



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

— During this weekend and a few days thereafter, we are fortunate to host several members of our sister parish in Grenada, West Indies.

The group of seven visitors is led by Fr. Julian Okoroanyanwu of St. Dominic's Church. It is always gratifying to welcome Catholic Christians from other areas of the world to our own corner of the world. Although we have done much to support our sister parish in Grenada, I also believe they have done the same for us. They have shown us how God's holy Spirit expresses itself in peoples and cultures much different from our own. Yet in all these differences, we are one Spirit, one Body in Christ.

After the 10:00 Mass this weekend, the Evangelization and Service Commission and Mission Committee will host a reception brunch for our guests. The reception at the Parish Hall will be informal, so you can either stop by and say hello or stay a while to meet and hear from our Grenadian brothers and sisters. My thanks goes out to Deacon Greg and to the many parishioners who have offered their time, effort and hospitality to our visitors. In the days ahead, if you see Fr. Julian or any of our guests at Holy Redeemer (or at another location in our area), please make it a point to introduce yourselves to them and welcome them.

In this Easter season, may we recognize and give thanks for the gift of the risen Lord in the lives of those around us.

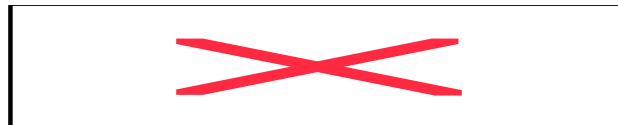
Fr. Mannebach

**THANK YOU!!!** The Mission Ministry Team is most grateful for your support in their "dollars for miles" fund raiser. Anyone who was unable to contribute and would like to do so can put their money in an envelope and mark it

"Grenada". This can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office.



**FIRST COMMUNION** for the students in second grade will take place on *Sunday, April 25 during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.*



## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL-ALWAYS AND EVERYWHERE, GIVE THANKS

Congratulations! Our parish has done a great job in supporting the 2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal. We have made our parish goal of \$10,810 from 145 households. Thank you to all who contributed – we couldn't have done it without each of you. It is not too late to make a pledge. Every gift matters. You can pick up a pledge packet from the poster display in the church entrance. Please return your completed pledge/gift through the mail in the envelope provided in the information packet. For more information, please visit [www.CatholicAppeal.info](http://www.CatholicAppeal.info). Thank you.

**EVANGELIZATION & SERVICE COMMISSION** will provide the dessert buffet at Loaves & Fishes, a county community meal site in Wapakoneta, on *Thursday, April 22*. All varieties of desserts are appreciated. Desserts should be dropped off at the parish kitchen by 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 22.

**VOCATION VIEWS** – Jesus asks us, "Do you love me?" Show your love for Jesus in the way that you live. (John 21:1-19)

**OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT-**  
April 11 - \$5,647.32                      Attendance – 832  
Adults - \$5,166.00                      High School - \$15.00  
Grade School - \$28.50                      Anonymous - \$437.82

**THANK YOU** to Jeffery Wente and Brooke McCollum for the altar flowers on the weekend of their wedding, April 10.

**BOOK CLUB MEETING** will be held on Tuesday, April 27 at 6:45 p.m. in classroom #1. *The Shack* by William P. Young will be discussed. All are welcome. Anyone who has any questions should call Becky Koverman at

419-629-3470.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:**

All children in grades one through six will come to the 5:15-6:15 p.m. session on Wednesday, April 28 for their last CCD class. May Crowning will take place from 5:45-6:15 p.m. and refreshments will be served afterwards. Everyone is invited to attend.

Confirmation Candidates (or parents of candidates) are asked to contact Robin Goettemoeller at the parish office to schedule Confirmation interviews with either Deacon Greg or Father Mannebach. The interview will take approximately ten minutes and youth do not need to bring anything with them. Interviews will be taking place on the following days: Saturday, May 15, 8:30-10:30 a.m.; Monday, June 7, 5:00-6:40 p.m.; Thursday, June 10, 9:00 a.m. until noon; Saturday, June 12, 8:30-9:30 a.m.; Monday, June 14, 5:00-6:40 p.m.; Saturday, June 19, 8:30-10:30 a.m.; Monday, June 21, 5:00-6:40 p.m.; Saturday, June 26, 8:30-10:30 a.m.; Monday, June 28, 5:00-6:40 p.m. All paperwork and projects should be turned in by the time of the interview. Confirmation will be taking place at Holy Redeemer on Sunday, October 17 at 11:00 a.m. with Archbishop Pilarczyk presiding.

**MANY OF YOU ARE WELL AWARE** of recent media reports regarding the Catholic bishops of Ireland and Germany in their mishandling of sexual abuse cases, especially in the decades of the 1970s and 1980s. Even Pope Benedict XVI has been listed as one of the bishops connected with this gross lack of oversight during his term as the archbishop of Munich, Germany in the 1980s. In response to these reports from the secular media, Archbishop Schnurr has issued the following letter to all priests and parishioners of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. I would like to pass this letter along to you in its entirety.

