

# CLERGY NEWS

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## ILLNESSES

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

## 2010 DATES FOR PRIESTS TO RESERVE

1. The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston **Convocation of Priests** is scheduled for May 10-13, 2010 at the Moody Gardens Hotel, Galveston.
2. **Transitional Diaconate ordinations** are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2010, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.
3. **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.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In case of emergency, Msgr. Sheltz can be reached at the following numbers:  
713-686-6844 x 252 (home) or  
713-501-2166 (cell).

## CONVOCAION UPDATE

All priests, both diocesan and religious, are encouraged and expected to attend the Ministry to Priests Days May 10-13 at Moody Gardens Hotel and Convention Center in Galveston. In this Year for Priests the convocation focuses on the powerful spiritual leadership of a unified presbyterate. Fr. Ron Knott of the Archdiocese of Louisville and the founding director of the St. Meinrad School of Theology's Institute for Priests and Presbyterates will be our presenter.

The cost for registration is \$275. Hotel registration is separate and can be made directly with Moody Gardens at 888-388-8484. Remember that priests can use their annual Continuing Education budget or the Account Reimbursable Plan to cover registration and hotel costs. Additionally, scholarships are available for all retired priests to attend or for those priests in special need. Please contact the Office of the Chancellor for more information on scholarship assistance

If you have not sent in your registration, it is not too late. Please fill out the attached form and return as soon as possible to Mary Blanton, 7810 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX 77379-7101 or email information to [mblanton@silcc.org](mailto:mblanton@silcc.org).

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

The Adult confirmations 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. A form for requesting preferred location and time has been faxed to the parishes. If your parish did not receive this request form, please contact the Chancellor's office.

## NECROLOGY

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

June 1911	Rev. A. Maury
June 1, 1949	Rev. James P. McCarthy
June 2, 1999	Rev. Norbert Reuss, CSB
June 2, 2005	Rev. Kevin C. Thissen, OP
June 4, 1920	Rev. Joseph Ignatius Klein
June 4, 1950	Rev. Lawrence B. Kramer
June 6, 1957	Rev. Hugh Kearns
June 7, 1947	Rev. J.T. Moriarty
June 7, 1974	Rev. William Creamer, OCarm
June 7, 1982	Rev. James L. Moore
June 8, 1972	Msgr. Thomas J. Prendergast
June 9, 1952	Rev. Francis A. Walsh, CSB
June 9, 1988	Rev. James J. White, CSSP
June 10, 1959	Rev. Ralph J. Diefenbach
June 11, 1964	Rev. Dunstan McGuigan, OCarm
June 11, 1979	Rev. Bernard J. O'Neill
June 12, 1985	Rev. Richard Gieselman, CM
June 13, 1938	Rev. John J. Lyons, SSJ
June 14, 1964	Rev. Francis Plavcan, MS
June 14, 1982	Rev. Mark M. Barron, OP
June 14, 1993	Rev. James E. Daley, CSB
June 15, 1938	Rev. David M. Ortez
June 16, 1989	Rev. Robert Hall, CSB
June 16, 2009	Rev. Victor B. Brezik, CSB
June 17, 1936	Rev. Martin F. Collins
June 18, 1999	Rev. Larry Leonard, CM
June 20, 1977	Rev. Louis Hahn, SJ
June 20, 1991	Rev. Paul F. Kent, OCSO
June 21, 1892	Rev. Claude Jacquet
June 22, 2003	Rev. Charles Banet, CPPS
June 23, 1939	Rev. George Apel
June 23, 1990	Rev. Joseph Kennelly, OMI
June 24, 1986	Rev. Joseph K. Schneider
June 24, 2008	Rev. Alfred E. Greenwald
June 25, 1873	Rev. John B. Bellaclos
June 26, 1961	Msgr. Frank J. Dubias
June 26, 1965	Rev. Joseph Schmultz, SSJ
June 27, 1999	Rev. Michael J. Fritzen, SVD
June 27, 2008	Rev. John J. Walsh, CSSP
June 29, 2004	Rev. Ladislav Danek
June 30, 1952	Rev. Manuel F. Munive, OMI

## CHANCERY CLOSED

The Chancery Offices will be closed Monday, May 31, 2010 in observance of Memorial Day.

