Mary Immaculate of Lourdes

(Formerly St. Mary's Parish, 1870-1910)
Newton/Needham, Massachusetts
Newton & Needham's Oldest Roman Catholic Parish



November 11th, 2012 in the Year of Grace The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost and the Thirty-second Sunday of the Year U.S. Veterans Day Remembrance

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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

"What return can I make to the Lord for all His kindness to Me?"



OFFERTORY FOR ALL SAINTS DAY & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4th: \$5,977.00 + \$1,940.00 (OTHER OFFERINGS) = \$7,917.00

PARISH AIR-CONDITIONING APPEAL AS OF NOVEMBER 5th: \$5,698.00

"CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT": \$820.00

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 4:00 PM (Saturday Vigil), 7:30 AM 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Traditional Latin), 5:30 PM

Weekdays: Monday—Friday 7:30 AM

Traditional Latin Low Mass:

Mon., Wed. & Fri., 12:30 PM; Tues. & Thurs., 5:30 PM, Sat. 9:00 AM.

<u>Holy Days:</u> if Mon-Fri., 7:30 AM., 12:30, 5:30 & 7:30 PM.; if on Saturday, 9 AM & 12:30 PM

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Upon request. Please contact Father Higgins.

Penance (Confession):

Saturday 8:30-9:00 A.M. and 3:30-4:00 PM Sunday, before and after the 10:30 a.m. AM Mass, First Fridays (before the 12:30 p.m. Mass)

Matrimony:

Engaged couples should make arrangements with the parish church so as to allow for adequate sacramental preparation (six months), including a Pre-Cana program.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick (for those who are gravely ill or facing serious surgery); **Communion of the Sick for the Homebound:** Please contact Father Higgins.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD



(Front Cover: A Veterans Statue in Mt. Pleasant, Minnesota. November 11th is observed as "Veterans Day" in the U.S., a national day of remembrance for all those who have served in the military services of our country, particularly during time of war. Originally, November 11th was observed as "Armistice Day", the day when the truce was declared in 1918 which brought an end to the First World War. We pray at our Masses this Sunday for the special intention of all the veterans of our parish of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes.)

"THE ELEVENTH HOUR OF THE ELEVENTH DAY OF THE ELEVENTH MONTH..."

Allies' decision on when to declare the truce which ended the fighting of World War I in 1918. The German Armistice Commission had accepted the imposed terms on November 7th, but the fighting was let to continue for another four days, until "the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month." (From a Catholic sensibility there is a poignancy to the choice of November 11th as the Armistice Day: November 11th is the Feast of St. Martin of Tours, Patron Saint of Soldiers, and St. Martin was the 4th century Roman soldier who forsook his soldier's profession for the sake of the Peace of Christ.)

Here is the historian Robert Leckie's description of the moment of Armistice:

One by one the guns fell silent. Here and there came the clattering of a machine gun being emptied into the air. On the eleventh hour all was still. Like moles, the men came up into the weak and winter sunlight. They looked at each other, dumbfounded. They began to laugh, they began to cry, they began to shout and cheer, to pound each other on the back—and to walk slowly, hesitantly, but nevertheless erect, onto those no man's lands of shell-pocked mud that symbolized this dreadful war that was now ending.

No bullets whispered, no shells whined, and they went forward to greet "the Krauts," to smoke and trade and to come back with fewer cigarettes but laden with Iron Crosses and Lugers. That afternoon, like joyful children released from school, they played hopscotch, duck-on-the-rock, and blind-man's buff. That night they shot off Very lights and colored rockets.

They sat there watching, these men of both sides, while a great peace came upon them and a sickle moon shone faintly over all that tortured earth. (Robert Leckie: <u>The Story of World War I</u>, A.D. 1965)

In the immediate aftermath many people hoped that the good that might come out of this "Great War" of 1914-1918 was that the family of nations had been so shocked by the experience that it would bring an end to the practice of war itself. Thus, this war would be remembered ever after as "The-War-to-End-All-Wars."

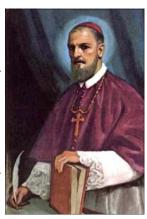
Sadly, as we know, this is not what happened. Instead, WWI was the gateway to a new and more terrible Age of War from which humanity has not yet emerged. How urgent our Christian duty is to pray and to labor for peace.

