

CLERGY NEWS

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ILLNESSES

Rev. Bernard Mahoney, retired, was in Methodist Hospital for knee replacement surgery.

Rev. Hubert Kealy, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Conroe, was in the hospital to have fluid removed from around his lungs.

Please keep all our frail, elderly and infirm priests in your prayers.

2010 DATES FOR PRIESTS TO RESERVE

1. Year for Priests Rome Pilgrimage with Cardinal DiNardo, Feb. 22-March 1, 2010. Contact Fr. Sean Horrigan or Fr. Norbert Maduzia for more information.
2. The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Convocation of Priests is scheduled for May 10-13, 2010 at the Moody Gardens Hotel, Galveston. Registration material will be mailed at the beginning of Lent.
3. Transitional Diaconate ordinations are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2010, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.
4. Priesthood Ordinations are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 10, 2010, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

RETIRED PRIESTS

Please remember the retired priests who reside at the Pope John XXIII Priest Retirement Residence, Maloney Hall and the retirement houses of the religious order priests. These men would benefit greatly from the prayers and periodic visits of their brother priests.

PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

The results of the Presbyteral Council and Personnel Board elections held in November/December are as follows:

PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL

Area Representatives

N/W/BB Deaneries:

Fr. Eric Pitre

GM/SO Deaneries:

Fr. Paul Felix

Special Ministry

Administration/Spiritual:

Fr. Brendan Cahill

PERSONNEL BOARD

AT-LARGE:

Fr. James Burkart

Thank you to all who participated in this process.

MASS STIPENDS

The Chancery receives numerous requests for Mass intentions. If any parish has more Mass intentions than can be said in a reasonable period of time, please forward them to the chancery. These stipends help priests in parishes with few stipends and priests in the Missions.

CHANCERY HOLIDAYS

The Chancery will be closed Monday, January 18, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday.

Deacon Gerald Dupont
Director, Permanent Diaconate
P.O. Box 907
Houston, TX 77001-0907

NECROLOGY

Please pray for the following priests whose anniversaries of death are during the month of February.

February 1, 1904 Rev. Vac Chlapik
February 1, 1915 Rev. F.M. Huhn
February 2, 1930 Rev. F. Nona
February 2, 1995 Rev. Abraham Sy Thuyen Ho, OP
February 2, 2004 Msgr. Jack B. Jones
February 3, 1968 Rev. Joseph C. Morrell
February 3, 1968 Rev. Thomas A. Ryan
February 5, 1978 Rev. Joseph Coll
February 6, 1955 Rev. N.T. Domanski
February 7, 1935 Msgr. John Nicholson
February 7, 1935 Rev. Christopher Preker
February 8, 1995 Rev. A. Wayne Elkins
February 9, 1996 Msgr. Cornelius P. Flynn
February 10, 1936 Rev. John Baptist O'Leary
February 10, 1991 Msgr. Frank D. Urbanosky
February 10, 1997 Rev. John Prill
February 11, 1957 Rev. Fabian Stindle
February 11, 1957 Rev. Joseph Klobouk
February 11, 1978 Rev. John Zimmer, CSsR
February 12, 1906 Rev. J.J. Costello, CSB
February 12, 1923 Rev. Pete J. Clancy
February 13, 1988 Rev. Richard Johnson, CSsR
February 13, 2001 Rev. Charles Ferguson
February 14, 1916 Rev. D.F. Berberich
February 14, 1951 Rev. Emil Landry
February 14, 1978 Msgr. Jerome J. Tydlacka
February 14, 1979 Rev. E.C. Fowler
February 16, 1951 Rev. Walter Fraher, MS
February 17, 1879 Rev. Theodore Greyenbuhl
February 18, 1933 Rev. Otto Niekamp
February 19, 1883 Rev. Joseph Mosiewiez
February 19, 1960 Msgr. George A. Wilhelm
February 19, 1965 Rev. Henry V. Parmentier
February 20, 1968 Rev. Florimond B. Vanholme, SSC
February 20, 1984 Msgr. William D. Steele
February 21, 1983 Rev. Leonard C. Quinlan, CSB
February 21, 2005 Rev. Robert A. Bordenkircher, OP
February 22, 1879 Rev. Martin Weinzaepflen
February 22, 2001 Rev. Ed Baur, SVD
February 24, 1974 Rev. Henry J. Saxon
February 25, 1973 Rev. Vincent J. Guinan, CSB
February 27, 1980 Rev. Alfred P. Caird, CSB
February 28, 1913 Rev. Pierre C. Saint-Onge

