

CLERGY NEWS

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ILLNESSES

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

Msgr. Jack Dinkins, pastor of Epiphany of the Lord Church in Katy.

Rev. Doakim Nguyen, pastor of St. Joseph Church, New Waverly and St. Stephen the Martyr Mission, Stoneham

2013 DATES FOR PRIESTS TO RESERVE

1. The **Lenten Day of Prayer** for Priests will be on Wednesday afternoon, March 20, 2013, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary Seminary.
2. The **Chrism Mass** will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2013, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.
3. 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 will be published in the Texas Catholic Herald, the Chancery Advisory and on the Archdiocesan Website.

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)

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

The Holy Land Collection is scheduled for Good Friday, March 29, 2013. Please promote this collection in your parish.

NECROLOGY

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

April 1, 1874 Rev. Matthew Sarry
 April 1, 1950 Bishop Christopher E. Byrne
 April 2, 1965 Rev. Terenciano Montero, OMI
 April 3, 1996 Msgr. William L. Tinney
 April 3, 2011 Rev. Harold V. O'Leary, CSB
 April 4, 1983 Rev. John Hannaher, SVD
 April 5, 1850 Rev. J.A. Jacobs
 April 5, 1926 Rev. J.J. Gallagher
 April 5, 1992 Msgr. John E. Kukral
 April 6, 1989 Rev. Eugene Heyck, CSB
 April 7, 1991 Rev. George A. Harcar, CSSp
 April 7, 1995 Rev. Francis E. Monaghan, CSB
 April 7, 2009 Msgr. T. Joseph Culver
 April 8, 1912 Rev. C.M. Thion
 April 8, 1980 Rev. Eugene J. Farrell, SSJ
 April 9, 1890 Rev. V. Gury
 April 9, 2002 Rev. Christopher Bang Le, CSSR
 April 10, 1892 Rev. James Giraudon
 April 12, 1931 Rev. Simon Spinneweber
 April 15, 1935 Rev. Otto Bauer
 April 16, 1867 Bishop John Timon, CM
 April 16, 1947 Rev. William Roach
 April 16, 1994 Rev. Edward Rehkopf, SJ
 April 18, 2003 Rev. Francis Strafalace, SCJ
 April 19, 1958 Msgr. Jacob Schnetzer
 April 24, 1976 Rev. Edward G. Lee, CSB
 April 26, 1916 Rev. Peter Bienemann
 April 26, 2007 Rev. Isaac O. Francis
 April 27, 1900 Rev. Antoine Borias
 April 30, 1992 Msgr. Dexter L. George

NEW ADDRESS

The new mailing address for St. Thomas the Apostle parish in Huntsville is:
 1603 Avenue N
 Huntsville, Texas 77340-4441

Please change your records to reflect the new address.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE REPORTS

I would like to take this time to remind you that your parish Safe Environment Compliance Report is due before May 31. It is very important that we receive a list of your parish employees and volunteers before May 31 to ensure that your parish is in compliance with the United States Charter Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The Parish/School Safe Environment Coordinator we have on file for your parish/school was sent detailed information on what is required earlier this week. If this person has changed recently, or is in the process of being replaced, please notify the Office of Safe Environment so we know who to send the information to.

If you have any questions or need further assistance in this matter please contact me, Joe Maire, at jmaire@archgh.org or 713-652-4401. We appreciate all that you do to support our efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of our children and youth.

NOTICE

A card is being distributed in Spanish announcing that **Rosario's Mystic** (5306 Canal St.) is sponsoring their annual "Gloriosa de San Lazaro Celebration in March. A "Bishop" Michael J. Pugin, from Miami, Florida will be presiding at the services. They include an Anointing Mass, First Communion, and Baptisms.

"Bisho" Michael J. Pugin, is NOT A Roman Catholic priest. "Bishop" Pugin belongs to a group called "Catholic Church in America" which is not affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church. I am very concerned that Roman Catholic Hispanics may be confused by the announcements and attend the services believing they are receiving sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church. Please announce to your parishioners that they should not attend the services being offered by "Bishop" Michael J. Pugin at Rosario's Mystic as they are not Catholic sacraments.

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. Call Gina Bibb for more information at 713-440-3436.

Tuesday, March 5

Holy Hour 3:00 – 4:00 PM (with Fr. Tom Rafferty)

Thursday, March 7

"Go Texan Day!" 12:00 Noon *Rodeo Style Luncheon* – Provided by Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Altar Servers (Wear your boots!)

Tuesday, March 12

Holy Hour 3:00 – 4:00 PM (with Fr. Brendan Cahill)

Thursday, March 14

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

Thursday, March 14

March Birthday Gathering, 1:30 PM Cake, ice cream and BINGO!!!!

Tuesday, March 19

Holy Hour 3:00 – 4:00 PM (with Fr. Jude Ezuma)

Thursday, March 21

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

Tuesday, March 26

Museum of Fine Arts outing to see "Portraits of Spain" exhibit, and picnic lunch. Depart John XXIII at 10:30 AM

Wednesday, March 27

SHOWTIME *The Reluctant Saint*, (the life of St. Joseph Cupertino) 1:30 PM – Refreshments served

Thursday, March 28

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

MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE PLAN

Please recall that each parish and mission is required to accept the missionary assigned every year by the Mission Office, through the Missionary Cooperative Plan. You will be receiving your assigned missionary for 2011 via a letter from the Mission Office within the next few weeks. The missionary is to talk at the Masses and take up a collection. The parish is to send the money to the Accounting Office at the Chancery for forwarding to the missionary society/diocese.

