



*Catholic Diocese of Brownsville*

# Weekly Update

July 28, 2010

*“VERBUM MITTITUR SPIRANS AMOREM.”*

## **We want your input!**

As we embark on a redesign of the Diocese of Brownsville Website, we invite you to let us know what you would like to see included. Please visit our website and take the survey.

*Speakers to include Bishop Flores and Nationally-known OB/GYN*

### **Medical Conference on Human Life Issues Aug. 21**

McALLEN - A “Welcome Life Conference” for physicians, health professionals, clergy and ministers, and Valley residents of all denominations will be held on Saturday, Aug. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 2209 Kendlewood Avenue in McAllen.

Speakers for the conference will include Bishop Daniel E. Flores along with Father Matthew Habiger, OSB, Ph.D, a moral theologian from Atchison, Kansas, and Dr. Martha Marie Garza, an Obstetrician / Gynecologist from San Antonio.

“This unique conference will give Catholics and other Christians -- as well as other interested people in the Valley -- an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Catholic Church’s teachings on human life and the benefits of being open to life and using Natural Family Planning within marriages,” said Sister Nancy Boushey, OSB, Director of Pro-Life Activities for the Catholic Diocese of Brownsville.

The conference will have two sessions, starting with a morning session at 8:30 a.m. on Aug. 21 for doctors and other health professionals. The morning session will conclude with a lunch for the health professionals with Bishop Flores, at noon. The afternoon session, starting at 1:30 p.m., will be for all Valley residents interested in this topic.

In addition to speaking at the conference in McAllen, Fr. Habiger will celebrate Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, 322 S. Vermont in Mercedes, on Saturday, Aug. 21 at 5 p.m. and on Sunday, Aug. 22 at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

The conference is sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Brownsville Pro-Life Apostolate, and co-sponsored by the Diocese’s offices for Family Life, Health Ministry and Catechesis. Fees for the conference are \$10 for the afternoon session for the general public; \$20 for the morning session for doctors and health professionals (which includes lunch with Bishop Flores); and free for priests, deacons, religious, and pastors and ministers (religious personnel of all denominations are welcome to attend either or both of the sessions).

For more information, or to sign up for the conference, please call Sr. Nancy Boushey at (956) 486-2680 or e-mail [sanbenito@grandriver.net](mailto:sanbenito@grandriver.net). For online information about the Catholic

Church's teaching on human life and Natural Family Planning, please visit: <http://OneMoreSoul.com>.

### **Marian Conference Scheduled in August**

The classes for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, organized by Real Men Pray the Rosary, a local apostolate, will culminate with two special events in August. A Marian Conference is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 21 at San Martin de Porres Church in Weslaco. The Most Rev. Bishop Daniel Flores, Msgr. Leonard Pivonka from the Diocese of Corpus Christi and Father Hugh Gillespie, a Montfort Missionary priest from New York are among the speakers scheduled to appear at the conference.

A Consecration Ceremony celebrated by Father Gillespie is scheduled for the Marian Feast day of The Queenship of Mary, which falls on Sunday, Aug. 22. The ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in McAllen.

For additional information contact the parish listed, or call (956) 664-1000 or e-mail [valerie@rmptr.org](mailto:valerie@rmptr.org) for more information.

### **Priest Assignments**

#### **Effective June 21, 2010**

- Rev. Salvador Magaña, Parochial Vicar of Immaculate Conception Parish in Rio Grande City and its mission Sacred Heart

#### **Effective August 1, 2010**

- Rev. Tomasz Grabara, MSF, Parochial Vicar of Saint Joseph in Donna and its mission Christ the King
- Rev. Mario Galindo, MSF, transferred by his religious community to San Antonio

#### **Effective September 1, 2010**

- Bishop Emeritus Raymundo J. Peña, Chaplain of the Capuchin Poor Clare nuns in Alamo
- Rev. Amador Garza, Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle-National Shrine in San Juan
- Rev. Eduardo Ortega, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Mercedes
- Rev. Jean Olivier M. Sambu, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Rio Grande City and its mission Sacred Heart
- Rev. Salvador Ramirez, Pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish in San Carlos and its missions St. Theresa and St. Anne
- Rev. Martin De La Cruz, Pastor of St. Ignatius Parish in El Ranchito and its missions Our Lady of Lourdes and Sacred Heart
- Rev. Jorge Gomez, Pastor of Holy Family Parish in Brownsville, Chaplain of the Catholic Student Center at the University of Texas at Brownsville with occasional duties to the Bishop's Office

