

CLERGY NEWS

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ILLNESSES

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

2013 DATES FOR PRIESTS TO RESERVE

1. The Transitional Diaconate Ordinations are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2013, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.
1. 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.

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)

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.

GODPARENTS AND TESTIMONIAL LETTERS

To be a sponsor for either Baptism or Confirmation, it is required that the person be a baptized, confirmed and practicing Catholic (c. 872-874). If the sponsor is married, the marriage must be a valid and recognized marriage in the Church. No letter of suitability from the sponsor's parish is required by canon law or diocesan guidelines. If there is concern, the parish *may ask the sponsor* to sign a letter stating that they meet the requirements and conditions to be a sponsor, but this is not a requirement.

Please inform DRE's, baptismal teams and others that there is no requirement for such letters of testimony from the priest or parish of the Baptism or Confirmation sponsor.

NECROLOGY

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

June 1911	Rev. A. Maury
June 1, 1949	Rev. James P. McCarthy
June 1, 1974	Rev. William Creamer, OCarm
June 2, 1999	Rev. Norbert Reuss, CSB
June 2, 2005	Rev. Kevin C. Thissen, OP
June 4, 1920	Rev. Joseph Ignatius Klein
June 4, 1950	Rev. Lawrence B. Kramer
June 6, 1957	Rev. Hugh Kearns
June 7, 1947	Rev. J.T. Moriarty
June 7, 1982	Rev. James L. Moore
June 8, 1972	Msgr. Thomas J. Prendergast
June 9, 1952	Rev. Francis A. Walsh, CSB
June 9, 1988	Rev. James J. White, CSSP
June 10, 1959	Rev. Ralph J. Diefenbach
June 11, 1964	Rev. Dunstan McGuigan, OCarm
June 11, 1979	Rev. Bernard J. O'Neill
June 12, 1985	Rev. Richard Gieselmann, CM
June 12, 2011	Rev. Gabriel Camilo Morales, m.j.
June 13, 1938	Rev. John J. Lyons, SSJ
June 14, 1964	Rev. Francis Plavcan, MS
June 14, 1982	Rev. Mark M. Barron, OP
June 14, 1993	Rev. James E. Daley, CSB
June 15, 1938	Rev. David M. Ortez
June 16, 1989	Rev. Robert Hall, CSB
June 16, 2009	Rev. Victor B. Brezik, CSB
June 17, 1936	Rev. Martin F. Collins
June 18, 1999	Rev. Larry Leonard, CM
June 20, 1977	Rev. Louis Hahn, SJ
June 20, 1991	Rev. Paul F. Kent, OCSO
June 21, 1892	Rev. Claude Jacquet
June 22, 2003	Rev. Charles Banet, CPPS
June 23, 1939	Rev. George Apel
June 23, 1990	Rev. Joseph Kennelly, OMI
June 24, 1986	Rev. Joseph K. Schneider
June 24, 2008	Rev. Alfred E. Greenwald
June 24, 2012	Rev. John "Jack" R. Whitley, CSB
June 25, 1873	Rev. John B. Bellaclos
June 26, 1961	Msgr. Frank J. Dubias
June 26, 1965	Rev. Joseph Schmultz, SSJ
June 27, 1999	Rev. Michael J. Fritzen, SVD
June 27, 2008	Rev. John J. Walsh, CSSP
June 29, 2004	Rev. Ladislav Danek
June 30, 1952	Rev. Manuel F. Munive, OMI

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

The St. Mary's Seminary Collection (Corpus Christi Sunday) is the weekend of **June 9-10, 2012**. Remember the entire offertory collection (100%) for that weekend is to be sent to the chancery for the seminary. Please promote this collection in your parish.

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.

CHANCERY HOLIDAYS

The Chancery Offices will be closed Monday, May 27, 2012 in observance of Memorial Day.

CLERGY PASTORAL OUTREACH MINISTRY

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. You are always welcome to visit any time. Call Gina Bibb for more information at **713-440-3436**.

Thursday, May 2

The Altar Servers from the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart are providing a Bar-B-Q lunch at 12:00 Noon. Good company and good food always makes for a good time!

Thursday, May 9

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

Friday, May 10

Come visit with the Catholic Student group from Cy-Fair College. They always enjoy visiting with our clergy, and it's new students each semester.

Thursday, May 16

Sacred Heart Society Italian Lunch, 816 East Whitney Street, Houston, TX 77022. (free lunch for priests; arrive by 10:30 AM **AND** **RSVP** if you plan to ride with us! – otherwise meet us there.)

