

CLERGY NEWS

April 2013

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ILLNESSES

Msgr. Adam McClosky, pastor of All Saints Church in Houston, was in St. Luke Hospital for gall bladder surgery. He is recovering at the parish.

Rev. Henry Rachunek, retired, underwent surgery at Memorial Herman Southwest Hospital.

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

2013 DATES FOR PRIESTS TO RESERVE

The **Priests' Christmas Party for 2013** is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17. 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.

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 by 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.

If the priest is a foreign national, he must have the proper authorization to work in the United States.

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 18-19, 2013. 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.

Updated list of parishes offering classes are published in the Texas Catholic Herald, the Chancery Advisory and on the Archdiocesan Website.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

1. The second collection at all Masses on the weekend of April 27-28, 2013, is for Home Missions.
2. The second collection at all Masses on the weekend of May 11-12, 2013, 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 21, 2012	Rev. Thomas P. Warden, CSB
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.

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)

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. **PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, APRIL 8 IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE BBQ SO THE SEMINARIANS WILL KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD TO PREPARE!!!** Call Gina Bibb for more information at 713-440-3436.

Tuesday, April 2

The Bread of Life Homeschool Group will make their annual Easter visit. They usually entertain us with songs and poems and their visits.

Tuesday, April 9 and Wednesday, April 10

SHOWTIME *The Sound of Music* – come sing and dance to some wonderful old favorites! 1:30 PM each day – Refreshments served

Thursday, April 11

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

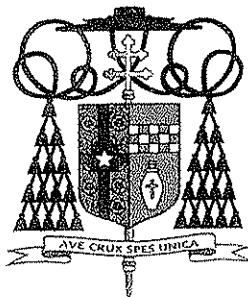
Enjoy some BBQ lunch with some of our Seminarians from St. Mary's. Lunch is at noon, and we will also celebrate our April Birthdays with dessert after lunch.

Thursday, April 18

Sacred Heart Society Italian Lunch, 816 East Whitney Street, Houston, TX 77022 (free lunch for priests; arrive by 10:30 AM)

Thursday, April 25

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



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Cardinal

April 1, 2013

To: All Pastors

My brother priest:

The 2012 **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** is scheduled for the weekend of April 27-28. Four out of every ten dioceses in the United States cannot offer their people basic pastoral care or provide priestly formation and lay ministry training without outside help. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports important pastoral projects like faith formation, evangelization programs, and aid to poor parishes.

The Diocese of Amarillo covers a 26,000 square mile area in the remote and desolate northern portion of the Texas Panhandle. Many parishioners must travel 30 miles or more each way to attend Mass and receive the sacraments. Additionally, more than half of all parishes in the diocese are without a full-time priest, and many of the available priests serve two to three parishes. With help from the Appeal, the diocese's seminarian education and formation program is able to identify, cultivate, and prepare young men to respond to the call to the priesthood. The Appeal provides much needed relief as the diocese continues to struggle to meet the pastoral and sacramental needs of parishioners.

The millions of Catholics who live in home mission dioceses rely on your generous support. Please encourage your parishioners to give generously to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal and help **strengthen the Church at home**.

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.

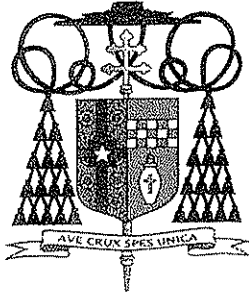
With prayerful best wishes, I am

Fraternally in Christ,

+Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

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April 1, 2013

To: All Pastors

My brother priest:

The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) supports projects throughout the world that encourage use of new media as a tool for the New Evangelization. The Collection for CCC plays a role in evangelization by providing grants for social media sites, podcasts, print media, radio and television projects that spread the Good News.

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) prepared an immersion program in the Middle East for Catholic journalists from the United States and Canada. By experiencing firsthand the cares and concerns of the Middle East's Christian community, Catholic media professionals are able to stimulate the growth of quality news coverage of the Middle East from a Catholic perspective. Instead of sitting down for a presentation on the flight of Christians out of Palestine, the group experienced the harsh reality lived by the refugees at a Palestinian refugee camp near Beirut. With support from CCC, the immersion program helps improve the writing of Catholic journalists while at the same time strengthening the roots of their personal Catholic faith.

CCC makes it possible for each of us to take the messages we receive from the web and use them to deepen our own faith by supporting podcasts of the daily readings, Catholic television and radio broadcasts and Catholic use of the ever-expanding social media realm

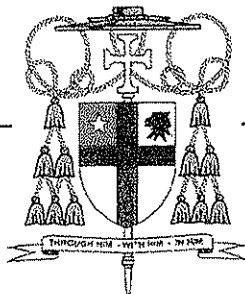
The Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign is how the Good News gets around...**to you**. Please ask your parishioners to support this important work in the upcoming Collection, which will be held the weekend of May 11-12. Your support is needed to make the Collection successful. Remember, half of the proceeds from this Collection stay here to support our local communication efforts. For more information on the Catholic Communication Campaign and the projects funded by the Collection, please visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

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Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Auxiliary Bishop

April 2, 2013

Dear Pastor:

As you know, one of the responsibilities of the Archdiocesan Archives is to microfilm the parish sacramental records. These records are among the most important that parishes keep, and microfilming the records ensures their security. It provides a back-up copy of the records, should anything happen to the original registers. In addition, the Archives uses the microfilmed registers to assist individuals in locating their sacramental records.

