

DIOCESE OF GREAT FALLS-BILLINGS
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MARCH 2010

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. *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.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the domestic anti-poverty, social justice program of the Catholic bishops of the United States. Rooted in the Gospel call to “bring good news to the poor, liberty to captives, new sight to the blind, and to set the downtrodden free” (Luke 4:18-19a), CCHD’s mission is to address the root causes of poverty in the United States through promotion and support of low-income controlled community organizations and economic development initiatives and through transformative education in non-low income communities.

The **first step** in the process is to fill out the Eligibility Quiz ([attached](#)) which is due November 1. If the Eligibility Quiz is accepted, a full application can be submitted by Dec. 15.

Full details for CCHD Grants and application forms are located at www.usccb.org/cchd/grants

The local diocesan director for grant review is Sister Lynn Casey:
chancellor@dioceseofgb.org

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY APRIL 25, 2010

Attached are [Bishop's Letter](#), [Eucharist/Music Suggestions](#) from the Office of Worship, and [Conservation District statement](#). Please share these with your Liturgy Commissions at the parish.

Below is an excerpt from Center for Rural Affairs:

We value personal responsibility to conduct our private affairs with integrity and social responsibility to each do our part for the larger community. So we challenge rural people to embrace the responsibilities of citizenship and work with others to advance the common good. And because we each have a responsibility to the next generation to leave our land, air and water at least as well as we received it – we value stewardship.

You'll see these values reflected in the reports on each of our individual programs. Our work in Nebraska to support rural community and micro enterprise development helps create genuine opportunity and widespread ownership. We advance these values nationwide by working for federal policies that support small business, rural community and renewable energy development and reverse the bias toward bigness that undermines family farms and ranches.

We entered the health reform debate to advance fairness – to ensure that ordinary working and self-employed rural Americans have access to affordable health insurance and care. It's also critical to rural economic opportunity. We cannot build a strong rural economy if innovative rural Americans must choose between starting small businesses and family farms and having health insurance for their families.

You'll see our commitment to stewardship in our work on new programs to reward farmers who protect the land and water. It's also reflected in our writings asking you to take a balanced look at the scientific evidence that human activity is causing climate change at a quickening pace that presents significant risks to upcoming generations.

Democracy cannot survive without citizens of conscience bringing their values to the issues of the day. To make democracy really work, we must not only fight for our legitimate interests, but also summon the virtue to temper our pursuit of self-interest with a commitment to shared values that define the common good.

The hyper pursuit of self-interest and hyper partisanship are rendering American democracy dysfunctional. The solution must start with grassroots citizens of conscience modeling the change America needs.

That includes resisting the instinct of partisans to see only good in their own side and only evil in the other. We take that seriously at the Center. We apply a dose of honest accountability to both parties. In the last year – nearly every year – we have publicly criticized and publicly supported actions by prominent elected officials of both major parties.

We also recognize that living up to values like fairness starts at home. We are proud that the ratio of our highest to lowest salary for full-time staff has remained around 2:1, even as some nonprofits have mirrored the corporate world with outrageous top salaries.

So take a look at this report to get a fresh overview of the Center for Rural Affairs, and let us know what you think. We won't always agree, but we can learn from each other and thereby find the new approaches we need to make rural America thrive again.

Chuck Hassebrook, Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

Diocesan Calendar	Word of Life April 2010
Virtus On-Line Understanding Technology Social Networking Site Safety	Year For Priests Panoply of Priests



Prayers Please:

Sister Helen Rose Kaszubowski who passed away March 16

Reverend Jay D. Dobbin -- continued healing

Reverend Steve Tokarski -- continued healing

Reverend Bill Hogan's Sister, Ann Dineen, who passed away

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 in September. For more information contact Sr. Eileen.

