Note: Please contact Dana Schultz at 800-562-9745 ext. 103 for questions/problems regarding receipt of the Diocesan Communicator. The Communicator is also available on the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofmarquette.org.

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First Retreat: September 20-23 – to be conducted by Father William Ibach, S.J.

Second Retreat: October 25-28 - to be conducted by Father Michael Hinkley

Further details will be forthcoming at a later date.

August 4, 2002

Concerning the ordinary means of sanctification, Canon 528 stipulates that the parish priest is to give particular care to ensure that the Most Holy Eucharist is the centre of the parochial community and that the faithful come to the fullness of Christian life by a conscious and active participation in the Sacred Liturgy, by the celebration of the sacraments, by the practice of prayer and by good works.

It is notable that the Code makes specific mention of frequent reception of the Holy Eucharist and of the Sacrament of Penance. This would indicate that the parish priest, in establishing the times for Masses and confessions in his parish, would take into consideration those times which are convenient for the majority of the faithful, while bearing in mind also the need to facilitate those who have difficulty in easily attending the celebration of the sacraments. The parish priest should devote special attention to individual confession, understood in the spirit and form established by the Church. He should be mindful that confession must precede first Holy Communion. Moreover, the individual confessions of the faithful, for pastoral reasons and for the convenience of the faithful, may also be received during the celebration of the Holy Mass.

Care should be taken to ensure respect “for the sensibilities of the penitent concerning the manner in which he wishes to confess, either face to face, or from behind a grill.” The confessor may also have pastoral reasons for preferring the use of a confessional equipped with a grill.

The practice of visiting the Blessed Sacrament should be strongly encouraged. To this end, churches should be kept open for as long as possible, and their opening times fixed and established. Many parish priests promote the laudable practice of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament through solemn exposition and can attest to its fruits in the vitality of their parishes.
The Blessed Sacrament is to be lovingly reserved in a tabernacle “which is the spiritual heart of every religious and parochial community.” Without the cult of the Eucharist, as with a beating heart, a parish becomes arid.” “If you wish the faithful to pray willingly and piously – as Pius XII reminded the clergy of Rome – set an example for them by praying in your churches before them. A priest on his knees before the tabernacle, with a proper disposition and in deep recollection is a model of edification for the people, a reminder of, and an invitation to, prayerful emulation.”

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**OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR**

Reverend Alex K. Sample

**MASS OFFERING ACCOUNT IS NOW IN “CRISIS”:**

As you know on January 8, 2004, I sent an Urgent Memo to all pastors, pastoral coordinators and senior priests advising them of the current status of the Mass Offering pool. At that time I asked for donations to the pool from the parishes that had surplus Mass Offerings. In response to the memo, Mass Offerings totaling $2900 were sent to the diocesan pool (290 Masses).

The number of requests from our senior priests for Mass Offerings continues to grow on a monthly basis. Since the beginning of 2003 I have been forced to lower the amount of each monthly request for Mass Offerings from $300, to $250, then to $200. Because the account is so very low at the present time, I am forced once again, to lower each request to $100 per month. Even at the rate of $100 per month per request, the account will be depleted in the not too distant future if we do not receive more donations to the fund from the parishes. This could happen in the next 5-6 months.

As I have said in the past, our senior priests rely on these offerings to help supplement their retirement income. Imagine the impact on these men of losing $200 a month in income.

**Thank you** to all the parishes and missions that have responded to my increasingly urgent appeals! **If there are still parishes or missions that have more Mass offerings than they can celebrate in a year, please send the excess offerings to the Chancellor (Fr. Sample) for distribution to our senior priests.** I take this opportunity to remind the pastors and pastoral coordinators once again that this is the universal and diocesan law on this matter.

**MONITUS:**

The following are recent advisories we have received from the USCCB concerning these individuals and groups:
The **Orthodox Mother of God Church Derjavnaja** is involved in promoting Marian devotion and may have contact with Catholic groups. It is not a *bona fide* Church in the eyes of the Catholic Church, and is of questionable origin.

**Fr. Fernando Cristancho** of the Diocese of Istmina-Tado, Columbia was serving in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. His faculties have been revoked.

**Fr. Petar Jelinic** is a priest of the Byzantine Catholic Church. He is not considered suitable for service.

If you have contact with any of these groups or individuals and need more information, please contact Fr. Alex Sample at the Chancery Office (227-9111 or the WATS line, Ext. 111).

**COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN AND THE HOLY LAND – GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2004**

This is to remind you that the annual Collection for the Holy Land and the Catholic Communication Campaign is scheduled for Good Friday, April 9, 2004. Please convey to your people at all Masses on the weekend of April 3/4 that this special collection will be taken up on Good Friday, with a reminder on Good Friday itself. A check in the amount of the collection, payable to: "Diocese of Marquette - Holy Land - Communications Collection" should be sent to the Pastoral Office by April 26, 2004.

A suggested bulletin announcement is included in the “Bulletin Announcement” section.

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**COMMUNICATION SERVICES**

Loreene Zeno Koskey

**MOVIES, SCRIPTURE AND MEDIA LITERACY**

Several parishes throughout the diocese have convened groups of parishioners to discuss “The Passion of the Christ,” after viewing the movie. In light of this, you may be interested to know that resources are available to hold movie discussion groups in your parish any time you wish. The Daughters of St. Paul offer reflections they call “Lights, Camera…Faith!” on their website, [www.pauline.org](http://www.pauline.org). These reflections on the readings of the Liturgy of the Word for Sunday take the story found in a popular movie and create a dialogue between the movie and the Gospel reading of that Sunday. This can be a powerful and interesting way to bring the Gospel story alive in our times. Each Sunday a new movie and Gospel reflection is posted on the website. These reflections are taken from the series of books called “Lights, Camera…Faith! A Movie Lover’s Guide to Scripture.” The series, which covers the three Scripture cycles, is on
order and will soon be in the Department of Faith Formation and Education’s lending library.

**EASTER MASS LISTING**
The U.P. Catholic is planning to publish a special section in the April 2 issue listing Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses in our parishes and missions. There is no cost to participate in this feature. Please send your Easter weekend Mass schedule by e-mail to swickenheise@dioceseofmarquette.org, by fax: (906) 226-6941 or by postal mail to The U.P. Catholic, P.O. Box 548, Marquette, MI 49855, Attn: Mass Times. The deadline for submitting Mass times is Monday, March 22. In addition to our free listing, any parish wishing to place a display advertisement in The U.P. Catholic should contact Steve Gretzinger, advertising manager, toll free at 1-866-452-5112, via e-mail: upc@new.rr.com or by fax: (906) 863-2881.

**ADOPT-A-CAMPER SUNDAY**
Camp New Day U.P. is a summer camp for children with a family member in prison. It is the result of a cooperative prison ministry program organized by the Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran and Episcopal churches. The week-long camping experience is provided free of charge to eligible children between the ages of nine and 14. Funding for Camp New Day U.P. comes from contributions and grants. You are invited to join the Christian churches throughout the U.P. that are holding “Adopt-A-Camper Sunday” by distributing the bulletin insert that can be found as an attachment at the end of this newsletter. If you know of a youth who qualifies for Camp New Day U.P. or if you would like to schedule a presentation on the camp for your parish council or tithing committee, please contact Loreene Zeno Koskey at 1-800-562-9745, ext. 129 or lkoskey@dioceseofmarquette.org.

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**FAITH FORMATION & EDUCATION SERVICES**
Gloria Kalbfleisch

**Spring Study Day:** April 1, 2004  Registration Due by March 25, 2004  
**Place:** St. Peter Cathedral Annex  
**Cost:** $7. registration fee includes morning refreshments, presentations & lunch  
**Presents:** Catholic Returning Home: presentations from parishes now implementing the program; Newsletter Know-How: using technology to create & produce newsletters for parish programs; Intergenerational Fair: displays and materials of Intergenerational Events; Reflections: Fr. Bill Ibach, SJ will lead reflections on the day’s events.  
**Chrism Mass:** 4:00 p.m. (ET) St. Peter Cathedral
MANS Student Recruitment Training Seminar: On April 21 & 22, 2004, all Catholic schools principals in the Diocese of Marquette, along with a 2-3 member team, are invited to join with the Diocese of Gaylord educators for a golden opportunity to learn about student recruitment and school marketing. Scholarships are available to all diocesan principals who apply to the Department of Faith Formation and Education, Gloria Kalbfleisch, Superintendent: 900.562.9745 ext. 127. Seminar and funding is made possible by the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools.

