



WEEKLY MEMO from BMW

Date: February 4, 2015
From: Bishop Michael W. Warfel
To: Clergy, Religious, Lay Ecclesial Ministers et al

I will be traveling to Sidney this week and staying at St. Matthew's Parish for close to two weeks. I will be one of the spiritual directors for both the men's Cum Christo this coming weekend and the women's Cum Christo the following weekend. There is a good group of candidates for both weekends. During the interim time between the two weekends, I'll have a chance to visit several of the parishes in the area.

A video for the **Care and Share** appeal for this year is close to final editing. **I ask that you show it at your parishes, hopefully toward the end of Mass after the Communion Rite during the time you normally would do announcements.** It is in reality, an announcement to the parishioners about the appeal and makes the case for the appeal. There are several priests from the diocese that have been video recorded for the video that you'll be receiving in the mail. Again, I urge you to show this at the end of Mass. Too many people do not see it if it is simply done after Mass with coffee.

Youth events: There currently are 48 signed up for the Krakow World Youth Day for the summer of 2016. It should be a good experience for all. Consistently those who attend have been greatly enriched in their faith. There are also plans to have at least 60 attend the National Catholic Youth Convention in Indianapolis from this Diocese in November of this year. Finally, Mandy Bell informs me that there will be 6 to 10 Catholic Youth Ministers attending the Life Teen Events at the Catholic Youth Ministry Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona this coming June. It is free for priests through a scholarship program from Life Teen. The link to their convention is:
<http://lifeteen.com/events/catholic-youth-ministry-training-convention/>

Lent obviously is right around the corner. I presume that all parishes have ashes and are ready to enter into a penitential mode. In previous years, I have encouraged pastors to implement "The Light is On For You" campaign to encourage parishioners to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance during the Season of Lent. There are quite a few resources on the web that I would invite you to investigate. Basically, it involves picking one evening during the week, having the lights on in the church so that parishioners can come to pray but mostly to celebrate the sacrament. It is important that a priest be available for confessions during this time. It is announced each week at Sunday Mass and parishioners are encouraged to come. This is a time set aside that is different than the communal celebrations of penance.

Lent is also a time to reach out to those who have been alienated for a long period of time and to seek their reconciliation. There is a great program put out by the Paulists called Landings. I invite you to look at what they have to offer: www.landingsintl.org.

Looking ahead toward the Chrism Mass, it has been scheduled for St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral for Wednesday March 25, 2015 at 6:00 PM. There will be a special Day of Prayer for priests that will be facilitated by Paulist priest, Fr. John Hurley. I strongly encourage all priests to attend both the Day of Prayer and the Chrism Mass itself. It is key time during the liturgical year at which the focus is that of the presbyterate gathering around the bishop. It celebrates the collaborate ministry the priests have in serving the people of God in this diocese.

Father John Hurley's bio follows:



Paulist Father John Hurley is a native New Yorker, raised in Manhattan, the Bronx and Huntington, Long Island. He entered the Paulists in 1970 and was ordained in 1977 by Servant of God, Terence Cardinal Cooke. He graduated with a BA in Religious Education from Catholic University of America, with a Master of Divinity degree from the Washington Theological Union and a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley.

During his first assignment he founded the Paulist Center for Catholic Evangelization in Portland, Oregon in 1979. His other community assignments include pastor of historic Old St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco, Administrator of St. Austin's Church in Austin, Texas, Executive Director of Financial Development, Director of Paulist Reconciliation Ministries, Coordinator of Strategic Planning and over twenty years of service on the Paulist General Council.

He has also taken the Paulist charism to serve the Church across the United States and beyond. He is the former Executive Director for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Evangelization, where he served for almost nine years, the National Pastoral Life Center in New York City and from 2010-2014, the newly established Department of Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. While in Baltimore, he co-chaired the first three Mid-Atlantic Congresses for Catholic Leaders. He also served as a consultant to the US Bishops' Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis from 2008-2014.

