



CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

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

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

PRIESTLY FORMATION OFFICE

LEXINGTON WORKSHOP ON THE PROBLEM OF PORNOGRAPHY

The following is an announcement of an opportunity that is offered free of charge to priests of our area. The event is in Lexington, Kentucky:

Peter Kleponis, PhD, will be at the Catholic Center of the Diocese of Lexington (1310 West Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky) on Friday afternoon, August 25, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., offering a free clergy session for priests, deacons, deacon spouses, deacon candidates and spouses, and seminarians.

Dr. Kleponis is the author of Integrity Restored: Helping Catholic Families Win the Battle Against Pornography. He will be speaking to the broader community on Saturday morning, August 26, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon on the topic “Fighting Porn the Culture... and Winning.” In his sessions with clergy, which includes priests, deacons (and spouses), seminarians, and deacon candidates (and spouses), he'll give an overview of the scope of the current challenge and some practical guidance for ministry to those affected.

If you are interested, please register at www.cdlex.org/family or call Mike Allen at 859.253.1993x212.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION WORKSHOP

The Parish Administration Workshop has been scheduled for **Wednesday, October 4**. The location is to be announced. Remember, there is a new format to our Parish Administration Workshop. The presenters now are the staff of the Central Offices. More to come...

FALL RETREAT FOR PRIESTS

The fall retreat for priests is scheduled for October 9-13, 2017 at the St. Anne Retreat Center in Melbourne, Kentucky. We have scheduled Monsignor Frank P. Lane, former Spiritual Director of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, to be our speaker. Look for the flyer in September.

GOSPEL WORKSHOP

This year's Gospel workshop will feature the Gospel of St. Mark. Fr. Patrick Brady, of the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, will be our presenter. This year we have a new location for the Dayton workshop. The dates and locations are,

DAYTON: Tuesday, October 24 at St. Peter Church in Huber Heights.

CINCINNATI: Wednesday, October 25 at the Athenaeum of Ohio.

PRIESTS' PERSONNEL OFFICE

EXTRA CLERGY HELP FEE SCHEDULE

Enclosed is a copy of the revised **Extra Clergy Help Fee Schedule** which was approved by Archbishop Schnurr. The schedule went into effect July 1, 2017. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bishop Joe Binzer at 513.263.6601 or by email at jbinzer@catholiccincinnati.org. Thank you!

VOCATION OFFICE

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK MATERIALS FOR EDUCATORS

Once again this year, the Vocation Office will be purchasing licensing for Vocation Awareness Week materials for educators. These materials can be accessed at www.vocationlessons.com. Our access code remains: **CinciVocations513**. Please encourage all your educators to plan ahead and utilize these plans during National Vocation Awareness week or whenever they fit best in their curriculum. Also, we'd like to know how many parishes are utilizing this content. Any input you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

AVAILABLE TO PREACH AT YOUR PARISH

Fr. Schmitmeyer wants to preach on vocations in as many parishes as possible each year. While his Fall weekend schedule is filling up, he still has some weekends available and he is willing to start taking on weekends in the Spring. Father will take on all your Sunday Masses and any confession times you regularly offer on the weekends. Call or email Fr. Schmitmeyer to set up a weekend.

40 HOURS DEVOTION INQUIRY

The Vocation Office has been approached about organizing a regular schedule of parishes participating in 40 hours devotion for vocations. As we seek the best way forward for this, we would like to know how many parishes currently hold an annual 40 hours devotion and what time of year you typically plan that devotion. Please contact Wayne Topp in the Vocation Office at wtopp@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131x2891.

RECRUITING PARISHES FOR STATEWIDE ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

We are still looking for more parishes to host a holy hour for vocations on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. Parishes in all six dioceses of Ohio will be praying throughout the day for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Host parishes can choose the time of day for their holy hour. The Vocation Office can supply the prayer guides as well. If you are interested in being a host parish, please call Wayne at 513.421.3131x2891 or email wtopp@catholiccincinnati.org.

VOCATION MATERIALS ORDER FORM ONLINE

We have several high-quality vocation materials available for order, including several Spanish resources and some for the homebound of your parishes. All materials are in stock and FREE to all parishes, schools, and homeschool groups. Please check out the online order form at <http://www.cincinnati vocations.org/additional-resources/vocation-culture-materials-order-form/>.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT COMING IN THE FALL

This year's men's priesthood discernment retreat will take place on November 17-19, 2017 at the Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, OH. If there is a young man in your parish (college age and older) who has expressed interest in the priesthood, please ask him to consider this weekend at no cost to him. It is filled with practical conferences and ample opportunities for silent reflection. Any questions, contact the Vocation Office.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

- **November 5-11:** Vocation Awareness Week
- **November 8:** Statewide Holy Hour for Vocations
- **November 17-19:** Men's Discernment Retreat
- **February 3-4, 2018:** World Day for Consecrated Life
- **April 22, 2018:** World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- **April 28, 2018:** Transitional Diaconate Ordination
- **May 19, 2018:** Priesthood Ordination

