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Marianist Family Retreat Center E-News – April 2007

(Be sure to visit our web site at www.capemaymarianists.org for a complete schedule, retreat photos and application)

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Dear Friends,

This past weekend we once again celebrated the Holy Week Triduum here at the Center. As Fr. Ted describes it – *“this is the retreat of all retreats.”*

About 30 of us gathered Thursday night for a Seder meal followed by Holy Thursday Eucharist setting the tone for a prayerful, community based retreat recalling the passion and resurrection of Jesus. Unlike many of our other retreats, this weekend tends to be a bit more subdued (except during the Easter egg coloring and hunt!). In addition to celebrating all of the liturgies of Holy Week, we have small group sessions, lots of free time and wonderful meals. I wish you all could partake in this retreat some time in the future. To see photos from this year's retreat [click here](#).

2007 Summer Family Program Volunteers

Our Summer Family Retreats are filling quickly and we still have a need for some volunteers to staff these retreats. If you have not yet sent in your Volunteer Form (particularly for the Summer) please do so or email me at afucci@capemaymarianists.org



2007 Latino & Single-Parent Family Retreat

These two Spring retreats went extremely well this year. For the Latino Family Retreat we used the God the Builder theme (thanks to Bro. Ralph Neumann, SM for all of his translation work!). And for the Single-parent Family Retreat we used our new Summer theme, “Invite G.O.D. In...” To see photos from the Latino Family Retreat [click here](#) and for the Single-Parent Family Retreat [click here](#).

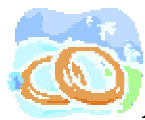
Marianist Online Course

This is a pilot offering of a new Virtual Learning Community (vlc) course called Marianist Studies: Social Justice. Blessed William Joseph Chaminade faced a Church and social order that had been torn apart during the French Revolution, and he fashioned a vision for rebuilding both. Chaminade challenged his followers to “think big” in defining their mission. This course will explore his vision for social change. What were the structures he developed and the methods he employed?

This virtual learning community (vlc) also will ask participants to consider ways they can be involved in promoting changes that will build a more authentic and credible church community and social order today. They will be challenged to integrate the insights of Father Chaminade with the realities of modern life in envisioning a Marianist approach to changing our world.

The dates of this five-week course are April 15-May 19. If you'd like to sign up log-on to <http://vlc.udayton.edu> If you have any questions or need further information please feel free to email or contact Patti Gehred (937)429-2521.

Upcoming Retreat Information & Critical Dates



A Retreat For Young Married Couples

This retreat is intended for couples who are under 40 years old. We will explore issues that challenge young couples in today's ever-demanding world. We will also look at our faith lives and how we can keep God in our marriage. Our time will include small group sharing, Eucharist, special liturgies and time for fun. **June 8 –10 Cost: \$220 per couple**

2007 Volunteer Forms are due...

If you have lost your 2007 Volunteer Form, please email at afucci@capemaymarianists.org and I will get you another one. **It is not too late to send them in.** Spring & Summer staffs are being formed now.

***Marianist Volunteer & Friends of the Center Reunion
& Fair Trade Sale***

Memorial Day Weekend

This Weekend is intended for **past Volunteers and friends of the Center (aged 18-?)**, who are looking for a weekend to be with their friends (and meet new ones...) in a relaxing environment. ***There will be no set program***, which means you can spend your time however you please. We will have "pick-up" type meals and a special breakfast to order on Sunday!

May 25-27

On May 26th – we will host our second annual **Fair Trade Sale**. In partnership with Catholic Relief Services, we will be selling one of a kind hand made products (including coffee, teas and chocolate) from around the world. These are the products made by artisans living in developing regions around our world. You get a wonderful high-quality product and they get to earn a living wage.

Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers

Contributed by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

On Marriage...

"Love is patient, love is kind." (1 Cor 13:4) Who is the more patient between the two of you? Is there something you've been waiting for your spouse to do - for a long time - and it's starting to bug you? If you've already mentioned it once be kind enough not to nag. If anything, try humor.

On Parenting...

Parenting is a full time job but it doesn't pay the bills. For many parents it's a difficult decision to decide whether or not to work outside the home. For help see, "[To Work or Not to Work](http://www.SusanVogt.net)" at www.SusanVogt.net.

Blessings to All!

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