



CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

100 East Eighth Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
(To be filed in loose leaf binder and kept in parish archives)

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

We welcome Pope Francis' much-anticipated encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, which was officially released on June 18. An appeal to “every person living on this planet,” it is a comprehensive and spiritually profound message aimed at challenging all of us to restore right relationships with God, with each other, and with creation. We encourage Catholics and all people of goodwill to take the time to read the whole document, reflect upon it, and prayerfully consider its passionate message with an open heart.

Parishes are encouraged to utilize the array of resources being made available from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops at: <http://www.usccb.org/about/leadership/holy-see/francis/pope-francis-encyclical-laudato-si-on-environment.cfm>. (A link is currently present on the main page at www.usccb.org.) They include:

- Six-minute video
- Two-page bulletin insert, providing an overview and prayer
- Resources for liturgy
- Resources for preaching
- Resources for action
- Small group discussion guide

Additional resources are available at the USCCB's partner agency, the Catholic Climate Covenant, at www.catholicclimatecovenant.org. If parishioners or a parish, school or religious community would like to get involved in the Archdiocese's ongoing ministry for Care for God's Creation, or if there is interest in best practices in creating a parish-level ministry on this theme, please contact the Catholic Social Action Office at 513.421.3131x2660, or csa@catholiccincinnati.org.

ACTING DEAN NAMED FOR SAINT MARGARET MARY DEANERY

Father Kyle Schnippel, Dean of the Saint Margaret Mary Deanery will be on sabbatical from July 30, 2015 through November 1, 2015. Father George Jacquemin has been appointed Acting Dean of the Saint Margaret Mary Deanery while Father Schnippel is on sabbatical.

DEPARTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SERVICES

CHANCERY OFFICE

FRAUDULENT REQUEST

We have received correspondence from the Office of the General Secretary of the USCCB alerting us of a fraudulent request. The request is a letter that contains a request for financial assistance to assist persecuted children, which purports to be from the Apostolic Rutainurwa Memorial Children's Home. It has been confirmed that this request **is fraudulent**. Those in receipt of this letter are asked to please disregard the fraudulent appeal. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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 Linda Heidi at lheidi@catholiccincinnati.org with your updated request. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Linda at 513.421.3131x2842. Thank you.

B-4 FORMS

The processing of B-4 Forms **is now being handled by the Office of Safe Environment**. Please make note when mailing any B-4 Forms from your location that they are to be **addressed to the Office of Safe Environment**. Thank you for your cooperation.

VOCATIONS OFFICE

MEET MISSIONARIES WHO SERVE IN AFRICA

Comboni Missionaries are hosting a "Meet the Missionaries Night" at 7:00 p.m., **Wednesday, July 8**, at the Anderson Town Center, 7850 Five Mile Road. Please join us as we welcome several Comboni Missionaries who serve in countries throughout Africa. They will tell stories of their work in Africa, share artifacts from their mission centers, and educate the audience on how St. Daniel Comboni's mission to save Africa is being fulfilled. We hope people will also gain an understanding of the diversity and universality of the Catholic Church. For more information, please contact the Comboni Missionaries office at info@combonimissionaries.org or 513.474-4997.

CHOSEN: MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Monthly holy hour with prayerful music for those discerning a vocation or praying for vocations - **Thursday, July 9** beginning at 8:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, Ohio. Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Vocations Office and Children of Mary. Next holy hour scheduled will be **Thursday, August 13**. Come and bring a friend!

JULY 12: HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

AT THE ATHENAEUM OF OHIO/MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY OF THE WEST

Gather to pray for vocations at 5:00 p.m. in the seminary's St. Gregory the Great Chapel, or at home in solidarity.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE POOR

Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor on **Sunday, July 19** at 10:00 a.m. Mass followed by coffee and conversation at St. Clare Chapel, 60 Compton Rd., 45215. This is a great opportunity to meet and socialize with religious sisters and hear about the history and ministries of the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor. For more information, please visit: www.sfp-vocations.org or contact Ruthy Trusler at 513.761.9040x132 or rtrusler@sfp-vocations.org.

JULY 24 - 27:

GLENMARY HOME MISSIONERS DISCERNMENT MISSION TRIP

Single men, ages 15-18, who are discerning a call as a priest or brother are invited to a discernment mission trip experience with the Glenmary Home Missioners. Please contact Bro. David at 513.881.7411 or vocations@glenmary.org.

There will also be a discernment mission trip experience for single men, ages 18 – 45, **July 31 through August 3**. Please contact Bro. David at the information provided earlier for additional information.

SEMINARIAN ULTIMATE FRISBEE TOUR

FIRST STOP - On **Saturday, July 25** from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., seminarians from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will start their fourth annual Ultimate Frisbee Tour at their home, The Athenaeum/Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West in Cincinnati.

SECOND STOP - On **Wednesday, August 5** from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., at St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus Parish in Covington, Ohio.

THIRD STOP - On **Saturday, August 8** from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at Wright State University Campus Ministry Center, the St. John Bosco chapel.

These events will include Mass, frisbee and lunch. All young people aged 14+ are invited to join in the fun!

JULY 26 - 30:

SUMMER ONLINE DISCERNMENT RETREAT - DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY

The Daughters of Charity are hosting an online discernment retreat for single Catholic women ages 18-40. Participants will connect via Skype, email or phone and be directed in the retreat by members of the community. For more information, please contact Sr. Virginia Ann Brooks, D.C., at: devocations2@doc.org or 812.963.7563. Visit daughters-of-charity.com for additional information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

- **November 1 - 7, 2015** – The Vocation Office will be purchasing resources for your use in parishes and schools.
- **November 2 - 10, 2015** – The Serra Club of Cincinnati is hosting a Bible Reading Novena at the Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood. Members of the Serra Club will be reading through the entire Bible, praying for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. All are encouraged to join in their efforts. More information can be found at: www.fiveminutechurch.net/biblereadingnovena.html.

DIACONATE OFFICE

FATHER SHAWN MCKNIGHT

Father Shawn McKnight will be returning to the Athenaeum on Saturday, September 19 to conduct another workshop for the deacons. This time it will be on the deacon's role in the liturgy. Father McKnight will discuss topics related on proper movements within the liturgy that involve the deacons. The event will be 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will include lunch. There is no cost for the event and we will livestream it so that deacons who cannot attend will be able to watch it online. The response from Father McKnight's first workshop was overwhelmingly positive. His knowledge of the diaconate is a great blessing.

MARIA STEIN RETREAT

The annual diaconate retreat will be held October 9 - 11. This year's retreat master will be Deacon Thom Wininger. Deacon Wininger is a nationally recognized speaker in both the corporate world and as a retreat master. He has conducted sessions for companies like GM, AT&T, and Nabisco. He has been a speaker at the NDICE Conference here in Cincinnati. He is a high-energy guy and we look forward to the retreat.

