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CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

SALUTE TO CATHOLIC SCHOOL ALUMNI

The 2008 Salute to Catholic School Alumni will be held on Tuesday, March 4 at the Galt House Hotel & Suites. The Board of Directors of the Catholic Education Foundation is happy to announce the following information for the 2008 event:

Mr. Victor A. Staffieri, Chairman, CEO and President of E.ON U.S. LLC, will serve as honorary co-chair with the Most Rev. Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Father Michael J. Graham, S.J., President, Xavier University. **Sponsored by Hardscuffle Inc./American Life and Accident Insurance Co.**

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD: Mr. Joe Pusateri and Mr. Michael Pusateri, Elite Homes, Inc. **Sponsored by Fifth Third Bank.**

FATHER MCGEE AWARD: Mr. Eugene Eckert, Trinity High School. **Sponsored by Humana, Inc.**

2008 SALUTE HONOREES:

Douglas James, Director of Sales/National Sales Manager, Main Line Broadcasting, DeSales High School; **John Lechleiter**, President & Chief Operating Officer, Eli Lilly & Co., St. Xavier High School; **Angela Mason**, Former President & CEO, ITS Services, Inc. Mercy Academy, Flaget High School; **Mary Moseley**, President, Al J. Schneider Company, Sacred Heart Academy; **Hamilton Simms**, Attorney at Law, Mattingly, Simms, Robinson & McCain, St. Joe Prep, Bardstown; **Phillip Stuecker**, Former CFO & Secretary, Thomas Industries, Inc., Trinity High School. For more information, e-mail: salute@catholiceducationfoundation.org, or call 502/585-2747.

CEF GRANT APPLICATIONS

CEF Grant Applications for 2008-2009 were mailed to the parishes and schools the first week of January. Completed forms, **PLUS 4 COPIES**, must be returned to the CEF office by February 29, 2008. Applications received after that date will not be processed.

Families interested in tuition assistance should get a PSAS application form from their school. Deadline for PSAS tuition assistance forms is March 14, 2008. For more information about the CEF grant process please call (502) 585-2747.

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CALENDAR

This calendar includes the date, event, time, location, and the office sponsoring or providing additional information about the event.

January 8, 15, 22, 29

Spanish for Parish Ministry, 10 a.m. -12 noon at Maloney Center (OMM)

Dare to Care Mobile Food Distribution, 10 a.m. -12 noon at the Catholic Enrichment Center (OMM)

January 10

Spirituality of Aging, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Flaget Center (OLFE)

January 12

Martin Luther King Nation Day of Service, "A Day on, Not a Day Off," 9-11:30 a.m. at the Catholic Enrichment Center (OMM)

Thea Bowman Institute, "Liturgical Planning-Celebration & Environment," 9 a.m. -4 p.m. at the Catholic Enrichment Center (OMM)

Ministry Institute: Multicultural Specialization – "Foundational Transformation," 9 a.m. -1 p.m. at Maloney Center (OMM)

January 14

Youth Minister and Campus Minister Meeting, 4-5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Academy (OLFE)

January 14-16

ACT Preparation Course, 6-8 p.m. at the Catholic Enrichment Center (OMM)

January 15

Liturgy Forum, 10 a.m. -noon at Maloney Center (WOR)

Faithful Citizenship Luncheon: Fr. Joseph Atcher, "Growing Innovations For Tomorrow" proposed education improvement tax credit, noon - 1 p.m. at St. Joseph, Bardstown (Charities)

Youth Minister Gathering, 7-9:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel Church (OLFE)

January 17

Catechetical Leaders' Retreat (times vary) at Catherine Spalding Retreat Center (OLFE)

January 19

January 19: ACT Practice Test, 9 a.m. at the Catholic Enrichment Center (OMM)

Hispanic Leadership Formation: "Holy Scripture: Nourished by the Word," 9 a.m. -4 p.m. at Maloney Center (OMM)

RCIA Team Day (time TBA) at St. Barnabas (OLFE)

January 21

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, 1:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Assumption (OMM)

