



## CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

100 East Eighth Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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### **ACTION REQUIRED**

#### **CENTRAL OFFICE SECURITY PROTOCOL**

The Central Offices of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati follow certain security protocols, as do all downtown business offices, including that visitors need to wear a visible “Visitor” badge and be escorted while in the building by an office employee. These protocols are to be taken very seriously, especially in light of the shooting at Fifth Third Bank on Fountain Square earlier this year. When visiting the Central Offices, **please cooperate with the security guard as he appropriately and correctly enforces these security measures.** Thank you.

#### **PLEASE REMIT YOUR 2018 AND 2019 MISSION DONATIONS**

If you have not already done so, please promptly send any donations collected at your parish for your Missionary Co-op Plan (MCP) guest missionary to the **Mission Office, 100 E. 8th St., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202.** You are requested to *not* send these collections to Finance or to any missionary organization, but rather to the Mission Office to be properly recorded for Vatican records. Please indicate if these donations were collected in 2018 or 2019. Questions? Contact [Melonise Knight](mailto:Melonise.Knight@archdioceseofcincinnati.org) at the Mission Office, 513.421.3131x2631.

#### **PRIESTS’ PERSONNEL OFFICE ANNUAL UPDATE FORM**

The Priests’ Personnel Office – Annual Update Form for 2019 was postal mailed to those Archdiocesan priests with assignments the last week in July. Please complete and return this printed version of the Annual Update Form by August 31, 2019 or please complete the online version at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S672R8K>. The password is Sarah2018 with the letter S in Sarah capitalized. If you have any questions, please email [Mrs. Sarah Frohmler](mailto:Mrs.Sarah.Frohmler@archdioceseofcincinnati.org) or call her at 513.421.3131x2651. Thanks!!

### **OPTIONAL**

#### **PARISH ADMINISTRATION WORKSHOP**

The Parish Administration Workshop will be on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at St. Mary of the Assumption, Springboro. You should receive a flyer in early August with more details.

#### **PRIESTS FALL RETREAT – SAVE THE DATES**

The Fall Retreat for Priests has been scheduled for October 14-18 at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein. The speaker is Fr. Richard Veras who presently serves on the faculty of St. Joseph’s (Dunwoodie) Seminary in Yonkers, New York. Please block your calendar.

## **PRIEST CONVOCATION – SAVE THE DATE**

There will be a one day convocation of priests of the Archdiocese on Wednesday, October 30 at Incarnation Parish, Centerville from 10:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. This convocation will involve further discussion of issues regarding pastoral regions, especially pastoral regions where two or more parishes share a pastor. Please block your calendar.

## **PREACHING ON VOCATIONS**

Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations, is available to come to your parish to preach on Vocations at weekend Masses, celebrate school Masses and/or speak to the students in their classrooms, speak to PSR classes, youth groups, or young adult groups. If you would like to schedule a time, please [email him](#).

If you know of a young man in your parish who may be discerning a vocation to the priesthood, please contact [Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer](#).

## **VOCATION POSTER**

The Office for Consecrated Life and the Vocation Office are working on the 2019-2020 Vocation Poster. Pastors received an email in July asking for information on a daughter or son of the parish who is currently in formation in a Consecrated Life Community. Information is needed by **August 15, 2019**. We do not want to miss anyone! Please respond to [Maria Reinagel](#) or call her at 513.421.3131x2865.

## **“OUT AND ABOUT IN THE ARCHDIOCESE”**

You may note this new feature in the August edition of *The Catholic Telegraph*. The C-T staff wants to hear what’s going on in the Catholic parishes and schools in our archdiocese! Please send in one or two photos and a brief two to four sentence description of the photo(s). Submitted photos should be high resolution and never resized (original size from your smartphone). Send submissions to [Jessica Rinaudo](#) and larger photos to [catholic.telegraph@gmail.com](mailto:catholic.telegraph@gmail.com).

## **PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION RESOURCE MATERIALS**

The Peter’s Pence Collection took place the last weekend in June in all parishes. If you feel as though you need to change the amount of resource materials you **did or did not** receive, please contact [Lisa Weber](#) with your updated request. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Lisa at 513.421.3131x2842. Thank you.

