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## Mission set next week for St. Mary Church

Why don't Catholics have revivals? The short answer is, they do. They just happen to call them "missions."

However, it's been a long time since a mission was held in this area, but that will change soon when St. Mary Church hosts such an event Monday through Wednesday, March 9-11.

Programs will begin at 7 o'clock nightly, and the public is invited. The church is located at the corner of Main and First streets in Franklin, and parking is available on the street and in lots behind and across the street from the church.

The theme is "St. Paul: Unity and Diversity in the Body of Christ."

Sister Karen Elliott, an assistant professor of religious studies at Mercy College of Northwest Ohio, will be the speaker each night. A member of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood of Dayton, Sister Karen has roots in Southwestern Ohio, growing up in the Dayton area where she was inducted into the Dayton Amateur Softball Commission's Hall of Fame in September 2006.

After graduating from Julianne High School (now Chaminade-Julienne), she earned her bachelor's degree in education with an

emphasis on learning disabilities and behavior disorders from Wright State University in 1977. She also holds a master's degree in theology and a doctorate in ministry.

Sister Karen has ministered as a teacher, director of religious education, a youth minister and an athletic director. She has led numerous retreats and has taught a variety of adult education classes on the Scriptures throughout the United States and Canada. Currently, she is writing a book entitled "Women in Church Ministry in the Writings of St. Paul," which is scheduled for publication the fall by St. Mary's Press.

A parish mission "is an opportunity for the parish to enter into conversion and renewal - a retreat for the whole parish, a call for the parish to live as Christ."

The gospel is preached during special celebrations meant to renew and strengthen the faith.

Sister Karen's topics - all taken from the letters of St. Paul - are "For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...," "And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus...," and "As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup..."



Sister Karen Elliott