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ST. DOMITILLA PARISH & SCHOOL

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2012

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Sunday Masses: 4:00PM (Saturday Anticipated)-7:30AM; 9:30AM; 11:30AM
Daily Liturgies: 7:00 AM Monday thru Friday; **Saturdays:** 8:30 AM;
Holy Days: Anticipated Liturgy 6:30 PM; **Holy Day:** 7:00 AM; 9:00 AM
Confessions: Saturdays 3:15PM—3:45PM

Parishioners: When moving, please notify the rectory. New parishioners please register with the rectory.

Please turn off cell phones and pagers before entering the Church for Mass.

Your Will: Remember the Church in your bequest



New Health and Human Services Directives and Christian Moral Principles Part I: The History of the Issue

The universal healthcare legislation signed into law on March 23, 2010 under the formal name, "**The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act**" was designed to provide affordable health care for the citizens of the United States. On January 20, 2012, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius announced a proposed mandate requiring all insurance plans to pay for contraception, sterilization and abortion drugs. Everyone would have one year to comply and those who do not comply with the new directive will be fined, the amount predicted to be in the millions of dollars.

The mandate has been reported in many of the major news outlets and continues to make the headlines. It is imperative that every Catholic have a "working" knowledge of the present controversy because it directly impacts our ability to freely practice our faith and live it. Never before in the history of our country has such a potential attack on religious freedom been more evident. For this reason, a series of columns will be devoted to informing you about the potentially harmful effects of the new law upon the Church and individual conscience. Just recently, the Administration has retreated from their original position by suggesting insurers pay for contraception coverage and not religious institutions. However, the complicated issue needs further analysis and all the facts presented before a sound judgment can be made whether or not the new proposal respects the right of conscience and the dignity of the human person.

The History of the Issue

On January 20, 2012, the Department of Health and Human Services of the United States Government mandated that all institutions and businesses who offer employees health insurance must include contraception, "morning after drugs" and sterilization as part of an employee's health plan. In simple terms, those institutions are required to pay an employee's portion which includes the Church as an employer and the employee himself to pay for services the Administration calls "reproductive health" and which the Church deems are immoral practices. The Department of Health and Human Services was quick to point out that religious institutions would be exempt from complying with the mandate.

However, the exemption the Department of Health and Human Services was offering was a very narrow exemption which included only individuals who work specifically for a church or parish and who at the same time share the same faith of those institutions. In other words, in order to be exempt, the Church must prove to the government the persons they hire or current employees are of the same faith and working specifically for the values a parish or place of worship espouse. The problem with the exemption is the mission of the church extends beyond the local parish to include services for

the common good and for society in general, which includes but not limited to serving the poor, medical care and education. Under the mandate, those agencies would not be included in the exemption. It includes Catholic Hospitals, Catholic Universities, Catholic Schools, charitable institutions like Catholic Charities or any other organization which helps or provides a service to society supported and run by the Catholic Church.

For those hospitals, universities and agencies not exempt, what the mandate (as indicated, the agreement reached still needs to be studied) would force them to do is pay to support what the Church holds are against her teaching as revealed to us by Jesus Christ. Those women who want contraception, sterilization or the morning after pill would not be required to pay for those prescriptions and services out of their own funds; rather, everyone who pays into the system would fund those services. In other words, any women who chose to get contraception would receive it free of charge, without a co-pay or deductible of any kind. Any person or institution that views such services as against their beliefs has to support the plan whether they like it or not. Hence, the Church rightly claims the policy is an attack on the "right of conscience" which means the freedom not to engage in activities in opposition to one's conscience. Practically speaking, under the law a person will be forced to participate in an evil act even if his/her own conscience is telling them it is wrong.

The issue at hand and outlined above, would be tantamount to cooperation in the evil act itself. By point of illustration: everyone knows it is wrong to steal money that is not theirs. Let's say, someone wants to rob a bank. He believes the only way he can do this is with an accomplice who sits and waits in the getaway car while the other accomplice goes into the bank to steal the money. The person sitting in the car is not actually robbing the bank per se, but is a "cooperator" in the evil act of stealing money from the bank. Rightly, the driver of the getaway car is equally guilty of the crime. But what if the person in car the does not want to participate in the heist, but has to because a law said he has to? In this example, the law is demanding the driver of the car be a willing participant to an activity he knows in his heart and conscience is wrong. The law therefore, is unjust because the law is taking away the basic God-given freedom of the driver to say "no" to an activity he/she knows is wrong. Such is the case with the mandate that would require the Church or individual believers to participate in activities they believe are immoral by forcing them to pay for pharmaceuticals and procedures which go against their belief made known by their conscience.

