



Superintendent's Bulletin Office of Catholic Education

The Office of Catholic Education is committed to the educational mission of the Catholic Church in the schools of the Diocese of Cleveland. Therefore, our mission is to lead, assist, and support Catholic school communities in providing quality education infused with Gospel values.

October 3, 2011

Feast Day of St. Mother Theodora Guérin

Trust in God's Providence enabled Mother Theodore to leave her homeland, sail halfway around the world and to found a new religious congregation.

Born in Etables, France, Anne-Thérèse's life was shattered by her father's murder when she was 15. For several years she cared for her mother and younger sister. She entered the Sisters of Providence in 1823, taking the name Sister St. Theodore. An illness during novitiate left her with lifelong fragile health; that did not keep her from becoming an accomplished teacher.

At the invitation of the bishop of Vincennes, she and five sisters were sent in 1840 to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, to teach and to care for the sick poor. She was to establish a motherhouse and novitiate. Only later did she learn that her French superiors had already decided the sisters in the United States should form a new religious congregation under her leadership.

She and her community persevered despite fires, crop failures, prejudice against Catholic women religious, misunderstandings and separation from their original religious congregation. She once told her sisters, "Have confidence in the Providence that so far has never failed us. The way is not yet clear. Grope along slowly. Do not press matters; be patient, be trustful." Another time, she asked, "With Jesus, what shall we have to fear?"

She is buried in the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, and was beatified in 1998. Eight years later she was canonized.

Quoted from Saint of the Day
Lives, Lessons and Feast

By Leonard Foley, O.F.M.; revised by Pat McCloskey, O.F.M.
AmericanCatholic.org

Message from the Secretary for Education/Superintendent

Thank you for your participation in the first of four days during this school year of the Initiate Program for Religion Certification for Elementary School Teachers on September 23. We especially want to thank those who hosted other schools in your building. From what the OCE staff and I observed, you were ultra-organized and extremely hospitable. You can read some of the comments in the most recent issue of *Chalk Talk for Today's Classroom* from Dr. Ruthann Heintschel. I hope and pray that the Spirit touched each of the groups as you discussed the "Message" presented by Sister Mary McCormick, OSU.

I call to your attention a unique opportunity to supplement what you have heard and discussed by viewing a four-part series entitled *Catholicism* to air on Western Reserve PBS channels WNEO 45.1 and WEAO 49.1. In this series that airs at 10 p.m. on October 5, 12, 26 and November 2, author and theologian Reverend Robert Barron tells the story of Catholicism around the world. Father Barron also examines how Christianity has helped shape the nature of our rich and powerful faith. Father is Francis Cardinal George Professor of Faith and Culture at Mundelein Seminary near Chicago and ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. The executive producer of *Catholicism* is Mike Leonard, an acclaimed filmmaker, veteran correspondent for NBC's "Today" show and producer of the popular public television series "Ride of Our Lives." Together, Father Barron and Leonard spent two years traveling the world with a crew of seasoned network television producers.

The production crew travels to some of the most magnificent and sacred sites in Jerusalem, Rome, Krakow, Warsaw, New York, Istanbul, Sinai, Chicago, and beyond. The crew was granted exclusive access to film privately in many locations inaccessible to the general public. Highlights include some of the world's architectural and artistic masterpieces: The Dome of the Rock, The

Church of the Holy Sepulchre, rare views of the Pantheon, St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel and the Pope's private gardens, as well as Chartres, Notre Dame and Cologne Cathedrals.

The episodes are:

#101: "Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man"

#102: "That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought: The Ineffable Mystery of God"

#103: "Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God"

#104: "The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul, and the Missionary Adventure"

Marketing Minute #5

Once again this school year, the Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union is partnering with WJW Fox8 and the Office of Catholic Education to provide even more extensive coverage of our schools prior to, during and after Catholic Schools Week. What a great opportunity to feature your school in prime time and to link your website to the coverage Fox8 provides. Fox8 is also working to make the possibility of featuring our High Schools even sooner in the year to coincide with open house and other opportunities to invite students in before they choose a school.

With this kind of support, our schools receive valuable marketing online and on TV. A speaker from Fox8 will be addressing the elementary school principals at the October 19th Meeting that will be held at Mater Dei Academy in Wickliffe. Come ready to learn more about this year's campaign and share your ideas!

Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union Catholic School Scholarship Giveaway

During the month of October, Ohio Catholic will be awarding Catholic Education Scholarships up to \$5,000 for students in grades K-12.

Members and non-members must fill out an entry form on the website:

<http://www.ohiocatholicfcu.com> to be entered into a drawing for a chance for their student(s) to take a turn in our new Money Machine. Students will grab coupons good for a Catholic School Scholarship at one of the traveling Saturday branch parties in October. Participants will be notified a week before the party via email if they won a turn in the Money Machine. Parent and child must be present at the branch between 10:45 am –11:15 am. Scholarship checks will be made out and mailed directly to the Catholic school.

Scholarship Giveaway: Saturday, October 8, Cleveland
Saturday, October 15, Akron
Saturday, October 22, Garfield Heights
Saturday, October 29, North Royalton

Winners may only use scholarships to pay for Catholic grade school or high school tuition in the Diocese of Cleveland by those currently enrolled in a Catholic school.

Earth Day 2011 Art, Poetry, and Essay Contest Winners on Display

We received notice on September 20, that student winners in the April 17, 2011 Earth Day Coalition's EarthFest 2011 have their work on display now through Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at Cuyahoga County Public Library-Middleburg Heights Branch, 15600 East Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130. Viewing hours are:

- Monday-Thursday 9 am – 9 pm
- Friday-Saturday 9 am – 5:30 pm
- Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm

Attention High School Administrators - Teen Leadership Corps Program Info

Do you want to promote service leadership in your high school? Teen Leadership Corps is seeking school administrators who support Teen Leadership Corps' mission for empowering our student leaders and school leaders who understand the value of instilling character and service-based leadership for youth. A successful Teen Leadership Corps program is dependent upon strong administrative leadership.

If you are interested in bringing the Teen Leadership Corps program into your high school, please contact Executive Director Mary Ann Creamer: director@teenleaderhispcorps.org or phone 1.419.621.5426. There is NO cost for the Teen Leadership Corps program. Your school provides a certified classroom instructor (for 1 section/period per school day.)

Teen Leadership Corps provides:

- Instructor training
- Full curriculum
- Collaboration for local service projects
- Ongoing support

Teen Leadership Corps is currently at Notre Dame Cathedral Latin and can only assist with 3 more Catholic schools for the 2012-2013 school year. The TLC program is offered on a first come, first served basis, so don't wait to contact TLC.

For more information on Teen Leadership Corps go to: www.teenleadershipcorps.org.

St. John Cathedral Presents A Free Concert by Westminster Cathedral Choir

As part of the Helen D. Schubert Concert Series, the Westminster Cathedral Choir will perform works by Malcolm, MacMillan, Guerrero, Hadley, Howells, and Bairstow on Monday, October 17 at 7:30 pm.

The Westminster Cathedral Choir (London UK) has occupied a unique and enviable position at the forefront of English church music since its foundation in 1903. Its Directors over the last century include a roster of names at the vanguard of English church music, most notably, Richard Terry, George Malcolm, Colin Mawby, Stephen Cleobury, David Hill, James O'Donnell, and currently, Martin Baker. The choir continues to reach new audiences through its series of acclaimed recordings on the Hyperion label. Credits include the 1998 Gramophone Award for "Best Choral Recording of the Year" and "Record of the Year" for the performance of Martin's *Messe* and Pizzetti's *Requiem*.

FREE admission; Free secure parking: Cathedral Garage on Rockwell Avenue at E. 9th Street.

Society for the Prevention of Violence Offerings at Kent State

Managing the Classroom for Success

10/15/2011 and 10/22/2011 – Saturdays

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Location: White Hall

Gangs, Guns, Drugs, and School Safety

11/5/2011 and 11/12/2011 – Saturdays

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Location: White Hall

Reaching and Teaching the ADHD Child

12/3/2011 and 12/10/2011 – Saturdays

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Location: White Hall

For more information call SPV at 1.216.591.1876 or email spvmail@att.net. Visit the Web site at www.spvohio.org.

OHIO Fair Trade Expo 2011

Make sure to save the date for the 3rd Annual "Ohio Fair Trade Expo" scheduled for Saturday, **October 22, 2011**, at John Carroll University in University Heights, OH.

