

CLERGY NEWS

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ILLNESSES

Msgr. Eugene Francis, retired, was in Methodist Hospital, Willowbrook, for a heart attack.

Msgr. Reginald Nesvadba, pastor of St. Helen Church in Pearland, was in St. Luke Hospital with a viral infection.

Rev. Neal Antle, retired, underwent throat surgery.

Rev. John Zabelskas, pastor of St. Jude Thaddeus Church in Highlands, was in San Jacinto Methodist Hospital, Baytown, for knee replacement surgery.

Rev. Gabre Adhana, retired, was admitted to St. Luke Hospital with chest pains.

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

GAME NIGHT FOR ACTIVE AND RETIRED PRIESTS

SAVE THE DATE! The Clergy Pastoral Outreach Ministry staff and the retired priests at St. Dominic Village invite you to come out for a night of fun and fellowship for **Game Night on Thursday, August 19**, beginning at **6:00 PM** at John XXIII Priest Retirement Home. There will be various games available, but if you like, you can bring a game of your choice. Event Contact: Nancy Carrasco 713-440-3436 or Deacon Ken Martin, 832-364-5474.

2010 DATES FOR PRIESTS TO RESERVE

Priesthood Ordinations are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 10, 2010, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

TRANSFERRING DIOCESAN PRIESTS

The diocesan Accountable Reimbursement Plan allows diocesan priests to have reimbursed up to \$1,500 per calendar year for business related expenses identified in the plan. All diocesan priests who have recently transferred parishes should have their parish bookkeeper prepare a statement showing how much of the ARP for 2010 has already been used. This should be given to the parish to which the priest is transferred so that the bookkeeper will know that the priest is only to be reimbursed for the unused portion of the ARP for 2010.

HURRICANE SEASON

Is your parish/school prepared in case of a hurricane? Please take some time to review the archdiocesan Disaster Preparedness and Response Manual to ensure that you are ready to protect people and property in case of a major storm. Meredith Smith, Risk Management, should be contacted if you have any questions. Hopefully all parishes have a disaster preparedness and relief coordinator identified and trained.

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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

1. The second collection at all Masses on the weekend of **July 17-18, 2010**, is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society Black Bag Annual Collection.
2. The Infirm Priests Collection is scheduled for the weekend of **August 14-15, 2010**.

Please promote these collections in your parish.

NECROLOGY

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

August 1, 1993	Rev. John B. Mullins, CSB
August 3, 1999	Rev. John A. Weihrer
August 4, 1985	Rev. James P. Courneen, MM
August 4, 1995	Rev. John A. Burke, CSB
August 7, 2001	Rev. Msgr. George A. Beck
August 8, 1943	Rev. Thomas F. Hogan
August 8, 1969	Rev. John M. Cody
August 8, 2006	Rev. William J. Young, CSB
August 9, 1895	Rev. Joseph Querat
August 10, 1856	Rev. Jean-Maurice Verdet, OMI
August 10, 1979	Rev. Joseph P. Walsh
August 11, 1997	Rev. Ernest P. Magee, CSB
August 13, 1844	Rev. J.M. Paquin, CM
August 15, 1931	Rev. Thomas J. Finn
August 15, 1970	Rev. Francis J. Klass
August 15, 1990	Rev. Timothy Curry, OP
August 20, 1970	Rev. George F. Laurenson
August 21, 1998	Rev. Stanley Guzik, OMI
August 21, 2001	Rev. John J. Connolly
August 23, 1857	Rev. John Bottet
August 23, 1947	Rev. George Berberich
August 25, 2007	Rev. A. Peter Whitney
August 26, 1980	Rev. Michael Biondi, CSB
August 26, 2003	Msgr. Elmer T. Quinters
August 27, 2002	Rev. Norbert N. Clemens, CSB
August 28, 1989	Msgr. Jack J. Davis
August 30, 1986	Rev. Arthur Nichols
August 30, 2003	Rev. Feliciano del Val
August 31, 1867	Rev. A.M. Micouleau

MARRIAGES OUTSIDE THE ARCHDIOCESE

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 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.

