

# CLERGY NEWS

March 2012

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## ILLNESSES

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

## 2012 DATES FOR PRIESTS TO RESERVE

1. The **Lenten Day of Prayer** for Priests will be on Thursday afternoon, March 29, 2012, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary Seminary.
2. The **Chrism Mass** will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.
3. **Convocation and Clergy Days** will be held from May 7-10, 2012, at the Moody Gardens in Galveston.
4. **Priesthood Ordinations** are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2012, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.
5. The **Priests' Christmas Party for 2012** is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18. Vespers begin at 5:15 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart followed by a reception at Cathedral Center. Place this date on your calendar and plan on attending. Please do not schedule any penance services for that night.

## 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.

## 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.

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

Parishes are encouraged to have a separate program for adult Catholics seeking to be confirmed. The Adult confirmations will be on the weekend of Pentecost Sunday, May 26-27, 2012, and the weekend of Trinity, June 2-3, 2012. 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 list of the parishes who responded, as of February 28, that they will be offering classes will be published in the Texas Catholic Herald issue of March 13. The list will also be published on the Chancery Advisory and on the Archdiocesan Website. The Chancery Advisory and Archdiocesan website will be updated weekly.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In case of emergency, Bishop Sheltz can be reached at the following numbers:  
713-524-2876 (home) or  
713-501-2166 (cell)

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

1. The Catholic Relief Services Collection is scheduled for the weekend of March 17-18, 2012.
2. The Holy Land Collection is scheduled for Good Friday, April 6, 2012

Please promote these collections in your parish.

**NECROLOGY**

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

April 1, 1874	Rev. Matthew Sarry
April 1, 1950	Bishop Christopher E. Byrne
April 2, 1965	Rev. Terenciano Montero, OMI
April 3, 1996	Msgr. William L. Tinney
April 3, 2011	Rev. Harold V. O'Leary, CSB
April 4, 1983	Rev. John Hannaher, SVD
April 5, 1850	Rev. J.A. Jacobs
April 5, 1926	Rev. J.J. Gallagher
April 5, 1992	Msgr. John E. Kukral
April 6, 1989	Rev. Eugene Heyck, CSB
April 7, 1991	Rev. George A. Harcar, CSSp
April 7, 1995	Rev. Francis E. Monaghan, CSB
April 7, 2009	Msgr. T. Joseph Culver
April 8, 1912	Rev. C.M. Thion
April 8, 1980	Rev. Eugene J. Farrell, SSJ
April 9, 1890	Rev. V. Gury
April 9, 2002	Rev. Christopher Bang Le, CSSR
April 10, 1892	Rev. James Giraudon
April 12, 1931	Rev. Simon Spinneweber
April 15, 1935	Rev. Otto Bauer
April 16, 1867	Bishop John Timon, CM
April 16, 1947	Rev. William Roach
April 16, 1994	Rev. Edward Rehkopf, SJ
April 18, 2003	Rev. Francis Strafalace, SCJ
April 19, 1958	Msgr. Jacob Schnetzer
April 24, 1976	Rev. Edward G. Lee, CSB
April 26, 1916	Rev. Peter Bienemann
April 26, 2007	Rev. Isaac O. Francis
April 27, 1900	Rev. Antoine Borias
April 30, 1992	Msgr. Dexter L. George

**OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

Listed below are the members of the Clergy who are celebrating this year. If you or someone you know is a Jubilarian and the name does not appear on this list, please notify the Office of Vocations, 713-652-8239 or [vocations@archgh.org](mailto:vocations@archgh.org)

**Diamond – 60 Years**

Rev. Patrick O. Braden, C.S.B.  
 Rev. Msgr. Eugene G. Francis  
 Rev. Blas P. Herrador  
 Rev. John W. Kellick  
 Rev. James J. Keon, C.S.B.  
 Rev. Henry A. Laenen, O.M.I.  
 Rev. Kenneth E. Mikulik  
 Rev. Msgr. Fred P. O'Conner

**Golden – 50 Years**

Rev. Janusz A. Ihnatowicz  
 Rev. Henry C. Rachunek  
 Rev. Bernard C. Snock

**Silver – 25 Years**

Rev. Arthur P. Alban  
 Rev. Kenneth J. Howard, S.S.J.  
 Very Rev. Lawrence W. Jozwiak  
 Rev. Joseph A. Limanni  
 Rev. Paul E. Lockey  
 Rev. Bruce Noble  
 Rev. Msgr. Paul Procella

**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

Increasingly people in our parishes are finding it difficult to get in touch with a priest in emergencies, in the evenings and especially on weekends.

