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CHANCERY OFFICE

CONFIRMATION

Schedule for February

Thursday, Feb. 4	7:00 pm	St. Michael, Canfield
Saturday, Feb. 6	11:00 am	Our Lady of Peace, Canton
Wednesday, Feb. 10	7:00 pm	St. Mary, Warren
Saturday, Feb. 13	10 & 1:30	St. Charles, Boardman
Thursday, Feb. 18	7:00 pm	St. Joseph, Mantua
Sunday, Feb. 28	5:00 pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Aurora

H1N1 FLU PRECAUTIONS

There has been much concern over a possible severe flu outbreak and the effect this may have on our liturgical celebrations. The Diocese of Youngstown continues to monitor this issue with local and national health organizations. At the present time there is not a need to mandate adaptations at Mass.

However, because of the possibility of a severe flu season, we have outlined several steps to use now and in the future if needed. At this time we continue to be in stage one. Stage one includes reminders regarding hygiene and participation at Mass. A bulletin insert has been sent to parishes, and was included in the attachments to the December issue of *Communique*. Additional information may be found at <http://www.usccb.org/liturgy/swineflu.shtml>.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

1. Procedures Reminder

Employee and volunteer requirements:

- Authorization & Verification; Acknowledgement

All employees and volunteers must receive a copy of the 2008 Child Protection Policy and sign the Authorization and Verification (pg. 35) and Acknowledgement (pg. 36). The signed forms are to be kept on file at the location of service; the date signed is to be noted on the Compliance Checklist and sent to the Chancery. Do not send the signed forms to the Chancery.

- Fingerprinting and In-Service

Employees and volunteers who work with children, regardless of their level of contact with children, must be fingerprinted and participate in the "Treasured Gifts from God" in-service program. Any Webcheck location may be used. Background reports are to be sent to the location of service.

2. Updating Information

Administrators must submit updates for employees and volunteers as they complete child protection compliance requirements (either on the Status Report or copy of Compliance Checklist previously submitted); and must submit all information for new employees and volunteers on the Compliance Checklist.

3. In-Service Opportunities

Jan. 29	Blessed Sacrament School, Warren	9-11 am	Teresa Dixon 330-372-2375
Feb. 8	St. Aloysius Parish, E. Liverpool	time TBA	Bob Barto 330-385-7131
Feb. 8	St. Christine Parish, Youngstown	6-8 pm	Colleen Boyle 330-793-0544
April 17	St. Christine Parish, Youngstown	9-11 am	Colleen Boyle 330-293-0544

Please call ahead so that enough materials will be available.

Please contact the Office of Religious Education for dates and locations scheduled after publication of *Communique*.

CATHOLIC TELEVISION NETWORK OF YOUNGSTOWN (CTNY)

1. Log onto the CTNY website at www.cathdoy.org for program information and more.
2. Programming on the Ecumenical Channel

Holy Mass with the Blessing and Imposition of the Ashes: Pope Benedict XVI celebrates Ash Wednesday Mass marking the beginning of Lent.

February 17 - Live at 10:30 a.m.

World Day of Consecrated Life Mass from St. Columba Cathedral: Bishop George Murry, S.J., consecrated persons from around the Diocese, and lay representatives from parishes gather to praise and thank God for the great gift of consecrated life; to promote knowledge and esteem for consecrated life by the entire People of God and for consecrated persons to celebrate together the good work that the Lord has accomplished in them.

February 8 at 8:00 p.m., **February 10** at 12:00 p.m., **February 12** at 10:30 a.m.

3. Radio Programming

Wineskins airs every Sunday at 7:30 a.m. on WKBN 570 AM in Youngstown, and 9:30 a.m. on WILB 1060 AM in Canton.

Highlights for February

The current issue segments will feature the latest information from Family Life, Catholic Charities and Stewardships Services of the Diocese.

Sr. Mary McCormick, OSU, will interview students from Cardinal Mooney and Ursuline High Schools about today's teens and faith. Fr. John Michael Lavelle, Pastoral Director of CTNY, will interview Monsignor John Zuraw on Diocesan Planning.

