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SUMMER BREAK

At present, the Saint Susanna Adult Faith Formation program is on summer break. Programs will resume in September, 2010. For more information, see below.

PROGRAMS FOR 2010-2011

The Saint Susanna Adult Faith Formation Commission has met and begun the process of lining up the programs for next season, 2010-2011, which will be our eighth season. As always, future programs are based as much as possible upon the requests you have made during the prior year on your registration forms. We are busily drafting course outlines, lining up teachers and assigning dates. So far, here are some of the projects we are working on, it being understood that this is highly tentative at present, such that some programs may be tabled and others might be added:

Adam and Eve: Rising Apes or Fallen Angels? Theology and Biology on Evolution. In mid-September we hope to have John Hart, Ph.D., Professor of Christian Ethics at Boston University School of Theology, enlighten us on the new and exciting subject of the relationship between Evolutionary Science and Theology.

Melting Mountains, Burning Bushes: Global Warming and Christian Faith. Professor Hart will follow up his program on the relationship between Evolutionary Science and Theology with a program on the relationship between Ecological Science and Theology. A must for those trying to reconcile their beliefs with the new developments in science.

Date not set: **Worship Practices and Moral Practices: Which is the Cart and Which is the Horse?**, with Father Joe Nolan, Emeritus, Boston College Theology Faculty.

Date not set: **What is Jesus Doing Now?, a Series Reprise with a Workshop component.** Those who remember the original series will want to continue with this one. Lay people fully

committed to doing what Jesus would do will present on their missions, and those in attendance at the series will be invited to discuss how they might more fully dedicate themselves.

Date not set: **Modern Prophets of Resistance: [Examples: Dietrich Bonhoffer, Oscar Romero, Sister Dorothy Stang, Maryknoll and Jesuit Latin American Murder Squad Victims]**. What is the message of the new “martyrs?”

Date not set: **Christian Unity: What Stands in the Way?** A program on what is holding up the further unification of the Christian churches.

December 6, 2010: DVD – **Jesus Camp**. This film on an evangelical bible camp is stunning in its presentation, and well worth watching.

Date not set: **Whatever Happened to Vatican II?** A professor is being sought to explain what has happened since the Second Vatican Council which at least on the surface seems to be a withdrawal from the teachings of that council.

Date not set: **Why Four Gospels?** Deacon Larry Bloom will present on the interesting question “Why Four?” Why not just one? Why not more than four, since there are far more “gospels” in existence than the four now found in the New Testament?

Date(s) not set: **Peace and Justice co-productions**, one or several. This may be oral presentations or DVDs on subjects of interest to the Saint Susanna Peace and Justice/Outreach Committee, presenting as co-producers.

Date not set: **An Evening with Bernie McDaid**. One of the survivors of priestly child abuse, an eloquent and highly knowledgeable speaker, will bring us up to date of the situation. Is the crisis “resolving?” Has the church adequately responded? Much, much more.

Hopefully, we will have a better idea of the programs to be presented out to you by August. Thank you for your suggestions.

Details RE Classes

As is prior years, the present intent is to continue with our established schedule. Unless otherwise indicated, sessions will be held on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, in the Parish Hall, 262 Needham Street, Dedham. There is no pre-registration requirement and there are no fees, although voluntary donations are gratefully accepted to cover our speakers' honoraria and our refreshments. For map and directions, go to our web site, www.saintsusanna.org. In case of cancellation due to inclement weather, we will make every effort to post our web site, so

click on the Adult Faith Formation item for a notice if the weather appears threatening. Come and See!