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**CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVES ON
THE REFORMATION**
Gianna's Java and Gelato
Guadalupe Center,
2241 O Street, Lincoln, Nebraska
7-8:30 p.m.

The Diocese of Lincoln's Office of Evangelization will present a five-part series about the Reformation beginning Sunday, Sept. 10. Each "coffee house" event will be held at Gianna's Java & Gelato at 2241 O St. in Lincoln, beginning at 7 p.m. To equip Catholics with a thorough understanding of the Catholic perspective on the Reformation, this Coffee House Series will provide historic facts, introduce the various Catholic and Protestant people who influenced the movement, clear up many myths, and examine the long-ranging effects of the Reformation on Christianity. Scheduled to present are:


Sept. 10th: Msgr. Timothy Thorburn, vicar general, will provide a thorough historical perspective.

Oct. 8th: Bud Marr will look at the Reformation from a contemporary angle.

Nov. 12th: Vern Steiner will focus on the faith and moral questions of the Reformation.

Dec. 10th: Bob Sullivan will present a session on apologetics.

Jan. 12th: Chad Steiner and Jake Mousel will discuss the Reformation from an ecumenical perspective.



Via Satoris

WAY OF THE SOWER

September 2017

**St. Maurice and
Companion Martyrs**

Choosing to die innocent rather than live by sin

In the year 287, during the reign of Emperor Diocletian, a tribe of Gauls called the Bagaudae revolted. The Roman army that responded included a unit from Upper Egypt which was made up entirely by Christians who were called the Theban Legion. After the Roman victory, Maximian ordered that all soldiers participate in offering a sacrifice to the idols as an act of thanksgiving to the gods.

The Christian unit was led by three noteworthy officers, Maurice, Exuperius, and Candidus. After these three withdrew from the army so as not to commit the sin of idolatry, Maximian became furious and insisted that the Christians participate or face death. After receiving this threat, they replied, "We are your soldiers, but are also servants of the true God. We owe you military service and obedience; but we cannot renounce Him who is our Creator and Master, and also yours even though you reject Him. In all things which are not against His law we most

willingly obey you, as we have done hitherto. We readily oppose all your enemies, whoever they are, but we cannot dip our hands into the blood of innocent persons. We have taken an oath to God before we took one to you; you can place no confidence in our second oath if we violate the first. You command us to punish Christians; behold we are such. We confess God the Father, author of all things, and His Son, Jesus Christ. We have seen our companions slain without lamenting them, and we rejoice at their honor ... we have arms in our hands, but we do not resist because we would rather die innocent than live by any sin."

There were in excess of 6600 men, all of whom were mowed down without offering any resistance thus dying for Jesus Christ. They are all examples of courage, willing to face death rather than to offend Almighty God by denying the one true faith.

Their feast day is celebrated on September 22. Through their intercession, we too may be willing, if called upon, to give up anything, including our very lives for the Author of Life, Who rose gloriously from the dead (Acts 3:15) all so we who were dead in sin may live eternally where, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." (Eph 2:1-7; 1 Cor 2:9) St. Maurice and companion martyrs, pray for us!

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Agency Update- September 2017

Your help made a difference

Hello from Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska! I hope you have time to read the story of St. Maurice and companion martyrs included in this newsletter- a group in excess of 6,600 men who gave their lives rather than to reject and deny the one true faith.

Please consider helping us spiritually with your prayers and penances, materially with items around your home or farm not needed (including vehicles), and financially with a cash donation according to your means so we can continue to assist the many individuals and families who come to us in crisis, like the man described above.

Recently, we were able to help a homeless man living on the streets recover after cancer surgery by putting him up for a week in a long term motel, and by paying for his post-operative and maintenance meds. He has currently reconnected with a relative to stay on a short term basis as he is now able to work to pay for a small one bedroom apartment. We would not have been able to help him without the support of our benefactors.

Please know that we at Catholic Social Services will keep you, your family and intentions in our prayers. St. Maurice and companion martyrs, pray for us!