Alaina Chepke, a teacher from St. Christine School and a member of St. Joseph Parish in Austintown, will give us some insight on future American Saints in the Saint Segment.

Our music for February is from the album entitled "Window to Peace."

Fr. Nicholas Mancini, Pastor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius and St. Stephen of Hungary in Youngstown, will give his thoughts on this month's Sunday Scriptures.

4. Volunteers Needed

The Society of St. Paul is looking for musicians, school choirs and groups to sing at their 10:00 a.m. TV Sunday Mass for Shut-Ins. Please contact Brother Dominic Calabro, SSP, at CTNY (330) 533-2243 or at the Society of St. Paul (330) 533-5503.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORPORATION

1. Keep the Kids Warm

Catholic Charities extends a huge “thank you” to those parishes who have participated in our second annual Keep the Kids Warm campaign. This important effort provides utility assistance to low-income families who either do not qualify for government assistance or have exhausted their assistance.

If your parish is still interested in holding a special second collection for Keep the Kids Warm, it's not too late. Contributions can be sent to

Catholic Charities
Keep the Kids Warm
P. O. Box 614
Youngstown, Ohio 44501

100% of the funds collected through this effort are returned to the county in which they are collected. Generous donations from Keep the Kids Warm have helped Catholic Charities respond to the 35% increase in the number of families in need of assistance. Please help us continue to provide help and hope to families with children.

2. Men are Cooking in Portage County

Catholic Charities of Portage County will be hosting its third annual Men Who Cook event on **Saturday, February 13, 2010**, 6:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, Ravenna. For ticket information and to purchase tickets, contact Debbie Morrow 330-297-7745.

3. Catholic Charities “Chunks”

Below are parish bulletin/newsletter “chunks” for February:

February 6-7, 2010 – Did you know that 22% of registered Catholics in the Diocese of Youngstown are age 66 and older? Catholic Charities is responding to the needs of older adults through programs such as senior support, guardianship, adult day services, specific prescription assistance, and case management. To learn more about what Catholic Charities offers for seniors in your community, contact the Catholic Charities agency nearest you.

February 13-14, 2010 – Money management is a skill necessary for financial self-sufficiency. Did you know that Catholic Charities provides financial literacy education to qualifying clients in its emergency assistance, First Step and housing counseling programs? Sessions on money management topics can also be presented to community groups upon request. For more information, contact the Catholic Charities social service agency nearest you.

February, 20-21, 2010 – With the current economic crisis, Catholic Charities has experienced an increase in the number of families needing food assistance. Make a difference. Call your local Catholic Charities agency to see if you can help replenish their non-perishable food supplies so that families in your community can obtain the basic necessities of life.

February 27-28, 2010 – Have you ever thought about adopting a child? In the State of Ohio, thousands of beautiful children are awaiting permanent placements in loving, adoptive homes. To find out more about what it takes to adopt a child in foster care, contact the Children's Services Board in your county.

OFFICE OF SOCIAL ACTION

1. Operation Rice Bowl/Lenten Program

During the season of Lent, Catholic Relief Services offers several ways for Catholics in the United States to assist those in need. Each year, Operation Rice Bowl calls us to *pray* with our families and faith communities; *fast* in solidarity with those who hunger; *learn* more about our global community and the challenges of poverty overseas; and *give* sacrificial contributions to those in need.

Your participation in Operation Rice Bowl ensures that Catholic Relief Services can continue to provide assistance in more than 100 countries to people in need. Seventy-five percent of your gifts will go to CRS to help farmers in *Bolivia* receive training to improve crop yields, children in *Afghanistan* gain more opportunities for quality education, communities in *Ethiopia* access reliable water sources even during times of drought, and fund many other vital projects.

