

Apostolic Action Newsletter

Mother Cabrini Region of the Secular Franciscan Order



Meet our Speakers:

Safer Pest Control Project

Since July 24, 2003 - when Illinois became the fifth state in the nation to enact legislation to protect young children in child care facilities from pesticides - Safer Pest Control Project has trained 1,200 childcare providers serving 34,000 children.

Safer Pest Control Project has developed an innovative and effective training program that helps key staff at schools and childcares to use safer methods of pest control. [Their] programs create excitement around a topic that many prefer not to think about.



Send Pests Packing™

Steve Pincuspy will be sharing information about this very important topic. Everyone who works with children, everyone who volunteers and works in our Franciscan schools and outreach programs needs to be aware of the laws and the hazards of pest control.

National Catholic Council on Scouting

The goals of Catholic youth ministry are:

1. To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today,
2. To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community.
3. To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

The NCCS addresses these goals by:

- Encouraging the formation and support of Catholic-chartered units.
- Supporting Diocesan Catholic Boy Scouting Committees.
- Offering Catholic programs complementary to BSA programs.
- Providing formation and activity training for leaders and youth

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Apostolic Workshop

If you have a traveling coffee cup, or durable water bottle, please use them! Bring it to the workshop to save the Earth's resources.

YOU ARE INVITED TO
“Let Us Begin Today...”

The Apostolic Action Workshop

Saturday, March 10th, 2007

Mayslake Village
 1801 W. 35th Street
 Oak Brook.

RSVP by March 3rd.

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Cost: \$10 per person to cover expenses.

- 8:30 - Registration
- 9:00 - Mass
- 10:00 - Intro to Apostolates
- 11:00 - Gordon Stiefel, National vice-chair,
 National Catholic Committee on Scouting
- NOON - Lunch
- 1:00 - Steve Pincuspy, Safer Pest Control
- 2:00 - Questions, Raffle, & blessing.

Our morning *organic, fairly traded* coffee, tea, cocoa & sugar will be brought to us by **Equal Exchange** through the generosity of their Liason for Religious Organizations, Peter Buck.



In the folder distributed to all participants, there will be an address for Equal Exchange. Please send them and all those who helped with this workshop a thank you note for their kind sharing of time and services.

“...Let us begin to serve the Lord God, for up till now we have done little or nothing.”

-St Francis of Assisi: Celano, First Life, 103.

Flouride Alert: reprinted from the internet

We are sending this letter to everyone who signed our online petition calling on EPA to rescind its recent decision allowing a new fluoride-based pesticide (sulfuryl fluoride) to be added to our food. As highlighted in this month's issue of Vegetarian Times, we are continuing to fight this battle and are currently awaiting to hear the result of our legal intervention to suspend EPA's approval.

Meanwhile, we wanted to bring to your attention another important campaign we are waging to reduce toxic fluoride exposures among infants. In November of 2006, the American Dental Association issued an email alert to its members advising that babies should *not* consume fluoridated water in their infant formula – due to the high risk that the baby will develop a tooth defect known as dental fluorosis. (Other risks which were omitted by the ADA include weakened bones, thyroid impairment, and bone cancer).

Despite ADA's important advisory, the nation's leading retailer — WAL-MART — continues to sell a brand of fluoridated water (called "Nursery Water") that is specifically marketed to babies!

We hope you will join us in calling on WAL-MART to remove this dangerous product from their shelves. To sign our online petition to WAL-MART, [goto:] <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/walmart/> (if this is not live, please copy and paste into your server).

Signing the petition is a simple and important way to help promote better health in our society. Please encourage your friends and family members to sign as well!

Best wishes for a healthy, joyous and successful new year.

Paul Connett

Executive Director

<http://www.FluorideAction.Net>

“... fear itself is the beginning of wisdom and the source of blessedness.”

- St. Ambrose, bishop of Milan, from 3 books on the duties of the clergy.

Speakers, cont'd.

Gordon Stiefel is the National Vice-Chairman of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting and will be sharing with us how we can help the Scouting programs as part of our Youth ministry.



If we do not do apostolate work in public, no one will see us. If no one sees us, no one will ask about us. If no one asks about us, no one will join us. If no one joins us, the Councilor for Vocations won't have a job. Then, the Councilor for Formation will not have a job. And soon, the SFO will not exist. And the work we do will go undone.

Lately, I have been seeing reports of large increases in numbers of people joining traditional orders. These reports are not limited to Vatican sources - I saw one such report on NBC and another on CNN. People are crying out to find traditional ways to be Christians. Secular orders are a way for the everyday person to find that traditional Christian life if they are not called to celibate life in community.

We must be visible for them to find us.



Americans use 4 million plastic bottles every hour. Yet only 1/4 of these get recycled. Only about 12 percent of “custom” plastic bottles, a category dominated by water, were recycled in 2003, according to industry consultant R.W. Beck, Inc



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your comments and suggestions are welcome!

The opinions expressed here are my own. I hope you will be encouraged to say a prayer, write a letter, volunteer to help and... make a difference!