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Diocesan Celebration Held for Six New LIMEX Graduates

by S. Hilda Marotta, OSF

The Diocesan celebration for the 2009 LIMEX graduates was held January 14, 2010 at St. Ann Parish, Midland, TX. Six graduates who completed a Master Degree Program from Loyola University of New Orleans were recognized. Marilyn Hemann from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Andrews earned a Master of Religious Education. Bridget Hyde, Jayne Krawietz, Diana Mandujano Ramos and Liz Zenteno from St. Ann Parish, Midland and J'lynn Wheeler from First Presbyterian Church, Midland earned a Master of Pastoral Studies. Carol Ann Hunt served as facilitator.

The evening began with a gathering of family, friends and diocesan personnel. Each graduate was invited to bring a symbol representing what she had learned and how she had grown as a result of being part of the LIMEX program. Each graduate shared her experience. As each graduate shared a reflection of her past four years, it was evident how much each had grown and that God's presence in their lives was recognized.

This was followed with the celebration of Eucharist with Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI presiding. Msgr. Larry Droll concelebrated. During the homily, Bishop Pfeifer reminded all of the call to serve. Each graduate received a towel from Loyola University with the inscription "Do What I Have Done", along with a Holy Spirit medal from Bishop Pfeifer.

Following Eucharist, everyone gathered for a delicious and festive meal. The celebration was truly a witness of the LIMEX community and the support given by Bishop Michael Pfeifer, diocesan personnel, pastors, family and friends. The energy, enthusiasm and spirit of unity that resonated throughout the room, truly reflected that we are the Body of Christ.

The graduates are making plans to participate in the Loyola University of New Orleans graduation ceremony in May, 2010. ("The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad indeed." Psalm 126:3)

LIMEX (Loyola Institute for Ministry Extension) is a professionally oriented graduate program sponsored by Loyola University of New Orleans. This program offers a Catholic university graduate program in Religious Education and Pastoral Studies with focus areas in Pastoral Life and Administration, Christian Spirituality for Ministers, Youth Ministry, Small Christian Community Formation, Religion and Ecology, Marketplace Ministry, Hispanic ministry and Religious Education.

This program was initiated in the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo in 1995. Msgr. Larry Droll and S. Joan Markus, SSND (former Director of the Office of Education and Formation and currently Provincial Leader of the School Sisters of Notre Dame of the St. Louis Province) were instrumental in initiating this program in response to the need for professionally qualified persons to assist with various ministries in parishes throughout the diocese. Since its beginning, thirty-one graduates from the diocese have completed their studies through LIMEX.

The diocese is in the process of beginning a new LIMEX learning group in the Midland/Odessa and San Angelo area. For more information contact S. Hilda Marotta at 325-651-7500. More and more one comes across alumni now serving in diocesan positions, as national speakers, permanent deacons and parish ministers. What a wonderful opportunity to have available for the people in this diocese.



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DIOCESAN CONFERENCE DAY 2010

by S. Hilda Marotta, OSF and S. Adelina Garcia, OSF

Christ...In Our Families...In Our Hearts...In Our World

**Start Where You Are...Challenges on the Road...
We Have What We Need To Do What We Must...**

Participants from throughout the diocese gathered at the San Angelo McNease Convention Center for the annual Diocesan Conference Day February 13, 2010. The theme this year was **Christ...In Our Families...In Our Hearts... In Our World**. The day began with a welcome by Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI. Participants were then called to prayer focusing on the virtues of a holy family... compassion, love, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, peace, thankfulness.



Greg (Dobie) Moser, D.Min., presenter, led the participants in the three sessions throughout the day.

Session One, **Christ In Our Families – Start Where You Are** invited participants to consider where they are in their faith journey, how God’s grace and spirit are already present in their lives and in the church. Our speaker spoke

about the celebration of Eucharist at the altar table. He also spoke about eucharist at the dinner table and asked, can we name our mad, sad, and glad experiences of the day. Where is God here? He stressed the importance of reminding parents to “eat meals together” as family. He invited participants to celebrate the God of the Ordinary and the God of the Extraordinary. “We are swimming in the sea of God’s grace – learn to ride the waves to



celebrate and embrace the gift of life”.

Session Two, **Christ In Our Hearts – Challenges on the Road** identified some of the specific challenges that families and the church are facing in trying to live and pass on the treasures of our Catholic faith. These challenges come externally from our American culture and internally from how the Church identifies and interprets the signs of the times. Dr. Moser spoke of recognizing the difference between what is **important** and what is **essential** in life. Not everything important is essential. Letting go of our non-essentials can be life-giving and liberating. As one makes decisions in life, one needs to remember that it is not just about **my family**...it is about the **human family**. Another challenge is to use technology in order to serve the People of God.

