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MONDAY MAY 5: ASSEMBLY MEETING:

At the Council 4400 Hall, 7:30 PM. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2014-2015.

TUESDAY MAY 13: COUNCIL MEETING:

In the Parish Hall 7:00 PM. Father Jim will be honored.

SATURDAY MAY 10: VICTOR CARDOZI AWARDS DINNER:

The annual dinner of the Joliet Chapter to honor outstanding knights. This year Frank Borich is being honored. Tickets sales are closed. No tickets will be sold at the door.

SUNDAY MAY 18: 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST MARY

PARISH: a High Mass at 11:00 with Bishop Conlon and former pastors

Father Memenas and Father Lennon will be followed by a banquet that starts at 2:00 PM at DiNolfo's in Mokena. There will be NO HONOR GUARD for this event. The dead-

line for ticket purchases has been extended. TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE! See the back page.

SATURDAY MAY 24: MEN'S POKER NIGHT:

At Joe Sluis' house, 11533 St. Vincent Ct., Mokena. The fun starts at 7:30 PM. Phone 815 469 9204



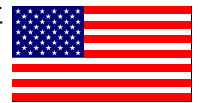
SATURDAY MAY 24 AND SUNDAY MAY 25: PARISH FOOD DRIVE:

The spring drive for the Frankfort Township Food Pantry. Bring food to your Mass (no canned peas or corn please) for the Pantry, Volunteers are needed—contact Deacon Nabil Halaby at (708) 326 4958 to help.



MONDAY MAY 26: MEMORIAL DAY:

The annual memorial day services for our veterans. Mass is at 8:00 AM in the original St Mary Church. There will not be an honor guard at Mass. See the article on page 8



TUESDAY MAY 27: OFFICER MEETING:

In the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

SATURDAY MAY 31: JOLIET DIOCESE CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE:

Join men from all over the Diocese in a great annual event with Bishop Conlon and some really great speakers. At Providence High School from 7:30 AM until 4:30 PM. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. See the flyer on Page 9

