

Clergy Bulletin

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The next Clergy Bulletin will be issued in March 2012. Please submit all information by 2:00 p.m. on February 17, 2012.

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Official Appointments/Announcements

Most Rev. Samuel J. Aquila, Bishop of Fargo, has made the following appointments, announcement, and/or decrees

Reverend Joseph Christensen, FMI, has been appointed Chaplain for the Saint Gianna's Maternity Home in Minto, North Dakota. This appointment is retroactive to June 29, 2011, and will continue *ad nutum episcopi*.

Reverend Terry Dodge has been appointed pastor of St. Patrick's Parish in Enderlin, Holy Trinity Parish in Fingal, and Our Lady of the Scapular Parish in Sheldon, all in North Dakota. This appointment is effective on January 25, 2012, for a six year term, ending in June of 2018. He will reside in the St. Patrick's parish rectory.

Reverend John F. Kizito has been appointed to serve as an at-large member of the Priest Council. This appointment is retroactive to September 28, 2011, and is for a three-year term ending on September 27, 2014.

Reverend Brian Moen has been appointed to serve as an at-large member of the Priest Council. This appointment is retroactive to September 28, 2011, and is for a three-year term ending on September 27, 2014.

Reverend Monsignor Daniel J. Pilon has been appointed pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Mayville, and St. Agnes' Parish in Hunter, both in North Dakota. This appointment is effective on January 25, 2012, for a six year term, ending in June of 2018. He will reside in the Our Lady of Peace parish rectory.

Deacon Douglas C. Campbell has been reappointed to serve as a deacon at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Wahpeton, North Dakota, effective November 15, 2011, and continuing *ad nutum episcopi*.

Deacon Wallace W. Dalman has been appointed to serve as a deacon at St. George's Parish in Cooperstown, Sacred Heart Parish in Aneta, St. Olaf's Parish in Finley and St. Lawrence's Parish in Jessie, all in North Dakota, effective November 19, 2011, and continuing *ad nutum episcopi*.

Deacon Kenneth F. Votava has been appointed to serve as a deacon at St. George's Parish in Cooperstown, Sacred Heart Parish in Aneta, St. Olaf's Parish in Finley and St. Lawrence's Parish in Jessie, all in North Dakota, effective November 19, 2011, and continuing *ad nutum episcopi*.

OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL/VICAR FOR CLERGY

2012 Spring Ed Days: April 15-17, 2012, in Carrington

2012 Presbyteral Days: September 30 – October 3, 2012 in Jamestown

2012 Diocesan Retreats: June 18-22, 2012: Preached Retreat by Bishop Byrnes at Maryvale
August 20-28, 2012: Silent Retreat, Director TBA at Maryvale
October 8-16, 2012: Silent Retreat, Fr. Tom Topf at Hankinson
November 5-9, 2012: Preached Retreat by Msgr. Cipel at Maryvale

Diocesan Offices Closed

The Diocesan Offices at the Pastoral Center will be closed on **January 16, 2012** – Martin Luther King Day

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR/LITURGY

Rite of Election

The Rite of Election is scheduled for the First Sunday of Lent, February 26, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of St. Mary. *See the registration form enclosed.*

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 2 at St. Mary's Cathedral. Please bring your own alb and Diocesan chasuble/dalmatic. A dinner for all priests will follow.

Easter Vigil

The proper time for the Easter Vigil to begin is after nightfall. Based on the time of sunset and end of civil twilight on Holy Saturday, April 7, Bishop Aquila will be celebrating the Easter Vigil at **8:45 p.m.** at St. Mary's Cathedral. This is calculated using the 'End of Civil Twilight' category at the US Naval Observatory. Since these exact times can vary by 20-30 minutes within the Diocese, depending on geographical location, please visit the Observatory website to determine the end of civil twilight in your area. http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/RS_OneDay.php

Special Collections

<http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections/ncdescriptions.shtml>

- Peter's Pence taken up the weekend of January 28-29. See link above for more information.
- Holy Land taken up on Good Friday, April 6. The Collection for the Holy Land, in the words of Paul VI is "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities."