As stated previously, the Administration has come up with a new plan which is being analyzed now to see if it protects the right of conscience and religious freedom granted by the First Amendment and supports the dignity of the human person. Next week will be devoted to any changes and the explanation of a person's right of conscience and religious freedom.

Fr. Tim Fiala

Saturday, February 18, 2012
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM-Bill Morrison, Sr.
-Marie Lawrence

Sunday, February 19, 2012
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM-Florio Rizzi
9:30 AM-Dorothy Solarz
11:30 AM-St. Domitilla Parishioners

Monday, February 20, 2012
7:00 AM-John Fleming, Sr.,
-Thomas Carvalho

Tuesday, February 21, 2012
St. Peter Damian
7:00 AM-Leona Fiala

Wednesday, February 22, 2012
ASH WEDNESDAY
7:00 AM-Men & Women in the Armed Forces Paluch Co., Inc.
9:00 AM-Cathrine Ytsen Barone
4:00 PM-Carl Boyko, Jr.
7:00 PM-Gerald Hoeltzer

Thursday, February 23, 2012
St. Polycarp
7:00 AM-Angeline Klepek

Friday, February 24, 2012
7:00 AM-Purgatorial Society
6:30 PM-Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM-Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday, February 25, 2012
8:30 AM-Fr. Paul Cullen, OSM
Ant, Mass-First Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM-Catherine Butvich
-Kymberlee Price

Sunday, February 26, 2012
First Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM-Joseph & Helen Cesario
9:30 AM-Joseph Vojtech
11:30 AM-Audrey Cinel

Please keep in your prayers our recently deceased parishioners, family members and friends, especially:
Dorothy Solarz, Rev. Paul Cullen, OSM.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

On Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent every Catholic from 14 years old to 65 is required to **abstain** from eating meat or any meat products. It is also recommended that children under 14 refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays to help them learn and become familiar with the penitential practices of the Church.

The law of **fasting** requires that Catholics from 18-60 years old reduce the amount of food eaten. The church defines this as one meal a day, and two small meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The fast is broken by eating between meals and by drinks which could be considered food.

Those who are excused from fast or abstinence are those who are beyond the age limit, the frail, sick or pregnant who are in need of such nourishment.



**INSTALLATION OF NEW
ALTAR SERVERS**

Next Sunday, **February 26, 2012**, our new altar servers, having completed their training, will be commissioned at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

We are grateful for their commitment to their first parish ministry and to their parents for their support.

WEEKLY OFFERING
Sunday, February 12, 2012

Sunday Collection	\$6,394.15
This week last year	\$6,981.68
Sunday Collection:	
Year-to-date this year	\$231,334.33
Year-to-date last year	\$236,641.22
Year-to-date Budget this year	\$247,500.00
Number of envelopes this year	333
Number of envelopes last year	382
Maintenance Collection (170 env.)	\$2,035.66

LENTEN LITURGY SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY
Distribution of Ashes during Mass only
Masses: 7:00 & 9:00 AM
4:00 & 7:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays: 6:30 PM
Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows-7:00 PM

LENTEN VESPERS & BENEDICTION
Wednesdays: 7:00 PM

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES
Tuesday, March 27th-7:00 PM
Monday, April 2nd-7:00 PM

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Marilyn Zaccardi	Joseph Zailskas
Andrea Mandarino	Fred Mayer
Angelo Marotto	Lauren Reynolds
Dorothy Rose Wilson	Betti Stocker
Christine Cassidy	Teresa Leone
Thomas Sanchez, Jr.	Jimmy Scully
Jimmy Hoyne	Donald Wilson
Marianne Landmesser	Alyssa Mandarin

Marianne Ondris	Mary Ann Sutton
Nancy Thornton	Bob Check
Curt White	Marie Laverne Ruzich
Tony Lombardo	James Turner
Joan Babiarz	Patricia Principe
Tami Principe	Martin Krueger
Hope Polina	Nicole Moskau
Elizabeth Wenz	

Please keep us informed as to the progress of those on our prayer list. **The names will remain on the list for one month and can be added again if there is a recurrence.** Call the rectory if you or a family member would like to be added to our prayer list, be visited and receive communion, or be anointed. The rectory #708-449-8430

SCHOOL NEWS

During the season of Lent the preschoolers and kindergartners will be focusing on prayer and almsgiving. In addition to their daily Religion lesson they will be learning about children in other lands. A special program, *Journey with Jesus*, will introduce them to children around the world through books, songs, and activities. They will learn about Baptism and discover ways to love like Jesus did. They will hear that God calls them to be missionaries. Pope John Paul II in his Mission Sunday message tells us that children can become missionaries of their peers and of others. With their simple honesty and their generosity, they can attract their small friends to the faith and create in adults the longing for a faith that is more impassioned and joyous. The program will conclude with a celebration of everyone being part of God's family.

