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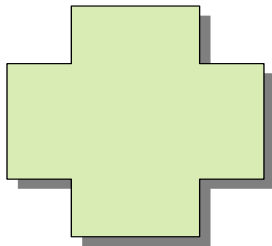
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Vocation Views: August
Centennial DVD order form

*The copy deadline for the
September 2010 issue is
Friday, Aug. 20, 2010*



Offices closed Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

From the Chancery

All diocesan offices will be closed on Monday, August 16, 2010, in observance of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Safe Environment Reminder

Reverend Fathers, Parish Secretaries and Parish Business Managers:

There have been some cases where employees and/or volunteers have been engaged in work at parishes prior to the completion of their background check. In at least two instances, the individuals had been found to have criminal record histories which have prevented their continuing in the capacity for which they had been hired. This makes it difficult for employee or volunteer and the pastor.

No one should be hired or accepted into voluntary service without first having had a criminal record history check completed. All offers of employment must be conditioned on the completion of such a background check.

In order to prevent misunderstandings or embarrassment, make absolutely certain that a criminal record history check is completed both with MYB (or the professional company you use if other than MYB) and the Central Registry Index at the North Dakota Department of Human Services, Child Protection Services Division, Bismarck.

Office of the Chancellor

Notes from Family Ministry...

Joyce McDowall, Director

1. BECOMING A MARRIAGE BUILDING

CHURCH: Opportunities for marriage and family enrichment can be brought to your marriage cluster. Two suggestions: *Marriage Built to Last, Living Intentionally and Loving Biblically*; and *Couple Prayer Series*. Please call with questions on how to make this happen.

2. CATECHETICAL SUNDAY: This year the annual observance of Catechetical Sunday (September 19) has chosen the theme of "Matrimony: Sacrament of Enduring Love." Materials are online at www.usccb.org/catecheticalsunday. Perhaps the parish can collaborate in bringing a message about marriage at this time.

3. CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE DAY: Annual liturgy for married couples with Bishop Zipfel, Presider, will be held at St. Wenceslaus, Dickinson, Saturday, Oct 30, 12 noon with reception luncheon following. Flier and bulletin insert coming at a later date.

4. FOCCUS INVENTORY: For those parishes using the FOCCUS assessment instrument there have been changes in the company. In past both the Bismarck Diocese and many of the churches purchased their own software to score the instrument. Although the program on your computer may still be functioning FOCCUS, INC. has determined that program should no longer be used and all users should be connected either directly to FOCCUS, Inc or a certified newly trained facilitator. To comply I have been 'retrained' and score through their website only.

The Office of Family Ministry will continue to be able to score the inventories for parishes as in the past. You may have noticed a change in the printout of the material. You will also now receive a certificate of completion you can give to the couple and a *FOCCUS for the future* for them to work on themselves.

If you want to learn to score online or to have your engaged couples take the inventory online please call to set a training session.

5. PRE MARRIAGE SEMINAR BROCHURES:

Both the Bismarck Mandan and Minot Pre Marriage Seminar and the Office of Family Ministry brochures were mailed out to parishes in their perspective areas in July. Call if you have not received.

6. Rachel's Vineyard: Please run the following bulletin announcement as often as possible during the next three months. Use the Rachel's Corner in your bulletin when space permits as well. Should your parish be interested in having Carol Kling, Coordinator of Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, speak at Sunday masses please call.

Bulletin Insert:

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

The Diocese of Bismarck Office of Family Ministry is sponsoring a weekend retreat November 19-21, 2010 in the Bismarck area, for anyone struggling with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. This is open to all faith denominations. Location is given out upon registering. Call Joyce McDowall at 701-222-3035, toll free 1-877-405-7435 or Carol at 605-374-5639. Further information into Rachel's Vineyard ministry can be found on the web at www.rachelsvineyard.org www.bismarckdiocese.com/familyministry/rachelsvineyard.



Rachel's Corner

As I came to understand that many women had suffered just like I had, and as I read about how they dealt with the trauma, I could feel healing beginning in my heart."

- Real Abortion Stories by Barbara Horak

Come experience the healing love and mercy of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™.

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



Rachel's Corner

"Women of abortion do not stop living.
Do not give in to despair. Do not let
fear imprison you and prevent you from
accepting the forgiving words of Jesus.
There is hope for your future!"
-Pope John Paul II (paraphrased)

Be Thankful and rejoice, there is
Healing and hope awaiting you on a
Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™

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877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org. Contact
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7. RETROUVAILLE: Retrouvaille will be held
January 21-23, 2011 in Bismarck for struggling
couples. There is only one weekend per year so if
you are working with struggling couples please note
the date. If you would like to attend a Retrouvaille
to consider becoming a Retrouvaille team priest
please call. It is a miracle working program.

