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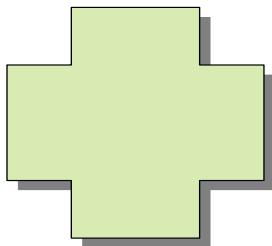
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*The copy deadline for the  
August 2010 issue is  
Friday, July. 16, 2010*



**REMINDER**  
**THERE WILL BE NO**  
**CLERGY**  
**COMMUNICATOR**  
**ISSUE IN JULY**

## Offices closed for 4<sup>th</sup> of July

From the Chancery

All diocesan offices will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day.

### CENTENNIAL PRAYER

Loving and gracious God, as we celebrate our diocesan centennial, help us to realize how much you have enriched us with your love and mercy in these past 100 years.

You have been our refuge of hope as we settled this land and built our churches. You have been our springtime both in years of plenty as well as times of hardship.

Source of every blessing, with deep trust in you may we receive the strength and grace to continue our work of service in and for your Kingdom.

Help us to become good stewards of the many gifts you have entrusted to our care as we journey as disciples of your Son into our next century.

Let us become true ambassadors for Christ in word, sacrament, service and stewardship, never tiring in our witness to your power in our lives.

We ask this and all things through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Respect Life and Natural Family Planning

Amanda Ellerkamp, Coordinator

- **Free Newsletter**

The Diocese of Bismarck Respect Life Office will be providing an E-newsletter that will include timely news updates on pro-life issues, local events, legislative alerts and editorials from national venues. If you would like to be on the Email list to receive "Steward of Life", please send your name and email address to [aellerkamp@bismarckdiocese.com](mailto:aellerkamp@bismarckdiocese.com)

- **Billings Ovulation Method Training to be held:**

There is an upcoming training for the Billings Method of NFP being held in Fargo this August. We are still in need of more NFP instructors, particularly in the western half of the Diocese and this is a great opportunity for us to send interested persons to. If you know of anyone in your parish who you think may be a good fit for this ministry within our Diocese, please contact me. I would be happy to contact the individuals for you. Thank you for your consideration and help in meeting this need!

**I ask that you run the following bulletin announcement, whenever possible, from now through June.**

**Natural Family Planning Training to be Held**

There will be training for the Billings Ovulation Method of NFP August 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Cardinal Muench Seminary in Fargo. Persons interested in learning how to use and teach the Billings Method are encouraged to attend. The Diocese of Bismarck is in need of more Natural Family Planning (NFP) instructors and is looking for interested persons to attend this training. You would be connected to a diocesan network of instructors and receive help in completing certification. If you are interested in finding out more about this training or becoming trained to be an NFP instructor with a different method, please contact Amanda Ellerkamp, Diocese of Bismarck NFP Coordinator, at 701-590-2837 or [aellerkamp@bismarckdiocese.com](mailto:aellerkamp@bismarckdiocese.com)

- **Project Rachel Pamphlets**

The USCCB Pro-Life office has recently updated its Project Rachel materials for Diocesan and Parish use to reach out to those in need of post-abortion healing. The theme of all materials will be "Come back to God, Who is love and Mercy". The new pamphlets are being printed and will be available soon. I will be including a pamphlet with the 2010 Respect Life Packets to be distributed at the fall Clergy Conference. *(Attached is a sample of the new pamphlet)*

**Please email me at [aellerkamp@bismarckdiocese.com](mailto:aellerkamp@bismarckdiocese.com) indicating the number of Project Rachel pamphlets**

you would like for ministry use in your parish by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

- **Word of Life**

Attached please find the June edition of the Word of Life series. This document comes from the USCCB and contain Interecessions for Life and Bulletin Briefs for every Sunday. Please ensure that whoever needs this material receives it. This is a 'supplement' to the Respect Life Manual received last fall. I hope you can make use of these valuable resources. Feel free to contact me with questions or if I can be of any assistance to you. Thank you for all you do to promote life!