NDICE CONFERENCE

The annual NDICE Conference will be held at Xavier University July 19 - 22. The theme will be "Deacons, Living in and Ministering to the Domestic Church." Our own Deacon John Gerke serves as president and has put together an outstanding conference this year. Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, president of the USCCB, will concelebrate our opening Mass on Sunday afternoon with Bishop Binzer. Archbishop Kurtz will then be the keynote speaker after dinner on Sunday evening. Other speakers include Dr. W. Bradford Wilcox, Director of the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia, Visiting Scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, and a Senior Fellow at the Institute for Family Studies. Dr. Wilcox, a speaker at last year's USCCB Summit on the Family, will speak on marriage as a social justice issue, and the importance of fathers in the function of family. John Michael Talbot, recognized as Catholic music's most popular artist, leads his active ministry from the Little Portion Hermitage in Arkansas and St. Clare Monastery in Texas, where he is founder and General Minister of the Brothers and Sisters of Charity. John Michael Talbot's ministry is to bring revival to God's Church "one parish at a time, renewing heart one life at a time." Other speakers include Colleen Gerke from our own Family and Respect Life Office. Deacon Jeff Drzycimski, creator and host of the nationally syndicated radio talk show "The Catholic Café," will share his knowledge and humor with us. There are several other speakers. So, as you can see, this is an event well worth attending. Registration is now available at <http://ndice.net/>.

SENIOR STATUS

Deacon Jim Hennessey has been granted Senior Status, effective June 15, 2015. Congratulations to Jim and thank you for your **thirty** years of service to Holy Trinity Parish (Batavia) and the Archdiocese.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Janice Bader, CPPS, Executive Director of National Religious Retirement Office writes “*Great news! Donations to the 2014 Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) appeal once again reached our collection average of \$28 million. And thirteen (arch)dioceses reported their highest collection totals ever!*” The Archdiocese of Cincinnati contributed \$750,000. Thank you again to everyone.

CONSECRATED LIFE EVENTS

Are you pressed for space on your parish website or in your parish bulletin and newsletters to add just “one more” item? Here is an idea to help solve these problems. Please permanently place the following information on your parish website and in your parish bulletins and newsletters: Look what our religious and consecrated life communities are doing. Come check us out and take some time to join us! Please visit:

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/events/category/consecrated-life-events/>. This link will be especially helpful during this Year of Consecrated Life when so many varying events are taking place. It will remain in place even beyond this year for Vocations Events in particular.

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

ANNUAL USCCB AUDIT CERTIFICATION LETTERS

All pastors, parish administrators, principals and other leaders of Archdiocese of Cincinnati institutions should have received a letter asking them to certify that their institutions have received and implemented the Archdiocese *Decree on Child Protection* during the USCCB audit period and fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Please sign and return those letters to Joe Riede via email: jriede@catholiccincinnati.org or fax (513.421.6225). The USCCB Auditors will review these signed letters during their audit of the Archdiocese. **Thank you to all locations that have returned their forms; we have received 266 out of 317.**

OLD VIRTUS® ACCOUNTS

To assist the Local Safe Environment Coordinator (SEC) with maintaining their Master report, we will be identifying individuals who registered for a VIRTUS® account in 2012 and 2013 and have not completed training or a background check. To assist us on this endeavor, please review your records to ensure all your employees and volunteers who completed training have been documented in VIRTUS®. We have begun deleting accounts that have no background check and training completed.

SEC TRAINING

To assist the Local Safe Environment Coordinators (SEC) with their duties, Jackie is available on Wednesdays for one-on-one or small group training. Please contact Jackie via email: jheinitz@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131x2843 to schedule a session.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING OFFICE

SCAM ALERT

Please be aware of email or phone solicitations requesting you to sign up for new utility services. Several of our locations report that they have received calls asking for the pastor by name. Please make all of your employees aware that they should not agree to anything by telephone or email.

SPECIAL EVENTS INSURANCE CHANGE

The “Special Events Insurance Program,” also known as Tenant User Liability Insurance Program (TULIP), is moving online. TULIP provides insurance coverage when a parish or school allows an event to be held on parish/school property, but the event is not parish/school sponsored. The most common example is a wedding reception held at a parish hall which serves alcohol. If an individual or outside organization holds an event on parish/school property, they have one of two choices, either (1) provide a certificate of insurance naming the parish/school as additional insured for at least \$1,000,000.00 or (2) purchase the TULIP coverage. TULIP is underwritten by K&K Insurance and is handled through our broker at Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services.

Please Note: TULIP Coverage for Recurring Meetings and/or Liquor Liability is NOT available on the web-based system. A paper application is available at www.catholiccincinnati.org. Click on the Finance Office tab for more information and forms. If you have additional questions, please contact Charlotte Carpenter at 513.421.3131x2852.

401(k) ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING

Fifth Third, the trustee of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati 401(k) Plan will host a live webinar for administrators on the first Wednesday of the month in August, September and October. The training will be a refresher for current administrators and a great learning experience for those new to the role of administering the 401(k) at each location. This will feature a computer log-in and telephone call number. At press time, those are not finalized. However, please mark your calendar for the **first** Wednesday of the month effective 8/5/2015, 9/2/2015 and 10/7/2015; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The Finance Office will email the website and call-in number to administrators in August. If you have additional questions, please contact Charlotte Carpenter at 513.421.3131x2852.

HOURS MEASUREMENT

STILL REQUIRED BY THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA)

Thank you for your efforts to complete the process required for our first ACA measurement period that concluded on March 31, 2015. Effective April 1, 2015, we began again. The ACA requires that employers measure hours during a 12-month measurement period to determine which employees have earned the right to be offered health insurance coverage during the next Stability Period. Hours must be tracked from April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016 for review for our Stability Period of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017. Each location is required to track and input hours worked for all employees in the Benefit Allocation System (BAS) MyEnroll portal.

Detailed instructions for inputting hours in the BAS system are posted in the BAS Reference Library. (FYI, the effort to upload weekly file from Paycor will not work at this time.)

Also, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is working with BAS to also complete the required Internal Revenue Service Section 6055/6066 reporting and Forms 1094/1095 by location due in early 2016. As more information becomes available it will be published.

BAS will be hosting live webinars. Please save the dates:

Thursday, July 16, 1:00 p.m.

Friday, July 24, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, August 13, 1:00 p.m.

Friday, August 21, 9:00 a.m.

Webinar details will be emailed to Business Managers as was done during Open Enrollment. If you have additional questions, please contact Charlotte Carpenter at 513.421.3131x2852.

FROM THE DESK OF THE SENIOR AUDITOR

Over the next couple of months we will review a fraud that was committed by a former secretary who was also the treasurer of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at a school in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Her schemes involved writing checks to cash, writing checks payable to herself, checks written to family members and unauthorized purchase of gift cards for personal use.

