



# FIRST FRIDAY FORUM of Lorain County

February 3, 2012

11:30 am -1:00 pm

**Rev. William A. Thaden**

*Pastor, Sacred Heart Chapel*

**Beyond Business As Usual:  
Steps Toward Growing An  
Engaged Church**



Current statistics tell us that we expend the vast majority of our time and resources as parishes ministering to less than 30% of our Catholic members. The other 70% percent we may never see. This would seem to demand a re-examination of our priorities and of the way we operate in day to day parish life. Led by the data, we will explore a new way of thinking and acting in parishes which can be summed up by the word “engagement”. Throughout 2012 a series of Diocesan workshops will be offered toward this end.

Twenty-three years ordained for the diocese, Fr. Bill Thaden has served in parishes on Cleveland’s west side, in El Salvador and at Sacred Heart Chapel in Lorain where he has been pastor for the past twelve years. There he has worked consistently to develop small Church communities in the parish and serves on the NAPRC, a national board fostering the restructuring of the parish into a community of communities. He currently serves on the diocesan planning committee for parishes seeking to implement a process of “people engagement”.

**Lorain County Community College  
Spitzer Conference Center in Elyria, Ohio  
Luncheon Buffet: 11:30 am • Speaker: 12:00 – 1:00 pm  
\$15.00 per reservation  
RESERVATION DEADLINE: 3:00 pm, Friday January 27!**

Please mail your \$15 check to:

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