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Congratulations to the 2010 Ordination Classes



Congratulations to the Deacons to be ordained Priests on May 22, 2010 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral: (from left to right) *Dcn. Bernardo Cruz* (St. Gabriel, Detroit), *Dcn. James Arwady* (SS. Cyril & Methodius, Sterling Heights), *Dcn. John Dumas* (Assumption Grotto, Detroit), *Dcn. Adalberto Espinoza* (St. Michael the Archangel, Livonia), *Dcn. Michael Zuelch* (St. Edward, Lakeport), and *Dcn. Craig Giera* (SS. Cyril & Methodius, Sterling Heights), (home parishes listed after names).



Congratulations to Rev. Mr. Stephen Pullis (left) and Rev. Mr. Eric Fedewa (right) who were ordained Transitional Deacons on May 15, 2010 at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. *Dcn. Stephen Pullis* is from SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Sterling Heights and *Dcn. Eric Fedewa* is from St. Lawrence Parish, Utica.



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Pope speaks about discernment

His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, commented on the human response to a divine calling during his Angelus Address on Sunday, February 7, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Liturgy on this Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time presents us with the subject of the divine call. In a majestic vision Isaiah finds himself in the presence of the thrice-blessed Lord and is overcome by great awe and a profound feeling of his unworthiness. But a seraph purifies his lips with a burning coal and wipes away his sin. Feeling ready to respond to God's call, he exclaims: "Here I am, Lord. Command me!" (cf. Is 6:1-2; 3-8). The same succession of sentiments is presented in the episode of the miraculous catch of which today's Gospel passage speaks. Asked by Jesus to cast their nets although they had caught nothing during the night, trusting in his



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word, Simon Peter and the other disciples obtain a superabundant catch. In the face of this miracle Simon Peter does not throw his arms around Jesus to express his joy at the unexpected catch. Rather, as the Evangelist Luke recounts, he falls to his knees saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man O Lord". Jesus, therefore, reassures him: "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men" (cf. Lk 5:10); and leaving everything, he followed him.

Paul too, remembering that he had been a persecutor of the Church, professed himself unworthy to be called an apostle. Yet he recognized that the grace of God had worked wonders in him and, despite his limitations, God had entrusted him

with the task and honour of preaching the Gospel (cf. 1 Cor 15:8-10). In these three experiences, we see how an authentic encounter with God brings the human being to recognize his poverty and inadequacy, his limitations and his sins. Yet in spite of this weakness the Lord, rich in mercy and forgiveness, transforms the life of human beings and calls them to follow him. The humility shown by Isaiah, Peter and Paul invites all who have received the gift of a divine vocation not to focus on their own limitations but rather to keep their gaze fixed on the Lord and on his

amazing mercy so that their hearts may be converted and that they may continue joyfully, "to leave everything" to him. Indeed, the Lord does not look at what is important to human beings. "The Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart" (1 Sam 16:7) and makes human beings who are poor and weak but have faith in him fearless apostles and heralds of salvation.

In this Year for Priests, let us pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send labourers into his harvest. Let us also pray that all

who hear the Lord's invitation to follow him may be able after due discernment to respond to him generously, not trusting in their own strength but opening themselves to the action of his grace. I ask all priests in particular to revive their generous availability to respond every day to the Lord's call with the same humility and faith as Isaiah, Peter and Paul.

Let us entrust all vocations to the Blessed Virgin, especially vocations to the religious and priestly life. May Mary inspire in each one the desire to pronounce his or her own "yes" to the Lord with joy and total dedication.

Seminarians perform 12 Angry Men

Not for 21 years has the seminary auditorium been filled to capacity with an eager crowd ready for the seminarians to display their talents on stage. Such was the case on March 26-27, 2010, when fourteen seminarian-actors, and a cadre of behind the scenes seminarian- stage hands, ushers, musicians, and assistants, performed the well known 'pursuit of truth'- *12 Angry Men*. The last play at Sacred Heart Seminary was in 1989: *The Fifth Sun*, the Life of slain Archbishop Oscar Romero from El Salvador.



Juror 2 (Paul Erickson- Lansing) discusses the case with Juror 8 (Mario Amore- Detroit)



Juror 1 (Mitchell Gleason, Lansing) is challenged by Juror 6 (Mike Weisbeck- Bismark) to open his mind.



Juror 4 (Steve Pullis- Detroit) takes a stand as other Jurors listen with a critical ear.

To say the performance was a success would be quite the understatement. Not only did the seminarians display incredible talent on stage, they also extended their success to the people of Haiti with a free-will offering that was collected both nights. It raised over \$7,000.00 specifically for a seminary in Port-a Prince, Haiti that was recently completely destroyed in an earthquake.

I think I speak for everyone as we anxiously await what the performance will be next year? Tickets are already being reserved for the Holy Father to attend!