THE FRAUD

She prepared and endorsed checks payable to herself and her mother, and disguised them by coding them in the ledgers as legitimate payments to vendors and individuals. Sometimes she recorded the payments as inter-account transfers, and sometimes she simply did not make an accounting entry. The accounting Software allowed her to make changes to the vendor's name after the check had been cut.

Red Flags

- There was no oversight of the PTO bank account
- There was no independent review of checks or invoices
- There was no review of the monthly bank reconciliation.

PREVENT, DETECT OR DETER

The above case illustrates one of the possible ways a fraud can occur at your location. It may not be possible to eliminate all fraud; it is possible to reduce the risk. Implementing standard controls may allow an organization to prevent, detect or deter a fraud. The following are suggestions that may have accomplished these goals:

Dual signatures on check disbursements with two officers of the organization not otherwise handling or recording cash transactions as signors are required. (*Document on Temporal Affairs: # 81*)

We recommend that all bank statements are sent directly to the parish office. The pastor or his designee should review the bank statements for any unusual checks or other transactions, and initial the statements before giving them to the organization's treasurer to perform the

reconciliation. The review of the bank statement will ensure that unusual items are investigated on a timely basis. In addition, the Pastor or his designee should periodically review, approve, and sign the bank reconciliation each month.

QuickBooks accounting software allows an individual to make changes to the financial records after checks have been printed. We recommend that the parish require all affiliated organizations using the parish's tax ID number record their financial records in ParishSOFT. Thereby changes to the financial records can only be made through the use of a journal entry, which establishes an audit trail of all changes.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

We have received numerous inquiries from parishes regarding musicians—how to properly classify them from an employment standpoint, how to pay them, etc. Set forth below are excerpts from guidance that we have developed on the status, pay and classification of musicians. Please do not hesitate to contact us in the HR Department if you have any questions about the information below or any questions in general regarding personnel matters.

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STATUS, PAY AND CLASSIFICATION OF MUSICIANS

EXEMPT

Parish musicians who are employed in leadership positions such as a Director of Liturgy and Music and other professional parish musicians whose work requires exercise of discretion and judgment and advanced knowledge acquired through specialized instruction, are considered exempt and may be paid a salary rather than on a fee or hourly basis. A parish musician's salary must meet the minimum requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) of \$455 per week (\$23,660 per year). If the parish musician's salary falls below the minimum standard, the parish musician loses his or her exempt status.

NON-EXEMPT

If a parish musician's job duties, responsibilities and salary are below the (FLSA) standards for an Executive, Administrative or Professional exemption, then the parish musician must be paid on an hourly basis. Many parish music positions such as cantors and part-time organists are considered to be non-exempt and must be paid for each hour worked as well as overtime if they exceed 40 hours per week. Remember, the classification of any job depends on its substance, not on its title.

If you are not sure which category a parish musician (or any other employee) falls into, the safe course and rule of thumb is that unless clearly exempt, an employee should be considered non-exempt.

FEE BASIS

Non-exempt parish musicians are sometimes paid on a fee basis for their work (i.e., \$75.00 per Mass). If a non-exempt parish musician is paid a fee, it must include compensation for time spent at obligations in preparation for the Mass such as choir rehearsals and staff meetings since the employee is reimbursed on an hourly basis. In that case, the fee must be greater than the minimum federal and state wage requirements when divided by the actual number of hours

worked. Parish musicians should be compensated fairly when one considers the specialized knowledge required to fulfill the job. Non-exempt parish musicians must fill out a time sheet like other hourly employees. All compensation paid, flat fee or otherwise, is subject to withholdings, payroll tax, and leave accrual (if benefits-eligible.)

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Regardless of the type of function at which the parish musician performs (weddings, funerals, prayer services, etc.), the work is part of that employee's parish employment; all money received by the employee for all these services should be paid by the parish and reported as income to the IRS with appropriate deductions. All income paid to a parish musician must be included in the parish records with the appropriate deductions taken.

EXCEPTION

An exception to the above guidelines would be when an outside party engages the use of the parish church but is free to hire any outside musician they want. If the outside party chooses an individual who is an employee at another parish in the archdiocese, then the outside party may pay whatever fee is agreed upon directly to the musician, and the parish need not report it as income. This "moonlighting" income would not be run through the parish payroll.

EMPLOYEE OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

A recent ruling by the IRS indicated that parish musicians who are paid to perform at weekly services are generally considered employees of the church and not as independent contractors. The IRS noted several conditions that, when answered in the affirmative, influenced their decision on the status of parish musicians as employees.

1. If the worker is required to comply with another person's instructions about when, where, and how he or she is to do the work.
2. If the worker's services are integrated into the business operations.
3. If there is a continuing relationship between the worker and the person for whom the services are performed.
4. If set hours are established, or, if the nature of the work makes fixed hours impractical, workers are required to be at the job at certain times.
5. If the work is performed on the premises of the person for whom the services are performed.
6. If payment is made by the hour, week, or month. A guaranteed minimum salary also indicates an employee.
7. If the person for who services are performed furnishes significant tools, materials and other equipment.

It is the parish that carries most of the risk if an employee is misclassified as an independent contractor. If a parish musician is misclassified, the IRS can assess severe penalties on a parish for failure to pay and failure to file and withhold mandated federal and state taxes. Parishes should be aware that the risk for wrongly classifying an employee as an independent contractor belongs to the parish.

If you need further assistance in interpreting the above guidelines and information presented, please contact Rob Reid in the Department of Human Resources, Charlotte Carpenter or Rich Kelly in the Department of Financial Services.

DEPARTMENT OF PASTORAL SERVICES

FAMILY AND RESPECT LIFE OFFICE (FARLO)

BILL MAY – “TAKING BACK MARRIAGE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES”

William B. May, author of *Getting the Marriage Conversation Right*, will offer a fresh perspective about issues related to marriage and family and will discuss the need for a new positive “Marriage Reality Movement” for the public on Sunday, July 19, 2015, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary Bartlett Center, 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45230. This will be an important discussion for those concerned about how to protect their children from adopting distorted concepts of love and marriage that affect the choices they make in their own lives and for those concerned about the societal consequences of the breakdown of marriage. You may download the flyer here: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/William-B-May-Public-Event-Flyer.pdf>. For more information, please contact the Family and Respect Life Office at 513.421.3131x2653 or farlocincinnati@catholiccincinnati.org.

