### Schedule for the Day

8:00  Mass at St. Columbkille Parish Church (Optional)

8:45  Registration/Continental Breakfast*

9:00  Welcome and Opening Prayer

9:05  Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane

9:10  Rev. Joseph Clifford — Pastor

9:15  "Watershed Overview—Historic flow and current situation"  Rae Ann Wessel

9:45  "Climate Change and Effects on Rainfall Patterns"  Dr. Edwin Everham, Ph.D.

10:15 Video of Maude Barlow

10:30  Break

10:45  "Water Supply and Conservation"  Sally McPherson

11:10  "Pollution, Fertilizers and Other Run-off"  Dr. Edwin Everham, Ph.D.

11:30  Legislative Advocacy

12:00  Open Discussion/Action Plans

12:30  Final Remarks of Speakers

12:45  Emerald Award to St. Raphael Parish

Concluding Remarks

Bishop Frank J. Dewane

1:00  Light Lunch Available*

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### About the Speakers

**Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane**

**Catholic Diocese of Venice**

Bishop Dewane was installed as bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida in July of 2006. Before that, from 2001-2006, he served as Under Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace at the Vatican. The primary purpose of the Pontifical Council is to promote justice, peace, development and human rights world-wide. As Under Secretary Monsignor Dewane was an official delegate of the Holy See to numerous international conferences and world summits. Among those conferences were the 2003 Third World Water Forum in Kyoto, Japan and the 2006 Fourth Water Forum in Mexico City.

**Edwin M. Everham, Ph.D.**

**Florida Gulf Coast University**

Dr. Edwin Everham is Professor of Marine and Ecological Sciences at Florida Gulf Coast University where he teaches field-based ecology courses. Since 1996, he has served in a variety of community organizations including: Chairman of the Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management, member of the Fort Myers Beach Marine Resources Task Force, and member of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida Environmental Education Committee, among others.

**Sally McPherson**

**South Florida Water Management District**

Ms. McPherson is a Lead Community Outreach Specialist with the South Florida Water Management District. She works with community groups from the Southwest Florida region to explain the importance of water resource issues. Her office is located in the Lower West Coast Service Center in Fort Myers.

**Rae Ann Wessel**

**Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation**

Ms. Wessel, a limnologist and marine scientist with 26 years of experience working in the environmental field in South Florida, is Natural Resource Policy Director at the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation. For 19 years, she managed her own environmental consulting firm, Ecosystem Specialists, dealing both in the field and with regulations on issues at the local, regional, state and federal levels. She has been involved with identifying critical Caloosahatchee River issues and building support for sustainable solutions.

**Sheila S. Hopkins**

**Florida Catholic Conference**

Associate Director for Social Concerns/Respect Life

**Maude Barlow (video clip)**


**Rev. Joseph Clifford, Pastor**

St. Columbkille Parish.

**Christine McBride, Chair**

Steering Committee for Water Issues Forum and Chair of Peace and Justice Committee at St. Columbkille Parish.

**Neil D. Michaud**

**Diocese of Venice**

Director of the Peace and Justice Office of the Diocese of Venice and Chairman of the Environmental Justice Commission.

### Who should attend this forum?

People who want to preserve Florida's natural water resources for the common good of all Floridians. Those representing parishes in the Diocese of Venice, other religious denominations, city, county, state and national officials and the general public are welcome to attend.

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*Compliments of Parish of St. Columbkille*
Registration Form for January 16, 2010

Water Forum

Early Registration Deadline December 18, 2009

Name ________________________________

Title/Role ________________________________

Organization/Parish ________________________________

Street Address ________________________________

City/State/Zip ________________________________

Phone ________________________________

E-mail Address ________________________________

FEE (Continental breakfast and light lunch included)

Early Registration (by Dec. 18) $10

After December 18/Door Registration $15

Check payable to: Diocese of Venice Water Forum

Or on-line registration at: dioceseofvenice.org

Enclosed $ ______ Please mail to:

Peace & Justice Office Diocese of Venice

1000 Pinebrook Road

Venice, FL 34285

Please bring your own water/coffee containers.

“God interceded the earth with everything contained in it for the use of all human beings.”

Gaudium et Spes, Art. 69
Second Vatican Council

The Diocesan Environmental Justice Commission will have a display on issues related to water and the care of God’s Creation.

“Ultimately, the choices we make about water will help determine how we fare as states, as a nation, as humans.”

Cynthia Barnett

Mirage, Florida and the Vanishing Water of the Eastern U.S.

“The right to water is based on the dignity of the human person. It is from this perspective that positions of those who consider and treat water only as an economic good must be carefully examined.”

Pope Benedict XVI

On World Water Day, 2007

Preliminary Program

Saturday

January 16, 2010

9:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

Water Issues Forum #2

“Civic and Religious Communities—Solidarity in Action”

Goal: To raise awareness of water issues in Southwest Florida, with an appreciation for global implications. To outline actions by individuals and social institutions to help conserve and protect our water supply. In essence, to be good stewards of God’s creation.

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