



**USCCB Responds to Inaccurate Statement of Fact on
HHS Mandate Made During Vice Presidential Debate**

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued the following statement, October 12. Full text follows:

Last night, the following statement was made during the Vice Presidential debate regarding the decision of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to force virtually all employers to include sterilization and contraception, including drugs that may cause abortion, in the health insurance coverage they provide their employees:

“With regard to the assault on the Catholic Church, let me make it absolutely clear. No religious institution—Catholic or otherwise, including Catholic social services, Georgetown hospital, Mercy hospital, any hospital—none has to either refer contraception, none has to pay for contraception, none has to be a vehicle to get contraception in any insurance policy they provide. That is a fact. That is a fact.”

This is not a fact. The HHS mandate contains a narrow, four-part exemption for certain “religious employers.” That exemption was made final in February and does not extend to “Catholic social services, Georgetown hospital, Mercy hospital, any hospital,” or any other religious charity that offers its services to all, regardless of the faith of those served.

HHS has proposed an additional “accommodation” for religious organizations like these, which HHS itself describes as “non-exempt.” That proposal does not even potentially relieve these organizations from the obligation “to pay for contraception” and “to be a vehicle to get contraception.” They will have to serve as a vehicle, because they will still be forced to provide their employees with health coverage, and that coverage will still have to include sterilization, contraception, and abortifacients. They will have to pay for these things, because the premiums that the organizations (and their employees) are required to pay will still be applied, along with other funds, to cover the cost of these drugs and surgeries.

USCCB continues to urge HHS, in the strongest possible terms, actually to eliminate the various infringements on religious freedom imposed by the mandate.

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator,
from your provident hand we have received
our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
You have called us as your people and given us
the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God,
and your Son, Jesus Christ.
Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,
you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world,
bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel
to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us
in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.
Give us the strength of mind and heart
to readily defend our freedoms when they are
threatened;
give us courage in making our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,
a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters
gathered in your Church
in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,
so that, with every trial withstood
and every danger overcome—
for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,
and all who come after us—
this great land will always be “one nation, under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Welcome Home Are you or someone you know questioning or struggling to accept some aspect of Church teachings, feeling unable to participate in the Church, or that the Catholic faith is irrelevant? *Welcome Home* is an opportunity for Catholics to find answers and support in a respectful, welcoming setting. The group will meet twice a month on Sunday evenings. Each session will include a brief talk, small group discussions, and opportunities for private individual meetings. We are all on a journey to our true home, and we need each other. Please come, and invite any Catholic who is questioning or away from the Church to find the answers for which they are looking. **Meetings will be held on October 21**, November 4 & 18, and December 2 & 16. The meetings will start at 7pm and will be in the St. John Room in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Deacon Dave Maurer or Carolyn Smith at [703-273-5369](tel:703-273-5369).



—Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of the faithful departed, especially: Dr. Edward Gallagher, husband of Mary Gallagher; Nicholas Urick, brother-in-law of Jane Hamilton; Virginia Ann Walton, parishioner; Grant Scott, parishioner; Kermit Allen, uncle of Melissa Land.

—We ask you to remember those in need of our daily prayers, especially: Ju Nguyen.

Liturgy of the Word



Monday	Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday	Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday	Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday	Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53
Friday	Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday	Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday	Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52



Saint Leo Annual Forty Hours Devotion

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church will celebrate the Feast of Saint Leo with the Forty Hours Devotion beginning on Thursday, November 8th and continuing through Saturday, November 10th. Father John Trigilio will lead the Forty Hours Devotion this year. Please watch the bulletin and the St. Leo website for the complete schedule.

Interested in becoming an altar server?

If you are in 5th grade or above in our CCD program or attend St. Leo the Great Catholic School, you may consider becoming an altar server. The following dates have been chosen for altar server training:



October 13, 2012	10 am – 12 pm
October 20, 2012	10 am – 12 pm
October 27, 2012	10 am – 12 pm
November 10, 2012	9:45 am – 11 am

Your child must attend any two of these sessions to become qualified to serve. If you have any questions or are interested, please call 703-273-5369 and leave a message for Fr. Ramon Baez.