January 23

High School Business Managers Roundtable, 12 noon at Mercy Academy (FIN)

January 31

Parish Business Managers Roundtable (time and location TBA) (FIN)

February 1-3

Retrouaille Weekend (times vary) at Mt. St. Francis in Indiana (FMO)

February 6

Natural Family Planning, 6:30-9 p.m. at Maloney Center (FMO)

February 8

Way of the Cross for Young Christians, 1 p.m. at Calvary Cemetery (Cemeteries)

February 11-12

Catholics @ the Capitol (times vary) at Good Shepherd Church in Frankfort, KY (Charities)

February 12

Arch Support Meeting, 10 a.m. -noon at St. Joseph, Bardstown (FIN)

February 13

Arch Support Meeting, 10 a.m. -noon at the Chancery (FIN)

February 15

Way of the Cross for Young Christians, 1 p.m. at St. Louis Cemetery (Cemeteries)

February 15-17

Marriage Encounter Weekend (times vary) at Flaget Center (FMO)

February 17

Information Session, 2-4 p.m. at the Maloney Center (Diaconate)

February 18-22

Priests' Retreat (times vary) at the Abbey of Gethsemani (OLFE)

February 21, 28, March 6, 13

Cantor Formation, 7-9 p.m. at Holy Family Church, 3926 Poplar Level Road (WOR)

Lector Formation, 7-9 p.m. at St. James, 307 W. Dixie Avenue in Elizabethtown (WOR)

February 22

Way of the Cross for Young Christians, 1 p.m. at St. Michael Cemetery (Cemeteries)

February 29

Way of the Cross for Young Christians, 1 p.m. at St. John Cemetery (Cemeteries)

March 1

Natural Family Planning, 9:30 a.m. -noon at Maloney Center (FMO)

March 4

Liturgy Forum, 10 a.m. -noon at Maloney Center (WOR)

Salute to Catholic School Alumni (time TBA) at the Galt House Hotel & Suites (CEF)

March 7

Way of the Cross for Young Christians, 1 p.m. at Calvary Cemetery (Cemeteries)

March 14

Way of the Cross for Young Christians, 1 p.m. at St. Michael Cemetery (Cemeteries)

March 18

Faithful Citizenship Luncheon, noon - 1 p.m. at St. Joseph, Bardstown (Charities)

April 8

Arch Support Meeting, 10 a.m. -noon at St. Joseph, Bardstown (FIN)

April 9

Arch Support Meeting, 10 a.m. -noon at the Chancery (FIN)

April 13

Information Session, 2-4 p.m. at St. James, Elizabethtown (Diaconate)

April 15

Faithful Citizenship Luncheon, noon - 1 p.m. at St. Joseph, Bardstown (Charities)

May 20

Faithful Citizenship Luncheon, noon - 1 p.m. at St. Joseph, Bardstown (Charities)

June 4

Arch Support Meeting, 10 a.m. -noon at St. Joseph, Bardstown (FIN)

Department Abbreviations

Archdiocesan Communications Center (ACC)
Archdiocesan Marian Committee (Marian)
Catholic Cemeteries (Cemeteries)
Catholic Charities (Charities)
Catholic Conference of Kentucky (CCK)
Catholic Deaf Office (DEAF)
Catholic Education Foundation (CEF)
Clergy Personnel (CP)
Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations (OEIR)
Family Ministries Office (FMO)
Finance (FIN)
Lifelong Formation & Education (OLFE)
Multicultural Ministry (OMM)
Pastoral Care (OPC)
Permanent Diaconate (Diaconate)
Personnel and Planning (OPP)
Stewardship & Development (OSD)
Vocations (VOC)
Worship (WOR)

OFFICE OF MULTI-CULTURAL MINISTRY

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

The **Cultural Institute** features numerous activities during the month, including the following:

- ♦ Karate I, Monday and Wednesday, 6-7:30 p.m., \$10 per month
- ♦ Karate II, Tuesday, 5:30-7:30 p.m., and 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 10 a.m.-noon, \$10 per month
- ♦ Sewing, Tuesday, 2-3 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., \$1 per class
- ♦ Arts & Crafts, Thursday, 5-6 p.m., \$1 per class
- ♦ Cultural Institute-Dance, Monday, 5-6 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m.-12 noon
- ♦ Academic Enrichment-Tutoring, Monday through Thursday, 4-6 p.m.
- ♦ Drumming, Monday and Wednesday, 6-7 p.m., \$1 per class
- ♦ Chess Classes, Saturday, 11 a.m.-12 noon

All programs will be held at the **Catholic Enrichment Center**, 3146 West Broadway. It is an extension of the Office of Multicultural Ministry and offers a wide variety of programs for people of all ages. For information contact 502/776-0262.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Call the Office of Multicultural Ministry at 502/636-0296 for more information about any of these **upcoming events**, which will be held at the Catholic Enrichment Center unless otherwise noted.

January 8, 15, 22, 29: **Spanish for Parish Ministry**, 10 a.m.-12 noon at Maloney Center.

January 8, 15, 22, 29: **Dare to Care Mobile Food Distribution**, 10 a.m.-12 noon.

January 12: **Martin Luther King Nation Day of Service**, "A Day on, Not a Day Off," 9-11:30 a.m.

January 12: **Thea Bowman Institute**, "Liturgical Planning-Celebration & Environment," 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$25.

January 12: **Ministry Institute: Multicultural Specialization – "Foundational Transformation,"** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Maloney Center. Cost is \$25.

January 14, 15, 16: **ACT Preparation Course**, 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$5.

January 19: **ACT Practice Test**, 9 a.m. Cost is \$5.

January 19: **Hispanic Leadership Formation: "Holy Scripture: Nourished by the Word,"** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Maloney Center. Cost is \$25.

January 21: **Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration**, 1:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Assumption.

SPANISH MASSES

- ♦ Saturday, 7 p.m. at Holy Name, 2914 South Third Street
- ♦ Sundays, 8 a.m. at St. Helen, 103 West Brown Street, Glasgow
- ♦ Sundays, 12 noon at St. Joseph, 1406 East Washington Street
- ♦ Sundays, 12 noon at Our Lady of Mercy, 208 Walters Avenue, Hodgenville
- ♦ Sundays, 12:30 p.m. at Annunciation, 105 Main Street, Shelbyville
- ♦ Sundays, 1:30 p.m. at St. Rita, 8709 Preston Highway
- ♦ Sundays, 2 p.m. at Emmanuel Church, Highway 127 North, Albany
- ♦ 2nd and 4th Sundays, 2 p.m. at St. Dominic, 303 West Main Street, Springfield
- ♦ Sundays, 5 p.m. at St. Christopher, 1225 S. Wilson Road, Radcliff
- ♦ 1st Sunday, 6 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, 502 North 5th Street, LaGrange
- ♦ 2nd Sunday, 2:30 p.m. at Epiphany, 914 Old Harrods Creek Road

VIETNAMESE MASSES

Vietnamese Masses are held at St. John Vianney, 4839 Southside Drive on Monday through Friday, 6 p.m. and on Sundays at 11 a.m.

KOREAN MASS

A **Korean Mass** will be held at St. Aloysius, 212 Mt. Mercy Drive in Pewee Valley on Sundays at 3 p.m.

FRENCH MASS

A Mass celebrated in **French** will be held every other week at St. Thomas More, 6105 South Third Street. Call 502/366-1463 for a schedule.

OFFICE OF PASTORAL CARE

HOSPITAL TEAM MINISTRY

Are YOU searching for a way to minister? Are you eager to learn, curious about a future ministry of care, compassionate to the sick, willing to comfort and listen? The Archdiocese of Louisville Office of Pastoral Care is now in the process of training **Pastoral Care Ministry teams** at University Hospital, Baptist Hospital East, and Kosair Children's Hospital.