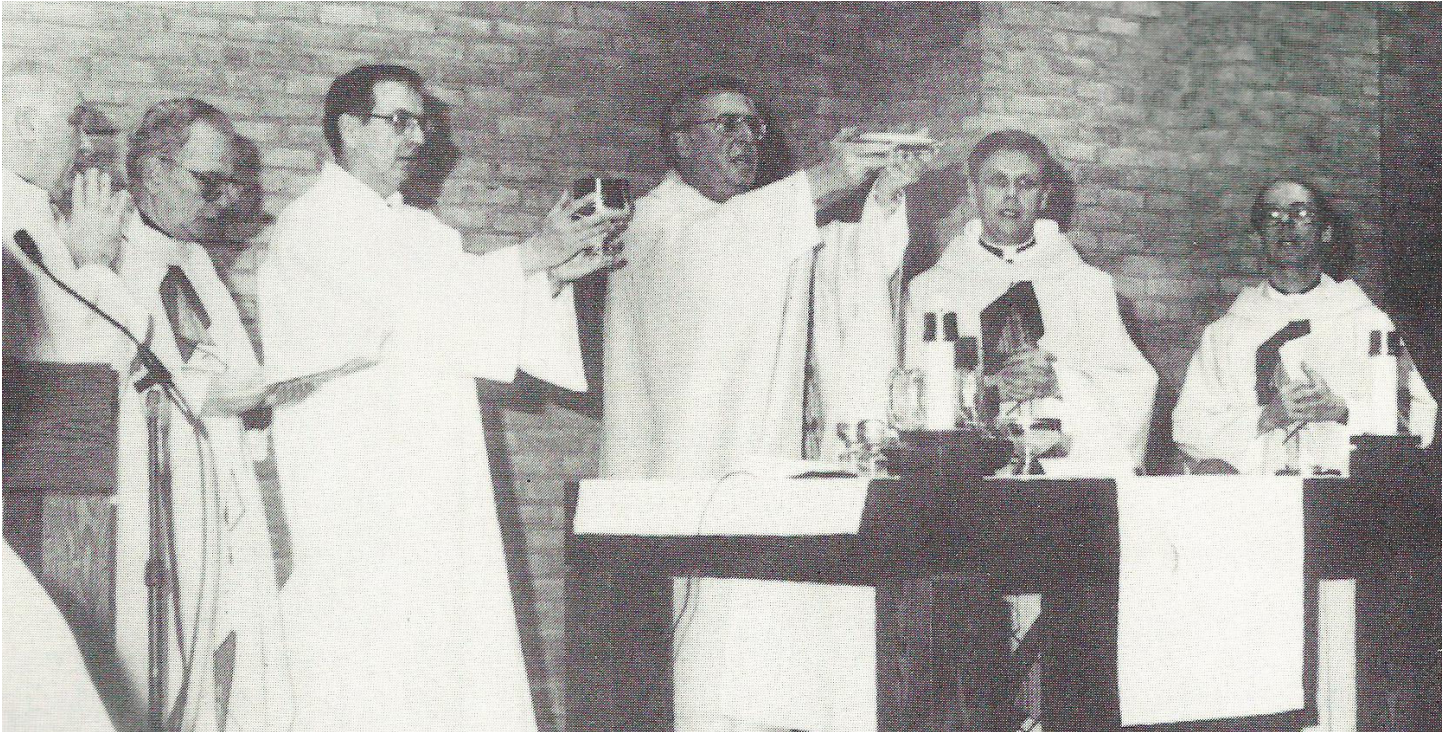


SUNDAY JUNE 1: FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR FATHER JIM:

In the Parish Hall after the 11:00 AM Mass.

Father James Dvorscak

A lasting legacy at St Mary



Father Memenas

Father Koop

Deacon Grotovsky

Bishop Imesch

Father Burnett

Father Dvorscak



Father Jim's first priority as Pastor
The Cross on top of the Church

May will be Father Dvorscak's last month as Pastor of St Mary Church. Father will be leaving us to become Pastor of St Daniel the Prophet Church in Wheaton after twelve years as our Pastor and six years as Associate Pastor. He leaves behind a wonderful legacy and magnificent parish properties.

Father Jim was our Associate Pastor when the current church building was consecrated on December 5, 1987 by Bishop Imesch with former Pastors Memenas and Koop, Pastor James Burnett and Associate Pastor Father Jim assisting. Then, as now, Father Jim was the Chaplain of our Council.

After a few years as Pastor of Christ the King Parish in Lombard, Father Jim was sent back to us because our then current Pastor James Fitzgerald was made Bishop. On his return, Father Jim was "handed" a huge and badly designed construction project to build a new gymnasium, classrooms and offices that had been started by Father Fitzgerald. Father Jim went to work with a vengeance. He triumphed and produced a wonderful building after many needed corrective design changes.



The beautiful new offices and gym at St Mary School were only the first of many building projects Father Jim oversaw at St Mary Church. The cemetery was enlarged and much improved. The old school gymnasium was gutted and rebuilt to create the “Koop Library” in memory of Father Cecil Koop. The older classrooms of St Mary School were improved and modernized with new ventilation systems. As the “new” church building aged, a new roof, new carpeting and a host of technical improvements kept the facility in “like new” condition. The last project undertaken was replacement of the aging rectory with a

new building more suitable for future Priests. The new rectory is being completed just in time for our new Pastor, Father Dindo Billote.

Father Dvorscak is leaving a parish with new or like new facilities. It would have been easy to let everything decay for twelve years and there would have been a lot less complaining by parishioners, but he stayed



the course! We owe him a great debt of gratitude for his building projects.

Pastor Dvorscak was tireless in his ministries. He officiated at countless weddings, funeral masses and other events. Most parishioners are not aware of his many hospital visits to the sick. He provided cash assistance and support to the needy many times. While doing all these things, he was also a strong leader for our Parish.

May God bless our friend and chaplain, Sir Knight Father James Dvorscak as he continues his ministries. Thank you Father Jim!