## **PLEASE SEND IN YOUR NOMINATION FOR THE SR. DOROTHY STANG AWARD**

Honor your parishioners! The Mission Office invites all pastors to offer a name to the Mission Office of a parishioner or family who lives out some of the values of our own Sr. Dorothy Stang of Dayton, martyred in the Amazon forests in 2005. **Nominations are due September 1, 2019**. A certificate will be mailed to you by the end of September to be given to that person or family at Mass, preferably on October 13, the weekend before World Mission Sunday. Details and a nomination form were sent in a letter to all our pastors in late May. If you need another form, please contact [Teresa Phillips](#).

## **CONSIDER A TWINNING RELATIONSHIP**

Could your parish grow in the dignity of all God's people? At a time when Catholic principles of global solidarity and respect for human life are badly needed, developing a partnership with another parish in the U.S. or abroad may further invigorate your own faith community. Over 40 parishes already benefit from these relationships. Join us. For more information, contact Dr. [Mike Gable](#), Mission Office, or call him at 513.421.3131x2630.

## **WORKSHOPS FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Workshops for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be offered during September and October in various locations around the archdiocese. Dates will be available by August 1 on the Office for Divine Worship and Sacraments (ODWS) website. All those who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass, in hospitals and nursing homes, schools, and other settings should participate. [Contact the ODWS](#) with any questions or concerns.

## **EVENINGS OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR PARISH MUSIC MINISTERS**

Music directors, choir members, cantors, ensemble members and instrumentalists are invited to an Evening of Prayer and Reflection for Musicians of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. We will hold two evenings: for the Cincinnati area – **Monday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints Parish**, 8939 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati; for the Dayton and Northern area – **Tuesday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Charles Borromeo Parish**, 4500 Ackerman Blvd., Kettering. A reception hosted by our local NPM chapter will follow. This is a great opportunity for us to come together for prayer and to celebrate our common music ministry in the archdiocese as we begin another new season. Please be sure to register by August 19 the number of the people from your parish who will participate.

## **ALPHA TRAINING**

*Contagiously Catholic* will be hosting an interactive training to experience what it is like to run Alpha, a space for people outside the Church to explore faith within the context of the local Church. Gather with other pastors, parish staff and lay people from across the region to develop an understanding of Alpha and how to get the most out of running a course in your context. The training will be at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, 5720 Hamilton Mason Rd, on Saturday, September 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

## **EVANGELIZING SMALL GROUP WORKSHOP**

Learn practical skills in facilitating an effective evangelization small group that encourages ongoing conversion and consistently reaches new people at the Archdiocese's *Contagiously Catholic* Small Group Workshop. This workshop is for Pastoral Ministers, parish staff, or lay people who are interested in training others in evangelizing small groups, and for any small group facilitator interested in making their group more evangelizing. The event will be held on **Saturday, August 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Transfiguration Center**, 3505 Calument Road, Ludlow Falls, OH 45339. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

## **ROLE OF PARISH WORSHIP COMMISSIONS**

New AND veteran members of your parish's Worship Commission will benefit from this workshop on best practices. We'll explore the role of the commission, tips for effective collaboration with clergy and staff, approaches to organizing the liturgical year, having effective

commission meetings, and more. Send your new commission members, or bring your whole commission for a refresher to start the year off right! **Tuesday, September 17, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Ascension Parish, 2025 Woodman Drive, Kettering, OH 45420.** \$25 per person; \$100 per parish (5 or more). Register online at: [Role of PWC](#).

### **PRO-LIFE INTERVIEW SERIES**

Let your parish know about the Being Pro Life interview series. With a new topic each month, each interview tells an engaging story on an important issue and ends by showing people how to get involved. This month's eye-opening topic is Better Serving the Blind and Deaf in our parish communities. Check out the latest [here](#). See the Bulletin Entry section.

### **NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR THE 2019 ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE AWARD**

The deadline for nominations is **September 13, 2019** and the award will be presented by Archbishop Schnurr at a special Mass on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. For more information, go [here](#).

### **STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP FOR PARISHES**

A free one-day workshop titled *Bring Faith to Life through Stewardship* will be held on **Tuesday, August 20 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist in West Chester.** Leisa Anslinger, Associate Department Director for Pastoral Life, and David Kissell, Director of Stewardship, will present. Pastors, parish staff, and/or parishioners interested in furthering stewardship in the parish are invited to attend. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

### **GIVING TUESDAY INITIATIVE**

It's time to register for this year's *iGiveCatholicAOC* Giving Tuesday initiative. Last year, a total of 94 archdiocese organizations (parishes, schools, and ministries) participated with over \$230,000 raised! This year's Giving Day will be taking place on **Tuesday, December 3**. To sign up, visit [here](#). Have questions? Contact [Teresa Meyer](#) [513.421.3131x2219].