Since May 2014, Fr. Hurley has launched *New Evangelization Strategies*. This national Paulist ministry, based at Old Saint Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco, will assist Pastoral Leaders, Councils and Staffs and Catholic ministries in creating a new paradigm for the sake of the mission entrusted to the Church and us as Jesus' disciples. In October 2014, Fr. Hurley also became an adjunct faculty member of the Academy of Church Leadership at the Santa Clara University and a consultant to the new Office of Evangelization for the Diocese of San Jose.

Keynoting in over 80 dioceses across the United States and Canada, and in many cases more than once, he continues to speak on evangelization before parish, diocesan and national Church leadership.

Fr. Hurley also has the endorsements of Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, Cardinal Donald Wuerl and Archbishop William Lori. He also happens to be a personal friend of mine.

The new Safe & Sacred Safe Environment program was rolled out on February 2nd. All Pastors and PLC's in addition to appointed Local Coordinators have received information on how to get employees and volunteers into the new system. There is also a link on the diocesan website home page (or click here <https://safeandsacred-diocesegfb.org/login/index.php>).

Training for the Children's Safe Environment program for the 2014/2015 year was to be completed and tracking forms turned into the diocese by January 30, 2015. As of this writing school's are 70% complete and parishes are 67% complete in the reporting process. Listed below are the schools and parishes that have not turned anything in as of this date. If your parish is on the list and you don't have religious education, please complete the form and return to the diocese to be marked as "in compliance." If you have not completed your program, please contact Laurie Horton to advise of your anticipated date. As always if you have any questions, please contact Laurie at lhorton@diocesegfb.org or via phone at 800-332-9998.

City	School	Principal
Ashland	St. Labre PreK-4	Toni Wendt
Ashland	St Labre High School	Trivian Rides The Bear
Billings	St. Francis Upper	Jim Stanton
Pryor	St Charles Mission School	Bambi VanDyke
City	Parish	Pastor/PLC
Bainville	Sacred Heart	Brother Bede Baldry
Belt	St. Mark	Rev. Paul McKane
Big Timber	St. Joseph	Rev. Leo McDowell
Brockton	St. Thomas	Brother Bede Baldry
Cascade	Sacred Heart	Rev. Richard Schlosser
Clyde Park	St. Margaret	Rev. Leo McDowell
Colstrip	St Margaret Mary	Shelia Murphy
Crow Agency	St Dennis	Rev. Mark Joseph Costello
Culbertson	St. Anthony	Brother Bede Baldry

Custer	St Mary	Rev. Joseph Ponessa
Denton	St. Anthony	Rev. Domenico Pizzonia
Fairview	St. Catherine	Rev. James O'Neil
Forsyth	Immaculate Conception	Rev. Anthony Kumar
Fort Shaw	St. Ann	Rev. Richard Schlosser
Frazer	St. Joseph	Rev. Martin Ezeihuaku
Gardiner	St. William	Rev. Leo McDowell
Geyser	St. Cyril	Rev. Domenico Pizzonia
Great Falls	Holy Spirit Parish	Rev. Richard Schlosser
Great Falls	Corpus Christi	Rev. Ryan Erlenbush
Hardin	St. Joseph	Rev Joseph Ponessa
Hobson	Sacred Heart	Rev Domenico Pizzonia
Hysham	St Joseph	Rev. Anthony Kumar
Lambert	St. Theresa	Rev. James O'Neil
Laurel	St. Anthony	Rev. Barton Stevens
Lodge Grass	Our Lady of Loretto	Rev. James Antoine
Medicine Lake	St. Patrick	Rev. Patrick Zabrocki
Moore	St. Mathias	Rev. Domenico Pizzonia
Plentywood	St. Joseph	Rev. Patrick Zabrocki
Red Lodge	St Agnes	Rev. Greg Staudinger
Richey	St. Francis de Sales	Rev. Alphonsus Enelichi
Scobey	St. Philip Bonitus	Rev. Patrick Zabrocki
Stanford	St. Rose of Lima	Rev. Domenico Pizzonia
Vida	St. Ann	Rev. Alphonsus Enelichi
Wyola	Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha	Rev. James Antoine