This mission appeal does not replace the World Mission Sunday second collection in October. Please avoid assigning the missionary on the second-to-last weekend in October.

No parish is required to accept other missionaries to make appeals at the parish during the year. In fact, great caution should be used before agreeing to allow other missionaries to make an appeal, as they can have a negative effect on the success of the Missionary Cooperative Plan if parishioners feel they are asked too often to contribute to missionary endeavors. Before another missionary is allowed to make an appeal at the parish, a suitability letter from his superior must be sent to the Chancellor's office for approval and the collection is NOT to be given directly to the missionary.

Please be aware that some organizations not linked directly to the Church might aggressively approach you, requesting an invitation to make a presentation or mission appeal during the weekend, while offering a priest to help you with the celebration of the Mass. Some of these organizations are not legitimate, have a checkered past and/or will inundate your parishioners with additional and repeated appeals for donations. Exercise caution as to whom you invite to your parish to make an appeal or presentation. Any special concerns should be brought to the attention of Hilda Ochoa, director of the Mission Office.

EASTER TRIDUUM

The following is from The Year of Grace 2013 prepared by the Office of Worship. Please consult this for additional information regarding Holy Week and Triduum.

http://www.archgh.org/default/prayer-worship/office_worship/Year_of_Grace_2013.pdf

Triduum – Holy Saturday and the Easter Vigil

On this day and Holy Saturday, the Church does not celebrate the sacraments at all except for Penance and the Anointing of the Sick (Roman Missal Good Friday #1). The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, the first Mass of Easter, is celebrated in the night between March 30 and March 31, in 2013. There is to be only one celebration in each church. The law of the Church is that the celebration of the Easter Vigil is celebrated at night.

The General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, no. 21, states:

“The Easter Vigil, in the holy night when the Lord rose again, is considered the ‘mother of all holy Vigils,’ in which the Church, keeping watch, awaits the Resurrection of Christ and celebrates it in the Sacraments. Therefore, the entire celebration of this sacred Vigil must take place at night, so that it both begins after nightfall and ends before the dawn on the Sunday.

Consequently, the Easter Vigil liturgy in 2013 may not begin before 8:30 p.m.

Note changes in the Roman Missal 3rd Edition:

- The preparation of the Paschal Candle is no longer optional although the 5 grains of incense is optional.
- The procession with the Paschal Candle is slightly modified:
 - Paschal Candle is lit at the fire
 - Procession Order: thurifer, deacon (or other minister) with lighted Paschal Candle, followed by
 - priest and ministers, finally the people (note: no crucifix). All hold unlit taper candles.
 - Deacon\minister lifts the candle and intones “The light of Christ” or “Lumen Christi”
 - at the door to the church – priest lights taper
 - in the middle of the church – all light their tapers
 - in front of the altar
 - candle placed in stand
 - all lights are lit except for the altar candles



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Cardinal

March 1, 2013

To: All Pastors

My brother priests:

During the Season of Lent, every Christian thinks of the Holy Land. All of us have a favorite bible story that brings that ancient land to life. But the reality of the Holy Land today often does not match the scenes in our imagination.

Funds from the Holy Land Collection provide presence, care and service to the people who are living in the Holy Land. The collection helps to preserve important shrines critical in the history of the Christian Faith, support pastoral care to the Christian community and provide for the poor through housing development and scholarship opportunities.

All Christians are called to assist our brothers and sisters who now live in the land that was sanctified by the Lord's life, death and resurrection.

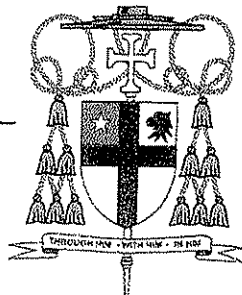
Please encourage your parishioners to support Christianity in the Holy Land by making a donation to the Holy Land Collection on Good Friday, March 29. It is a Pontifical Collection requested by the Pope. Holy Land Christians, along with all the clergy and religious working there, deeply appreciate your help.

Fraternally in Christ,

+ Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Auxiliary Bishop

To: All Pastors and Priests

From: Most Rev. George A. Sheltz + *gas*
Chancellor

Date: February 27, 2013

Re: Resignation of Pope Benedict XVI and Election of the Pope

I want to direct your attention to Spanish and English resources we have placed on the archdiocesan website related to the anticipated resignation of Pope Benedict XVI and the election of the new Pope. The web address is www.archgh.org/conclave.

During this period of transition in the Church, as we await the election of a new Pope, I strongly urge the faithful of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston to offer frequent prayers for the Church including prayer for the Cardinals who will discern the next Pope. The custom of praying *the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be to the Father* is encouraged. I also encourage parishes to celebrate Holy Hours when possible. The liturgy of *Exposition of the Eucharist*, whenever possible, should begin with the celebration of Mass and is to follow strictly the description of the rite found in the document, *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass*. An Order of Worship has been prepared and is found under the Prayer and Liturgy Resources on the Conclave webpage.

