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# CENTER FOR FAMILY MINISTRY

## DIOCESE OF JOLIET



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### On October 21 BAPTISMAL PREPARATION MINISTRY FOR BEGINNERS

All those beginning in baptismal preparation ministry, and all those who have never attended a baptismal preparation orientation, are invited to the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville on **Saturday, October 21, 2006**. Clergy, parish staff members, and lay volunteer ministers are all welcome. Dr. Jim Healy will present a morning on basic issues in baptismal preparation, including

- A profile of today's parents and how we can minister to them
- An overview and critique of the most popular baptism preparation programs
- A review of important skills necessary for this ministry
- Parish policies and procedures which work
- A review of the questions that parents typically ask

The purpose of the morning is not to train in a particular baptismal preparation program, but to offer the background needed to be comfortable with any of the approaches taken to baptismal preparation in the diocese.

The three-hour workshop runs from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the \$10 per person charge covers registration, materials, and refreshments. Pre-registration is necessary by Monday, October 16. Please call Dr. Healy at **815-838-5334** for more information.

### For priests and deacons DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WORKSHOP OCTOBER 3

Although Domestic Violence (DV) is a major problem in American society, parish clergy have not often had the opportunity to study DV in depth. Without the proper training, the reality of domestic violence can remain hidden behind other domestic problems. Because victims of DV are often afraid to own the fact that they are victims, it is essential that priests and deacons learn how to recognize DV and respond with appropriate advice and referrals.

For this reason, all clergy are invited to **When a Victim Calls for Help: An Informed Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence**. This workshop will be held at the St. Charles Pastoral Center on Tuesday afternoon, October 3, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. It will be led by Fr. Chuck Dahm and his domestic violence awareness team.

Under Fr. Dahm's leadership, a thriving domestic violence ministry has been created at St. Pius V Parish in Chicago. The outreach evolved as Father Dahm began to see the truth about the prevalence of DV in our society, and as he received training himself in order to help deal with it. Father Chuck and his team, which include Peggy Leddy, Carlos Lopez, Delores Tapia, and Deacon Judge Daniel Welter, frequently offer workshops in the Chicago area.

Please let your priests and deacons know about this workshop. Clergy are asked to call **815-838-5334** to register. For additional information, ask for Desirée Marciani or review the brochure at <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/familyministry/docs/WhenAVictimCallsForHelp.pdf>

A complimentary luncheon will be offered at the Center at 12 noon for all registrants. **The Center for Family Ministry is a member of the Domestic Violence Task Force, a subcommittee of the Diocesan Women's Commission.**

### DIOCESAN BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING

Saturday, October 14 & Saturday, October 21 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, October 28 9 a.m. to noon

This 2½-day training is designed for those who have never attended a ministry of consolation (bereavement) workshop. The areas of focus will include the grief process, communication skills, setting up the parish program (including the Order of Christian Funerals), caring for the minister, and support groups. **Participants are required to attend all three sessions and will receive a certificate.**

This program is co-sponsored by The Center for Family Ministry and The Office of Divine Worship/Catechumenate and will take place at St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville. The training will be presented by Desirée Marciani, the associate director of The Center for Family Ministry and Sister Sharon Marie Stola, OSB, D.Min., the director of The Office of Divine Worship. Sister Sharon Marie has 26 years experience as a parish liturgist, 16 years experience as director of The Office of Divine Worship. Desirée is responsible for the Hurting and Healing Ministries for the Center for Family Ministry, has been trained in the Ministry of Consolation by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved and has 11 years experience in bereavement ministry.

The \$45 fee includes a participant manual, handouts, continental breakfast and lunch on October 14 and October 21 and continental breakfast on October 28. **Please register no later than September 30th.** Participants will receive a letter of confirmation with directions. Call for a brochure (**815-838-5334**) or check the diocesan website:

<http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/JOBInserts/2006-08/Brochure102006.pdf>

### ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

Desirée Marciani, associate director of the Center for Family Ministry since 2000, has received the 2006 James J. Young Award from the North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics (NACSDC). The award recognizes individuals who have offered leadership in the beginning, development, or expansion of pastoral care to separated, divorced, and remarried Catholic families.