8. WORLD PRIEST DAY: The 11th annual World
Priest Day will be Sunday, October 31. For more
information about how people can participate and
affirm priests and their vocation, please visit the
World Priest Day website, wpd.wwme.org. This
event is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage
Encounter. We thank each of our priests for their
vocation and ask God's blessing and strength in
their daily walk. *Psalm 26:4* for you.

*******THANK YOU!** The Diocesan Centennial was a
wonderful success with blessings poured forth by
the Holy Spirit to everyone in attendance. Thank
you for coming, participating, and promoting.
Almost every evaluation in some way stated "It
made me proud to be Catholic"! Praise God.

Directory changes

From the Chancery

Page 4 Remove Julie Fedorchak.

Page 6 The new address for Deacon Jim & Henrietta
Nistler, African Mission, is PO Box 53, Wilton, ND 58579-
0053.

Page 7 Under Communications, replace Julie Fedorchak
with Joel Melarvie. Email is
jmelarvie@bismarckdiocese.com

Page 10 Under Beach, replace Rev. David Richter with
Rev. Russell Kovash.

The new email for St. Joseph, Beulah, is
stjoseph.office@midconetwork.com.

Page 11 Under Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, replace Rev.
Russell Kovash with Rev. Brian Gross.

Under Church of St. Mary, Rev. Nick Schneider will be
parochial vicar from August 1 – 25.

Page 12 Under St. Joseph, Dickinson, add web site of
www.stjosephschurchedickinson.com.

Page 14 Under Holy Trinity, Hettinger, change the
secretary to Rita Steinbach.

Page 15 Under St. Joseph, Killdeer, add web site of
www.stjosephs-killdeer.org.

Under Linton, replace Rev. Gary Benz with Rev. David
Richter.

Under Makoti, it should read Makoti, St. Elizabeth**, See
New Town.

Page 16 Remove Rev. Dennis Fournier, OSB, from
Mandaree. Also remove the information for St. Anthony,
New Town.

Remove rectory phone number and Deacon Jim &
Henrietta Nistler from Sacred Heart, Wilton (Menoken).

Add Rev. Tomy Joseph, MSFX, parochial vicar, to the
Church of St. Leo, Minot.

Page 17 The New Town entry should read New Town
(Williston Deanery), St. Anthony*, 627-4423,
stbridget@restel.net, 206 Main St, PO Box 715, New Town
ND 58763-0715, Pastor is Rev. Roger Synek, Deacon Dan
Barone, and underneath that is St. Bridget, Parshall**, 627-
4423, 12 1st Ave NE, PO Box 519, Parshall, ND 58770-0519,
St. Elizabeth, Makoti**, 627-4423, Corner of 4th Ave &
Edwards St, Mailing Address: See New Town, Sacred
Heart, Plaza**, 627-4423, Corner of 4th Ave & Reserve St.
Mailing Address: See New Town.

Page 18 Under Parshall and St. Bridget** it should read
See New Town.

Under Plaza, Sacred Heart**, it should read See New
Town

Page 20 Change the mailing address for St. Bonaventure, Underwood, to 503 Grant Ave, Underwood, ND 58576, 4-digit extension not available at this time.

Remove Rev. John Gardner under Church of St. Joseph, Williston.

Page 22 Delete the pastor status of Rev. Gary Benz. Change to 974-3315, PO Box A, Richardton, ND 58652-0901, Assumption Abbey, Richardton.

Page 23 Add the following entry: Rev. Brian P. Gross, Phone: 258-4010, e-mail abyz@hotmail.com, 519 Raymond Street, Bismarck ND 58501-3438. Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bismarck.

Remove Rev. Denis Fournier, OSB.

Change Rev. John Gardner's address to % Chancery, PO Box 1575, Bismarck, ND 58502-1575.

Add Rev. Tomy Joseph, MSFX (parochial vicar), 838-1026, email frtomym@yahoo.co.in, 105 1st St SE, Minot, ND 58701-3901, Church of St. Leo, Minot.

Change Rev. Kovash's status to pastor. Change to 872-4153, email stays the same, PO Box 337, Beach, ND 58621-0337, Church of St. John the Baptist, Beach.

Page 25 Change Rev. Victor Pichaimuthu's address to 105 1st St SE, Minot, ND 58701-3901.