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

The St. Mary's Seminary Collection (Corpus Christi Sunday) is the weekend of **June 5-6, 2010**. Remember the **entire** offertory collection (100%) for that weekend is to be sent to the chancery for the seminary.

## FIRST COMMUNION CERTIFICATES NOT REQUIRED FOR CONFIRMATION

Since First Eucharist is not a required registered sacrament, many parishes do not maintain a completely accurate First Communion register. A letter from a parent stating the child has received the Eucharist is certainly sufficient though it is not a necessary document in order to properly prepare for confirmation. A valid baptismal certificate is the only document canonically needed.

## FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Reminder: The Texas Bishops voted to move the Feast of the Ascension to the Seventh Sunday of Easter beginning with the Easter Season of the year 2000. The Feast of the Ascension will be celebrated on the Sunday immediately following Ascension Thursday.

## SUMMER REPLACEMENT PRIEST - PLAN EARLY

If you plan a vacation from June to late August, please begin now to look for priests to cover your Masses.

Though priests are responsible for finding their own replacements, if the visiting priest is without faculties in this Archdiocese, he must be approved for ministry from the Chancellor. The visiting priest must provide a recent letter from his bishop or religious superior stating that he is a priest in good standing and has permission to be in the Archdiocese.

### GODPARENTS AND TESTIMONIAL LETTERS

To be a sponsor for either Baptism or Confirmation, it is required that the person be a baptized, confirmed and practicing Catholic (c. 872-874). If the sponsor is married, the marriage must be a valid and recognized marriage in the Church. No letter of suitability from the sponsor's parish is required by canon law or diocesan guidelines. If there is concern, the parish *may ask the sponsor* to sign a letter stating that they meet the requirements and conditions to be a sponsor, but this is not a requirement.

Please inform DRE's, baptismal teams and others that there is no requirement for such letters of testimony from the priest or parish of the Baptism or Confirmation sponsor.

### MARRIAGES OUTSIDE THE DIOCESE

When parishes are preparing couples for a marriage that will take place outside the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, please be sure to send the completed marriage packet (include current baptismal certificates for bride and groom and Affidavits of Freedom to Marry, 2 for each the bride and the groom) to the chancellor's office approximately one-month before the scheduled wedding date. This is necessary so that the Archdiocese can issue a nihil obstat on the preparation materials and provide a letter granting permission for the couple to be married outside the archdiocese. As a part of the marriage preparation materials, the pastor should include a letter granting permission for the couple to marry outside his parish. Some (Arch)dioceses will not allow the wedding to take place if these permission letters are not included in the marriage packet.

### GATHERING OF PRIESTS INVOLVED IN HISPANIC MINISTRY

The next gathering for Hispanic Priests and Priests working with the Hispanic ministry will be hosted by Fr. Jesus Suarez at St. Philip of Jesus Church on Thursday, May 20, 2010, 10:00 a.m. Please RSVP to 713-672-6141.

### MASS STIPENDS

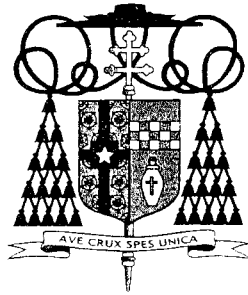
The Chancery receives numerous requests for Mass intentions. If any parish has more Mass intentions than can be said in a reasonable period of time, please forward them to the chancery. These stipends help priests in parishes with few stipends and priests in the Missions.

### TEENAGE EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

All parishes and high schools are reminded of the archdiocesan policy regarding the minimum age for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. To be eligible for this ministry the person must demonstrate a personal and spiritual maturity, be properly prepared, be fully initiated in the Catholic Church and be 18 years of age or a senior in high school.

### DEATHS

1. Condolences to Rev. Joseph Thanh Vu, pastor of Vietnamese Martyrs Church in Houston, on the death of his brother, Father Louis de Montfort Lam Vu, a priest of the Diocese of Lafayette, who passed away on Friday, April 16 in Lafayette. He was 55 years old. The funeral services were held in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Lafayette. Please remember Father Vu and his family in your prayers.
2. Rev. Dennis Andrews, C.S.B., who served on the faculty of the University of St. Thomas for over 14 years, passed away. Services were held in Canada. A memorial Mass was celebrated in the Chapel of St. Basil at the University of St. Thomas. Please remember Father Andrews and his family in your prayers.



