

“THANK YOU!” The staff at CCAC (Chicago Children’s Advocacy Center, 1240 S. Damen, Chgo.) sent us a note. “Dear Friends at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. THANK YOU SO MUCH for the incredible donation of warm clothes you made at Christmas in 2016. So many of these children who suffered sexual abuse received scarves, mittens, hats, coats, warm socks, sweaters/sweats from YOU. May God bless and reward all of you for your great generosity.”

The State of Illinois has a FREE amplified phone program for people with hearing loss. www.itactty.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Sun Jan 29: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls. FR. ROBERTO.

Sun, Feb 5: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls. FR. ROBERTO.

Sun, Feb 12: Mass, 10:30am. CCE Lunch & Meeting. Blessing of Throats.

Mass, 4pm. St. Julie Billiart. Blessing of Throats.

Sun, Feb 19: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

Mass, 4pm. St. Julie Biliart. “SOUP & SALAD”.

Thurs, Feb 23, 9am-2pm: Senior Citizen Social.

Sun, Feb 26: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

Mass, 4pm. St. Mary of Vernon. Refreshments.

Wed, Mar 1: ASH WEDNESDAY. LENT begins.

JUNE 25-30, 2017: ICDA (International Catholic Deaf Association) will hold its national conference in St. Louis, MO. INFO: <http://www.stlclds.org/>

PRAY FOR PRAY FOR.....Sylvia Kolinek, Genevieve Balsitis, Marilyn Johnson, Anthony Ariano, BobHealy, Susan Postl & Charlotte Seegert, Evelyn Rzasas, George Lastrico, Donna Taylor, Majka family, Caroline Goraj, James Mulcrone, William Costello, Marie Volpentesta, Bob Ryan, Mark & Diane Kubey, Danny Rivera, Lee Husted, Witold & Maria Poplawska, Mary Jane Ryan, Schelag Foler. FIDEL MARTINEZ who died 1/16.

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY: Food for your soul!

1/22: Isaiah 8:23-9:3; Psalm 27; 1 Corinthians 1:10-17; Matthew 4:12-23

1/23: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30. Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

1/24: Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35. St. Francis De Sales (1622, Patron Saint of Deaf Persons).

1/25: ACTS 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18. The Conversion of St. Paul.

1/26: 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 4:21-25. Saints Timothy & Titus (Companions of St. Paul; headed the early Christian communities of Ephesus & Crete).

1/27: Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34. St. Angela Merici (1540)

1/28: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19; Mark 4:35-41. St. Thomas Aquinas (one of the greatest thinkers in the world; 1274)

1/29: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; Psalm 146; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12

ROSE OF TRALEE Contest. Any young Irish woman, ages 18-27, hearing or deaf, can apply for the competition. www.chicagoroseoftralee.com. FREE. The winner gets a FREE trip to IRELAND for the International Rose Competition, AUGUST 2017.

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) It is hard for me to believe that FIDEL MARTINEZ has died. He was truly a LEADER in our community. More than that, he was a tremendous ROLE MODEL for young deaf people. He was a great sign of LIFE, LAUGHTER, & LOVE for so many of us. Please continue to pray for his dear wife IRIS.

2) PRAY FOR OUR NEW PRESIDENT. I know that many people did not vote for him. Many others feel that he is dangerous. However, Christians have a duty to pray for those in public life. So, we will pray for President Trump and for our country!

3) IMMIGRATION: there are many families and individuals who are VERY SCARED about what will happen with IMMIGRATION. The Catholic Office of the Deaf is working to get an IMMIGRATION LAWYER & other experts to come to our Deaf Center soon. We will announce the date as soon as we can. Meanwhile, GLAD (The Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness) produced a very good video on IMMIGRATION. Hopefully, this video can help deaf people and their families understand more about IMMIGRATION & the RIGHTS of DEAF CONSUMERS.

Find it at www.youtube.com/watch?v=ge1llr1CoHA&feature=youtu.be

4) I will write more about the NCOD Conference next week. It was a wonderful time to gather with others who work with Catholic Deaf people in the United States and Canada. SR. MAUREEN LANGTON sends all her best wishes and love to everyone in Chicago.

5) The new superintendent of ISD (Illinois School for the Deaf) is JULIE NIST.

6) Next Sunday, I (Fr. Joe) will be at St. Josaphat Church in Chicago to receive an award for the Catholic Office of the Deaf/Ministry Formation Program. Fr. Roberto will celebrate the Mass. Please support him and encourage him with your suggestions, not criticism.

7) Someone spread a rumor that I (Fr. Joe) am leaving Chicago to move to AZ. I am going to Phoenix, AZ in March to give a Mission for the Catholic Deaf people there.....and then I will fly back to Chicago, MY HOME!

8) IF a POLICE car pulls you over on a street or highway, what do you do? Turn off your engine. Put on your flasher lights. Roll down the driver side window. If you have a card that shows you are deaf, place it on the dashboard. Place both hands on the top of the steering wheel, and wait for the police officer to come.

9) The movie "SILENCE" is based on the true story of Catholic missionaries who travelled to Japan hundreds of years ago to preach the Gospel to people who knew nothing about JESUS CHRIST & the CATHOLIC FAITH.

10) DEAF SOCIALS THIS WEEK: Weds, Jan. 25, 7 pm at Blaze Pizza, 953 W. Belmont, Chicago (right off Belmont train station).

11) The deadline to enroll for Affordable Health Insurance is extended again! Enroll before Jan. 31 deadline to make sure you're covered in the new year. GetCoveredIllinois.gov.