We are seeking adult Catholic men and women who are active and practicing their faith to participate in this training program. The program will consist of weekly training sessions from early January to early March 2008. Upon completion of the training you will be commissioned to serve Catholic patients and their families in the University Hospital, Baptist Hospital East, and Kosair Children's Hospital by providing a compassionate, non-judgmental listening ministry of care and compassion. For more information, please call the Office of Pastoral Care at 502/636-0296, ext. 1244.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Catholic Cemeteries cordially invite you to the **Way of the Cross for Young Christians** during Lent to be celebrated on:

- ♦ February 8 at 1 p.m. at Calvary Cemetery. We will gather at the St. Phillip Neri Cross in Section 35. Students from St. Agnes School will host this event.
- ♦ February 15 at 1 p.m. at St. Louis Cemetery. We will gather at the Priest Section behind the flagpole. Students from St. James School will host this event.
- ♦ February 22 at 1 p.m. at St. Michael Cemetery. We will gather at the Priest Section. Students from St. Stephen Martyr School will host this event.
- ♦ February 29 at 1 p.m. at St. John Cemetery, located in the intersection of 26th Street and Duncan Street, with entrance on Duncan Street. Students from St. Andrew Academy will host this event.
- ♦ March 7 at 1 p.m. at Calvary Cemetery. We will gather at the flagpole, near the Newburg Road entrance. Students from St. Thomas Aquinas Home School group will host this event.
- ♦ March 14 at 1 p.m. at St. Michael Cemetery. We will gather at the Priest Section. Students from St. Bernard School will host this event.

Walking distance is about 300-400 yards. Severe weather will cancel. If you have any questions on any of these events please call the Catholic Cemeteries Office at 502/451-7710.

OFFICE OF STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

It's not that people don't like change; it's the period of transition that we don't like.
- Matthew Kelly

The stewardship lifestyle calls us to a life of ongoing conversion – change. We know in our hearts that this conversion is a change for the better, but the transition isn't easy.

STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES

The following **resources** are available online at www.archlou.org. Click on the Stewardship & Development listing under the Agency heading. Then scroll down the Stewardship page until you reach the "Resource" section.

- ♦ Cycle A: Bulletin Inserts
- ♦ Prayers of the Faithful

2008 RENEWAL SEASON

The **2008 Stewardship Commitment weekend** will be held February 2-3, 2008. Lay Witness Weekend is January 19-20, and the Pastor's Talk is January 26-27th. Be sure to check your Stewardship Renewal Checklist: review current parish ministries and services for additions or deletions and begin discussion/planning for Renewal activities such as parish potluck dinner, ministry fair, or other types of activities.

2007 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL - CATCH THE SPIRIT

Our goal for the 2007 **Catholic Services Appeal** is \$3,300,000.00! Gifts as of Dec. 15: \$2,839,155.00!

To see how well your parish is doing towards its Appeal target, visit www.archlou.org.

OFFICE OF WORSHIP

For a complete listing of programs, contact us at 502/636-0296, ext. 1260 or worship@archlou.org. An ASL interpreter is available upon request.

LEADERS OF PRAYER

The **Leaders of Prayer Program** prepares participants for leadership in the liturgical rites and rituals of the church in the absence of a priest. This program focuses on the spiritual preparation for this ministry, and examines the techniques, skills, liturgical principles, and fundamental patterns of prayer that provide the foundation to ensure a confident prayer leader. Sessions will cover the particular rituals and practical skills needed for effective, pastoral, liturgical leadership. It will be held on January 7, 14, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, and March 8, 2008, 7-9:30 p.m. at two locations: St. Patrick, 1000 N. Beckley Station Road, and St. Gregory, 330 Samuels Loop, in Cox's Creek, KY. The cost is \$80.

LITURGY FORUM

Liturgy Forum provides an opportunity for persons involved in liturgical leadership in parishes to discuss topics of the liturgy with a particular focus on pastoral practice. "Liturgical Catechesis: From Formation to Experience" will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 10 a.m.-noon and "Ministers of Holy Communion: New and Ongoing Formation, Renewal of Mandates, Issues and Concerns" will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 10 a.m.-noon, both at Maloney Center. There is no cost, as the fee is covered through CSA contributions, but please call the Office of Worship to register.