The Ohio Fair Trade Expo began in 2009 as a way to bring people from across the state together to be immersed in fair trade with national and international speakers, a fair trade marketplace,

and more! This year's Expo will include family activities, fair trade food, and music. There will also be a special program for Girl Scouts to earn a "Fair Trade Patch."

To register for workshops, go to www.ohiofairtrade.com.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OCS

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Formation Course for Level I (ages 3-6)

Beginning October 8, 2011, St. Matthias Parish in Parma will be hosting a Formation Course for catechists who work with, or wish to learn more about, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. For more information or to register for the Formation Course, contact Dianne Laheta, Pastoral Minister for Catechesis, at 440.888.8220 x 24 or by email at dilaheta@rocketmail.com.

General questions about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd may also be directed to Denise Smithberger, Catechetical Consultant, at 800.869.6525 x 8910 or by email at dsmithberger@dioceseofcleveland.org.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES for We Are Called Catechetical Conference

*Please note that there is a **change of location** in the **We Are Called Catechetical Conference**. The new location is **Lake Catholic High School in Mentor** instead of Padua High School in Parma.*

*The date for the **We Are Called Catechetical Conference** is **Saturday, October 15, 2011 from 8:30 to 1:00**. This conference is for day school teachers and parish catechists grades 1 through 8, and high school theology teachers. The conference will provide a variety of catechetical workshops with hands-on materials, opportunities for faith formation and exhibitor's resources. A retreat lead by Bill Miller is an option to the workshops. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Registration is through the Office of Catechetical Services: www.oce-ocs.org/ocs. Early bird pricing is also available.*

January Thaw

The fourteenth annual "January Thaw: Fire Up" Conference is scheduled for *Saturday, 21 January 2012*, at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron. This catechetical conference is sponsored by the Southern Area Catechetical Leaders of the Diocese of Cleveland in association with the Diocesan Office of Catechetical Services. Father Richard Fragomeni will keynote on the topic, *"What's the "This" in Remembrance of Me? Being and Doing the Eucharistic Gift."* **Father Fragomeni is the keynote speaker at Sawmill this year.** The conference offers over 20 sessions for Parish and School Catechetical Leaders, Youth Ministers, Catechists, Teachers, RCIA Teams, and interested adult Catholics, plus a 2-session retreat option.

A brochure with registration information will be available in November online at www.oce-ocs.org/ocs and included in the *December Diocesan Memorandum*. Please note that registration is limited and will be processed on a first come first served basis.

For additional information, call the Southern Area Office of Catechetical Services at 330.773.7621 or contact apolack@neo.rr.com.

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Cleveland Clinic Office of Civic Education Initiatives Distance Learning Schedule 2011-2012

The schedule is for middle and high school students. Students will be able to observe live surgical broadcasts that will be featured as part of the 2011 Cleveland Clinic Innovations Summit – the state of the art interventional techniques in cardiovascular surgery:

1. Tuesday, October 4, 2011 – 7 to 8 am
2. Wednesday, October 5, 2011 – 7:30 to 8:30 am

Both of these sessions will be moderated by the Clinic's world-renowned heart surgeons. Due to the large number of Summit attendees, it is not possible for these sessions to be interactive, and the Clinic appreciates your understanding.

In collaboration with the Cleveland Council on World Affairs, Bridges to the World, students can learn about the European/Hungarian economy from Dr. György Szapáry, the Hungarian Ambassador to the United States on Tuesday, October 18th.

The registration link for ALL programs is <http://survey.clevelandclinic.org/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=810M5o85>. The bridging connection for ALL distance learning programs will be handled through eTECH Ohio.

ROCK AND ROLL Hall of Fame + Museum On-site Educational Programs

One of the many treasures we have in Northeast Ohio is the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame + Museum. It has an award-winning Education Department that shares its programs with over 25,000 students and teachers each year. Some students visit in person and others connect via videoconferencing from classrooms. The Hall of Fame and Museum exists to educate visitors, fans, and scholars from around the world about the history and continuing significance of rock and roll music.