Through *Operation Rice Bowl* we will be able to put our faith into action by donating monies to Catholic Relief Services. Each family was given a Lenten calendar with stories to share and family activities for each day of Lent.

The children will witness the burning of palms on Tuesday and join our parishioners at the 9:00 Mass on Ash Wednesday.



ST. DOMITILLA MUSIC MINISTRY

ADULT CHOIR: The Adult Choir voices were enhanced last weekend by the lasting effects of the "Chocolate Basket Choir Party". A *great*, high calorie time was had by all! (Many thanks to Chris & Al Cassidy, and Dave Fabbri for their stellar and delightful "behind the scenes" assistance!)

Next week the Adult Choir will be singing at the **7p.m. Ash Wednesday** liturgy. The Wednesday night choir rehearsal will begin after the conclusion of Mass (approx. 8 p.m. instead of the usual 7:30 p.m. start time.) Please see our director, Deborah for more details.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: The next Children's Choir performance will be **Sunday, February 26th** at the **9:30a.m. Family Mass**. The children are practicing hard this month to convey music about Noah and the Ark. We look forward to their joyful, uplifting sounds!



As always, if you know of children who are interested in participating in the Children's Choir please have them come to the **next rehearsal in the school's Teen Room (Thursdays at 4p.m.)**, or see Miss Deb after any Mass for more details.

THE MAGNIFICAT LENTEN COMPANION

On Ash Wednesday, the parish will once again have available copies of the Magnificat Lenten Companion. The Lenten companion includes a short reflection from the readings of each day along with other prayers and commentaries. Each family is invited to take one book for their family and read the short reflections daily. The books are yours to keep and are free to you. The parish picks up the cost of the publication, and if you choose to help defray the expense of the booklet, please feel free to throw a couple of bucks into the offering basket. It is not mandatory for you to pay for the Lenten Companion.

New this year you will find a **key tag** for your key ring with A Lenten Prayer on it. Feel free to take one and add it to your key ring.

RICE BOWL



OPERATION RICE BOWL

As in years past, the faithful have a chance to participate in the annual Rice Bowl campaign sponsored by Catholic Relief Services. Each Lent, nearly 24,000 faith communities across the United States participate to demonstrate solidarity with the poor around the world. Seventy-five percent of Operation Rice Bowl donations come to CRS to help fund development programs designed to increase food security around the world. Twenty-five percent of the donations support hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in dioceses within the United States (http://orb.crs.org/about). Boxes for the collection of your change and bills are available on the tables at the rear of the Church.

Decorative border of stars surrounding the text: NAZARETH ACADEMY FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL "A" HONORS-Brian Salcedo, Anthony Tapia, Stephanie Tapia, Lauren Wajda Congratulations!!!!

Seniors

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St. Domitilla Seniors meet the last Tuesday of each month at 1:00 PM in the South Hall. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 28th. All seniors of the parish are invited to join.

Membership dues of \$15.00 for 2012 are now due and can be paid at the meeting. They can also be paid at the rectory office or placed in the Sunday offertory basket. Make checks payable to St. Domitilla Seniors and mark the envelope Attn: Shirley McLaughlin. Be sure and enclose a paper with your name, address, phone number and date of birth. Only new members need to fill out a membership form which you can pick up at the meeting or the rectory office.

SENIOR CLUB ACTIVITIES

Feb. 21-Horseshoe Casino, Hammond-Cost per person \$11.00 includes Buffet Lunch and DeLuxe Motor Coach transportation-Departure from South Parking lot at 9:15 a.m. Board bus for return trip at 3:30 p.m.

March 26-Meskwaki Hotel & Casino, Tama, Iowa-Two days, One Night. Cost per person double occupancy is \$90/\$65 Cash Back. Depart Monday March 26 and return Tuesday March 27. Deposit of \$50 per person due with reservation. Final payment due March 15th. Make checks payable to St. Domitilla Seniors. Reservation forms available in rectory office. For more information call Josephine at 847-885-3143.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The readings today talk about the healing power of God. God heals the same today as he did in Old and New Testament times. Allow God to work and move in your marriage relationship; attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and let God strengthen, renew and rekindle your relationship. Take some well deserved time for just the two of you to deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends for the Chicago/Northwest Indiana area on March 30-April 1, 2012, June 8-10, 2012 or September 7-9, 2012. Early registration is highly recommended.

For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 1-800-442-3554 or contact us through www.wvmechicago.org. For a Weekend en Espanol (Other dates), contact Oscar & Luz at 847-675-2119 or Aurelio & Letitia 773-284-5308.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Last weekend was the opening pledge weekend for the 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal. This weekend you will have the opportunity to complete your pledge card if you have not already done so. As you

can see by the envelope, your pledge donation can be spread over five monthly payments or you can make a one time donation.

