



WEEKLY MEMO from BMW

Date: March 14, 2014
From: Bishop Michael W. Warfel
To: Clergy, Religious, Lay Ecclesial Ministers

Pastors, Administrators and PLC's should have received a letter from me regarding the next **World Youth Day Pilgrimage in Krakow, Poland** with the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. Info is likewise available on the Diocesan Website. The brochures can be downloaded and printed from the site. The dates are July 19 through August 1, 2016. Cost of the pilgrimage is \$3800 if departing from Great Falls. Mandy Bell from Glasgow is organizing the trip for the Diocese. Please begin promoting it in your parishes and/or considering joining the pilgrimage yourself.

I have begun some initial plans on a pilgrimage for the 8th World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia that will take place on September 22-27, 2015. It is expected to draw a global audience which will increase exponentially if, as expected, Pope Francis decides to be present. In June 2012, the 7th World Meeting, held in Milan, Italy, drew hundreds of thousands to the city with more than one million attending the Holy Father's Mass. Since its inception by Blessed John Paul II in 1994, the World Meeting of Families has sought to strengthen the sacred bonds of family across the globe. Each World Meeting of Families has a theme, which aims to emphasize the good news of the family and highlight its intrinsic value to the good of society. I will provide information on this as it is available.

Following the Rite of Election at St. Ann's Cathedral at the Saturday vigil Mass, I depart for Zambia early Sunday, March 16th. I am scheduled to return on Saturday, March 22nd. The Zambia trip is with a delegation from Catholic Relief Services.

On Saturday, March 29th, I will participate in a youth retreat at Sacred Heart Parish, Miles City. The following week, I will be facilitating a parish retreat for St. William's Parish in Gardner from March 31st through April 3rd.

Please remember to talk about the Care & Share, Catholic appeal.

You might want to investigate www.Diocese.com. This company has developed nice resources to celebrate the Canonization of Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII.

They have created a large, high quality banner that you can place around your Church in the weeks leading up to April 27th.

Banner Information

- Free retractable stand included!
- Size: 33"x80" (over 6.5' tall)
- Easy to move and store
- Vibrant, eye catching color.

In addition to the large banner, they have created high quality prayer cards of each Pope. They are conveniently sized at 2" x 3.5." This makes them small enough to carry with you in your pocket, purse or wallet. *A great item to give to your parishioners.*