The Secretariat of Divine Worship of the USCCB has prepared a very useful resource to assist parishes in their prayer for Pope Benedict XVI and for the Church in anticipation of the election of the next Pope which includes helpful instructions, suggestions, intercessions and musical resources. The web address follows.

Following Pope Benedict XVI's resignation (anticipated for February 28, 1 p.m. Central time):

- The remembrance of the Pope is omitted from the Eucharistic Prayer. However, we continue saying, "with Daniel our Bishop".
 - **Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon)**
Be pleased to grant her peace,
to guard, unite and govern her
throughout the whole world,
together with N. our Bishop,
and all those who, holding to the truth,
hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

- **Eucharistic Prayer II**
Remember, Lord, your Church,
spread throughout the world,
and bring her to the fullness of charity,
together with N. our Bishop
and all the clergy.

- **Eucharistic Prayer III**
May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation,
we pray, O Lord,
advance the peace and salvation of all the world.
Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity
your pilgrim Church on earth,
with N. our Bishop,
the Order of Bishops, all the clergy,
and the entire people you have gained for your own.

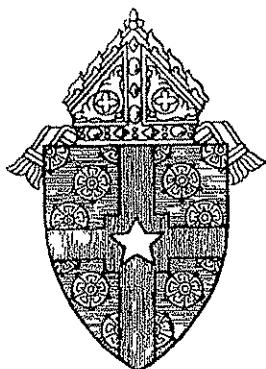
- **Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs I**
Lord, renew your Church (which is in N.)
by the light of the Gospel.
Strengthen the bond of unity
between the faithful and the pastors of your people,
together with N. our Bishop,
and the whole Order of Bishops,
that in a world torn by strife
your people may shine forth
as a prophetic sign of unity and concord.

- Cardinal DiNardo has given permission to use of the Mass texts "*4. For the Election of a Pope or a Bishop*" from the "*Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions*" on weekdays of Lent. This may not be used on Sundays of Lent, solemnities, feasts or during Holy Week.
- In the Liturgy of the Hours, when there is no obligatory memorial, feast or solemnity, the closing prayer may be taken from the *Mass for the Election of a Pope or a Bishop*.
- The Election of the Pope should be prayed for in the Rosary.
- Prayer for the election of the Pope should open and/or close all meetings and gatherings.
- An intercession for the election of the Pope is to be included in all Masses. See the USCCB document for examples.
 - That the Holy Spirit will inspire and strengthen the Cardinal-electors as they choose a new Holy Father to lead us, we pray to the Lord.
 - That the College of Cardinals in its electoral process may be a worthy vehicle of God's grace guiding the Church, we pray to the Lord.
 - That the Holy Spirit will work strongly in the next Pope chosen by the College of Cardinals, we pray to the Lord.
- Parishes should prepare gold and white bunting. This is simply white and gold fabric that drapes and/or surrounds the outside entrance to the church.

Upon news of the election of a new Pope:

- White and gold bunting is customarily displayed above the outside entrance to the church. Flowers may appropriately be placed near the Vatican flag placed prominently in the narthex.
- I ask that a Mass be celebrated in each parish using the Mass "*For the Pope*" found in the "*Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions*. This Mass may not be celebrated on Sundays, solemnities, feasts or during Holy Week.
- Prayer for the new Pope in the General Intercessions, for example:
 - For our new Holy Father, N., that he may be strengthened as he embarks on his ministry of unity, love and peace, we pray to the Lord.
 - That our recently elected Holy Father, N., working together with the bishops of the Church, may build up the Body of Christ in peace and in joy, we pray to the Lord.
 - That our newly elected Holy Father N. may be a champion of the poor, a reconciler of nations and a force for peace and unity in our world, we pray to the Lord.
- The faithful are encouraged to pray for the new Pope and his intentions by the recitation of the *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *Glory Be to the Father*.
- Praying for the Pope in the Rosary is encouraged.

A summary of the above information is available in Spanish and English under the Prayer and Liturgy Resources on the Archgh Conclave webpage. A resource offered by the Secretariat for Divine Worship is also available there.



PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Minutes
Meeting of December 4, 2012

The Council met in the third floor conference room of the Nold Building at St. Mary Seminary. Fr. Rivers Patout called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Fr. Michael Barossa offered the Opening Prayer. Fr. Paul Felix took the roll.

Present:	Daniel Cardinal DiNardo	Fr. Paul G. Felix
	Bishop George A. Sheltz	Fr. Joseph A. Gietl
	Msgr. Chester Borski	Fr. Daniel Lahart, S.J.
	Msgr. Frank H. Rossi	Fr. Rivers Patout
	Msgr. Daniel Scheel	Fr. Page Polk, O.F.M.
	Fr. Michael Barossa	Fr. Clint Ressler
	Fr. Brendan Cahill	Fr. Miguel Solorzano
	Fr. Dwight Canizares	Fr. Albert Zanatta, C.R.S.
	Msgr. Leo Wleczyk	

Excused: Fr. Eric Pitre

MINUTES: The minutes of October 9, 2012 were accepted as presented. The motion to accept was made by Fr. Lahart and seconded by Fr. Gietl. The motion to accept passed by a voice vote.

PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL/PERSONNEL BOARD ELECTION RESULTS: Fr. Brendan Cahill reported the outcome of the recent election as follows:

Personnel Board:

Msgr. Chester Borski 53 versus Fr. James Burkart 47

Presbyteral Council:

Fr. Bart Reynolds 11 versus Fr. Drew Woods 10
Fr. Brendan Cahill 22 versus Fr. John Devlin 10
Fr. Paul Felix 7 versus Fr. Edmund Eduarte 2

ECUMENISM COMMISSION: Fr. Reginald Samuels addressed the Council with an update on the promotion of interfaith, interreligious and ecumenical dialogue in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. He provided three documents:

- A draft letter, for Cardinal DiNardo's approval and signature, for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (proposed to be January 18-25, 2013) to be sent out to parishes, along with -
- A list of "Roman Catholic Resources" containing a list of documents and other reading suggestions as well as resource websites.
- Possible Strategic Planning Process for Ecumenical and Interreligious Commission of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

Cardinal DiNardo made the following comments:

- He suggested naming the commission the Ecumenical and Interfaith (interreligious) Commission.
- He noted the delay of the pro-life march in Washington D.C., due to the presidential inauguration, from the 22nd to the 23rd or 24th of January. On the 19th of January is the annual national observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Day. This seems to be a good date for ecumenical prayer and dialogue.
- He suggested some materials be made available to aid Priests in preparation of homily and other liturgical resources. Cardinal mentioned there are opportunities for interfaith activities are issues based such as human trafficking, etc.

Msgr Borski requested continuing education opportunities to aid in updating in Vatican II (and post Vatican II) documents concerning ecumenical relations in light of the contemporary situation.

There was discussion of the movement away of people from adjudicatories to the independent congregations. This presents a much more difficult situation. Fr. Samuels noted the lack of interest to get together for prayer as opposed to getting together on collaboration over issues. He reported the Holy Father is emphasizing both the effort for uniting in prayer and collaboration.

Cardinal noted that a series on prayer, cultural and theological exchange was proposed by Bishop Reinhardt, the head of the local Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, in observance of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant reformation. He responded in the affirmative but has not heard back. He also noted that from among the Muslims, not the imams, but the laity, are showing interest in discussing and collaborating with us on issues of common interest.

UPDATE ON HISPANIC MINISTRY PROGRAM IN THE ARCHDIOCESE: Fr. Manuel La Rosa-Lopez, Vicar of Hispanic Catholics, and Mr. Sergio Castillo, Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry, approached the Council.

Fr. Lopez stated that the Hispanic Priests meet the third Thursday of every month for discussion and a meal. The attendance usually ranges from 15 to 20 Priests. They are discussing a desired vocational plan that is more sensitive to the Hispanic culture. They

want to talk with the Office of Vocations concerning Hispanic vocations. There is a need for a Diaconal formation program in Spanish. There is a need for more Priests and deacons to learn how to speak Spanish. Fr. Manuel informed the Council that the University of St. Thomas has a plan to offer a program for Priests and Deacons to learn the Spanish language.

Msgr. Rossi suggested that Priests who come into the Archdiocese, post ordination, should be required to study Spanish as well.

Fr. Cahill commented that one requirement for international Priests are required to learn English before coming here.

Fr. Manuel suggested representatives of the Archdiocese establish relationships with Bishops in Latin-American dioceses from which Priests could be lent to us for a period of 3-5 years. Immigration laws make it difficult for Priests to come here to minister within the Archdiocese. In light of so many non-catholic "ministries" that are springing up and putting out signs that say "Misa" (Mass), effectively drawing many Hispanic people away from their Catholic religion, it was suggested that we look for a building for a "Macro" (large) church as a center where Spanish speakers can go for Masses - some place situated where there are large concentrations of Spanish speaking people. Concern was expressed that this would be a shrine where people go without any sense of responsibility for the Catholic community.

Msgr. Rossi suggested reviewing Presbyteral Council minutes from 10-12 years ago when Msgr. Pickard was chairing a committee looking for facilities where there could be regional catechetical centers for catechesis and sacramental preparations as well as for quinceaños, etc.

Fr. la Rosa – Lopez said that Shalom Center will begin providing services for Priests and support groups for prevention of problems, etc., in Spanish.

Mr. Sergio Castillo provided a hand-out on the Office of Hispanic Ministry. He highlighted the distinction between the roles of the Hispanic Delegates and those of the Parish Directors/Coordinators of Hispanic ministry who meet with Mr. Castillo on a monthly basis.

He spoke about programs such as leadership development and training for Pastors working with shared parishes for unity.

This was followed with discussion around arranging for Priests to aid in providing for Masses, etc, in Spanish as well as coordination of scheduling Spanish Masses between parishes in various areas of the Archdiocese that would enable Spanish language supply Priests to help in multiple parishes in a given region on the weekends, etc.