The monies collected through the Catholic Appeal help to fund many diocesan programs that aid other parish ministries and schools such as: resources for religious education in disadvantaged communities; grants for Catholic schools (which St. Domitilla has benefited from) education and formation for lay ministers and deacons; continuing education and spiritual formation for priests; Catholic Relief Services; Special Religious Education (SPRED) in over 100 parishes; capital grants to parish and schools; and the Office of Respect Life supporting the dignity of life from conception until natural death.

Our parish goal is based on the previous year's regular offertory amount. This year our pledge goal is \$25,964. If we reach and surpass our goal, 100% of the excess will be returned to our parish for our own use.

JOIN US!

For an urgent 54-day *Rosary Across America* Novena Intention: "That wisdom and justice prevail with respect to the HHS mandate and that all persons of good will can follow their conscience."

Live! 7:30 a (CST) - Rebroadcasts @ 8p and 10:30p (CST). Chicago **950 AM**, NW Indiana **1270 AM**
(Listen online at www.relevantradio.com)

REFURNISHING THE CONVENT

For those who were not here last weekend, below is a listing of the items needed to refurnish our convent.

- Couches
- Living room chairs or recliners
- End Tables
- Tables & chairs
- Lamps, pole & table type
- Coffee Tables
- Pots & pans, coffee pots, toasters
- Plates, cups, glasses
- Flatware
- Kitchen utensils, manual & electric
- Beds, with mattress or just the frames
- Bed linens, blankets and pillows
- Chest of drawers/book shelves
- Towels, kitchen & bath

We will make arrangements to pick up the heavier items and ask if you would bring the smaller ones to the rectory. Call Marge at 708-449-8430 ext. 10 to make arrangements for pick-up or drop-off.

You can bring your items to church on the weekend as the ushers will have the opener for the convent garage door.

The St. Domitilla Chapter of the St. Joseph Sodality will be hosting our

24th Annual St. Joseph Table

Saturday, March 17th
after 4:00 p.m. Mass-Serving until 8:00 p.m.

and

Sunday, March 18th
after 9:30 a.m. Mass -Serving until 2:00 p.m.

Donations and Baked Goods Welcomed.
Please contact Regina LaRosa-Durante at 708-692-3344 for additional information.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism:

Celebrated on the First and Third Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Parents are expected to register for the baptism in the rectory and attend the Baptismal Preparation class. Families must be registered as parishioners at least four months before baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage:

All wedding arrangements must be made at least eight months in advance. All couples are to participate in a marriage preparation program. Couples must be registered at least six months before the wedding.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays from 3:15-3:45 p.m.

DEVOTIONS

The Rosary:

The Rosary is prayed daily Monday through Friday after the 7:00 a.m. liturgy and after the 8:30 a.m. liturgy on Saturday.

Sorrowful Mother Novena:

Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

St. Peregrine Devotions:

Second Saturday of every month after the 8:30 a.m. Liturgy.

Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of each month 7:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. September through May.

REQUEST FOR TAX STATEMENT OF DONATIONS

If you wish a statement of your donations, please complete below and place in the offertory collection as soon as possible. Please check the box below. You can pick up your letter in the rectory office during the week or after 7:30 & 9:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday. Help save postage by picking up your letter if possible.

Will pick up letter Please mail letter

Name _____ Env. # _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR

To love the world is no big chore. It's that miserable person next door who is the problem.

__Anonymous

Ministry Schedule for Saturday & Sunday, February 25th & 26th

Mass Time	Lector	Ushers	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
4:00 PM	Al Cassidy	Jim Robbs Frank Fabbri Tim Foley Chester Orlik	Cairns, Mason Cairns, Madison Hawkins, Daniel	T. Fabbri N. Visco M. Dillon B. Wizer F. Wittlinger
7:30 AM	Scott Griffin	Marty Hughes Jim Lussier Mike Kieliszewski Ernie Kopecky Bruce Raia Ted Quednau	Carmichael, Brian Hesslau, William	L. Kieliszewski L. Macalalag W. Minick P. Mulcahy M. Quednau
9:30 AM	Lil Almeroth	Dave Delgado Larry Kreft Ken Patete Jesse Harvey Tom Geske	Salcedo, Brian Wajda, Lauren (installation of new servers)	T. Noti F. Parks T. Carroll F. Sabatino B. Almeroth
11:30 AM	Cary Watt	Scott McFalls Ron McFalls Clarence Farmer Tom Peteska George England Rick Iaccino Paul Stenson	Minor, Rashea Tapia, Stephanie	S. Wilson J. Sanchez N. Panes N. Thermos V. Murphy 7:00 AM-2/20-2/24 Luz, Peggy Roberta
1:00 PM				C. Bavone