

# CLERGY NEWS

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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 **Chrism Mass** will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.
2. **Convocation and Clergy Days** will be held from May 7-10, 2012, at the Moody Gardens in Galveston.
3. **Priesthood Ordinations** are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2012, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.
4. 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.

## EPISCOPAL ORDINATION EVENTS

Please note that clergy do need to RSVP for the events listed below if they have not done so already. Pastors may invite two parishioners to the Ordination Mass on May 2, and should include their names and addresses in the RSVP so tickets to the Mass can be mailed to them. Please mail or email your responses to Patti Gallagher in the Development Office, [pgallagher@archgh.org](mailto:pgallagher@archgh.org).

Tuesday May 1, 6:00 p.m., Vespers, Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Wednesday, May 2, 1:00 p.m., Vest at Cathedral Centre, procession to begin at 1:40 p.m. and Mass of Ordination to begin at 2:00 p.m., Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Bishop Sheltz will also preside at the following Masses of Thanksgiving around the Archdiocese.

May 15, 2012, Prince of Peace Church, 7:00 p.m.

May 24, 2012, St. Anthony of Padua Church, The Woodlands, 7:00 p.m.

May 29, 2012, Christ the Redeemer Church, 7:00 p.m.

June 4, 2012, Annunciation Church, 7:00 p.m.

June 5, 2012, Holy Family Church, Galveston, 7:00 p.m.

All are invited to join in these celebrations.

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

1. The second collection at all Masses on the weekend of April 28-29, 2012, is for Home Missions.
2. The second collection at all Masses on the weekend of May 19-20, 2012, is for the Catholic Communications Collection.

Please promote these collections in your parish.

**NECROLOGY**

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

May 1, 2008	Rev. Albert Moraczewski, OP
May 2, 2009	Rev. Royce Hughes
May 3, 1984	Rev. Wm. Peter Elder, OP
May 3, 1985	Rev. John F. Kiernan, SSJ
May 3, 1993	Rev. Ignatius Gutmann
May 4, 1977	Rev. Maurice Dho
May 5, 1897	Rev. Antoine Faure
May 5, 1972	Rev. Thomas H. Dailey, OP
May 5, 1991	Rev. Lawrence Fanning, OMI
May 5, 2002	Msgr. James A. Jamail
May 5, 2008	Rev. William H. Brenda, OP
May 6, 1946	Rev. Michael I Hurley
May 7, 1974	Msgr. John A. Cummings
May 7, 1981	Rev. Leo Joseph Munelly, CSB
May 7, 2004	Rev. Sylvester Heppner, OFM
May 8, 1996	Rev. Walter H. Principe, CSB
May 9, 1965	Rev. Florencio Andres, OMI
May 9, 1974	Msgr. Victor A. DiPrimeo
May 9, 2003	Rev. Anton Sheltz
May 11, 1928	Rev. Theodore Buffard
May 11, 1969	Rev. Anthony A. Keil, SSJ
May 11, 2003	Rev. David Burns
May 14, 1884	Rev. Victor de Lisicki
May 15, 1962	Rev. Edward A. Sheffield
May 15, 1996	Rev. Jose Barandiaran, SSS
May 16, 1986	Rev. James O'Connell, CSsR
May 21, 1895	Bishop Claude M. Dubuis
May 22, 1944	Rev. Innocent Raska
May 24, 1962	Rev. Joseph P. Sullivan
May 25, 1870	Bishop Jean M. Odin, CM
May 27, 1929	Rev. Matthew McSorley
May 28, 1934	Rev. Benedict C. Pfiffner
May 28, 1990	Rev. Rudolph G. Beranek
May 29, 1958	Rev. Authur J. Flannagan, SSJ
May 29, 2009	Rev. Joseph Luc Van Do, OP

**DISCALCED CARMELITE NUNS**

The Discalced Carmelite Nuns are a cloistered community in New Caney, Texas, and have long been a part of the Religious Communities in the Archdiocese. One of the ways they generate revenue to sustain themselves is through the distribution of communion hosts. I encourage you to consider supporting these nuns who have dedicated their lives to prayer and contemplation. They can be reached at 281-399-0270 or by fax at 281-689-3615.

**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.

**MINISTRY TO PRIESTS**

Please place the following dates on your calendar.

1. Overnight Mentoring Retreat will be held on Thursday, August 16 and Friday August 17, 2012, at Holy Name Retreat Center.
2. Clergy Retreats for 2013:  
January 7-11, 2013, Holy Name Retreat Center  
January 21-25, 2013, Christian Renewal Center  
February 4-8, 2013, Holy Name Retreat Center

**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)

**DEATH**

Rev. Leszek Wedziuk, S.Chr., who served as pastor of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in Houston from February 2010-August 2011, died of cancer on March 4, 2012, in Baltimore. He was 52 years old. The funeral Mass was on March 8 at Holy Rosary Church in Baltimore. Please remember Fr. Wedziuk and his family in your prayers.