LITURGY FORMATION PROGRAM

The **Liturgy Formation Program** is designed to provide participants with a specialization in the study of liturgy. This four module course of study offers classes in Scripture, liturgy and sacraments, development of the church, Christology, and spirituality, as well as specialized classes on the elements of the Mass, the seasons of the liturgical year, the celebra-

tion of the sacraments, liturgical art, and liturgical music. **Module III** will be held from January 8-February 27 and **Module IV** will be held from March 4-April 23.

Each class will be offered in a morning and evening session. Applicants may select the one that best suits their schedules. Participants may choose to complete all classes within one year or may elect to complete the program over several years. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays, 7- 9:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas and Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-noon at Maloney Center. Cost is \$250 for the entire program.

CANTOR FORMATION

The **Cantor Formation Program** prepares participants to serve as cantors in their parishes. This program examines the role of cantor in Roman Catholic worship and assists with the spiritual and technical preparation required for this ministry. This course includes sessions on Scripture, psalmody, the liturgy of the word, and the ministry of the cantor. Practicum sessions will focus on the preparation of the psalm for proclamation and the role of the cantor within the Mass. It will be held on Thursdays, February 21, 28, and March 6, 23, 7-9 p.m. at Holy Family Church, 3926 Poplar Level Road. Cost is \$40.

LECTOR FORMATION

The **Lector Formation Program** prepares participants to serve as lectors in their parishes. This program examines the role of lector in Roman Catholic worship and assists with the spiritual and technical preparation required for this ministry. This course includes sessions on Scripture, liturgical proclamation, the liturgy of the word, and the ministry of the lector, with lector practicums focusing on the techniques and skills of public liturgical proclamation. It will be held on Thursdays, February 21, 28, and March 6, 13, 7-9 p.m. at St. James Church, 307 W. Dixie Avenue in Elizabethtown. Cost is \$40.

ARCHDIOCESAN MARIAN COMMITTEE

HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION

The **First Saturday Holy Hour of Reparation** in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be held from 1-2 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month at the Carmelite Monastery, 1740 Newburg Road.

The purpose of the Marian Committee is to promote devotion to Mary, the Mother of God, and to coordinate Marian devotions within the Archdiocese. For more information, contact Father Lawrence Lindle at 502/968-2933.

OFFICE OF LIFELONG FORMATION & EDUCATION

ALMI COURSES

Please register for any of these courses early by calling Linda McLemore at 502/448-8581, ext. 1324. A listing of all offerings is available at www.archlou.org.

Spirituality of Aging explores the specific spiritual tasks of aging with a focus on the senior years and the significant personal and spiritual contribution of this time of life. Thursday, January 10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Flaget Center. The cost is \$25.

Development of Church: Trent to Present Day for adults interested in the development of the church and the mutual impact of history on the development of tradition, please attend any **one** of the following sessions: Tuesday, January 10, 7-9:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas; Wednesday, January 11, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon at Maloney Center; or Thursday, January 12, 7-9:30 p.m. at Flaget Center. The cost of the session is \$10.

Cultural Diversity and Multicultural Ministry. Participants will investigate and understand pluralism and cultural diversity in the local faith community as both gifts and challenges and be provided with a vocabulary that enables them to understand their own culture, and the cultures of others, in the environment in which they live and to identify some of the dynamics in cross-cultural situations. January 24-25, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Flaget Center. The cost is \$75, and includes lunch.

Multicultural Ministry for adults interested in the many cultures that are a part of the church today and what that means to us as a community. Attend any **one** of the following sessions: Tuesday, January 29, 7-9:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas; Wednesday, January 30, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon at Maloney Center; or Thursday, January 31, 7-9:30 p.m. at Flaget Center. The cost is \$10.

YOUTH MINISTER EVENTS

A meeting for **Youth Ministers** and **Campus Ministers** will be held on Monday, January 14, 4-5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Academy, 3175 Lexington Road.

There will be a **Youth Minister Gathering** on Tuesday, January 15, 7-9:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel Church, 5505 Bardstown Road. Call Arylane Ala at 502/448-8581 for more information on either of these events.