May Hospitality Lecture:  May 18, 2004  Registration Due by May 3, 2004
Place: Northern Michigan University, University Center, Great Lakes Rooms
Cost: $10.00 registration fee includes morning refreshments, lecture materials and lunch
Presents: Rev. Thomas Sweetser, SJ and Sr. Peg Bishop, OSF will talk about a diocesan parish planning process and how to meet the challenges and opportunities which call us to become collaborative and consensus building faith communities.

Once Upon a Hymn:  A Workshop for Church Organists
Date: Saturday, May 1, 2004
Time: 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (CT)
Place: First Lutheran Church, 235 E. Genessee Street, Iron River, MI 49935
Cost: $15.00 per person and includes program and lunch
Registration Due: April 26, 2004
Presenter: Ken Edgington – for more information contact: ngls@nglsynod.org or phone 906.228.2300

New Video-The Church Celebrates Lent and Easter
This new video from Catholic Update provides an overview of the meaning and order of the pivotal seasons of Lent and Easter in our Church’s liturgical year. Although its primary audience is RCIA, it is also suitable for worship commissions, liturgy planners, and faith-sharing groups. It includes a Leader’s Guide and lasts 31 minutes.

ADULT FORMATION: The following sessions from the Setting Our Hearts on Fire series would work well for specific formational opportunities in your parish.

RCIA
Overview of the Old Testament
Introduction to the New Testament
Gospels: What are they and how were they formed
What is Sacrament?
Blood of the New Covenant
Ecclesiology – What is Church?
**EVANGELIZATION**

Overview of the Old Testament
Introduction to the New Testament
What is Sacrament?
Jesus

**YOUTH MINISTRY/FAITH FORMATION**

Teens in Liturgical Ministry
Answering their Baptismal Call
Think Globally and Act Locally

**CATECHIST FORMATION**

Overview of the Old Testament
Introduction to the New Testament
Jesus
What is Sacrament?
It’s up to you
Gospels: What are they and how were they formed

Blood of the New Covenant
Changes in the Mass
Inherit the Kingdom
Learning the Church’s Social Teaching

**INTERGENERATIONAL FAITH FORMATION:**

April 14 and 15, 2004 are the Generation of Faith Enrichment Workshops. They will take place at St. Louis the King in Marquette from 9:30 am – 4 pm ET. The same information will be presented both days so you will choose one of the dates to attend. Registration materials were sent to parishes the first week of March. If you did not receive yours contact Pam Erickson at the Dept. of Faith Formation and Education. perickson@dioceseofmarquette.org 1.800.562.9745 ext. 124.

On Sunday October 10, 2004 the Department of Communications and the Department of Faith Formation and Education will co-sponsor a diocesan-wide Intergenerational event in Marquette.

Anna Scally, president of Cornerstone Media Inc., will present an afternoon Intergenerational workshop for high school teens and parents. The topic is music and media literacy and how to use music as a beginning point for dialogue. The day will include large and small group discussion, dinner, a dance, and conclude with the Life Teen Mass at St. Peter Cathedral.

Anna is a columnist for Cornerstone Media’s **Top Music Countdown** quarterly poster, and also the host for the audio show **Burning Issues**, dealing with relevant youth topics. She was M.C. of the catechetical sessions for 77,000 young people at Mile High Stadium in Denver for World Youth Day.
FINANCIAL SERVICES
Richard R. Schaefer

SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER WORKSHOP:
The Fifth Annual Secretary/Bookkeeper workshop will be held Thursday, May 20, 2004 in Marquette, at St. Peter Cathedral, Media Room. Keith Whaley from Computer Resource Management, PDS consultant, will be the instructor for the day. He will focus on the PDS Census and Parish Office Management programs and General Ledger/Payroll if time permits. He will also be available for questions following the training.
Welcome and registration will begin at 9:45 am ET. The training will be from 10:00am until 3:00pm. Lunch will be provided from 12:00 to 12:45. See addendum #5 for details and registration.

Needy Parish Loan Fund:
Interest free loans from the Needy Parish Loan Fund are available to parishes needing assistance to pay for construction/renovation projects. If you have an upcoming project and would like information on the loan criteria, please contact Judy Jason, 1-800-563-9745, Ext. 108, for information or to obtain an application form.