To avoid delay, carefully review marriage packets to ensure that all documents are properly executed, signed and that current baptismal certificates and affidavits of free status (2 each for the bride and groom) are included.

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

Please publish the following announcement in an upcoming issue of your parish bulletin. Thank you very much for your sensitivity to this very delicate issue.

"Pastoral Support for Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse: In a continuing effort to provide pastoral care to victims of sexual abuse by clergy or Church personnel, Archbishop 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 of 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."

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS-ORDINATIONS

We are writing to remind you that on Saturday, July 10, Deacon Joe Doran will be ordained to the priesthood by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo at 10:00 AM at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

In addition, Deacon Joseph Tap Vu O.P. of the Vietnamese Dominican Order will also be ordained a priest at the same liturgy. We look forward to your presence on this special occasion.

We would also like to share with you that Deacon Vincent Arong has decided to postpone his ordination and he will probably serve in a parish during this next year.

MINISTRY TO PRIESTS

The Office of Ministry to Priests would like all priests to mark their calendar with the dates of the 2011 Priests' Retreats.

January 3-7, 2011, Holy Name Retreat Center, **Most Rev. Bernard A. Hebda**, Bishop of Gaylord, MI

January 17-21, 2011, Christian Renewal Center, **Rev. Donald S. Nesti, CSSp**, Director, Center for Faith and Culture, UST

February, 7-11, 2011, Holy Name Retreat Center, **Most Rev. Samuel J. Aquila**, Bishop of Fargo, ND

Registration forms to be available in the Fall 2010.

INCARDINATION

Congratulations to Father Teodoro "Tim" Y. Prado on his incardination into the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Father Prado is currently serving as a chaplain with the Archdiocesan Chaplain Corps in the Medical Center.

FALL 2010 NULLITY CASE SPONSOR TRAINING

The Metropolitan Tribunal is pleased to announce its next formational training program of 36 hours for Nullity Case Sponsors, heartily supported by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo. It will be held in the Cathedral Centre at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1701 San Jacinto Street, Houston, TX 77002. Please encourage your deacons and qualified lay people to attend.

The scheduled classes will be held on the following six Saturdays from 9 am to 4 pm.

September 11th & 18th

October 2nd & 9th

November 13th & 20th

Please call the Tribunal for more information (713-807-9286) or toll free (1-877-674-5801). Registration forms will be posted shortly to the Tribunal web site.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

On back to back occurrence of Sunday and Holy Days, there is a precept of Eucharist participation for each day. However, whenever January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated (NCCB, 11/17/92, Congregation for Bishops, 7/4/92). While the Holy day obligation is automatically abrogated on these days, the liturgy of the feast is still to be celebrated in every parish and institution at a convenient time in such a way that the dignity of the feast is maintained.

BONUSES

As stated in the past, the Archdiocesan compensation plan for priests does not provide for a parish to give a bonus to the priest(s) from parish funds. The annual Priests' Compensation memorandum published in July covers the remunerations that a priest is entitled to receive from the parish. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call the Chancellor.

TESTAMENTARY GIFTS TO YOUR PARISH OR SCHOOL

If you become aware that your parish or school has been or will be named in an estate, contact the Archdiocesan Legal Department and provide a copy of all estate documents for review. Some estate challenges can be avoided with a simple review of the documents, and the Legal Department can help make sure the decedent's wishes are correctly carried out.

If a parishioner requests information on including your parish or school in their estate, provide them with the following language for their legal advisor.

"to Daniel Cardinal DiNardo,
Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, and
his successors in office, for the benefit
of

(parish, school or Archdiocese)
_____(city), _____(county),
Texas."

For more information on bequests, visit the Development Department's Planned Giving website at <http://www.plan.gs/Home.do?orgId=1147> or call Michael Schillaci at 713.652.4418.