IT PLAN/ BUSINESS INSURANCE RATE REDUCTION, HEALTH PLAN PREMIUM INCREASE: David Hessel, Archdiocesan Finance Officer & Business Manager, and Ed Herrera, Director of IT for the Archdiocese, presented on the upcoming changes in technology. Some components of the Logos software are not going to be supported in the future. The IT department is seeking input on selecting a software program for the future. We have about 2.5 years to migrate off the Logos platform to another one. They are asking that a committee be established for finding a good replacement platform that could provide for: Accounting, Census, Facilities Management, Ministries scheduler and Sacramental Registry.

Persons interested in serving on the committee may contact Ed Herrera at eherrera@archgh.org or 713-652-8285.

Mr. Hessel spoke about the upcoming Book Keepers meeting conducted by Margaret Thompson to go over issues that are being found repeatedly in the audits of parish and schools.

Mr. Hessel informed the Council of a rate reduction of approximately 26% in property and liability insurance due to the progress made in achieving a 9.5 million dollar fund, established in the wake of hurricane Ike, to cover damages from storms, etc. The progress was made through an insurance rate increase and measures taken by the Archdiocese and parishes to minimize our exposure to risk. The reduction will be seen at the beginning of April.

After months of study it is necessary for parishes and schools to plan in their budgets for 2013-14, for an 3% increase in the health pan rates. There will probably be an annual increase going forward.

The upcoming DSF regional meetings in January will be dedicating a portion of the meeting to discussing Risk Management with Pastors.

WORLD APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA CONGRESS: Cardinal DiNardo reported on the congress that was hosted in Rome and the importance of the ministry provided for the Port of Houston. Houston has a superb reputation for ministry in the world. It is both Catholic and ecumenical. He spoke about the difficulty our homeland security policies and immigration laws present for mariners and their ability to get off the ships at US ports. Among other things, the Holy See is concerned about piracy. Persons staffing cruise ships need pastoral care. 65% of persons working on docks or the sea are Catholic. The Port of Houston is leader in tonnage in the USA. May 22nd is World Mariners' Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONSULTATIONS: Cardinal DiNardo announced he ordained Bishop Joseph Strickland as the new bishop of Tyler.

A number of dioceses are vacant or will be becoming vacant in the near future: San Angelo, El Paso has been vacant for a year, Las Cruces, New Mexico is also vacant.

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The Texas Bishops will be celebrating the Year of Faith in a special Mass at one of the mission churches in San Antonio. The Cardinal may ask some representatives of the various parishes to attend.

The "Archangels" advocacy training program is underway for the Texas Bishops' legislative agenda. Among the topics included in the agenda are: tuition tax credits for private schools, the respect life agenda and payday lending.

Bishop Sheltz distributed a Schedule of Dates for Presbyteral Council Meetings for the year 2013 and an Update on Activities for the Pastoral Plan from Jim Barrette and the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council.

His Eminence sent greetings to all the Priests.

The Cardinal said he has to go to Rome for the beginning of the year.

Confirmation dates have been set for January and early February. The other dates are not yet available because of the difficulty of coordinating dates with the various Bishops who will be helping. The schedules will be sent out soon.

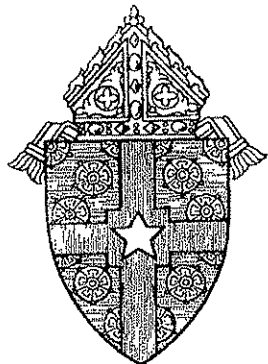
NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 19, 2013, from 10 am – 2 pm at St. Mary's Seminary, Nold Education Building conference room 113. Lunch will follow in the refectory at St. Mary's Seminary.

CLOSING PRAYER AND GRACE: Cardinal DiNardo led the Council in the concluding prayer and grace before the lunch at the Cardinal's home.

Minutes approved for publication

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Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

Rev. Rivers Patout, Chairman
Rev. Paul G. Felix, Secretary



PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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	Fr. Dwight Canizares	Fr. Albert Zanatta, C.R.S.

Excused: Fr. Brendan Cahill, Fr. Daniel Lahart, S.J.

MINUTES: The minutes of December 4, 2012, were read and approved as written.

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS: Fr. Patout welcomed returning member Page Polk, OFM (representing Archdiocesan chaplains) and new member Fr. Stephen "Bart" Reynolds (representing Northern/Western/Bluebonnet Deaneries).

ELECTION OF COUNCIL SECRETARY: Fr. Stephen "Bart" Reynolds was elected secretary. The Council thanked Fr. Paul Felix for his recent and dedicated service in this capacity.

ARCHDIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN: Mr. Jim Barrette, Fr. Pat Garrett, Mrs. Sue Fogerty, and Mrs. Mary Grace Landrum made a presentation on the status of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan. Copies of the proposed objectives were distributed to Council members for discussion.

There was a review of the Pastoral Plan timeline, of the work done to date to identify priorities, and a summary of the results of regional meetings. The information gathered throughout the consultations has been distilled into nine objectives. Parishes will be asked to study the objectives and to formulate action plans responding to some or all of them. The numeration of the priorities does not imply a relative ranking among them. They move from the more general to the more specific.