UPDATE: Legacy of Faith Grant Applications
The deadline for submitting Legacy Grant Applications was March 1. Thirty-six applications were received, representing over $95,000 in requests. The applications will be reviewed during March and April and the Legacy of Faith Board of Directors will make recommendations to Bishop Garland for funding in mid-May. All applicants will be notified by the end of May of the status of their request. Approved grants will be paid in the fall.

This is the third year for awarding Legacy of Faith grants. The purpose of the grants is to preserve and foster the Catholic faith by improving the quality of Catholic Education in our schools and religious education programs. The grant funds come from The Endowment Foundation of the Diocese of Marquette. Nearly $3.5 million has been raised so far for the Endowment Foundation, primarily through individuals and families who have joined the Bishop’s Ambassadors. The fund is a permanent endowment and will provide annual grants for our diocese forever.
MINISTRY PERSONNEL SERVICES
Reverend Alex K. Sample

FR. GEORGE KALLARACKAL AND IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS:
As most are aware, Fr. George Kallarackal had some recent and serious problems with immigration (U.S. Customs and Border Protection), which resulted in his not being allowed to re-enter the United States upon his return from a vacation to India. The CBP officials in Detroit sent him back to India.

There are all sorts of rumors circulating as to what transpired, and it is important to set the record straight.

The mistake that was made which resulted in Fr. George not being allowed re-entry to the United States was neither the Diocese of Marquette’s nor Fr. George’s. Our immigration law attorney has indicated to us that it was a mistake made by the CBP officials who detained Fr. George in Detroit. They made a serious error in assessing Fr. George’s immigration status and his ability to travel outside the United States at this time. It is a very complicated immigration matter that cannot be fully detailed here.

The Diocese of Marquette became aware of the problem that Fr. George was having at about 2:00 p.m. on the day of his return to the United States, and by 4:30 p.m. they had him on a plane back to India. In speaking with the CBP officers in Detroit by phone, diocesan officials pleaded with them to give us time to straighten this out, and that there must be something we could do. Diocesan officials immediately contacted Congressman Stupak’s office, and they immediately became involved in trying to sort out the matter, contacting the Detroit Port of Entry officials. At the same time, the Diocese also engaged our immigration law attorney who became immediately involved as well. Unfortunately, the Detroit CBP officials did not give us time to straighten the matter out.

At this time we continue to pursue the matter through Congressman Stupak’s office and through our attorney. It appears, however, that this matter will not be resolved quickly or easily, as we had initially hoped. Please keep Fr. George and this matter in your prayers.

DEATH NOTICE:
It is with sadness that we inform you of the recent death of William F. McGee, a former active priest of the Diocese of Marquette. He was tragically killed in a cycling accident in California. Please keep him in your prayers. Requiescat in pace!
Other
Rev. Lawrence Gauthier
Director of Missions

COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES:
This is to remind you that the Collection for Catholic Relief Services is scheduled for the weekend of March 20/21, 2004. Please convey to your people at all Masses on the weekend of March 13/14 that the collection will be taken-up on the following weekend. A check in the amount of the collection, payable to: “Diocese of Marquette – Catholic Relief Services” should be sent to the Pastoral Office by April 9, 2004.

Thank you for your assistance in this important matter.

Please refer to the “Bulletin Announcement” section for a suggested bulletin announcement for your parish/mission.
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN AND THE HOLY LAND – GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2004
Share Christ's Love, Spread the Good News Around. Good Friday’s collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign and the Holy Land. The Communication portion of the collection helps fund TV, radio and print materials that share the Gospel, including the toll-free movie review line at 1-800-311-4222 and on the web at www.usccb.org. Part of the collection remains in the Diocese of Marquette for local communication efforts. The Holy Land portion of the collection supports Christian communities and preserves their presence in the birthplace of Christianity. Please be generous to the Communication & Holy Land collection on Good Friday, April 9.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION
March 20/21, 2004
The American Bishops’ Overseas Appeal (ABOA), next week’s second collection, helps fund the work of Catholic Relief Services, the Holy Father’s Relief Fund, and the U.S. bishops’ Migration and Refugee Services and international peace and justice programs. Your support of ABOA is an important step in expressing solidarity with the poor, the oppressed, the refugee, the migrant worker, and other disadvantaged and powerless people in whom we find Jesus and come to know him.