UPCOMING 2017 EVENTS TO ANNOUNCE

Please see the Bulletin Announcements section for more information on each of the following:

- **August 11-13:** Come and See Retreat with Glenmary Home Missioners
- **August 15:** Simple Profession Mass with Dominican Friars
- **August 19:** Graced: Retreat for Young Women
- **August 25-27:** Discernment Retreat with Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker
- **September 1-4:** Come and See Retreat with Cistercian Monks
- **September 14:** Chosen: Monthly Holy Hour for Vocations
- **September 22-24:** Dominican Friars Discernment Weekend
- **September 29-October 1:** Come & See Retreat with Glenmary Home Missioners

DEPARTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SERVICES

CHANCERY OFFICE

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION RESOURCE MATERIALS

This will be the last chance to change the amount of resource materials you **did or did not receive** for the **Peter's Pence** collection, which was held the last weekend of June. Please contact Lisa Weber at lweber@catholiccincinnati.org with your updated request. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Lisa at 513.421.3131x2842. Thank you.

M-1 AND M-2 FORMS NOW AVAILABLE IN SPANISH

The M-1 and M-2 Prenuptial File Forms that are used when requesting a matrimonial dispensation or permission are now available in Spanish and can be found on the Chancery Office website at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/chancery/prenuptial-file-forms/>.

OFFICE FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

2017 POSTER OF WOMEN AND MEN IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

The Office for Consecrated Life and the Vocation Office, with the assistance of the Sisters of the Precious Blood Communication Office, are producing the poster of men and women in formation for the Consecrated Life who have ties to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. As in the past, participation is open to anyone in any step of formation who is either from the Cincinnati Archdiocese or is living/ministering/in formation in the Archdiocese. Pastors received an email in June with details of how a parish may participate. Consecrated Life Communities of the Archdiocese have received a mailing as well. The poster will be mailed in October to parishes, schools, campus ministry centers and participating Consecrated Life communities. Father Dan Schmitmeyer and I (Sister Marilyn Kerber, SNDdeN), along with many others, believe this is an effective awareness-raising project and are grateful for your participation in helping us gather the necessary information.

OFFICE OF THE DIACONATE

CONGRATULATIONS, DEACON DAVID GILLESPIE

On Saturday, July 22, 2017, Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr ordained David B. Gillespie to the Order of Deacon. The ordination took place at David's home parish of St. Patrick in Troy, OH, with four concelebrating priests and more than 25 deacons attending. Deacon Gillespie is assigned to his home parish. The deacon community offers our prayers and congratulations to Deacon David, his wife, Julie, and daughter, MariCate.

SENIOR STATUS

Archbishop Dennis Schnurr accepted Deacon David McCray's request to move to Senior Status. Deacon McCray is currently assigned to St. Peter Parish in Huber Heights. David was ordained April 27, 2013. He has served the Archdiocese of Cincinnati as a permanent deacon for four years. His Senior Status was effective July 1, 2017. He will continue to minister at the parish as he is able.

Thank you, Deacon McCray, for your years of faithful service to God's Church and His people.

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

BACKGROUND CHECK / CHILD PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

All "employees" and "regular volunteers" as defined in the July 1, 2013 *Decree on Child Protection (Decree)* must receive an acceptable background check, and must attend a VIRTUS® Child Awareness Session on the *Decree* before they can have contact with children. **If any employee or regular volunteer has not received an acceptable background check result and / or not attended a VIRTUS® Child Awareness Session on the Decree, that employee or regular volunteer is not approved to have contact with children and may not have contact with children.** In addition, all employees within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati must complete and sign a B.4 Form and send them to the Office of Safe Environment for Protection of Children and Youth before the new employee can begin having contact with children.

VIRTUS® ACCOUNTS CLEANUP

The electronic background check through SELECTiON.COM® became mandatory on January 1, 2014. Individuals who had manual fingerprints (BCI or FBI) completed in 2012 are required to complete the electronic check in 2017. Individuals who had manual fingerprints completed in 2013 are required to complete the electronic check in 2018.

The Safe Environment Office will be identifying individuals who are **significantly out of compliance** and will be inactivating their accounts on the following schedule.

August 2017 - inactivating anyone who had manual fingerprints completed January – June 2017 and did not complete an electronic check through Selection.com

September 2017 - we will be inactivating any employee who does not have a B.4 on record in the VIRTUS database.

ON-LINE REFRESHER REQUIRMENT

On-line refresher (1 ½ hour) is now required for any individual who has not completed 18 or more monthly bulletins. Individuals who meet this requirement will be identified through the use of the caution button in the VIRTUS database. Local SECs will have to contact Jackie Heinitz or Joe Riede to have the training assigned and the account reactivated. The individual will have two weeks to complete the training. Once the local SEC has verified that the training is complete, their monthly bulletins will be reset so they are not responsible for past due bulletins. Please remember that the caution designation can only be removed by the Safe Environment Office. Procedures and instructions have been sent to all local SEC's. If you have not received this information please let Jackie know.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

PAYCOR RATE INCREASE

The Finance Office has been notified by Paycor that effective August 1, 2017 all fees billed by Paycor will increase by 4%. This is the first increase that Paycor has instituted since 2008. There are ways to reduce your monthly Paycor invoice such as going to direct deposit only, receiving reports online versus courier. Please contact your support specialist if you have any questions.

