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MISSION STATEMENT

We the Catholic faithful of the Diocese of Scranton, in union with our Holy Father, the Pope, are called through baptism to share in the mission which Jesus Christ has entrusted to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. Priests, deacons, religious and laity, under the leadership of our Bishop, cooperate to proclaim the Gospel in accordance with the teaching of the Church, to celebrate the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, for the salvation of all, and to witness by grace to the Kingdom of God so as to promote a culture of life, justice and peace.

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Diocese Taking Special Collection for Tornado Victims in Southeastern U.S.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has approved a special *Tornado Recovery Collection* for the parishes, dioceses, regions, provinces and states affected by the recent widespread tornado damage in the southeastern United States.

In solidarity and charity, Bishop Bambera has authorized a special collection in all parishes of the Diocese of Scranton for the people affected by the tornados to be taken up at all Masses of obligation this weekend, May 21-22.

Funds from the *Tornado Recovery Collection* will be used to support the efforts of the USCCB and Catholic Charities USA, the national office for local Catholic Charities agencies and affiliates nationwide. The funds will be used by appropriate agencies as they respond to immediate emergency needs, such as water, food, shelter and medical care, and as they begin to address the long-term community reconstruction and pastoral re-building needs of the Church in the areas affected by the

tornados. Proceeds from the collection will be sent by the Diocese of Scranton to the USCCB Office of National Collections, Tornado Recovery.

"Please pray for those who have lost so much as our willingness and ability to provide prayerful and tangible assistance in the form of prayers and charitable donations will support those affected as they face the long road to recovery," Bishop Bambera said.

Mass of Remembrance Set for July 14

The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. The Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, July 14, at 7 p.m. in St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton.

The Mass is offered for those who have died in tragedy, especially those who have died through murder, suicide and accident. All who grieve the loss of a loved one are invited to this liturgy to remember and celebrate the lives of their loved ones.

For more information, please contact the Office of Social Concerns/Pro-Life at 570-207-2213, ext. 1130. To register the name of a loved one to be remembered at the Mass, please call the Office of Social Concerns/Pro-Life or download and print registration forms that are available at www.dioceseofscranton.org (see Parish Life tab, then Social Concerns/Pro-Life page).

Please send completed registration forms, no later than June 27, to:

**Office for Parish Life
C/O Mass of Remembrance
400 Wyoming Avenue
Scranton, PA 18503**

Evangelization: Our Call to Holiness and Mission Program in East Stroudsburg

The Office for Parish life and Evangelization, through the Pastoral Formation Institute, is sponsoring a two-evening session entitled "Evangelization: Our Call to Holiness and Mission," to be held May 24 & 31 from 6 to 9 p.m. at St. John Church Hall in East Stroudsburg.

Guest presenter for the program will be Father Jeffrey Walsh. The basic topics include: What is evangelization? Why evangelize? How does evangelization happen?

Father Walsh will explain the concept of evangelization and provide practical application and examples for parishes to lead Catholicism renewal and conversion and to provide ways to "welcome home" those who have been away from the faith.

These sessions are highly recommended for parishes, cluster groups and individuals who desire to understand the meaning and importance of what it means to evangelize, especially as parishes are involved in *Called to Holiness and Mission: Pastoral Planning in the Diocese of Scranton*.

Cost to attend is \$20 per person or \$65 for five or more from one parish. To register, call 207-2213, ext. 1107, or contact your parish for those who are parishioners in the Eastern Region of the Diocese.

Summer Speaker Series Kicks off in Wellsboro June 8

The annual *Summer Speaker Series*, sponsored by the Office for Parish Life and Evangelization, will kick off at St. Peter's Church, Wellsboro on June 8. Cyrus Olsen, Ph.D., professor of systematic theology at the University of Scranton, will give a presentation entitled, "Hope and Desire: A Conversation between Pope Benedict XVI and C.S. Lewis." The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. To register, call 570-724-3371. The event is free and open to the public.

Want to Host a Free Adult Faith Formation Event?

As in years past, the Office for Parish Life and Evangelization's *Summer Speaker Series* seeks to provide adult faith formation speakers to parishes around the Diocese as a way of providing formation during the summer months. Parishes interested in hosting an event can contact Brendan Murphy at 207-2213, ext. 1133 or Brendan-Murphy@dioceseofscranton.org and choose from one of several topics being offered for the summer.

The office schedules the speaker, pays their stipend (if applicable) and provides all the promotional materials. The parish simply provides the space and light refreshments. Some topics parishes can choose from this summer are: "Hope and Desire: A Conversation between Pope Benedict XVI and C.S. Lewis"; "Tolkien's Faith: Catholicism and Its Influence on His Writings"; "Spiritual Classics for Today: St. Augustine's *Confessions*"; and "An Introduction to the Theology of the Body."

