

# 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

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 Centre. Place this date on your calendar and plan on attending. Please do not schedule any penance services for that night.

## MINISTRY TO PRIESTS

Please place the following dates on your calendar.

### Clergy Retreats for 2013:

January 7-11, 2013, Holy Name Retreat Center, Rev. Larry Christian

January 21-25, 2013, Christian Renewal Center, Most Rev. Mike Duca

February 4-8, 2013, Holy Name Retreat Center, Rev. Mel Blanchette, SS

## 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)

## REMINDER – ELECTION SEASON

In the document *Faithful Citizenship*, the US Bishops Conference has outlined the important principles to be considered in voting. They include Protecting Human Life, Promoting Family Life, Pursuing Social Justice and Practicing Global Solidarity. Teaching, from the pulpit or otherwise, which omits comprehensive reference to all these principles does a disservice to the Bishops' efforts to fully inform the consciences of the Faithful and may be viewed as selective and partisan. Homilists are encouraged to be mindful that the goal of the Church to encourage Catholics to vote, while not endorsing specific candidates or political parties, cannot be achieved by fragmenting the message of *Faithful Citizenship*.

Also, please remember that distribution of political literature (propaganda, endorsements of political party or candidate, etc.) on parish property is prohibited. These publications are not proper for distribution on parish property as they engage in partisan politics. Please do not allow political literature to be distributed by parishioners or anyone else in the Church or on parish property unless it is voter education material prepared by the USCCB or has the specific approval of the Archbishop's office.

## 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.

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

The Propagation of Faith Collection is scheduled for the weekend of **October 20-21, 2012**. Please promote this collection in your parish.

### NECROLOGY

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

October 1, 1853 Mr. Jean Pierre Bajard  
 October 1, 1853 Rev. Jean-Marie Baudrand, OMI  
 October 1, 1981 Bishop Wendelin J. Nold, STD  
 October 5, 1866 Rev. Jean Bigat  
 October 5, 1962 Rev. Max E. Budnik  
 October 5, 1970 Rev. John J. Brady, MS  
 October 9, 1993 Bishop Bernard J. Ganter, DD  
 October 10, 1972 Msgr. Joseph C. Kunc  
 October 10, 1993 Rev. Cornelius Ryan, OMI  
 October 12, 1847 Rev. Bartholomew Rollando, CM  
 October 12, 1993 Msgr. John C. Perusina  
 October 14, 1928 Rev. A. DeSimone  
 October 14, 1996 Rev. Ernest Perhach  
 October 15, 1884 Rev. Claude Martinierre  
 October 15, 2001 Rev. George S. Silvester, CSB  
 October 15, 2009 Rev. Jose Maria Fernandez  
 October 16, 1967 Rev. Leslie J. Vasek, CSB  
 October 16, 1983 Rev. Eugene Lynch, MS  
 October 16, 2002 Rev. A.J. Chandonnet, CSSR  
 October 16, 2007 Rev. Alcuin E. Greenburg  
 October 17, 1953 Rev. Michael Leahy  
 October 19, 1903 Rev. Odilo Schorer  
 October 19, 1966 Rev. George Black  
 October 19, 1969 Rev. John F. Collins, CSB  
 October 19, 1969 Rev. Dennis Kennedy  
 October 20, 2003 Msgr. Frank A. Lagana  
 October 20, 2004 Rev. Joseph T. O'Malley  
 October 21, 1929 Rev. Emile L.J. Fluery  
 October 21, 2004 Msgr. Sylvester J. Fuchs  
 October 23, 1990 Rev. Rodrigue Hemond  
 October 24, 1867 Rev. Alex Renoux  
 October 24, 1896 Rev. Joseph N. Jacquet  
 October 25, 2005 Msgr. George V. Rhein  
 October 25, 2009 Rev. John Chinh Chan Tran  
 October 26, 1970 Rev. Wilfrid J. Murphy, CSB  
 October 27, 1853 Rev. Edward Hug  
 October 27, 1953 Rev. J.P. Dillon, CSB  
 October 30, 1888 Rev. Francis Derue  
 October 30, 1946 Rev. Alfred G. Grattan  
 October 30, 1977 Rev. Anselm Townsend, OP  
 October 30, 1988 Rev. Joseph R. Plummer  
 October 30, 1990 Rev. Ludon Angelle

### CONFIRMATIONS FOR 2013

Forms for requesting Confirmations in 2013 were mailed to all the pastors. The deadline for returning request form is September 30, 2012. Please contact Cardinal DiNardo's office, 713-652-8201, if your parish did not receive a Confirmation Request form. Forms received after September 30<sup>th</sup> will be for 2014 Confirmations.