Session Three, **Christ In Our World – We Have What We Need to Do What We Must** identified a compelling vision that is broadened to include building up faith in families, in parishes, in the church, and in the world. Dr. Moser spoke of the importance of recognizing that **belonging** leads to **believing** which then leads to **behaving**. This shift is important to understand as we continue to share our Catholic faith with others. He identified 5 tasks of living: 1) seek forgiveness 2) grant forgiveness 3) express love 4) express gratitude and 5) let go. Examples were given of what is possible and how we can work together with God to make great things happen.

The day concluded with the celebration of Eucharist with Bishop Michael Pfeifer presiding. Msgr. Larry Droll concelebrated. A collection amounting to nine hundred thirty-one dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$931.88) was taken up for the people of Haiti and sent to Catholic Relief Services. The generosity of the People of God in the Diocese of San Angelo is edifying.

2010 Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Basic Formation Cycle - Midland/Odessa Deanery

St. Mary Parish - Odessa
8:45 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Year 2010

Mar 6	Sacraments 1
Apr 10	Sacraments 2
May 1	Retreat

Advanced Formation Cycle - San Angelo Deanery

St. Joseph Parish - San Angelo
8:45 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Year 2010

Mar 13	Social Justice
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YEAR FOUR

WHY CATHOLIC? Continues...

Sitting By the Well: Meeting Jesus in Prayer

The Faith Formation Session, *Prayer: Many Methods, One Purpose*, was held at six sites throughout the diocese January 17-21, 2010. Participants gathered to learn and reflect on the richness of prayer in our Catholic heritage. *Why Catholic?* participants are now participating in the six week small community faith sharing sessions.

The **Retreat Experience – Sitting By the Well: Meeting Jesus in Prayer** will be held March 21 - 25, 2010 at the following sites:



March 21, 2010 – 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.
St. Patrick, Brady

March 21, 2010 – 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Christ the King Retreat Center

March 22, 2010 – 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
St. Anthony, Odessa

March 23, 2010 – 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
St. Francis, Abilene

March 24, 2010 – 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
St. Joseph, Ft. Stockton

March 25, 2010 – 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. (English Only)
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ozona

This retreat experience will engage participants in an experience of reflecting on the gospel passage of the Samaritan Woman, using imagination, heart, mind and action – enabling the participants to hear the Good News at ever deeper levels.

This retreat experience will be offered in English and Spanish at each location. The English session will be presented by S. Terry Rickard, OP and Fr. Abraham Orpankel. Manuel Hernandez will be the presenter in Spanish.

This retreat offers another opportunity for **everyone** in the parish to participate in *Why Catholic?*

(For more information, call S. Hilda Marotta at 325-651-7500)

REFLECTION DAY FOR

Directors of Religious Education Coordinators of Religious Education Coordinators of Youth Ministry

May 11, 2010 • 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Christ the King Retreat Center

Save the Date!

Connecting Catholic Families with the Bible



A Workshop for Parish Leaders

September 25, 2010 • San Angelo

The Center for Ministry Development is offering a national workshop series in San Angelo on September 25, 2010 to provide parish leaders with strategies and resources to help their families break open the Word of God. This one-day workshop, which runs from 9:00 to 3:00, will:

1. Share a strategic vision to bring Catholic families and the Bible together
2. Discuss the Catholic approach to Scripture in light of Catholic family living
3. Explore biblical literacy for Catholic families
4. Provide ideas and activities to connect family life and the Bible – gathered and non-gathered, parish and home
5. Let the Word inspire participants with its power and presence

(For more information, call S. Hilda Marotta at 325-651-7500)

REVISED MISSAL OFFERS OPPORTUNITY FOR LITURGICAL FORMATION

by F. Edward de Leon, OMI, Liturgy Commission Chair

The period before the revised translated texts of the Roman Missal are implemented provides an opportunity for the kind of liturgical catechesis — and, by extension, a deeper understanding of Sunday worship — that did not take place after the Second Vatican Council.

The English version of the new Roman Missal gives us an excellent opportunity to revisit and renew the liturgical formation of all Catholics in the diocese.

The revised texts are not expected to be implemented in the United States before 2011 or 2012, pending final ratification of by Rome. The new texts include numerous changes in the way prayers are recited by presiders and assemblies at Sunday Mass.