If you have an automated answering machine, please make sure that the messages are current and that the emergency contact numbers are easily accessible.

**MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE PLAN**

Please recall that each parish and mission is required to accept the missionary assigned every year by the Mission Office, through the Missionary Cooperative Plan. You will be receiving your assigned missionary for 2011 via a letter from the Mission Office within the next few weeks. The missionary is to talk at the Masses and take up a collection. The parish is to send the money to the Accounting Office at the Chancery for forwarding to the missionary society/diocese.

This mission appeal does not replace the World Mission Sunday second collection in October. Please avoid assigning the missionary on the second-to-last weekend in October.

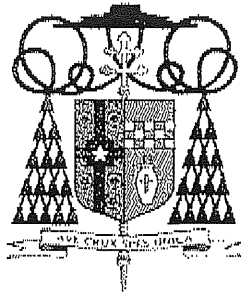
No parish is required to accept other missionaries to make appeals at the parish during the year. In fact, great caution should be used before agreeing to allow other missionaries to make an appeal, as they can have a negative effect on the success of the Missionary Cooperative Plan if parishioners feel they are asked too often to contribute to missionary endeavors. Before another missionary is allowed to make an appeal at the parish, a suitability letter from his superior must be sent to the Chancellor's office for approval and the collection is NOT to be given directly to the missionary.

Please be aware that some organizations not linked directly to the Church might aggressively approach you, requesting an invitation to make a presentation or mission appeal during the weekend, while offering a priest to help you with the celebration of the Mass. Some of these organizations are not legitimate, have a checkered past and/or will inundate your parishioners with additional and repeated appeals for donations. Exercise caution as to whom you invite to your parish to make an appeal or presentation. Any special concerns should be brought to the attention of Hilda Ochoa, director of the Mission Office.

**RISK MANAGEMENT**

All pastors are encouraged to read the two risk management articles on Driver Training and Workers' compensation published in the Chancery Advisory of February 24, 2012.

If you have any questions regarding the articles, please contact Kirk Jenings, Risk Management, 713-652-8225.



## Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

*Office of the Cardinal*

March 1, 2012

To: All Pastors

My brother priests:

The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRS) scheduled for March 17-18, 2012, helps fund Catholic organizations that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person. In many ways, families are the heart of our communities. When families are in distress, are separated, or are otherwise challenged, our Church reaches out. And it does so whether those families are across the street or halfway around the globe. This Collection funds six Catholic agencies that protect families by providing basic humanitarian aid and life-skills training to those in need, protecting poor families all over the world:

- **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)** assists impoverished and disadvantaged persons overseas based solely on need.
- **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)** delivers legal services to low-income immigrants and refugees.
- **USCCB Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)** actively helps refugees and other vulnerable people in the United States by providing resettlement, programs for victims of human trafficking and public policy advocacy.
- **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development (JPHD)** advocates for poor and vulnerable people and for international peace and justice.
- **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church** evangelizes and ministers to immigrants, migrants and refugees.
- **Holy Father's Relief Fund** provides assistance to victims of natural disasters and emergencies around the world.

Please encourage your parishioners to give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection. By giving to The Catholic Relief Services Collection, they are responding to human life and the dignity of the human person. Please visit [www.usccb.org/erscollection](http://www.usccb.org/erscollection) to find out how your generosity touches lives all over the world.