A MORNING WITH BILL MAY FOR THOSE IN MARRIAGE MINISTRY

William B. May believes in the example of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the start of the New Evangelization and the Magesteriums of Pope St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis. Mr. May will offer insights into fresh ways to approach the current challenges surrounding marriage. Join us at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Monroe on Monday, July 20, from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon. The title of the presentation is “Revealing the Truth about Marriage: A Pastoral and Social Justice Approach.” Participants will have the opportunity to meet in small groups to discuss how they might put what they hear into action. This event is being sponsored by the Family and Respect Life Office, Office of Priestly Formation and the Permanent Deaconate Office. You may download the flyer here: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/Wm-May-ministry-flyer1.pdf>. For more information, please contact the Family and Respect Life Office at 513.421.3131x2653 or farlocincinnati@catholiccincinnati.org.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

There are still seats available on the adults-only bus traveling to the Papal Mass for the World Meeting of Families. Adults are defined as 18 years and older, graduated from high school. Please call Caron Bergen in the Family and Respect Life Office at 513.421.3131x2653 to register. For additional information, please see our website, <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/world-meeting-of-families-2015/register-for-the-world-meeting-of-families/#faq>.

CHRIST AT THE CENTER: FAMILY AND HOME

The current Christ at the Center Home Edition began June 15. Home Editions are posted on the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis page; scroll down to the “Christ at the Center” icon and click Family & Home-<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/evangelization-and-catechesis/>.

NATIONAL 54-DAY ROSARY NOVENA FOR THE FAMILY AND MARRIAGE

Archbishop Dennis Schnurr encourages participation in this prayer effort to support families and marriage as a message of hope in response to the spiritual crisis in our culture and nation and to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' call to prayer. The novena's primary intention is "for family and marriage", including peace, sanctity of human life and religious freedom. All are encouraged to pray the rosary for 54 straight days either at home individually or with families, in a parish community, or with the Facebook community at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/54-Day-Rosary-Novena/120421517989201>.

- 27 days in petition from August 15 through September 10, 2015
- 27 days in thanksgiving from September 11 through October 7, 2015

Please visit www.54days.org for more information.

PRIESTLY FORMATION OFFICE

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY IN JULY TO IMPROVE YOUR MARRIAGE PREPARATION/PRESENTATIONS

Marriage and Chastity - Priests involved in marriage ministry are invited to hear William B. May, founder of Catholics for the Common Good and <http://www.takebackmarriage.org/>. More details are available in the article under the Family and Respect Life Office section in this edition of *Clergy Communications*.

PARISH PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP IN AUGUST

The Parish Personnel Management Workshop is a two-day program **for pastors and business managers**. *We offer this workshop only once every two years*. It is scheduled for **August 26 and 27 at Bergamo Center**. Mary Kessler, a consultant from the National Association of Church Personnel Administrators (NACPA), will be the presenter. You should have received the flyer by now. If by chance you have not, or if you have any questions, please contact the Priestly Formation Office at 513.421.3131x2651.

COME ENJOY BEER, BRATS, AND BROTHERHOOD

All priests of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati are invited to join the priests and seminarians at Mount St. Mary's Seminary for an evening of beer, brats, and brotherhood on **Friday, August 28, 2015**. The evening will kick off at 4:00 p.m. with drinks and appetizers followed by a 5:00 p.m. cookout in the Athenaeum's Marian Courtyard. The event is free. Look for your invitation in the mail. As a courtesy, please R.S.V.P. before August 17, by contacting Jan Hagedorn at 513.231.2223 or jhagedorn@athenaeum.edu. We look forward to seeing you!

LOOKING TOWARD FALL

- The **Parish Administration Workshop** is scheduled for **September 30, 2015**, at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Monroe (not to be confused with the Parish Personnel Management Workshop above). **Note:** This is a new location for this workshop.
- The **Convocation of Priests** is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 21, 2015** at Incarnation Parish.

- The **Fall Retreat for Priests** is scheduled for **Monday, October 12 through Friday, October 16** at Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford. Father Tom McQuillen, who gave the Winter/Spring retreat at Marie Stein, will be giving that same retreat for us this fall.
- The **Gospel Workshop** for the Gospel of Luke is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 4 (Cincinnati) and Thursday, November 5 (Dayton.)**

LOOKING TOWARDS THE DISTANT FUTURE

- The **multi-day Convocation for Priests** (two years from now) has been tentatively scheduled for the **week of June 19, 2017.**
- The **Winter/Spring Retreat for Priests** is now scheduled for the first week of Lent, i.e., **Monday, February 15 through Friday, February 19**, at Maria Stein. Father Paul Ruwe will be the retreat speaker.

WORSHIP OFFICE

THE “LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU 2016”

Will be celebrated on **Tuesday, February 23, 2016.** Mark your calendars! As we celebrate the Year of Mercy, we will once again open our doors to those seeking to return to the Sacrament of Penance through the “Light is ON for You” initiative.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR UPDATE

This year, the *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin* falls on a Saturday; therefore, it is not a holy day of obligation, but it still holds the rank of a holy day/solemnity. A vigil Mass may be celebrated on Friday evening, August 14.

ANNUAL LITURGICAL NOTES CALENDAR

The liturgical notes calendar will be posted on the Worship Office website in late July. It will be included with the next edition of *Clergy Communications*.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Worship Office annual calendar of events will be published soon and posted on the Worship Office website.

ARE YOU RECEIVING THE WORSHIP OFFICE E-NEWS?

If you have not signed up for the Worship Office newsletter, you can do so by visiting:
<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/worship/join-our-email-newsletter/>

OFFICE OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (OYYAM)

Important: There is far more information on youth and young adult opportunities on our website than we are able to include here. Visit our websites:

- Young Adult Ministry: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/young-adult>
- Youth Ministry: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/youth-ministry>

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016, KRAKOW, POLAND

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has teamed up with Mission Youth to offer a pilgrimage package for World Youth Day 2016. This World Youth Day pilgrimage will be a special one, in the homeland of Saint John Paul II who began the first WYD experiences. There are just 80 spots reserved for this pilgrimage, so all are encouraged to sign up soon. The group will be staying at the AGH University of Science and Technology – a beautiful campus and excellent location within walking distance to many of the official WYD events, optimizing logistics and enabling an incredible experience for the pilgrims. All details for the pilgrimage can be found at the Mission Youth website. If you would like to schedule an information session for youth and parents at your parish or school, please contact Maria Gaviria at gaviria.mm@pg.com. More info and forms are available here: <http://www.missionyouthmissions.com/> and follow the link to WYD 2016.

CATHOLIC YOUTH ATHLETICS INITIATIVE AND CHARTER IMPLEMENTATION

Here's a snapshot of Youth Athletics Initiative developments (please forward to your athletics leaders):

1. **Great resources for Spiritual Liaisons and others:** Visit the Archdiocesan Youth Athletics website for “Victory Gear” for players, parents, coaches and boosters organizations: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ayatf/>.
2. **Boosters compliance materials:** If your boosters organization has not submitted compliance materials yet, be sure to contact (Cincinnati area) Gina Kelly, 513.739.0430, or gina.kelly@clorox.com; or (Dayton/northern area) Tim Colbert at 937.223.1001x.5050 or tcolbert@catholiccincinnati.org.
3. **Fall sports in the Cincinnati metro area:** The “Greater Cincinnati Catholic Youth Sports” League (GCCYS) is now set up for fall sports, replacing the Cincinnati CYO.

