



## ANNOUNCING more news from St. Mary's Bulletin March 30, 2014

**Called & Gifted Workshop:** April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 (Fri:7:30pm – 9:30pm and Sat:9:00am-4:00pm) Sponsored by the Diocese of Fargo - All are Welcome to Come. Location: Sts. Anne & Joachim Church; 5202 25<sup>th</sup> St. S; Fargo, ND. Cost: free-will offering. Deadline to register: April 2<sup>nd</sup> (registration required) To register contact [Katie.dubas@fargodiocese.org](mailto:Katie.dubas@fargodiocese.org) or 701.356.7908. The Called & Gifted™ Discernment Process is a program developed by the [Catherine of Siena Institute](#) in 1993. Called & Gifted is a three-part discernment process intended to help ordinary lay Catholics in the average parish discern their charisms. Charisms, or spiritual gifts, are special abilities given to all baptized Christians by the Holy Spirit to give them the power both to represent Christ and to be a channel of God's goodness for people (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 798-801). The Called & Gifted process presumes no knowledge of the gifts or background in discernment.



### **Are You Called to Serve this Summer? Is God calling you to be a Young Disciple?**

In 2001, the Diocese of Fargo, North Dakota began a volunteer ministry to meet the needs of the youth in our rural parishes. This ministry is called the Young Disciples Teams. Through their witness marked by the joy and hope of Faith, the Young Disciples' Teams seek to challenge others to love Jesus Christ and to embrace the life of His Church. Young Disciples camps include daily mass, lessons, crafts, games, songs that centered on Scripture and Catechism. It is the Young Disciples' goal and mission to teach the younger generations the beauty and depth of the Catholic faith.

**Summer Missionaries Needed:** We are looking for missionaries (men and women), between ages 18 to 30 who love Jesus and the Church and yearn to grow in their faith. The summer teams spend ten weeks running vacation Bible schools. The term is 10 weeks this summer, May 15<sup>th</sup>-July 29<sup>th</sup>. Team members will have a break from June 28<sup>th</sup>-July 4<sup>th</sup>. **All team members will receive a stipend of \$1000** plus the opportunity to raise sponsorship funds on top of that. Potentially a team member could end the summer with more money in pocket than working a typical summer job.

**Spring Banquet: "10 Years Celebrating the Gospel of Life":** You are cordially invited to attend the Spring Banquet of Saint Gianna's Maternity Home on **Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**, at the Ramada Plaza and Suites in Fargo, ND, as we celebrate 10 years since the founding of the Home. There is no charge to reserve a seat and attend the banquet. An opportunity to support this beautiful pro-life apostolate will be extended that evening. The keynote speaker is **Monsignor Thomas J. Richter**, rector of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck. Doors will open at 5 PM with dinner served at 6 PM. Invite your friends and family! We are seeking benefactors who are interested in underwriting the banquet expenses and also Table Hosts who invite guests to fill tables of 10 (no cost to be a Table Host). For more information and to reserve seats, please contact Board Member Joan Schanilec at 701-360-2499 (call/text) or [joanjrs@hotmail.com](mailto:joanjrs@hotmail.com). Please visit our website at [www.saintgiannahome.org](http://www.saintgiannahome.org).

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** April 11-13 in Hankinson, ND. : A word from Pope John Paul II to those suffering because of abortion: *"Do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope.... The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."* If you or someone you know has suffered from the physical, emotional and spiritual effects of a past abortion, there is hope for healing. Rachel's Vineyard offers a safe, non-judgmental, and confidential weekend retreat for anyone: women, men, grandparents, and siblings who struggle with the feelings of loss that can accompany an abortion experience. The weekend begins on Friday night and concludes on Sunday afternoon. For more information or to register, call Ruth Ruch @ 701-219-3941 or email her at [ruch@i29.net](mailto:ruch@i29.net). All calls are confidential.

