

Mission: Possible Retreat

April 2005

MISSION: POSSIBLE DISCERNMENT RETREAT

April 1-3, 2005 at DeSales Center, Brooklyn, MI.



2004 Mission: Possible Retreat

At this Christ-centered retreat based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius, you will be given ample opportunity to pray, reflect, talk with working professional ministers, and learn more about the different types of ministry opportunities and many education/formation options available in our area. Cost is \$60, with scholarships available. We encourage all interested to contact us and let us know how we can be of better service to you.

For more information contact Jean Murphy
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Certification

On-Going

The Office for Pastoral Ministries was established in the Department of Parish Life in July of 2001. It is a resource to professional pastoral ministers in the archdiocese. The office, in concert with a Certification Review Board, oversees the certification process for pastoral ministers within the archdiocese.

Areas of certification that may be granted are: Family Life, Liturgical, Pastoral, and Christian Service/Social Ministries. The office also encourages church leaders and the faithful to identify and invite persons into lay ecclesial ministry. The office serves as a job-clearing house for both parishes and pastoral ministers.

We work cooperatively with seminaries, colleges, and universities in the area. The office, working collaboratively with others, provides ongoing formation for professional ministers and parish staffs by sponsoring in-services and conferences annually.

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PROFESSIONAL CHURCH MINISTRY:
It's not just a job...It's a vocation! Are you being called?

Do you have a desire in your heart to serve others, but you just don't know where or how to begin?
Do you know the church might have the career you have been looking for?

The Archdiocese of Detroit is looking for women and men to take on leadership roles within the Catholic Church. If you have been searching for a more creative and meaningful line of work, we can help! Career options include, but are not limited to: Director of Religious Education, Music Ministry, Youth Ministry, Adult Education, Campus Minister, Pastoral Associate, Business Administrator, Spiritual Director or Christian Service Coordinator.

Mission: Possible is an Archdiocesan initiative designed to raise awareness of the continual need for professional church ministers, and to encourage leadership to identify, form, educate, and sustain persons for service.

For more information please contact one of your parish ministers, or the:

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National Award Granted

November 2004



Cardinal Adam Maida with Jean Murphy, campus minister at Wayne State University and Jim Kiefer, director of the Office for Pastoral Ministries, representing the Mission:Possible Committee at the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops.

At this National Bishops' reception Mission:Possible was recognized for excellence in its efforts to advance and support leadership for the church especially among college and university students. What a wonderful honor!

Champions Unite!

January 19, 2005

On January 19, 2005, Mission: Possible held "The Breakfast of Champions" at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. This was a celebration of ministers at various levels throughout the diocese including directors of religious education, Christian Service coordinators, pastoral associates, principals, pastors and others. These advocates of professional lay ministry are committed in various ways to "champion" the cause of Mission: Possible at their parish while encouraging others to consider lay ministry.

Many more parishes still need a "champion" for lay ministry. Could YOU be that person at the parish you work at or worship with?

For information on what it means to be a champion and how you can get involved, contact "Mission Possible" through our website found on the front page of this newsletter.

Prayerful Decision Making

Wednesday, April 13th

Please consider joining us for a meaningful evening of prayer and discernment on

**Wednesday April 13, 2005 at
St Paul of the Cross from 7-9:30 pm.**

For details contact Joyce Hansen at email: stabyouthmin@hotmail.com
or call the Office for Pastoral Ministries 313.237.5954.



Spring Gathering

Saturday, May 21, 2005

Mission: POSSIBLE '05 is an annual gathering for those considering careers in professional church ministry. This year Mission: POSSIBLE '05 meets at Sacred Heart Major Seminary on Saturday, May 21, from 9:30am - 12:00pm.

The gathering features a generous breakfast, entertainment, a message from those dedicated to church ministry and the presence of several colleges and universities that provide coursework in ministry.



Contact the Office for Pastoral Ministries to ask a question or to request a reservation: Office for Pastoral Ministries 313.237.5954
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Pastoral Ministry Topics

Saturdays 9:00am—Noon

Foundational Topics in Pastoral Ministry: These Topics are designed as an introduction to Pastoral Ministry. They are designed for those who are seeking a clearer understanding of the nature of Pastoral Ministry. Those who may benefit include Pastoral Council and Commission members and those discerning a call to service in the Church. All sessions are held on Saturdays from 9:00 AM - Noon at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. To register contact.....

March 12, 2005 Pastoral Care

Sr. Mary Finn, HVM

This topic explores the theological significance and practical skills of pastoral care. We examine the meaning and spirituality of being "pastoral" and giving "care". We discuss the skills of an effective listener/helper in attending to the needs of persons at any stage of their lives. Recognizing our strengths and limitations as pastoral persons, we learn to discern what other resources may assist another person's health and growth.

March 19, 2005 Legal and Ethical Concerns

Fr. Kenneth Kauchek

This topic provides an overview of the implications and requirements of canonical and civil law pertaining to pastoral ministry. We also review some of the pertinent policies and procedures of the Archdiocese of Detroit. We examine confidentiality and other ethical issues common to ministerial situations.

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