### STIPENDS FOR FUNERALS

Reminder: Funeral Directors need to be made aware that they should not include in their expenses stipends for priests who are celebrating the funeral. Priests are not allowed to charge or ask for a donation for a funeral. It is up to the family of the deceased whether or not they would like to give a stipend or donation.

### FROM THE OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

There will be a workshop on the new Catechetical Curriculum Framework for Lifelong Faith Formation for all pastors and their catechetical leaders on Friday, September 28, 2012 from 10:00am until 3:00pm at St. Mary's Seminary, Nold Auditorium. Cardinal DiNardo will present the document to be launched in this Year of Faith. The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis along with the Office of Adolescent Catechesis and Evangelization will explain in more detail the pastoral implications of the Framework and provide the tools to continue the conversations for the development of your own parish catechetical vision. Catholic School principals and religion coordinators are encouraged to attend the morning session. Registration forms with more information will be sent to all parishes and schools by August 25<sup>th</sup>.

### CHANCERY CLOSED

The Chancery Offices will be closed Monday, September 3, 2012 for Labor Day.

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP

A "Protecting God's Children" workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2012, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the first floor conference room of the Downtown Chancery.

This workshop is reserved for CLERGY (if they need it) & NEW EMPLOYEES.

Due to the size of the room, seating is limited. Please sign up online early to save a spot.

Log in to [www.virtuw.org](http://www.virtuw.org) or click [Registration Process](#) to begin.

Please direct any questions to Joe Maire, 713-652-4401.

## UPDATE - REDUCTION IN PARISH TAXABLE INCOME FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

On June 30, 2012, you were informed of a policy change approved by Cardinal DiNardo allowing a reduction of taxable income for contributions made by parishes to any Catholic school which is a part of the Archdiocesan Catholic School system. This policy change was effective Fiscal Year 2012.

Since distributing the memorandum announcing the policy change, there has been a request from a number of parishes to expand the eligible entities to include contributions made directly from parishes to the University of St. Thomas. The Archdiocese has maintained a long standing relationship with UST. This is particularly apparent by our partnership which provides for the location of its School of Theology on the campus of St. Mary Seminary. As a result of our ongoing collaboration, Cardinal DiNardo has approved the request to include parish contributions to UST as a reduction of parish taxable income. If you have any questions, please contact Janie Morales at 713.652.8259 or Vicki Stroman at 713.652.8234.

## CLERGY PASTORAL OUTREACH

The Clergy Pastoral Outreach Ministry staff cordially invites both active and retired priests to their monthly social events which are generally held at the Pope John XXIII Priest Residence at St. Dominic Village unless otherwise noted. We hope you can join us for some fun. Call Gina Bibb for more information at 713-440-3436.

### Thursday, September 6

Rosary with Mary Mother Guardian of the Faith Community, 11:00 AM, Station 3 Lobby-Maloney Hall

### Friday, September 7

Farewell party for Nancy Garcia, long-time secretary for Clergy Pastoral Outreach (and meet the new secretary – Gina Bibb), 3:30 PM

### Tuesday, September 11

SHOWTIME *Rudy*, 1:30 PM

### Thursday, September 13

September Birthday Gathering, 1:30 PM

### Thursday, September 20

Rosary with Mary Mother Guardian of the Faith Community, 11:00 AM, Station 3 Lobby-Maloney Hall

Ice Cream Social hosted by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul staff, 1:30 PM