PRIEST RETREAT

A Priests' Retreat, "The Journey of Faith: Discipleship and Priesthood in the Gospels" will explore the way in which our Christian discipleship meets our priestly identity on the road of faith. Theological and spiritual reflections on the priesthood will be woven into narratives and Biblical stories, showing us at once the complexity of our priestly discipleship and the simplicity of our life in God. It will be held on February 18-22 at the Abbey of Gethsemani. Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB will be the featured speaker. Please register by February 1. Cost is \$375 per person.

CATECHETICAL LEADERS RETREAT

All parish Parish Catechetical Leaders are invited to attend a **Retreat**, entitled "Day by Day," that will be held on January 17 at the Catherine Spalding Retreat and Conference Center. Fr. Jack Conley, C.P. will be the presenter. Please register by January 9. Cost is \$25 per person. "The Sacred, Exciting, Boring, Hurting, Humorous, and Just OK Times of Pastoral Ministry." A mixture of prayer through media and music, Scripture and silence, coupled with input reflecting various contemporary authors: H. Nouwen, R. Rolheiser, R. Rohr, and M. C. Hilker.

RCIA TEAM DAY

A **RCIA Team Day**, "Discernment in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults," will be held on January 19 at St. Barnabas' Gallagher Hall, 3042 Hikes Lane. Donna Steffen, SC will be the presenter. The cost is \$25 per person, and the registration deadline is January 10.

Whether baptized or not, men and women who want to become Catholic have different lived experiences, relationships with God, understandings of faith, and backgrounds. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults presupposes that certain qualities will be present as a person moves from one stage of formation to the next. Given these realities, ministers of the RCIA process need to discern readiness to celebrate the various rites, and for full initiation. This day will include presentations on discernment in general, the discernment required in each of the stages of the Rite, and for baptized candidates. Along with examples and specific ideas for interviews, participants will be asked to explore their own pastoral experience.

To register for any of these events, contact Sandi Tassin at 502/448-8581 or stassin@archlou.org.

VOCATION OFFICE

Call 502/636-0296 for information about any of the items listed below.

CLASSROOM VISITS

Watch your parish mailings for the annual vocation packet which includes invitations for **classroom visits** from members of the Planting Seeds Committee. When you fill out and return the information sheets, we will schedule a visit for your students. Also offered is the Confirmation Retreat and other vocation opportunities. Coming Soon!

PROSPECTIVE SEMINARIANS INTERVIEW PROCESS

If you are contemplating entering seminary to pursue a **call to the priesthood**, please call us to begin discussion. Please pray for our current seminarians and those in formation for the priesthood and religious life.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUPS

Men in Black is a discernment group sponsored by the Vocation Office for adult men ages 18 to 49 who are thinking about a call to priesthood. The MIB group will meet on Wednesday, September 5 at 6 p.m. in the Chapel of Bishops at the Cathedral. To learn more or to inquire about attending please contact Fr. Jeff or Fr. Bill at the vocation office, 502/636-0296 or e-mail at: vocation@archlou.org. ANSWER THE CALL.

There are currently 3 **discernment groups for men**: one focusing on older adults, one focusing on young adults, and one focusing on high school teens. If you know any men who are thinking about a religious vocation, or a man whom you want to encourage toward a religious vocation, then please put him in contact with the Vocation Office. Participation in a discernment group is through invitation by Fr. Bill Bowling, our vocation director.

DOCUMENT AVAILABLE

Priesthood and Vocations: A Call for Renewal – 2006 is available online at www.archlou.org on the vocation webpage. For anyone interested in vocation awareness, this is an excellent tool to utilize in parishes and schools for background, history, and suggestions of simple, yet significant, ways to promote vocations in your environment.

WOMEN IN DISCERNMENT

We welcome **women in discernment** age 18 and older and women interested in learning more about religious community life in the Archdiocese. We gather on the last Sunday of each month. We begin with brief prayer at 4 p.m. and use the Gospel of the day as the theme, discussing discernment issues and resources, community history and charisms. We meet at the Cathedral during the summer months. Mass follows. Let us journey together! For more information, contact Linda Banker at 502/471-2122 or lbanker@archlou.org.

