

# The Good News

September 2010

## *Social Justice Ministry Fall Presentation End-of-Life Concerns*

*Have you been wondering what to do to assist an aging parent or relative? What plans have you made for the later years of your own life? What type of insurance would be beneficial for you and your spouse? While these are topics that no one wants to contemplate, these decisions are much more difficult under unexpected and immediate circumstances.*

The Social Justice Ministry of St. Margaret Mary Parish is sponsoring an End-of-Life Concerns Panel Discussion on October 5, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Church Hall. A variety of speakers will address important issues.

- Doug DeNardo, Attorney from Rothman Gordan
- James Huntsman of Huntsman Funeral Home
- Amy Armanious from Forbes Hospice
- Father Andrew from St. Margaret Mary

Each presenter will speak for approximately 10 minutes, and time for questions will be held after all presenters have spoken. A folder of pamphlets will be available for all participants, and a question box will also be available for any questions that are not addressed in the allotted time. Please consider coming to this worthwhile discussion. Timely planning of these life decisions will benefit all concerned.

## **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) Calling All Parents**

The fall CCD program will soon begin at St. Margaret Mary. Congratulations to all of the parents who enroll their children and send them each week to be educated in the Catholic Religion and prepared to receive the sacraments. While participation in the CCD program is a step in the right direction in the education of our children, it is only a first step. The one-hour, once-a-week class is only a tool to assist the parent in the religious education of their child. The bulk and majority of our children's education begins and ends in the home. Parental participation in the CCD program is vital to its success and can be accomplished in so many ways.

- ❖ Parents are encouraged to read over the lesson of the week to be able to discuss what the child has learned.
- ❖ Parents can discuss the lesson and its application to their own day to day lives, and those of their children.
- ❖ Parents should attend parent programs for sacramental preparation and are encouraged to attend the program on Catholic Vision of Love (program in human sexuality).
- ❖ Parents should stress the importance of the CCD program and make it a priority in their child's busy schedules. Please do not miss CCD unless it is absolutely necessary!
- ❖ Pray, Pray, Pray! Family prayer is a powerful way to enhance the spiritual closeness of the family and imprint the importance of our faith.

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