Vivat Jesus



Community Organizing

In recent years there has been a lot of talk about “Community Organizers”. Very little has been in the press about what a community organizer does. To clarify things, here is an explanation:

Community organizers were first proposed and established by an American writer and activist named Saul Alinsky. In his book “Rules for Radicals”, he established rules and principles to be followed in order to reorganize the “community”. The rules are described below:

How to Create a Socialist State, by Saul Alinsky

there are eight levels of control that must be obtained before you can create a socialist state. The first is the most important,

- 1. Healthcare—control healthcare and you can control the people. Healthcare can be defined to include almost anything.**
- 2. Poverty— increase the level of poverty as high as possible. Poor people are easier to control and will not fight back if you control everything they need to live.**
- 3. Debt—increase debt to an unsustainable level. That way you will be able to increase taxes, which will create more poverty.**
- 4. Gun Control—Remove the ability for citizens to defend themselves from government so you can create a police state.**
- 5. Welfare—Take control of every aspect of the recipients lives (food, housing, and income)**
- 6. Education—Take control of what people read and listen to— take control of what children learn in school.**
- 7. Religion—Remove belief in God from the government schools and from all public life.**
- 8. Class Warfare—Divide the people into the wealthy and the poor. This will cause more discontent and it will be easier to take (tax) the wealth with the support of the poor.**

Many believe that the current United States Government is using and implementing the rules described above. Be aware of the rules when you enjoy the news. The constant attacks on the Church and the false history fed to our children in the schools are explained above.

Seder Meal

The Seder Meal on April 6 was very successful. About fifty persons signed up with Barbara Bekker for the traditional Passover meal led by two Jewish friends, Brian and Janet Leshin of Temple Anshe Solomon. The Seder service included traditional foods such as bitter herb and unleavened bread described in the Bible as the foods eaten by the Children of Israel when fleeing from slavery in Egypt. The prayers and recitations were Biblical in origin and familiar to most of the attendees as similar to our Catholic traditions.

Some great St Mary volunteers served a more American meal of Chicken, broccoli and potatoes that was prepared by Chef Tom Grotovsky. The meal was capped by a very rich, delicious chocolate cake.

Tom Grotovsky is not a knight but he serves St Mary in many capacities, including as an usher. Most of us have known him for many years. He recently started a business in Joliet that "cashes in" on his superb food preparation skills. His "Great American Bagel" restaurant is located near Essington and Black Roads in Joliet. When in Joliet, visit Tom and enjoy a great sandwich or soup at his new restaurant!



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Sir Knight Joost and Helen Sluis

Family of the Quarter

Grand Knight Rich Ciancio announced at the April meeting that Joost and Helen Sluis are the new Family of the Quarter. Joost is a Past Grand Knight and a Past Faithful Navigator of the Joliet Assembly. He has been heavily involved in every aspect of council activities since joining the St Mary Council in 1989. He also writes and publishes this newsletter. Helen is a Past President of the St Mary Council of Catholic Women and is currently President Elect of the CCW.

Joost retired from the Navy in 1984 after 24 years of service and then built an eighteen year career as a HVAC control systems engineer for Robert Shaw Control Systems in Chicago and Indiana. Helen worked for Will County in the Auditors office for fifteen years. Both retired in 2002.