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).

VOCATIONS OFC-JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The annual Archdiocesan celebration honoring Priests, Sisters and Brothers who are celebrating 25, 50 or 60 years of Priesthood or Consecrated Life will be held at Corpus Christi parish on Sunday, October 17 at 4:00 PM.

Members of the Clergy who are celebrating this year are:

60 Years

Rev. Simon Herbers C.P.
Rev. Thomas Mailloux C.S.B.

50 Years

Rev. Albert Gaelens C.S.B.
Rev. John "Jack" Gallagher C.S.B.
Rev. Peter T. Girardin

25 Years

Rev. Robert Bovenzi C.P.
Rev. Paul English C.S.B.
Rev. Roger Estorque
Rev. Lee Flores
Rev. Jose Salazar
Rev. John Vandenakker C.C.



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Cardinal

July 1, 2010

My Brother Priest:

At the very heart of Christianity is faith in Jesus Christ, a faith that bears fruit in love. We are to love the poor, the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, the stranger and the prisoner. Under these tough times, poverty affects more and more individuals and families in our communities. There is an ever-increasing need for the work of people who clearly see the Face of God in each suffering, hungry, homeless, abandoned and less-fortunate person.

The annual Society of St. Vincent de Paul Archdiocesan Council Black Bag Collection is scheduled for the weekend of July 17-18. The theme of this year is “From Just Us to Justice: Changing the face of poverty, one person at a time” This is the only major collection for the Society’s Archdiocesan Council during the year, and I ask for your active assistance in encouraging your parishioners to support this very important and most needed ministry.

The work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been and is truly a wonderful response to God’s poor. From January to September, 2009, over 298,000 direct aid services were offered to individuals in need through our Archdiocese. The Society provided more than \$5 million in assistance with food, clothing, household needs, as well as financial help for utilities, housing, transportation, medications and funeral expenses. In their despair the less fortunate of our brothers and sisters found hope through the efforts of the men and women of the Society.

The funds collected in this annual Black Bag Collection will enable the Archdiocesan Council office to support the parish-based Conferences in their Home Visit Ministry; to provide additional resources for over 42 food pantries; to prevent homelessness through the Vincentian Uplift Program; to offer food services to the hungry through the Society’s Food Network; to operate the Network of Charity Program which offers a variety of assistance to the needy; and to maintain the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Ministry that offers clothing, furniture and household goods at no charge to those in need.

The work of the Society is dependent on the committed efforts of over 2,000 Vincentian volunteers. They cannot effectively provide the needed services without financial support. Your parishioners become essential partners in the Vincentian work when they contribute to the Annual Black Bag Collection.

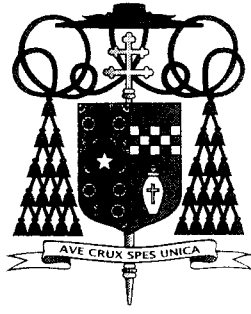
I encourage you, or a parishioner from your parish ministry of St. Vincent de Paul, to make this plea on behalf of the poor. Through you and your parish the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul can continue.

In gratitude for your endorsement of this important work of the Church, I am

+Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

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Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Cardinal

July 1, 2010

TO: All Pastors

My brother priests:

The annual Infirm Priests' Collection is a major source of revenue through which the Archdiocese is able to provide much needed medical and emergency support for our retired and infirm priests. This year the Infirm Priests' Collection will be the weekend of August 14-15.

As you are very well aware, medical costs continue to rise at an ever-increasing rate. These escalating costs can become very burdensome for our brother priests, especially those who are retired and have a limited income. These priests dedicated their active ministry years to the tireless care of the faithful of this Archdiocese. It is now our turn to provide them with our best care and support.