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **NEW RITUAL BOOK FOR *ORDER OF BAPTISM OF CHILDREN***

A new translation of the *Order of Baptism of Children* (formerly the *Rite of Infant Baptism*) has been confirmed by the Holy See and promulgated by the USCCB for use in the dioceses of the United States beginning on February 2, 2020 – the feast of the Presentation of the Lord – with obligatory use as of April 12, 2020 – Easter Sunday. In addition to being a new translation, the U.S. edition includes new introductory texts, additional acclamations, rubrical changes, and most notably a new appendix for the Baptism of children during Mass. The Office for Divine Worship and Sacraments will be providing formational materials and opportunities in the coming months, including day-long workshops this fall for priests, deacons, and lay ministers.

### **CHANGES TO THE PASTORAL LIFE AND EVANGELIZATION DEPARTMENT**

The Archbishop, in his ongoing efforts to better support parish renewal, has approved a new way forward for the Evangelization competency of the Pastoral Life and Evangelization Department to better serve parishes in their ministry to the Domestic Church. This new way forward is being

brought about with the realization that over the years the approach of the various Offices for Evangelization – OED, Youth, Marriage, Young Adult and Campus Ministry – have been inconsistent in their approach and in their working together, what one would consider “siloes” or independent of each other in many ways.

Over the last three years, there has been a realization that the needs of parishes with respect to the changing culture have not been met. Through a great deal of prayer and discernment, especially this past year, the decision was reached to bring together these various offices as an evangelization “team” with the purpose of pursuing a shared vision to faithfully preserve and pass down the faith by renewing the Church’s evangelizing structures.

To begin these efforts, we are making some organizational changes. As of July 1, 2019, **Brad Bursa**, Director of Youth Evangelization and Discipleship, has become the Managing Director for Formation. In his place, **Christen Aquino**, Youth and Young Adult Coordinator at Immaculate Conception in Dayton, has been hired as the new Managing Director of VIA (the Youth Office). Brad will be working closely with Christen for the next year as they transition into their new roles. In addition, **Wayne Topp**, formerly the Associate Archdiocesan Vocations Director, has joined the evangelization team as Managing Director for Young Adult Evangelization, a position that was previously held by Luke Carey. We look forward to Wayne introducing a vocational approach to young adult ministry.

In the coming months, your input may be requested. In the meantime, please join us in prayer as we work to better serve parishes, and be assured of our prayers for you and your ministries.

#### **OFFICE FOR CONSECRATED LIFE – NEW DIRECTOR**

We would like to thank **Sr. Marilyn Kerber, SNDdeN** for her seven years of dedicated service to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati as Director, Office for Consecrated Life. We wish her well as she takes on new endeavors with the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Sr. Marilyn’s last day was June 27.

We would like to welcome **Maria Reinagel**. Maria is a Consecrated Woman of Regnum Christi. Maria started as the new director on July 8. Maria may be reached at 513.421.3131x2865 or [mreinagel@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:mreinagel@catholiccincinnati.org). Please join us in welcoming Maria!

#### **NEW COORDINATOR FOR MINISTRY TO SURVIVORS OF ABUSE NAMED**

We are pleased to announce that **Ms. Teresa Maley** has been named the new Coordinator for Ministry to Survivors of Abuse for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, effective July 30, 2019. All calls may be directed to her attention at 513.263.6623. Thank you for your cooperation during this period of transition.

#### **VIRTUS FACILITATOR TRAINING SESSION**

A two-day VIRTUS Facilitator Training session has been scheduled at **Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception**, 2300 South Smithville Rd., Dayton, OH 45420 for Thursday, October 24 and Friday, October 25. **This class is limited to 24 individuals.** This is a two-day commitment because of the intense training and practice sessions involved. Food will be provided.

To sign up for this session, go into your VIRTUS account, then:

- Click on the ‘Live Training’ link on the Toolbox Tab, which will take you to another screen.
- Click on the ‘Pre-register for an upcoming live training session in your area’ link. Again, you will see another screen.
- Scroll down to the bottom of the screen to choose the Protecting God’s Children For Facilitator Session.
- Click on the dot of that session.
- Scroll to the bottom of the screen and click on the ‘Submit Registration’ button at the bottom of the screen.