(Fr. Higgins)

Meditation on Death by St. Francis de Sales

Consider the uncertainty of the time of your death. Will it be summer or in winter, by day or by night, with or without warning, after illness or by accident, with or without the aid of the Sacraments? Of all this you know nothing. All you are certain of is that you will die. It may be sooner than expected. Death is the end of the world as far as you are concerned. Then the time values will be reversed. Pleasures, vanities, worldly joys, empty attachments—all of these will seem then like mere phantoms, passing clouds. What folly to have offended or neglected God for such delusive trifles! On the other hand, your good works and devotion will then seem sweet and precious. You will regret not having done more for your soul and for God. The evil you did will seem greater and your devotion very small. You must bid a painful farewell to this world, good-bye to riches, vanities, frivolous companions, pastimes, friendships and neighbors, family, everything and everyone. Last of all you must leave your own body... Your best friends will hasten to hide you beneath the ground. That done, scarcely a thought of you will remain. You will be forgotten as you had forgotten others. The most you can hope for is an occasional 'God rest his soul.' O death, how

pitiless, how unsparing you are!
Then comes eternity, happy or
miserable. Which shall yours
be? That which you choose in
life. Pray for the grace of a happy
death, and for the means to
secure it. Put only a relative
value on temporal things. Never
put your heart on them so as to
endanger your eternal salvation.
Resolve to prepare for death by being
always ready.



Honoring Those Who Served



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR HURRICAN RELIEF:

His Eminence Cardinal Seán has asked that a special collection be taken up at Sunday Masses today in support of the relief efforts to those areas of the U.S. and Caribbean severely affected by the recent Hurricane Sandy

SECOND COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18th:

For the needs of Retired Religious Sisters

The Dominican Missionary Sisters will be offer their baked goods for sale after all the Masses next Sunday in order to raise funds for their medical mission to people afflicted with leprosy in Southeast Asia.



PRAYER LINE OF THE POOR CLARE COLLETINE SISTERS Hawarden, Wales www.poorclarestmd.org

The Parish Holy Name Men's Group will lead us in the singing of the Holy Name Hymn and the praying of the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus before the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please join us in this devotion to the Holy Name.

"DEVOTION GAINS MUCH MORE INFLUENCE WHEN IT IS PRACTICED BY THE MEN." —ST. JOHN VIANNEY, CURÉ OF ARS

WE INVITE EVERYONE TO JOIN
US FOR COFFEE HOUR
DOWNSTAIRS EACH
SUNDAYAFTER THE 10:30 LATIN MASS.

Religious Education

Sunday, November 11th: No Classes today in observance of the Veterans Day Holiday

FOOD DRIVE

The Religious Education Classes invite the parish to join with them in contributing to a food-drive for the Newton Food Pantry. Donations of non-perishable food may be left in the baskets provided in the front

vestibule of the main church. The food drive will continue through Sunday, November 11th. Thank you in advance for your generosity.





LAY DOMINICANS

Next Sunday, November 18th, 2012, members of the Greater Boston Chapter of St. Dominic (which meets monthly here at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish) will distribute literature after all the Sunday Masses

about the Apostolate of the Lay Dominicans. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to consider membership.

Also on November 18th, at 2:00 p.m., Fr. John Vidmar, a Dominican Friar and History Professor at Providence College, will make a presentation in the lower church hall on "The Early Years and Contributions of the Dominican Order in the United States." He will also respond to any who have questions concerning Lay Dominicans. All are welcome to attend.

PROJECT RACHEL (Post-abortion Healing)

"My spirit was broken, I was consumed with feelings of remorse. During the retreat...for the first time in 34 years, I felt connected to God. Through the depth of my pain, I began a lasting relationship with God..."

The pain of abortion haunts many women. Retreats offered by the Project Rachel Ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston can help women find hope, healing and reconciliation after abortion. If you or a loved one is suffering from post-abortion pain, contact Project Rachel about is November 17th "Come to the Waters of Healing" retreat. All inquiries are confidential.

For more information, call Project Rachel @ 508.651.3100 or email: help@projectrachelboston.com

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vegetable baskets, cider, cookies and candy. The night
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ticket is drawn for each turkey, a basket of vegetables,
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various gift baskets, lottery frames and gift certificates.
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chances for \$10. For more information, contact
Sharon Miccio at 781-894-3471 x2 or email at
parish@olca.org

Come and join us for a fun-filled evening.