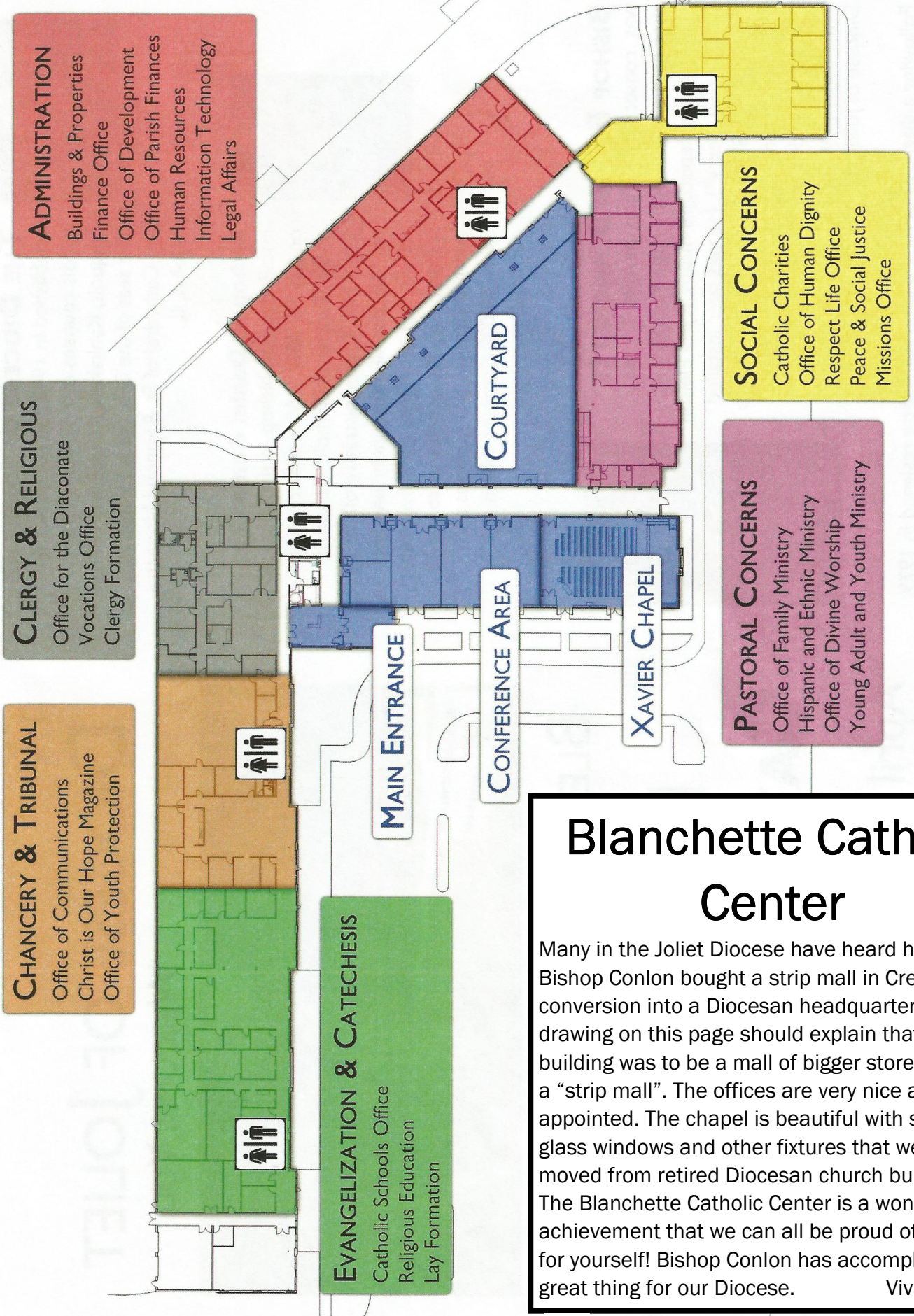
Knight of the Quarter

Mike Baker joined the council in 2008 and almost immediately pitched in as an active knight. He has been our Recorder every year since 2009, doing a superb job. He has volunteered to continue in the Recorder position for the coming year. Mike is unflinching in his support for all council activities.

Congratulations Mike Baker, Knight of the Quarter for Council 6993!



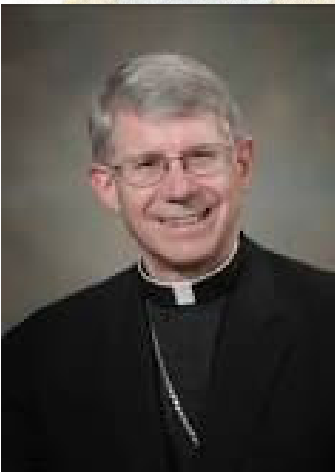
Sir Knight Mike Baker



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WEBER ROAD

Blanchette Catholic Center

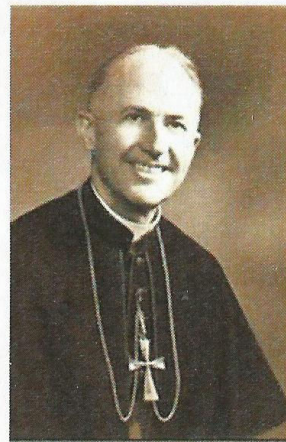
Many in the Joliet Diocese have heard how Bishop Conlon bought a strip mall in Crest Hill for conversion into a Diocesan headquarters. The drawing on this page should explain that the building was to be a mall of bigger stores and not a "strip mall". The offices are very nice and well appointed. The chapel is beautiful with stained glass windows and other fixtures that were removed from retired Diocesan church buildings. The Blanchette Catholic Center is a wonderful achievement that we can all be proud of. Go look for yourself! Bishop Conlon has accomplished a great thing for our Diocese. Vivat Jesus



Bishop R. Daniel Conlon was installed as fifth bishop of the Diocese on July 14, 2011. With the construction of the Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill, IL, administrative offices of the Diocese all move under one roof for the first time in its sixty-five year history. This move helps us to serve our 129 parishes and missions and over 650,000 Catholics within our borders.