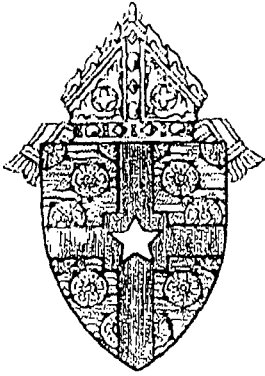
### Thursday, September 27

Sacred Heart Society Italian Lunch, 816 East Whitney Street, Houston, TX 77022 (free lunch; arrive by 11:00 AM)

## NOTICE

Be advised that recently the Archdiocese was informed that a man identified as Alonso Davila has been representing himself as a Catholic priest and offering sacramental services in private homes, etc.; in the Archdiocese for a fee. This individual is unknown to the Archdiocesan officials; therefore, if he is in fact a Catholic priest, he has no faculties to engage in priestly ministry in this Archdiocese.

If you have additional information about this individual, please contact the Chancellor's office.



## ***PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL***

*Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston*

Minutes  
Meeting of June 5, 2012

The Council met in the third floor conference room of the Nold Building at St. Mary Seminary. Fr. Rivers Patout called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Fr. Clint Ressler offered the Opening Prayer. Fr. Paul Felix took the roll.

Present:	Bishop-elect George A. Sheltz	Fr. Joseph A. Gietl
	Msgr. Chester Borski	Fr. Daniel Lahart, S.J.
	Msgr. Frank H. Rossi	Fr. Rivers Patout
	Msgr. Daniel Scheel	Fr. Eric Pitre
	Msgr. Leo Wleczyk	Fr. Page Polk, O.F.M.
	Fr. Brendan Cahill	Fr. Clint Ressler
	Fr. Dwight Canizares	Fr. Miguel Solorzano
	Fr. Paul G. Felix	Fr. Albert Zanatta, C.R.S

Excused: Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

Absent: Fr. Michael Barrosa

MINUTES: The minutes of April 17, 2012 were accepted as presented. They were accepted by a voice vote.

POPE JOHN XXIII PRIEST SURVEY: Mr. Steve Reiter, CEO of St. Dominic's Village, accompanied by Dcn. Ken Martin, presented to the Council the results of the Priests' Survey. The survey had been produced by a survey committee including Bishop Sheltz, Msgr Rossi, Fr. Horrigan and Fr. Zanatta.

Dcn. Martin stated that Maloney Hall is full. It is a facility that was built with 15 rooms equipped for double occupancy which was planned to accommodate 30 priests. However priests want single rooms so the functional capacity is 15.

Mr. Reiter said that priests suffering from dementia or Alzheimer's need to be addressed separately. They do not necessarily need nursing home care. There is a need for a memory care unit with activities to aid with their conditions. Those activities include medication management, exercise, and mental stimulation. There are currently 6 to 8 priests who need memory care. The memory care issue is safety.

One of the main reasons Mr. Reiter and Den. Martin approached the Presbyteral Council is to discuss the committee's recommendation to look at rebuilding. They are seeking direction. The current facilities are in need of more than \$200,000.00 in improvements. They want to know what the Archdiocese will support as a plan to care for retired priests.

The direction is to study a possible shift from providing facilities for independent living to an emphasis on assisted living and memory care.

Fr. Cahill suggested following up with Ms. Michele Yanta in setting up a meeting with priests age 55 and above to discuss retirement planning.

Fr. Lahart suggested that a better demographic study was needed.

BUDGET PROCESS FOR 2012-2013: Mr. David Hessel Archdiocesan Finance Officer and Business Manager, addressed the Council on the budget preparation process that is currently underway. After reviewing the proposed budget the Presbyteral Council recommended the Cardinal accept the proposed Budget for 2012-2013.