LOG MILEAGE

2010 Mileage Logs have been mailed to all archdiocesan and extern priests to track their professional miles driven. Please remember to log the automobile odometer reading on January 1, 2010 and then log all professional miles driven throughout the year. Record the odometer reading on December 31, 2010, thus providing the total miles driven for the year. By adding the total number of professional miles driven a ratio of professional versus personal miles can be determined (e.g. 60% professional, 40% personal). The total amount of car expenses for the year is determined (e.g. depreciation allowance, insurance, gas, repairs, etc.). The percentage of the total expenses that is equal to the percentage of the professional use of the car (60%) is exempt from taxation. The percentage of the car expense equal to the percentage of the personal use of the car (40%) is added to the priest's taxable income.

2009 Mileage Logs must be given to the parish bookkeeper in early January so that the priest's taxable income can be computed. IRS regulations required that the parish keep the log in case of an IRS audit. Failure to provide the bookkeeper with a completed log of business related mileage will result in **ALL** car expenses being considered personal and the priest will pay tax on the total amount of yearly car expenses, over \$7,000 in additional income. The log is the only proof that the priest has used his car for professional purposes, hence if no log is maintained the IRS does not allow exemption of a portion of car expenses from taxable income.

IRS MILEAGE RATE

Beginning January 1, 2010, the IRS standard mileage rate for 2010 reimbursement for miles driven for professional purposes is 50 cents/mile. This is a decrease from the 2009 calendar year.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Some parishes have taken the practice of giving certificates for First Reconciliation as well as creating a register. The confidentiality of the Sacrament of Penance should always be kept in mind when recording First Reconciliation. It is recommended that a parish may record that the requirements for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation have been met. If a parish decides to keep a record of those who have completed these requirements, **do not** send notification to the places of baptism for recording in the sacramental books.

LITURGICAL CONFERENCE

Fr. James Burkart, chairperson for the January liturgical conference, Jan 13-16, extends a special invitation to all priests. "We priests and pastors are constantly looking for ways to assist the hundreds of faithful who are liturgical ministers to become more competent in their various ministerial duties. We lament that we, ourselves, do not have the time to spend with all of the different ministries and persons within them. Please, do not let this opportunity pass you and your parish by. We are also offering two clergy tracks, one on Thursday (homiletics in a multicultural setting) and Friday (Roman Missal). Workshop are offered for beginners to professionals. A track entirely in Spanish is offered on Saturday of the conference with a general session and 18 workshop sessions. There are some scholarships offered through the Office of Worship. Please try to send one person from each of your liturgical ministries so that they can bring back fantastic information to the rest of your ministers. Brochure at www.swlc.org. Office of Worship, 713-741-8760. Fr. James, jburkart@stlukesatholic.com.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In case of emergency, Bishop Vasquez can be reached at the following numbers:
713-224-5462 (home) or
713-502-9329 (cell).

KC CLERGY NIGHT

The 26th annual Knights of Columbus Clergy Appreciation night is scheduled for Friday, January 29, 2010. It will be held at the Stafford Convention Centre located at 10505 Cash Road in Stafford. Please mark your calendars for this event.

SAVE THE DATE

On February 13th, 2010, the Catholic School Office in conjunction with the Archdiocesan School Council will be hosting a School Board/Pastor/Principal workshop at the St. Dominic Center Auditorium. Bishop Rizzotto will be presenting on the topic of Spirituality and Catholic School Boards. Bishop Rizzotto will be followed by members of the Archdiocesan School Council Financial subcommittee. Their topic will focus on developing a strategic 5 – year financial plan for Catholic schools. The workshop begins with registration at 8:00 a.m. and concludes at 12:30 noon, cost \$45 per school (includes pastor and school board members). More information will follow in January 2010.

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

In a continuing effort to provide pastoral care to victims of sexual abuse by clergy or Church personnel, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo would like to remind the faithful of the Archdiocese of the availability of the Victims Assistance Coordinator. Anyone who has been the victim of sexual abuse by clergy or Church personnel is encouraged to call Sr. Maureen O'Connell, OP at 713.654.5799. Please keep in your daily prayers the healing of victims of abuse and all who suffer in any way."

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

The Bishop's Fund for Latin America Collection is scheduled for the weekend of January 23-24, 2010. Please make the necessary announcement.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND IRS

Please place in your bulletins the following information concerning the tax laws governing charitable contributions.