Twenty-five percent of your gifts remain in our diocese and support local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. For more information on Operation Rice Bowl, visit: <http://orb.crs.org/> or contact Brian Corbin at: 330-744-8451; e-mail bcorbin@youngstowndiocese.org

2. Massive Earthquake in Haiti

Please help the people of Haiti with your support of CRS as we respond to the outcome of a massive earthquake that struck near the capital of Port au Prince. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and was still recovering from deadly 2008 hurricanes when the quake struck.

The Diocese of Youngstown is requesting monetary donations to support the work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in Haiti in the aftermath of this devastating earthquake. Catholic Relief Services, the official overseas relief and development agency of the US Catholic Bishops, is providing emergency assistance and relief efforts.

Please send your monetary donation to:

Catholic Relief Services – Diocese of Youngstown (Haitian Earthquake Fund)
c/o Office of Social Action, Catholic Diocese of Youngstown
144 W. Wood Street
Youngstown, OH 44503

For more information contact Brian Corbin, the Diocesan Director of Catholic Relief Services, at 330-744-8451 ext. 320, or write to charities@youngstowndiocese.org.

3. Justice for Immigrants

Over the next several months, it is anticipated that the Obama administration and congress will determine whether immigration reform legislation will be taken up this year. The Office of Social Action is activating a Justice for Immigrants (JFI) steering committee and working groups to help advocate for comprehensive and humane immigration policy. Information will be made available to parishes and participation is encouraged. For more information, contact Brian Corbin or George Garchar at 330-744-8451.

CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

OFFICE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION OF PRIESTS

Priests Anniversary Celebration

Please mark your calendar for the Priests Anniversary Celebration to be held **Monday, May 17, 2010** at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Youngstown. Evening prayer will be at 5:00 p.m. with dinner to follow.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

1. Vocations Awareness Week

As Vocations Awareness Week for this year has concluded your comments are needed to let us know if the resources available were of help to you. Please email Fr. Chris Luoni, Vocations Director, at cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org with the following information. 1. Did you use the Vocation Awareness Resources made available this year by email? 2. What specific resources did you use? 3. What recommendations would you make that would be helpful in spreading vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Your comments would be greatly appreciated.

2. Vocation Intercession and Bulletin Blurbs for February

Attached to the *Communiqué* are vocation intercessions and bulletin blurbs for the month of February. Please use these to help promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

3. Discernment Journals

The National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors developed a discernment journal titled "Is Jesus Calling You to be a Catholic Priest." This booklet was designed to help men discern how God may be calling them to the priesthood. This short guide is easy to read and is available through the Office of Vocations at no charge. Contact Fr. Chris Luoni at 330-744-8451, ext. 368, or by email at cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

4. Serra Club

We are asking the pastors of every parish to recommend at least one man or woman who has the time and energy to help with the work of the Serra Club. This organization works to help promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. They are in great need of members of all areas of the diocese to promote vocations.

OFFICE OF VOWED RELIGIOUS

1. World Day for Consecrated Life

Please join Bishop Murry and several other religious and parish representatives from around the diocese on **Sunday, February 7, 2010** at St. Columba Cathedral at the 10:30 a.m. liturgy for the diocesan celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life.

2. Retirement Fund For Religious – RFR

Pastors please note that all Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) returns should be in our office by February 26. Any monies received after this date will be credited to next year's appeal. Thank you for your cooperation.

3. Religious Jubilarian/Conference Day

We invite all religious to reserve **Saturday, March 6, 2010**, and to celebrate with jubilarians of 25, 50, 60 years, and beyond. Bishop Murry will be the main celebrant; Sister Mary Ann Wiesemann-Mills, O.P. will be the speaker; and Blessed Sacrament Parish in Warren is hosting the celebration. Brochures and Registration Forms have been sent out. Please respond at your earliest convenience.

4. Hospital Visits

If any religious would like Sister Joyce Candidi to visit them while convalescing either in the hospital or at home, please contact her office at 330 744 8451, ext 238 or e-mail her at sjcandidi@youngstowndiocese.org

DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP

1. 2009 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church Surpassed Goal

The 2009 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church surpassed its goal of \$3.6 million with pledges totaling over \$3,625,000. A heartfelt thank you to our priests for their leadership, our Appeal volunteers for their hard work and our Catholic people who generously sacrificed in these challenging economic times to make the Appeal a success.