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,



Fr. Christopher Kubat
Executive Director

CSS Food Pantries

The cupboards are getting bare

September is historically a slow month for food donations. But this year, all three Catholic Social Services Food Pantries- St. Francis Food Pantry in Lincoln, St. Anthony Food Pantry in Hastings and St. Clare Food Pantry in Auburn- are especially in need of restocking. This is because we are coming off of the normally slow summer season and most school and parish food drives take place in October, November and December so there isn't an influx of donations. But what has also contributed to our low inventory situation is the increase in demand that all three locations have experienced over the past few months. If you would like to help us meet this demand, please bring your items to our Lincoln, Hastings or Auburn locations. We are in need of all items and have the facilities to accept perishable items. If you prefer, you may send a monetary donation in the enclosed envelope. God bless you for being a part of CSS Is US!



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Catholic Social Services' Bishop Flavin Memorial Sporting Clays Tourney scheduled for November 11th

On Saturday, November 11th, Oak Creek Sporting Club in Brainard will again host our annual CSS Bishop Flavin Memorial Sporting Clays Tourney. We named this event in honor of Bishop Glennon P. Flavin, who was an avid hunting enthusiast. All net proceeds from the Sporting Clays Tourney will go towards assisting the needy throughout southern Nebraska. There are a number of ways you can support this fun and important fundraising event:

- ♦**Shell Sponsor:** The \$1,500 fee helps underwrite the event and includes up to two five-person teams and a buffet meal for each team member. Your business logo will appear in the tournament program.
- ♦**Tourney Sponsor:** The \$1,000 fee includes one five-person team and a buffet meal for each team member. Your business logo will appear in the tournament program.
- ♦**Corporate Team:** The \$625 fee includes a five-person team, shells for the event and a buffet meal for each team member. Your business logo will appear in the tournament program.
- ♦**Parish Team:** The \$500 fee includes a five-person team, including shells and a buffet meal for each team member.

- With the parish team, we ask that at least one member of the team be a priest.
- ♦**Priest Sponsor:** There is no cost for a priest to participate, so the \$125 priest sponsor donation underwrites this cost.
 - ♦**Individual Shooter:** Don't have a team but want to shoot? No problem! Sign up for \$125 and we will find you a team.
 - ♦**Youth Shooter:** Any youth high school and under can sign up for only \$60. Sign up your youth team or have a youth join your team at this reduced rate. This is a great way for a family or youth group to have some fun!
 - ♦**Station Sponsor:** Your family, parish organization or business can sponsor a shooting station for \$100. Your name will appear on a sponsor sign at a station.

Preferred Starting Time: Teams will start on the course at 10-minute intervals starting at 9:00 AM on a first come first served basis. Please arrive at least 30 minutes before your shoot time. Please indicate your preferred shoot time on the form below. Registration and shooting games begin at 9:00 AM, lunch will be served between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM, and the last team will go out no later than 1:00 PM. Awards and raffle prizes will be awarded after the main event. Call John at (402) 430-5626 for more information or fill out the registration form below and return it in the enclosed envelope.

BISHOP FLAVIN MEMORIAL
SPORTING CLAYS TOURNEY REGISTRATION FORM

Please copy and submit a registration form for each participant, if paying separately. Only one form is needed if paying for the entire group. Please submit entries in the same envelope.

Name _____ Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____ e-mail _____

Team Name: _____ Preferred starting time: _____

Type of sponsor: ☐ Shell (\$1500) ☐ Tourney (\$1000) ☐ Corporate Team (\$625) ☐ Parish Team (\$500)

☐ Individual Shooter (\$125) ☐ Youth Shooter (\$60) ☐ Priest Sponsor (\$125) ☐ Station (\$100- no team)

Team Members:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

4. _____ 5. _____

Registration fee includes:

♦Buffet meal ♦100 sporting clay targets and shells ♦One free ticket per shooter for games

All shooters must wear eye (prescription or sunglasses) and ear protection. ATV's are welcome; golf carts are available for \$15 per shooter and must be reserved two weeks in advance. Registration forms are due **November 3, 2017. Field limited to 130 participants, first come first served basis.** Return the completed form(s) and fees in the enclosed remit envelope or mail to CSS, 2241 O St., Lincoln, NE 68510