**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 that are having Adult Confirmation classes is published in the Texas Catholic Herald and Chancery Advisory and can be found on the Archdiocesan Website.

**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.

In addition, please be advised that if you wish to invite a foreign national priest who is not a permanent resident of the United States, you must consult with the Chancellor's Office to ensure that the foreign national priest has authorization to work in the U.S. This consultation should occur in advance of extending the invitation.

**ONGOING FORMATION OF PRIESTS**

Over the past year, the Office of the Chancellor and the Secretariat of Clergy Formation and Chaplaincy services has entered into much dialogue regarding the growing needs of our priests for resources and support for ongoing formation. This was further expressed in the "Listening to the Faithful" sessions with priests for the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan. After prayerful discernment, the Archdiocese determined the need for a full time position to coordinate these efforts and provide greater availability to priests by supporting their spiritual, human, intellectual and pastoral development.

We are happy to announce that Sister Gina Maria Iadanza, MSC, has accepted this position of Director of the Office of Ongoing Formation of Priests. In this role, Sister Gina will collaborate with our Committee for Ongoing Formation of Priests and with each of you in your continual lifelong growth in priestly ministry and well being.

Please join us in welcoming Sister Gina, whose position began on March 19, 2012. Her email address is [giadanza@archgh.org](mailto:giadanza@archgh.org). She can be temporarily reached by calling the Clergy Formation Office at 713-652-4406. She will be officed at St. Mary Seminary in the future.

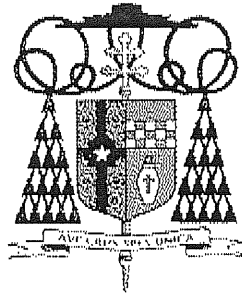
**CHANCERY HOLIDAYS**

The Chancery will be closed Holy Thursday afternoon, April 5, Good Friday, April 6 and Easter Monday, April 9, 2012 for the Easter Holidays

**WANTED**

St Mark the Evangelist Parish is in need of the following items in good condition:  
Folding chairs  
Portable Altar  
Processional cross and candles

If you have any of these items for sale or "free to a good home", please contact Mary Gosline at 281-437-9114.



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## Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Cardinal

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April 1, 2012

To: All Pastors

My brother priest:

The 2012 **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** is scheduled for the weekend of April 28-29. There are 88 home mission dioceses in the United States. These dioceses are unable to fund basic and essential pastoral works such as catechesis, seminary formation and lay leadership training, and are unable to attend to the unique needs of the communities they serve.

The Catholic Home Mission appeal supports important pastoral projects like faith formation, cultural ministry and aid to poor parishes. Additionally, in mission dioceses throughout the United States, there is a serious need for priestly formation in order to build vibrant parish communities. 18-20% of the funds collected go toward seminarian education.

For more information on the Catholic Home Missions and the dioceses and eparchies funded by the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, please visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

Please encourage your parishioners to give generously to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. The Church in the United States needs our support. Together we can **strengthen the Church at home**.

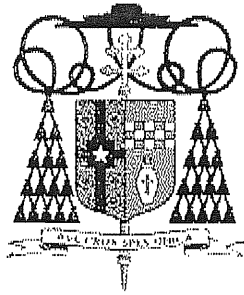
With prayerful best wishes, I am

Fraternally in Christ,

*+Daniel Cardinal DiNardo*

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My brother priest:

Through the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) the words of the Holy Father in his World Communications Day Message are brought to life. He encouraged young people to "make good use of their presence in the digital world" (January 5, 2011). The Collection for CCC helps in this effort by providing grants to build Catholic social media networks as well as spread the Good News through podcasts, television, radio and print media.

The CCC Collection supported this goal by funding a Virtual Pilgrimage to World Youth Day last year. In addition to the thousands of young people in attendance, there were many who could not travel to Madrid for the five-day event. The Virtual Pilgrimage, which was available on Facebook, allowed participants to create a virtual faith community through animated representations of themselves, or avatars. Avatars of people at home could connect with the avatars of those in attendance at World Youth Day, allowing for the exchange of videos, blog postings and photos that ultimately brought the event to the digital world.

CCC makes it possible for each of us to use this burgeoning new technology to deepen our own faith, whether through podcasts of the daily readings, Catholic television and radio broadcasts or the ever-expanding social networking realm.

Please support this important work in the upcoming Collection, which will be on the weekend of May 19-20, 2012. Half of all proceeds remain in our Archdiocese to support our local communication efforts.

The Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign is how the Good News gets around. For more information on the Catholic Communication Campaign and the projects funded by the Collection, please visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

Fraternally in Christ.