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training

Diocesan Center, Scranton
June 14, 21 & 28 (Tuesdays) 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Deacon Gerard L. Carpenter

St. Ignatius of Loyola Bergan Parish Center, Kingston
June 6, 20 & 27 (Mondays) 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Deacon Thomas Cesarini

Fee: \$30. To register: call 570-207-2213, ext. 1107

Download *Disciple* Podcast

The Office for Parish Life and Evangelization recently launched a monthly podcast to educate, encourage and enrich the faithful of the Diocese. Each episode will follow a set structure.

The "Faith in a Flash" segment will explain a fundamental aspect of Catholic belief, practice, or spirituality in 20 minutes or less, using one of the Sunday readings as a starting point. The "Living Faith" segment will highlight positive ways in which people around the Diocese are living out their Catholic faith. "Friends in High Places" will profile a saint whose feast day falls within that episode's month, and a calendar of events will round out each episode.

A Podcast is an audio file that can be listened to online, downloaded to an mp3 player (e.g. iPod), or burned to a CD. The *Disciple* Podcast will be posted each month on the Diocese's website (see "Adult Faith Formation" under the Parish Life menu tab). This format will allow people to listen to each episode in whatever format is easiest for them. Listeners will also be able to subscribe to the podcast through iTunes.

The nature of the mp3 format is such that it will be very easy to pass each episode on to family, friends and co-workers who may find it

interesting. *Disciple* could be especially useful for reaching out to friends and family members who may be estranged from the Church or are curious about what Catholics believe.

Regional Workshops for the Implementation of *The Roman Missal*

General Meeting: Thursday, May 19 at St. Maria Goretti Hall, Laflin ,
7-9 p.m.

General Meeting: Tuesday, June 7 at Flemming Center, St. Joseph the
Worker, Williamsport, 7-9 p.m.

Musicians Meeting: Wednesday, June 8 at Flemming Center, St.
Joseph the Worker, Williamsport, 7-9 p.m.

General Meeting: Tuesday, June 21 at Holy Family Academy,
Hazleton, 7-9 p.m.

General Meeting: Tuesday, June 21 at Notre Dame H.S.,
Stroudsburg, 7-9 p.m.

Musicians Meeting: Wednesday, June 22 at Notre Dame H.S.,
Stroudsburg, 7-9 p.m.

General Meeting: Tuesday, July 12 at St. Patrick Church, Milford, 7-9
p.m.

Musicians Meeting: Wednesday, July 13 at St. Patrick Church, Milford,
7-9.p.m.

To register: Call Jane Guzek at the Office for Parish Life and
Evangelization at 570-207-2213, ext. 1105.

Involved In Adult Faith Formation?

Are you responsible for directing adult faith formation (AFF) in your parish or cluster? Do you have a desire to find ways in which you can increase the faith of the adult Catholics in your community? If so, please e-mail Brendan Murphy, diocesan Director of Family Life, Marriage Preparation, and Adult Faith Formation at Brendan-Murphy@dioceseofscranton.org. This will put you on an electronic mailing list through which you will receive monthly e-mails containing suggestions on how to get AFF up and running in your parish/cluster, or how to improve existing programs. In addition you will receive access to great resources, reviews of AFF materials, tips on how to incorporate technology into your apostolate, and other helpful suggestions geared towards evangelizing adult Catholics.

Get the Word Out About Faith Formation Opportunities

Do you have an adult faith formation event taking place in your parish? Do you want to get the word out to parishioners around the Diocese? If so, please e-mail your events to Brendan-Murphy@dioceseofscranton.org and we'll include them on the calendar of events listing on the Adult Faith Formation page. This will enable

parishioners around the Diocese to find faith formation opportunities near them. Please be sure to include a brief description of the event; dates/times; a contact phone number/e-mail; and cost (if applicable).

Natural Family Planning Instruction

A public Natural Family Planning (NFP) class will take place on June 15 at 7:30 p.m in the basement of St. Peter's Cathedral Rectory (315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton). The class will be lead by Megan Murphy, C.N.F.P.I. and will last about two hours. The cost for the training is \$45 and includes materials and a basal body thermometer (the cost is \$35 if you already have the thermometer). Please call 207-2213, ext. 1133 to register.