COME JOIN US! Are you interested in teaching for the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Arlington? There are 44 schools within the Diocese offering instructional programs for all ages from pre-school through high school. Please come to one of the Information Programs to learn more about the opportunities & advantages of teaching in our Catholic Schools. No registration required.

All Saints School- Thursday, Nov. 15 (9294 Stonewall Rd., Manassas) 1—3:00 pm: 703-368-4400

St. Thomas More Cathedral School- Thursday, Nov.15, (105 North Thomas St., Arlington) 7—9pm: 703-528-1547

St. Francis of Assisi School- Friday, Nov. 16 (18825 Fuller Heights Rd., Triangle) 1—3pm

Give Blood...



Give Life.

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE November 4th

Saint Leo's Blood Drive will be held Sunday, November 4th in Providence Hall, 8am-1pm. The Knights of Columbus will provide a light breakfast for donors. Please call John or Pat Brophy, 703-425-7169 to sign up & donate.

MASS INTENTIONS

October 22 through October 28

Mon.:	6:15	Alyssa Ratay
	9:00	Maria Hernandez (anniv.)
Tues.:	6:15	Sandra Arnesen
	9:00	Charles and Mary Seed
Wed.:	6:15	James V. Pickering, Sr.
	9:00	Mary A. Hurley
Thurs.:	6:15	Vinicio Vannicola
	9:00	Special Intention
Fri.:	6:15	Helen Hammonds
	9:00	Mary R. Rodriguez (anniv.)
Sat.	9:00	Samuel Jones
	5:00	Special Intention
Sun.:	7:30	Virginia Boschi
	9:00	Virginia Boschi
	11:00	Dale Gunn
	1:00	Nestor Valera
	5:00	For the Parish

In addition to the regular schedule of Masses, Mass has been offered for the following intentions: Dick Van Nevel, Nancy Testerman, Gertrude Botts, Cheri Cusumano.

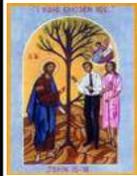


BAPTISM CLASS IS MANDATORY

at Saint Leo. The next class is Tuesday, November 13th at 7:30 pm in the St. Mark room. Please call the rectory office (703-273-5369) to register.

*Low Gluten Hosts are available for those who need them.
Please inform the sacristan before Mass begins.*

The second collection this weekend is for World Mission Sunday. Please be generous.



A VOCATION VIEW

“Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” Should the Lord direct these words to you in prayer, how will you respond? As a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Bashista: 703-841-2514, or write him: b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org.



Get a head start on your Christmas shopping!! **Saint Leo the Great School Fall Book Fair** is in the school library **Sunday Oct. 21 (10am-12:30pm) — Thursday, Oct. 25** (weekday hours 8:30-3:00). Don't need another book? Please consider donating a book fair book to the library. It's easy! Stop by the library during book fair hours and pull a "wish list" form from the library pocket! Please stop by and support the library!

Saint Leo the Great Catholic School

invites interested parents to visit the school and learn what makes us a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



 The **first Open Houses for Preschool and Kindergarten through Grade 8, for school year 2013-2014 will be held on Wednesday, November 14th from 10-11:30am** in Parish Hall. Principal's welcome will begin at 10am followed by a tour of the school. Applications will be available for pickup at the open house, and during the school day from 9am to 2pm, and on the school website: www.saintleothegreatschool.org starting Wednesday, November 14th. Please RSVP to Mrs. Cynthia Washington, Assistant Principal and Director of Admissions at 703-273-1211, ext. 645 to reserve a place.

All completed applications, with copies of supporting documents, may be sent through the mail or hand-carried to the school between the hours of 9am and 2pm. Acceptance letters for the 2013–2014 school year will be mailed once completed applications are received. Financial Aid packets are also available upon request. In the event of inclement weather, please check the website, or call the school office, 703-273-1211 for information.



Applications available: www.saintleothegreatschool.org.

PLEASE NOTE: *Saint Leo parishioners receive preferential status in Pre-School through eighth grade applications. In-parish families must be registered.*



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Faith & Food at P.J. Skidoos

Join your parish priests at P.J. Skidoos, 9908 Fairfax Boulevard Fairfax, on **November 12, at 7:00 pm**, for an evening of fellowship & lively discussion over dinner (appetizers on us!). Be sure to bring your friends! All ages are welcome! We will also meet on December 10th. To suggest topics or submit questions you would like answered, contact Carolyn: carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com or 703-273-7277.