The full jury takes a vote in regards to the innocence of the defendant. The debate continues after the vote.

Be Not Afraid!

Archdiocese of Detroit Third Annual Vocations Convocation

The mission of the annual Vocations Convocation is to bring together all people in the Archdiocese of Detroit who are working on behalf of vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life and enliven their many efforts.



**Very Rev. Msgr.,
C. Eugene Morris STL, STD (cand)
St. Louis, MO,**

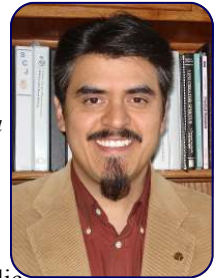
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Born in 1965, Msgr. Morris has been a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis since May of 1996. He served as the parochial vicar of Saint Gabriel the Archangel Parish before moving to St. George Parish and assuming a full time teaching position at St. Mary's High School. In 1999, Msgr. Morris was invited to pursue further studies at the Pontifical Athenaeum of Saint Anselm in Rome. He completed a license in sacramental theology in June of 2001 and returned to St. Louis where he began work at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. In 2005, he was named director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate and the Vicar for Deacons in the Archdiocese of Saint Louis. In 2006, under the leadership of *Archbishop Raymond Burke*, he established the St. Maximilian Kolbe House of Discernment and served as the director of the house for three years. Currently he is the pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Parish. He is also an adjunct professor of Sacramental Theology at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, a lecturer for the Paul VI Catechetical Institute and the spiritual advisor to the Marian Catechists in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Msgr. Morris has been a visiting lecturer at the Liturgical Institute at St. Mary of the Lake University, Mundelein Seminary. He is also completing work on a doctorate in Mariology at the International Marian Research Institute writing on the Mariological contributions of Cardinal Carberry, former Archbishop of Saint Louis. In addition to these responsibilities, Msgr. Morris hosts a weekly radio program on WRYT, Catholic radio in St. Louis and is periodically a spiritual director for the Inner Life, a program on Relevant Radio. Msgr. Morris also is a weekly commentator on Catholic affairs for the Son Rise Morning Show on Sacred Heart Catholic Radio in Cincinnati. Monsignor frequently gives retreats and days of recollections both in St. Louis and around the United States. In September of 2008, Monsignor was named a member of the Papal Household.

KEYNOTE: *A Profile of Discernment* will provide insight and understanding for all who work in vocations to assist others to better discern God's call in their lives.

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Is a member of the Catholic Campus Ministry Association (CCMA), and The Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (ACHTUS). His teaching includes undergraduate and graduate courses in theology and interdisciplinary studies programs. His presentations and workshops cover topics in spirituality, cultural diversity, and inter-religious theory and practice. Javier is a professed brother in the Secular Franciscan Order. He is married to his lovely wife, Theresa.

WORKSHOP: *From Education to Vocation: Re-imagining our Role as Educators*

This theological reflection offers a two-part interactive workshop where participants explore the inherent connection between education and vocation (*educare et vocare*). In part one, we engage our role as educators by asking questions of cultural context and professional identity. And, in part two we explore the deeper connection between education and vocation by asking questions of purpose and common mission in light of our Christian faith.

Registration deadline: **September 10, 2010**
Mail registration form and **\$15.00** fee payable to:
Office of Priestly Vocations
2701 Chicago Blvd. • Detroit, MI • 48206
Attention: Vocations Convocation Registration
Registration information online at:
www.vocationsdetroit.org
Or call **313-237-5875**

Workshops

This year two separate workshop tracks will be offered: one for Educators/Ministers and one for Vocation Committee and Parish Members.

Each track will involve two 1-hour sessions; the first hour in the morning and the second hour after lunch.

Workshop A

Educators/Ministers -

Presenter: *F. Javier Orozco, SFO, PhD*

Morning Session: The role as educators/ministers in connection with vocations is examined by asking questions of cultural context and professional identity.

Afternoon Session: The deeper connection between education and vocation is explored by asking questions of purpose and common mission in light of our Christian faith.

Workshop B:

Vocation Committee & Parish Members -

Presenters: *Fr. Tim Birney,*
Director of Priestly Vocations
Mrs. Jan DeFour
Vocations Coordinator

Morning Session: For those presently or just beginning vocational awareness ministry in the parish or at home. We will share best practices; the latest statistical data and everything in between.

Afternoon Session: New developments, effective communications and strategies for parish and family practice of promoting vocations.

