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LET'S CELEBRATE FAMILY DAY

Families, non-profit organizations, elected officials, Major League Baseball teams and corporations across the country are gearing up to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of *Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children*TM on September 27, 2010. *Family Day* is the national movement that reminds parents that Dinner Makes A Difference! The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University launched *Family Day* in 2001 after its research consistently found that the more often kids eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use drugs. Last year, more than 40 archdioceses, dioceses and local Catholic churches and schools celebrated *Family Day*.

There are many ways that you can celebrate *Family Day*. For example, Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan from the Archdiocese of New York plans to mention *Family Day* and the importance of family dinners in his sermon the Sunday before *Family Day* and will write his weekly column in *Catholic New York* on the subject the week before *Family Day*.

Other ideas include: writing about *Family Day* in your bulletin and publications, encouraging parish priests to mention *Family Day* in their sermons on Sunday, September 26th, linking to www.CASAFamilyDay.org from your website, encouraging parents to take the *Family Day* Pledge at www.CASAFamilyDay.org, or by hosting *Family Day* events. By celebrating *Family Day*, you will reinforce your commitment to the well being of families.

Together we can continue to champion the fight against drug, tobacco and alcohol abuse among children and teens and raise healthier kids. For more information about *Family Day*, please see the attached [fact sheet](#), [sample blurbs](#), [sample press release](#) and [participant guidelines](#) or visit www.CASAFamilyDay.org.

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.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR HEROIC PRIESTS

ENCOURAGEPRIESTS.ORG NOW ACCEPTING VIDEO AND STORY SUBMISSIONS

ATLANTA, Ga. (April 29, 2010)—The new lay Catholic outreach effort to support priests called EncouragePriests.orgTM is now accepting video and story submissions for the launch of its updated, interactive website.



Catholics around the country may submit written or video stories about priests who have had an impact on their own lives or who are doing heroic work—on a small or large scale—in their parish and local communities. EncouragePriests.orgTM is inviting all lay people to get involved in an effort to show their appreciation for

their priestly fathers this Father's Day. Written story submissions should be 250 words or less.

Video submissions must be 100MB or smaller and can be standard or high definition. If standard definition, video dimensions should be 480x360 if 4:3 video or 640x360 if 16:9 video. For high definition, dimensions are 1280x720 (720p) or 1920x1080 (1080p). Videos can be .WMV, .AVI, .MOV, .MP4, or .MPEG files.

Please visit EncouragePriests.org to submit all entries. EncouragePriests.org will accept and post stories and videos on an ongoing basis, but **if you would like your entry to be considered as a feature on the Father's Day launch, it must be submitted by June 1.**

For more information, visit www.EncouragePriests.org.

E-mail all questions to Info@EncouragePriests.org.

EncouragePriests.orgTM was established in Lent 2010 by the non-profit Catholic media apostolate, Catholics Come Home, Inc. ® (www.CatholicsComeHome.org). Its mission is to encourage priests and promote priestly vocations.

CatholicsComeHome.org is a 501(c)(3) non-profit media apostolate, dedicated to producing and airing Catholic evangelism television ads on local, national and international television networks. EncouragePriests.orgTM is a special communications outreach project of Catholics Come Home, Inc.

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 requests, please contact the Office of the Bishop and speak with Laurie (800-332-9998 or (406) 727-6683 ext. 110) or e-mail lhorton@dioceseofgfb.org

- Diocese of Obusai, Ghana**, for pastoral care for the people they serve
- Diocese of Kumbakonam, Tamilnadu, India** to provide new churches to parishes whose current worship space is unfit, on-going training and education, and education of children
- Catechetical Sisters of Arogyamatha of Kadapa Diocese in India** to assist in evangelization of the poor and catechize newly baptized Catholics in rural villages
- Archdiocese of Mombasa, Kenya** for maintenance and support of priests, sisters and brothers, construction of parishes, education of youth, support and care of street children and training on human rights



Prayers Please:

Reverend Jim Antoine's Mother, Clara Mundschau, who passed away June 7th

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.

ATTACHMENTS

Diocesan Calendar	Word of Life June 2010
Virtus On-Line What Can We Learn From John Jay	Year For Priests When A Priest Saved My Life

SAVE THE DATE

- ◆ September 17-18, 2010 Advocate Training-St. Patrick Co-Cathedral, Billings
 - ◆ March 10, 2011 Service of Atonement - St. Patrick Co-Cathedral, Billings
 - ◆ March 11, 2011 Service of Attonment - St Ann Cathedral, Great Falls
 - ◆ March 13, 2011 Rite of Election-St Ann Cathedral, Great Falls
 - ◆ March 14, 2011 Rite of Election-St Jude Thaddeus, Havre
 - ◆ March 15, 2011 Rite of Election-Wolf Point Vicariate
 - ◆ March 20, 2011 Rite of Election - St Patrick Co-Cathedral, Billings
 - ◆ March 21, 2011 Rite of Election - Sacred Heart, Miles City
 - ◆ April 11, 2011 Chrism Mass - Bilings
 - ◆ April 12, 2011 Chrism Mass - Glendive
 - ◆ April 18, 2011 Chrism Mass - Great Falls
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THANK YOU FROM CRS

Catholic Relief Services extends a heartflet than you to all those who were so generous in responding to the needs of the Haitian people. You can order beautiful free prayer bookmarks for your parishes b y calling 800-222-0025 or visit <http://uspartners.crs.org> and click on the Haiti Resources icon.

“The spirit and compassion exhibited by the schools and parishes in our diocese for the people of Haiti was extraordinary. All of those at CRS, and most importantly the people we serve in Haiti, were deeply touched by your outpouring of love and support. CRS provided food to over a half million people, potable water and temporary shelters in the weeks immediately following the earthquake. We cannot emphasize enough our deep gratitude to you...”