2. Stewardship Bulletin Inserts

Stewardship bulletin inserts for February and March are included in the *Communique* attachments.

PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

1. Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week begins on **Sunday, January 31st and ends Friday, February 5th, 2010**. The theme for this year is: *Dividends for Life*. Catholic Schools Week kicks off registration for the 2010-2011 school year for our Catholic schools. Students and staff also spend time each day celebrating the week in a special way.

This year the National Catholic Educational Association and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops offer the following suggestions for schools and parishes to celebrate Catholic Schools Week:

Express appreciation to parishioners in the parish. Have an open house and invite the community in to your school. Invite local leaders, mayor, council members, judges, etc. to speak at your school. Help the hungry and homeless by collecting canned goods, gently used blankets and sleeping bags. Arrange a tour for students to visit where clergy and religious live and work. Hold a school wide Mass and invite family and friends. These are just a few suggestions for schools to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. For information on our Catholic schools, please visit our website at www.doyocs.org.

2. Walsh University

Walsh University offers a Grades 4-5 Endorsement program for teachers who hold a Pre-K-3 Ohio license. Expand your career option in the field of Early Childhood Education in as little as three weeks. The program is affordable, convenient and effective. For more information contact Jill Bair at (330) 490-7355 or jbair@walsh.edu.

OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

1. Execution Alert

Mark Brown is scheduled for execution by the State of Ohio on February 4, 2010 for the deaths of Islam Salman and Hayder Al-Turk from Youngstown. For Catholic resources on the death penalty, visit <http://www.ohiocathconf.org/DP/deathpenalty.htm>

2. Help for Hurting Marriages

Retrouvaille of Youngstown, a peer ministry of couples helping other troubled couples, is holding a weekend program on **February 5-7, 2010** at the Holiday Inn South in Boardman. Retrouvaille is a program that begins with a weekend experience and continues through six weekly follow-up sessions in which couples learn the truths about their relationship and a new method of communicating. The presenting couples and a clergy member guide the couples through the process. For registration information please call 800-470-2230 or visit retrouvaille.org, or email 3035@retrouvaille.org.

3. Marriage Renewal Weekend

St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Canton, will sponsor a weekend of enrichment for married couples **February 12-14** at the Hampton Inn and Suites, Belden Village. To register or for more information, send an e-mail to hostcouples@gmail.com.

4. Engaged Retreat

Offered by the Diocese of Youngstown. The day-long optional retreat is designed to assist engaged couples in deepening their understanding of the vocation to marriage. Married couples are also welcome. Retreats are scheduled **on February 20, March 6, March 27 and April 17**. For locations and to register contact the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family or visit www.cathdoy.org

5. Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan

Copies of the U.S. Bishops' new pastoral letter on marriage are available through the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family. Call 330-744-8451.

6. Respect Life/NFP Bulletin Messages

Recommended bulletin announcements for February are included with this issue of *Communique*.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1. Religious Education Certification – Parish and School Personnel

All one year, new teacher, and some four year certificates will expire on June 30, 2010. Please check on your current status to determine the number of hours that must be earned to be eligible for renewal. Many adult faith formation opportunities will be available throughout the Lenten and Easter seasons, sponsored by the parishes and the Office of Religious Education. For additional information, please contact the office.

2. “Treasured Gifts from God” Child Protection In-service Opportunities

“Treasured Gifts From God” Child Protection In-service will be provided as follows. Participants must call the number provided in advance to ensure that adequate materials are prepared.