BISHOP ROMEO BLANCHETTE

was consecrated bishop on April 3, 1965 after his appointment by Pope Paul VI, choosing as his episcopal motto, Kyrie Eleison ("Lord Have Mercy"). He was later installed as the second Bishop of Joliet by Archbishop John P. Cody on July 19, 1966. He attended the Second Vatican Council and, as Bishop, implemented many of its directives in the Diocese of Joliet.



Following a diagnosis of ALS, Bishop Blanchette resigned in 1979 and passed away on January 10, 1982 at the age of 69. The body of Bishop Blanchette is entombed in the mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery in Romeoville, Illinois.

BLESSING

The Bishop Blanchette Catholic Center was blessed by Bishop Conlon on April 3, 2014—the 49th anniversary of Bishop Blanchette's ordination as Bishop. A large crowd attended the open house and blessing ceremony. The staff was there to greet all comers and it was a great event.

The Mayors of Crest Hill and of Joliet were there for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Cardinal George made a short visit of congratulations.

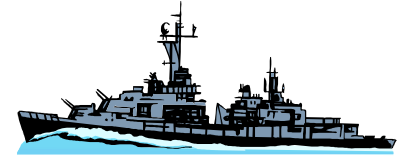


Cutting the ribbon

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCES



For generations the Fourth Degree has participated with the Mokena VFW in honoring the veterans buried in the cemeteries of Mokena. The VFW begins the ceremonies at 10:00 AM, May 26 in the St Mary Cemetery at 195th and Wolf Road. When the ceremony there is finished, all march to the "Pioneer" cemetery across the street from the VFW where a second ceremony is conducted and all then march to the St John's Church cemetery for a third.



Fourth Degree knights should dress in regalia at the VFW post at 9:00 AM and return there after the ceremonies. The VFW will provide hot dogs, etc.

St Mary Church will conduct a Memorial Day Mass in the original St Mary Church at 8:00 AM. There will not be an honor guard for this Mass but knights in regalia may attend.



Meeting Protocol

How to conduct oneself during a Meeting

- 1) Once admitted, go directly to a seat and take an active part in the meeting.
 - a. The Council Meeting – not a separate meeting at your table
- 2) **When rising to speak**, you will do so in your place.
- 3) Address the Grand Knight as "Worthy Grand Knight"
- 4) And **after having gained his attention**, salute him
- 5) If the Grand Knight chooses to recognize you he will return the salute.
 - a. DO NOT speak-out from your seat or place without being recognized.
 - b. If the Grand Knight does not recognize you, then be seated.
- 6) **Face and Speak** to the Grand Knight. DO NOT address other members in the meeting.
 - a. DO NOT turn your back on the Grand Knight
 - b. DO NOT respond to questions from other members
- 7) Other Members, if wishing to comment on the current topic, are to follow the above protocol items # 2 thru # 6
 - a. Questions / Comments are to be addressed to the Grand Knight – not the member speaking.
 - b. Other Members are not to speak-out from their place directly to the Knight currently addressing the Grand Knight