CATHOLIC EXTENSION PARISH CALENDAR PROGRAM: Bishop Sheltz told the Council that Cardinal DiNardo received a call from Cardinal George who suggested that Cardinal DiNardo issue a decree mandating parishes to use the Catholic Extension Calendar program. Cardinal DiNardo said that he wouldn't mandate it but that he is encouraging parishes to participate in the Catholic Extension Calendar program.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Bishop Sheltz requested that future agenda items be submitted to Fr. Rivers Patout. Other suggestions for agenda items are as follows:

- There was a question about the seminarians' formation with respect to the Liturgy of the Hours.
- Fr. Ressler raised the topic concerning the role of Deans (Vicars Forane) in facilitating communication among the clergy.
- Fr. Solorzano requested a discussion on the topic of simplifying access to data via the internet [on the Archdiocesan website].
- Msgr. Wleczyk recommended discussing the increasing problem of sports activities on Sundays interfering with Mass and religious education programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONSULTATIONS:

- Bishop Sheltz distributed Mr. Jim Barrette's written update on the archdiocesan Pastoral Plan.
- He reminded the Council the Fortnight of Freedom would be beginning soon.

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- He informed the Council that he and Cardinal DiNardo would be away next week for the Bishops' meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 14, 2012, from 10 am -- 2 pm at St. Mary's Seminary, Nold Education Building conference room 113.

CLOSING PRAYER AND GRACE: Fr. Patout led the Council in the concluding prayer.

Minutes approved for publication

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Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

Rev. Rivers Patout, Chairman  
Rev. Paul G. Felix, Secretary

**Catholic Communications**  
As of August 27, 2012

#	Parish	2012	#	Parish	2012
7001	St John-Alvin	1,577.50	7370	St Albert	1,593.78
7007	St Stanislaus-Anderson	154.72	7377	St Alphonsus	1,088.95
7013	Holy Trinity -Angleton	2,036.68	7384	St Ambrose	-
7025	St Martin-Barrett Station	177.00	7391	St Andrew Kim	360.00
7031	O L. Guadalupe-Baytown	1,174.00	7398	St Anne	2,875.00
7033	St John-Baytown	1,326.00	7405	St Anne de Beaupre	131.00
7037	St Joseph-Baytown	430.00	7412	St Augustine	922.50
7043	St Wenceslaus-Beasley	281.00	7419	St Benedict	604.00
7049	Sis Peter/Paul-Belville	1,071.00	7426	St Bernadette	1,000.00
7055	St Joseph-Brazoria	316.35	7433	St Catharine	921.00
7067	St Andrew-Channelview	2,824.04	7440	St Cecilia	3,863.36
7073	St Jerome-Clute	383.00	7447	St Charles	4,058.89
7079	Sacred Heart-Conroe	4,671.00	7454	St Christopher	1,352.50
7085	Sacred Heart-Crosby	981.88	7461	St Clare	524.00
7091	Sis Cyril/Methodius-Damon	233.00	7468	St Cyril	-
7097	St Anthony-Danbury	726.00	7475	St Dominic	1,162.12
7103	St Hyacinth-Deer Park	1,461.75	7482	St Elizabeth	5,421.00
7109	Shrine/True Cross-Dickinson	2,153.75	7489	St Frances Cabrini	2,184.00
7125	St Mary Star/Sea-Freeport	-	7496	St Francis de Sales	5,780.70
7131	Mary, Queen-Friendswood	5,252.91	7503	St Francis Assisi	355.55
7137	St Mary-Frydek/Sealy	211.00	7510	St Francis Xavier	1,184.79
7143	O L Fatima-Galena Park	1,377.77	7517	St Gregory	556.50
7149	Holy Family	8,413.47	7524	St Jerome	4,130.00
7183	St. Katharine Drexel-Hempstead	655.00	7531	St John Neumann	-
7193	St Jude-Highlands	651.55	7537	St John Vianney	5,683.00
7199	O L Lourdes-Hitchcock	1,379.00	7543	St Joseph	764.00
7201	All Saints	529.00	7549	St Justin	2,717.86
7207	Annunciation	1,123.05	7555	St Leo	1,218.00
7213	Ascension Chinese	720.00	7561	St Luke	570.00
7219	Assumption	2,579.36	7567	St Mark	2,806.09
7225	Blessed Sacrament	1,346.02	7573	St Mary	383.00
7230	Christ/Incarnate Word	285.00	7579	St Matthew	1,213.63
7231	Christ the King	1,596.00	7585	St Maximilian	916.00
7237	Christ the Redeemer	4,727.17	7591	St Michael	4,710.36
7243	Corpus Christi	3,183.15	7597	St Monica	464.32
7249	Holy Ghost	2,883.40	7603	St Nicholas	141.00
7255	Holy Name	-	7609	St Patrick	735.00
7261	Holy Rosary	5,515.84	7615	St Paul	1,155.28
7267	Imm. Conception	1,492.37	7621	St Peter Claver	-
7273	Imm. Heart of Mary	-	7627	St Peter Apostle	390.00
7285	Notre Dame	2,400.30	7634	St Philip Neri	373.05
7291	O L Czesochowa	-	7641	St Philip Jesus	4,620.00
7297	O L Guadalupe	800.00	7648	St Raphael	1,023.04
7303	O L Lavang	1,651.00	7655	St Rose of Lima	1,724.07
7306	O L Lourdes	804.00	7662	St Stephen	922.00
7309	O L Mt Carmel	2,113.00	7669	St Theresa	3,095.15
7315	O L Sorrows	270.00	7676	St Thomas More	4,874.00
7321	O L St John	1,153.36	7683	St Vincent de Paul	6,172.35
7327	O L Walsingham	251.00	7690	Vietnamese Martyrs	1,388.00
7333	O L Star of the Sea	110.00	7696	St Philip-Huffman	1,156.50
7339	O M of Mercy	1,279.00	7701	St Mary-Humble	-
7345	Prince of Peace	1,427.00	7707	St Thomas-Huntsville	1,211.33
7351	Queen of Peace	1,796.00	7713	Imm. Conception-Industry	298.75
7357	Resurrection	-	7723	Epiphany of the Lord-Katy	8,823.36
7363	Sacred Heart Co-Cath	5,046.00	7727	St Bartholomew-Katy	5,376.50