Rite of Christian Initiation and Adult Confirmation

RCIA classes have begun. Now is the perfect time for you to prayerfully consider whether God might be calling you to join the Catholic Church or to invite someone else to do so. If you are already Catholic but would like to catch up on sacraments you may have missed along the way, or, you would just like to learn more about your Catholic Faith, you are also welcome to join us. Classes are on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00pm in the Guadalupe Room.

The Institute of Catholic Culture presents: Swords and

Serpents: A Study of Salvation History on Sundays, November 4, 11 & 18, from 6— 8pm in the Guadalupe room, Parish Hall. Talks presented by Deacon Sabatino Carnazzo.

For additional information regarding any of the above events, please contact Carolyn Smith:

carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com or 703-273-5369.

Explore the benefits of a Catholic High School

Education Paul VI Catholic High School invites 7th & 8th Graders and their families to our **Annual Open House on November 4th from 1 to 4PM**. Meet our exceptional faculty and student body and see how we can make a difference in your child's life. For additional information visit www.paulvi.net or email: ehanley@paulvi.net

Pro-Life Tailgate Party! Oct 27-28

Look for the RV parked in front of St. Leo next weekend! It's a MOBILE pro-life clinic with a mission to transport free pregnancy tests and, as a follow-up if positive, free ultrasounds to college campuses in our area. The Bishop has shared his support. St. Leo wants to share this clinic with you! Visit our Pro-Life RV and get to know our volunteers. Pray for us. One baby's life has already been saved. As we get the operation off the ground, so many more have hope. Join us for the Knights of Columbus Redskins vs. Steelers Tailgate at Providence Hall for a truly Pro-Life Tailgate Party! 1pm kickoff Oct 28. Questions? Visit: abestchoice1.org

USHERS NEEDED

There is a need for additional ushers at the following Sunday Masses: 9 AM, 11 AM, and 5 PM. If you can provide this service to the parish, please contact Al Leightley, head usher at: 703-273-2089 or e-mail him at: leightley8@verizon.net

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Religious Education News

10/30 **First Communion Parent meeting** 7pm in the Gym

Religious Education Office: 703-273-4868

4th Grade Girls CYO volunteer BASKETBALL coach needed immediately fun and rewarding. Coach must be VIRTUS certified or complete certification prior to coaching. Please contact Brian Gormley: 703-720-6734 or email: brian.gormley@capitalone.com

Fall is in the air and so is **PVI Theater's fall play, Tom Jones**. Tom Jones is a story filled with crazy characters, exciting fights, an epic chase, a blooming young romance, and an unfortunate foundling who is the most virtuous of them all. Performances: Nov. 8 at 7pm, Nov. 9 at 7:30pm, Nov. 10 at 7:30 pm, & Nov. 11 at 2pm. Tickets are \$5 for students & seniors, & \$10 for adults, and may be purchased at the door.

Free Volleyball Clinic Oct. 27 Bishop O'Connell High School is offering a free volleyball clinic for 5th—8th grade girls on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 1-4 pm in the school's main gym. Participants should wear gym clothes & gym shoes and bring knee pads if they have them. Visit: www.bishopoconnell.org/middle to register or call: 703-237-1433. Bishop O'Connell High School is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington.

Bishop Ireton High School (201 Cambridge Rd., Alexandria) is hosting an **Open House Sunday, Oct. 28, from 1-3pm**. Presentation begins at 1pm. For info, call 703-751-7606.



The **Crisis Assistance** program helps households in emergency situations by providing primary heat security deposits and funding the repair or replacement of heating equipment. The application period begins Thursday, Nov. 1, and closes Friday, March 15, 2013. The **Fuel Assistance** program helps eligible low-income households with the costs of heating their homes. The application period for the Fuel Assistance program begins Tuesday, October 9, & closes Friday, Nov. 9. Please call 703/787-3100 for an application.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? We will host an Ozanam Orientation Volunteer Training Session October 27, 9am -4:30 pm in the Guadalupe Room. All Arlington Diocesan Conferences invited. Please RSVP to 703/352-3509.