PLANNING FOR THE FALL AND BEYOND

“CHOSEN: BECOMING THE HEROES THE WORLD NEEDS”

Our next middle-school and junior-high rally will happen next fall on Saturday afternoon and evening, October 17 at Archbishop Moeller High School in Cincinnati, and will feature Steve Angrisano, a veteran musician, composer and youth minister who has been featured at six World Youth Days, several NCYCs and countless diocesan youth conventions and Steubenville Conferences. He is especially good at actively engaging large groups of young people, so mark your calendars and keep in mind there will be a parent track. To learn more about Steve Angrisano, please visit <http://www.spiritandsong.com/Steve-Angrisano>.

CARING FOR YOUTH IN CRISIS

Dr. Kristin Witte will offer a one-day in-service for youth ministers, high school campus ministers, and other youth-serving church leaders on pastoral care for hurting teens, their families and churches. At the NCCYM this past year, Dr. Witte's sessions were among the highest evaluated, and youth ministers who attended raved about what she offered there, so we decided to bring her to the Archdiocese. **Tuesday, October. 20, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Favret Hall, St. John Parish, West Chester.**

NEW ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE ACTION TEAM

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Family Life Office and Social Action Office are teaming up to launch a fresh, new initiative in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati: an Archdiocesan Respect Life Action Team made up of high school students who have a passion for life issues. The purpose is threefold:

1. Identify young leaders who have a passion and calling for engagement in respect life matters.
2. Prepare them to serve as informed advocates for the Church's teaching on all life issues.
3. Equip them to fill a valuable Archdiocesan leadership role at the March for Life.

If you have any high school students who would be great candidates for this initiative, **mark your calendars for our opening training dates: in the Cincinnati area on Friday, October 16, and another in Dayton on Saturday, October 17, both led by nationally-acclaimed Catholic presenter Steve Angrisano (students only attend one).** After the 2016 March for Life, we will have a follow-up gathering in the spring of 2016 for further formation, reflection on the experience, and celebration. If you have any further questions about this initiative, contact Bob Wurzelbacher at 513.421.3131x2742 or bwurzelbacher@catholiccincinnati.org.

THE 2015

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE IS COMING TO INDIANAPOLIS

The National Catholic Youth Conference is an exciting, biennial three-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for well over 20,000 Catholic teens. The schedule includes keynote addresses, liturgy, workshops, prayer, reconciliation and an interactive thematic park.

Give your high school-aged parishioners an experience of faith on a different level—one that will educate not just the mind, but the heart and soul. Make the effort to bring back to your parish a group of students excited and inspired to live their Catholic faith more fully. Do not let your teens miss this opportunity to join with many thousands of others in an exciting celebration of being Catholic! Go to www.catholiccincinnati.org/ncyc-2015/ for everything you need to prepare for NCYC Indianapolis on **November 19-22, 2015.**

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE

2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

July marks the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year! We are looking forward to a great year ahead. Several **new principals** will be joining our schools this year. These principals include: Kim Harnett (Bishop Leibold), Terri Cento (Cardinal Pacelli), Karen Juliano (Catholic Central), Christa Dohmen (Good Shepherd Montessori), Linda Phillips (Immaculate Conception, Dayton), Chris Shisler (Nativity), Mandy Kirk (Our Lady of Grace), Amy Borgman (Our Lady of Victory), Courtney Brown (Royalmont Academy High School), Sr. Miriam Kaeser (St. Boniface), Jane Brack (St. Vivian), and John Thornberg (Summit Country Day Upper School). Some **veteran principals** are also moving to other Catholic schools, including Dave Mueller (Mercy High School), Tina Conners (Queen of Peace), Terry Adkins (St. Brigid), Kim Roy (St.

Vincent Ferrer), and Karen White (Seton High School). We also welcome two new **high school presidents**: Judy Gerwe (Mt. Notre Dame) and Kathy Ciarla (Seton). We expect the search for the President of Moeller High School to be completed shortly.

In addition to these new leaders, we are delighted to welcome several **new members of the Catholic Schools Office staff**. These individuals include Kathy Kane (Director of Certification), Bob Litzinger (Associate Director of School Finance), and Diane Hungler (Administrative Assistant).

May God bless us in the school year ahead!

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

CHRIST AT THE CENTER...

The infusion bulletin for Ordinary Time, July 19, 2015 – August 30, 2015, is included with this mailing. The **Spanish** edition is also included.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Training is coming to Cincinnati! The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Christian education process for children ages 3 through 12 in which they experience and form an authentic, faithful relationship with God. Inspired by Maria Montessori's principles of education, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd was created in 1954 in Rome by Dr. Sofia Cavalletti, a biblical scholar, and Professor Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori-trained educator of children and teachers. Level One training will be held at four area locations in the next few months. Link to <http://www.cgsusa.org/course.aspx> for more information. For catechists wishing to apply completed CGS training to certification requirements, please know that Basic Certification is provided for Level One CGS training. Learn more at:

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/evangelization-and-catechesis/catechesis/the-catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd/>.

NCEA IFG:ACRE ASSESSMENT

Catholic school principals and catechetical leaders, and parish catechetical leaders are reminded that the **NCEA ACRE Assessment must be administered in every parish and school annually**. Religious Education & Catechetical Policies #2108.02 NCEA ACRE INVENTORIES, see http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/OEC_Policies2012.pdf. Please schedule the NCEA ACRE Assessment with consideration for potential inclement weather school and building closures, so that you can meet the deadlines below. If you have questions or concerns about administration of the IFG:ACRE assessment, please consult your regional consultant in the Catholic Schools Office or the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. 2015-16 deadlines for submitting answer sheets to CALtesting for scoring:

- Friday, **November 20, 2015**, for Catholic High Schools
- Friday, **February 19, 2016**, for Catholic Elementary Schools and all parish religious education programs

For more information, please link to <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/evangelization-and-catechesis/resources/ncea-acre/>.

SAVE THE DATE

Plan to attend the Catechetical Leadership Conference on Thursday, October 15 at the Presidential Center in Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Timothy O'Malley, Director of the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy, will be our featured speaker on liturgical catechesis at the service of evangelization. Further details will be available in late summer. This conference is sponsored by the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis.

OFFICE OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

TWO NEW WEB RESOURCES FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

www.ContagiouslyCatholic.org. This webpage will offer ways for pastors, parish leadership, and parishioners to become informed and equipped as Missionary Disciples. The site will highlight resources, workshops, blogs, and events sponsored by the Office of the New Evangelization and partner offices and organizations working to build a culture of witness in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

www.Stirintoflame.org This is an outreach webpage sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and managed jointly by the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis and the Office of the New Evangelization. This webpage is a resource for reaching those who are curious about the Catholic faith or are open to growing in their Catholic faith.

