

The enclosed letter from Bishop Cistone and 75th Anniversary Chair, Dr. Michael Wolohan, describes significant activities scheduled for the 75th Anniversary year. Please note the special request to identify 1-2 persons from your parish who can help the committee exchange information regarding plans for celebration activities. A public announcement for the media and parish families will be produced in the coming month.

75th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

September 8, 2012 to August 15, 2013



Goals:

1. Celebrate a year of prayer and reflection
2. Celebrate past accomplishments and honor those who have gone before us
3. Highlight present faith life of the Church
4. Help bring about healing and reconciliation
5. Foster renewal and growth throughout the Diocese
6. Foster unity and joy among the faithful by renewing our understanding and appreciation of sacramental life
7. Promote the ways the Diocese of Saginaw cares for the poor, needy, disenfranchised, etc.
8. Revitalize our parishes, schools, institutions, and varied ministries

Strategies

- Promote a message of unity, and emphasize that we are a community with a future full of HOPE
- Use the website to feature local parish faith events and activities to create an emphasis on parish communities and the people of our diocese as being **who we celebrate** in our "75th Anniversary"
- Identify a parish contact to exchange information about anniversary activities
- Reach out to appropriate audiences for events, and secure resources for events
- Respect decision-making and implementation process for "*Planning Tomorrow's Parishes*"

Calendar Dates

September 8, 2012 (Saturday): Opening Mass at Cathedral

- Audience: Cathedral parish members, diocesan & parish leadership, and volunteers who will assist with planning and implementing anniversary celebration activities.

September 19-20, 2012 (Wednesday & Thursday): Bishop's Charity Golf Classic

- Audience: Parishioners and organizations are invited to support our current and future priests.

February 26, 2013 (Tuesday): Anniversary Mass (Cathedral)

- Audience: In addition to general population, invite Knights of Columbus representatives, families representing the founding members of the Cathedral parish and vicariate representatives.

March 26, 2013 (Tuesday): Chrism Mass (Cathedral)

- Audience: Parish representatives and a special invitation to school/young adult representatives who will ask questions about Chrism Mass (scripted) for the purpose of helping others learn more about the Mass. The mass will be received via satellite feed at strategic locations or produced as a video for viewing later (website/schools).

April 7, 2013 (Sunday): Rite of Confirmation (Regional celebrations)

- Audience: Children and adults across the diocese (except those who will be initiated during Easter vigil), families and friends of those being confirmed, and area priests who may administer Sacrament with Bishop Cistone.

April 26, 2013 (Friday): Bishop's Charity Ball (Horizons Conference Center)

- Parishioners and organizations are invited to gather as a faith community in support of the event beneficiary (Christian Service Outreach).

Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan (CCFMM) BIG Raffle Celebration at Horizons Conference Center: *Dates under consideration include 5/21/2013(Tuesday), 5/23, 2013 (Thursday), 2/7/2013(Thursday) and 2/8/2013(Friday). CCFMM expects to announce date August 1, 2012.*

- Audience: Broad audience, with an emphasize on those volunteers and staff who support evangelizing ministries of the Diocese of Saginaw, including Catholic schools, Youth Ministry, Parish Catechesis, RCIA, Lay Ministry, etc.

June 27, 2013 (Thursday): Celebration Mass/Family Day (SVSU Arena)

- Audience: Invitations sent to diocesan faith community, organizations, local and extended Church leadership to gather as a faith community to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Saginaw. Outreach will include religious communities/orders that have served the diocese.

August 10, 2013 (Saturday): Youth Rally (Campus of SVSU)

- Audience: High School Youth and Young Adults (especially college population). Specific outreach will be extended to Catholic schools, parish youth groups, home school networks, ethnic groups, college students and friends of Catholic youth.

August 15, 2013 (Thursday): Closing Mass (Cathedral and local parishes)

- Audience: Cathedral parish members, diocesan & parish leadership, and committee volunteers who assisted with planning and implementing anniversary celebration activities.

★ **Please reply by August 1, 2012.** The committee plans to do the majority of the work for anniversary activities and minimize tasks for parishes. To help the committee facilitate good planning, please provide contact information for one or more persons at the parish that can assist with information exchange regarding anniversary activities. Thank you for your assistance!

Parish _____

75th Anniversary Parish Contact (s) _____

Best phone (may call: day / night) _____

Best email _____

Best mailing address _____

Please return via FAX to (989) 797-6641 or by email to psuppes@dioceseofsaginaw.org

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