“Due to changes in the tax laws, parishioners (those who itemize their tax returns) will no longer be able to deduct contributions to the parish unless they maintain a bank record or written contribution statement from the parish. If you want to ensure deductibility of your contributions to the parish, please use a check, direct deposit from your bank account, or your parish envelopes. The parish will track contributions made using parish envelopes, and will upon request, produce a written statement of contributions made during 2010. Cancelled checks and other bank records are also sufficient documentation. The parish cannot track cash contributions that are not in parish envelopes.”

INTERNAL AUDIT NEWS

1. The updated draft of the Internal Control Manual (ICM) is now on the Office of the Internal Auditor webpage. http://www.dio.gh.org/admin_auditing.htm On the webpage click on Download Internal Control Forms, enter **Parish_Administrator** as the User Name. The Password is **adminforms**. The ICM is located on the forms page. This updated manual replaced the previous version (2004). It is still in draft form so please review and offer comments or suggestions within the next 30 days. Email any comments to cgoneau@archgh.org.
2. The Office of the Internal Auditor at the Chancery should be contacted on all Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issues. Internal Audit has experience in handling issues with the IRS. Parishes and schools are required to fax all IRS letters to the Office of the Internal Auditor to Mr. William J. Prime at 713-654-5792. If you have questions, call 713-652-4472 or email cgoneau@archgh.org.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Parishes are encouraged to have a separate program for adult Catholics seeking to be confirmed. The Adult confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2010. Priests do not have the faculty to confirm an adult unless they are being received into the church (by baptism or profession of faith) at the same ceremony.

GATHERING OF PRIESTS INVOLVED IN HISPANIC MINISTRY

Priests involved in Hispanic ministry are invited to attend a fellowship of priestly fraternity hosted by Fr. Rudy Sanchez at Blessed Sacrament Church on Thursday, January 21, at 10 a.m. concluding with lunch at noon. The meeting will be conducted in Spanish language. Please RSVP to 713-224-5292.

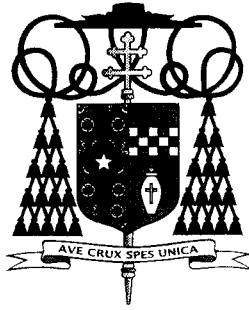
FREE

St. Theresa Church in Houston has the following items to give to any parish that is in need. For more information, please contact Gail Henderson at 713-869-3783.

1. Hewlet Packard 3600n color laserjet—USB and network interface.
2. OfficeJet G85-USB connection all-in-one-print/fax/scan/copy.
3. MFC-8220 Brother-USB connection all-in-one-print/fax/scan/copy.

NOTICE

It has come to our attention that Father Christopher Terry, O.P. may be celebrating Mass at a Methodist Church on the Bolivar Peninsula. This is to inform you that as of December 8, 2008, Father Terry's faculties were removed by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston prohibiting him from exercising any public ministry in this diocese. His faculties have not been restored and his religious superior has recalled him back to their community. If you have further information regarding Father Christopher Terry please call the Chancellor at 713-659-5461.



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Cardinal

December 31, 2009

Dear Brother Priests,

You are cordially invited to attend the upcoming Interfaith Clergy Convocation on Immigration Reform being organized by The Metropolitan Organization. The event will take place on Monday, January 11, 2010, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Houston. It will include a Prayer Service, Press Conference and Panel Discussion. This convocation is part of the Houston Area Interfaith Campaign for Humane Immigration Reform which is being collectively supported by area denominational leaders who are committed to promoting comprehensive immigration reform legislation. We have a shared tradition of hospitality to the stranger and a common belief in the dignity of all human beings who are created in the image and likeness of God.

All priests of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston are encouraged to participate in this important ecumenical event. Please complete the attached registration form and return it to TMO as indicated. The deadline for registration is January 6, 2010. I look forward to seeing as many of you at the event as possible.

With every prayerful best wish for a blessed New Year, I am

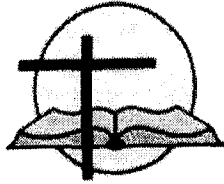
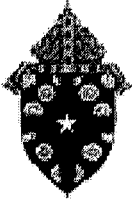
Fraternally in Christ,

+Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

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Enclosure

Interfaith Clergy Convocation on Immigration Reform



"The strangers who sojourn with you shall be to you as the natives among you, and you shall love them as yourself", (Leviticus 19:33-34)

Featuring:

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

Bishop Janice Riggle Huie
Bishop, Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle
Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Texas

Bishop Michael Rinehart
Bishop, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, ELCA

Rabbi David Rosen
Senior Rabbi Congregation Beth Yeshurun

Bishop Rufus Kyles
Southeast Jurisdictional Bishop of the Church of God in Christ