Richard Ciancio

Grand Knight

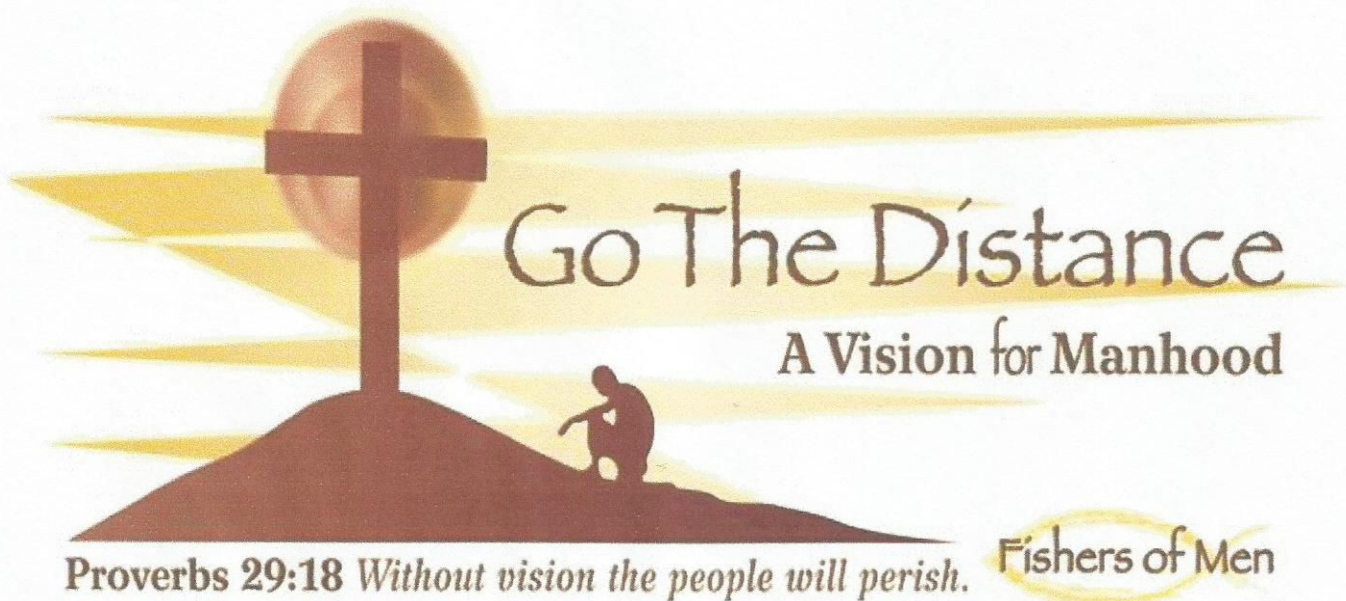
Fishers of Men

2014 Joliet Diocese
Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday,
May 31, 2014
Providence High School
New Lenox IL
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Mass with Bishop Conlon @ 7:30am

Keynote Speakers include Danny Abramowicz, Curtis Martin, Pat Sullivan
Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be served



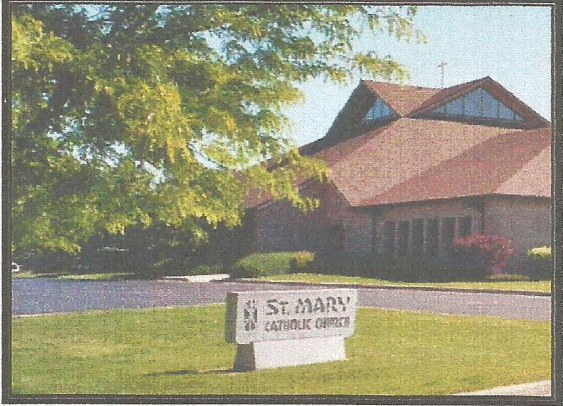
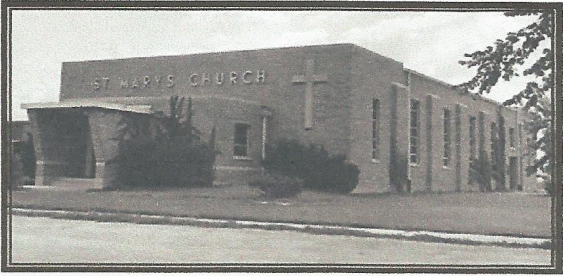
For more information on Keynote Speakers, Breakout Sessions, Spanish Sessions, and Registration go to -

fishersofmenonline.com

You can contact us at 877-605-7713 or email timbotka@fishersofmenonline.com



St. Mary Church, Mokena
Celebrating 150 Years!



Attending the banquet that honors all those who built and grew St Mary Church for 150 years is a once in a lifetime event. Join Bishop Conlon former pastors Father Memenas and Father Lennon with fellow parishioners as our Parish makes history!

**Reservations for the 150th Anniversary Banquet
at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 18, 2014, at DiNolfo's in Mokena**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone / Email: _____

Number in Party: _____

Entrée Selections: _____ Filet Mignon / _____ Orange Roughy / _____ Italian Chicken

Amount enclosed, made out to "St. Mary Church," at \$50 per person: _____

Banquet seating will be assigned at ten people per table. Who would you like to be at your table?

Send this page along with your check for \$50 per person to:
St Mary Church, PO Box 2, Mokena, IL 60448
Reservations must be received by May 11