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Cardinal

May 3, 2010

To: All Pastors

My brother priests:

I ask you to please remind your parishioners of the collection on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (weekend of June 5-6, 2010) for the support of men studying for the priesthood for our Archdiocese and the religious communities which staff some of our parishes. Your personal appeal for a very generous contribution from each parishioner will help to realize an increase over the \$1,704,479.38 reported last year.

Half of the collection from parishes staffed by religious priests will be returned to their communities. In 2010, \$170,633.49 of the 2009 collection was forwarded to the religious orders for the support of their seminarians.

Archdiocesan seminarians study not only at St. Mary Seminary in Houston, but also in Dallas, San Antonio and Hales Corners, Wisconsin. The total budget for the fiscal year 2010-11 is \$4,068,953.00. This includes the costs associated with the operating of St. Mary Seminary as well as the expenses of the education of seminarians, the continuing education of priests and the training of permanent deacons and laity. Of this amount, the archdiocesan subsidy is \$2,364,473.62.

The Trust Fund is able to cover about half the expense, but the collection is truly required to make up the balance of funds needed. A generous response from each parish is deeply appreciated and needed. Please remember that the total offertory collection for the weekend of June 5-6 is to be forwarded to the Chancery by July 31st.

I ask you to print the announcement below in your parish bulletin for the weekend prior to the collection.

In sincere gratitude for your splendid cooperation and with prayerful best wishes, I am

Fraternally in Christ,

*+ Daniel Cardinal DiNardo*

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Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

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BULLETIN NOTICE

On the **Feast of Corpus Christi** (*Sunday, June 6*) the total offertory in every parish of the archdiocese is dedicated to the support of those studying for the priesthood. For 2010-2011, over a million dollars is needed from this collection to support our seminarians studying for the priesthood. To achieve this goal, Archbishop DiNardo requests that you double the amount of your regular church support for the *weekend of June 5-6*. If each contributor will do this, the needed subsidy will be met by this collection. In gratitude for the incomparable gift of the Holy Eucharist which is inseparably joined to the priesthood, please do your part to help the archdiocese provide priests for the sake of your future by praying daily for vocations and supporting this collection.



## Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Cardinal

April 30, 2010

My Brother Priests,

I would like to personally invite you and your youth to make plans to attend our **54<sup>th</sup> Archdiocesan Youth Conference** which is sponsored by the Office of Youth Ministry on **July 30 – August 1, 2010** at the **Hilton of the Americas** in downtown Houston. This year's theme is **"Highway to Heaven"**.

As examples of the living Christ, it is imperative that we make ourselves present to our young church that look to us for support, guidance, and love as they deal with the pressures and issues of an ever changing society. By our vocation to the priesthood, we can bring to the young church that message of hope and love that can be found in Christ. It also provides all of us a chance to take some time to listen to what our young members are saying about their ideals, dreams and gifts which continue to renew the church. *"The Church also needs this renewal! She needs your faith, your idealism and your generosity, so that she can always be young in the Spirit (cf. Lumen Gentium 4). The Church especially needs the gifts of young people, all young people. She needs to grow in power of the Spirit who even now gives joy to your youth and inspires you to serve the Lord with gladness."* (Benedict XVI: Homily of His Holiness Benedict XVI at World Youth Day 2008 – Austria)

I understand that our youth have many programs and opportunities for faith development throughout the summer both at home and abroad. It is my desire that you, your youth and their leaders will make this conference their top priority as the primary Archdiocesan gathering for high school youth. Your youth ministry leaders have also received a letter from me inviting them to this exciting event. Please take the time to discuss with them the importance of your parish's participation in this gathering of the local church and my desire that they are present.

I would also like to invite you to join me in being present during the weekend at various events in particular the Liturgies and especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A representative from the Office of Youth Ministry will contact you about the program schedule to help you in discerning your presence. If you are able to attend or have any questions, please feel free to contact Luz Guerrero at the Office of Youth Ministry 713-741-8723.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

In Christ,

*+Daniel Cardinal DiNardo*

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Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

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CONVOCATION REGISTRATION FEE: \$275  
 \* Extra commuter's fee: \$100

\*The extra commuter's fee is for those who will not be staying at Moody Gardens Hotel and Convention Center. Rates for meeting room space are based on the number of hotel rooms occupied by participants of the convocation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be staying at Moody Gardens Hotel & Convention Center?