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**Retirement Fund for Religious Sisters Collection**  
**As of March 26, 2012**

#	Parish	2012	#	Parish	2012
7001	St John-Alvin	2,403.50	7370	St Albert	1,296.03
7007	St Stanislaus-Anderson	340.52	7377	St Alphonsus	1,000.83
7013	Holy Trinity -Angleton	2,239.77	7384	St Ambrose	2,690.00
7025	St Martin-Barrett Station	294.00	7391	St Andrew Kim	434.00
7031	O L Guadalupe-Baytown	946.50	7398	St Anne	13,514.00
7033	St John-Baytown	2,344.00	7405	St Anne de Beaupre	124.00
7037	St Joseph-Baytown	737.00	7412	St Augustine	1,269.45
7043	St Wenceslaus-Beasley	558.80	7419	St Benedict	1,218.00
7049	Sts Peter/Paul-Bellville	1,044.00	7426	St Bernadette	15,172.00
7055	St Joseph-Brazoria	504.58	7433	St Catherine	3,528.00
7067	St Andrew-Channelview	3,213.23	7440	St Cecilia	6,397.66
7073	St Jerome-Clute	700.00	7447	St Charles	3,884.15
7079	Sacred Heart-Conroe	8,349.57	7454	St Christopher	2,369.00
7085	Sacred Heart-Crosby	1,498.22	7461	St Clare	2,537.21
7091	Sts Cyril/Methodius-Damon	290.00	7468	St Cyril	4,756.00
7097	St Anthony-Danbury	1,883.00	7475	St Dominic	1,439.64
7103	St Hyacinth-Deer Park	1,523.00	7482	St Elizabeth	9,028.00
7109	Shrine/True Cross-Dickinson	3,731.00	7489	St Frances Cabrini	2,628.20
7125	St Mary Star/Sea-Freeport	1,549.00	7496	St Francis de Sales	5,556.80
7131	Mary, Queen-Friendswood	9,269.25	7503	St Francis Assisi	443.00
7137	St Mary-Frydek/Sealy	533.00	7510	St Francis Xavier	1,806.42
7143	O L Fatima-Galena Park	1,549.23	7517	St Gregory	574.00
7149	Holy Family	6,885.64	7524	St Jerome	5,536.00
7183	St. Katharine Drexel-Hempstead	845.00	7531	St John Neumann	2,821.82
7193	St Jude-Highlands	898.50	7537	St John Vianney	17,893.00
7199	O L Lourdes-Hitchcock	7,455.00	7543	St Joseph	1,231.00
7201	All Saints	2,575.48	7549	St Justin	4,619.59
7207	Annunciation	4,200.32	7555	St Leo	2,481.00
7213	Ascension Chinese	915.77	7561	St Luke	1,296.00
7219	Assumption	2,368.41	7567	St Mark	3,252.51
7225	Blessed Sacrament	1,276.48	7573	St Mary	585.00
7230	Christ/Incarnate Word	435.00	7579	St Matthew	1,693.02
7231	Christ the King	1,440.00	7585	St Maximilian	3,016.00
7237	Christ the Redeemer	11,740.43	7591	St Michael	23,016.99
7243	Corpus Christi	9,191.42	7597	St Monica	560.79
7249	Holy Ghost	3,302.61	7603	St Nicholas	214.00
7255	Holy Name	-	7609	St Patrick	832.76
7261	Holy Rosary	6,972.04	7615	St Paul	6,334.60
7267	Imm. Conception	1,473.45	7621	St Peter Claver	609.58
7273	Imm. Heart of Mary	-	7627	St Peter Apostle	571.00
7285	Notre Dame	2,551.89	7634	St Philip Neri	489.75
7291	O L. Czestochowa	257.00	7641	St Philip Jesus	2,022.00
7297	O L. Guadalupe	587.67	7648	St Raphael	1,649.11
7303	O L. Lavang	1,668.00	7655	St Rose of Lima	3,025.61
7306	O L. Lourdes	1,460.00	7662	St Stephen	632.63
7309	O L. Mt Carmel	2,140.00	7669	St Theresa	5,563.60
7315	O L. Sorrows	352.00	7676	St Thomas More	9,502.00
7321	O L. St John	1,827.34	7683	St Vincent de Paul	32,290.43
7327	O L. Walsingham	1,230.00	7690	Vietnamese Martyrs	-
7333	O L. Star of the Sea	122.00	7696	St Philip-Huffman	3,197.00
7339	O M of Mercy	1,174.00	7701	St Mary-Humble	6,422.00
7345	Prince of Peace	6,960.00	7707	St Thomas-Huntsville	1,952.00
7351	Queen of Peace	2,068.00	7713	Imm. Conception-Industry	1,151.00
7357	Resurrection	956.00	7723	Epiphany of the Lord-Katy	17,137.31
7363	Sacred Heart Co-Cath	6,696.81	7727	St Bartholomew-Katy	8,289.51

