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SAINT MARY'S ACTIVE RELIGIOUS TEENS NOVEMBER 2011
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Dear Friends,

As many of you may have heard or read by now, beginning on the weekend of November 26/27, there will be some changes in the prayers of the Mass that will affect all of us.

Perhaps you may have heard some complaints being made about these changes ranging from, *“Somebody in Rome doesn't have enough to do!”* *“If it's not broke, don't fix it!”* *“There are bigger problems than this – why don't people working for the Church focus on THOSE problems”*, etc. etc. It's okay to be a little hesitant when it comes to change. That's natural for all of us.

But let's put things in perspective: If you were the conductor of an orchestra and the violin section informed you that they would be playing something other than what was in the score, how would the orchestra performance sound? If you were a quarterback for a football team and all the players rejected or scoffed at the plays being called and refused to implement them, how would the results of the game turn out? If you were the director of a play and the lead actor stated that she will say the lines she WANTS to say and not what is in her script how will that affect the outcome of the story line/plot? I think we all know that in each of these cases the end results would most likely NOT be pleasing and there would be unhappy audiences at every one of these events. We cannot work together when we're not “on the same page”.

The same comparisons can be made with our celebrations of the Catholic Mass. If people balk and refuse to make the changes, then the liturgy celebrated is not the best. And, since at every Mass we attend, GOD is the only audience, we should always try to offer our very best to God.

So I am asking (and hoping) the youth of our Church will be the obedient leaders in the changes being asked of all of us. Pay attention. Learn and memorize the new texts of the Mass. Help younger siblings or classmates. Set examples for young and old alike in your attitudes and participation. And, first and foremost, STAY POSITIVE. The changes, though they may not be easy at first, are for the better.

The Apostles were challenged to go out to the world and spread the Good News. They were intimidated, frightened, insecure, and perhaps not all that excited to do what was being asked of them! But the power of the Holy Spirit led them to accomplish great things with and for Christ's Church.

That same Spirit of accomplishment continues to work in our Church today.

This Thanksgiving, thank God for the awesome and astounding Catholic faith He has given to each of you and prepare to embrace the upcoming “Spirit of change” in the Mass. I'm pretty confident that God, the one and only audience member, will give you a standing ovation...

Patti McTaggart

...Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

THE CATHOLIC MESSENGER CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST!!!



We invite youth in grades K-12 in our diocese to participate in our 2011 Catholic Messenger Christmas contest. Grades K-6 are asked to create a Christmas card and grades 7-12 to write an essay of 300 words or less about "What Christmas means to me." The winning drawing and essay will appear on the front page of the Christmas edition of *The Catholic Messenger*, published Dec. 22. Runners-up also will appear in the newspaper and on our *Catholic Messenger* website.

Drawings should be done on white, 8 1/2 by 11-inch paper in colored pencil, crayon, marker or paints. Please submit original artwork only; no black and white drawings. The artwork should focus on the religious nature of Christmas. If using yellow, please use a deep yellow or make sure it is surrounded by a dark color. Yellow is hard to reproduce. The contest, which has a Nov. 21 postmark deadline, is open to youth living or attending school in the Diocese of Davenport.

Messenger staff members will judge the entries based on originality and the ability to convey what Christmas means to Catholic Christians.

Card entries must include first *and* last name, age, grade, home address, home phone, school (public or private with town name where it is located) and parish (name and city) on the back of the drawing. Please do not fold entries. Essay entries must include the information above and be emailed to arland-fye@davenportdiocese.org. Any information omitted could be grounds for disqualification. All entries should be postmarked by Nov. 21 to *The Catholic Messenger*, 780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804.

NOVEMBER

1 st	All Saints Day	<i>(Who is your patron saint?)</i>
2 nd	All Souls Day	<i>(Pray for all those who have gone before us.)</i>
2 rd	Adult/Youth Choir	6:00-7:00PM in balcony
3 rd	Holy Hour for Vocations	7-8PM in the church
9 th	Adult/Youth Choir	6:00-7:00PM in balcony
13 th	CONFIRMATION SESSION	7:00-8:00PM in parish hall
16 th	Adult/Youth Choir	6:00-7:00PM in balcony
17 th	Youth Casserole-Making Free Lunch	5:00-6:00PM in hall
20 th	TEEN BIBLE STUDY –	7PM in the parish hall
24 th	THANKSGIVING DAY	<i>(Thank God for your many blessings!)</i>
26 th -27 th	THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL BEGINS AT ALL THE MASSES! ☺	



LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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St. Andrew (Feast Day - November 30th) – St. Andrew was born in the early 1st century A.D. He was born in Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee and was the brother of Simon Peter, by which it can be inferred that he is the son of John or Jonah. Like Simon Peter, he was a fisherman by trade, and they made their living together in Capernaum. Andrew was originally a follower of John the Baptist

and through him met Jesus as did fellow would-be apostle, John the Evangelist. Immediately, Andrew knew that Jesus was the Messiah and quickly brought his brother to him. Soon, both he and Simon Peter had become disciples.

At first, he and Simon Peter continued their fishing trade, eventually moving more and more toward becoming apostles. They gave up their worldly goods and finally left behind their fishing nets and family to permanently be with Jesus. Andrew and Simon Peter are also believed to be some of the earliest apostles, always mentioned among the first four. He is also believed to be one of the apostles closest to Jesus. St. Andrew accompanied Jesus to the miraculous feeding of the 5000, the Last Supper, and the first Pentecost. He also helped establish the faith in Palestine.