Rev. Mike Cole
General Presbyter, Presbytery of New Covenant

Rev. Harvey Clemons, Jr.
Pastor, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

Date: January 11, 2010
Time: 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM
(8:30-9:00 AM- Registration & Coffee)
Location: St. Paul's United Methodist Church
5501 Main Street @ Binz/Bissonnet
Houston, Texas 77004

**Prayer Service*

**Press Conference*

**Panel Discussion*

TMO

Deadline to Register: January 6, 2010

TMO

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____ Congregation: _____

Lunch: (please select one) _____ Regular _____ Vegetarian _____ Kosher

Please submit registration form by mail, fax, or email to KFine@tmohouston.net

The Metropolitan Organization:

4141 Southwest Freeway, Suite 650, Houston, Texas 77027

(713)807-1429

Fax (713) 807-7988



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Cardinal

January 1, 2010

To: All Pastors

My brother priest:

The national **Collection for the Church in Latin America** is scheduled for the weekend of January 23-24, 2010. The Church in Latin America boasts the world's largest Catholic population. However, a study commissioned in the late 1990s by CELAM, the federation of Latin American Catholic bishops' conferences, found that Latin Americans were leaving the Church at the alarming rate of approximately 8,000 people each day.

This exodus is the result of complex reasons, ranging from the strain that economic globalization places on communities to well-financed competition from other groups, that are drawing people away from the Church. Because of a very low priest-to-parishioner ratio, and the local churches' inability to support the substantial number of parishioners, many of the faithful often seek a personal experience and closer sense of community elsewhere. In addition, migration across the region can rupture the bonds of family and community in which faith is nurtured and can grow.

To confront these tendencies, the **Collection for the Church in Latin America** supports pastoral projects that engage Latin American parishioners in their faith, strengthening their sense of mission and identity with the Church. Your generous support of the Collection provides evangelization in rural and poverty-stricken areas, religious training, and catechesis and formation programs. The cost of a daily cup of coffee could provide a young girl with her First Holy Communion book.

Please encourage your parishioners to give generously so that together, we can **keep faith with the Church in Latin America**. For more information on the Church in Latin America and the projects funded by the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections. Thank you for your generous response.

Fraternally in Christ,

+Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

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Catholic University
As of December 23, 2009