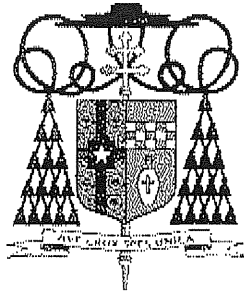
With gratitude and prayerful best wishes, I am

Fraternally in Christ,

*+Daniel Cardinal DiNardo*

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March 1, 2012

To: All Pastors

My brother priests:

During the Season of Lent, every Christian thinks of the Holy Land. All of us have a favorite bible story that brings that ancient land to life. But the reality of the Holy Land today often does not match the scenes in our imagination.

We are called to support Christianity in the Holy Land. Today, schools and parishes are signs of peace and hope. Shrines in Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem and many other locations welcome Christian pilgrims. The church in the Holy Land provides housing and food for the poor.

All Christians are called to assist our brothers and sisters who now live in the land that was sanctified by the Lord's life, death and resurrection.

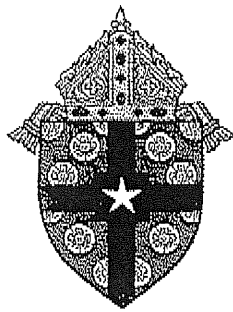
Please encourage your parishioners to support Christianity in the Holy Land by making a donation to the Holy Land Collection on Good Friday, April 6. It is a Pontifical Collection; that is requested by Pope Benedict XVI. Holy Land Christians, along with all the clergy and religious working there, deeply appreciate your help.

Fraternally in Christ,

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## Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Chancery Office

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Priests

**FROM:** Christina Deajon *cd*  
Vice Chancellor & Associate General Counsel

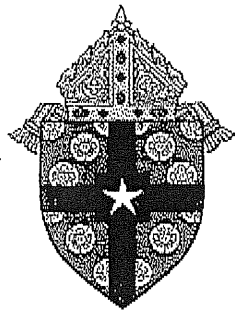
**DATE:** February 29, 2012

**RE:** Confirmed Date for Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect George A. Sheltz

On behalf of Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, I am pleased to inform you that the date of the Ordination of Bishop-Elect George A. Sheltz has been confirmed for Wednesday, May 2, 2012. Below please find a schedule of events for your calendars.

Tuesday, May 1st, 6:00 p.m.	Vespers for Priests and visiting Bishops Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
Tuesday, May 1st, 7:00 p.m.	Reception/Dinner for Priests and visiting Bishops Four Seasons Hotel, 1300 Lamar, Houston
Wednesday, May 2nd, 2:00 p.m.	Mass of Ordination Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
Wednesday, May 2nd, 5:00 p.m.	Reception Hilton Americas, 1600 Lamar, Houston

A formal invitation will follow.



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*Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston*

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Chancery Office

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All Pastors and Principals

**FROM:** Mr. David E. Hessel 

**CC:** Michele Yanta

**DATE:** February 29, 2012

**RE:** Medical Plan Premium Update  
2012-2013 Budget Assumptions

This follows my February 13, 2012, correspondence to you communicating our Budget Assumptions for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year. You may recall that I indicated you would receive further information regarding the specific challenges of our health plan and a decision regarding a possible increase in medical premiums charged to our parishes and schools by March 1, 2012.

As previously noted, healthcare costs continue to rise each year for all employers on average of 8-9% per year. Due to the redesign of the Archdiocesan Health Plan which included specific cost savings measures, our costs have only increased at an average rate of 2-3% per year for the last three years. As a result, there has not been an increase in medical plan premiums charged to parishes or schools since the 2007-08 budget year.

Unfortunately, going forward those previous cost savings achieved through the plan redesign have reached a plateau and the gap between the premiums collected and the expenses of administering the health plan is continuing to widen. Some of the reasons for the financial challenges we are experiencing are related to our plan statistics, healthcare reform and the overall healthcare environment as outlined below:

**Archdiocesan Health Plan Statistics**

- Average age 49 (average age of other employers early 40's) and 70% female
- \$7,394 average total benefit cost per year
- \$4 million in high dollar claims in 2011 for serious medical conditions which adversely affects cost of renewal with providers and carriers

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#### Healthcare Reform

- Coverage for Dependents is required to continue to age 26
- Lifetime limits have been eliminated
- Ban on pre-existing condition exclusion to age 19 (in 2014 all exclusions will be banned)