Update Rev. David Richter's information to: 254-4400, cell phone and email remain same, 613 N Broadway St, Linton, ND 58552-7311, Church of St. Anthony, Linton.

Rev. Austin Vetter's address should be 105 1st St SE, Minot, ND 58701-3901.

Rev. Justin Waltz's address should be 105 1st St SE, Minot, ND 58701-3901.

Page 26 Rev. Nick Schneider will be at the Church of St. Mary from 8-1 to 8-25. Use that information temporarily. He will then return to Rome.

Change Rev. Frank Schuster's mailing address to 503 Grant Ave, Underwood, ND 58576. The four-digit extension is not available at this time.

Change Rev. Roger Synek's information to: 627-4423, email remains the same, PO Box 715, New Town, ND 58763-0715, Church of St. Anthony, New Town.

Add the Menoken phone number for Msgr. Walsh. 673-3398. He is now residing in Menoken. Use that address.

Page 31 Change Deacon Jim Nistler's address to PO Box 53, Wilton, ND 58579-0053. This is his personal address. Remove Church of Sacred Heart. Change his status to retired.

Page 33 The new supt. of Trinity High School is Darrin Roach, Darrin.Roach@sendit.nodak.edu. The new principal is Carter Fong, Carter.Fong@sendit.nodak.edu.

The new principal at St. Mary's Grade School is Tony Fladeland, tony.fladeland@sendit.nodak.edu.

Page 34 Change the name of Little Flower School to Minot Catholic Elementary. Delete St. Leo School, as the two schools have merged.

The new administrator at Mercy Medical Center, Williston, is Matthew Grimshaw.

The new principal at St. Joseph School, Williston, is Benjamin Schafer, ben.schafer@sendit.nodak.edu.

Page 35 Add the following under Long Term Care Facilities: St. Gabriel's Community, phone 751-4224, fax 751-4225, 4580 Coleman St, Bismarck, ND 58503-0431, Benedictine Health System, Duluth, MN, Steven Przybilla, administrator.

Page 36 Add Rev. Tomy Joseph, MSFX, to the Missionary Society of St. Francis Xavier (MSFX).

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**

- **Respect Life Program Packets**

The new Respect Life packets from the USCCB Pro-Life office will be available for all parishes at the fall Clergy Conference in Medora. Please be sure to pick these up as they contain many valuable resources for the whole year. October is Respect Life month, and it's not too late to start planning for an event to mark this in your parishes. Feel free to contact me for more information, suggestions, or ideas.

• **Natural Family Planning Awareness Week:**
July 25th-31st

Thank you for promoting this in your parishes! We are still in need of more NFP instructors, particularly in the western half of our Diocese. Please pray about this and feel free to continue to promote this in your parishes. You may contact me with names of interested persons or refer them to me for more information.

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
Thank you!

Misc. bulletin announcements:

Please run the following bulletin announcements whenever possible.

- **Saint Bernard Mission School**, Fort Yates, ND, is seeking full time teachers for combined grades K-7. The school serves 70 students, 96% Native American, in rural North Dakota on Standing Rock Sioux Reservation.

Please call or send resume to:
Sister Richardé Marie Wolf, SSND, Principal
Saint Bernard Mission School
P.O. Box 394
Fort Yates, ND 58538
School: 1-701-854-7413; Convent: 1-701-854-3447

- Sunday, September 12, 2010, **Annual Fall Dinner at St. Hildegard's Church, Menoken, ND** - 10 miles east of Bismarck on Hwy 10. Serving roast beef, homemade sausage, homemade coleslaw, homemade pies, buns and all the trimmings from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM Adults: \$7.00 – Children (Ages 3-10): \$3.00 – under 3 Yrs: Free. Activities include: Bake Sale, White Elephant Booth, Fresh Garden Produce, Religious Articles, Crafts, Bingo, Carnival Booths, and Inflatable Jumping Gym. Mass will be celebrated prior to the event at 10:00 AM.

- **St. Anthony's Catholic Church Fall Festival in Linton** will be Sunday, September 19, 2010. Serving fried chicken, ham, hamburger rice, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, cranberry salad, homemade pies, and all the trimmings. Serving will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Linton Knights of Columbus Hall. A Baked Goods booth will be displayed during supper. In the church basement there will be Bingo at 6:00 p.m. and raffle drawings at 9:00 p.m.