The last microfilming project was done in 2007, and it is again time to update our records. Microfilming is set to begin in May, and it will continue through the summer, in order to cover the entire Archdiocese. The Archives staff will contact your secretary or records staff to schedule your parish records.

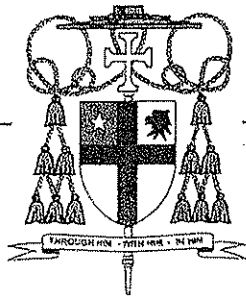
We have again contracted with an outside vendor to handle the microfilming. As we have done in the past, we will ask each parish to bring their records to the downtown Chancery, where they will be prepped for filming and transferred to the vendor. For this project, the vendor will retain the books over a one-week period. During this time, requests for sacramental records can be referred to the Archives.

Your cooperation with this important project is appreciated. Please share this information with your parish staff. If you have any questions about the project, please contact Lisa May in the Archives.

Fraternally in Christ,

Most Rev. George A. Sheltz
Auxiliary Bishop/Chancellor
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Auxiliary Bishop

FAXLETTER

To: Pastors, Adult Ed Directors, DRE's
 From: Most Rev. George A. Sheltz + *Gas*
 Chancellor
 Date: April 2, 2013
 Re: Adult Confirmation – Weekend. of Pentecost Sunday, May 18-19, 2013
 and Trinity Sunday, May 26

We will once again celebrate Confirmation for adults. Please complete this form with the number of confirmandi. The deadline for returning your request is Thursday, April 18, 2013.

Fax to the Chancellor's Office, (713) 759-9151, ASAP. Thank you

How many adults from your parish are to be confirmed this Pentecost?

English: _____

Spanish: _____

_____ Classes have not begun and we do not have numbers

_____ We are not having preparation classes.

Preferred Location (please rank your choices 1-3)

Saturday, May 18, 2013 (Vigil of Pentecost)

_____ 7:30 p.m. – St. Cecilia, Houston (Bilingual)

Sunday, May 19, 2013 (Pentecost)

_____ 2:30 p.m. – Christ the Redeemer, Houston (Bilingual)

_____ 2:30 p.m. – Mary Queen, Friendswood (English)

_____ 2:30 p.m. – St. Ignatius of Loyola, Spring (Bilingual)

_____ 3:00 p.m. – Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (Bilingual)

_____ 7:30 p.m. – Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (Spanish)

_____ 7:30 p.m. – St. Helen, Pearland (Bilingual)

Sunday, May 26, 2013 (Trinity Sunday)

_____ 3:00 p.m. – St. Maximilian Kolbe, Houston (Bilingual)

_____ 7:30 p.m. – St. Francis de Sales, Houston (Bilingual)

Parish Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Person Email: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Bishop's Fund for Latin America
As of March 22, 2013