### **RECOMMENDATION FOR PAYING CINCINNATI AND DAYTON AREA GRADE SCHOOL OFFICIALS AT SPORTS EVENTS**

The Archdiocese continues to recommend that parishes and schools make changes to their current practice for paying officials at sports events, preferably as soon as the fall 2019 sports season. The current practice has the parishes assuming the liability for non-compliance with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations regarding reporting of payments for services. Our goal is to protect the parishes and schools by curtailing this liability and to comply with the law.

Obtaining summarized payment information by sports officials from the leagues will affect how parishes/schools proceed in complying with IRS regulations.

1. **If the leagues cannot give the parish/school summarized payment information by sports official**, we recommend that the parish/school send the sports official payments to the leagues and have the leagues pay the sports officials as they are able.
2. **If the leagues can give the parish/school summarized payment information by sports official**, the parish/school may be able to comply with IRS regulations and continue to pay sports officials. We recommend the parish/school begin record keeping to determine which sports officials are paid and how much each sports official is paid across ALL sports (boys, girls, football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, etc.).

Payments to sports officials from the leagues would need to be consolidated with any other payments for services that the parish/school makes to sports officials.

Once all payments are consolidated, each parish/school would determine who was paid \$600 or more during a calendar year and thus need a 1099 sent. W-9 information (either obtained by the league or the parish/school) would be used by each parish to send 1099s by January 31 for the prior calendar year.

#### **Related issue:**

As the sports officials are not employees of the Archdiocese, they are not covered under the AOC workers’ compensation or general liability insurance. We understand that some of the leagues use only those sports officials who carry insurance. We recommend that the parishes/schools inquire whether their sports officials carry insurance.



If pastors or principals have questions regarding this recommendation, they can contact [Debbie Wait](#) or [Joe Riede](#) with the Archdiocesan Finance Auditor's Office.

## **HR TRAINING**

If you would like to ensure proper procedures are followed, have questions or would like to learn more about HR topics, Rob Reid and Meg Paul are available to come to your parish to speak on topics such as, but not limited to:

- FMLA Compliance
- Policies and Procedures
- Harassment and Discrimination
- Termination
- HR tips for new Business Managers
- HR Best Practices

You can contact them at 513.421.3131 [Rob ext. 6611, Meg ext. 2841].

## **OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS E-NEWS AND WEBSITE**

The Office for Divine Worship and Sacraments (ODWS) publishes a monthly e-newsletter, full of valuable information about liturgical and sacramental ministries, helpful resources, and other items of interest for priests, deacons, music ministers, liturgy coordinators, initiation ministers, and others. If you're not already subscribed, we invite you to do so now: [ODWS E-News](#).

## **LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

On the first Sunday of Advent (December 1, 2019) we begin a new liturgical year. Our **2020 Liturgical Calendar and Notes** contains valuable information for your parish, and is available now on the ODWS website and through this link: [2020 Liturgical Calendar](#).

## **ANNUAL LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS**

**Effective August 1**, the ODWS will accept online orders for annual publications (e.g., workbooks for lectors, sourcebooks, calendars, posters) for the new liturgical year that begins on December 1. Orders must be placed online at: [Annual Publications](#). No phone orders, please.

## **RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**

It isn't too early to start preparing for the upcoming Respect Life Fund collection, held the weekend of **October 5-6**. Later this month, pastors will be receiving their annual respect life packets, full of materials to use in your bulletin and homily helps for that Sunday. That is also the weekend of the Respect Life Fund collection, which provides needed support for many local agencies here in this Archdiocese.

## **ONE FAITH, ONE HOPE, ONE LOVE (FHL) CAMPAIGN**

For parishes receiving a semi-annual distribution for the campaign, funds will be electronically transferred to parish bank accounts in early August. A separate packet with information about the distribution will be mailed in early August. For information or questions about the semi-annual distribution, email [Leslie Odioso](#), Donor Relations Manager, or call her at 513.421.3131x2234.

## **2019 CMA REACHES \$4.8 MILLION IN PLEDGES**

A total of \$4.8 million has been pledged to the 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)! We extend a special “thank you” to pastors, parish staff, and volunteers who have helped to promote this year’s Appeal.