UPCOMING NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES

April 11, 2010 MT	10:00 am to Noon	Sacred Heart Parish Center, Miles City,
April 14, 2010	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Mansfield Center, Billings, MT
May 16, 2010	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	St Leo's Parish Center, Lewistown, MT



APRIL 30-MAY 2
@ CARROLL COLLEGE
P.E. CENTER

THE HEALING OF MEMORIES

A life-changing in-depth experience of healing for body, mind and spirit, and deliverance healing. The program provides a sanctifying, therapeutic and simplified method for forgiving those hard to forgive, while enjoying the integrating experience of receiving forgiveness from our gracious God of mercy.

2 Cor. 3:17

*Healing Through the Spirit
 Brings Freedom*

**HOLY SPIRIT
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2010



Father John Hampsch

Healing of Memories program

Father John Hampsch was ordained as a priest in 1952 and is a member of Claretian Missionaries. He has served as parish priest, rector, seminary professor and college professor. He has written for magazines and newspapers, served as a retreat master and ministered as a hospital, prison and campus chaplain. He directed suicide prevention programs, and has been a Cursillo director. Father Hampsch, who has traveled in 57 countries and all 50 states, calls himself an "itinerant preacher-teacher," with special emphasis on teaching and healing services. He has been active in Charismatic Renewal for over 36 years.

Father Hampsch will also conduct a "Healing of the Family Tree" prayer at the end of the conference.

Linda Schubert
The Power of Healing Prayer



Linda Schubert is a Catholic convert whose love for Jesus is rooted in and nourished through Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Her conversion in 1977 followed the death of a stepson. Schubert knows the power of healing prayer, having experienced Jesus's healing presence during breast cancer surgery, grief, divorce and the suicide of a family member. Schubert is an author and speaks throughout the United States and United Kingdom on prayer, healing, reconciliation, leadership training and gifts of the Holy Spirit.



Walter Matthews
Catholic Charismatic Renewal: A Gift to the Church in Our Time

Walter Matthews has been executive director for the National Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the United States since 1993, after working as the committee's associate director for about nine years. His involvement in Catholic Charismatic Renewal began in 1972. In 1990, Pope John Paul II appointed Matthews to a five-year term as a member of the Pontifical Council for the Laity. He has advised the U.S. Bishops' Committee on the Laity. Matthews lives in Locust Grove, Va., with his wife and three children.

Monsignor Kevin O'Neill
Welcome Address



Monsignor O'Neill is the Vicar General for the Diocese of Helena and also serves as pastor and rector of the Cathedral of St. Helena Parish. He has served in our diocese since November 1977 when he was ordained to the priesthood. He was named a monsignor by Pope John Paul II, in November 2002. Msgr. O'Neill is pleased to provide a welcome in Christ and in the unity of the Holy Spirit to all who attend the conference.



Bill Richart

Music Ministry

Nationally known praise and worship leader Bill Richart of Michigan will lead the music ministry team. Richart has a bachelor's degree in music education from Michigan State University and did graduate work in music, theology and philosophy. He has devoted his life to full-time ministry for the Lord, proclaiming God's glory through his music. He is a vocalist, pianist and guitarist and leads parish missions, praise concerts, nights of healing, retreats and youth ministry. Richart is a member of the National Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the United States.

YOUTH TRACKS

available along with overnight housing option at SS. Cyril and Methodius for both high school and 6th through 8th grade youth tracks.

6th, 7th, 8th Grade Track led by John Hartman
 High School Track coordinated by Bob Gallagher
 Children's Ministry (K-5) led by Matt & Kelly Fischer

REGISTRATION

EARLY REGISTRATION = BY APRIL 20TH

STANDARD REGISTRATION = ON/AFTER APRIL 21ST

Adult registration.....early: \$40/standard: \$50
 High School Youth Track.....early: \$40/standard: \$45
 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Track.....early: \$20 /standard: \$24
 College Students with student ID.....early: \$10 /standard: \$15

To register, call Michele or Donna at 406-442-5820
 OR send an e-mail to donnakj@diocesehelena.org
 OR register online at www.diocesehelena.org