



REPORTING FROM ST. MARY'S

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Leah Darrow is a young woman who seemed to be living the American dream, debuting on America's Next Top Model which launched a modeling career. However, what she thought would make her happy left her feeling lost and empty. She is now an international speaker who dares her audience to live a life according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She will be speaking Tuesday April 22nd at 2 pm at Sacred Heart Church in East Grand Forks MN and 7 pm at St. Michael's Church in Grand Forks. She will also be in Grafton, ND at 7:00 pm on Wednesday April 23rd at St. John's Catholic Church.

St. Joseph's would like to extend a thank you to all those who generously supported us through our March Campaign. Last week ended March Campaign and with your assistance, we were able to meet our goal!

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 11th 2:00 to 3:00 PM in the Auditorium at Parkwood Senior Living. Bring a friend! Enjoy refreshments!

The Grand Forks Teens For Life will hold a meeting on April 8th at St. Michael's School at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be located in the Youth Room on the 4th floor of the School. The South entrance will be open (the side facing M&H). Teens For Life is open to people of all denominations. Questions? Call: 701-775-5832.

GREAT FOOD—GREAT FRIENDS: Have fun visiting and enjoy great tasting and nutritious meals for individuals 60 and older. Monday through Friday breakfast from 8:30 AM—9:30 AM (suggested contribution of \$2.00), Monday through Friday lunch from 11:45 AM—12:15 PM and Tuesday evening at 5:00 PM (suggested contribution of \$4.25) at Grand Forks Senior Center. Reservations encouraged. Call 772-7245 or email meals@gfseniorcenter.org. We also deliver meals to seniors who are homebound (Meals on wheels—757-2006).

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 15th-July 29th. Team members will have a break from June 28th-July 4th. **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.

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. All calls are confidential.

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 28th**, 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 joanjr@hotmail.com. Please visit our website at www.saintgiannahome.org.

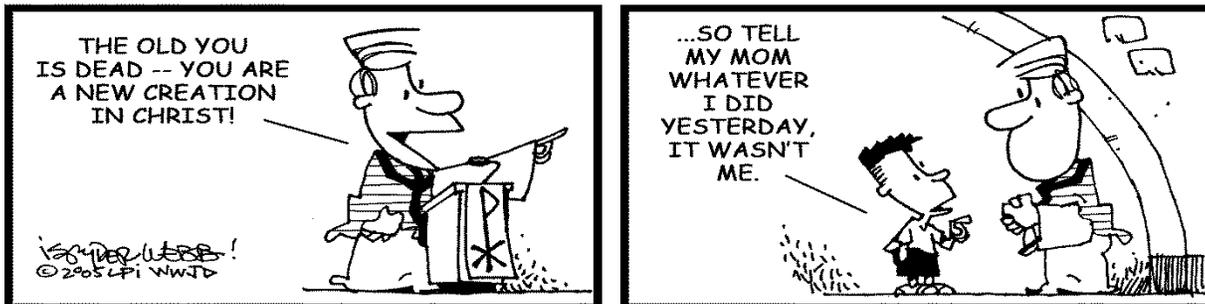
Have you ever felt the desire to reach out to women who are considering an abortion? Have you ever considered sidewalk counseling in front of an abortion facility but just don't know how to do it? The ***Sidewalk Advocates for Life*** Program is geared towards local communities who wish to utilize a 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 3rd, 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 or call 701-284-6601.

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST, APRIL 6TH at the VFW, East Grand Forks, 8 AM – 1 PM. A fundraiser for the Heritage Village. Proceeds will be used to maintain the historic buildings. The Heritage Foundation Village brings history to life with tours of pioneer buildings, hands-on learning educational programs and presentations representing the Upper Midwest in the mid to late 1800's and early 1900's.

Development Homes 2nd Annual **Autism Awareness**: Free and open to the public on Saturday, April 26th at the UND Wellness Center *801 Princeton St. – located behind Ralph Engelstad Arena) Join us for a morning of family fun, mixed with valuable information and resources. Registration 9:30 – 10:30 AM and to pre-register call Shannon Ehlers @ 701-335-4000 or email: SEhlers@developmenthomes.org for more information. Booth Exhibits 9:30 – 11:30 AM. Autism Walk 10:30 – 11:30 AM.

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT



(Found in Chapter 2 – Page #10) From Father Fletcher....”.....during the early days and trying times the people worked very hard but there was no place for parish unity to demonstrate itself until much later. With great zeal and courage the ladies of the Altar Society served dinners in the only building available downtown. An old building by the tracks on South Third Street (where Jack’s Liquor Store is now) was rented and cleaned for the occasion. In order to put on these dinners the ladies had to bring everything they needed to work with from their own homes, dishes, silver, glasses, etc. Food was cooked in the individual homes and brought in. Even the dishwasher had to be hauled to the building (one wonders if the women of today would attempt such an undertaking). The dinners very good and a huge success. The women felt brave so another was served in the same manner the following year by the same group in the Tom McGoey store on North Fourth Street (close to where the Forx Theater is now). Both dinners were terrific undertakings on the part of the participants and one can’t help marvel and admire the courage of those few women. “ By January, 1918 the church kitchen was fairly well equipped and had our first card party ‘under the new management’. (You can find this book at the GF Library. “SAINT MARY’S AND SAINT TIMOTHY’S AND THEIR ECUMENICAL PIONEER PASTOR “(by Rt. Rev. Msgr. M.J. Fletcher)