[        ] Yes                      [        ] No

Please return this convocation registration page by April 16, 2010 with your check for \$275 (Commuters pay \$375) made payable to the **Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston** in the enclosed envelope addressed to:

CONVOCATION 2010 REGISTRATION  
 c/o Mary Blanton  
 7810 Cypresswood Dr.  
 Spring, TX 77379-7101

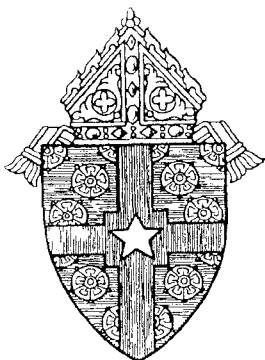
OR e-mail your information as listed above to:

[mblanton@silcc.org](mailto:mblanton@silcc.org)

*For more information, call Mary at 281-290-4627*

We have made room arrangements with Moody Gardens and Convention Center. To stay at the hotel, please fill out and return the enclosed registration card DIRECTLY to Moody Gardens Hotel and Convention Center or call 1-888-388-8484.

Total amount to Moody Gardens for 3 nights with 9% Galveston City Tax (we are not exempt from City Sales Tax, only State) is \$506.85



## *PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL*

*Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston*

Minutes  
Meeting of February 16, 2010

The Council met in the Board Room of the Nold Education Building at St. Mary's Seminary. Cardinal Daniel DiNardo presided. Fr. Sean Horrigan called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Msgr. Chester Borski offered the Opening Prayer. Fr. Sean Horrigan took the roll.

Present:	Daniel Cardinal DiNardo	Fr. Ronald Cloutier
	Bishop Joe S. Vasquez	Fr. Paul Felix
	Msgr. Chester Borski	Fr. Joe Gietl
	Msgr. Frank H. Rossi	Fr. Sean P. Horrigan
	Msgr. George A. Sheltz	Fr. John Huber, C.S.B.
	Msgr. Leo Wleczyk	Fr. Rivers Patout
	Fr. Michael Barrosa	Fr. Eric Pitre
	Fr. Brendan Cahill	Fr. Albert Zaratta, C.R.S
	Fr. Dwight Canizares	

Excused: Fr. Wencil Pavlovsky

Absent: Msgr. Daniel Scheel

MINUTES: The minutes of Dec 1, 2009 were accepted as presented. Msgr. Borski moved the acceptance of the minutes and Fr. Huber, C.S.B. seconded it. They were accepted by a voice vote. Fr. Horrigan welcomed Frs. Cahill, Felix and Pitre as the new members of the Council.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND SECRETARY: As secretary, Fr. Horrigan explained the bylaws for the election of a new chairman. Fr. Gietl nominated Fr. Horrigan, and no other nominations were offered. Fr. Horrigan was elected by a voice vote. He then explained the bylaws for the election of a secretary. Frs. Felix and Huber were both nominated, and after a paper vote, Fr. Huber was elected the new secretary.

CARDINAL'S COMMENTS: Cardinal DiNardo thanked the newly elected. He then acknowledged and thanked Bishop Vasquez for his service to the Archdiocese and on the Council as this was his last meeting prior to his installation as Bishop of Austin. Bishop Vasquez thanked Cardinal DiNardo and promised to pray for the Presbyteral Council.

ST. MARY SEMINARY STRATEGIC PLANNING: Fr. Cahill distributed a booklet entitled "Imagine 2016: The Strategic Plan for St. Mary's Seminary" along with a four-page handout which reported the "All Student Stats" detailing the demographic information of the students (seminarians, lay students and those in the diaconate program) who study at the seminary, as well as a printed power point summary of the plan.

The process of St. Mary's Strategic Plan was explained. The Seminary Board has approved of 22 strategic goals which have been prioritized, and five committees have been established. Facilities currently house 45-58 resident seminarians; the plan envisions 200 seminarians in residence. The current facilities were built to house 150 seminarians in 1954. They can handle 108 seminarians today, thus there is a need to expand. In Texas, 14 of the 15 dioceses participate in distance-learning classes hosted at St. Mary's using modern interactive technology now present in four classrooms. There is a need for more offices for faculty. An architect will soon be chosen to begin work on a formal Master Plan.