FOOD FOR ALL: BE MULTIPLIED

Food for All: Be Multiplied is an Archdiocesan, collaborative effort to faithfully respond to hunger in our local neighborhoods. Inspired by Pope Francis's call to action to end hunger by 2025 and in conjunction with his visit to Philadelphia in September. *Food for All: Be Multiplied* will be our collective Archdiocesan "Spiritual Bouquet" for Pope Francis. For updated information, please go to: www.catholiccincinnati.org/foodforall. There is also a flyer included with this mailing for posting in a visible place or for copying and placing in your bulletins.

Upcoming Events to Promote and Participate

Defeat Hunger Obstacle Run and Food Drive | September 5, 2015 - The Office of the New Evangelization and the Catholic Schools Office are hosting a family Obstacle Run, 5K, food drive and after party for the whole community! The event will feature fun for all ages. For information, please call Sean Ater at 513.421.3131x2733. To download the "Defeat Hunger" logo, please visit: http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/FFA_Logo.png Right click on image → on menu that pops up, select "save picture as" → save picture wherever you choose to that you will be able to find it at a later time.

Be Multiplied: Multiply Gifts of Food Parish & School Drive | June – September 2015 - Parishes, schools, businesses and other organizations like St. Vincent de Paul are challenged to pledge food to the Food for All Campaign. Many parishes and schools already organize successful food drives throughout the year. Parishes and schools will be challenged to set a goal and pledge that food to the Food for All Campaign. Parishes, schools, and businesses could start a food drive to participate in the Campaign if they do not already organize one. A social media campaign will highlight the parishes, schools, and businesses making a pledge. All pledges will

be made before the Pope visits in September but the food drives can happen anytime in 2015-2016. For information, please call Sean Ater at the number listed earlier.

Multiply Volunteers for the Pope Francis House | June 2015 - Poverty leads to food insecurity. Stable housing for families and children increases health, physical safety and security and increases educational and job prospects, all of which help people rise out of poverty. In partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati, we will be working together to build a house to honor Pope Francis for his commitment to the poor and reinvigorating the Church. Individuals or groups are invited to volunteer. Visit vhub.at/hfhgc to register. When asked for a join code use: francis1. Groups should schedule with Monica Human at 513.482.5614; monica.human@habitatcincinnati.org.

Catholic Charities invites your parish to host “Hunger in Ohio or Food for All?” - Did you know that one in six children in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is food insecure? *One Human Family, Food for All* is the Holy Father’s initiative calling God’s people to act to end systemic hunger by 2025. Through this inspiring evening your parish community will stand in solidarity with the poor. The program, lasting approximately one hour, is presented at your parish on an evening convenient to your ministries. Please contact Scott Stephens at, 513.672.3714 to schedule a presentation at your parish.

Advocate for Change: Write Letters to Washington

Please refer to the article under the Social Action Office section.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHWESTERN OHIO

WELCOMING THE REFUGEE

Individuals and parish organizations can welcome refugees as they take their first steps towards their American dream with a welcome basket. These basket of supplies provide basic essentials every family needs.

Bath in a Bag: 1 of each – bath and hand towel, wash cloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, bar soap, deodorant, razor, shampoo, conditioner, comb, 4-pack of toilet paper.

Bed in a Bag: Twin size sheet set, comforter and pillow (must be in package.)

Kitchen in a Bag for a family size of 4: 4 of each – plates, bowls, silverware, glasses, mugs. 2 or 3 serving bowls with lids, 1 small and 1 large sauce pan, 1 small and 1 large frying pan, 2 or 3 mixing bowls, 1 stock pot, 1 tea kettle, 1 can opener, 1 set of measuring cups, 1 set of measuring spoons, 1 cookie sheet, 1 rectangular cake pan, 1 cutting board, 1 chef knife, 1 paring knife, 1 spatula, 2 large spoons, 1 bowl strainer, 1 pitcher, 3 dish towels, 2 oven mitts, 3 storage containers, 1 dish soap.

For more information on how your group can get involved, please contact Megan Zarnitz at mzarnitz@ccswho.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a few hours a day to assist with answering phones and welcoming people who come to Catholic Charities office for services? Would you like to help prepare an apartment for a new arriving refugee family? There are a variety of volunteer opportunities where you can help serve the poor, protect the vulnerable and welcome the stranger. Our main offices are located in Roselawn on Reading Road. To get involved, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Jeanne Cairns at 513.672.3707 or by email at jcairns@ccswoh.org.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Please see the announcement regarding resources on Pope Francis's encyclical and our related archdiocesan ministry under the Office of the Archbishop section. Also, included in this issue of *Clergy Communications* is a bulletin insert, which can be reproduced or downloaded at www.usccb.org.

APPEAL TO PARISHES, SCHOOLS AND ALL CATHOLIC INSTITUTIONS: EDUCATE ON THE DEATH PENALTY

This year is a particularly opportune one in the Catholic Church's long-term effort to curb the use of the death penalty in Ohio. There is currently a moratorium on executions and several bills have been introduced in the Ohio General Assembly to limit capital punishment. It is now up to Ohioans, and especially Catholics and other people of faith, to urge for policy changes which move us closer to protecting the sanctity of all life.

To that end, the Catholic bishops of Ohio have created the brochure, "Death Penalty Education." It includes a message from the bishops, brief excerpts from Church teaching, a prayer, list of trusted resources, and a call to action.

To carry out this campaign locally, the Archdiocese is partnering with the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center in concert with the Catholic Conference of Ohio and Ohioans to Stop Executions to organize activities on this issue in parishes, schools, and other Catholic institutions. Your role in this campaign could entail having a speaker in between Sunday liturgies, or it could involve hosting a panel of vetted experts from across the state.

Through the Catholic Social Action Office, Archbishop Dennis Schnurr sent an appeal to all parishes in April, encouraging participation in this campaign. If you wish to learn more or begin preparations for some type of educational event on the death penalty, please contact the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center at 513.579.8547, or allison@ijpccincinnati.org. For further information or inquiries, please contact the Archdiocesan Catholic Social Action Office at 513.421.3131x2660, or csa@catholiccincinnati.org.

FOOD FOR ALL: 5,000 LETTERS TO CONGRESS!

Food for All: Be Multiplied is an Archdiocesan and Catholic Charities/Social Services effort to faithfully respond to hunger in our local neighborhoods inspired by Pope Francis's call to action to end hunger by 2025 and in conjunction with his visit to the U.S. in September, *Food for All: Be Multiplied* will be our collective Archdiocesan 'Spiritual Bouquet' for Pope Francis.

As a component of the Food for All campaign, the Archdiocese is organizing a major advocacy campaign to promote anti-hunger policies in the federal budget. It is yet another way the Archdiocese will welcome Pope Francis to the U.S., specifically for his address to the U.S. Congress on September 24. Our goal: just as there were at least 5,000 gathered to witness Jesus multiplication of the loaves and the fishes, we can generate 5,000 letters to our elected officials to feed the hungry of our land.