DATE	TIMES	CONTACT	PARISH	PHONE
02/08/10	6:00-8:00PM/9:00-11:00AM	Colleen Boyle	St. Christine Youngstown	330-793-0544
02/09/10	5:00-7:00PM	Miguel Chavez	Walsh University	330-490-7341
04/17/10	9:00-11:00AM	Colleen Boyle	St. Christine Youngstown	330 793-0544

Approved Facilitators of the Child Protection In-service are reminded to send the Approval Form (A-4) to the Office of Religious Education as soon as possible and preferably four weeks in advance. Please use the revised A-4 sent to all certified facilitators.

3. Adult Faith Formation

First Friday Club of Youngstown
Antone’s Banquet Center
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
<http://www.firstfridayclubofgreateryoungstown.org>
For reservations: 330-533-1023

Thursday, February 4, 2010
“The Diocese of Youngstown 2010”
Most Reverend George V. Murry, S.J.

The Hamilton Forum
St. Michael the Archangel Church, Fannon Hall
11:30 a.m.
<http://www.hamiltonforum.org>
For more information: 330-649-1231

Thursday, February 4, 2010
“Contemporary Approaches to Mission”
Br. Marcel Sylvestre, FIC, Ph.D

4. Ongoing Scripture Study

Father George Balasko, adult formation facilitator and scripture scholar, provides regular scripture study with preparation for the upcoming Sunday lectionary. These weekly sessions at three locations provide in-depth Catholic scripture study and reflection. Open to all interested.

Monday	12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	St. Charles Parish, Boardman
Tuesday	9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	St. Ann Parish, East Liverpool
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	St. Patrick Parish, Hubbard

5. Scriptural Prayer for Ordinary Time Winter 2010

An order of service based on the *lectio divina* method of Scriptural prayer for the Sunday Gospels of Lent Year C is attached to this issue of the *Communique*. You are invited to use it for personal prayer or to copy for parish ministry groups.

6. Connecting Catholic Families with the Bible

The Connecting Catholic Families with the Bible workshop offers pastoral leaders practical strategies for making the Bible a vital part of the everyday lives of families. The Center for Ministry Development has scheduled this 2010 National Workshop Series in Cleveland on **March 11** and in Pittsburgh on **April 21**. For more information, visit www.cmdnet.org/bibleworkshop.

7. Justice for Immigrants

In January the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops announced steps to push for comprehensive immigration reform legislation in 2010 including the launch of a new Justice for Immigrants website with tools for parishes, www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

8. Office of Religious Education Media Library

New books featured this month are listed below. Please visit us anytime between 8:00am-4:00pm, Monday through Friday, or by appointment. You can access the collection 24-7 at www.doylelib.org.

Forward in Hope: Saying Amen to Lay Ecclesial Ministry by Bishop Matthew H. Clark
The Future Church: How Ten Trends are Revolutionizing the Catholic Church by John Allen
Good News Parish Leadership: Trust-Building Guidelines, Tools, and Ideas by Michael L. Papesh
Habits of a Priestly Heart by Fr. Eugene Hemrick
Renewing Parish Culture: Building for a Catholic Future by John J. Piderit, SJ and Melanie M. Morey

OFFICE OF WORSHIP

1. Liturgy Day

Saturday, February 6, 2010

Liturgy Day

St. Charles Parish, Boardman

Reverend Michael Woost of St. Mary Seminary, Cleveland, will be the Keynote Speaker. His presentation will be "From 'Mass Go-er' to Mystic: Becoming Living Liturgy." Brochures were mailed in late December. For more information or additional brochures, contact the Worship Office at 330-744-8451, ext. 304, or go [to www.cathdoy.org](http://www.cathdoy.org).

2. The Rite of Election

The Rite of Election will be celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent, **February 21, 2010**, at two locations in the Diocese: St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown, at 2:00 p.m. and St. Joseph Parish, Canton, at 6:00 p.m. Bishop George V. Murry will be the celebrant at both locations. Information was mailed to pastors and primary RCIA contact persons in January. The deadline for submitting names of those to be presented is Wednesday, February 3, 2010.