The interdisciplinary educational programs called *Rockin' the Schools*, are unique onsite K-12 offerings. The programs teach students about topics in music, language arts, social studies, science, mathematics, financial literacy and technology. Each *Rockin' the Schools* program actively engages your students in meeting and exceeding Ohio academic content standards in the arts and other core subject areas. The classes include demonstrations, performances, musical examples, videos, multimedia presentations, printed materials, and student participation.

Participating Northeast Ohio schools also receive free admission to the Museum and are permitted to explore related exhibits before or after the scheduled class. Terry Stewart is President and Chief Executive Officer from whom this message comes. Elementary Principals will receive a copy of this year's program schedule at the October meeting.

Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage September 2011 Special Exhibition

Open the window to a turbulent and creative time in Cleveland. *Hardship to Hope* African American Art from the Karamu Workshop is a collaborative effort with Cleveland State University featuring The Russell and Rowena Jelliffe Collection. ***It runs through January 1, 2012.***

Also at the Maltz: *Fertile Ground, Cleveland Art 1929-1943*, moderated by Dee Perry, host, WCPN's *Around Noon*. The program is on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 7pm. Tickets are \$12/\$10 Members. Purchasing tickets in advance saves you \$2. The Maltz is located at 2929 Richmond Road, Beachwood, OH 44122. Phone: 216.593.0575.

Maltz has programs for elementary, middle and high schools. Go to the Web site, www.maltzmuseum.org to learn about them or call 216.593.0575 to schedule a visit. Inquire about free transportation for your students.

The ***STOP THE HATE YOUTH speak out!!! 2012 Essay and Scholarship Contest for Students in Grades 6-12*** entry information is now available at the Web site. The contest theme is: ***What would you do to fight discrimination? How will you combat hatred and intolerance to become an agent of change? How will you become part of the solution?***

Stock Market Game

The Stock Market Game is the tool to increase math and financial literacy scores as well as student levels of self-confidence and achievement. One game begins today, but the Fall Game begins October 10, 2011 and runs through December 16, 2011. The cost is \$20 per team.

Students will enjoy this fun and interactive online simulation that introduces them to important concepts in financial literacy and economics as well as about saving and investing. Lessons included with this game can be incorporated into all subjects, grades 4-12.

If the Stock Market Game is new to your school, there are plenty of available resources, webinars, and free teacher trainings to guide you and your students through the game.

Playing the Stock Market Game will teach students to essential skills for the 21st Century.

- Critical-Thinking
- Cooperation & Communication
- Financial Literacy
- Decision-Making
- Saving and Investing
- Math

Financial education is more important than ever. The Stock Market Game™ makes teaching and learning fun. Register teams today! For more information, visit Stock Market Games's corporate Web site at www.smgww.org or call Program Manager, Kimberly Moon at 1.888.4.SMGOHIO.

Touchdown for Reading 2011

To participate in the Touchdown for Reading program, 2011, google the Cuyahoga County Public Library home page:

<http://host.evanced.info/cuyahoga/sr/homepage.asp?ProgramID=25&PreviewMode=Y&StyleName=e> where you can sign up. Touchdown for Reading is easy to play. Track time read 1 minute = 1 yard. If a parent reads with/to his/her child, then it would count for double time (1 minute = 2 yards). 100 yards is a Touchdown for Reading!

John Carroll University Science Olympiad

Science Olympiad is a fun and competitive event where students bring their science skills and knowledge and apply them in hands-on events covering a wide range of science topics. In our third year there were 15 schools and 410 students registered for this event. We hope to increase participation this year and share our love and enthusiasm for science with your students.

Students: This event is for students in *grades 4 – 6*, attending an elementary school in the Cleveland Catholic Diocese.

Date: Saturday March 10, 2012, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: John Carroll University, Dolan Center for Science and Technology, Kulas Auditorium

Cost: \$7 per student, \$35 per school early registration fee, due by December 1, 2011. Deadline to register is January 31, 2012. School late registration fee is \$50.

Contact: Lucy Kulbago, lkulbago@jcu.edu, 216-397-4639, and Go to <http://www.jcuso.org/> for more information and event descriptions.

Competition Events include:

Rubber Band Catapult, Mystery Powders, Paddle Wheel Boat, Rock Hound, Circuit Wizardry, Lego Robots, and many more.