- **Centennial Memorabilia Available:**

Relive the challenges faced by the early pioneers in the faith by reading the diocesan history book, *Perseverance in Faith*; or enjoy close to 1,500 recipes from cooks throughout the diocese all contained in the *Heritage Cookbook* (a two volume set); or purchase a valuable resource book, *I Will Appoint You Shepherds*, containing brief biographies of now deceased priests who served in the diocese written by Monsignor Gerald Walsh.

Gifts for you and your family are also still available such as caps, t-shirts, mugs, folding shopping bags and letter openers.

For more information please call: 1-701-222-3035 or 1-877-405-7435

- **Centennial DVD Video Available**

Inspirational, spiritual, uplifting, faith-filled and awesome - words that have been used countless times to convey the experience of the recent Bismarck Diocese Centennial event. Precious memories were created as the Bismarck Civic Center was transformed into a huge "cathedral" filled with religious and lay people worshipping together and celebrating their heritage.

A major component of the Civic Center transformation were large video screens, which enhanced the experience for those in attendance by displaying close-up images from the altar and stage areas. These creative video images have been captured and are available on a five-disc DVD Collection. DVD contents include all events from the Main Arena, as well as a weekend Highlight Video and a diocesan-wide Parish Tour. Also included are entire presentations of keynote speakers and Centennial Masses.

A variety of DVD options are available ranging from half-day sessions to the entire weekend's festivities. The following summary describes the contents of each DVD:

- Main DVD - \$20 (approx. 2.5 hours): Highlight Video of weekend activities; Parish Tour video featuring church exterior/interior photos and priest portraits from each parish; and Sunday's Centennial Mass.
- Extra DVD 1 - \$10 (approx. 3.25 hours): Banner Procession; Bishop Zipfel Welcome; Bishop Robert Morneau - "Faith: A Gift and A Responsibility"; Steve Angrisano - "Set Free" Concert.
- Extra DVD 2 - \$10 (approx. 3.25 hours): Fr. James Shea (Talk 1) - "Surprised by Love, the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist"; Patty Schneier - "Unlock the Treasure"; Saturday Mass.

- Extra DVD 3 - \$10 (approx. 3.25 hours): Fr. Thomas Richter "Trust in the Lord, and He Will Do Everything For You"; Fr. James Shea (Talk 2) "Walking the Way of the Cross with Jesus and Mary"; Bishop Zipfel's Workshop - "A New and Exciting Plan to Bring Catholics Home"; Bud Welch - "Rage to Reconciliation".
- Extra DVD 4 - \$10 (approx. 3.25 hours): Deacon James Keating (Talk 1) - "Lay Spirituality"; Deacon James Keating (Talk 2) - "How to Pray"; Sunday Centennial Mass.

The complete five-disc DVD Collection is available for \$55 - a savings of \$5.00. Prices include shipping/handling and sales tax. Professionally produced by eVision of Minot, the DVD's will be a keepsake to treasure for a lifetime.

Audio CD versions are not currently available, but some requests have been received. If there is sufficient demand, Audio CD(s) will be made available for sale. Those interested in obtaining an Audio CD should contact eVison via email at inforeq@evision-video.com or at the address below.

To order visit: www.bismarckdiocese100.com. Orders can be placed by telephone: (701) 838-0189; fax: (701) 838-0199 or mailed to eVision at PO Box 1462, Minot, ND 58702-1462.

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- With the help of many in the Bismarck/Mandan area and with the blessing of Bishop Zipfel, **Real Presence Radio** is working to expand the catholic radio signal and make it available in Bismarck/Mandan. Real Presence Radio operates AM1280 in Moorhead, MN and AM1370 in Grand Forks, ND and broadcasts the catholic message via local programming coupled with EWTN and Ave Maria Satellite feeds. The frequency will be 91.3FM and cover the cities of Bismarck/Mandan. The total amount needed to get for equipment is \$124,000 with monthly operating cost of \$8,000. To date \$55,000 has been raised. The goal is to be on the air by October 2010. If you would like to help bring catholic radio to the Bismarck/Mandan area send donations to: Real Presence Radio PO Box 13703, Grand Forks, ND 58208. For further information contact: Steven Splonskowski, Real Presence Radio; 1-877-795-0122. www.yourcatholicradiostation.com
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- **Tracy's Sanctuary House** provides temporary help for out-of-town families during a time when their loved one is in a life-threatening crisis. There is no charge to stay at TSC, however, donations of time, talent and treasure are encouraged and greatly appreciated. To find out how you can help please contact Kelsey Rittel: 701-226-7112 or visit: www.tracyssanctuary.com