#	Parish	2009	#	Parish	2009
7001	St John-Alvin	1,648.25	7370	St Albert	1,770.36
7007	St Stanislaus-Anderson	-	7377	St Alphonsus	919.90
7013	Holy Trinity -Angleton	1,766.32	7384	St Ambrose	2,715.35
7025	St Martin-Barrett Station	629.00	7391	St Andrew Kim	310.00
7031	O L Guadalupe-Baytown	-	7398	St Anne	9,979.02
7033	St John-Baytown	1,690.00	7405	St Anne de Beaupre	126.25
7037	St Joseph-Baytown	526.00	7412	St Augustine	978.50
7043	St Wenceslaus-Beasley	404.00	7419	St Benedict	1,017.12
7049	Sts Peter/Paul-Bellville	199.00	7426	St Bernadette	1,500.00
7055	St Joseph-Brazoria	270.00	7433	St Catherine	1,281.65
7067	St Andrew-Channelview	1,334.04	7440	St Cecilia	5,564.37
7073	St Jerome-Clute	630.00	7447	St Charles	2,825.19
7079	Sacred Heart-Conroe	5,165.41	7454	St Christopher	1,483.50
7085	Sacred Heart-Crosby	1,054.00	7461	St Clare	1,313.00
7091	Sts Cyril/Methodius-Damon	198.00	7468	St Cyril	3,080.00
7097	St Anthony-Danbury	605.00	7475	St Dominic	962.08
7103	St Hyacinth-Deer Park	1,393.49	7482	St Elizabeth	3,889.00
7109	Shrine/True Cross-Dickinson	2,535.00	7489	St Frances Cabrini	1,795.32
7125	St Mary Star/Sea-Freeport	912.64	7496	St Francis de Sales	3,160.68
7131	Mary, Queen-Friendswood	4,446.03	7503	St Francis Assisi	-
7137	St Mary-Frydek/Sealy	247.00	7510	St Francis Xavier	1,007.79
7143	O L Fatima-Galena Park	917.30	7517	St Gregory	411.00
7149	Holy Family	3,715.42	7524	St Jerome	4,295.00
7183	St. Katharine Drexel-Hempstead	654.00	7531	St John Neumann	2,425.84
7193	St Jude-Highlands	557.00	7537	St John Vianney	4,994.00
7199	O L Lourdes-Hitchcock	1,349.65	7543	St Joseph	724.00
7201	All Saints	727.40	7549	St Justin	1,970.97
7207	Annunciation	3,472.53	7555	St Leo	2,051.00
7213	Ascension Chinese	658.50	7561	St Luke	688.00
7219	Assumption	3,097.76	7567	St Mark	1,384.20
7225	Blessed Sacrament	691.00	7573	St Mary	507.00
7230	Christ/Incarnate Word	615.00	7579	St Matthew	1,151.19
7231	Christ the King	1,086.00	7585	St Maximilian	550.10
7237	Christ the Redeemer	2,819.92	7591	St Michael	9,559.46
7243	Corpus Christi	2,541.54	7597	St Monica	755.44
7249	Holy Ghost	2,811.51	7603	St Nicholas	280.00
7255	Holy Name	-	7609	St Patrick	760.00
7261	Holy Rosary	5,095.00	7615	St Paul	1,165.10
7267	Imm. Conception	1,300.90	7621	St Peter Claver	-
7273	Imm. Heart of Mary	1,400.00	7627	St Peter Apostle	614.00
7285	Notre Dame	1,867.00	7634	St Philip Neri	-
7291	O L Czestochowa	258.00	7641	St Philip Jesus	1,327.10
7297	O L Guadalupe	873.00	7648	St Raphael	617.88
7303	O L Lavang	8,921.10	7655	St Rose of Lima	1,106.01
7306	O L Lourdes	820.00	7662	St Stephen	435.74
7309	O L Mt Carmel	1,689.00	7669	St Theresa	3,283.11
7315	O L Sorrows	256.00	7676	St Thomas More	5,885.00
7321	O L St John	2,112.42	7683	St Vincent de Paul	3,354.00
7327	O L Walsingham	35.00	7690	Vietnamese Martyrs	1,562.00
7333	O L Star of the Sea	125.00	7696	St Philip-Huffman	1,072.00
7339	O M of Mercy	1,257.00	7701	St Mary-Humble	2,765.00
7345	Prince of Peace	4,328.03	7707	St Thomas-Huntsville	1,126.00
7351	Queen of Peace	1,390.00	7713	Imm. Conception-Industry	104.00
7357	Resurrection	685.00	7723	Epiphany of the Lord-Katy	8,200.57
7363	Sacred Heart Co-Cath	3,550.12	7727	St Bartholomew-Katy	4,124.39

#	Parish	2009
7729	St Edith Stein-Katy	1,546.50
7733	St Martha-Kingwood	2,249.25
7739	Queen of Peace-La Marque	1,098.90
7745	St Mary-La Porte	1,455.00
7751	St Michael-Lake Jackson	141.00
7757	St Mary-League City	4,472.98
7769	St Matthias-Magnolia	1,085.71
7775	Sacred Heart/Jesus-Manvel	2,202.51
7781	Holy Family-Mc Nair	302.00
7787	Holy Family-Missouri City	509.00
7789	St. Angela Merici	548.00
7793	Christ Our Light-Navasota	332.41
7805	St Michael-Needville	353.72
7811	St John-New Caney	-
7817	St Joseph-New Waverly	1,072.43
7823	St. Juan Diego-Pasadena	1,208.41
7829	St Pius V-Pasadena	2,507.50
7831	Sacred Heart-Pattison	313.39
7835	St Helen-Pearland	4,322.00
7841	St Mary-Plantersville	1,574.04
7847	St Stephen-Point Blank	149.00
7865	Sacred Heart-Richmond	4,952.00
7869	St John-Richmond	666.82
7873	Holy Rosary-Rosenberg	1,953.04
7879	O L Guadalupe-Rosenberg	1,455.56
7885	Imm Conception-Sealy	818.85
7891	O L Grace-South Houston	500.00
7901	Chr/Good Shepherd-Spring	2,825.00
7906	St Edward-Spring	3,891.25
7911	St Ignatius-Spring	4,188.13
7916	St James-Spring	1,199.63
7925	St Joseph-Stoneham	311.00
7931	St Laurence-Sugarland	8,143.37
7937	St Theresa-Sugarland	4,211.62
7946	St Thomas-Sugarland	2,179.00
7951	O L Perpetual Help-Sweeny	375.79
7957	St Mary-Texas City	-
7963	St Anne-Tomball	1,584.50
7969	Guardian Angel-Wallis	612.95
7975	St John the Apostle-W Columbia	210.75
7979	St Anthony-The Woodlands	7,598.00
7981	Sts Simon/Jude-The Woodlands	2,508.00
0000	Other	
	TOTAL	279,887.47