**Priscilla Shirer** – Live simulcast at "THE ROCK" (in front of Hope Church) April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 8:45 AM to 4:30 PM. Seating is limited. For tickets or more information 701-772-1884. Please join the Women of Hope for a live simulcast of Priscilla Shirer.

"Dr. Yvonne Moore OBGYN of Chicago, as a resident moonlighted doing abortions at local abortion mills, soon it became her fulltime job. She immersed herself in abortion advocacy, then she became pregnant. When she first saw her baby girls heartbeat on the ultrasound, she converted immediately and became an advocate for the pro-life movement. Praise be to God!" (LifeNews) GF-RTL

**Why DO We Pray?** An afternoon of inspiration and encouragement, open to all, with author, teacher spiritual director, Mary Sharon Moore, MTS on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 2:00 to 3:00 PM in the Auditorium at Parkwood Senior Living. Bring a friend! Enjoy refreshments! Mary Sharon Moore is a nationally recognized Catholic speaker and author on topics of prayer and mature Christian faith.

***"If you don't believe in MIRACLES perhaps you've forgotten you are one."***

**Have you ever felt the desire to reach out to women who are considering an abortion?** Have you ever considered sidewalk counseling in front of an abortion facility but just don't know how to do it? The ***Sidewalk Advocates for Life*** Program is geared towards local communities who wish to utilize a peaceful, prayerful method to reach out to abortion-minded women and men entering the abortion center for services of whatever kind. This program is dedicated to all those who brave the sun, rain, snow, sleet and wind – so they may lovingly offer an alternative to abortion to those who, ironically may feel they have no choice. The 40 Days for Life ND committee is offering training for persons interested in becoming a sidewalk advocate or a prayer volunteer with the Sidewalk Advocates for Life Program. Join us on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9 AM – 1 PM at the Pastoral Center, 5201 Bishops Blvd. Fargo. To register or for more information contact Colleen or Mary at [phc@polarcomm.com](mailto:phc@polarcomm.com) or call 701-284-6601.

***"The Lord said, as he entered the world: Behold, I come to do your will, O God."*** Hebrews 10:5, 7

The Bethesda Society is having their annual **Spring Salad Luncheon** on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM at Valley Memorial Homes @ 4000 Valley Square, 4000 24<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Tickets are \$7.00. The Bethesda Society is an auxiliary of Valley Memorial Homes and celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> year.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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From Father Fletcher...."Another catastrophe hit in the early fall of 1918 ..... " "It was the terrible worldwide influenza epidemic that lasted well into the spring of 1919. A quarter of the population of the nation died from it." ..... "it struck the little city of Grand Forks with a vengeance. Many of our parishioners died." .... "This epidemic put an end to any fund raising activity, as well as taking some of our best people from us, as everything was shut down tighter than a drum, even the churches were closed."

From Father Fletcher...."Late in the fall of 1918, just before winter set in in earnest, I decided it was about time I should have a janitor and I rehired Mr. Perry, who had been the janitor and custodian under Father O'Driscoll. He wasn't much of a cleaner, or engineer either, as I later discovered. He told me he had a Minnesota license to handle high pressure steam boilers. Ours was a low pressure so I figured he would be okay. At that time I did not know that under him in Father O'Driscoll's time the sides of the furnace and crown sheet had collapsed because of the heat when the boiler was run without water. It was my turn to go to Manvel. After we took on the responsibility of the Academy we had weekly Mass in Manvel on Saturday during the coldest months, going there by train to say Mass, teach catechism and bring communion to the sick, then come home Saturday night by train. It was very cold as I recall that old John McGuire had to put in plenty of cord wood that day. He always stoked harder about the middle of the sermon—maybe to see if he couldn't shut me up!

*If you are interested in this book you will find it at the Grand Forks Library. "SAINT MARY'S AND SAINT TIMOTHY'S AND THEIR ECUMENICAL PIONEER PASTOR" (by Rt. Rev. Msgr. M.J. Fletcher)*

***"What attitudes or actions in my life need rearranging? How do I need to open my heart to transformation?"***