



Harvest House News

A Monthly Newsletter to the Harvest House Ministry

JUNE 2015

*To recognize and **harvest** all the gifts being returned to the parish and diocesan family in love by Catholics during the third stage of their lives for the glory of God and the good of neighbor.*

From the Coordinator:



Happy summer to you! I'm eager to share about a project that I've been working on for you, and I hope that you will find it as exciting as I do :) We are now happy to offer to each of your Harvest House groups, or to any group that you belong to, the use of our Senior Adult Ministry Speaker's Bureau! This resource has been crafted by inviting various individuals to be available to visit groups and gatherings to speak and share the knowledge and wisdom that they each have on a number of topics. Many of you have heard me refer to the Office of Faith Formation's Speaker's Bureau, and I must admit that this was an inspiration for creating our Senior Adult Ministry Speaker's Bureau. While the Faith Formation office specializes mostly in theological and philosophical

areas of expertise (and are a joy to hear from), our Senior specific listing focuses more on topics which are of great interest, importance, and service to our older adults throughout the Diocese. Topics include: *Demystifying Wills & Trusts, Doctor, Can You Hear Me?, Staying Active As You Age*, and many more. In addition to those who are currently on the list, I am always eager to hear of others who have a gift for sharing their knowledge- if you have a recommendation for me, send it in! I will have sent a listing of these speakers home with your Harvest House representatives at our quarterly meeting at the end of May, so that you can review them, and possibly use them in the near future. God bless!

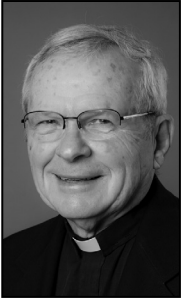
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From the Chaplain

Fr. Paul Oborny



With clergy re-assignments going on all over our diocese, I have happy memories of one of my most pleasant assignments. After 17 years of being an Assistant Pastor (now called Parochial Vicar), I was finally assigned to be Pastor for the first time. The starting date was set for Friday, June 13. Since then, I consider Friday the 13th to be my lucky day.

More accurately I would say a very special day. Not only was I blessed to be named Pastor that day, it was also the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Jesus is more powerful than any legends about Friday the 13th. It is also special for us in Harvest House as we celebrate our Anniversary. May God bless us always and all ways!!!!
AAAAAAmen!!!

Victoria and Hays Trip



Thanks to all who braved my inaugural 'bus trip planning' session and rode out to Victoria, KS to the St. Fidelis Cathedral of the Plains! We had a full bus, a full schedule and a great day to trek out to a few small towns in Kansas. We uncovered a un-looked-for jewel in the Kansas Originals Market store, which was full of art, jewelry and gifts by Kansas artisans. (Bless them and their functioning restrooms!) After a delicious lunch at JD's Chicken, we headed to the Ellis County Historical Museum, where we had time to soak

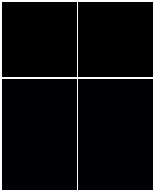
up history and stock up on Volga German music. We even had an impromptu tour of the Western Kansas Agricultural Research Center in Hays where we learned from Joe Becker how this small research center shapes the future of farming in America. Overall, it was a wonderful trip, and I look forward to more adventures with you in the future!

Summer Meetings

Please check your bulletins for Summer Harvest House meetings; certain groups continue to meet throughout the summer while others take a break! We'll get back to posting the monthly meeting information in our September newsletter. (Please send me your September meeting dates by **August 15**) Have a wonderful summer!

-St. Anne's group will have an indoor picnic on June 4th

-St. Anne's will also have an Ice Cream Social at **1 p.m.** on July 2nd.



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Anniversary Mass Reservation Request

Return with payment to: Senior Adult Ministries
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Cost per person is \$10. Please make checks payable to: *Catholic Diocese of Wichita.*

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Registration is due by June 19th

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 and I have included my donation of _____ here!
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