#### Healthcare Environment

- Medical inflation market projections are 7-9% per year
- Excessive test and overuse of imaging is driving up costs

After vigorous analysis, internal discussions and consultations with others including the Presbyteral Council, Cardinal DiNardo has decided not to change Health Plan premium rates charged to parishes and schools for the upcoming fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 (Fiscal Year 2013). Please note health plan premiums will be raised in the following fiscal year (Fiscal Year 2014) and premiums will likely be raised each year thereafter similar to other economic trends that are seen in health and medical plan expenses. In order to ensure sufficient time for you to plan for this increase in your 2014 budget, the rate of increase in the medical premium (once determined), will be communicated to you no later than December 31, 2012.

We will also continue to explore a number of strategies to reduce costs and address the funding issue, which may include both wellness programs and the possibility of asking employees to share in the cost of their health plan premium by paying a small portion of the premium for their own coverage which is currently paid entirely by their employer location.

Rest assured the Archdiocese of Galveston – Houston will work diligently to maintain a medical plan that provides for the healthcare needs of our employees and their dependents.



**Campaign for Human Development**  
As of February 23, 2012

#	Parish	2011	#	Parish	2011
7001	St John-Alvin	1,886.00	7370	St Albert	1,594.36
7007	St Stanislaus-Anderson	132.77	7377	St Alphonsus	1,042.05
7013	Holy Trinity-Angleton	1,345.59	7384	St Ambrose	2,201.00
7025	St Martin-Barrett Station	360.00	7391	St Andrew Kim	480.00
7031	O L Guadalupe-Baytown	958.00	7398	St Anne	7,411.00
7033	St John-Baytown	1,182.00	7405	St Anne de Beaupre	168.11
7037	St Joseph-Baytown	583.00	7412	St Augustine	1,122.95
7043	St Wenceslaus-Beasley	159.00	7419	St Benedict	1,185.00
7049	Sts Peter/Paul-Bellville	719.51	7426	St Bernadette	10,361.00
7055	St Joseph-Brazoria	353.00	7433	St Catherine	3,148.00
7067	St Andrew-Channelview	2,819.35	7440	St Cecilia	4,516.49
7073	St Jerome-Clute	546.00	7447	St Charles	4,084.27
7079	Sacred Heart-Conroe	5,047.11	7454	St Christopher	1,564.00
7085	Sacred Heart-Crosby	1,312.41	7461	St Clare	1,100.30
7091	Sts Cyril/Methodius-Damon	308.75	7468	St Cyril	2,777.00
7097	St Anthony-Danbury	710.00	7475	St Dominic	956.02
7103	St Hyacinth-Deer Park	1,348.00	7482	St Elizabeth	6,250.12
7109	Shrine/True Cross-Dickinson	2,366.81	7489	St Frances Cabrini	1,759.00
7125	St Mary Star/Sea-Freepport	922.22	7496	St Francis de Sales	3,065.23
7131	Mary, Queen-Friendswood	4,301.34	7503	St Francis Assisi	395.26
7137	St Mary-Frydek/Sealy	331.00	7510	St Francis Xavier	1,588.87
7143	O L Fatima-Galena Park	1,324.27	7517	St Gregory	594.50
7149	Holy Family	4,964.22	7524	St Jerome	3,919.00
7183	St. Katharine Drexel-Hempstead	834.00	7531	St John Neumann	2,244.51
7193	St Jude-Highlands	937.25	7537	St John Vianney	5,361.00
7199	O L Lourdes-Hitchcock	1,886.00	7543	St Joseph	848.00
7201	All Saints	640.00	7549	St Justin	2,565.90
7207	Annunciation	1,366.50	7555	St Leo	2,451.00
7213	Ascension Chinese	722.00	7561	St Luke	1,032.00
7219	Assumption	3,096.64	7567	St Mark	3,102.49
7225	Blessed Sacrament	1,356.70	7573	St Mary	640.00
7230	Christ/Incarnate Word	395.00	7579	St Matthew	1,332.91
7231	Christ the King	1,401.00	7585	St Maximilian	2,467.00
7237	Christ the Redeemer	5,511.50	7591	St Michael	18,150.58
7243	Corpus Christi	4,167.75	7597	St Monica	584.22
7249	Holy Ghost	3,468.54	7603	St Nicholas	164.00
7255	Holy Name	-	7609	St Patrick	806.87
7261	Holy Rosary	4,378.00	7615	St Paul	4,728.78
7267	Imm. Conception	1,434.00	7621	St Peter Claver	
7273	Imm. Heart of Mary	1,400.00	7627	St Peter Apostle	340.00
7285	Notre Dame	1,973.83	7634	St Philip Neri	648.98
7291	O L Czestochowa	251.00	7641	St Philip Jesus	-
7297	O L Guadalupe	"	7648	St Raphael	1,116.64
7303	O L Lavang	1,303.00	7655	St Rose of Lima	2,876.77
7306	O L Lourdes	1,042.00	7662	St Stephen	676.82
7309	O L Mt Carmel	1,935.00	7669	St Theresa	4,203.07
7315	O L Sorrows	302.00	7676	St Thomas More	6,109.00
7321	O L St John	1,584.63	7683	St Vincent de Paul	7,647.99
7327	O L Walsingham	461.00	7690	Vietnamese Martyrs	1,139.00
7333	O L Star of the Sea	-	7696	St Philip-Huffman	1,473.50
7339	O M of Mercy	986.00	7701	St Mary-Humble	4,277.00
7345	Prince of Peace	5,928.11	7707	St Thomas-Huntsville	1,202.68
7351	Queen of Peace	1,960.00	7713	Imm. Conception-Industry	641.50
7357	Resurrection	917.00	7723	Epiphany of the Lord-Katy	10,210.27
7363	Sacred Heart Co-Cath	4,068.11	7727	St Bartholomew-Katy	5,638.30