ADOPT-A-PRIEST APOSTOLATE

The 4th Annual Adopt-a-Priest Apostolate is underway and looking for prayerful souls to spiritually adopt a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston for a commitment

of one year. Individuals, families and groups are encouraged to participate. For more information and to register, please visit the Serra Club of Boston's website: www.serraboston.org

or call Loretta @ 978.462.1057



Calendar of Masses

(Intention of the Mass—Special Remarks—Requested by)

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SATURDAY November 10th	4:00 p.m.		Leo Paoletti & Deceased Members of the Paoletti Family	Memorial	Antoinette Paoletti
SUNDAY	7:30 a.m.		Pro Populo		
November 11th 32nd Sunday of the Year & the 24th after Pentecost	9:00 a.m.		Francis J. Foley	Memorial	Daisylene Cyr
	10:30 a.m.		Dominic & Concetta DiNezio	Memorial	Maria Centofanti
			Tyler Molisse Marion Taurasi Donald G. Nyhen	Special Intention Memorial Memorial Special Birthday	McGrath Family Paul & Betsy Eldridge Barbara & Maureen Nyhen
			Bryan Jones	Intention	Jean Jones
	5:30 p.m.		Anthony Danca	Memorial	Marie Danca
MONDAY November 12th St. Josaphat, Bishop &	7:30 a.m.		Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish	Memorial	
Martyr/St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr	12:30 p.m.		Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed	Memorial	ALL ADV
TUESDAY	7:30 a.m.		Intention of the Celebrant	303	A THE PARTY OF THE
November 13th St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin	5:30 p.m.		Intention of the Celebrant		
WEDNESDAY	7:30 a.m.		Intention of the Celebrant		
November 14th Ferial Day/St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr	12:30 p.m.		Deanne Donovan	Memorial	Mary & Hal Decker & Family
THURSDAY	7:30 a.m.		Charles Hartigan	Memorial	Marie Danca
November 15th St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor	5:30 p.m.		Patricia Goeller	Special Intention	Susan Goeller
FRIDAY November 16th St. Margaret, Queen of Scots/St. Gertrude, Vigin	7:30 a.m.		Intention of the Celebrant		
	12:30 p.m.		Deceased Members of the Kwash, Steinkrauss, Rulnick, Rizzo Family		
SATURDAY November 17th St. Elizabeth of Hungary/ St. Gregory the Wonderworker, Bishop & Confessor	9:00 a.m.		Kristin Schraven	Health of the Sick	Bennett Family
	4:00 p.m.		Stella & Alfred Filosa	Memorial	Donna Filosa & Family
		Each Mass has an infinite, immense value that we can never fully understand.			

can never fully understand. —St. John Marie Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars

HEALTH OF THE SICK

"In every man there is Jesus, but in the sick we see Jesus twice." —Padre Pio

For all those on our parish prayer list, especially for... Bro. Jeffrey Oxx, CFC, Joseph Nolan, Barbara Nyhen, Rev. Walter Cuenin, Ronald Orlando, Dominic Gundrum, Louis Komuves, Sr. Catherine Grandfield, Mary Adams,



Hugh Doyle, Lorraine Orlando, Rob Quagan, Paul Wenger, Nathan Johnston, Frank Downey, Janet Pino, Fr. Carney Gavin, Irene Campana, Gerry Mazzarella, Maureen Nyhen, Francis McNary, Warren Yee, Betty Chrishi, Marie Rappazzini, Mary Trombetta, Helen Reid, BrendaWinegarner, Jean Johnson, Lois Ludwig, Paula Apothacary, Jeanne Ciocca, Sam Adams III, Altair da Silva, Christina Kwash, Kitty Ward, Missy Ochsner, Spagnuolo Family, Katie O'Connell, Janet Bourgeois, Judy Sartell, Lana Tomchik, Matthew Banks, Patrick Rainey, Judy Pederson, Ed Donovan, Danny O'Brien, Evelyn Donovan, Helen Donnelly, Priscilla Brossard, Mary Sims, Billy Hickey, Lee-Anne Ketchum, Arthur Nauss, Rod MacLeod, Monica Wellenstein, Teresa Tambunan, Mary Platt, Sean Monaghan, Bill McIlheny, Sheila Whittle, Michelle Fay, Bobbie Hoffmann, Beverly Balconi, Martial Rainey, Dennis McCarthy, Edward Crestitelli, Sharon Kopchik, Erin Marie Fell, Dominic

Cantillo, Theresa Higgins, Lita Uilaoghaire, Norman Alibrandi, Joyce Higgins, Karen Starbird, Jack Buckley, Edward Fahey, Nancy Daly, Mary Hoffmann, Marie Schroter, Dorothy Alibrandi, Annie Procopio, Marie Danca, David Kase, Thaddeus Davulis, Andrew McCloskey, Barbara Sullivan, Wanda Lempitski, Thomas Corcoran, Tony Palladino, Joe Bellino, Lucia LoPresti, Polly Sullivan.