Andrew was then called to spread the faith to even more distant places, and soon he began traveling far from Judea to spread the Christian faith. Andrew preached in Asia Minor and around Scythia (a region encompassing Central Asia, parts of the Caucasus and Eastern Europe). He traveled into modern day Ukraine, Romania and Russia constantly preaching the new religion. In AD 38, St. Andrew is said to have established the See of Byzantium (Constantinople) and appointed Stachys as its first bishop. Hippolytus of Rome records that he preached in Thrace, and the *Acts of Andrew*, a 2nd century apocryphal work, mentions him being in Byzantium. The See of Byzantium would develop into the Patriarchate of Constantinople of which he is also the patron saint.

Like all but one of the apostles (John), Andrew was martyred at the Greek city of Patras in the mid to late 1st century. The Roman governor Aegeas ordered his death, and supposedly St. Andrew was martyred on an X-shaped cross because he believed he didn't deserve to die in the same manner as Jesus. The *Acts of Andrew* also say that he was bound, not nailed as Jesus was, which prolonged his suffering. Tradition has held that November 30th was the date; both the Catholic and Orthodox Churches hold that as his feast day. His relics were moved from Patras to the Church of the Apostles in Constantinople around 357 A.D. In the 13th century, during the Crusades, Cardinal Peter of Capua brought them to Amalfi, Italy where the majority of them have remained ever since. Andrew is the patron saint of Greece, Russia, Ukraine, Romania, Scotland, several cities, and professions related to fishing.



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Wanted

Alive and Kicking!

12 Congregations and their Youth Groups

(with a commitment to social justice, local mission, and saving heating/cooling costs for their church right now!)

Twelve local congregations are needed to commit to cooperatively participate in the 2012 Apostle Build in Iowa City. Each congregation needs to name a point person, organize themselves to help raise funds and turn out volunteers to build in March-June 2012. Youth groups are encouraged to raise \$1800 and challenge the older members to raise the same amount and to work with them on the build. **In addition, we will train the youth on how to conduct an energy audit on their church building to save the congregation 12% of their energy bills by 12/12/12!** *Get dirty while reducing utility costs, building spirit as well as a home together!*

Reward: One happy family who gets a home:
A hand up, not a handout.....
and remember, the excitement is building!

Call 319.337.8949 or e-mail: mark@iowavalleyhabitat.org for more information.



An **“Encounter With God’s Call”** retreat will be held November 12-14th at Conception Seminary College in Missouri. Young men considering a possible call to the priesthood are welcome to spend a weekend geared toward helping them with their vocational discernment. They will interact with and hear a series of talks by the seminarians of Conception Seminary College. Participants are able to experience the seminarian’s daily routine and gain a fuller understanding of what life as a



seminarian entails. It is an opportunity to meet and interact with other young men who are asking themselves the same questions and struggle with the same fears and anxieties. It is a weekend of prayer and fellowship. To find out more information or to register online visit us at: www.conception.edu/vocations. You can also contact Fr. Thom Hennen at 563-888-4255 or hennen@davenportdiocese.org.

CALLING ALL CHEFS!!!!

DO YOU LIKE TO COOK? On the third Thursday of every month, join other youth from each high school and junior high as we collaborate together in St. Mary’s parish hall and make four casseroles for the Free Lunch program. This month’s “cooking class” will take place on Thursday, November 17th from 5:00–6:00PM. The casseroles created will be served the next day, Friday, November 18th, at the Free Lunch program. All youth are invited to participate!!



TEEN BIBLE STUDY GROUP
For Junior High and High School Youth
WHEN: Sunday, November 20th, 2011
7PM-8PM in St. Mary’s Parish Hall



Come join in the FOOD and FUN of learning more about the Bible!!!

You won’t be disappointed!



SHARE THE GIFT OF YOURSELF ON THANKSGIVING DAY!

All youth are invited to help with St. Mary’s Annual Thanksgiving meal for the homebound and homeless. Help is needed serving and cleaning up after the meal in St. Mary’s parish hall and/or delivering meals in the community. For more information, contact the parish office at 337-4314.

THIS WOULD MAKE A GREAT CONFIRMATION SERVICE PRIVILEGE!

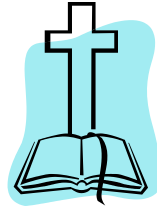
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THE GREETING

Galatians 6:18 Philippians 4:23
2 Timothy 4:22

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**



you are seated at the right hand of the Father, **have mercy on us.** For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PENITENTIAL RITE, FORM A

1 Chronicles 21:8

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have **greatly sinned**, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, **through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore** I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

GLORIA

Luke 2:14



Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, **Only Begotten Son**, Lord God, Lamb of God, **Son of the Father**, you take away the **sins** of the world, **have mercy on us**; you take away the **sins** of the world, **receive our prayer**;

THE NICENE CREED

Colossians 1:16

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things **visible and invisible.**
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the **Only Begotten** Son of God, **born** of the Father **before all ages.** God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, **consubstantial with the Father**; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, **and** by the Holy Spirit **was incarnate** of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he **suffered death** and was buried, **and rose again on the third day** in **accordance** with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, **who** with the Father and the Son **is adored** and glorified, **who** has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism

for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to
the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord, **who was conceived**
by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended **into hell;**
on the third day he rose again
from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

SUSCIPAT DOMINUS

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters,
that **my sacrifice and yours**
may be acceptable to God, the almighty
Father.

People:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at
your hands for the praise and glory of
his name, for our good and the good of
all his **holy** Church.

PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

People: **It is right and just.**

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord **God of hosts.**
Heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

(formerly the Memorial Acclamation)

Priest: **The mystery of faith.**

People: (one of the following is used)

• **We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

• When we eat this Bread
and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your death, **O Lord,**
until you come **again.**

• **Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection,
you have set us free.**