Operation Rice Bowl

<http://orb.crs.org/>

Currently only 34% of schools and parishes in the Diocese are participating in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. Please consider this as a Lenten project for your parish. See link above for more information.

Paperwork Reminders

The following items are due on January 31. Please be sure to complete them and send them to the Chancellor's office.

- Parish Marriage Records – all marriage files from 2011. The new Marriage Papers Check List must be completed and accompany each marriage case. Incomplete paperwork will be sent back to your parish. See enclosed form.
- Parish Financial Reports for 2011 (Can be July 31 for parishes on a June-June Fiscal Year)

CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Enclosed is a summary of the various projects the Office of Catholic Education and Formation is working on and will roll out in 2012. Pastors, please share this information with your Parish Councils, DREs and other parish staff.

RESPECT LIFE OFFICE

Join us for Lunch with Patrick Coffin on Thursday, February 2 at Sts. Anne and Joachim Church, 5202 25th St. So., Fargo. Coffin is the host of the top-rated national radio show, Catholic Answers LIVE. He will speak on the Gospel of Suffering and share his personal story of the death of his daughter, Naomi, in the fall of 2006. Cost for the event is \$15/person. Registration deadline is Jan., 23. Registration forms can be found at: <http://www.fargodiocese.org/news/Events.htm> or by calling 701-356-7900, or e-mail: tickets@fargodiocese.org. Sponsored by the Diocese of Fargo Communications and Respect Life Offices together with Real Presence Radio.

Ignatian Retreats Offered this Lent

The Respect Life Office is hosting two Ignatian Retreats this Lent; a Retreat for Women, February 16-19, and a Retreat for Men, March 8-11. Retreatants will be introduced to St. Ignatius Loyola's methods of encountering Jesus Christ. Both retreats will be directed by Fr. Andrew Jasinski and held at the St. Francis Convent and Retreat Center, Hankinson. Retreatants will be required to observe silence throughout the weekend. Cost: \$250. Registration deadline: Feb. 10 for the Women's Retreat and March 2 for the Men's Retreat. For additional information and registration form, visit www.fargodiocese.org/news/Events.htm, or contact Rachelle at 701-356-7910 or e-mail: rachelle.sauvageau@fargodiocese.org.

Roman Missal to offer the option of a Mass for Life

The Roman Missal offers the option of offering a Mass for human life found under the section of Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions. The Mass title "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" (no.48/1) is to be celebrated with white vestments. This Mass can be celebrated on the January 22, Day of Prayer and Penance for Life (for 2012, this will fall on January 23). Each January 22 (23 for 2012) is to be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

Please find attached the November/December issue of the **Priests for Life Newsletter**.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE:

Richard Diemert, the son of Deacon Gene and Dorothy Klein, died on December 6, 2011, after a long battle with cancer.

Bernice Wilhelm, the mother of Rev. Chad Wilhelm and the sister of Deacon Len Buresh, died on December 19, 2011. Her funeral was on December 22 at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck, North Dakota.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

January 2012

General Intention: That the victims of natural disasters may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives.

Missionary Intention: That the dedication of Christians to peace may bear witness to the name of Christ before all men and women of good will.

February 2012

General Intention: That all peoples may have access to water and other resources needed for daily life.

Missionary Intention: That the Lord may sustain the efforts of health workers assisting the sick and elderly in the world's poorest regions.

March 2012

General Intention: That the whole world may recognize the contribution of women to the development of society.

Missionary Intention: That the Holy Spirit may grant perseverance to those who suffer discrimination, persecution, or death for the name of Christ, particularly in Asia.

USCCB CAUTIONS OF CERTAIN PERSONS AND GROUPS

Please see enclosures regarding:

- Fr. Henry Kiggundu
- Gary E. Underwood

As the Editor of the *Clergy Bulletin*, I would like to invite your input for future issues in an effort to provide current information on events and changes that affect our diocese. Please contact Karen Neff at the Chancery office, 701-356-7945, or at karen.neff@fargodiocese.org, with your information. Thank you. Rev. Monsignor Joseph P. Goering, Vicar General, Vicar for Clergy. (As always, the contents and enclosures of the *Clergy Bulletin* will continue to be subject to review to assure conformity with diocesan policies.)