Walk-in Events include:

Picture This, Make It – Take It, Science Bowl, Estimation Jars, Starry Night.

Note to Principals:

Most schools have a teacher or parent that organizes a group of students to attend this event. Some also organize after school practice time. However, if you do not have an organizer, this event is also open to individual students that may register and practice on their own. If you do not have an organizer, please send this information home with individual students in grades 4 – 6.

Tools For Today And Tomorrow Guardian Workshop

Speaker: Franklin J. Hickman, Esq. Date: Wednesday, October 5, 2011 Check in: 6:15-6:30 PM Time: 6:30-8:30 PM Location: Lorain County Community College 1005 N. Abbe Rd College Center Building, Room 240 Elyria Ohio 44035.

Guardianship

Many parents of children with disabilities are uncertain as to whether they need to continue being the decision makers for their children beyond age 18 when the natural guardianship of parents ends. This workshop will provide an opportunity to learn more about guardianship including:

- when guardianship is needed,
- the different types of guardianship and their implications,
- alternatives to guardianship,
- how to obtain guardianship,
- how to choose a guardian, and
- the rights and duties of a guardian.

Learning objectives:

- Participants will understand when a guardianship is necessary
- Participants will understand alternatives to guardianship
- Participants will understand how to select a guardian and obtain a guardianship

Cost/Training: \$10 families/professionals \$20 professionals, including 2.0 continuing education credits. Advanced Registration is Required: Please call Linda Kresnye at 216-229-5757, Ext. 126. Continuing Education Credits: Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital for Rehabilitation is approved provider #RSX089004 of the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage & Family Therapist Board. Nurses: This program is approved for CE by the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapists Board; as such, it may also be used to satisfy your continuing education requirements. At the completion of the presentation, continuing education participants will receive a certificate of attendance/2.0 continuing education credits.

**University Hospitals/Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital
Ninth Annual Autism Seminar Series**

Location: UH Westlake Medical Center

Space is limited to 120 participants, so please register early.

October 19, 2011

Medical Issues and Co-Morbid Disorders in Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders

Kathy Maxwell, MSN, CNS

November 16, 2011

Technology Tools and Software Programs for Children with ASD

Christian Karter, MA

January 18, 2012

Adolescent Issues in ASD

Christine T. Barry, PhD

Feb 22, 2012

Transition to Adulthood

Beth Thompson, MSSA

March 21, 2012

Social/Communication Issues

Lisa R. Audet, PhD, CCC-SLP

Cost: \$90 (Fee includes all six lectures, handouts, and refreshments.)

Co-Sponsored by Milestones Autism Organization.

Save the Date - MCAP Event: Sexual Education for Teens & Adults with ASD

Sherry Moyer, MSW

Tuesday, October 25th

6 pm - 9 pm

Location:

Milestones Autism Organization

23880 Commerce Park

Beachwood, OH Cost: \$30

Includes light dinner, networking & professional development credit

Milestones Consortium for Autism Professionals (MCAP) is an innovative network designed to support professionals serving the autism community and broaden their connections with others in their own and complementary fields.

Ohio To Help Lead Effort To Write New National Science Standards

Ohio has been selected as one of 20 states to lead the development of the national Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). The standards will define natural science and engineering content and practices that students must learn from kindergarten through high school graduation. The goal is to build a strong science foundation in the nation’s students that leads to improved college and career readiness. Ohio will work with other lead-state partners to guide the standards-writing process, gather and deliver feedback from each other and address common issues and challenges. For more information visit the Next Generation Science Standards website at <http://www.nextgenscience.org/>

Credit Flexibility Webinar For School Counselors Scheduled For October 4

Representatives of the Ohio School Counselors Association and ODE will conduct a free webinar on credit flexibility on Tuesday, Oct. 4, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. The session is suitable for both experienced and new school counselors responsible for communicating their schools’ credit flexibility policies to students and families. Registration is available through STARS under the topic *Credit Flexibility*. To register, visit [education.ohio.gov](http://www.education.ohio.gov) <<http://www.education.ohio.gov>> and select the *SAFE sign-in* link at the top of the page. If you do not have a SAFE account, follow the instructions to obtain one. If you have questions, please call 1 (877) 644-6338. For more resources on credit flexibility, click here <<http://www.education.ohio.gov/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEPrimary.aspx?page=2&TopicRelationID=1864>>.