On Nov. 12, 2002, the Latin Church members of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops approved a translation of the *Institutio Generalis Missalis Romani* (General Instruction of the Roman Missal) prepared by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy. The translation was confirmed by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on March 17, 2003; the GIRM was promulgated that year.

Recently, the U.S. bishops approved the English translation and U.S. adaptations of five final sections of the Roman Missal (the book of prayers used at Mass) in voting at their annual fall general assembly in Baltimore.

Liturgical officials in Rome, in accord with ICEL, have explained that these changes represent an effort to make English-language prayers conform more closely to the Latin that is the basis for all translations. The proposed changes — which have caused consternation among some — have been debated and discussed among U.S. bishops for several years.

People, who have worked with liturgical publishers as they prepare the revised texts for sales and distribution at the appropriate time, acknowledged that many will continue to have problems with the revisions and the new texts. On the other hand, I suggested that the new Roman Missal will be more readily embraced, or at least better understood, if our diocese offers proper catechesis prior to implementation.

We are invited to receive this as a pastoral opportunity to teach our people how to pray the Mass.

Each parish is to give priority to the Sunday celebration of Mass as the primary occasion and opportunity for revitalizing the spiritual life of the community and, accordingly, make appropriate provision for the full, conscious and active participation of the faithful.

As the diocese defines pastoral approaches to be used in catechizing its people, I must stress the importance of considering that “average person’s encounter with the liturgy.” Consideration of all the senses — the languages of

gesture, posture, color, as well as the texts themselves” — is likewise key.

Among the points that should be stressed in such a liturgical formation processes are:

- The primacy of the Word of God in the Eucharistic celebration.
- The need for all — presiders and assembly — to recognize silence as an essential element of the Mass, notably after Communion.
- The need to involve everyone — lay and ordained — in this liturgical formation process. We’re all in this together. My hope is that this will be emphasized in the training that will take place.

There will be a need for presiders “to be trained in effective presentation, notably at the Eucharistic Prayer, to communicate that this is the prayer of everyone.”

The training for priests is very important. Our people are starving for spiritual food, and the best place to provide that is at Sunday liturgy.

There will be a need for reflection on the importance of well-prepared bilingual and multilingual liturgies to illustrate the council’s vision for liturgy; involving different media (including videos for YouTube) to present catechetical training (perhaps utilizing college and high school media departments); and, perhaps most significantly, presenting the coming changes in the least unsettling way — in baby steps, with repetition, omission. It will be important in this process to build bridges, and not polarize people.

Noting wryly that there will be liturgical police on the left and right who will make our lives as difficult as they can, I think that nonetheless pointed out that the process of implementing change is bound to be an improvement over what took place after Vatican II, when changes were implemented with virtually no catechesis, leaving assemblies often bewildered and sometimes frustrated, at least initially.

That’s why it is so critical to begin this catechetical process before there is implementation. We won’t do it all perfectly, but we will do it better than was done 40 or 45 years ago.

Annual Chrism Mass

by F. Edward de Leon, OMI, Liturgy Commission Chair

Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, O.M.I. and the priests of the Diocese of San Angelo will celebrate the annual Chrism Mass on **TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2010** at **11:00 AM** at the **Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart, San Angelo, Texas.**

At the Chrism Mass, the bishop comes together with the whole diocese to celebrate, to worship, and to consecrate

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The North American Forum on the Catechumenate

■ **THE INITIATION EXPERIENCE INSTITUTES** present the compelling vision and pastoral skills to implement the initiation process and emphasize the relationship of good liturgy to good catechesis.

BEGINNINGS “PLUS” INSTITUTE

June 23-26, 2010, Diocese of Camden (NJ)

June 24-27, 2010, Archdiocese of Montreal (Quebec)—with focus on adults and children

June 29-July 2, 2010, Diocese of Amarillo (TX)—with focus on adults and children

August 12-15, 2010, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston (WV)

August 19-22, 2010, Diocese of Victoria (TX)—with focus on adults and children

BEGINNINGS INSTITUTE

April 29-May 1, 2010, Diocese of Boise (ID)—with 2 afternoon dialogues in Spanish

July 23-25, 2010, Diocese of Arlington (VA)—Spanish

August 13-15, 2010, Diocese of San Diego (CA)—Spanish

November 4-6, 2010, Archd. of St. Paul & Minneapolis (MN)

■ **THE FOCUS ON INITIATION INSTITUTES** concentrate on specific aspects of initiation using presentations, celebrations of the rites, and small group discussions. It is preferable that they follow the Initiation Experience Institutes.

