

**NOCERCC REGION V REPORT ON CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES
2007
Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky**

CONVOCATION:

Annual Presbyteral Convocation: USCCB "Fishers of Men" Priestly Vocations Program, KenLake State Resort Park, January 8-11, 2007.

PRESBYTERAL DAY WORKSHOPS:

Spring Presbyteral Day: Tuesday, April 24, 2007– Mr. John Carr, Secretary, USCCB Dept. of Social Development and World Peace, on the topic of the principles of Catholic Social teaching as a basis for consideration of particular issues, e.g., church and labor.

September Presbyteral Day: Mr. Chuck Zech and Bishop John McRaith: Plain Talk about Catholic Stewardship; CPC, Thursday, September 27, 2007.

November Presbyteral Day: November 20, 2007; CPC; Mr. Ed Monohan, Director, The Catholic Conference of Kentucky, presentation of the annual grass roots Catholic lobbying during the Kentucky General Assembly: Catholics @ the Capital.

DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETREAT

October 22-26, 2007, Rev. Noah Casey, OSB, Lake Barkley State Resort Park. The retreat is scheduled at Lake Barkley in order to accommodate the entire presbyterate this year. At the banquet on Thursday evening the presbyterate honored Bishop John McRaith regarding his 25th anniversary as Bishop of Owensboro. We presented him a gift of \$10,000 from us.

PRIESTS' SOCIAL GATHERING:

September 11, 2007; gathering of priests at Pennyriple State Park, 1:00pm on, with evening prayer and supper at the lodge.

CONTINUING EFFORTS & LONG RANGE PLANNING:

January 7-10, 2008: Convocation at Lake Barkley State Park with double program: The Sister Diocese Relationship of Owensboro & Mandeville with Presbyteral Input; Sr. Kathryn Pierce, IHM, on International Priests in America.

February 21, 2008: Lenten Day of Prayer for Priests with Fr. Dennis Robinson, OSB, possibly at Gasper River (see above).

April 10, 2008: Presbyteral Day on the Health & Wellness of Priests, CPC, 10:30am-4:30pm (in planning).

September 19-20, 2008: Presbyteral Day (Friday, September 19, 10:30am-4:30pm) with Mr. Christopher West, on Pope John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*, CPC; followed by Mr. West's presentation Friday evening and Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm conferences for the public at Brescia University.

October 27-31, 2008: Priests Retreat with Woodstock Theological Center lectionary based retreat led by Fr. Ray Kemp and Sr. Nancy Sheridan, SASV.

November 20, 2008: Presbyteral Day: Review of Charter and Norms & Diocesan Policies with regard to priests and practical applications, 10:30am-4:30pm, CPC.

January 12-15, 2009: Convocation with Fr. George Aschenbrenner

CHARTER & NORMS COMPLIANCE REPORT:

NOCERCC reports for 2005 and 2006 were submitted, as well as minutes from the Ongoing Formation for Priests Committee which report our Charter compliance activities. In the last twelve months we have co-sponsored the symposium with Dr. Janet Smith and Fr. Larry Hostetter, STD, on *Humanae Vitae* and Pope John Paul II's *Theology of the Body* (October 28, 2006). We also hosted Archbishop Harry Flynn, for a Presbyteral Day on the topic of bishops and priests interrelationships regarding the implementation of the Charter and Norms (November 21, 2006). In current scheduled plans we are hosting Mr. Christopher West for a Presbyteral Day for a presentation on the *Theology of the Body* with special focus on priestly celibacy and ministry (September 19, 2008). This will be followed by our co-sponsoring his presentations to the general public (Friday, September 19-Saturday, September 20, 2008). We are currently discussing with the Mrs. Molly Thompson, Coordinator of the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment a Presbyteral Day specifically focused on the status of our implementation of the Charter and Norms in the diocese and as priests and pastors for Thursday, November 20, 2008. This describes our current, ongoing programming for the human formation of priests in chastity and celibacy as required by article 17 of the Charter.