Cardinal DiNardo noted that the priorities may have repercussions for various chancery offices, especially in the areas of education and liturgy. Depending upon the response from parishes, and the plans they formulate, the offices of the Archdiocese will need to respond in a helpful way.

It was further noted that despite the large numbers entering the Church through the R.C.I.A. – Galveston-Houston is second only to Los Angeles among U.S. dioceses – work remains to be done in reaching out to inactive Catholics.

The objective dealing with collaboration between parishes has been a priority among respondents and listening-session participants from the beginning of the planning process. The Cardinal hopes that parishes will take some risks and work with other communities that are different from their own. This may be the objective that has the most life for our people, he noted.

Observations were made about the importance of the use of social media in pastoral planning and in outreach. Different expectations with regard to on-going formation were noted among Anglo participants and all others. Most Anglos saw formal instruction and lectures as essential in adult formation. Others emphasized retreats, pilgrimages, and spiritual formation opportunities.

The process of formulating an Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan has been widely consultative. There is no intention of imposing anything from above. Together with the publication of the objectives, the Council discussed the advisability of producing a brief, one-page introduction to the process to accompany the planned workbook, which will be the primary tool of parishes in their action plans.

As the plan unfolds at the parish level, there will be a concerted effort to share fruits among parishes. The Presbyteral Council was in agreement that the objectives should be published and distributed to pastors.

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLECTION: Fr. Trung Nguyen, Rector of St. Mary Seminary and Fr. Dat Hoang, Director of the Office of Vocations, addressed the Council.

Fr. Nguyen expressed his gratitude to the parishes of the Archdiocese for their financial support of the seminary through the Corpus Christi collection. The seminary depends upon these funds to support her mission in forming seminarians, permanent deacons, and in collaborating with the Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter.

There are seventy-five seminarians this year, with the expectation that next year there will be eighty-five or so. The facility was built sixty years ago, and the administration has strengthened the maintenance staff to continue to care for the campus.

Since several dioceses now send candidates to the seminary, there was a discussion on how to successfully invite those dioceses to offer similar support to St. Mary's. This is a matter for the seminary Board to consider, and must be developed over time, Fr. Nguyen noted.

Fr. Nguyen and Fr. Hoang suggested that seminarians participate in the preparations for the Corpus Christi collection by visiting parishes the weekend before (May 25-26), by speaking before or after Mass and thanking the parish for their support. The idea was well received. Council members noted that in efforts to sustain and increase seminary support, it is important to communicate the costs involved in educating and forming seminarians. Fr. Nguyen noted that the current annual expense is approximately \$40,000 per student per year.

THE SEDE VACANTE PERIOD AND THE CONCLAVE: Cardinal DiNardo spoke about the upcoming conclave in Rome. He will leave for Rome on Tuesday, February 26 in order to join the other Cardinals who will meet with the Holy Father on his last day in office. After Pope Benedict's resignation takes effect, the Cardinals will collectively administer the Church until the election of the new Pope.

The Holy See may allow the conclave to take place earlier in March than originally anticipated. The Cardinal hopes that he will return to Houston for Holy Week. He noted that he has purchased a round-trip ticket. In the absence of Cardinal DiNardo, Bishop Sheltz will be responsible for administration.

February 22 is the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. Priests are encouraged to remember Pope Benedict in a special way on that day. After 8:00 p.m. Rome time on February 28 (1:00 p.m. Central Time), parishes have permission to offer "Mass for the Election of a Pope or Bishop" (*Roman Missal*, p. 1247). Readings may be of the day, or drawn from those given in the Lectionary (*Lectionary*, vol. IV, pp. 833ff.). This Mass may only be celebrated on those weekdays of Lent that are not superseded by a liturgical Feast or Solemnity. An Archdiocesan Mass will also be arranged.

Petitions and prayers for the Holy Father (until Feb. 28) and for the Cardinals (from March 1 until the election) are fittingly offered at all parish Masses. Upon the election of a new Pope, bunting (white, gold, or a combination thereof) may be placed around the doors of the parish church. The USCCB website has a number of liturgical resources available. See the following websites:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/leadership/holy-see/pope-benedict-xvi/upload/Pope-Resignation-Resources.pdf>

<http://www.usccb.org/about/leadership/holy-see/pope-benedict-xvi/papal-transition-2013-graphics-downloads.cfm>

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CLOSING PRAYER: At the conclusion of the meeting, Cardinal DiNardo offered a final prayer, and said the blessing for lunch, which followed in the seminary refectory.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Presbyteral Council will be held at St. Mary Seminary on Tuesday, April 16, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Bishop Nold Building.

Minutes approved for publication

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Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

Rev. Rivers Patout, Chairman
Rev. Stephen B. Reynolds, Secretary



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Cardinal

February 7, 2013

Dear Brother Priests,

I wanted to extend a personal invitation to you and the youth of your parish to the 57th Annual Archdiocesan Youth Conference, which will take place on July 19–21, 2013 at the Hilton Americas - Houston Hotel. This year's theme, "Unseen Love," is taken from St. Peter's beautiful description of our faith: "Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of [your] faith, the salvation of your souls" (1 Peter 1:8-9).