After having reviewed feedback from former seminarians as well as the report of the apostolic visit, an action plan was developed for Priestly Formation. The primary mission of the seminary has and always will be the training of priests. It is clear that more priests are needed to staff the seminary as formation directors, spiritual directors and faculty. There is a need to develop and implement a plan for training future formators. Accreditation work towards the STL degree has begun, and the development of a Spiritual Institute was discussed. It is recognized that there is a need to develop a plan to both recruit and retain seminarians. Fr. Cahill pointed out that the savings of the Seminary finances has grown and reviewed the anticipated revenue for 2011.

Msgr. Borski asked for clarification over the current program; Fr. Cahill explained that it is still a practice, first implemented in the mid-1980s, to send undergraduates (philosophy) students to Holy Trinity Seminary in Dallas and graduate students (theology) to St. Mary's in Houston, with an exception that men over the age of 35 may complete pre-theology in Houston.

Msgr. Rossi commented that the new plan is very optimistic and must assume a large price tag as well as an increased budget. Fr. Cahill explained that once the Master Plan is in the process financial details will have to be worked out with the possibility of a Capital Campaign to build the endowment and fund the expansion.

Msgr. Borski pointed out that now is an opportune time since there are several bishops (Austin Corpus Christi and Brownsville) who have a connection to St. Mary's Seminary.

Cardinal DiNardo recognized the need to develop such an envisioning plan considering the age of the current buildings. He cautioned that such an ambitious plan could be very expensive. There is no intention to sell any of the land currently owned by the seminary. The major focus of the seminary must be for the formation of men to be ordained priests: the Apostolic Visitation was clear on this point. While other good things, such as the diaconate formation for various dioceses using interactive technology, are happening on



campus their good work is not equal in nature to the seminary's major focus of priestly formation.

UPDATE ON CENTER FOR FAITH AND CULTURE: Fr. Donald Nesti, CSSp with Dr. Adam Martinez presented the new degree program developed at the University of St. Thomas within the Center for Faith and Culture. The Center has recently relocated to the UST main campus from the seminary. The new program is designed to assist the Church in its role of evangelization in the current American culture. It is a response to the call to Faithful citizenship by the USCCB and is intended to serve those who work for the Church. It will address the points of secularism and relativism predominant in our American culture, calling for Catholics to bring a Catholic voice to civic matters.

Beginning in the Fall 2010, a 36-credit Masters program will be offered with an 18-credit core. A brochure describing the program was distributed along with a two-page explanation of the degree plan.

Cardinal DiNardo inquired as to the core faculty of the program. Many of the professors are currently on the faculty of Theology at the University of St. Thomas, and there will be some adjunct faculty. The Cardinal also inquired as to the extent to which the American Southwestern culture, highly influenced by Hispanic Catholics, would be addressed in the core. Fr. Nesti responded that while the issue of the dominant culture affecting immigrant groups is part of the core, that Hispanic influence on our culture needs to be considered further.

Several priests asked further clarifying questions, with Fr. Nesti and Dr. Martinez provided the following clarifying information:

- The program does include a certain amount of ecumenism and inter-religious dialogue, without compromising the Catholic focus.
- Location: classes will take place both on the main campus of the University of St. Thomas and at St. Mary's Seminary.
- Some may opt to participate in the certificate program of 18 credits rather than do the entire Masters.
- This year the tuition is \$330 per credit hour; there is a lower rate for auditing a class.

Msgr. Rossi suggested establishing a relationship with the Greater Houston Partnership, in which many good and influential Catholics are involved.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS, CENTRALIZED PAYROLL AND PRIESTS' RETIREMENT ISSUES: Mr. David Hessel, CFO of archdiocese, addressed the Council together with Ms. Diane Blankenship, Director of Human Resources and Benefits, Ms. Heidi Henrichs, Comptroller, and Ms. Christina Deajon, Vice Chancellor.