**Please feel free to contact me with questions about any of the above announcements or for other information at (701) 590-2837, [aellerkamp@bismarckdiocese.com](mailto:aellerkamp@bismarckdiocese.com) Thank you!**

## Directory changes

From the Chancery

**Page 23** Father Jerome Kautzman's new cell phone number is 595-2598.

**Page 23** Father Leonard Eckroth's new cell phone number is 339-3351.

**Page 24** Father A.R. Kuss' information should be as follows: Work Phone: 011-81-956-50-3380. Email [allen.kuss@fe.navy.mil](mailto:allen.kuss@fe.navy.mil). Address is PSC 476 Box 61, FPO AP 96322-0001.

## Notes from Family Ministry...

Joyce McDowall, Director

1.



### Rachel's Corner

*O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender Mother and ours.*

- The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; Feast: June 11  
Pray to The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Source of Divine Treasure, and experience the healing love and sweet liberty of His Heart. We can help. If you are struggling with the pain of a past abortion, please don't wait any longer to seek the healing you need.

We can help you to find the forgiveness and loving mercy of Christ.

For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). Contact Carol Kling for information about local retreats at 605-374-5639 or [ckling@sdplains.com](mailto:ckling@sdplains.com)



### Rachel's Corner

An important part of healing for many men begins with a repentance of their role in the abortion and the failure to protect mother and baby from harm. This act of humility opens the door for them to acknowledge that they have lost a son or a daughter.

*"The labor of obedience will bring you back to Him from whom you had drifted."*

- St. Benedict; Feast: July 11

Come labor at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ and rest in His forgiveness and peace.

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**2. Holy Land Pilgrimage:** The Pilgrimage is filled so we thank all the pastors for sharing this information with their parishioners! It will be a very faith filled opportunity for 88 pilgrims.

**3. Bismarck Mandan Pre Marriage Brochures/Family Ministry Brochures:** The brochures for year 2010-11 will be mailed out after July 1. Please watch for them.

### **Misc. bulletin announcements:** **Please run the following bulletin announcements whenever possible.**

- I wish to thank everyone for their generous gifts of yarn to the ND State Penitentiary, the response has been overwhelming. This yarn is being used to make hats, scarves and other items for children in our community who do not have them. We now have sufficient yarn to meet our needs for the foreseeable future. Please stop by our booth during the Diocesan Centennial and view some of the items the inmates have made through your generosity.

May God Bless you,  
Deacon Doyle Schulz  
Chaplain NDSP

- The Diocese of Fargo is currently accepting applications for full-time combined Accounting Clerk/Development Office Assistant position. This position will provide bookkeeping and payroll services to parishes, under the direction of the Diocesan Finance Office, and assist with all aspects of the Development Office, under the direction of the Development Director. Previous Write-up Service and marketing experience a plus. Candidate must be proficient with the Microsoft Office Products, and accounting practices. Associate Accounting Degree with 2+ years of experience is preferred. Please send resume with references to: Barbara Augdahl, Human Resource Coordinator, 5201 Bishop's Blvd. Suite A., Fargo, ND 58104-7605. Apply immediately; position open until filled.

- **Director of Religious Education**  
The Parish of St. Michaels, Grand Forks, ND has an immediate opening for a full time Director of Religious Education. The successful candidate will be responsible for directing, organizing and planning for the religious formation of children, youth and adults of the parish. Specifically, this includes all phases of the Religious Education Program in grades kindergarten through 12th grade, especially sacramental preparation to insure proper catechetical and spiritual formation of children who are eligible for the Sacraments of Initiation. This position also includes the recruiting, training, supervising and evaluating of volunteer catechists, following all Diocesan norms. The position will also involve care and oversight of the RCIA for the parish as well as serving as a resource and liaison to the religion teachers of the parish grade school. Candidate will possess a major in Theology or Religious Education from a Catholic institution with a minimum of one to two years experience in the field of Religious Education. This is a salaried position with benefits. Please submit resumes by June 21, 2010 to: Father Gerard Braun, St. Michaels Parish, 520 N 6th St., Grand Forks, ND 58203 or [gerard.braun@fargodiocese.org](mailto:gerard.braun@fargodiocese.org)