#	Parish		#	Parish	
7001	St John-Alvin	1,897.50	7370	St Albert	1,586.96
7007	St Stanislaus-Anderson	311.00	7377	St Alphonsus	1,461.50
7013	Holy Trinity -Angleton	2,046.66	7384	St Ambrose	2,215.00
7025	St Martin-Barrett Station	144.00	7391	St Andrew Kim	389.00
7031	O L Guadalupe-Baytown	1,095.00	7398	St Anne	3,801.00
7033	St John-Baytown	1,123.00	7405	St Anne de Beaupre	193.33
7037	St Joseph-Baytown	573.00	7412	St Augustine	1,077.31
7043	St Wenceslaus-Beasley		7419	St Benedict	
7049	Sts Peter/Paul-Bellville	601.69	7426	St Bernadette	3,125.00
7055	St Joseph-Brazoria	450.00	7433	St Catherine	2,844.07
7067	St Andrew-Channelview	3,050.46	7440	St Cecilia	4,001.74
7073	St Jerome-Clute	677.00	7447	St Charles	3,953.29
7079	Sacred Heart-Conroe	3,586.96	7454	St Christopher	1,573.00
7085	Sacred Heart-Crosby	1,514.12	7461	St Clare	2,906.00
7091	Sts Cyril/Methodius-Damon	354.00	7468	St Cyril	3,952.48
7097	St Anthony-Danbury	699.75	7475	St Dominic	1,134.01
7103	St Hyacinth-Deer Park	1,270.54	7482	St Elizabeth	8,029.00
7109	Shrine/True Cross-Dickinson	2,194.00	7489	St Frances Cabrini	
7125	St Mary Star/Sea-Freeport	1,219.38	7496	St Francis de Sales	3,711.20
7131	Mary. Queen-Friendswood	5,007.78	7503	St Francis Assisi	396.85
7137	St Mary-Frydek/Sealy	264.00	7510	St Francis Xavier	
7143	O L Fatima-Galena Park	1,941.10	7517	St Gregory	537.50
7149	Holy Family	5,256.00	7524	St Jerome	4,391.50
7183	St. Katharine Drexel-Hempstead	989.00	7531	St John Neumann	
7193	St Jude-Highlands	982.47	7537	St John Vianney	7,270.00
7199	O L Lourdes-Hitchcock	4,644.00	7543	St Joseph	1,003.00
7201	All Saints	281.00	7549	St Justin	2,582.64
7207	Annunciation	2,233.50	7555	St Leo	2,110.00
7213	Ascension Chinese	678.75	7561	St Luke	4,620.88
7219	Assumption	2,992.19	7567	St Mark	2,955.40
7225	Blessed Sacrament	245.05	7573	St Mary	
7230	Christ/Incarnate Word		7579	St Matthew	1,380.79
7231	Christ the King	1,254.00	7585	St Maximilian	853.00
7237	Christ the Redeemer	4,298.32	7591	St Michael	17,025.78
7243	Corpus Christi	3,966.83	7597	St Monica	620.46
7249	Holy Ghost	4,090.01	7603	St Nicholas	189.00
7255	Holy Name		7609	St Patrick	593.00
7261	Holy Rosary	5,028.55	7615	St Paul	1,456.00
7267	Imm. Conception	1,829.05	7621	St Peter Claver	362.41
7273	Imm. Heart of Mary	1,400.00	7627	St Peter Apostle	745.00
7285	Notre Dame	1,742.04	7634	St Philip Neri	354.06
7291	O L Czestochowa	439.00	7641	St Philip Jesus	
7297	O L Guadalupe	1,041.91	7648	St Raphael	1,375.74
7303	O L Lavang	2,036.00	7655	St Rose of Lima	
7306	O L Lourdes	1,900.00	7662	St Stephen	780.66
7309	O L Mt Carmel	2,011.00	7669	St Theresa	2,277.16
7315	O L Sorrows	412.00	7676	St Thomas More	5,343.52
7321	O L St John		7683	St Vincent de Paul	10,073.02
7333	O L Star of the Sea	169.00	7690	Vietnamese Martyrs	1,736.00
7339	O M of Mercy		7696	St Philip-Huffman	1,210.50
7345	Prince of Peace	5,166.00	7701	St Mary-Humble	
7351	Queen of Peace	2,447.00	7707	St Thomas-Huntsville	1,453.93
7357	Resurrection	1,171.00	7713	Imm. Conception-Industry	380.00
7363	Sacred Heart Co-Cath	4,793.91	7723	Epiphany of the Lord-Katy	9,472.41

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7727	St Bartholomew-Katy	12,441.35
7729	St Edith Stein-Katy	1,555.00
7733	St Martha-Kingwood	
7739	Queen of Peace-La Marque	996.87
7745	St Mary-La Porte	1,962.50
7751	St Michael-Lake Jackson	1,212.00
7757	St Mary-League City	5,518.10
7769	St Matthias-Magnolia	2,109.18
7775	Sacred Heart/Jesus-Manvel	2,361.55
7781	Holy Family-Mc Nair	373.00
7787	Holy Family-Missouri City	
7789	St. Angela Merici	2,993.21
7793	Christ Our Light-Navasota	803.47
7805	St Michael-Needville	814.25
7811	St John-New Caney	582.00
7817	St Joseph-New Waverly	2,019.00
7823	St. Juan Diego-Pasadena	1,284.00
7829	St Pius V-Pasadena	
7831	Sacred Heart-Pattison	587.44
7835	St Helen-Pearland	6,588.50
7841	St Mary-Plantersville	2,698.94
7847	St Stephen-Point Blank	630.00
7865	Sacred Heart-Richmond	4,821.00
7869	St John-Richmond	1,136.74
7873	Holy Rosary-Rosenberg	
7879	O L Guadalupe-Rosenberg	1,513.46
7885	Imm Conception-Sealy	1,069.00
7891	O L Grace-South Houston	
7901	Chr/Good Shepherd-Spring	3,913.75
7906	St Edward-Spring	
7911	St Ignatius-Spring	5,690.50
7916	St James-Spring	1,311.02
7925	St Joseph-Stoneham	231.00
7931	St Laurence-Sugarland	12,986.01
7937	St Theresa-Sugarland	4,986.60
7946	St Thomas-Sugarland	2,227.18
7951	O L Perpetual Help-Sweeny	434.00
7957	St Mary-Texas City	1,231.00
7963	St Anne-Tomball	2,390.50
7969	Guardian Angel-Wallis	819.59
7975	St John the Apostle-W Columbia	270.00
7979	St Anthony-The Woodlands	5,437.01
7981	Sts Simon/Jude-The Woodlands	3,309.00
0000	Other	341.78

TOTAL

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