The Fiscal Year 2009-10 report was reviewed. Audited statements have been posted on the Archdiocesan website, with a summary having been printed in the Texas Catholic Herald. Two costly events have negatively impacted the 2009 fiscal budget: Hurricane

Ike and the unstable financial markets effect on the portfolio, creating an underfunded pension plan. \$2 million in recovery funds are being put into safer investments. There will be no increase in business insurance rates this year after last year's increases. There will be a mechanism to give parishes some credits back once the parish has implemented risk avoidance steps and a Disaster Recovery Plan.

The Archdiocese is attempting to break even with health insurance expenses. A second handout was distributed: The 2011 Budget Process Program/Ministry Survey. Because of the current fiscal situation great prudence must be exercised with the upcoming year's budget. While there continues to be a hiring freeze, the survey is intended to review the activity of each ministry of the Chancery with an emphasis on finances in order to ensure fiscal responsibility. The number of employees in each ministry will be reviewed. While there is no intention of reducing the number of employees by any particular percentage, personnel changes may be made and some may be reassigned to areas where there is a greater need. Not every retiring person may be replaced. Each department is met on a quarterly basis to review spending and its alignment in the set budget for the year.

The Chancery recognizes four "business lines" or "buckets" in which the budget falls: Business insurance, Health insurance, DS&L bank, and Programs. A "zero dollar" investment return is budgeted so that if there is any investment return it will help the budget. Fr. Pitre asked why there is such an operating loss in DS&L; Mr. Hessel pointed out that the figures exclude investment returns. In response to a question raised by Msgr. Rossi, Mr. Hessel pointed out that he was working on a draft of projected budgeting and salaries for Archdiocesan employees that may be helpful as individual parishes set their salaries for the coming year.

A third handout was distributed which considers the possibility of using a centralized or standardize payroll in the archdiocese for FLSA issues, group benefits, pension processing, bookkeeper issues, tax implications, and collection issues. A list of archdioceses was presented with the extent to which each one uses such a system.

Msgr. Rossi stated that the archdiocese looked into this issue 10 years ago, and at that time decided against centralized/standardized payroll. Concerns included the fact that canonical parishes must be autonomous: parish employees are not archdiocesan employees and parish property is not the bishop's property. Pastors must retain their canonical rights as far as hiring and firing employees, but the archdiocese created boundaries/set standards for parish hiring.

Ms. Blankenship pointed out that the archdiocese does not do parish hiring, but that perhaps a system of using an outside payroll firm such as ADP would help parishes retain their autonomy yet give the Chancery access to the payroll activity of the parishes. Msgr. Rossi suggested that the focus needed to be on helping those parishes which are in most need of help because they struggle with payroll and employee issues.

Fr. Patout asked if pastors are given reports when problems or discrepancies are discovered by the Chancery. Ms. Blankenship responded affirmatively. Fr. Pitre pointed

out that most parish bookkeepers are doing a fine job. Ms. Blankenship made reference to the fact that many come to the archdiocese for training and are hungry to learn. Fr. Felix asked whether or not trainers go out to parishes to help, and an affirmative response was given. Cardinal DiNardo stated that indeed there are some parishes that really need help and guidance with their bookkeeping, while the majority of parishes do not have such a need.

A fourth handout entitled "Diocesan Priest Retirement" was distributed. The report presented a summary of the compensation and benefits of retired priests, comparing national averages of pension, vesting, portability, social security allowances, housing, benefits, continuing education, savings plans, auto allowances, retirement age and other information to those of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. It was pointed out that the current archdiocesan plan is not breaking even and needs a funding source. Fr. Horrigan asked if a subcommittee was needed to deal with these issues. Ms. Blankenship responded positively to the idea, and also stated that the Chancery was willing and happy to receive other ideas. She likewise responded positively to Msgr. Rossi's suggestion that the Priests' Retirement Manual be revised. Msgr. Rossi also pointed out that there is a great need to educate younger priests about investments and retirement planning since they cannot rely solely on their pensions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONSULTATIONS: Cardinal DiNardo announced a Mass in celebration of gratitude for the years of service of Bishop Vasquez. A vespers and dinner for priests will also be held. Bishop Vasquez will be installed as Bishop of Austin on Monday, March 8, and priests are highly encouraged to attend.

The announcement of a new Chancellor to replace Bishop Vasquez is imminent, and the announcement will first be made to the priests of the archdiocese.

