

CLERGY NEWS

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ILLNESSES

Msgr. Charles Domec, pastor of Sts. Simon and Jude Church in the Woodlands, had a pacemaker inserted to regulate his heartbeat.

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

2011 DATES FOR PRIESTS TO RESERVE

Priesthood Ordinations are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, 2011, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

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, Msgr. Sheltz can be reached at the following numbers:

713-524-2876 (home) or 713-501-2166 (cell)

CHANCERY CLOSED

The Chancery Offices will be closed Monday, July 4, 2010 in observance of Independence Day.

POPE BENEDITCT XVI'S 60TH PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY

Cardinal DiNardo is asking the priests of the archdiocese to offer a spiritual bouquet next week in the form of Eucharistic Adoration to honor Pope Benedict XVI's 60th Priestly Anniversary. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday June 6 - Friday, June 10, 2011 in the Main Chapel of St. Mary's Seminary. The Cardinal hopes that each priest can spend an hour or more during this week at the Seminary offering prayers for the Holy Father, the sanctification of the clergy and vocations to the Priesthood. If you cannot make it to the Seminary you are asked to offer up at least one of your personal Holy Hours for these intentions. Please contact Fr. Brendan Cahill for more information (713.659.5461 / bcahill@archgh.org).

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 from 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.

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NECROLOGY

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

July 1, 1993 Rev. Anthony T. Orlando

July 2, 1991 Rev. Edbert Staresinic, OCarm

July 4, 1888 Rev. Pierre Dumont

July 4, 1989 Rev. Justin O'Connell, OCarm

July 4, 1992 Rev. Rene M. Vermillion, CSB

July 5, 1984 Msgr. Thomas M. Cemon

July 6, 1927 Rev. M.J. Crowe

July 7, 1939 Rev. Patrick J. O'Reilly, CSC

July 8, 1920 Rev. Michael Martin Crowe

July 8, 2002 Rev. Guy Fregeau

July 9, 1930 Rev. James Chaland

July 9, 2005 Rev. Walter N. Sheffield

July 10, 1989 Rev. John D. Oster, SJ

July 10, 2003 Msgr. C.J. Alleman

July 11, 2002 Rev. Warren J. Freret

July 12, 1968 Rev. A.M. Maechler

July 12, 1980 Rev. John C. McDonald, MS

July 13, 1999 Rev. Angelo Moscato, cs

July 14, 1962 Rev. Eugene Burbott, CSB

July 15, 1970 Rev. Chester C. Ball, SSJ

July 15, 1985 Rev. Peter S. Harnett

July 15, 2008 Rev. John LaBauve, SVD

July 16, 1960 Msgr. Matthew J. Daly

July 16, 1962 Rev. Joseph G. Robinson

July 17, 1932 Rev. John Joseph Harte

July 17, 1994 Bishop Enrique San Pedro, SJ

July 18, 1943 Rev. R.C. Frei

July 18, 1996 Rev. John Nijenhuis, OCarm

July 18, 2002 Rev. Eugene Gillece

July 18, 2002 Rev. Clifton J. Natho

July 19, 1947 Rev. Louis A. LeBlanc

July 19, 2001 Rev. Ralph G. Schmidt, Jr.

July 20, 1918 Rev. William J. Lee

July 22, 2002 Rev. J.B. Huynh Ngoc Tran

July 23, 2009 Msgr. Leroy H. Braden

July 24, 2000 Rev. Thomas D. Sheehan, OP

July 25, 1968 Rev. William B. O'Toole, CSB

July 26, 1988 Rev. Rodney Poythress

July 30, 2001 Rev. Alvin F. Dixon, SVD

July 31, 1997 Msgr. Gilbert F. Pekar

July 31, 2001 Rev. John O'Rourke, SSJ

DEATH

Condolences to Msgr. Albert Beck on the death of his brother, Hubert Augustus Beck, who lived and died in the Philippines. He was 97 years old. The funeral was on May 16 in the Philippines. Please remember Mr. Beck and his family in your prayers.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

- The St. Mary's Seminary Collection (Corpus Christi Sunday) is the weekend of June 25-26, 2011. Remember the <u>entire</u> offertory collection (100%) for that weekend is to be sent to the chancery for the seminary.
- 2. The second collection at all Masses on the weekend of **July 2-3**, **2011**, is for the Peter's Pence Collection.

Please promote these collections in your parish.

EMPLOYMENT OF SISTERS/BROTHERS NEW TO ARCHDIOCESE

Pastors employing sisters or brothers who are *new* to the archdiocese are asked to have them register with the Vicar for Religious: 713-741-8733; hcruzat@archgh.org.

This information is needed for the database, the directory and for communication purposes. A statement from the major superior granting permission to minister in the archdiocese will be requested for the files.

If the religious is a member of an institute not already present in the archdiocese, the first step should be: invitation by the archbishop to the major superior of the institute and to the local ordinary with appropriate responses.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

The Adult confirmations will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 12, 2011. 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. A letter has been faxed to all parishes giving the location and time designated for their parish. If your parish did not receive this information, please contact the Chancellor's office.



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Cardinal

June 1, 2011

To: All Pastors

My brother priest:

In many places around the globe the Church struggles to be a visible sign of Christ's peace: in poor dioceses where many depend on the Church for social and pastoral support; in regions where Catholics are persecuted and must be helped discreetly; in nations overloaded with refugees or victims of war and natural disasters.

The Peter's Pence collection gives us the opportunity to extend a sign of peace to the Body of Christ around the world. Our gifts to this annual Collection help the Holy Father to support victims of disaster, war, and oppression and others most in need of assistance. Pope Benedict uses the Peter's Pence collection to strengthen dioceses, religious orders, and struggling communities of faith when they need it most.

This year, the Collection in our archdiocese is scheduled for the weekend of July 2-3. Let us be beacons of hope to those of our brothers and sisters who are most in need. Please encourage your parishioners to give generously to this collection for the charitable works of the Holy Father. He depends on our support.

For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

Fraternally in Christ,

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

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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 25-26, 2011) 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 \$1,862,350.52 reported last year.

Half of the collection from parishes staffed by religious priests will be returned to their communities. In 2011, \$178,717.69 of the 2010 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 2011-12 is \$4,164,819.00. 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 \$2,302,468.48.

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 25-26 is to be forwarded to the Chancery by July 31st.

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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BULLETIN NOTICE

On the **Feast of Corpus Christi** (Sunday, June 26) the total offertory in every parish of the archdiocese is dedicated to the support of those studying for the priesthood. For 2011-2012, 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 25-26. 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.