The vehicle for advocacy is the Bread for the World Offering of Letters. Supported by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's leaders to end hunger at home and abroad. There is a Cincinnati chapter for Bread, and regional staff for Bread is based in Dayton.

Echoing the USCCB's policy position, Bread for the World is urging Congress to renew our federal government's major child nutrition programs, including those for school meals, summer feeding, and the WIC nutrition program for pregnant and new mothers along with their small children. Every five years, Congress must re-authorize the law that funds these programs, which have helped millions of children over the decades.

Parishes, schools and any Catholic institution in the Archdiocese are encouraged to host an Offering of Letters by utilizing Bread's toolkit, or by having people sign our form letter. Groups can also use this opportunity to invite a speaker from Catholic Charities to speak about hunger in our Archdiocese. These resources can be accessed at <http://www.bread.org/ol/2015/downloads/>, or by contacting Catholic Social Action at 513.421.3131x2660, or csa@catholiccincinnati.org. Collected letters should be sent to the Catholic Social Action Office, so that they can be included with letters from Catholics throughout the entire Archdiocese, blessed by the Archbishop, and delivered together to our Congressional representatives. Please visit www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction to learn more.

Learn more about at the overall campaign at www.catholiccincinnati.org/foodforall. Please see the Office of the New Evangelization for other aspects to the *Food for All* campaign.

**REVEREND DAVID BECKMANN:
BREAD FOR THE WORLD PRESIDENT TO SPEAK
October 21 in Dayton and October 22 in Cincinnati**

As another component for the Food for All campaign, mark your calendars to attend our Distinguished Speaker Event which will feature World Food Prize laureate Reverend David Beckmann, one of the foremost U.S. advocates on behalf of hungry and poor people. He has been president of Bread for the World since 1991, leading large-scale and successful campaigns to strengthen U.S. political commitment to overcome hunger and poverty in the country and around the world. The event in Dayton will include a dinner that incorporates a hunger awareness exercise (i.e. different meals served to represent range of food available to world populations). Stay tuned for more details and location.

GATHER AND SEND

The call of Pope Francis to see a Church renewal that results in the parish becoming "completely mission-oriented" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 28) is an extraordinary opportunity for the orientation of all parish life. The vision of Pope Francis makes this an important time to evaluate, enhance and share best practices for supporting the work of social mission. Starting this

summer and over the next two years, the Catholic Social Action Office and Commission are working in conjunction with JustFaith Ministries on a campaign called “Gather and Send.” The process will enhance our efforts to gather people of faith to study the scriptures, Catholic social teaching, the witness of the saints and the work of Catholic agencies as they relate to the vision of a Church of/for/with the poor; build up small and large faith communities supportive of social mission; and provide a launching place for deeper involvement in the social mission of the Church. Gather and Send will formally launch during a retreat of leaders from over 40 parishes throughout the Archdiocese on August 22-23. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting effort as it develops!

RURAL URBAN MASS

Joe and Joanna Goettemoeller’s Farm will be the site of the 2015 Rural Urban Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph Binzer on Thursday, July 23, at 6:30 p.m. The Petersburg Region of Immaculate Conception in Botkins, St. Joseph in Wapakoneta, St. John in Fryburg and St. Lawrence in Rhine, are the parishes hosting the Mass. The Goettemoeller’s Farm is located at 13775 Lock 2 Road, Botkins. The Catholic Century Farm Awards will also be distributed at the Mass.

FAIR TRADE SALE MOVES TO UD’S RIVER CAMPUS

The regional International Artisans Fair Trade Sale will move to the University of Dayton’s River Campus this year. The sale, held the first Saturday of December (this year December 5), will offer handcrafted items for family and home from around the world, including gourmet coffee, tea and chocolate. This sale has been hosted at various locations throughout the Miami Valley over the years: St. Albert the Great Church, the Bergamo Center and St. Peter Church. Parishes from Greater Dayton work together on the sale as a way of standing in solidarity with families around the world. Both Bergamo and UD are affiliated with the Marianist community.

FREE POSTERS! CARE FOR CREATION CALENDAR OF SAINTS

In anticipation of Pope Francis’s upcoming encyclical on the environment this summer, the Catholic Social Action Office is giving out poster-sized calendars identifying holidays and feast days associated with patron saints of various causes related to the environment. This colorful graphic makes for an attractive and informative display in any parish or school public area. You can view a PDF of it online here:

<http://www.ohiocathconf.org/1/Envir/creationcal/CatholicCreationCalendaInteractive.pdf>. The resource was designed and produced by the Ohio Catholic Rural Life Conference, a ministry of the Catholic bishops of Ohio. If you would like one of these free posters, please contact Catholic Social Action at 513.421.3131x2660.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT INTERFAITH SERVICE EFFORT TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF *NOSTRA AETATE!*

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's *Nostra Aetate: Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions*, the Archdiocese is teaming up with Xavier University, Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati, Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education, and Hebrew Union College - Institute of Religion to invite groups to join together and form an interfaith working group that will engage in a community service activity. The type of activity is open: working with issues impacting the underserved, such as

poverty, the environment, the disabled, animal rights, the aged, immigrants and refugees, etc. An activity that seeks to make a change, however small, for the better in our regional community is appropriate.

HOW - FUNDING: Each combined group is eligible to receive up to \$500 towards their service project.

WHO: Multiple faith groups of tweens, teens, and/or young adults. Any group in the 19 counties of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati or the Tri-state area of Cincinnati is eligible.

WHY: In celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of *Nostra Aetate*, a seminal Catholic Church document proclaiming the importance of cooperation among people of different faiths for the betterment of society, groups of any and all faith traditions are welcome and encouraged to apply.

WHEN: Review of applications will continue until 50 projects have been selected. Service projects should take place any time before Jan 23, 2016.

To learn more or apply for funding, please visit: www.Xavier.edu/identity, or contact the Catholic Social Action Office at 513.421.3131x2660.

DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP

Parishioner pledges to the Catholic Ministries Appeal have now exceeded \$5,400,000 from over 30,400 households. Of the total pledged, \$4.5 million has been received in pledge payments. Pledge payments to the Appeal will continue to come in through the end of 2015 and into the early part of 2016. The Stewardship Department extends a sincere “thank you” to pastors, parish staff members, and volunteers who helped make this year’s appeal a huge success! Three Masses of Thanksgiving for the CMA will be celebrated during the month of August. Dates, times, and locations of the Masses are listed below:

Sunday, August 16, 9:30 a.m. at St. Michael, Sharonville (Archbishop Schnurr)

Sunday, August 23, 10:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist, Tipp City (Archbishop Schnurr)

Sunday, August 30, 11:00 a.m. at St. Michael, Ft. Loramie (Bishop Binzer)

All are welcome to attend these Masses as we celebrate and give thanks for another great year. THANK YOU again for your efforts in support of the six regional ministries funded by the CMA!