NEWS FROM STATE SUPERINTENDENT STAN HEFFNER

Cyber Safety Topic Of October 5 Webinar

Representatives of the Ohio Attorney General’s Office and eTech Ohio will present a webinar at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, on preventing cyber bullying. The session will offer important information for school professionals, parents and community-support personnel on keeping students safe. The session is one of a series of webinars being offered this school year by the Ohio Anti-Harassment, Anti-Intimidation and Anti-Bullying (Anti-HIB) Initiative, a partnership of state agencies. It is free and open to the first 100 participants. Registration begins at 2:30 p.m. To register, visit ODE’s Anti-HIB <<http://education.ohio.gov/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?page=3&TopicRelationID=431&ContentID=29364&Content=111470>> webpage. A recorded version of the webinar will be posted on the site by the end of that day. Please direct questions to Jill Jackson at jill.jackson@ode.state.oh.us or (614) 466-9540.

Northeast Ohio Town Hall Meeting To Feature Students Who Have Overcome Bullying

The U.S. Attorney General’s Office and the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights will host a town hall meeting on bullying in Cleveland October 20. The event will feature students who have overcome bullying, students working to end bullying in their schools and experts offering advice on how to end the problem. School administrators, teachers and middle- and high-school students are encouraged to attend. The town hall meeting will be from 1 – 2 p.m. at the studios of WVIZ/Ideastream, 1375 Euclid Ave. in Cleveland. The studio also is offering schools remote access to the session as viewers only. Schools planning to send groups should RSVP by October 13 to Jena Suhadolnik, at (216) 622-3695 or jena.suhadolnik@usdoj.gov. To register for remote connection, please contact John R. Ramicone at (216) 916-6360 or jramicone@ideastream.org. Remote viewers will connect at www.wviz.org/distance.

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GREAT NEWS FROM CUYAHOGA COUNTY LIBRARY!

Library eBooks for Kindle® have arrived! Visit Cuyahoga.library.org to browse and download popular and classic eBook titles to your Kindle device or any mobile device with the free Kindle app, such as iPhone® iPad®, Android™ and more. Library eBooks are also available for:

- PC
- Mac
- MP3 players
- Smartphones
- Nook™, Sony® Reader and many other eReader devices

FREE ONLINE COURSES!

Don't miss out on the opportunity to take **FREE** online courses through Educational Impact. To view the opportunities available go to: <http://www.educationalimpact.com/>. Search through the course offerings. If you find a course you would like to take email the course name to Dolores Bruno at dbruno@dioceseofcleveland.org to register. Do **NOT** register through Educational Impact. College credit is available at your expense. Space is limited, so act fast!

Looking Ahead...

Father Michael P. McCandless, Coordinator for Vocations to Diocesan Priesthood and Recruiter for Borromeo Seminary and St. Mary Seminary, reminds us that *Sunday, October 30, 2011 is Priesthood Sunday.*

As baptized Christians we receive both an identity and a mission in bringing about God's Kingdom. On Priesthood Sunday, we gratefully reflect on the gift of priesthood for the Church and for those men who have generously responded to this vocation. Furthermore, we invite the Catholic community to pray that the Holy Spirit may inspire more men to discern this call to service in the person of Jesus Christ. You have received by mail, a brochure on Priesthood Discernment Programs offered by the Vocation Office. Please pass this brochure on to someone whom you think may be called to consider the priesthood or, personally invite those who may be interested, to different events that can be found at www.priestsunday.org.

Father McCandless is willing to visit your school and parish during this school year to promote vocations. Please call the Vocation Office at 1.440.943.7630.

Remember, too, that Vocation Awareness Week is scheduled for January 9-14, 2012.

BLESSING PRAYER OF THE PARISH PRIEST(S)

*In your loving kindness,
O good and gracious God,
You sent your Son to be our shepherd and guide.
Father (name) continues Christ's ministry of working in the vineyard
by sustaining and guiding your holy people.*

*Bless Father (name).
Let your Spirit uphold him always in his service to the people of this parish.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (From the Book of Blessings, 1987, p.689)*