

## SPIRIT OF LIFE



"We at Spirit of Life, as disciples of Christ, are committed to truly living a Stewardship way of life. Everything we have in this life, everything we are, is a gift from God. Psalm twenty-four, verse one tells us that *The earth is the LORD'S and all it holds, the world and those who live there. We truly possess nothing!* It is all from God, given by God to be used to show His love. We live as stewards through the four pillars of hospitality, prayer, formation, and service."

Fr. Chad Gion is the pastor of Spirit of Life.

Directions to Spirit of Life Church

◆ From the East: From I-94, take Exit # 155 (Mandan City Center), which leads to Main Street. Turn left on 6th Ave SE. Spirit of Life is 2 blocks on the left side.

◆ From the West: From I-94, take Exit # 152 (Sunset Drive) and go south (right) to Main Street. Turn left on Main and go to 6th Ave SE. Turn right on 6th Ave SE. Spirit of Life is 2 blocks on the left side.

### **Bishop Vincent Ryan**

The intimate connection between the work of caring for the poor and needy, and the work carried on by the Catholic Church, is illustrated by Msgr. Vincent Ryan. A pastor in the Diocese of Fargo, he created the Catholic Welfare Bureau (the forerunner of Catholic Charities North Dakota) in 1923 to serve the needs of vulnerable populations in North Dakota. This caring, pastoral man was appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Bismarck in 1940.



You are invited to attend  
*the Eighth Annual Dinner*  
of Catholic Charities North Dakota  
on Friday, September 10th  
at Spirit of Life Catholic Church  
801 1st Street SE, Mandan, North Dakota.

*The Most Reverend Paul A. Zipfel*  
Bishop of the Diocese of Bismarck,  
will present the Caritas Awards to

**Patrick Atkinson**  
**Home on the Range**  
**Mel Webster**

**Dinner Reservations Required:**

**\$25.00 per person**

Grilled Chicken with mushroom sauce

Roast Beef au jus

Alfredo Pasta with vegetables

*Please RSVP by September 3, 2010*

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5:30 p.m. Social

Silent Auction Opens

6:30 p.m. Opening Prayer

Welcome & Introductions

Dinner

Music by St. Mary's High School

*Hammerhead Steel Drum Band*

Commissioning of New Board  
and Staff Members

Recognition of Board  
and Staff Members

Presentation of Caritas Awards

Annual Report

Bishop Zipfel

Silent Auction will close ten minutes after the conclusion of the program. Credit cards accepted.



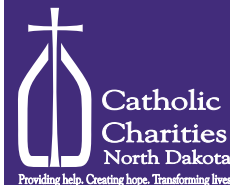
Catholic Charities North Dakota  
Celebrating 100 Years  
of

- ◆ Diocese of Bismarck
- ◆ Catholic Charities USA

*An Invitation for You*  
*to the Eighth Annual Dinner*

Friday, September 10, 2010

Spirit of Life Church Mandan



**REGISTER NOW**



# RSVP

Please detach this reservation slip and send it with your check in the return envelope, or you may RSVP online at [www.catholiccharitiesnd.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesnd.org).  
Your response must reach us by September 3, 2010.

\_\_\_\_ YES, I will be attending the Annual Dinner. There will be \_\_\_\_\_ persons in my group. Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$25.00/person).  
\_\_\_\_ Regretfully, I am unable to attend the Annual Dinner, however I have enclosed a gift to support Catholic Charities North Dakota.

(Please make checks payable to *Catholic Charities North Dakota*.)

Please provide full name and meal selection.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_



Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 If you have any questions, please contact us at (701) 235-4457 or [chardy@catholiccharitiesnd.org](mailto:chardy@catholiccharitiesnd.org)

Menu Choices	
#a-Grilled Chicken	_____
#b-Roast Beef au jus	_____
#c-Alfredo Pasta with vegetables	_____
Meal Selections	
1) _____	_____
2) _____	_____
3) _____	_____
4) _____	_____



## CARITAS AWARDS



*Patrick Atkinson* was born in Bismarck, attended Cathedral Grade School and St. Mary's High School. He was an Eagle Scout and as an adolescent, was awarded the Red Lantern Award for work he did to advance scouting in North Dakota. He had a near death experience in his teens that convinced him he had a calling to go where God called. It also erased his fear of death. This would come in handy as he started his work as a missionary in Guatemala. He has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, a master's degree in running non-profits and he's part of the adjunct faculty for Regis University. He founded The GOD'S CHILD Project out of his dining room in Guatemala when he was in his early 20s. Since then, it has grown to Central America's largest private charity, with offices in Antigua and Bismarck. It has also expanded into Africa, El Salvador, and to sites in the United States. Recently, Patrick has focused his efforts on ending human trafficking, and has worked with the United Nations in that effort. He was awarded the Guatemala Medal of Honor, one of the few foreigners to ever receive that award.



2010 marks 60 years since Father Cassedy and three wayward boys moved into a remodeled granary as temporary housing. Today, Father Cassedy's dream of a home on the prairie for troubled boys has grown tremendously, and *Home on the Range* is now licensed to care for 62 boys and girls. Located in Sentinel Butte, ND (on the western edge of ND) this facility serves boys and girls from all over North Dakota. They are supported by the North Dakota Knights of Columbus and the Eagles Fraternal Organization and receive payments from the State of North Dakota for the care provided for these children.



*Mel Webster* has been an attorney in Bismarck since 1984. There is no one in the state of ND who has impacted guardianship as Mel has. In the late 1980's, Mel was an integral member of a guardianship group that took the lead in amending ND's archaic guardianship law. With Mel's leadership, the group completed a major overhaul of the law that included substantial changes such as due process for the proposed ward, inclusion of the least restrictive guardianship possible (limited guardianship), regular reports to the court, etc. The newly amended law went into effect in 1989 and it is one of the most well written and functional guardianship laws in the United States. Mel regularly testifies at the legislature for updates and improvements to the law. From 2003 to 2005, Mel was member of the ND Guardianship Task Force which introduced a bill to the 2005 Legislature that requested funding for guardianship services for people with severe mental illness, vulnerable elderly people and individuals with a traumatic brain injury. Although, the funding portion of the bill was dramatically cut, a positive outcome of the group's work was standards of practice for guardians (Mel spent countless hours participating as a member of the task force and his input was crucial in the development of the standards of practice). There is no one more knowledgeable about guardianship than Mel. Since 1987, Mel has served as petitioning attorney for many, many of the wards of Catholic Charities North Dakota. It is his compassion and absolute respect for the people we serve and their families that makes him so outstanding. He is committed to insuring that the rights of the most vulnerable citizens in our state are protected.