We are blessed to have an increased number of priests joining our Archdiocese through ordination or incardination. Still, over one-third of our archdiocesan priests are over 65 years of age and we presently have 56 priests living in retirement. The Archdiocese will face even greater financial responsibilities as more priests reach retirement age or face serious illness. Therefore, I ask you to please encourage your parishioners to generously support the Infirm Priests' Collection.

In parishes staffed by religious order priests, it is the practice of the Archdiocese that one-half of the Infirm Priests' Collection be provided to the religious order to be applied to the medical insurance premiums of the priests. Parishes are to send the entire collection to the chancery. The chancellor will forward to the superior the religious order's share of the collection.

I am deeply grateful for your pastoral zeal and priestly ministry. The faithful of this Archdiocese are well served by a devoted presbyterate. I thank you for encouraging your parishioners to be generous in their support of our retired and infirm priests and for their fervent prayers for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Fraternally in Christ,

+Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

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**Catholic Relief Services
As of June 24, 2010**

#	Parish	2010	#	Parish	2010
7001	St John-Alvin	2,001.50	7370	St Albert	1,757.25
7007	St Stanislaus-Anderson	153.00	7377	St Alphonsus	-
7013	Holy Trinity -Angleton	2,036.12	7384	St Ambrose	3,075.00
7025	St Martin-Barrett Station	334.07	7391	St Andrew Kim	358.00
7031	O L Guadalupe-Baytown	1,043.00	7398	St Anne	12,894.50
7033	St John-Baytown	1,289.00	7405	St Anne de Beaupre	261.00
7037	St Joseph-Baytown	447.00	7412	St Augustine	834.16
7043	St Wenceslaus-Beasley	426.00	7419	St Benedict	1,100.00
7049	Sts Peter/Paul-Bellville	-	7426	St Bernadette	10,026.00
7055	St Joseph-Brazoria	373.41	7433	St Catherine	2,016.58
7067	St Andrew-Channelview	2,391.75	7440	St Cecilia	6,433.14
7073	St Jerome-Clute	1,866.00	7447	St Charles	3,695.81
7079	Sacred Heart-Conroe	7,626.63	7454	St Christopher	1,341.50
7085	Sacred Heart-Crosby	979.00	7461	St Clare	152.25
7091	Sts Cyril/Methodius-Damon	286.00	7468	St Cyril	4,101.00
7097	St Anthony-Danbury	491.00	7475	St Dominic	1,095.61
7103	St Hyacinth-Deer Park	1,548.00	7482	St Elizabeth	5,982.00
7109	Shrine/True Cross-Dickinson	2,570.00	7489	St Frances Cabrini	1,952.40
7125	St Mary Star/Sea-Freeport	933.54	7496	St Francis de Sales	5,718.52
7131	Mary, Queen-Friendswood	5,468.26	7503	St Francis Assisi	321.00
7137	St Mary-Frydek/Sealy	257.00	7510	St Francis Xavier	1,665.45
7143	O L Fatima-Galena Park	898.64	7517	St Gregory	344.00
7149	Holy Family	5,033.56	7524	St Jerome	4,252.50
7183	St. Katharine Drexel-Hempstead	697.00	7531	St John Neumann	2,436.75
7193	St Jude-Highlands	692.00	7537	St John Vianney	7,057.25
7199	O L Lourdes-Hitchcock	6,651.85	7543	St Joseph	860.00
7201	All Saints	457.00	7549	St Justin	4,735.07
7207	Annunciation	2,368.14	7555	St Leo	2,409.00
7213	Ascension Chinese	638.00	7561	St Luke	1,301.00
7219	Assumption	2,854.15	7567	St Mark	1,562.73
7225	Blessed Sacrament	1,153.41	7573	St Mary	586.00
7230	Christ/Incarnate Word	465.00	7579	St Matthew	1,365.88
7231	Christ the King	1,013.00	7585	St Maximilian	3,455.82
7237	Christ the Redeemer	6,720.80	7591	St Michael	7,953.84
7243	Corpus Christi	2,985.55	7597	St Monica	659.83
7249	Holy Ghost	2,783.11	7603	St Nicholas	200.00
7255	Holy Name	801.00	7609	St Patrick	2,217.86
7261	Holy Rosary	2,926.00	7615	St Paul	1,545.25
7267	Imm. Conception	1,346.08	7621	St Peter Claver	204.29
7273	Imm. Heart of Mary	1,400.00	7627	St Peter Apostle	410.00
7285	Notre Dame	2,263.00	7634	St Philip Neri	494.89
7291	O L Czestochowa	252.00	7641	St Philip Jesus	-
7297	O L Guadalupe	-	7648	St Raphael	1,313.10
7303	O L Lavang	814.00	7655	St Rose of Lima	2,333.56
7306	O L Lourdes	910.00	7662	St Stephen	322.00
7309	O L Mt Carmel	1,659.00	7669	St Theresa	4,433.96
7315	O L Sorrows	309.25	7676	St Thomas More	6,773.50
7321	O L St John	2,406.25	7683	St Vincent de Paul	9,050.84
7327	O L Walsingham	592.00	7690	Vietnamese Martyrs	2,568.00
7333	O L Star of the Sea	70.00	7696	St Philip-Huffman	1,225.50
7339	O M of Mercy	977.10	7701	St Mary-Humble	4,368.00
7345	Prince of Peace	7,101.00	7707	St Thomas-Huntsville	1,511.00
7351	Queen of Peace	1,598.00	7713	Imm. Conception-Industry	281.00
7357	Resurrection	926.00	7723	Epiphany of the Lord-Katy	12,370.97
7363	Sacred Heart Co-Cath	3,661.00	7727	St Bartholomew-Katy	5,549.24

