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Vision Newsletter

Lent 2011



Dear Parishioners...

Once again our Lenten journey is about to begin. We are blessed to be able to begin this penitential season with Archbishop John Nienstedt. Yes, our good shepherd will join us Ash Wednesday for our evening liturgy and Soup Supper. What a blessing! This will be the Archbishop's first visit to our parish. I hope that everyone will make an extra effort to gather with the head of our Archdiocesan Church. This is an opportunity to share our "MHT spirit" with the Archbishop as well as to open our hearts and minds to his loving presence. Let's fill our church to the rafters! Join us!

This Vision Newsletter has a twofold focus:

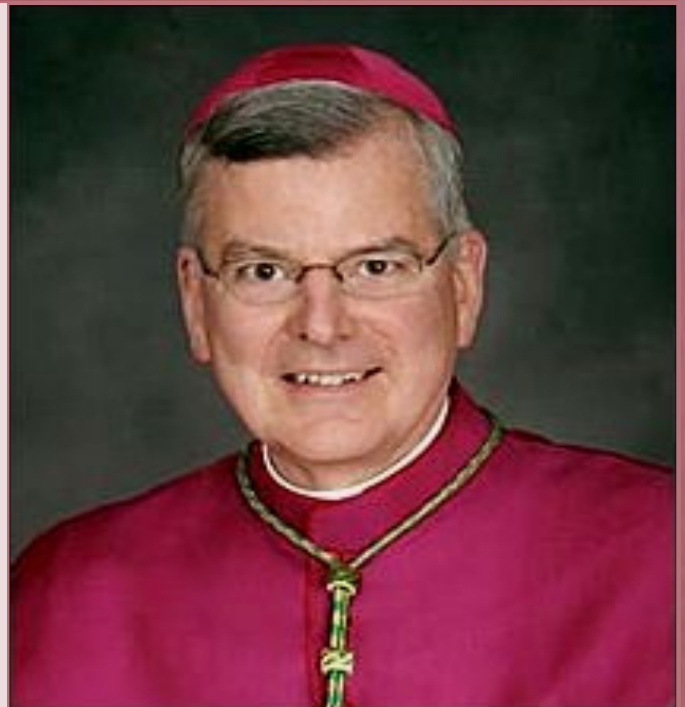
- 1) to outline the many Lenten opportunities available within our parish (see the Table of Contents on page 2); and,
- 2) to provide an update on the work of the Transition Leadership Coordinating Committee for the merger of our parish with Our Lady of Grace Church in Edina.

Yes, everyone is concerned about the merger. The official date, January 2012, seems like a long way off; and yet, with the great many details to work through, this time will pass quickly. Know that we have wise and committed parishioners representing us on the TLCC. Let us keep them in our prayers as we move forward in the next step of MHT 's history.

In the meantime, we have the task of "celebrating" this last year of our 68 years of independent existence. Therefore, let us focus at the task at hand; namely, what will this Lent be for us? How will we embrace the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving? Yes, this is a wonderful time for us to take a "pulse check" of our faith to see if there are areas in our personal and communal faith journey that need a little improvement. I pray that everyone will have the wisdom and humility to acknowledge the work that we need to do. Will you allow MHT to help you?

Lenten blessings,

Fr. Brian Fier



Welcome Archbishop Nienstedt

Archbishop John Clayton Nienstedt was born March 18, 1947, in Detroit, Michigan. He is the son of the late John and Elizabeth Nienstedt of Harrison Township and the second oldest in a family of six children. He has two brothers and three sisters. Archbishop Nienstedt was ordained to the priesthood on July 27, 1974, at Sacred Heart Church, Dearborn, Michigan, following studies at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, and the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome.

Archbishop Nienstedt holds a Bachelor of Arts from Sacred Heart Major Seminary; a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University; and a Licentiate and Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Institute of Saint Alphonsus, Rome.

On April 24, 2007, Pope Benedict XVI named Archbishop Nienstedt the Coadjutor Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of New Ulm. He served in this latter position until December 13, 2007. On May 2, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI appointed him Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.