Join us for **High School Youth Night** tonight! 6-8pm in the school gym. Come immediately following the 5:00pm Mass for food, fun, faith and prizes. Open to 9th — 12th grade high school students.

EDGE: MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Friday, Oct. 26! We are taking a trip to the Pumpkin Patch, at Great Country Farms in Bluemont, VA. We will meet at St. Leo at 4:45pm & head an hour west to the pumpkin patch! We will return at 10:30pm. Cost is \$20 per teen. RSVP at: stleoyouth@gmail.com. Permission Slips on our website!

To register for high school youth group/RCIT please visit our website at www.stleoyouth.com.

Are you an adult who has a desire to do relational ministry with Middle or High School age youth? We're looking for YOU! We need adult volunteers who are willing to help with our Youth Nights this school year. Contact Erik or Melissa for more information, at stleoyouth@gmail.com

Our next **Girls CLC meeting is Monday, Oct. 22**. Each week we will break open the Gospel, enjoy cupcakes, and have AWESOME conversations as we grow deeper in our faith. Come check it out! 7:30-9:00pm, Youth Room. All Confirmed High School Girls are Invited!

Our next **Boy's CLC meeting is Wednesday Oct. 24th**. We'll start the night with an epic game of ultimate Frisbee! Join us for a night of fun & growing deeper in your faith. 7:30-9:00pm. All Confirmed High School Boys are Invited!

To learn more about CLC's (Catholic Life Communities) visit our website: stleoyouth.com.

Want to stay updated on youth events? *Visit our website for calendar & registration forms. <http://www.stleoyouth.com>

"It is love alone that gives worth to all things." -St. Teresa of Avila

Pregnant? Need Help? Gabriel Project is a Pro-Life movement offering parish- based pastoral care to women in a crisis pregnancy or expectant mothers simply in need of support. St. Leo is an active participant in this ministry with volunteer "Angels" willing & able to help. For volunteer info, email Karen Tejada: Mcnamara3@live.com or Michele Healy: healym08@gmail.com. For help call: 1-866-444-3553.

LIFE CHAIN, The National Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness to the sanctity & respect of all life. Please join Paul VI High School (10675 Fairfax Blvd, Fairfax) Sunday, Oct. 28, from 2-3:00 pm for this visual statement of solidarity, as we stand in silence along Route 50 in Fairfax in front of the school. Contact: campusministry@paulvi.net or visit: <http://lifechain.net> for more information.

Sidewalk Counseling Training Oct 27, from 2-4pm at St. Leo in the St. John Room, Parish Hall. In two hours, you'll learn the basics of how to turn the abortion-bound away from abortion. Over 800 lives saved in the DC Capital Area! For more information contact Dick Retta of Lifeguard at 301-424-4225. Attend one of the training sessions for free.

AARP Drivers Safety course offered through the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke Tuesday Nov. 13th & Wednesday Nov. 14th, 9am- 1pm at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Rd. Fairfax. The class is free to all USA veterans or relatives of veterans, and SCFB volunteer drivers. For all others the fee is \$14 (\$12 AARP members). Most auto insurance companies provide a discount, for course completion. Call Barry Wickersham to register 703 359 2918.

The Institute of Catholic Culture presents:

Dei Verbum: Keys to Understanding the Word of God
Thursday, October 25, 7:30 pm at Holy Spirit Church Hall (8800 Braddock Rd, Annandale) Presenter: Deacon Sabatino Carnazzo.

Free Admission! No Reservation Required!

For more info, visit: www.sjicc.com or call : 703-504-8733

Horarios e Información

Santas Misas:

Español: domingos a la 1:00 pm
Inglés: sábados—5 pm (Vigilia),
domingos—7:30, 9, 11:00, 5pm

Confesiones en español: Todos los viernes a las 7pm
Todos los sábados de 3:30 a 5:00pm. Los domingos desde las 12:00pm a 12:50pm.

Bautizos: Preparación- llamar a Carlos Cea: 703-836-2139 ó Padre Ramon: 703-273-5369.