The Archdiocesan Youth Conference offers a variety of presentations, workshops, and activities that affirm in our young people the Church's desire to support and guide them as they face societal pressures and personal challenges in their lives. It also provides priests an opportunity to take some time to listen to what the youth in our parishes are saying about their beliefs, aspirations, and concerns. I would like, therefore, to invite you to join me in being present for the weekend sessions, liturgies, and particularly the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession will be offered on Friday, July 19, 2013, from 9:05 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. and on Saturday, July 20, 2013, from 12:30 p.m. until 1:45 p.m. I hope that your schedule permits you to participate in one or both of these times. For your convenience, the Office of Adolescent Catechesis and Evangelization has attached a program schedule for your review.

I understand that high school students have many programs and activities during the summer months. It is my hope that you, your youth, and their leaders will make this archdiocesan gathering a priority in your parish. Your youth ministry leaders have also received a letter and registration packet. Please take the time to discuss with them the importance of your parish's participation in this important gathering in the life of our local Church. If you are able to attend or have any questions, please contact Mr. Randy Adams at the Office of Adolescent Catechesis and Evangelization at (713) 741-8723.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind response and taking this opportunity to assure you of my best wishes in the Lord, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

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Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

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Archdiocesan Youth Conference July 19-21, 2013

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



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**Jackie
Francois**

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**Roy
Petiffils**



**Doug
Tooke**

Archdiocesan Youth Conference Schedule

Friday, July 19, 2013

- 3:00 PM - Bayou Village
- 6:45 PM - Intro/Music/Icebreaker
- 7:15 PM - Opening Session with Ben Walther and Chris Templonuevo
- 7:55 PM - Grade Level Sessions
 - o Incoming Freshmen
 - o Incoming Sophomores
 - o Incoming Juniors/Seniors Together
 - o Graduated Seniors
- 9:05 PM - Evening Prayer and Reconciliation
- 10:00 - Announcement/Dismissal/Parish-School Gathering

Saturday, July 20, 2013

- 8:30 AM - Morning Session/Praise and Worship
- 8:50 AM - Intro to Keynote
- 8:55 AM - Keynote - Imperishable Love Subtheme
- 9:45 AM - Mass
- 11:15 AM - Intro Catechetical Sessions after Lunch
- 11:25 AM - Parish/School Gathering
- 12:00 PM - Transition to Lunch
- 12:15 PM - Lunch
- 12:30 PM - Reconciliation
- 1:45 PM - Transition/Reconciliation Ends
- 2:00 PM - Catechetical Session #1
- 3:00 PM - Transition
- 3:15 PM - Afternoon Prayer - Living Stations
- 3:35 PM - Intro to Keynote
- 3:40 PM - Keynote - Undeified Love
- 4:40 PM - Intro Catechetical Session #2
- 4:45 PM - Transition
- 5:00 PM - Catechetical Session #2
- 6:00 PM - Parish/School Gathering
- 6:45 PM - Dinner
- 8:15 PM - Transition
- 8:30 PM - Intro to Keynote
- 8:35 PM - Keynote - Unfading Love Subtheme
- 9:10 PM - Preparation for Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 9:20 PM - Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 10:30 PM - Dismissal: Parish/School Prayer

Sunday, July 21, 2013

- 8:00 AM - Morning Session/Praise and Worship
 - Youth Ministry Recognitions
 - Preparation for Mass
- 9:30 AM - Mass

