



WEEKLY MEMO from BMW

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From: Bishop Michael W. Warfel  
To: Clergy, Religious, Lay Ecclesial Ministers

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This is a brief reminder about the upcoming Priest's Assembly. Monday of next week, of course, is filled with various business meetings: CBA, Priest's Personnel Board, Priest's Council/College of Consultors, Business Meeting. On Tuesday and Wednesday will be the sessions with Jeannie and Bruce Hanneman, co-founders of Elizabeth Ministry International. Their presentation will be on pornography and helpful advice on how to counsel someone who is trapped by it. Given the prevalence of online pornography and its addictive nature, it is important that those who counsel parishioners, especially within the context of the Sacrament of Penance, know how to provide helpful and constructive guidance.

I receive various pieces of information from time to time about upcoming events. There is a national conference in San Antonio, Texas sponsored by the Association of Diocesan Liaisons: Catholic Charismatic Renewal. The dates are May 5-9, 2014. Contact: [www.associationofdiocesanliaisons.org](http://www.associationofdiocesanliaisons.org).

Father Wayne Paysee and Sister Kateri Mitchell are leading a pilgrimage to sites associated with Saint Kateri Tekakwitha and the North American Martyrs. The dates are from September 12<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. Cost not including airfare is \$989.00. If interested, contact Renaissance Group at [www.info@rengp.com](mailto:www.info@rengp.com) or phone 800-304-8259. I'll have a few brochures with me during the Assembly next week.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual women's conference in Billings this year brings back Immaculee Ilibagiza to Montana. It will be held at Billings Central Catholic High School. The dates are March 21-22. For more information or to register go to [www.immaculee.com](http://www.immaculee.com).

Catholics across the country are invited to participate in a nine day period of prayer, penance and pilgrimage from January 18<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup> for the healing and conversion for a nation and people impacted by a culture of death. The centerpiece of this effort is "9 days for life" by which people are invited to pray with their bishops for the end of abortion. There are four ways to participate in their initiative. The website is [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com).

The Parish pastoral visitations are going well. I've been to about 20 churches which have been followed with listening sessions. This past week I met with the priests from the Great Falls and Havre Vicariates for such a session. Next on my schedule is Holy Spirit Parish in Great Falls on the weekend of January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Catholic Schools Week will be upon us during the last week of January. I'll be celebrating Mass at St. Jude's Catholic School in Havre, St. Paul's Catholic Mission School in Hays, all Catholic Schools in Great Falls at Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Mary Catholic School in Livingston, all Catholic Schools in Billings at Billings Central Catholic High School, St. Charles Catholic School in Pryor, St. Xavier Catholic School in Pretty Eagle, St. Labre Catholic School in Ashland and Sacred Heart Catholic School in Miles City. As you can guess, it'll be a rather full week with a significant amount of travel.

I invite members of the Diocese to join me for a pilgrimage to Italy. The journey will be from September 29, 2014 to October 10, 2014 and will include visits to Padua, Assisi, Venice, Florence and Rome. For detailed information and to register visit [www.travelillum.com/trc/gfb](http://www.travelillum.com/trc/gfb). You may also contact Darren Eultgen, Diocesan Chancellor @ 406-727-6683.