Please join in this powerful way of building global solidarity through your generous gift.
INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE
MARCH 2004

March 7th  SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
For all children who died from abortion this weekend:
that they may rest in the loving arms of the God who made them;
We pray to the Lord:

March 14th  THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
For doctors and nurses who perform abortions:
that this Lenten season may inspire within them a
burning love for all life, even the smallest and hardest to see;
We pray to the Lord:

March 21st  FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
For those whom we have chosen to govern us:
that our president, our governor, and our legislators
may speak only the truth and preserve the rights
of every human being from conception to natural death;
We pray to the Lord:

March 28th  FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
For the youngest of mothers and fathers:
that God might teach us how to love and support them
to do the very best thing for their newborn children:
We pray to the Lord:

Let us highlight one of the most influential Christian values in the simplicity and
poverty of Bethlehem, *God gave back dignity to every human being’s existence.*
He offered to all people the possibility to participate in his same divine life. May
this immeasurable gift always find hearts ready to receive it!

-Pope John Paul II (Christmas Mass with Roman University Students, 2003)
The responsibility to defend human life in all its stages falls upon all Catholic citizens. It falls, with particular weight, upon Catholic politicians.


As Americans, we are led by the power of our conscience and the history of our country to defend and promote the dignity and rights of all people. Each person, however frail or defenseless, has a place and a purpose in this world.

- President George W. Bush, Proclamation of National Sanctity of Human Life Day, January 18, 2004

Concern for the plight of the poor must be accompanied by a profound respect for the dignity of all human life. Otherwise, it can be corrupted and all too easily embrace procured abortion and euthanasia as acts of compassion toward the suffering. But it is a false compassion, which seeks to lessen human suffering by eliminating those who suffer. When we allow the killing of those most in need, we do not love the poor as Jesus did, who gave His life as a ransom for many.


Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being’s entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or sovereign.

- Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, letter to the U.S. Supreme Court on Roe v. Wade decision, February 1994
INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE
APRIL 2004

April 4th  PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION
For those who are about to die this day,
and especially for those who are alone or afraid:
that our prayers may ease their agony
and strengthen their faith;
We pray to the Lord:

April 11th  EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
For a love for life,
from conception to natural death:
that all Catholics might work for an end to abortion,
and for the right to life of every human being;
We pray to the Lord:

April 18th  SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
For the grace of the mercy of God:
that all who contribute to the culture of death
might turn away from sin and embrace the Gospel of Life;
We pray to the Lord:

April 25th  THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
For all who have been killed in the culture of death:
that God might raise them up on the last day
to enjoy the fellowship of the saints
in the Kingdom of Heaven;
We pray to the Lord:

How can one not think of the family as the primary focus to realize the civilization
of love?  The family represents the human realm in which the person, from the
beginning of his existence, can experience the warmth of affection and grow in a
harmonious way.

- John Paul II, January 15, 2004
BULLETIN BRIEFS
APRIL 2004

Adoption is the circle of life. It is people coming together and giving what is best for the life of a child.

- Amy Zajac, director of adoption for Catholic Charities of Fairfield County, “Adoption is the ‘ultimate gift of love’”, printed in Fairfield County Catholic, December 2003

Life is a gift that God has given us. That life is present even in the unborn. A human hand should never end a life. I am convinced that the screams of the children whose lives have been terminated before their birth reach God’s ears.

- Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Whether we are citizens or politicians, whatever be our state in life, we all have the responsibility to work for a society which safeguards and promotes the dignity of human life. We must recognize that the building of a culture of life begins in the home, in our families. It begins with a true understanding of the conjugal union and its ordering to the gift of children (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2366).


We need courage and honesty to speak the truth about human life. We need humility to listen to both friend and opponent. We need perseverance to continue the struggle for the protection of human life. We need prudence to know when and how to act in the public arena.

- Archbishop Alfred Hughes, Bishop of New Orleans, column printed in Clarion Herald, Jan. 14, 2004
Addendum #5

Diocesan Fifth Annual Secretary/Bookkeeper Workshop
Thursday, May 20th, 2004, 9:45 am ET to 3:00pm ET
St. Peter Cathedral Media Room

Yes, I would like to attend the Secretary/Bookkeeper Workshop:

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Name

_______________________________
E-Mail Address

_______________________________
Parish

Lunch:       Yes___   __   No____

E-mail to Chris Sandstrom @ csandstr@dioceseofmarquette.org
by May 10, 2004