

**DIOCESE OF GREAT FALLS-BILLINGS
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SUMMER INSTITUTE RETREAT

Please share with your faith community the opportunity to enjoy a few days away retreating in July. This year's retreat focus is *Discovering God's Gifts in Chaos*. A team of retreat directors from Billings will lead the group. A copy of the Summer Institute Retreat brochure can be found on our diocesan website (or below). **Please make copies and place them where people can pick them up.** For more information contact Sr. Eileen.

[Click here](#) for a copy of the brochure/registration form.

PARISH BULLETIN INSERTS

The items below are for placement in parish bulletins. Please print them and place them in your bulletin to help promote these events in your parish.

[Catholic Advocacy Days at the Legislature 2011](#)

[Bishops' Social Justice Summit](#)

If your religious education program has run out of steam, this may be the answer! Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training for Catechists , Level 1, Part 1 will be held at

St. Anthony's Parish Hall, Box Elder, MT

Tuesday, June 8 to Saturday June 12, 2010.

Formation Leader: Ann Garrido, Professor at Aquinas Institute, St. Louis, MO.

Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided.

For information on how to register for this session or part of this session or to arrange a visit

to an tAtrium, contact: Father Peter Guthneck @406-395-4380 or e-mail:

peterg@itstriangle.com

To learn more about this Montessori Method of Religious Formation for children ages 3-

12 see the front page article in the April edition of *The Harvest*.

News From the Office of Worship & Christian Initiation - [click here](#)

MISSION COOPERATIVE PLAN

The Diocesan office has begun to receive requests for the 2011 Mission Cooperative Plan. As you know, our diocese does not assign participation, but has agreed to provide contact information for parishes that may be interested in inviting missionaries to Eastern Montana. As requests are received we will include them in the Monthly General Mailing. If you would like additional information on any of the requested, please contact the Office of the Bishop and speak with Laurie (800-332-9998 or (406) 727-6683 ext. 110) or e-mail lhorton@dioceseofgb.org

Vincentian Congregation, St. Thomas Province - North India - to develop a center named Tissa in the diocese of Miao, Arunachal Pradesh in the north east of India that borders with China.



Prayers Please:

Most Reverend Michael Warfel's Sister, Carol McShea, who passed away
[Thank you letter from Bishop Warfel for kind thoughts and prayers](#)

TEMPUS XVIII

The next Tempus program is scheduled for Miles City. Materials were mailed to pastors and pastoral administrators in the Miles City vicariate. Information and registration forms can also be found on our diocesan website under the Office of Lay Ministry. Please feel free to make copies for your parishioners. TEMPUS XVIII will begin at Sacred Heart in Miles City on September 10th, 11th and 12th. For more information contact Sr. Eileen.

The Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development is pleased to announce the launch of a new Web site to help campus ministers and college students promote Catholic social teaching on campus. The Web site, "Transforming Our World: Our Catholic Faith in Action," is at www.usccb.org/campus and includes Catholic social teaching, prayer materials, small group resources, tools for action, and multimedia such as videos and podcasts.

ATTACHMENTS

<u>Diocesan Calendar</u>	<u>Word of Life</u> <u>May 2010</u>
Virtus On-Line <u>Helping Young People Cope -- Battling Bullies</u>	Year For Priests <u>Overcome Evil With an</u> <u>Abundance of Good</u>
<u>Cultural Competency Training</u> <u>"A New Heaven and A New Earth"</u> Sponsored by Northern Rockies Institute of Theology	United States 2010 Census <u>"It's In Your Hands"</u>