NFP is a non-contraceptive and morally sound form of family planning. Safe, effective, and completely natural, NFP can be used by all women, whether they have short/long/irregular cycles, are post-partum, or perimenopausal. Major scientific studies on the effectiveness of NFP done by such organizations as the University of Heidelberg, the British Medical Journal, the World Health Organization, and the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare have shown NFP to be over 99% effective in helping couples to postpone pregnancy. Unlike any other form of birth control, NFP can also help couples achieve pregnancy by giving them the tools necessary to identify the most fertile periods in a woman's cycle.

Monthly classes and one-on-one instruction are available through the Diocese for a minimal fee. For more information or to find a certified NFP instructor near you, please call 207-2213, ext. 1133 or e-mail Brendan-Murphy@dioceseofscranton.org. You can also explore the Natural Family Planning page at the diocesan website.

Faith Formation Bible Study Program in Wilkes-Barre

A Faith Formation Bible Study Program, entitled "A Quick Journey through the Bible," will be offered in Wilkes-Barre at St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish Hall on eight consecutive Thursdays - July 7, 14, 21, 28, Aug. 4, 11, 18 & 25 - from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The sessions will lead by Brendan Murphy, Diocesan director of Family Life, Marriage Preparation and Adult Faith Formation.

This eight-part series provides an excellent introduction and overview of the Bible from

a Catholic perspective. The study briefly covers salvation history through talks that are complemented by group discussion questions, useful maps and charts, and information for home study.

The series makes the complexity of the Bible simple through an easy-to-follow narrative approach and an innovative color-coded Bible timeline. It will also serve as a guide for those who desire to lead Bible Study groups in their parishes.

Registration fee is \$30, which includes the \$20 cost of the workbook. To register, call 207-2213, ext. 1107.

Pastoral Formation Institute Course Offerings

The Pastoral Formation Institute in the Diocese of Scranton announces its offering of Level III courses for the Summer 2011 semester.

Level III courses are designed for Catholic school teachers, catechists, parish coordinators, or for those seeking personal

enrichment.

The course schedule is as follows:

101 -Introduction to Sacred Scripture (two locations): Diocesan Center, Scranton, June 27-30, July 6-8 & 11-13, 9 a.m. to noon. Instructor: Kathy Yaklic; and Notre Dame High School, East Stroudsburg, June 22-24 & 27-30, July 6-8, 9 a.m. to noon. Instructor: Helen Findlay.

201 -Fundamental Teachings of the Church (two locations): St. John Neumann High School, Williamsport, June 20-24 & June 27-July 1, 9 a.m. to noon. Instructor: Father David Bechtel; and Holy Cross High School, Dunmore, June 20-24 & June 27-July 1, 9 a.m. to noon. Instructor: Ben Tolerico.

301 - Sacraments in General: Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre, June 20, 22-24, July 6-8 & 13-15, 9 a.m. to noon. Instructor: Mary Anne Malone.

401 - Introduction to the Spiritual/Moral Life, Holy Cross High School, Dunmore, July 11-15 & 18-22, 9 a.m. to noon. Instructor: Ben Tolerico.

Please note: If class falls on a holy day of obligation or a holiday, the instructor will advise on make-up dates. Registration fee for all courses is \$150 (audit: \$65). To register, call 570-207-2213, ext. 1107 or e-mail: sister-leonita-duhoski@dioceseofscranton.org.

Mark Your Calendar

"Guardian of the Redeemer" Catholic Men's Fellowship

Gathering, May 28 -8 a.m. in the rectory of St. Monica Parish, West Wyoming. Group gathers for an hour on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month; includes group prayer, Scripture sharing and discussion on strengthening men's Catholic faith. All Catholic men from area parishes are welcome; for more information, call Father Leo McKernan, host pastor, 693-1991, or Dr. Lou Guarnieri 288-9998.

Day of Reflection: "Our Call to Holiness," June 18 -- 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Fatima Renewal Center. Guest presenter: Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Cor Immaculatum, who will lead participants in prayer and reflection, focusing on the meaning of one's "call to be Christ to the world." The day includes celebration of Mass and opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fee: \$30, includes lunch. To register, call Fatima Center at 563-8500.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, June 24-26 -- in Easton. Sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, the weekend program -- Friday evening through Sunday afternoon -- is an enrichment experience that helps good marriages grow stronger. For information & registration, call 1-800-787-7679, or visit the Web site: www.wwme-nepa.org. **Pre-registration required.**

Men's Prayer Breakfast, June 25 -8:30 to 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Sorrows Church Hall at St. Monica Parish, West Wyoming. Sponsored by "Guardian of the Redeemer" Catholic men's fellowship, the breakfast program includes prayer & praise, music and guest speaker. All men and their sons age 12 and older are welcome. Tickets at the door.