#	Parish	2010
7729	St Edith Stein-Katy	1,939.00
7733	St Martha-Kingwood	6,937.25
7739	Queen of Peace-La Marque	1,151.36
7745	St Mary-La Porte	1,714.00
7751	St Michael-Lake Jackson	1,227.00
7757	St Mary-League City	6,005.81
7769	St Matthias-Magnolia	1,459.89
7775	Sacred Heart/Jesus-Manvel	1,888.64
7781	Holy Family-Mc Nair	345.00
7787	Holy Family-Missouri City	451.00
7789	St. Angela Merici	963.00
7793	Christ Our Light-Navasota	374.07
7805	St Michael-Needville	1,036.97
7811	St John-New Caney	589.00
7817	St Joseph-New Waverly	1,189.32
7823	St. Juan Diego-Pasadena	1,088.00
7829	St Pius V-Pasadena	1,530.50
7831	Sacred Heart-Pattison	425.76
7835	St Helen-Pearland	5,242.50
7841	St Mary-Plantersville	1,862.25
7847	St Stephen-Point Blank	420.50
7865	Sacred Heart-Richmond	6,417.00
7869	St John-Richmond	650.12
7873	Holy Rosary-Rosenberg	1,992.18
7879	O L Guadalupe-Rosenberg	1,701.94
7885	Imm Conception-Sealy	1,097.00
7891	O L Grace-South Houston	442.00
7901	Chr/Good Shepherd-Spring	5,301.00
7906	St Edward-Spring	5,310.37
7911	St Ignatius-Spring	7,262.00
7916	St James-Spring	2,789.17
7925	St Joseph-Stoneham	316.00
7931	St Laurence-Sugarland	15,068.61
7937	St Theresa-Sugarland	6,001.52
7946	St Thomas-Sugarland	2,934.75
7951	O L Perpetual Help-Sweeny	472.00
7957	St Mary-Texas City	1,797.76
7963	St Anne-Tomball	3,146.00
7969	Guardian Angel-Wallis	799.00
7975	St John the Apostle-W Columbia	236.47
7979	St Anthony-The Woodlands	7,832.18
7981	Sts Simon/Jude-The Woodlands	5,050.00
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