"We're very proud of Desirée, and grateful for the passion and the excellence that she brings to her work," said Dr. Jim Healy, director of the Center.

Desirée received her award at the NACSDC Conference at Notre Dame this summer. She coordinates the Hurting and Healing Ministries in the Diocese of Joliet.

## CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Catholic Engaged Encounter is a weekend experience designed to help couples prepare for marriage. Each couple is offered the time and opportunity to question, examine, and deepen their relationship with each other and with God. Couples are challenged to explore their relationship in a much deeper, more honest way than they have before.

Topics covered include self-awareness, human sexuality, communications, decision-making, Natural Family Planning, vocation, sacrament, unity and more. Personal reflection and communication are the main focus. Engaged Encounter is approved by the Diocese of Joliet as a marriage preparation program.

Engaged Encounter Weekends are scheduled on the following dates in the fall:

September 15-17    November 10-12    December 8-10  
**Please note that the October Weekend has been cancelled.**

Couples who book ahead should have no problems with registration. However, since the weekends do fill up, interested couples should contact Engaged Encounter as soon as possible.

For reservations or further information call **630-375-7072**, or check the web at [www.engagedencounter.org](http://www.engagedencounter.org)

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## CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER IN SPANISH

The next Engaged Encounter in Spanish will be **November 18-19, 2006**, and will be held at the Saint Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville. Couples attend on Saturday, beginning at 7:45 a.m., return to their homes Saturday night, and then come back to the Center for the Sunday session, which ends about 4:00 p.m.

The cost is \$65.00. For reservations, or for more information, call the Hispanic Ministry Office at **815-834-4037**. These weekends are co-sponsored by the Center for Family Ministry and the Hispanic Ministry Office.

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### **Turn a good marriage into a great marriage through a WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

This weekend experience can help married couples turn a good marriage (or even a ho-hum marriage) into a **GREAT** marriage!

- Rediscover the **spark** that was there on your wedding day!
- Rediscover the **best friend** you had when you were first married!
- Join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage **vibrant** and **alive!**

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#### **2006 Weekend Dates**

September 8-10    October 20-22    December 1-3

For more information or to register, please call **630-577-0778** or on the web at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

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## SPANISH MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter also presents weekends in Spanish. Weekends are scheduled for the following dates in 2006:

Oct 6-8	Bolingbrook	630-479-5710
Oct 13-15	Chicago	773-759-3201
Oct 20-22	Rockford	630-531-3773
Nov 17-19	Chicago	773-759-3201

## OCTOBER 7 IS FOCCUS TRAINING

The FOCCUS Pre-Marital Inventory is part of the marriage preparation process for all engaged couples in the Diocese of Joliet. Priests, deacons, and other parish staff members, as well as parish-approved and trained lay couples, may use FOCCUS with engaged couples.

There will be a special one-day training program for FOCCUS at the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville on **Saturday, October 7, 2006**. The training, which runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., will cost \$10.00 per person. In addition, those who need FOCCUS materials will be able to purchase the Facilitator Manual for \$35.00 on that day. The \$15.00 hand-scoring package will also be available. Pre-registration is required. Please call **815-838-5334** for more information or to register.

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## INTRODUCTION TO "GREAT DATES"

Due to continuing interest, another evening introducing the **Great Dates** program has been scheduled for Monday, September 25 at 7 p.m., at the Pastoral Center in Romeoville.

In this program, a parish sets aside a particular evening each month as the Great Date night. Couples receive the book, **Ten Great Dates** by John and Claudia Arp, and they come to the parish on Great Date night. There is a welcome and a 20 minute videotape highlighting a particular attribute of a successful marriage. Then each couple is off on their separate date, during which they discuss the chapter and video presentation.

There is no cost for the evening, but pre-registration is necessary. Please register by using the enclosed form or by calling the Center at **815-838-5334**. Those with questions regarding the program are encouraged to call Dr. Jim Healy at the same number.