Retirement Fund for Religious Spread sheet
As of February 26, 2013

#	Parish		#	Parish	
7001	St John-Alvin	2,179.50	7370	St Albert	938.56
7007	St Stanislaus-Anderson	450.55	7377	St Alphonsus	1,126.43
7013	Holy Trinity -Angleton	2,560.02	7384	St Ambrose	
7025	St Martin-Barrett Station	151.00	7391	St Andrew Kim	587.00
7031	O L Guadalupe-Baytown	1,429.00	7398	St Anne	15,681.00
7033	St John-Baytown	1,963.00	7405	St Anne de Beaupre	156.00
7037	St Joseph-Baytown	821.00	7412	St Augustine	1,328.81
7043	St Wenceslaus-Beasley	678.00	7419	St Benedict	555.75
7049	Sts Peter/Paul-Bellville	1,786.02	7426	St Bernadette	10,955.74
7055	St Joseph-Brazoria	635.65	7433	St Catherine	4,989.00
7067	St Andrew-Channelview	4,085.96	7440	St Cecilia	6,392.37
7073	St Jerome-Clute	2,000.00	7447	St Charles	3,715.02
7079	Sacred Heart-Conroe	7,921.44	7454	St Christopher	2,309.00
7085	Sacred Heart-Crosby	1,395.64	7461	St Clare	5,691.55
7091	Sts Cyril/Methodius-Damon	391.00	7468	St Cyril	5,051.00
7097	St Anthony-Danbury	2,097.00	7475	St Dominic	1,075.47
7103	St Hyacinth-Deer Park		7482	St Elizabeth	12,315.50
7109	Shrine/True Cross-Dickinson	3,531.00	7489	St Frances Cabrini	2,511.98
7125	St Mary Star/Sea-Freeport	1,358.10	7496	St Francis de Sales	7,877.15
7131	Mary, Queen-Friendswood	9,608.16	7503	St Francis Assisi	536.66
7137	St Mary-Frydek/Sealy	620.00	7510	St Francis Xavier	1,458.63
7143	O L Fatima-Galena Park		7517	St Gregory	498.00
7149	Holy Family	6,671.00	7524	St Jerome	5,876.50
7183	St. Katharine Drexel-Hempstead	937.00	7531	St John Neumann	2,549.95
7193	St Jude-Highlands	2,286.00	7537	St John Vianney	18,876.34
7199	O L Lourdes-Hitchcock	9,238.00	7543	St Joseph	
7201	All Saints	940.00	7549	St Justin	4,355.53
7207	Annunciation	3,571.00	7555	St Leo	4,463.50
7213	Ascension Chinese	1,080.00	7561	St Luke	1,462.00
7219	Assumption	2,644.28	7567	St Mark	3,115.77
7225	Blessed Sacrament	255.00	7573	St Mary	649.00
7230	Christ/Incarnate Word		7579	St Matthew	1,808.92
7231	Christ the King	1,312.00	7585	St Maximilian	4,337.00
7237	Christ the Redeemer	11,198.50	7591	St Michael	14,632.67
7243	Corpus Christi	5,732.58	7597	St Monica	675.75
7249	Holy Ghost	4,790.01	7603	St Nicholas	181.00
7255	Holy Name		7609	St Patrick	886.00
7261	Holy Rosary		7615	St Paul	
7267	Imm. Conception	1,736.92	7621	St Peter Claver	204.20
7273	Imm. Heart of Mary		7627	St Peter Apostle	523.00
7285	Notre Dame	2,738.13	7634	St Philip Neri	
7291	O L Czestochowa	380.00	7641	St Philip Jesus	2,289.00
7297	O L Guadalupe	1,353.00	7648	St Raphael	1,259.35
7303	O L Lavang	2,149.00	7655	St Rose of Lima	3,517.47
7306	O L Lourdes	2,556.00	7662	St Stephen	644.10
7309	O L Mt Carmel		7669	St Theresa	5,311.25
7315	O L Sorrows	377.00	7676	St Thomas More	9,574.20
7321	O L St John		7683	St Vincent de Paul	36,427.39
7327	O L of Walshingham		7690	Vietnamese Martyrs	
7333	O L Star of the Sea	188.00	7696	St Philip-Huffman	3,335.50
7339	O M of Mercy		7701	St Mary-Humble	7,512.00
7345	Prince of Peace	7,640.53	7707	St Thomas-Huntsville	2,518.00
7351	Queen of Peace	2,556.00	7713	Imm. Conception-Industry	771.00
7357	Resurrection		7723	Epiphany of the Lord-Katy	18,881.28
7363	Sacred Heart Co-Cath	11,983.30	7727	St Bartholomew-Katy	

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7729	St Edith Stein-Katy	
7733	St Martha-Kingwood	16,448.00
7739	Queen of Peace-La Marque	1,259.23
7745	St Mary-La Porte	2,164.00
7751	St Michael-Lake Jackson	2,804.00
7757	St Mary-League City	7,873.07
7769	St Matthias-Magnolia	2,625.00
7775	Sacred Heart/Jesus-Manvel	3,154.12
7781	Holy Family-Mc Nair	695.00
7787	Holy Family-Missouri City	556.00
7789	St. Angela Merici	5,207.59
7793	Christ Our Light-Navasota	810.56
7805	St Michael-Needville	1,171.00
7811	St John-New Caney	
7817	St Joseph-New Waverly	1,518.92
7823	St. Juan Diego-Pasadena	1,327.00
7829	St Pius V-Pasadena	3,062.40
7831	Sacred Heart-Pattison	667.06
7835	St Helen-Pearland	8,360.00
7841	St Mary-Plantersville	4,849.78
7847	St Stephen-Point Blank	422.50
7865	Sacred Heart-Richmond	
7869	St John-Richmond	987.81
7873	Holy Rosary-Rosenberg	4,690.80
7879	O L Guadalupe-Rosenberg	595.92
7885	Imm Conception-Sealy	712.00
7891	O L Grace-South Houston	315.00
7901	Chr/Good Shepherd-Spring	6,089.00
7906	St Edward-Spring	7,026.01
7911	St Ignatius-Spring	9,081.50
7916	St James-Spring	1,300.00
7925	St Joseph-Stoneham	1,665.00
7931	St Laurence-Sugarland	21,991.90
7937	St Theresa-Sugarland	6,738.29
7946	St Thomas-Sugarland	2,444.00
7951	O L Perpetual Help-Sweeny	
7957	St Mary-Texas City	1,750.00
7963	St Anne-Tomball	3,336.50
7969	Guardian Angel-Wallis	1,147.63
7975	St John the Apostle-W Columbia	
7979	St Anthony-The Woodlands	13,318.04
7981	Sts Simon/Jude-The Woodlands	13,734.00
0000	Other	744.00

TOTAL TOTAL**535,006.21**