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Pastoral Bulletin

Blessings!

Thank you for supporting and promoting the events included in this bulletin. Click on [guidelines](#) to learn how you can take advantage of this communication tool.

*"Jesus said to them, 'Come after me,
and I will make you fishers of men.'
Then they abandoned their nets and followed him."
~ Mk 1:17*

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR PARISH BULLETINS

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From the Office of the Chancellor - Special Collections

Our Diocesan Directives for many years have included this provision:

"No priest of the Diocese or visiting missionary is to take up any collection personally during a liturgical celebration. No special collection by visiting priests, sisters, brothers, or representatives of Catholic projects may be taken up without a letter of approval by the Bishop. Similarly, the pulpit is not to be used for any appeal for support, financial or otherwise, for any other project aside from a local parish project without the approval of the Bishop."

Consequently, pastors should negotiate in advance a set stipend with anyone preaching a parish mission. Any collection or "freewill offering" during a parish mission goes to the parish.

Thanks for your assistance with this matter. Please call Joan G. Morgan, Chancellor, if you have any questions.

Prayers of the Faithful

As you may know, the State of Florida executed another Death Row prisoner last week.

Please share the Prayers of the Faithful included on this [link](#) with the person that prepares your prayers for daily and weekend Masses. It is important that we pray for those who have died and for an end to the use of the death penalty in our state.

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Catholic Days at the Capitol, March 3-5, 2015

Make the trip. Make a difference! Catholics from the Diocese of St. Petersburg are invited to join others from around the state for our annual lobbying days known as Catholic Days at the Capitol. Schedule includes a legislative briefing, meetings with elected officials, luncheon, and the Red Mass of the Holy Spirit. View schedule and registration form at life.dosp.org (under Upcoming Events). Group transportation is available. Contact Sabrina Burton, Life Ministry Director, 727-344-1611, ext. 5325; sab@dosp.org.

"To the ends of the Earth"

Ministry of Mercy Morning of Reflection and Meal Packing Event
Espiritu Santo Parish in Safety Harbor; Saturday, February 7th. Morning of reflection on global hunger, simple lunch and a hands-on meal packaging event. Meals will be shipped to Burkina Faso, one of the poorest countries in the world. Speakers from the Diocese and Catholic Relief Services. This is a great event for older youth and adults. Visit life.dosp.org or contact Life Ministry: 727-344-1611; sab@dosp.org.

2015 Don Bosco Festival - Bicentenary Celebration

Come Celebrate Don Bosco's 200th Birthday at Mary Help of Christians January 24th and 25th. The event runs Saturday from 10am-10pm and Sunday 10am-4pm. There will be a free throw contest, flea market, craft fair, pony rides, games, international food festival, entertainment, softball games, and more. Solemn Sunday Mass in honor of Don Bosco is at 11am. Questions? 813-626-6191 or visit www.mhctampa.org. Mary Help of Christians 6400 E. Chelsea St. Tampa, FL 33610.

For the Faithful Departed

-- **Reverend Jude Duffy, O.F.M. Cap.**, former pastor of Most Holy Redeemer Parish, Tampa.

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Well done good and faithful servant.

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