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## REMARRIAGE SEMINAR

The **Remarriage Seminar** is specifically designed for couples in, or entering, a marriage where one or both have had a previous marriage. This seminar is a unique opportunity for insight, reflection, and sharing. Sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Rockford through the Family Life Office, it is open to all, including those planning an interfaith marriage or a Christian marriage in another church.

Presentations include couple and/or group interaction. Topics covered with the help of the team of remarried couples include communication, conflict resolution, blending families, and expectations. The next seminar will be held at the Bishop Lane Retreat Center, in Rockford, Illinois on **October 13-14, 2006**.

To obtain a brochure with more information or to register, please call the Family Life Office, Diocese of Rockford, at **815-965-5011**.

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## REMARRIAGE PREPARATION SEMINAR

This one-day workshop for couples who have been previously married will be offered on **Saturday, November 4, 2006**, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Notre Dame Parish, Clarendon Hills. Presented by Barbara Jarvis Pauls, D.Min., LCPC, this program will focus on issues that are inherent in re-marriages: blending families, dealing with ex-spouses, issues related to past relationships, and parenting. Foundational areas of communication, conflict resolution, and spiritual intimacy will be covered as well. The Prepare-MC or FOCCUS Inventory will be used as the assessment tool. Annulment petition information will be available for those interested in this process. An offering of \$50/couple is requested to cover lunch and materials. Please call **630-654-3365 ext 244** for further information and to pre-register.

## RAINBOWS® TRAINING IN THE DIOCESE

Divorce, death, and other life-altering crises are devastating experiences and often put family members at risk for a multitude of short and long-term negative effects. However, research findings also indicate that with proper intervention, families adjust to the loss and recover well. The RAINBOWS® program continues to offer healing to families experiencing these losses.



RAINBOWS® is a program which provides support for children and adolescents who are grieving a loss from a life altering crisis such as death or divorce. RAINBOWS® enables those grieving to share their feelings in an accepting, supportive, confidential small group environment facilitated by trained, caring and compassionate adults. Program sites may send their volunteers to the following training sessions at the St. Charles Pastoral Center, in Romeoville. Pre-registration is required. The cost for new coordinator training is \$35.00. New facilitator training is \$55.00, and includes lunch. Please call 815-838-5334 to register.

### NEW COORDINATOR TRAINING:

Saturday, September 9, 2006 - 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

### NEW FACILITATOR TRAINING:

Saturday, September 16, 2006 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

If your parish or school does not have a RAINBOWS® program, or any other means of support for children and families undergoing this painful transition, please encourage your pastor or principal to consider RAINBOWS! Call Desirée Marciani (815-838-5334) for site start-up information.

Please note the January 07 training dates: New Coordinator Training - Saturday, January 13, 2007, New Facilitator Training - Saturday, January 20, 2007.

## JOYFUL AGAIN!

JOYFUL AGAIN! is a two-day program for widows and widowers who want to resolve the grief they feel inside and begin to live again after the death of their spouse. The weekend employs a series of video presentations, followed by facilitated small group discussion and private reflection time. Through this process, individuals gain new insights and receive encouragement and support. Trained facilitators, who have been widowed themselves help with the weekend and the discussions.

The next weekend at the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville will be on November 18-19. The \$75.00 cost includes all meals and materials. Persons attending may stay overnight at the pastoral center for an additional fee of \$30, or may go home and return again for the second day.

## 2006 WEEKEND DATES

September 9-10  
October 28-29  
Nov 18-19

Loyola Hospital, Maywood  
Bishop Lane Retreat, Rockford  
St Charles Pastoral Center, Romeoville

To register for any weekend, please contact Charlotte Hrubes at 708-354-7211.

## TREE OF LIGHT INFANT MEMORIAL MASS Sunday – November 5, 2006

All families and individuals are welcome to attend this Mass in remembrance of babies who have been lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, other pregnancy losses or early childhood death. A special outdoor tree-lighting ceremony for family members will take place to commemorate these babies. The Mass will begin at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, November 5, 2006 at St. Charles Pastoral Center. Family members may wish to arrive at 2:30 to sign in and to gather in the chapel. Friends and all family members are invited. A reception with light refreshments will be served immediately following. Elizabeth Ministry ministers will assist in hosting the event, which is sponsored by The Center for Family Ministry. Please call 815-838-5334 to indicate the number of those planning to attend. If you are not able to attend and would like your baby remembered, please call us.