"I do not promise to make you happy in this life, but in the next"—Our Lady of Lourdes to St. Bernadette, February 18th, 1858

MILITARY SERVICE PRAYER LIST:

We remember all of our military servicemen and women, especially ... Sgt. Troy Stemen, U.S. Army (Afghanistant), Mark Gaudet, Army Special Forces, Pierre K. Ripert, USN, Matthew Simard, 1st Lt., USMC (Afghanistan), Michael Simard, PFC, USMC, Christopher Raymond, 82nd Airborne (Afghanistan), Lance Cpl. Alex Tomchik, USMC, Brian Rainey, US Army (Afghanistan), Joseph Rainey, US Army, Sgt. Kevin James Howard, USMC (Afghanistan), Sgt. Brian Joseph Howard, USMC Afghanistan), Sgt. William J. Duggan, U.S. Army, 342nd Military Police Detachment, deployed to Afghanistan March, 2010; 2nd Lt. Richard S. Pluta, deployed to Iraq; Sgt. 1st Class David Garduque; ;Sgt. Jeffrey R. Quinn, USMC; (Please let us know if you would like someone on active duty prayed for by name.)

Pray for Tommy Holcum, severely wounded in a Taliban ambush in Afghanistan.

Pray for Pfc Bowe Bergdahl, captured by the Taliban in Afghanistan.

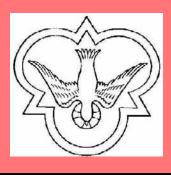
safely from Afghanistan.



Requiescant in Pace

Fred Strom, aged 81 (Father of Patti Strom) Mary Stiffler, aged 76





LATIN MASS TEXTS

Traditional Propers

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Vestments: Green

INTROIT: Jeremias 29: 11, 12, 14 The Lord saith: I think thoughts of peace, and not of affliction: you shall call Me, and I will hear you; and I will bring back your captivity from all places. *Psalm 84: 2* Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. *V.* Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT In Thine infinite goodness, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to watch over Thy household, that even as it relies solely upon the hope of Thy heavenly grace, so it may ever be defended by Thy protection. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: Colossians 3: 12-17 Brethren: Put ye on as the elect of God, holy and beloved, the depths of mercy, benignity, humility, modesty, patience: bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if any have a complaint against another: even as the Lord hath forgiven you, so do you also. But above all these things have charity, which is the bond of perfection: and let the peace of Christ rejoice in your hearts, wherein also you are called in one body: and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you abundantly, in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual canticles, singing in grace in your hearts to God. All whatsoever you do in word or in work, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God and the Father by Jesus Christ our Lord.

GRADUAL: Psalm 43: 8-9 Thou hast delivered us, O Lord, from them that afflict us: and hast put them to shame that hate us. *V*. In God we will glory all the day: and in Thy name we will give praise for ever.

ALLELUIA: Psalm 129: 1-2 Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* From the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my prayer. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13: 24-30 At that time Jesus spoke this parable to the multitudes: The kingdom of heaven is likened to a man that sowed good seed in his field. But while men were asleep, his enemy came and oversowed tares* among the wheat, and went his way. And when the blade was sprung up and had brought forth fruit, then appeared also the tares. And the servants of the good-man of the house coming, said to him: Sir, didst thou not sow good seed in thy field? Whence then hath it tares? And he said to them: An enemy hath done this. And the servants said to him: Wilt thou that we go and gather it up? And he said: No, lest perhaps, gathering up the tares, you root up the wheat also together with it. Suffer both to grow until the harvest, and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers: Gather up first the tares and bind it into bundles to burn, but the wheat gather ye into my barn.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 129: 1-2 From the depths I have cried out to Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my prayer: from the depths I have cried out to Thee, O Lord.

SECRET We offer unto Thee, O Lord, the sacrifice of propitiation, that Thou mayest of Thy mercy absolve us from our sins, and Thyself direct our inconstant hearts. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION: Mark 11: 24 Amen I say to you, whatsoever you ask when you pray, believe that you shall receive, and it shall be done to you.

POSTCOMMUNION We beseech Thee, almighty God, that we may obtain the effect of that salvation, the pledge of which we have received in these mysteries. Through our Lord.

*tares: generally assumed to be darnel, a common weed of the grass family.

Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

November 11th, A.D. 2012, Saturday vigil, 4 p.m. Sunday 7:30 and 9:00 a.m.

Thirty Second Sunday of the Year

Introit: Ps 88:3 Intret oratio mea

"Let my prayer enter into Your presence; incline Your ear to my supplication, O Lord."

