

IDAHO IDYLL* - MARCH 2007

**Idyll: A simple descriptive work in poetry or prose that deals with rustic life or pastoral scenes or suggests a mood of peace and contentment.*

GOOD NEWS AND GREAT NEWS

What do **St. Francis, Alta; St. John's, American Falls; St. Michael's, Boise; St. James, Burley; St. David's, Caldwell; St. Philip's, Challis; Trinity, Gooding; St. Andrew's, McCall; Holy Nativity, Meridian; St. James, Mt. Home; Trinity Memorial, Rupert; & St. Luke's, Weiser** have in common? They are the 12 parishes who have submitted their 2006 parochial report before (or a little bit after) the March 1 deadline. That's the great news. The good news is that 18 parishes are still out there doing their darndest to finish their reports and get them submitted before the diocesan nagging begins. If anyone has questions or needs assistance, please contact Carrol at 208/345-4440 or carrolk@idahodiocese.org.

LATINO/MULTICULTURAL MINISTRY CONVERSATION 2007

Scheduled for Saturday, March 24 (10am-3:30pm) at Calvary Church, Jerome, this important event continues the development of multicultural ministry in our Diocese. Fr. Roberto Arcineiga, Multicultural Missioner for the Diocese of Oregon, will be our convener. Come to receive tools for developing multicultural ministries in your congregation; hear the stories of other congregations; and participate in forming our emerging Latino presence. Contact Joy in the Diocesan Office to register (208/345-4440 or joyz@idahodiocese.org). Cost is \$6.00 for lunch.

SEXUAL CONDUCT & AWARENESS TRAININGS SCHEDULED

The Diocese will be presenting Sexual Conduct & Awareness Trainings in the Western and Central Deaneries on the following dates:

Western Deanery: Saturday, April 28, 9:00am to 1:00pm, Holy Nativity, Meridian
Central Deanery: Friday, May 4, 10:00am to 2:00pm, Ascension, Twin Falls

Sponsored by the Sexual Ethics Oversight Committee, the primary focus of these workshops is to provide participants with the information they need to protect the people they know and care for in their personal and professional lives from inappropriate sexual behavior. This workshop is required for the following groups of people who have not had training, **or** whose previous training was more than five years ago:

- Clergy
- Volunteers who regularly supervise youth activities
- Lay employees and volunteers with pastoral responsibilities, including Eucharistic Visitors
- While training is not required for Sunday school teachers and vestry members, they are invited and encouraged to attend.

Please contact the Diocesan Office (208/345-4440 or joyz@idahodiocese.org) with the names of those from your parish who will be attending this workshop. Cost of registration is \$7.50 to cover cost of lunch and workshop materials and **pre-registration is required.**

REGIONAL CELEBRATIONS OF MINISTRY

Mark your calendars now for the Deanery Regional Celebrations of Ministry scheduled as follows:

- **Central Deanery:** Friday, May 4 at Ascension, Twin Falls
- **Western/Southwestern Deanery:** Friday, May 11 at Grace, Nampa
- **Eastern Deanery:** Saturday, June 16, at Trinity, Pocatello

All three celebrations will include confirmations, receptions plus Deacon Rand Fagg will be ordained to the priesthood at the Central Deanery event.

MINISTRY FAIR STEPS ASIDE FOR TRANSITION PLANNING EVENT

Seeing Beyond Tomorrow is the title of a transition planning event scheduled for Saturday, May 5 at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Continuing the work already begun by Diocesan Council, this one-day event will have participants engaging in a process of appreciative inquiry, which will be led by facilitator Helen Specter of the Diocese of Oregon. According to Ms. Specter, "This process is designed to encourage the diocese to clarify its present direction and ministry and focus its vision more clearly for the future." Check out the April issue of the *Idaho Messenger* for an in-depth synopsis of this event and think about who from your congregation should be participating. Registration information will be mailed to all congregations before Holy Week.

PRESIDING BISHOP TO VISIT PORTLAND APRIL 20-21

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori will be the keynote speaker at an event sponsored by The Center for Spiritual Development to be held April 20-21 at Trinity Cathedral in Portland. In addition to giving a Friday evening lecture, she will participate in a Saturday workshop from 9am to 3pm. Registration information can be found at www.center-for-spiritual-development.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 16 & 17	Lectio Divina Prayer Workshop, Grace, Nampa
Mar 24	Latino Conversation, Calvary, Jerome
Apr 6	Good Friday - Diocesan Office Closed
Apr 8	EASTER SUNDAY
Apr 13	Standing Committee (4-6pm), Ascension, Twin Falls
	Commission on Ministry (7-9pm), Ascension, Twin Falls
Apr 14	Joint Meeting of Commission on Ministry, Diocesan Council & Standing Committee, Ascension, Twin Falls
Apr 18	Institution of The Rev. Karen Hunter, Grace Church, Nampa
Apr 28	Idaho Episcopal Foundation Annual Meeting, Twin Falls
	Sexual Conduct & Awareness Training, Holy Nativity, Meridian