Fr. Tom

**DEAR PASTOR AND PARISHIONERS,** *April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. This seems an appropriate time to stress that every month should be child abuse prevention month in the parishes, schools, offices, agencies, and institutions of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.*

*It must be acknowledged that in years past the Church's actions to prevent crimes against children under our care and the reactions to abuse when it happened were often inadequate or worse, whatever the reasons. I very much regret that, and I apologize to anyone who was hurt as a child by a cleric, employee or volunteer representing the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.*

*Now, however, we have in place child-protection policies in our Decree on Child Protection, and the*

*Archdiocese is committed to enforcing them. Since 1993, more than 85,000 clergy, employees and volunteers have been trained in the provisions of the Decree. Since 2003, more than 68,000 adults have had criminal background checks performed, including 52,400 currently working with children.*

*At the same time, we want to help bring healing and justice to any victims of abuse who have not yet surfaced. I urge anyone who was abused as a child by a representative of the Archdiocese, or knows someone who was, to report the abuse immediately to the secular legal authorities and to the Victim Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocese, Sister Mary Garke, at 800-686-2724. The Archdiocese, too, reports all accusations of child abuse to secular legal authorities.*

*In recent weeks, we have been inundated by media reports concerning Pope Benedict XVI's actions in cases of child abuse while he was archbishop of Munich and later as Prefect for the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF). I have no special direct knowledge about these matters, but the following might be helpful.*

*The Church welcomes honest reporting, even when it is critical of the Church and painful. However, much of the reporting in this instance has been neither fair nor accurate. (To cite just one example, Pope Benedict has been criticized for actions of the CDF in the 1980s and 1990s – many years before child abuse cases were put under the CDF's jurisdiction in 2001.) For this reason, I urge you not to form judgments based on secular press accounts alone. For a more balanced presentation, also read The Catholic Telegraph. In addition, excellent online resources are the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' blog at <http://usccbmedia.blogspot.com> and a special section of the Vatican website at [http://www.vatican.va/resources/index\\_en.htm](http://www.vatican.va/resources/index_en.htm).*

*Also, in reading news stories about how the Church handled abuse allegations against priests some decades ago, it's important not to read into them the knowledge that we have now. As recently as 1984, a supposedly authoritative psychological textbook said, "Early sexual contacts do not appear to have harmful effects on many children unless the family, legal authorities, or society reacts negatively" (McCary and McCary, Human Sexuality, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., 1984, p. 226). I was not a bishop at that time, but this kind of advice informed the inadequate decisions many bishops made in those*

years.

*We now know better. The sexual abuse of children is often devastating. Please pray for victim/survivors as we work to prevent child abuse this month and every month.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr, Archbishop of Cincinnati.*

**MASS WITH BISHOP CARMON FROM OAXACA, MEXICO** will take place on Monday, April 19 at **7:00 a.m.** at the Maria Stein Relic Shrine, 2291 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein. All are invited to share the joy of having Bishop Caromona on his missionary appeal for spiritual and financial help in his six-year-old diocese in Mexico. The Mass will be in Spanish, with a small 'convivencia' after Mass.

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

##### **April 24 & 25**

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.**

A. Elking – F. Frey – J. Homan – L. Meyer – C. Opperman

D. Schwartz – B. Suchland – C. & S. Wissman

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.**

G. Dicke – P. Harrod – H. Kremer

R. & R. Kremer – E. Rump, Jr. – T. Schemmel

**Sun. 10:00 a.m.**

Deacon G. Bornhorst – A. Flaute – D. & J. Gehle

J. Hirschfeld – S. Homan – S. Kaiser – S. McCollum

B. & R. Niekamp – S. & J. Niekamp – N. Riethman

#### **LECTORS:**

##### **April 24 & 25**

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.**

S. McDaniel – R. Tangeman

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.**

D. Dicke – S. Bertke

**Sun. 10:00 a.m.**

E. Niekamp – G. Topp

#### **USHERS:**

##### **April 24 & 25**

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.**

R. Brandt – B. Kramer – J. Lehman

T. Wenning – R. Ziegenbusch

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.**

D. Alig – P. Heitkamp – L. Lane

M. McClurg – D. Steineman

**Sun. 10:00 a.m.**

#### **ACTIVITIES:**

Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:00 a.m. Mass

Mon. - Ensemble rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. in music room

Tues. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- Education Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m. in conference room

Wed. - CCD classes: Grades 1 through 6: 3:15 – 4:15 p.m.; 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.

R. Homan – M. Mueller – J. Niekamp

B. Parker – G. Wendeln

#### **COLLECTION COUNTERS – April 25**

B. McDermitt – J. Homan – R. Evers

#### **MASSES:**

##### **April 17 to 25**

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.** Ruth Wilker

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.** Holy Redeemer Parish

**10:00 a.m.** Rev. John Marquardt, G.H.M.

**Mon. 7:00 p.m.** Msgr. Francis A. Reardon

**Tues. 8:30 a.m.** Baxter-Lochtefeld family

**Wed. 12:05 p.m.** Rev. Hugh J. Gallagher

**Thurs. 7:00 p.m.** Msgr. Edward J. Graham

**Fri. 8:30 a.m.** Christine Showalter

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.** Lucille Doenges

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.** Master Sgt. Brian Naseman

**10:00 a.m.** Holy Redeemer Parish

#### **SERVERS:**

##### **April 19 to 25**

**Mon. 7:00 p.m.**

T. Homan – J. Niekamp

**Thurs. 7:00 p.m.**

K. Maurer – N. Thobe

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.**

E. Smith – L. Smith

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.**

C. Bertke – M. Russell

**Sun. 10:00 a.m.**

T. Homan – C. Paul

#### **PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:**

##### **April 24 & 25**

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.** Keith & Donna Hibner

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.** Jerry & Ann Hirschfeld

**Sun. 10:00 a.m.** First Communicants

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY,**

##### **APRIL 25**

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

John 10:27-30

- Sat. - Men's Prayer Group, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in conference room  
Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist  
- Ensemble sings during 10:00 a.m. Mass



Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."  
Jn 21:15