CATECHUMENATE

August 6-7, 2010, Diocese of Stockton (CA)

August 20-21, 2010, Archdiocese of Los Angeles (CA)

August 27-28, 2010, Diocese of Portland (ME)

PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

August 19-20, 2010, Diocese of Gaylord (MI)

MYSTAGOGY

August 24-25, 2010, Diocese of Green Bay (WI)

CHILDREN AND CHRISTIAN INITIATION

July 30-31, 2010, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston (TX)

August 6-7, 2010, Diocese of Des Moines (IA)

August 13-14, 2010, Diocese of San Jose and Monterey (CA)

August 27-28, 2010, Blessed Sacrament Parish (Diocese of Rockford IL)

November 5-6, 2010, Archdiocese of Cincinnati (OH)

CONCERNING THE BAPTIZED

April 30 - May 1, 2010 Diocese of Erie (PA)

May 7-8, 2010, Archdiocese of Ottawa (Ontario)

May 14-15, 2010, Archdiocese of Baltimore (MD)

June 11-12, 2010, Diocese of Little Rock (AR)

June 18-19, 2010, Diocese of Lafayette (IN)

July 9-10, 2010, Archdiocese of Dubuque (IA)

July 16-17, 2010, Diocese of Knoxville (TN)

July 23-24, 2010, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City (OK)

August 6-7, 2010, Diocese of New Ulm (MN)

August 27-28, 2010, Diocese of Las Vegas (NV)

■ **THE INITIATING COMMUNITY INSTITUTES** explore advanced issues of implementation for experienced ministers as they broaden the initiation experience to include the entire community. Small groups discuss, share and critique models.

PRAYING THE RITES

October 7-9, 2010, Diocese of Lafayette (LA)

ECHOING GOD’S WORD

June 25-26, 2010, Diocese of Shreveport (LA)

■ **AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST: BUILDING RECONCILING COMMUNITIES** explores the ministry of reconciliation • invites participants to reflect on the vision and process of conversion and reconciliation • explores an understanding of a reconciling community rooted in initiation • examines present processes and future possibilities for reconciling ministry in the parish.

May 20-22, 2010, Archdiocese of Louisville (KY)

■ **THE EVANGELIZING PARISH: VISION, PASSION, PRACTICES** develops the vision and practice of evangelization and how this creates parishes of mission.

May 28-29, 2010, Western Conference for the

Catechumenate, Saskatoon (Saskatchewan)

June 11-12, 2010, Washington Theological Union (Wash. DC)

June 15-16, 2010 (Clergy), Diocese of Nelson (Brit. Columbia)

September 24-25, 2010, Archdiocese of Omaha (NE)

October 22-23, 2010, Diocese of Manchester (NH)

October 29-30, 2010, Diocese of Sacramento (CA)

December 3-4, 2010, Diocese of Palm Beach (FL)

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Chrism Mass - continued

the holy oils used in all our parishes this coming year. The oils that will be blessed are the Oil of Chrism, from which the Mass gets its name, the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick. The Sacred Chrism is used to anoint people in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. It is also used in the dedication and consecration of church buildings and altars. The Oil of the Sick is used for the blessing, strengthening, and healing of those who are sick or advanced in age, and the Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint Catechumens and infants about to be baptized.

The bishop is the only minister in the diocese who may consecrate chrism. This Mass highlights his ministry and our union with him.

LITURGY NEWSLETTER

LENT

by F. Edward de Leon, OMI, Liturgy Commission Chair

The Spaniards call the forty days from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday 'Cuaresma', the Germans call it 'Fastenzeit', the French call it 'Car me', but we oddly and perversely, perhaps, call it 'Lent'.

What does the word mean and why is there this difference? The second question is hard to answer. As to the first, this, at least can be said. The word 'Lent' is old English means spring time, the period in the year when the trees, at least the deciduous ones, once again begin to sprout leaves, when gardeners begin to plant flowers and the days begin to lengthen ("lencten"). Spring seems to demand as its prelude some form of deadness and apparent lifelessness. What seems so full of promise and life and renewal and is so very positive in the impression it creates could hardly occur at all were it not for the winter that precedes it.

And so it is with the life of the Spirit. We know this from ordinary experience. Any achievement worthy of the name demands some form of discipline and self mastery. To be able to suppress one's natural feelings on meeting people

we dislike or disapprove of, is not easy and we admire the self control that enables this. To produce great scholarship, to be successful in a business venture, to write a poem or compose a quartet demands of the author a degree of self discipline that makes many of us blush.