RCIA Para Adultos: domingos 10:30 am—12pm Salon Juan al lado de la iglesia. Para información, llamar al Diacono Jose Lopez 703-222-7704

Matrimonio: Todo Católico que desee contraer matrimonio debe contactar la parroquia por lo menos seis meses antes del evento. Para mayor información comunicarse con el Padre Ramon al 703-273-5369.

Grupo de Jóvenes: domingos 2:30—5pm—
Información: Tomas Reyes 703- 677-2335.

Catequesis Para Niños y Jóvenes: domingos 11—12:30. Llamar a Lee Cena: 703-273-4868.

Catequesis para Niños especiales ó sordos:
domingos 11:00am—12:30pm
Información - Lee Cena: 703-273-4868.

Sacramentos para Estudiantes de Secundaria:
llamar a la Oficina de Jovenes al teléfono 703-591-6089, ó email a youth@stleos.com.

Legion de Maria: lunes 7:30—9 pm ó domingo 11 am—12:30 pm. Llamar a Padre Ramon: 703-273-5369.

Información general: llamar a Diacono Jose Lopez 703-222-7704

Fall Concert Benefits Shepherd's Center Fairfax- Burke on **Nov. 9, 8pm** at the Ernst Cultural Center, NOVA Annandale Campus (8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale). SCFB announces a new partnership with the NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra, & the Reunion Music Society, Inc. Sales of concert tickets will benefit SCFB as well as NOVA-Annandale Symphony & RMS.. The program will present music by Schubert, Torelli, Aaron Copland and Duke Ellington under the direction of Christopher Johnston. Tickets: adults \$15; seniors/teens \$10; children under 12 free. For advance ticket purchase contact Lisa Carroll, SCFB office 703-426-2824.



“¿Sos capaces de beber el Cáliz que yo he de beber, o de bautizarse con el bautismo con que yo me voy a bautizar?” Si el Señor te dirige estas palabras durante tus oraciones; ¿cómo le responderás? ¿Como sacerdote, diácono o en la vida consagrada? Llama al Padre Brian Bashista al (703) 841-2514, o escríbele a: b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org

Clases de Catequesis para Adultos: ¿Has recibido todos tus sacramentos? Si te falta el Sacramento de Comunión o Confirmación, y eres un adulto mas de 17 años, tienes que inscribirte en el curso de catequesis para adultos (RICA). EL curso te enseña todo lo que necesitas para que seas una persona preparada en la fe. El curso comienza el 16 de septiembre 2012 en el Salon de San Juan a las 10 am y continua casi todos los domingos hasta la cuaresma del proximo año. Para inscribirte, habra una mesa en la entrada de la iglesia todos los domingos hasta el 9 de septiembre. Si necesitas mas información, favor de llamar al Diacono Jose Lopez o al Padre Baez al 703-273-5369.

¿Deseas conocer tu fe? El ultimo domingo de cada més estudiamos un aspecto de catequesis de la iglesia. Estamos estudiando algunos documentos de Segundo Consejo Vaticano. Según el Santo Padre Papa Benedicto XVI, debemos de estudiar los documentos para prepararnos para el quincuagésimo aniversario (50 años) del Consejo Vaticano. La próxima charla será el 27 de octubre después de la misa de la 1:00 pm en el Salón de Nuestra Sra de la Guadalupe. Para información llame al Padre Baez o al Diacono Jose Lopez al 703-273-5369.

Grupo Divina Misericordia y Compasión ¿Conoce a alguien que se encuentre solo y enfermo? ¿Sabe de alguien que necesite de la palabra de Dios y de la compañía de miembros de su iglesia? Un grupo de personas de nuestra parroquia visita a los miembros de la comunidad que se encuentran enfermos en los hospitales ó en sus casas. Se brinda oraciones y compañía a todas aquellas personas delicadas de salud. Tambien un ministro le puede traer comunión ó puede pedir que un sacerdote le visite para recibir los sacramentos. Por favor llamen a Gilma Orozco al 571-238-6634.

Grupo de Oración Sábados 6-8:30pm, Salon de Nuestra Sra de La Guadalupe. Información: Jose Ferrufino: 703-250-1343.