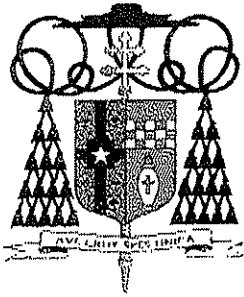
Tuesday, May 21

SHOWTIME: *For Greater Glory* – in honor of Cinco de Mayo – come see the true story of the fight for religious freedom in the Cristeros War (1926-1929); 1:15 PM– Nachos served!

Thursday, May 23

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

And finally, our monthly birthday celebration will be on **Tuesday, May 28** at 1:30! Join us for Cake, ice cream, and BINGO! You may get lucky and win a prize!



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Cardinal

May 1, 2013

To: All Pastors

My brother priests:

I ask you to please remind your parishioners of the collection on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (weekend of June 1-2, 2013) for the support of men studying for the priesthood for our Archdiocese and the religious communities which staff some of our parishes. Your personal appeal for a very generous contribution from each parishioner will help to realize an increase over the \$1,828,834.86 reported last year.

Half of the collection from parishes staffed by religious priests will be returned to their communities. In 2013, \$162,662.02 of the 2012 collection was forwarded to the religious orders for the support of their seminarians.

Archdiocesan seminarians study not only at St. Mary Seminary in Houston, but also in Dallas, San Antonio, St. Benedict, Louisiana, and Rome. The total budget for the fiscal year 2013-14 is \$5,347,709.00. This includes the costs associated with the operating of St. Mary Seminary as well as the expenses of the education of seminarians, the continuing education of priests and the training of permanent deacons and laity. Of this amount, the archdiocesan subsidy is \$3,518,874.14.

The Trust Fund is able to cover about half the expense, but the collection is truly required to make up the balance of funds needed. A generous response from each parish is deeply appreciated and needed. Please remember that the total offertory collection for the weekend of June 1-2 is to be forwarded to the Chancery by June 30th.

I ask you to print the announcement below in your parish bulletin for the weekend prior to the collection.

In sincere gratitude for your splendid cooperation and with prayerful best wishes, I am

Fraternally in Christ,

+ Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

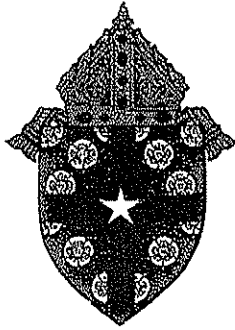
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Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

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BULLETIN NOTICE

On the **Feast of Corpus Christi** (*Sunday, June 2*) the total offertory in every parish of the archdiocese is dedicated to the support of those studying for the priesthood. For 2013-2014, over a million dollars is needed from this collection to support our seminarians studying for the priesthood. To achieve this goal, Archbishop DiNardo requests that you double the amount of your regular church support for the *weekend of June 1-2*. If each contributor will do this, the needed subsidy will be met by this collection. In gratitude for the incomparable gift of the Holy Eucharist which is inseparably joined to the priesthood, please do your part to help the archdiocese provide priests for the sake of your future by praying daily for vocations and supporting this collection.



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Chancery Office

***** **IMPORTANT NOTICE** *****
NEW FORM I-9

USE MANDATED EFFECTIVE MAY 7, 2013 FOR ALL NEW HIRES

In 1986, the U.S. government began requiring the use of an I-9 Form to verify the eligibility of individuals to work lawfully in the U.S. Since that time, all employers have been required to complete and retain these I-9 forms for each employee on staff, regardless of national origin, full or part-time status. All of our parishes and schools have been complying with this requirement since that time.

The Department of Homeland Security through the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has issued notice that the Form I-9 has been updated. Effective **May 7, 2013**, all employers are required to use the new forms for ALL employees hired after that date. USCIS has indicated that there will be strict enforcement and the penalties for employers not utilizing the new form are \$110-\$1,000 per violation. In order to obtain a copy of the new Form I-9 and instructions regarding its use, please access the Archdiocesan website (www.archgh.org/HR/Forms) or the USCIS website (www.uscis.gov/I-9Central). If you have any questions, please contact the Archdiocesan Human Resources and/or Legal Departments for assistance at 713-659-5461.

In addition, please be aware that the government has recently issued over 250,000 notices of inspections to employers across the U.S. to review the files to determine whether they are utilizing the new forms properly. In the event your location receives a notice of inspection, please contact Frank Rynd or Sarah Romero in the Archdiocesan Legal Department immediately (frynd@archgh.org or sromero@archgh.org).