3. Women's Spirituality Day

The Women's Spirituality Day sponsored by the diocesan Committee on Women's Issues will be held on **Saturday, February 27, 2010**, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Ursuline Center, Canfield. Sister Carole Riley, C.D.P., international speaker, executive director of the West Virginia Institute for Spirituality and professor of music at Duquesne University, will be the keynote speaker. She will address the topic of Inner Simplicity. A variety of workshops will also be offered. Brochures were mailed in January. For more information or additional brochures, please contact the Worship Office at 330-744-8451, ext. 304, or go to www.cathdoy.org.

4. Time for the Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil will be **April 3, 2010**. Sunset that evening will be 7:50 p.m. in the Diocese of Youngstown with the end of civil twilight at 8:18 p.m. The Sacramentary reminds us that "The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall..." In the Diocese of Youngstown, the Vigil should not begin before 8:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. is recommended for complete darkness.

OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

1. YAMS—Young Adult Mass and Social: Mardi Gras!

Young Adult Catholics (those in their 20s and 30s, married, engaged and single) are invited to join in a celebration of faith and fun at the Young Adult Mass and Social Mardi Gras Celebration on **Friday, February, 12, 201** at St. John the Baptist Parish, 627 McKinley Ave., NW, Canton. This event is *free* and is co-sponsored by Stark County T.G.I.F. Young Adult Group and the Diocese of Youngstown Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Come for Mass at 7:00 p.m. with celebrant Fr. Ron Klingler, and stay for the social to celebrate *Mardi Gras*. See the flyer included in this issue of *Communiqué* for more information, call Bonnie Buzenski at 330-494-2759, Cindee at ccase@youngstowndiocese.org, or visit the “DOY-YAM” group page on Facebook.

2. 12th Annual Eagle of the Cross Award Nominations

Do you know a young person who exemplifies the qualities of moral integrity, prayer and spiritual life, personal outreach to church and community, contribution to parish and school programs, and Christian leadership? If so, there's still time to nominate outstanding high school juniors and seniors for the 12th Annual Eagle of the Cross Awards. Nominations must be submitted by Friday, February 19, 2010. For more information or for nomination forms, call Faye at 330-744-8451, ext. 281, or print a form from our website at: http://www.doy.org/pdfs/EOC_Nomination_Form_2010.pdf

3. Spring Youth Ministers Gathering

Come and meet with your peers to network, provide input on diocesan youth events and discuss Social Networking and Online Youth Ministry Resources on **May 6, 2010**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the University Parish Newman Center, 1424 Horning Road, Kent. By popular request it's “Facebook, YouTube and Twitter, Oh My! ... 2.0.” Bring your laptops, lists of sites/resources you love and your questions. Lunch is provided. This meeting is free and open to all adults serving in youth ministry in our diocese. (Guests from outside the diocese are welcome for \$6 per person to help cover lunch and supplies.) Please RSVP to Cindee by Monday, May 3 at ccase@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451.

PROGRAMS & RETREATS

1. Villa Maria Retreat Center, Villa Maria, PA (724-964-8920, ext. 3274)
jarena@humilityofmary.org or cwilpula@humilityofmary.org
2. Ursuline Center, Canfield (330-799-4941) www.theursulinecenter.org

Ursulines on the Road: spiritual, educational, formational and professional programs at your parish or school. Individual pastoral/bereavement counseling and spiritual direction by appointment. Bereavement Group meets last Friday monthly, 12-1 pm. Registration required.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Lourdes Guild

Pastors are asked to put the following announcement in their bulletins for Sunday, February 7, 2010.

ATTENTION: CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS, DENTISTS, PHARMACISTS AND NURSES

Most Rev. George V. Murry, Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown, cordially invites you to the 14th Annual White Mass on Sunday, February 14, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Columba Cathedral. A brunch reception follows. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting the Diocese of Youngstown, 330-744-8451, ext. 274, no later than Monday, February 8.