The Cardinal has requested from the Apostolic Nuncio and Rome that two auxiliary bishops be granted to the Archdiocese. This process will take several months and patience is needed.

Catholic parishes collected in excess of \$1 million for Haiti relief efforts in the Archdiocese.

The new San Jose Clinic is about to be dedicated. It is now open to the public and serves many uninsured people, both immigrants and natives alike. It is the oldest free Catholic clinic in the United States.

The Priests' Lenten Day of Prayer will be held on March 18. Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop Fiorenza and Bishop Rizzotto will offer reflections on priesthood.

Bishop-elect Michael Mulvey will be installed as the Bishop of Corpus Christi on March 25. He is a former faculty member of St. Mary's Seminary and a priest of the Diocese of Austin.

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The Chrism Mass will take be March 30 at Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral. The Cardinal highly encouraged priests to attend.

The Cardinal will be in Rome next week with 23 priests from the archdiocese in celebration of the Year for Priests. Masses are planned at several churches, including St. Peter's Basilica and St. Eusebio, the Cardinal's titular church in Rome.

AGENDA ITEMS: Council members were asked to consider future agenda for the year and bring them to the next meeting.

CLOSING PRAYER: In his last act as a member of the Council, Bishop Vasquez offered the closing prayer at 2 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 20, 2010 from 10 am -- 2 pm at St. Mary's Seminary, Nold Education Building conference room.

Minutes approved for publication

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Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

Rev. Sean Horrigan, Chairman

Rev. John Huber, C.S.B., Secretary

**Bishops' Fund for Latin America  
As of April 26, 2010**

#	Parish	2010	#	Parish	2010
7001	St John-Alvin	2,489.50	7370	St Albert	1,783.15
7007	St Stanislaus-Anderson	287.11	7377	St Alphonsus	1,539.40
7013	Holy Trinity -Angleton	2,071.64	7384	St Ambrose	3,507.15
7025	St Martin-Barrett Station	263.00	7391	St Andrew Kim	395.00
7031	O L Guadalupe-Baytown	1,124.00	7398	St Anne	4,588.50
7033	St John-Baytown	1,448.00	7405	St Anne de Beaupre	239.50
7037	St Joseph-Baytown	787.00	7412	St Augustine	972.03
7043	St Wenceslaus-Beasley	411.00	7419	St Benedict	1,746.00
7049	Sts Peter/Paul-Bellville	315.00	7426	St Bernadette	3,300.00
7055	St Joseph-Brazoria	577.23	7433	St Catherine	1,660.00
7067	St Andrew-Channelview	756.10	7440	St Cecilia	8,135.99
7073	St Jerome-Clute	528.00	7447	St Charles	3,909.77
7079	Sacred Heart-Conroe	6,548.96	7454	St Christopher	2,281.00
7085	Sacred Heart-Crosby	1,438.00	7461	St Clare	1,436.00
7091	Sts Cyril/Methodius-Damon	235.70	7468	St Cyril	3,913.00
7097	St Anthony-Danbury	801.00	7475	St Dominic	1,307.27
7103	St Hyacinth-Deer Park	1,708.00	7482	St Elizabeth	6,351.00
7109	Shrine/True Cross-Dickinson	2,415.00	7489	St Frances Cabrini	2,166.84
7125	St Mary Star/Sea-Freeport	1,054.00	7496	St Francis de Sales	3,492.25
7131	Mary, Queen-Friendswood	5,103.71	7503	St Francis Assisi	608.32
7137	St Mary-Frydek/Sealy	373.00	7510	St Francis Xavier	2,439.13
7143	O L Fatima-Galena Park	1,139.81	7517	St Gregory	514.39
7149	Holy Family	5,317.00	7524	St Jerome	3,716.00
7183	St. Katharine Drexel-Hempstead	730.00	7531	St John Neumann	3,056.57
7193	St Jude-Highlands	556.00	7537	St John Vianney	5,686.50
7199	O L Lourdes-Hitchcock	4,019.50	7543	St Joseph	1,281.00
7201	All Saints	451.00	7549	St Justin	2,915.34
7207	Annunciation	1,945.00	7555	St Leo	3,671.00
7213	Ascension Chinese	790.38	7561	St Luke	869.00
7219	Assumption	2,987.71	7567	St Mark	1,555.69
7225	Blessed Sacrament	1,445.27	7573	St Mary	630.50
7230	Christ/Incarnate Word	-	7579	St Matthew	1,168.82
7231	Christ the King	1,300.00	7585	St Maximilian	386.74
7237	Christ the Redeemer	5,139.62	7591	St Michael	11,030.74
7243	Corpus Christi	3,181.70	7597	St Monica	707.79
7249	Holy Ghost	4,064.95	7603	St Nicholas	136.00
7255	Holy Name	788.32	7609	St Patrick	1,712.00
7261	Holy Rosary	6,223.19	7615	St Paul	1,055.00
7267	Imm. Conception	1,317.50	7621	St Peter Claver	-
7273	Imm. Heart of Mary	1,700.00	7627	St Peter Apostie	655.00
7285	Notre Dame	2,184.51	7634	St Philip Neri	368.55
7291	O L Czestochowa	231.00	7641	St Philip Jesus	1,952.90
7297	O L Guadalupe	959.03	7648	St Raphael	1,425.45
7303	O L Lavang	934.00	7655	St Rose of Lima	1,142.00
7306	O L Lourdes	1,012.00	7662	St Stephen	620.00
7309	O L Mt Carmel	2,052.00	7669	St Theresa	3,427.31
7315	O L Sorrows	278.00	7676	St Thomas More	5,525.00
7321	O L St John	1,842.17	7683	St Vincent de Paul	9,559.38
7327	O L Walsingham	353.00	7690	Vietnamese Martyrs	1,172.00
7333	O L Star of the Sea	163.83	7696	St Philip-Huffman	1,324.50
7339	O M of Mercy	1,080.00	7701	St Mary-Humble	4,229.00
7345	Prince of Peace	945.60	7707	St Thomas-Huntsville	1,001.59
7351	Queen of Peace	1,940.00	7713	Imm. Conception-Industry	-
7357	Resurrection	706.48	7723	Epiphany of the Lord-Katy	10,644.61
7363	Sacred Heart Co-Cath	4,470.81	7727	St Bartholomew-Katy	4,860.86