Three Masses of Thanksgiving for the CMA will be celebrated in the coming weeks. Dates, times, and locations of the Masses are listed below:

- Sunday, August 4 – St. Leonard Faith Community in Dayton at the 10:30 a.m. Mass
- Sunday, August 25 – Holy Trinity in Coldwater at the 10:30 a.m. Mass
- Sunday, September 1 – Guardian Angels in Cincinnati at the 10:00 a.m. Mass

All are welcome to attend these Masses as we celebrate and give thanks for the support of this year’s appeal and the six regional ministries funded by the CMA!

## **PARISH AND SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS ATTENTION PASTORS AND PRINCIPALS**

There is a nearly 25-year tradition at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains of placing ornaments on a very large Christmas Tree that commemorates each of the parish communities of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. These ornaments were designed and crafted by members of each of the parishes with signs, symbols and titles of designation that were important to each community and are of various sizes and materials as selected by the “artists.”

With the Dodransbicentennial (175<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary of the cathedral and the Bicentennial (200<sup>th</sup>) of the archdiocese approaching, the cathedral extends an invitation to each of the parishes and, separately, to each of the schools to provide a “new” ornament for display each year at Christmas. Please keep each ornament to less than twelve inches round.

Celebration of the cathedral 175<sup>th</sup> will begin in November of 2020; we would like to have the new ornaments in hand by December 1, 2020 in order to have them to decorate the tree for the Christmas Season of 2020-2021.

Our hope is that you will entrust this request to the most artistic members of your parish and students of your school to provide a beautiful and dignified Christmas ornament that continues this long-standing tradition of the “Mother Church” of our archdiocese for years to come.

The details are really as simple as stated. Should you require further clarification, please call the cathedral at 513.421.5354 and speak with Stephanie Ramsey.

## **MARIAN GROTTA AVAILABLE**

A parishioner of Saint Simon the Apostle parish is willing to give a large existing grotto (12 feet wide & 9 feet high) to an interested parish. The cost of moving it could be very expensive. If you have interest in pursuing this, please call Father Brian Rief at 513.941.3656.



## **BULLETIN ENTRIES**

**“SOLDIERS OF THE CROSS: CATHOLIC PRIESTS AND SISTERS IN THE CIVIL WAR”** – Dr. William Kurtz of the University of Virginia and Fr. David Endres of the Athenaeum of Ohio will discuss the recently-published book *Soldiers of the Cross* – an account of the long-forgotten service of Catholic priest chaplains and sister nurses in the Civil War – on Monday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bartlett Center, Athenaeum of Ohio, 6616 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45230. The event is free and open to the public.

**FOOD FOR ALL** - Did you know Catholic Charities Food for All Program reduces hunger in food deserts? Working with local organizations in our rural communities of the eastern counties of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the Food for All pantry is set up for the day. Food is brought in from the FreeStore Food Bank and around 30 volunteers prepare the food for distribution at each site. Food for All pantry visitors receive between 20-35 food items. We bring a variety of food choices and fresh produce. Interested in donating funds or volunteer service, call April at 513.672.3720 or email [ahoak@ccswoh.org](mailto:ahoak@ccswoh.org). More information can be found on the website: <https://ccswoh.org/food-for-all-pantry/>.

**CAREGIVER ASSISTANCE NETWORK** - We are looking for people with caregiving experience who are willing to facilitate a caregiver support group. Groups meet once per month for 90 minutes. Facilitators model good listening skills, keep the group on topic and help ensure confidentiality. Volunteers will receive initial and ongoing facilitation training. We are looking for volunteers willing to help out once per month in Delhi (Friday morning), Green Hills (Wednesday evening), Springdale (Wednesday afternoon) and Montgomery (Wednesday afternoon). Please contact Angie Homoelle at 513.672.3834 or [ahomoelle@ccswoh.org](mailto:ahomoelle@ccswoh.org) if interested.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT EVENTS/INFORMATION** - Caregiver Speaker Series (starting September 11) and Elder Care Fair (October 21) at St. John the Evangelist in West Chester. For additional information and a support group calendar please see [www.ccswoh.org/caregivers](http://www.ccswoh.org/caregivers). Call 513.869.4483 or email Angie at [ahomoelle@ccswoh.org](mailto:ahomoelle@ccswoh.org) if you have any questions, would like to arrange an educational presentation for caregivers, or have caregivers needing support.