CMA STATISTICS & PARISH PROGRESS

Totals for this year’s CMA, including parish progress, continue to be available at www.CatholicAppeal.info under the “Info for Parish Staff” link – **the password to access this section is: cma2007.**

MISCELLANEOUS

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2015 5:00 – 6:00 P.M.

Support the Holy Hour for vocations to the priesthood in the Chapel of St. Gregory the Great at Mount St. Mary's Seminary (6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45230. Phone: 513.231.2223.) Research shows that prayer plays a critical role in a man's decision to become a priest. And where you find growing seminaries – you also find steadfast prayer by the faithful. What can YOU do to promote the priesthood? Pray!

MELCHISEDECH OPEN

The 51st Melchisedech Open will be held on Monday, August 3, 2015 at Pipestone Golf Course in Miamisburg. The invitation for the golf outing, to which all priests and deacons are invited, was included in the June 2015 *Clergy Communications*. Deacons also received an invitation through the Office of the Diaconate. A paper copy of the invitation will not be mailed this year. If you did not receive the invitation but would like to golf, please contact Father Earl Fernandes at efernandes@athenaeum.edu or call 513.233.6152. **The deadline for reservations for golf, dinner, or both, are due by July 24.** We look forward to seeing you there!

**Please submit articles for the August *Clergy Communications* before July 22, 2015.
Thank You.**

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

MINISTRY TO SURVIVORS OF ABUSE (REPORTING) - The Archdiocese of Cincinnati regards child abuse in all its forms as a serious matter. If you are or have been abused by an employee or volunteer of the Archdiocese, or are aware of abuse currently taking place, please contact Ms. Cherie Groman, Coordinator of Ministry to Survivors of Abuse, at 513.263.6623, or 1.800.686.2724x6623. **This is a confidential, dedicated line to accept calls related to child abuse by employees or volunteers.** In addition, be sure to notify the survivor's secular legal authorities.

REPORTING FINANCIAL MISCONDUCT - In a spirit of good stewardship, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati has instituted a financial misconduct hotline to allow employees, volunteers, vendors and other interested parties to report what they believe to be financial misconduct at any level – parish, deanery or Archdiocese. As an additional safeguard, the hotline is administered by an independent third-party company, EthicsPoint. You may report a concern on this hotline either by calling one of EthicsPoint's trained specialists at 1.888.389.0381 or by visiting the website www.ethicspoint.com. There is also a link on the Archdiocesan website, www.CatholicCincinnati.org, under Ministries and Offices > Finance Office > "To Report Financial Misconduct." (on menu on left-hand side of page) > "File a Report" (at top of page).

DIVORCE WORKSHOP - If you are a Catholic who is newly divorced or separated, you may be going through a tough time right now. You should not have to feel isolated or cut off from the Catholic Church. Your Church is here to offer the support and ministry you need and deserve. There are two excellent Catholic-sponsored divorce-recovery support groups in the local area to help men and women heal from this life trauma. Both groups feature nationally recognized experts on divorce through professional video input and small group discussions. Recovery topics are anger, loneliness, new relationships, annulments, and more. **Divorcecare** - 13 weeks, held on Thursday evenings, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. from September 10 to December 10 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, Ohio. Cost: is \$25 per person. Scholarships are available. For more information, or to register, please call Marcelle Toma at 937.312.1157 or mtoma@woh.rr.com. **Catholic Divorce Survival Guide** - 12 weeks, held on Monday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. from August 31 to November 23 in the "Candle Room" of St. Christopher's Church in Vandalia. Cost: is \$25 per person. Register online at: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=670e37>. For questions, please call Noreen Wendeln in the Family & Respect Life Office at 937.222.0227

PROJECT RACHEL - Project Rachel is offering a Day of Reflection for others affected by the trauma of abortion, Saturday, September 26, 2015, in the northern part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The day will include prayer, witnesses, and a healing service that includes the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A continental breakfast and light lunch will be provided. There is no cost. *"I'm thankful for the powerful, healing reminder that as long as we turn to God, He will love us no matter what."* -N, past participant. For more information or to register, please call the confidential hotline at 513.784.0531 or consult our website www.projectrachelcincy.com/.

PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT - Project Rachel is offering a three-day retreat for post-abortive women in Cincinnati on November 20 - 22. The cost is \$125 but scholarships are available and cost should not be a barrier to attend. It is time for a second chance. Choose to

accept God's love and forgive yourself. *"The women of Project Rachel supported me lovingly, and started me on the path to healing. God forgave me, but I still had to forgive myself. God does not want you to be broken-He wants you to be the Holy Person He created you to be."* -G, past retreat participant. For more information or to register, please call the confidential hotline at 513.784.0531 or consult our website www.projectrachelcincy.com/.



DEFEAT HUNGER FAMILY OBSTACLE RUN AND FOOD DRIVE - FOOD for ALL: Be Multiplied - September 5, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Summit Park, Blue Ash, Ohio. Adult and kids' course, family-friendly pricing, after-party for all ages, Kiss107. Our goal: 5,000 **DEFEAT HUNGER** attendees donating non-perishables, conquering 25 obstacles and running to the FOOD for ALL finish line- **1,000,000 food items** pledged or donated! With a gift from one, Jesus fed 5,000. You matter. Be Multiplied! For additional information, please visit: Catholiccincinnati.org/foodforall/ or www.stirintoflame.com.

POPE HOUSE VOLUNTEER

You are invited to participate in an Archdiocese-wide service project. Generous donors have purchased a new home with Habitat for Humanity and dedicated it as the "Pope House" in honor of Pope Francis for his love for the poor and for revitalizing the Church. Individuals or groups are invited to volunteer through July, August, and September. Visit vhub.at/hfhgc to register. When asked for a join code use: francis1. Groups should schedule with Monica Human at 513.482.5614; monica.human@habitatcincinnati.org

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CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION - *The Archdiocese Climate Change Task Force is providing sample bulletin announcements once a month that include a sample prayer/reflection, quote from the Holy See, and energy-saving/care for creation tip. Please feel free to use these as appropriate. Prayer/Reflection: Loving Father, help us to be ever mindful and loving of the precious creation that you have made for us. Amen. Quote from the Holy See: On this earth there is room for everyone: here the entire human family must find the resources to live with dignity, through the help of nature itself-God's gift to his children-and through hard work and creativity. At the same time we must recognize our grave duty to hand the earth on to future generations in such a condition that they too can worthily inhabit it and continue to cultivate it. (Pope Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate, no. 50, 2009) Care for Creation Tip: Read Pope Francis's encyclical, Laudato Si': On Care of Our Common Home, addressed to "every person living on this planet." You can download it at www.vatican.va, and connect to more resources at www.usccb.org.*