

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE

1) Some Date corrections:

- a) Sun, 9/20: Blessing of Marriage Anniversaries (NOT 9/27)
- b) Thurs-Sun, 9/24-27: SFB CARNIVAL (NOT 9/17-20)

2) ICDA CONFERENCE, 7/26-30, CLEVELAND, OH. Once again, the CLEVELAND CATHOLIC DEAF COMMUNITY did an outstanding job hosting the ICDA Conference! RICHARD KUSH, ICDA Past President, is also the President of ICDA/EC (Executive Council). RICHARD was very active that week. T.K. HILL, our CCE President, was re-elected as Treasurer for ICDA/USA (he does a very good job!). STELLA HILL worked with the Youth Program (BEATRICE BARAJAS from Chicago was one of the participants). PATRICIA SLISZ was both our Delegate from Chapter 10 and also worked on the Youth Program. FR. MIKE DEPCIK was re-elected ICDA Chaplain.

3) Recently, someone asked why the Catholic Office of the Deaf has the Hawthorne fund-raiser each year? Last week, someone called our Office. A family needed a sign-language interpreter for a funeral at a parish in the suburbs. We provide about \$20,000 of interpreter services per year. We keep you informed about what's going on around the Archdiocese and Deaf communities in Chicago. The Catholic Office of the Deaf provides many services to deaf people and their families. Suppose the Office closed. No more interpreters for Masses, baptisms, funerals, weddings. No more Religious Education for deaf children. No more Church paper like this, no more FACEBOOK, no more information about emergencies, funerals, etc. What would deaf people and their families do?

The Archdiocese of Chicago provides for half our budget. We have to raise the other half, \$70,000...every year! If you buy a Raffle ticket for the Hawthorne Cash raffle, an Admission ticket, our other raffle tickets, you help keep our Catholic Office of the Deaf open.

4) MINISTERS OF CARE: we need several people to bring Holy Communion for people who are stuck at home or in nursing homes. There is a special training beginning 9/30 for six (6) Wednesday evenings. The training is in NILES. The Catholic Office of the Deaf pays for the registration (\$30), and we provide sign-language interpreters. IF you are interested, please see/contact Fr. Joe asap!

5) PARENTS: protect your children from sexual abuse on the internet:
www.netsmartz.org

7) SUN, 8/30, there are several people doing research on deaf people who both sign & use their voices. They want to meet you for an hour and will pay you \$50! All this after the 10:30am mass Sunday, 8/30.

8) DEAF COFFEE SOCIALS this week: NEXT SUNDAY, Aug 23, 2 pm at Starbucks, 519 Main Street, Evanston.

9) EAT HEALTHY! Shop ALL summer at Farmers' markets. Find a Farmer's Market near you:
<http://www.agr.state.il.us/agrihappenings/display2.php> or
http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/farmers_market.html

10) AUG. 18-20, VALOR GAMES. Do you have anyone in your family who is a military veteran? The VALOR GAMES are for veterans with disabilities to compete in many sports. The "Games" will happen 8/18-20 in Chicago Exciting for everyone to come and watch these brave men and women.
ValorGamesMidwest.com