## RETRouvaille WEEKEND FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

This weekend experience is for married couples who are

- Experiencing coldness or conflict
- Frustrated, hurt, or angry with their spouse
- Alone or distant from their spouse
- Anxious about their marriage relationship
- Disillusioned or bored in their marriage
- Without the time or desire to communicate
- Unable to see how to change their situation

The program consists of a weekend experience with six follow-up meetings. The main emphasis of the program is to help couples to learn to communicate once again with one another. They gain awareness of themselves as persons and of their relationship in a new and positive way.

For more information, or to register, please call 708-802-1830, or check the web at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org). The next weekend in the Diocese of Joliet is scheduled for October 20-22, 2006 at the St. Charles Pastoral Center, in Romeoville. Another is scheduled for December 1-3 in the Rockford diocese.

## ANNULMENT PROCESS DAY Saturday, November 11, 2006

Father Joseph Tapella, the Judicial Vicar of the Joliet Diocesan Tribunal, and Desirée Marciani, the associate director of the Center for Family Ministry will conduct an annulment information seminar, on Saturday, November 11, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville. People interested in petitioning for annulment, those already in the process, and those who are just curious about the process are welcome to attend. The meaning of the word "annulment", church status, myths, misunderstandings, Joliet Diocesan annulment paperwork, and other concerns or questions will be addressed. Kindly pre-register by November 3rd. A \$20.00 fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, and handouts. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. For information and to register call The Center for Family Ministry at 815-838-5334.

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD

This retreat is for reconciliation and healing for post abortive men and women, sponsored by the Joliet Diocesan Life Office. It is scheduled for September 22-24, 2006 at St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville. Confidentiality and privacy will be strictly observed. To learn more about a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat or to register, contact Kay Corcoran 815-838-7171. For more information and a list of retreats in other locations, see: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) or call the toll free national hotline 1-877-HOPE-4ME.

## BISHOP SARTAIN CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Our new bishop of Joliet, J. Peter Sartain, celebrated the 28th annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, August 20. An estimated 300 couples attended. Bishop Sartain preached to the assembled couples and their guests, led them in a renewal of their marriage vows, and distributed certificates to couples celebrating special anniversaries. Mr. Nick Thomas directed the diocesan choir, and volunteers from Worldwide Marriage Encounter communities offered the hospitality. A wedding cake and punch reception followed the liturgy.

Next year's Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled for August 19, 2007.

## DIOCESAN ELIZABETH MINISTRY TRAINING SATURDAY, November 18, 2006 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Ministry is a like-to-like outreach to women during the special time of motherhood. Situations a parish Elizabeth Minister responds to include pregnancy, miscarriage, nursing questions, stillbirth, difficulty conceiving, infertility, adoption issues, birth defects, etc. This beautiful ministry follows the scriptural example of the Visitation by bringing women together who share similar stories. Visits to affirm, support, encourage, and to assist women in these situations take place in the home, hospital, or church setting. An Elizabeth minister represents a caring church body by providing the intimacy, support, and a connected community not typically found in today's mobile society.

The preparation/training workshop is for new Elizabeth Ministry Visitors, Leaders and Coordinators of the Ministry and for those existing Elizabeth ministers who have not had the benefit of a training day. The training will be conducted by Desirée Marciani, associate director of the Center for Family Ministry. It will be held at St. Pius X Church, 1025 East Madison St., Lombard. Check in begins at 8:30 a.m. The \$20 fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. All are welcome. Registrations are being taken by St. Pius X at 630-627-4526. Kindly register by November 10th and write Elizabeth Ministry Training on your check's memo line. Space is limited. For further information call Desirée Marciani at **815-838-5334**.

