

**It's great to be
in Austin!**



With over 110,000 diverse Catholic households, the Diocese of Austin is an exciting place for family ministry. Our Bishop, Gregory Aymond, has proclaimed 2009 the "Year of the Family" in the Diocese of Austin, renewing our focus on forming and supporting the "domestic church." Bishop Aymond will be joining us to celebrate Mass at 5 pm on the Tuesday of the meeting, and will offer some reflections on the importance of family in the life of the Church.



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**Ministering
to the
Changing
Catholic
Family**



*National Association
of Catholic Family
Life Ministers
Region X*

2009 Spring Meeting

February 16-18, 2009

*Cedarbrake Renewal
Center*

Diocese of Austin

Ministering to the Changing Catholic Family

As family ministers, we face new challenges, such as an aging population, increasing divorce rates, and the struggle to maintain family connections in times of financial hardship, war, and busier schedules. It is also important that those families with continuing needs, such as persons with disabilities, are recognized and welcomed by our Church. The NACFLM Region X Meeting will address many of these challenges and help us learn, from experts and from one another, new paradigms for ministry in these changing times. You are invited to join in the dialogue as we reflect together on "Ministering to the Changing Catholic Family."

Meeting Schedule

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, February 16th with dinner and an evening participatory reflection on where God is calling us in family ministry today. On Tuesday, February 17th, there will be presentations on various aspects of family ministry, including a sessions on divorced and separated persons, families with aging members, and families of persons with disabilities. Bishop Aymond will preside at Mass that evening, and we will then enjoy a time of food and fellowship. On Wednesday the 18th, we will meet from 8:30 until noon, and morning sessions will include a "family ministry show and tell" in which members share ideas with one another, as well as our usual Region X business meeting.

Speakers

Confirmed speakers include:

Bishop Gregory Aymond, Diocese of Austin

Ken Bomar, Texas Department of Aging and Disabilities Services

Charleen Katra, Associate Director of Continuing Christian Education for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Ms. Katra oversees Ministry to Persons with Disabilities and Family Catechesis in the archdiocese.

Greg Mills, Region X Representative, Catholic Divorce Ministry

Transportation

Cedarbrake is located at 5508 State Highway 317 in Belton, just 45 minutes north of Austin. Participants who are flying should fly either into the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport or the Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport (also served by American, Continental, and Delta). Transportation will be arranged for participants traveling from these airport locations.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Parish _____

Diocese _____

Overnight participants:

2 Nights/5 meals: \$145 _____

Couples: 2 Nights/5 meals: \$190 _____

Daytime Participants:

Plan A: 3 Days/ 5 meals: \$60 _____

Plan B: 2 Days/4 meals: \$45 _____

Circle: Mon/Tue or Tue/Wed

Plan C: Tuesday Only/3 meals \$25 _____

Registration Deadline: January 16, 2009 (overnight participants); February 1st (daytime only participants)

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