**CHAMPIONS OF MERCY NOMINATIONS** - Catholic Charities is again recognizing individuals and groups of all ages who share mercy. We hope these Champions of Mercy will inspire others to “go and do likewise.” Nominate those whom you believe exemplifies one or more of the Spiritual or Corporal works of mercy. Nominees may be an individual youth (18 & younger), an individual adult, a congregation/faith-based group, a youth group (18 & younger), an adult group, or a professional organization. With your nomination, please tell us how the nominee shares mercy and why the nominee should be recognized. Nominations can be emailed to [dtaylor@ccswoh.org](mailto:dtaylor@ccswoh.org) or mailed to: Catholic Charities 7162 Reading Rd., Suite 600, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237, Attention: David Taylor.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SU CASA HEALTH DAY** - Thurs., August 8, 2019 from 9:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at San Carlos Catholic Church, 7036 Fairpark Ave., Cinti, OH 45216. Please use the link to sign-up: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K7GFSMF>.

**L.E.A.D. THE FOUR MARKS OF FATHERLY GREATNESS: AUGUST 24, 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM, ST. PATRICK CHURCH, TROY** - The Fathers of St. Joseph are hosting a men's retreat, LEAD: The Four Marks of Fatherly Greatness. LEAD provides a roadmap to help you become the man, husband, father and leader that God has called and destined you to be. Register at <http://bit.ly/fosj-lead>, phone 937.524.5323, or email [fosj.troy@gmail.com](mailto:fosj.troy@gmail.com).

**MISSIONARY WORK** - Are you between 16 and 70? Ever consider short or long term **missionary work** in the U.S. or overseas? Check out [www.Catholicvolunteernetwork.org](http://www.Catholicvolunteernetwork.org) and contact the Mission Office for more details at: [mgable@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:mgable@catholiccincinnati.org).

**BEING PRO LIFE** - Each month an important respect life topic is covered in an engaging interview with someone personally affected by a particular issue. You can find each *Being Pro-Life* column in *The Catholic Telegraph*, and can watch the video or listen to the podcast by going to [www.catholiccincinnati.org/Being-Pro-Life](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/Being-Pro-Life). This month's topic is Serving the Blind and Deaf in our parish communities. Invite parishioners, family and friends to check out the link.

**PROJECT RACHEL** - A ministry of the Archdiocese that serves anyone who has experienced the loss of a child due to abortion. Persons can engage in this ministry for healing through one-on-one conversation with a peer, consultation with a priest (including in Spanish), support groups and retreats for mothers who lost a child, or a day of reflection for anyone effected (father, grandparent, friend, etc.). Go to [www.catholiccincinnati.org/project-rachel](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/project-rachel) or call the Project Rachel Help Line at 513.784.0531 for information. All conversations and emails are confidential. Upcoming Retreat: October 25-27, 2019; Day of Reflection: October 12, 2019.

**SING WITH THE ATHENAEUM CHORALE** - Are you interested in singing the great works of the Church in a beautiful space? Consider joining the Athenaeum Chorale, a liturgical choral group that sings in the Seminary Chapel of St. Gregory the Great at the Athenaeum of Ohio. The Chorale itself is made up of diocesan church musicians, seminarians from Mount St. Mary's, and other exceptional singers from the Cincinnati area. Singing with the Chorale is a wonderful way to connect with fellow musicians and to participate in the rich liturgical life of the Church. **Auditions will be held for all voice parts during the month of August.** All singers over 18 years of age are welcome to audition. For more information, or to schedule an audition, contact Dr. Mary Catherine Levri, Director of the Athenaeum Chorale, at [mlevri@athenaeum.edu](mailto:mlevri@athenaeum.edu) or 513.233.6138. All auditions will be held by appointment at the Athenaeum of Ohio, 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45230.

**MINISTRY TO SURVIVORS OF ABUSE (REPORTING)** - The Archdiocese of Cincinnati regards child abuse in all its forms as gravely sinful and criminal. Anyone who knows of or suspects child abuse by a legitimate member of the clergy or hierarchy, employee, or volunteer of the Archdiocese should first report the abuse to the appropriate secular legal authority and then to Ms. Teresa Maley, Coordinator of Ministry to Survivors of Abuse of the Archdiocese, at 513.263.6623 or 1.800.686.2724 ext. 6623.

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