And what is true in the spring of production is true also in the Lent of the life of the Spirit. Achievement rests on a willingness to say "no" to ourselves. At the heart of our positive striving must lie a degree of what must seem like a negative spirit. Of course we cannot climb the mountain of the Lord unaided, but also, we cannot give to charitable works without making a hole in our own purses. We cannot begin living a truly spiritual life unless we take time off to pray. And all this requires discipline. We admire the life of Christ and of his Mother, Mary. But we forget perhaps what it cost them both.

Lent brings home to us some of these truths. It helps to remind us that prayer demands a willingness to set time aside for it and master our wandering thoughts. To give to others means saying "no" to myself. The season of Lent brings this truth home to us with clarity as we see altars decked with the somber color of purple preparing for the white of Easter day. Saying "Yes" to God may mean, at least at times, saying "No" to myself.

YOUTH / YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



DATES: March 21, 2010 April 18, 2010

These retreats are for those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation (high school age). The focus is on Catholic identity and Christian Initiation. It is a day retreat (9:30-5:00).

Please call the Retreat Center at 325/651-5352 for registration information.

Search for Christian Maturity 2010

Search: CCW:
March 19-21, 2010 June 11-13, 2010
April 23-25, 2010

For more information call Sylvia Noriega
(w) 325-659-6569, (h) 655-4206.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011

Madrid, Spain



August 15-21, 2011

"Rooted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in the Faith" (Col. 2,7)

**JMJ 2011
MADRID**

This event is open to those
18 years old+
(not high school students)

Participating parishes include: Our Lady of Lourdes, Andrews; Holy Trinity, Big Spring; Good Shepherd, Crane; Sacred Heart, McCamey; Holy Redeemer, Odessa; and Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart, San Angelo

Departure: August 14, 2011

Return: August 23, 2011

For more information, call S. Adelina Garcia, OSF, at the Office of Education & Formation, Diocese of San Angelo (325) 651-7500

MAKE A DIFFERENCE



A five day experience focusing on the three goals of comprehensive youth ministry: for young people (grades 10-12) who have completed the 9th grade prior to May 2010, and are still in high school.

DATE: Monday, June 7, 9:00 am -
Friday, June 11, 2010, 3 pm.

PLACE: Angelo State University

COST: \$150.00 per participant (*This includes: program materials, lodging, meals, daily programming designed to inspire deeper faith, community building, scripture and Catholic Social Teaching, dialogue to challenge and develop critical thinking skills, lots of fun!*) Initial deposit of \$50.00 is due by May 7, 2010. \$100.00 due by June 2, 2010.

RENEWING THE VISION: A FRAMEWORK FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Goal 1: To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today.

- Help young people grow in their knowledge, beliefs, values, and actions to enable them to live as Christians and be witnesses to others.
- Help young people grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ within the family, with the faith community, and within the institution of the Roman Catholic Church.



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Goal 2: To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community.

- The ministry of community life is not only *what* we do (activity), but *who* we are (identity) and *how* we interact (relationships).

Goal 3: To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

- To foster the development of a Catholic worldview that respects the dignity of human life, recalling that each person is made in God's image and likeness. That worldview is based on the Gospel values of love, peace, mercy, and justice as the heart of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

The week will include: Community Christian living, prayer and faith sharing, exploring Catholic Social Teaching, meaningful worksite experiences, and an opportunity to hear how God is calling you to make a difference in the world today!

Youth must submit an application with two letters of recommendations and be accepted in order to attend. We highly recommend team applications (one adult leader and 2 to 3 youth). Call S. Adelina Garcia, at the Office of Education & Formation 325-651-7500, for an application. Limit is 20. Parish applications are due at the Office of Education & Formation by May 7, 2010.



National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry

December 9-12, 2010

New Orleans Morial Convention Center

NCCYM is sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry and hosted by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New Orleans

For more information, contact S. Adelina Garcia, OSF, at
(325) 651-7500 or www.nfcym.org

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*Catholic Identity and Diversity: Forming Catechists for the
21st Century*

Tuesday's Keynote: Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez -
Catechesis: Traditioning Our Catholic Diversity
Catequesis: Nuestra Tradición Católica y Nuestra Diversidad

Wednesday's Keynote: Vallimar Jansen - *Passion, Power and
Presence in Our Diversity "Walk Together, Children. Don't
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