## DEACON CLASS OF 2007 ENCOUNTERS FAMILY MINISTRY

Five members of the diaconate class of 2007 have successfully carried out their internship with the Center for Family Ministry. Larry Fudacz of Our Lady of Peace, Darien, and Alex McConnell of Ascension Parish, Oakbrook Terrace, both worked with bereavement ministry under the supervision of Desirée Marciani, and will be attending the October Bereavement Training Program. Tom Marciani successfully launched a stepfamily enrichment program at St. Raphael Parish in Naperville, Pat Skelly initiated the **Great Dates** program at Maternity Parish in Bourbonnais, and Bob Duncan created a welcoming ministry at St. Ann in Channahon. These three men were supervised by Dr. Jim Healy.

All twenty-six deacon candidates will be taking the Marriage and Family Spirituality class this fall, taught by Dr. Healy. Please pray for these men and their families as they progress closer to their September 2007 ordination.

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## PARISH INPUT SESSIONS ON MARRIAGE

Last fall, a number of parishes in our diocese held focus sessions regarding marriage, as part of the U.S. Bishops' national multi-year initiative on marriage. Groups of 10 or 12 married couples, or divorced individuals, gathered to respond to a series of questions regarding their marriages and the church's support for them. The summarized results from these focus groups, which were held across the nation, can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/laity/marriage/exec.shtml>

The focus sessions were so helpful and insightful that we are offering them again for parishes that wish to partake. They would now be used as an aid for parishes wishing to respond to marriage needs in their community. The information would be shared with parish leadership and also retained in the Family Ministry Office. Because of obvious considerations of time and staff availability, only a limited number of parishes will be able to hold such a focus session. If you are interested, please call Dr. Jim Healy at 815-838-5334.

## PEER SUPPORT GROUP FACILITATOR TRAINING

Developing good facilitating skills is a process that takes time and practice. On **September 23rd**, The Center for Family Ministry is sponsoring a facilitator training for church-sponsored divorce, bereavement, and other hurting/healing support groups. Desirée Marciani, the associate director of The Center for Family Ministry, and her husband, Tom, who has 11 years of divorce ministry experience, will conduct this training at St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville.

The training is for those who are new facilitators of self-help small group sharing sessions as well as those who wish to brush-up on their facilitating skills. Agenda items include the role of the facilitator, communication, listening skills, support group ground rules, and dealing with challenging situations. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Training starts at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 3:30 p.m. Please register by **September 11th**. The \$20 fee covers continental breakfast, lunch, and a student manual. For information call **815-838-5334**.

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# Upcoming Events - Register Below

## SEPTEMBER

- 5 Natural Family Planning, Session I
- 8-10 Worldwide Marriage Encounter
- 9 RAINBOWS Coordinator Training
- 15-17 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 16 RAINBOWS Facilitator Training
- 22-24 Rachel's Vineyard
- 23 Support Group Facilitator Training
- 25 Great Dates

## OCTOBER

- 3 Domestic Violence Workshop
- 3 Natural Family Planning, Session II
- 6-8 Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Spanish
- 7 FOCUS Training
- 13-14 Remarriage Seminar, Rockford
- 13-15 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 13-15 Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Spanish
- 14 Bereavement Ministry Training, Session 1
- 21 Baptism Preparation Ministry for Beginners
- 21 Bereavement Ministry Training, Session 2
- 28 Bereavement Ministry Training, Session 3
- 20-22 Worldwide Marriage Encounter
- 20-22 Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Spanish
- 20-22 Retrouvaille Weekend for Troubled Marriages

## NOVEMBER

- 5 Tree of Light Mass
- 7 Natural Family Planning, Session I
- 10-12 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 11 Remarriage Preparation, Clarendon Hills
- 11 Annulment Process Day
- 17-19 Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Spanish
- 18 Elizabeth Ministry Training, Lombard
- 18-19 Joyful Again! Retreat
- 18-19 Hispanic Engaged Encounter

## DECEMBER

- 1-3 Worldwide Marriage Encounter
- 5 Natural Family Planning, Session II
- 8-10 Catholic Engaged Encounter

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### REGISTRATION FORM

We have included this generic registration form for your convenience. Please duplicate it if you wish to register for one of our programs.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH \_\_\_\_\_ DAYTIME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF WORKSHOP \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF WORKSHOP \_\_\_\_\_ FEE ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

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