2. Holy Communion for Persons with Gluten Intolerance

The number of persons with gluten intolerance, while small, continues to grow. Many of our parishes have one or more parishioners with this condition. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has stated that for bread to be valid matter for the Eucharist, it must be made solely of wheat; contain enough gluten to effect the confection of bread; be free of foreign materials and unaffected by any preparation or baking methods which would alter its nature. The amount of gluten necessary for validity in such bread is not determined by minimum percentage or weight, though hosts which have no gluten are considered invalid matter for Mass. In the Roman Rite, the bread prepared for the Eucharist must also be unleavened.

Individuals who suffer from gluten intolerance may receive communion under the form of wine only or may receive a very low gluten host (less than .01 percent gluten). These hosts are available from:

Congregation of Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration
Altar Breads Department
31970 State Highway P
Clyde, Mo 64432
1-800-223-2772
altarbreads@benedictinesisters.org

Most medical authorities find these hosts tolerable for their patients, but of course the individuals should consult their own physicians. Priests are reminded that hosts that contain ingredients other than wheat flour and water are invalid matter for the Eucharist.

Pastors are encouraged to be sympathetic to those suffering from this disease and to explore ways in which they can assist them in approaching the Lord's table to receive Christ in the Eucharist.

For more information, please call Fran Amer in the Worship Office, 330-744-8451, ext. 282.

3. USCCB Advisories

a. The Diocese of Charleston has advised the Conference of its concerns regarding Fr. Abednago Vargas Rodriguez, a priest of the Diocese of Yopal, Columbia, who has been serving in Charleston but whose faculties were suspended December 17, 2009. Fr. Rodriguez offered to return to his home diocese. He holds a U.S. legal Permanent Resident Card and is presently in Mexico. The Conference is providing this notice in case Fr. Rodriguez decides to apply for priestly ministry elsewhere in the U.S. Further info: Bp. Robert Guglielmone, Diocese of Charleston, 843-853-2130.

b. Fr. John Sillup, a citizen of the U.S. and priest of the Diocese of Frejus-Toulon, France, had his faculties revoked in the Diocese of Steubenville. He has been called back to his diocese but has remained in the U.S. Please contact the Chancery if Fr. Sillup attempts ministry here.

c. The Office of the Minister Provincial of the Conventual Franciscan Friars advises that Fr. Emil Cook, OFM Conv., and ministries to which he is related which operate under the organizational names, have not demonstrated adequate safe environment programs at locations it operates. As a result, Fr. Cook's Major Superior has denied him, APUFRAM and APUFRAM International permission to raise funds in the U.S.

IN MEMORIAM

	<u>February</u>
<i>Rev. John Spitale</i>	1/07
<i>Rev. Robert J. O'Dea</i>	2/85
<i>Deacon Albert Jaskiewicz</i>	3/03
<i>Rev. Peter Hyland</i>	5/49
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Ralph C. Kotheimer</i>	5/69
<i>Rev. Robert Flynn</i>	6/01
<i>Rev. Albert DePascale, CPPS</i>	6/01
<i>Rev. Joseph Dervan</i>	8/60
<i>Rev. Leo H. Collins</i>	10/54
<i>Rev. John Schmidt</i>	10/03
<i>Rev. Hippolyt Deesy</i>	12/64
<i>Rev. Bernard Hawkins, MSC</i>	13/95
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Leo Schlindwein</i>	14/65
<i>Rev. Msgr. Branimir Radetic</i>	15/03
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Alfred Manning</i>	17/54
<i>Rev. Edward P. Franko</i>	17/67
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. John G. Hamrak</i>	18/65
<i>Rev. Berthold Schuh, MSC</i>	18/82
<i>Rev. Joseph G. Beene</i>	18/92
<i>Rev. Leo Vogt, CPPS</i>	19/53
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael Tondra</i>	19/68
<i>Rev. Martin Matulik</i>	19/98
<i>Rev. John L. Maurer</i>	20/62
<i>Rev. Thomas M. Spisak</i>	20/03
<i>Rev. Joseph Bresnyak</i>	21/58
<i>Very Rev. Robert G. Moorhead</i>	22/59
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter Martin</i>	22/77
<i>Rev. John P. Cunningham</i>	23/89
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