Third Annual Vocations Convocation

*Saturday,
September 18, 2010*

Program

- 8:00 a.m. **Arrival**
- 8:30 a.m. **Mass: His Excellency
Bishop Francis R. Reiss**
Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit
- 9:45 a.m. **Welcome: Fr. Tim Birney**
Director of Priestly Vocations
- 10:00 a.m. **Keynote Address:**
Very Rev. Msgr.
C. Eugene Morris, STL, STD (cand.)
“A Profile of Discernment”
- 11:00 a.m. **Workshops A & B**
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch (provided)**
- 1:15 p.m. **Workshops A & B**
- 2:15 p.m. **Concluding Remarks/Prayer**
- 2:30 p.m. **Departure**

REGISTRATION

Please check which track you wish to attend for the workshop sessions:

Educator/Minister:

Vocation Committee/Parish Member:

Name: (Title/First/Last)

Street Address

Apt/Suite

City/State/Zip

E-mail Address

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Contact Phone

Parish/School

City of Parish/School

HOW TO REGISTER

By mail, send Check/Money Order (sorry no credit cards) in the amount of \$15.00 per registrant.
(Please send one registration form per person; photocopies of this form are permitted)

Make payable to “The Office of Priestly Vocations” and mail with this form to:

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Attention: Vocations Convocation Registration

Registration deadline: Friday, September 10, 2010

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Or visit the website at www.vocationsdetroit.org

Monstrance blessed by Pope John Paul II scheduled to visit Detroit

The monstrance will make its third trip to the Archdiocese this June

A monstrance blessed by the late Pope John Paul II to encourage prayers for vocations to the priesthood and religious life will be returning to the Archdiocese of Detroit; arriving on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 for two weeks and departing on Tuesday, June 15, 2010.

The monstrance is one of six originally blessed by the late Pope John Paul II to promote Eucharistic adoration during the 2004-2005 *Year of the Eucharist*. In addition to the United States and Canada, Latin America, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Pacific each received a monstrance as a symbol of the connection between the sacrament of the Eucharist and priestly vocations.

Given by the Vatican to the USCCB, the monstrance travels to various dioceses throughout the United States and Canada for use in cathedrals, parishes, campus/youth ministry programs, and seminaries/religious houses to facilitate prayer for vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life.

This will be the third visit of this special monstrance to the Archdiocese of Detroit. The first occurred in 2006 to celebrate the beginning of the special *Year for Vocations* declared, by Archbishop, Adam Cardinal Maida. In 2008, the monstrance returned as part of the celebration for the 175th anniversary for the founding of Detroit as a Catholic diocese. This time the visitation of the monstrance coincides with the closing of the *Year for Priests* that was announced by Pope Benedict XVI in June 2009. A special Holy Hour will take place at *Blessed Sacrament Cathedral* on Sunday, June 6, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. All priests for the Archdiocese of Detroit are invited to attend to pray with the faithful for an increase in vocations, especially to the priesthood.

All the faithful in the Archdiocese of invited to travel to a host site to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.



JUNE 2010 SCHEDULE FOR BLESSED MONSTRANCE

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| | | Sacred Heart Until Sat. 9:00 a.m. Benediction | Exposition continues until Thursday Benediction before 8:00 a.m. Mass |
| | JUNE 6 | <i>Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament</i> Holy Hour for Vocations 2:00 p.m. Eucharistic Procession to follow | JUNE 10 <i>St. Andrew Kim Parish, Northville</i> JUNE 11 Exposition/Adoration Following 10:00 a.m. Mass Thurs. Holy Hour for Youth , 8:00 p.m. Exposition continues until Friday 7:30 a.m. |
| JUNE 1 | <i>St. Mary of the Hills, Rochester</i> Exposition/Adoration 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | JUNE 6 JUNE 7 <i>National Shrine of the Little Flower</i> Exposition/Adoration Begins at 6:00 p.m. until Monday, Benediction following the 8:30 a.m. Mass | JUNE 11 <i>Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Taylor</i> Exposition/Adoration Following 8:45 a.m. Mass until 7:00 p.m. |
| JUNE 1 JUNE 2 | <i>Holy Family, Memphis</i> Exposition/Adoration 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. | JUNE 7 <i>Prince of Peace Parish, W. Bloomfield</i> Exposition/Adoration 12:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Holy Hour | JUNE 12 <i>SS. Cyril and Methodius, Sterling Heights</i> Exposition/Adoration 8:00 a.m. until noon |
| JUNE 2 | <i>Orchard Lake Schools/Shrine Chapel</i> Exposition/Adoration Following 12:00 p.m. Mass until 8:30 p.m. | JUNE 8 <i>Divine Child Parish, Dearborn</i> Exposition/Adoration Following 8:39 a.m. Mass until 7:00 p.m. Mother of Perpetual Help Novena | JUNE 14 <i>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish,</i> JUNE 15 <i>Temperance</i> Exposition/Adoration following 9:00 a.m. Mass Until 11:00 p.m.; Mass at 7:00 p.m.; resumes after 9:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday Exposition continues until 11:45 a.m. Benediction. |
| JUNE 3 | <i>St. Regis Parish, Bloomfield Hills</i> Exposition/Adoration Following 8:30 a.m. Mass 6:45 p.m. Prayers for Vocations 7:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction | JUNE 9 <i>Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish,</i> JUNE 10 <i>Plymouth</i> Exposition/Adoration Begins 9:00 a.m. in Day Chapel Holy Hour for Vocations , Wed. 7:00 p.m. | |
| JUNE 4 JUNE 5 | <i>St. Mary Parish, Wayne</i> Exposition/Adoration Following 9:00 a.m. Mass of the | | |