HOLY HOURS OF PRAYER

- ♦ **Holy Spirit Church**, 3345 Lexington Road. Serra Club sponsors the rosary at 8 a.m. and Mass at 8:15 a.m. every Saturday
- ♦ **Saint James Church**, 307 W. Dixie Avenue, Elizabethtown. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturdays from 8-9 a.m. and from 7-10 p.m. every Monday following Mass. Every Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Little Sisters of the Poor**, 15 Audubon Plaza Drive. 4:30-5:30 p.m., third Wednesday of the month
- ♦ **Mount Saint Francis Retreat Center** Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, close with Benediction, 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
- ♦ **Our Lady of Lourdes**, 508 Breckenridge Lane. Rosary for all priests at 6:30 p.m., every Tuesday; Benediction Service 7-8 p.m., first Tuesday of the month only
- ♦ **St. Thomas Church**, 870 St. Thomas Lane, Bardstown. Eucharistic Adoration, close with Benediction 8:45 a.m., second Wednesday of the month

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

DOCUMENTARIES

The Communications Center of the Archdiocese of Louisville has produced many **award-winning documentaries**. These are available on DVD for use in your home, office, agency or school. Call 636-0296, ext. 1230 or e-mail: video@archlou.org to place your order.

- ♦ "The Holy Lands of Kentucky" - \$14.95 + \$2 shipping and handling
- ♦ "Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly: A Lifetime of Service" - \$9.95 + \$2 shipping and handling
- ♦ "The Face of Louisville" - \$9.95 + \$2 shipping and handling
- ♦ "Reflections of Faith: Stained Glass in the Archdiocese" - \$9.95 + \$2 shipping and handling
- ♦ "Stepping Stones: From Welfare to Work" - \$9.95 + \$2 shipping and handling
- ♦ "Turning Point" - \$9.95 + \$2 shipping and handling
- ♦ "A Place at the Table" - \$9.95 + \$2 shipping and handling

Purchase all 7 for \$55 + \$5 S&H

- ♦ "A History of African-American Catholics" (Parts I and II) - \$14.95 + \$2 shipping and handling
- ♦ "Ron Mazzoli: The People's Congressman" - \$9.95 + \$2 shipping and handling

OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION PROGRAM

The **Permanent Diaconate Formation Program** is a four-year period of academic preparation, spiritual growth, personal development, and prayerful fulfillment leading to reception of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Ordained permanent deacons and their spouses serve the needs of the Archdiocese by living their threefold mission: love and service to the people of God; proclaiming and preaching the Word of God; and participating and presiding in the liturgies of the Church.

The next class for deacon training will start in July, 2008. Applications are being accepted now through April 2008. The following **information sessions** are being held to provide more information and answer any questions you may have. Wives are encouraged to attend. All sessions are from 2-4 p.m. Advance registration is not required. The sessions currently scheduled are:

- ♦ Sunday, February 17, 2008 at the Maloney Center
- ♦ Sunday, April 13, 2008 at St. James Parish, 307 W. Dixie Avenue, Elizabethtown, KY

Men who believe they have a vocational calling to the permanent diaconate should speak to their pastor or parish administrator prior to submitting an application. If married, wives are encouraged to attend the information session. The decision to apply for the Diaconate is a married couple's decision and wives participate in the 4-year formation process. If you or someone you know feels called to explore the possibilities of this vocation of service to the people of God, please call for further information or to request an application. Call Deacon Bob Hall in the Diaconate Office, 502/636-0296, or Deacon Bob and Patsy Markert, Diaconate Vocation Committee Chairpersons, at 502/231-5634.

FINANCE OFFICE

PARISH BUSINESS MANAGERS ROUNDTABLE

There will be a **Parish Business Managers Roundtable** on Thursday, January 31. Hosted by Phyllis Wilkins, of the Chancery Finance Office. Please RSVP to: pwilkins@archlou.org.

HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGERS ROUNDTABLE

There will be a **High School Business Managers Roundtable** on Wednesday, January 23, 12 noon at Mercy Academy. Hosted by Jan Durbin.

ARCH SUPPORT MEETINGS

Arch Support Meetings will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 10 a.m.-noon at St. Joseph Parish Office in Bardstown, and on Wednesday, February 13, 10 a.m.-noon at the Chancery in Meeting Room 3.

April Arch Support Meetings will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 10 a.m.-noon at St. Joseph Parish Office in Bardstown, and on Wednesday, April 9, 10 a.m.-noon at the Chancery in Meeting Room 3.

June Arch Support Meetings will be held on Wednesday, June 4, 10 a.m.-noon at St. Joseph Parish Office in Bardstown, and on Thursday, June 5, 10 a.m.-noon at the Chancery in Meeting Room 3.

FAMILY MINISTRIES OFFICE

RETRouvaille

Retrouvaille is a weekend experience to help couples whose marriage is hurting and in need of renewal. It will be held on the weekends of February 1-3 and October 17-19 at Mt. St. Francis. For more information, call 502/479-3329 or go to the national web site at: www.retrouvaille.org.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Marriage Encounter will take place the weekend of February 15-17, 2008 at Flaget Center. It is for married couples who want to rediscover themselves and focus on their relationship. It's a chance to look deeply into their relationship with each other and with God. Call 502/895-8997 for more information or to register.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Natural Family Planning offers instruction in a highly effective, morally acceptable, free from medical hazards and side effects means of avoiding or achieving a pregnancy. Three monthly training sessions are required. The initial training sessions for 2008 are: Wednesday, February 6 from 6:30-9 p.m., Saturday, March 1 from 9:30 a.m.-noon, Wednesday, June 18 from 6:30-9 p.m., Saturday, August 30 from 9:30 a.m.-noon, and Thursday, October 2 from 6:30-9 p.m., all at Maloney Center in Room 1. There is a \$60 fee. Please call 502-636-0296, ext. 1256 to register or for more information.

VISIT OUR WEB SITE

We welcome you to visit our **web site** for information about counseling, marriage and enrichment, marriage preparation, parenting, natural family planning, hurting/healing families, workshops and trainings and much more. Go to www.archlou.org/family for more information.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP LUNCHEONS

Faithful Citizenship Luncheons will resume on the 3rd Tuesdays of the school year (except December and February). Each is held from noon - 1 p.m. in Flaget Hall, Basilica of St Joseph Proto-Cathedral in Bardstown. On January 15, 2008 Father Joseph Atcher, Office of Lifelong Formation and Education executive director/chief education officer, will speak on "Educational Improvement Business Tax Credits," a major Kentucky General Assembly legislative effort to benefit nonpublic and public education in Kentucky. Other dates for the 2008 luncheons are: March 18, April 15, and May 20, 2008. We strongly endorse participation in Catholic Conference of Kentucky's "**Catholics @ The Capitol**," to be held on February 11-12, 2008. More information will be forthcoming as the date nears.

CLIMATE CHANGE BRIEFING

Now available is a 75-90 minute overview regarding **climate change issues** and positions, along with the principles from Catholic teaching to guide our response. The briefing is available to all groups in the Archdiocese and the broader community. Contact presenters Mark Bouchard (502/637-9786) and Sister Mary Schmuck, RSM (502/331-4545) for more information.

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF KENTUCKY

CATHOLICS @ THE CAPITOL

The Catholic Conference of Kentucky invites you to join other Catholics at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church Parish Hall, 1050 Leestown Road in Frankfort on February 11th and 12th for Many Gifts: One Spirit: **Catholics @ The Capitol**.

This two-day event is an opportunity to continue building a network of Faithful Citizens to advocate for public policies that reflect Gospel values and Catholic Church teachings. A limited number of rooms at a special rate are available at the Best Western Parkside Inn, 80 Chenault Road in Frankfort. Call 502/695-6111 to make your hotel reservation and mention Catholics @ The Capitol. To register for the program, visit the CCK website at: <http://www.ccky.org>. Registration deadline is Monday, February 4, 2008.

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