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7729	St Edith Stein-Katy	1,279.00
7733	St Martha-Kingwood	2,463.25
7739	Queen of Peace-La Marque	951.15
7745	St Mary-La Porte	1,679.00
7751	St Michael-Lake Jackson	1,271.10
7757	St Mary-League City	5,962.01
7769	St Matthias-Magnolia	1,313.51
7775	Sacred Heart/Jesus-Manvel	2,381.48
7781	Holy Family-Mc Nair	468.00
7787	Holy Family-Missouri City	519.00
7789	St. Angela Merici	903.00
7793	Christ Our Light-Navasota	386.01
7805	St Michael-Needville	758.00
7811	St John-New Caney	-
7817	St Joseph-New Waverly	1,298.50
7823	St. Juan Diego-Pasadena	1,235.00
7829	St Pius V-Pasadena	-
7831	Sacred Heart-Pattison	361.44
7835	St Helen-Pearland	5,495.50
7841	St Mary-Plantersville	1,587.91
7847	St Stephen-Point Blank	250.00
7865	Sacred Heart-Richmond	5,577.50
7869	St John-Richmond	832.79
7873	Holy Rosary-Rosenberg	2,523.65
7879	O L Guadalupe-Rosenberg	1,864.21
7885	Imm Conception-Sealy	1,120.00
7891	O L Grace-South Houston	257.00
7901	Chr/Good Shepherd-Spring	1,999.00
7906	St Edward-Spring	5,131.12
7911	St Ignatius-Spring	6,212.35
7916	St James-Spring	1,194.20
7925	St Joseph-Stoneham	236.00
7931	St Laurence-Sugarland	10,406.55
7937	St Theresa-Sugarland	6,220.54
7946	St Thomas-Sugarland	2,452.00
7951	O L Perpetual Help-Sweeny	358.25
7957	St Mary-Texas City	1,310.00
7963	St Anne-Tomball	2,264.50
7969	Guardian Angel-Wallis	864.79
7975	St John the Apostle-W Columbia	206.76
7979	St Anthony-The Woodlands	8,740.24
7981	Sts Simon/Jude-The Woodlands	3,168.00
0000	Other	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>330,259.17</b>