

The Beacon.Com - Marianist Family Retreat Center E-News – July 2006

(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,

Just before this year's Summer Family Program began we were putting the finishing touches on our new Vertical Platform Lift (a simpler elevator) and ramps. These two upgrades to our Center will now allow for much greater access to those with physical limitations, especially those in wheelchairs. With the summer program approaching quickly, I was a bit nervous that we would not be done, but in the end we were able to get the major construction completed. I thank all of you who have been supportive of this project and I ask that you spread the word about these much-needed improvements. This autumn we hope to add a fully accessible bathroom. To see progress photos of this project please click http://www.capemaymarianists.org/new_elevator.htm

God's Amazing Race: Where Family Faith is Cool

This year's summer program is off to a wonderful start. We are nearing the end of Week #3 and there is so much energy and joy in the houses. Whether it's watching the Musher Family skits, participating in the Forgiveness Service, being a ham at the Variety Show or just plain old fun at the beach, spending this kind of time with your family is truly a gift from God! To see photos From weeks 1 & 2 click here

<http://www.capemaymarianists.org/2006SFWPhotoHome.htm>



Special Marianist Spirituality Weekend – September 8-10

This retreat, sponsored by the Marianist Associates, is to open to adults to wish to further explore Marianist Spirituality. Brother Michael O'Grady, a Marianist Brother, will lead the retreat. Brother Mike is a dynamic and very "down to earth" presenter who will both inform and challenge, not to mention that he is one of the most genuine and funniest Brothers in the Society. If you have any questions regarding the retreat's content or format please email us here or call the office and we will put you in touch with one of the Associates that is helping to form the retreat. The cost is \$110 per person.

Autumn 2006 Retreats & Critical Dates

For an application: www.capemaymarianists.org/Applicationmenu.htm

Special Marianist Spirituality Weekend – September 8-10 (open)

Celebration of Marriage – September 15-17 (open)

Homeschooler Family Retreat – September 18-21 (open)

Dreams's Workshop – October 3-5 (open – mid-week)

Women's Spirituality Retreat – October 13-15 – Earliest postmark date is July 17

Autumn Teen Retreat – October 20-22 – Earliest postmark date is July 17

Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers

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On Marriage...

How much independence is good in a marriage? Certainly husband and wife need to be able to stand on their own two feet and not rely on their spouse for identity and self worth, BUT **interdependence** is better. What do you depend on your spouse to do around your home? When was the last time YOU were dependable?

On Parenting...

We offer plenty of unsolicited advice to our kids as they're growing up - and to our surprise, sometimes they even take it! Once they're grown though, it can be hard to hold our tongues. Try these three things: 1. Don't offer advice unless you're asked. 2. Don't be critical of decisions made by your children or their spouses. 3. If they do ask your opinion, say, "Here's how I'd do it..." rather than, "Here's what you should do." (*Family Minute by Mark Merrill*)

Blessings to All!

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