#	Parish	2012
7729	St Edith Stein-Katy	1,199.00
7733	St Martha-Kingwood	3,394.00
7739	Queen of Peace-La Marque	726.00
7745	St Mary-La Porte	1,334.00
7751	St Michael-Lake Jackson	1,660.00
7757	St Mary-League City	4,654.77
7769	St Matthias-Magnolia	1,249.39
7775	Sacred Heart/Jesus-Manvel	2,476.11
7781	Holy Family-Mc Nair	284.00
7787	Holy Family-Missouri City	279.00
7789	St. Angela Merici	1,895.73
7793	Christ Our Light-Navasota	733.08
7805	St Michael-Needville	624.06
7811	St John-New Caney	671.00
7817	St Joseph-New Waverly	973.30
7823	St. Juan Diego-Pasadena	1,191.50
7829	St Pius V-Pasadena	-
7831	Sacred Heart-Pattison	441.63
7835	St Helen-Pearland	4,881.00
7841	St Mary-Plantersville	2,004.40
7847	St Stephen-Point Blank	138.35
7865	Sacred Heart-Richmond	3,588.95
7869	St John-Richmond	930.07
7873	Holy Rosary-Rosenberg	1,419.57
7879	O L Guadalupe-Rosenberg	1,246.75
7885	Imm Conception-Sealy	832.25
7891	O L Grace-South Houston	178.00
7901	Chr/Good Shepherd-Spring	3,230.00
7906	St Edward-Spring	3,650.05
7911	St Ignatius-Spring	5,009.00
7916	St James-Spring	1,241.51
7925	St Joseph-Stoneham	278.00
7931	St Laurence-Sugarland	-
7937	St Theresa-Sugarland	179.00
7946	St Thomas-Sugarland	2,038.36
7951	O L Perpetual Help-Sweeny	363.00
7957	St Mary-Texas City	1,512.47
7963	St Anne-Tomball	1,476.00
7969	Guardian Angel-Wallis	769.31
7975	St John the Apostle-W Columbia	341.00
7979	St Anthony-The Woodlands	5,741.00
7981	Sis Simon/Jude-The Woodlands	2,219.00
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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>257,050.26</b>