#	Parish	2011
7729	St Edith Stein-Katy	1,641.00
7733	St Martha-Kingwood	13,745.00
7739	Queen of Peace-La Marque	591.28
7745	St Mary-La Porte	1,974.00
7751	St Michael-Lake Jackson	1,888.00
7757	St Mary-League City	4,738.79
7769	St Matthias-Magnolia	1,438.37
7775	Sacred Heart/Jesus-Manvel	2,832.65
7781	Holy Family-Mc Nair	504.00
7787	Holy Family-Missouri City	878.00
7789	St. Angela Merici	2,829.12
7793	Christ Our Light-Navasota	293.47
7805	St Michael-Needville	785.69
7811	St John-New Caney	-
7817	St Joseph-New Waverly	728.50
7823	St. Juan Diego-Pasadena	1,248.00
7829	St Pius V-Pasadena	-
7831	Sacred Heart-Pattison	937.25
7835	St Helen-Pearland	3,510.00
7841	St Mary-Plantersville	2,931.00
7847	St Stephen-Point Blank	309.11
7865	Sacred Heart-Richmond	5,611.00
7869	St John-Richmond	1,217.23
7873	Holy Rosary-Rosenberg	-
7879	O L Guadalupe-Rosenberg	2,123.28
7885	Imm Conception-Sealy	1,234.00
7891	O L Grace-South Houston	268.00
7901	Chr/Good Shepherd-Spring	2,945.00
7906	St Edward-Spring	5,249.62
7911	St Ignatius-Spring	5,391.00
7916	St James-Spring	1,115.65
7925	St Joseph-Stoneham	178.00
7931	St Laurence-Sugarland	15,401.18
7937	St Theresa-Sugarland	4,871.85
7948	St Thomas-Sugarland	5,043.00
7951	O L Perpetual Help-Sweeny	372.71
7957	St Mary-Texas City	1,273.00
7963	St Anne-Tomball	3,028.50
7969	Guardian Angel-Wallis	940.77
7975	St John the Apostle-W Columbia	188.88
7979	St Anthony-The Woodlands	7,475.00
7981	Sts Simon/Jude-The Woodlands	5,023.00
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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>358,413.14</b>