Catholic Bishops

Shifting Perceptions of Division and Unity

International experts, *Orthodox Fr. John Erickson* and *Roman Catholic Fr. Ron Roberson*, members of the North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological Consultation, will explore the historical origins of division between our two ancient churches and the hopeful prospects for the reunification of our two traditions. Free admission; everyone welcome. Clergy, professors and students especially welcome!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2011

1:00 - 4:00 PM

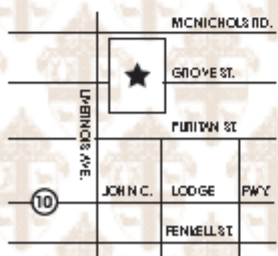
UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY

Student Center Ballroom
4001 W. McNichols Rd.
Detroit, MI 48221

REGISTRATION REQUESTED.

TO REGISTER, BY EMAIL: HOVEY.MICHAEL@AOD.ORG

OR BY PHONE: (313) 237-4678.



* Free parking at Livernois entrance.



Hosted by An Orthodox-Catholic Witness in Metropolitan Detroit
For more information, call Michael Hovey at (313) 237-4678

www.aodonline.org

Registration required for seating and parking.


SENIOR CLERGY VILLAGE

14461 Levan Road
Livonia, Michigan 48154
(734) 838-0457

ADMISSION POLICY

1. A retired priest who wishes to be considered as a tenant in the Senior Clergy Village must send a letter to the Administrator.
2. The Administrator contacts the Vicar for Clergy as to whether or not this Priest should be considered for admission to the Senior Clergy Village.
3. If the response is positive, the Administrator sends and/or calls the priest to notify him that he will be placed on the list for consideration. An Admission Application and Health Form is sent to the priest for completion.
4. When the completed forms are returned, the Health Form is reviewed by a healthcare professional designated by the Administrator to determine if the priest is capable of living independently.
5. A list of prospective tenants is kept by the date of interest.
6. When a vacancy occurs, the Administrator calls the priest on the waiting list to determine if there is still interest. (Circumstances can change and a priest may not be available to be considered.)
7. The priest signs the "Lease Agreement" and plans with the Administrator the start date of his entrance. Payment begins at the first of the month.

— **Sr. Mary Thomasine Satkowiak, Administrator**

On the Agenda	Sick Bay	In Memory
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct. 1: Diaconate Ordination at 10 a.m. @ BSC • Oct. 9-13: Presbyteral Convocation at Boyne Mountain, Michigan • Oct. 13-16: Diaconate Convocation at Boyne Mountain, Michigan • Oct. 27: Memorial Mass for Diaconate Community at 6:30 p.m. @ SPC • Nov. 2: Clergy Memorial Mass at 11 a.m. @ BSC • Nov. 7-11: Clergy Fall Retreat @ SPC <p style="text-align: center;">***</p> <p>CP= Cathedral Place (office bldg. behind the Cathedral) BSC = Blessed Sacrament Cathedral SJC = St. John Conference Center SPC = St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Ctr. SHMS = Sacred Heart Major Seminary</p>	<p>We hope to list the priests and deacons within the Archdiocese of Detroit who are currently in need of our prayer, a note, or a phone call. To add a name to the listing please contact the person first to make certain they want such information published and then send the name through to our office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Deacon Dan Gonos</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Deacon Ronald Grenda</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Theresa Goetz, daughter of Deacon Robert Goetz</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marilyn Gwozdz, wife of Deacon Alan Gwozdz</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Diane Lang, wife of Deacon Michael Lang</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Deacon John Santeramo</p>	<p><i>Happy are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.</i></p> <p>Margaret M. Babcock, sister-in-law of Rev. Timothy Babcock</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Edward M. Casey, father of Rev. Patrick Casey</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rev. Daniel Homan, O.S.B.</p> <p>Wilford Krzeminski, brother of Deacon Eugene Krzeminski</p> <p>Rev. Malcolm Maloney, O.F.M. Cap.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Evelyn O’Keefe, mother of Deacon Michael O’Keefe</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Helen Plawecki, mother of Rev. Joseph Plawecki</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Deacon William Otto</p> <p>Frank Santeramo, brother of Deacon John Santeramo</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Margaret Zemba, mother-in-law of Deacon Dan Gonos</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>