Kyrie – Chant

Gloria – Missa De Angelis (English)
Responsorial Psalm
Gospel Acclamation

Credo I: (extra sheet)

Offertory: Ps 119:133 Gressus meos

"Guide my footsteps, O Lord, according to your word, so that no iniquity may ever gain the upper hand, O Lord."

Mass Setting: Mass VIII Missa De Angelis

Sanctus(English)

"Mortem tuam annuntiamus, Domine, et tuam resurrectionem confitemur, donec venias" Lord's Prayer Agnus Dei

Communion: Ps 23:1,2 Dominus regit me

"The Lord is my shepherd and I shall want nothing; He has set me in a land of abundant pastures; He has led me to life-renewing waters."

Post Communion Hymn

Salve Regina (Gregorian Chant, Solemn Tone)

Recessional Hymn:

Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned (Parish Hymnal **No.83**)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

November 11th, A.D. 2012, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Processional Hymn

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us (Felix Mendelssohn C.1833)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Jer. 29:11,12,14; Ps. 84:2

"Dicit Dóminus: Ego, cógito cogitatiónes pacis, et non afflictiónis: invocábitis me, et ego exáudiam vos: et redúcam captivitátem vestram de cunctis locis. (Psalm) Benedixísti, Dómine, terram tuam: avertísti captivitátem Jacob."

Ordinary Prayers: Mass in Honor of the Blessed Sacrament

James A. Korman (+1896) (Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

Gradual: Ps. 43:8-9

"Liberásti nos, Dómine, ex affligéntibus nos: et eos qui nos odérunt, confudísti. In Deo laudábimur tota die, et in nómine tuo confitébimur in sæcula." Alleluia: Ps. 1219:1,2 Allelúja, allelúja. De profúndis clamávi ad te, Dómine: Domine exáudi oratiónem meam. Allelúja.

Offertory Verse: Ps. 129:1,2

"De profúndis clamávi ad te, Dómine: Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam: de profúndis clamávi ad te, Dómine."

Offertory Hymn:

Ave Maria, Op.52 No.6 (Franz Schubert, 1828)

Communion Hymn:

Panis Angelicus (César Franck, 1890)

Communion Verse: Mk. 11:24

"Amen dico vobis, quidquid orántes pétitis, crédite quia accipiétis, et fiet vobis."

Recessional Hymn

Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned (Parish Hymnal **No.83**)

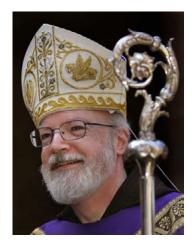
Noon Angelus (Chant)



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Upcoming Decision on a Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese of Boston November 15, 2012 @ 2pm – BostonCatholicLive.com

- **Disciples in Mission** is the name for the Proposal of a Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese of Boston.
- On November 15, 2012 at 2:00pm, Cardinal Seán will announce his decisions on the various recommendations on the Proposal received from the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Council (APPC). This news conference will be streamed live at www.BostonCatholicLive.com. A video recording of this news conference can be viewed at www.planning2012.com.
- The *Disciples in Mission* proposal had two parts:
 - Part One is entitled "Strengthening Parishes for the Work of the New Evangelization." It contains recommendations to strengthen the existing 288 parishes in the archdiocese and to reorient our archdiocese to the work of evangelization.
 - Part Two of Disciples in Mission is entitled "Strengthening the Work of the New Evangelization in Parishes." It contains recommendations for reenergizing pastoral leadership in parishes and the Central Ministries of the Archdiocese and for strengthening youth and adult faith formation.



Recommendations from the August Proposal from the APPC

Strengthening parishes for the work of the New Evangelization*

- That the 288 parishes of the Archdiocese be organized into approximately 135 parish collaboratives
- That the formation of the parish collaboratives be phased in over a period of 5 years.
- That the parishes of each collaborative be assigned one single Pastor.
- That there be one Pastoral Team serving each collaborative under the leadership of the Pastor.
- That the collaborative have one Pastoral Council and (if possible) one Finance Council.
- That the pastor, pastoral team, and councils of each parish collaborative participate in extensive theological and practical training for the New Evangelization.
- That each collaborative develop a local pastoral plan.

Strengthening the work of the New Evangelization in parishes*

- That the Archdiocese make significant investment in training to aid the implementation of Disciples in Mission. This training will take place in six stages.
- That the Archdiocese continue its extensive consultation of parishes and parishioners, focusing on best practices for evangelization.
- That the Archdiocese provides significant adult faith formation opportunities during the Year of Faith.
- That the Archdiocese implements the remaining recommendations from the Committee to Study Lay Formation programs and from the Religious Education Task Force.
 - * Paraphrased and partial list of recommendations

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