Office of Priestly Vocations Calendar Events: 2010-2011

| <i>Event</i> | <i>Date/Time</i> | <i>Location</i> | <i>Audience</i> |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Vocation Convocation</i> | Sat., Sept. 18, 2010 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 a.m. | Sacred Heart Major Seminary (SHMS) | All lay and ordained faithful interested in nurturing vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life |
| <i>Junior High Vocation Awareness Day</i> | Tue., Oct. 19, 2010 | SHMS | All junior high school students; registration required |
| <i>Priesthood Sunday</i> | Sun., Oct. 31, 2010 | All US Dioceses | All Catholic faithful |
| <i>Discernment Weekend</i> | Thurs., Nov. 4, - Sun., Nov. 7, 2010 | SHMS | Men 18-50 years of age; registration required |
| <i>CYO Wind Conference</i> | Sat., Nov. 13, 2010 | Divine Child Parish, Dearborn | Jr. high school students; registration required with CYO |
| <i>High School Vocation Awareness Day</i> | Wed., Nov. 10, 2010 | SHMS | All high school students; registration required |
| <i>Junior High Vocation Awareness Day</i> | Tue., Nov. 16, 2010 | SHMS | All junior high school students; registration required |
| <i>Archbishop/Guest Dinner</i> | Tue., Dec. 7, 2010 | SHMS | AOD priests and guests, men 16 years of age and older interested in the priesthood |
| <i>National Vocation Awareness Week</i> | Sun., Jan. 9, - Fri., Jan. 15, 2011 | All US Dioceses | All Catholic faithful |
| <i>Day of Discernment with Archbishop</i> | Sat., Jan. 15, 2011 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. | SHMS | All men 17 – 50 and older discerning the priesthood; registration required |
| <i>Discernment Weekend</i> | Thurs., Jan. 27, - Sun., Jan. 30, 2011 | SHMS | Men 18 – 50 years of age; registration required |
| <i>Junior High Vocation Awareness Day</i> | Tue., Feb. 1, 2011 | SHMS | All junior high school students; registration required |
| <i>World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life</i> | Sun., Feb. 6, 2011 | World | All Catholic faithful |
| <i>CYO Rainbow Conference XVIII</i> | Sat.-Sun. Feb. 12-13, 2011 | Renaissance Center | All high school aged students; Registration through CYO |
| <i>Discernment Overnight</i> | Fri., Feb. 25, - Sat., Feb. 26, 2011 | SHMS | All high school men 14 – 18 years of age; registration required |
| <i>Junior High Vocation Awareness Day</i> | Tue., Mar. 15, 2011 | SHMS | All junior high school students; registration required |
| <i>Discernment Weekend</i> | Thurs., Mar. 24, - Sun., Mar. 27, 2011 | SHMS | Men 18 – 50 years of age; registration required |
| <i>Junior High Vocation Awareness Day</i> | Tue., Apr. 5, 2011 | SHMS | All junior high school students; registration required |
| <i>Discernment Overnight</i> | Fri., May. 13, - Sat., May. 14, 2011 | SHMS | All high school men 14 – 18 years of age; registration required |
| <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i> | Sun., May 15, 2011 | World | All Catholic faithful |
| <i>Transitional Diaconate Ordination</i> | Sun., May 21, 2011 10:00 a.m. | SHMS | All Catholic faithful |
| <i>Presbyteral Ordination</i> | Sat., Jun. 11, 2011 10:00 a.m. | Blessed Sacrament Cathedral | All Catholic faithful |

Consecrated Life News

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- June 11-13, 2010
- Register at www.rsmofalma.org

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www.fscc-calledtobe.org

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920-973-9903 or 920-682-7728

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Please Pray for Priests

Dear Lord,
we pray that the Blessed Mother
wrap her mantle around your priests
and through her intercession
strengthen them for their ministry.

We pray that Mary will guide
your priests
to follow her own words,
"Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5).

May your priests have the heart of
St. Joseph,
Mary's most chaste spouse.
May the Blessed Mother's
own pierced heart
inspire them to embrace
all who suffer at the foot of the cross.

May your priests be holy,
filled with the fire of your love
seeking nothing but your greater glory
and the salvation of souls.

Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

*The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops
has invited the Catholic Faithful
to pray the above prayer during this special Year
for Priests;
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