- Rev. Jose Luis Garcia, Pastor of Christ the King Parish in Brownsville and its mission San Juan Diego de Guadalupe
- Rev. Francisco Javier Solis, Parish Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish in Escobares and its missions Our Lady of Guadalupe and Santa Rosa de Lima
- Rev. Eduardo Gomez, Director of House of Studies in San Pedro, and Priest in charge of the independent missions of San Pedro in San Pedro and Our Heavenly Father in Olmito
- Rev. Juan Rogelio Gutierrez, Assistant to the Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle-National Shrine in San Juan
- Rev. Ignacio Tapia, Diocesan Director of Seminarians in conjunction with present assignments
- Rev. Gregory T. Labus, Coordinator for the Office of Liturgy and Worship in conjunction with present assignments
- Rev. Mishael J. Koday, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in McAllen
- Rev. George Kerketta, period of study to a language program

#### **Effective February 2, 2011**

- Rev. George Kerketta, Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Raymondville and its missions St. Anne, Mother of Mary , St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, and St. Patrick

#### **Campus Ministry Posts Schedule**

Campus Ministry invites all young adults of the diocese, age 18-30, to participate in the following activities:

REGULARLY HELD SERVICES: Services will resume in fall 2010.

Our mission as followers of Jesus Christ and faithful leaders is:

- to grow in grace as we grow in our knowledge of Jesus Christ and the Word of God;
- to form our consciences and appropriate the faith handed down through our Church through worship of God and service to others;
- to help each other find God's will in our lives;
- to develop our personal skills and abilities with a view to serving others.

#### **Midnight Gladness Lock-In July 31**

The Youth and Young Adult ministry team will be hosting a Lock-In at Peter Piper Pizza on Friday, July 30 from 11:30 p.m. to Saturday, July 31 in Weslaco, 3101 E Expressway 83. All middle school and high school students and young adults are invited. The cost of \$20 per person covers sodas, pizza, games, door prizes, and contests.

**Workshops Scheduled for Charismatic Renewal Leaders**

Workshops are scheduled this summer for parish leaders involved in Charismatic Renewal. The session is set for August 22 in Brownsville from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Centro de Oración AMA, 700 Fruitdale Dr., and from 3 to 6 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker in McAllen, 900 S. 23rd St. For additional information call (956) 682-1351.

**Additional Benefits Coming Soon**

The two additional benefit products will be available soon for diocesan and parish employees. These include permanent life with Texas Life, agent Sam Greenfeld, and long-term care through MetLife, our 403b administrators.

The products are offered on a volunteer basis and are portable. Representatives will be stopping by the pastoral centers, parishes and schools in the next couple of months. The policies are effective right away. Agreements will need to be signed.

More details on these benefits will be forthcoming in the next few days.

**Job Openings**

- **Assistant Principal** - Our Lady of Sorrows School, Contact Patrick O’Keefe (956) 686-3651 or visit [www.olsschool.org](http://www.olsschool.org)
- **Counselor** - Catholic Social Services, San Juan and Brownsville Contact Human Resources at (956) 542-2501.
- **Full Time Administrative Assistant** – Oratory of St Philip Neri School, Pharr submit resume to (956) 702-3047 info call (956) 781-3056 Maricela Perez ext 602 or Mary Gutierrez ext. 603.
- **Full Time Development Coordinator** - Contact Genie Trevino at (956) 542-2501.
- **Part Time Secretary** – Building & Property Upper Valley Contact Genie Trevino at (956) 542-2501.
- **Part Time Music Teacher** - St. Joseph Catholic School, Edinburg, contact Sister Kathleen Murray at 383 3957, Monday - Thursday, 8-11 a.m. or 1- 4 p.m.

**Calendar of Events**

- **July 29** - Youth & Young Adult World day meeting, San Juan
- **August 4** – Catholic Schools Office, Principals Meeting, San Juan
- **August 5** – Office of Catechesis, Advisory Team Meeting, McAllen
- **August 7** – Jail Ministry – Volunteer Meeting, Harlingen
- **August 9** – Catholic Schools Office- Principals’ Meeting, San Juan
- **August 10** - Youth & Young Adult Post-season softball meeting, San Juan

Please submit information to be included in the *Weekly Update* to Brenda Nettles Riojas, Director of Diocesan Relations by e-mail at [Bnrpr@cDOB.org](mailto:Bnrpr@cDOB.org) or by fax to (956) 784-5082.

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