DID YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE AN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)?

An EAP is a free service that provides access to counselors and resources to help employees and their household members with everyday problems and questions. All employees (part time and full time) are eligible to utilize the EAP. Please see our **BENEFITS WEBSITE** at <https://benefits.catholiccincinnati.org>.

Our greatest wealth is our HEALTH! Please bookmark this comprehensive website for yourself and your employees! There are a variety of resources for health insurance, prescription drug coverage, wellness, Employee Assistance Program (EAP), dental, FSA, and retirement. It is always being updated and is a one-stop-shop for resources. Employee benefits are a critical component of the compensation package provided to eligible employees though the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Again, the website is <https://benefits.catholiccincinnati.org/>.

Direct questions to: Charlotte Carpenter, ccarpenter@catholiccincinnati.org, 513.421.3131x2852.

FLU SHOT CLINIC PROGRAM

The Archdiocese Wellness team is planning to offer a flu clinic program in the Fall. They are working with Kroger Little Clinic this year to provide onsite flu and shingles vaccinations for employees. The program will begin in late September and run through early November. If your parish and/or school is interested in hosting a clinic please contact Valerie Sprouse, Wellness Coordinator, 513.977.0005 or aocwellness@trihelath.com as the location dates and times are now being scheduled.

PROPERTY AND LIABILITY UPDATES

- **RISK INSPECTIONS:** Each year the Finance Office contracts with Gallagher Bassett Services (GBS) to conduct risk inspections throughout the diocese for the current fiscal year. Physical inspections will be conducted by Paul Kenkel and Tom Schoenberger from GBS at 20% of our locations per year. They will be contacting specific locations to set up appointments and inspections will be completed throughout the fall and spring.
- **PROPERTY APPRAISALS:** Our Insurance carriers require that we do appraisals of the properties held in trust by the Archbishop and included in the Property and Liability Insurance Program. These appraisals are needed to maintain records of current replacement and are completed on an annual rotating basis. We have contracted with GB Appraisal Services and work will begin in late September with visits occurring in October and November 2017. Mr. Rod Stecklein will be heading the team and if your location is in the rotation you will be contacted by one of the appraisers to arrange a mutually convenient time and date to appraise your location. Your involvement will be minimal; the inspectors will, however, need access to the parish/school buildings.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this process. Direct questions to: Charlotte Carpenter, ccarpenter@catholiccincinnati.org, 513.421.3131x2852.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE

Students who are attending *Archdiocesan* pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, elementary or secondary schools and any student while participating in Archdiocesan Youth Athletic/CYO activities through 8th grade is eligible to apply for the Student Accident Insurance. This insurance coverage is secondary to the students' families' medical insurance and can cover injuries during the hours and days when school is in session and while (a) participating in school-sponsored and supervised activities occurring on or off school premises, including participation in Archdiocesan Youth Athletic/CYO activities or (b) traveling to and from such activities in transportation furnished or arranged by the school. It also includes participation in summer activities and travel to and from school. Participation in high school interscholastic sports and football is ***excluded***. Updated Claim Form/ Instructions, FAQ and Student Accident Team Contact Sheet are available on the Archdiocesan website:

www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/risk-management/student-accident-insurance/

Just a kind reminder that there are more risk management resources such as:

- Boiler and Machinery details
- Special Events Insurance
- Worker's Compensation details
- Domestic and International trip insurance
- Volunteer accident information
- Newsletters

Go to: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/risk-management/>.

PHISHING SCAM ALERT

The Finance Office has been informed by a couple of parishes that someone is impersonating the local priests and asking their staff to wire money. Please be aware this is a scam! Below is what is being emailed to parishes, and it closes with the pastor's name. The amount, bank name and numbers seem to change.

please process \$1700 to the below and email me the confirmation once it's completed.

*Bank Name..State Employees credit union
Bank Add..411 pine state street Lillington NC 2754
Name..Blenda L Wade
Account Number..08627399330
Routing...253177049*

*Regards,
(Pastor's name appears here.)*

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The Social Media Policy [<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Social-Media-Policy.pdf>] has been revised for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, replacing the one adopted in 2010. Recognizing that the use of social media can be a very effective way to support the overall work of evangelization, the Archdiocese acknowledges an obligation to help ensure use of this technology that is safe, responsible and reflective of the philosophy and teaching of the Roman Catholic Church. Given that so much has changed since 2010 in the amount of time most people spend using social media, the methods being utilized, and even the devices on which this technology is used, an update of the existing policy has become necessary.

The revised Social Media Policy applies to all clerics, religious, employees and volunteers of the Archdiocese, including parishes, schools and other related entities of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The policy specifically addresses the use of social media with the children entrusted to our care.

LANGUAGE TO BE ADDED TO JOB DESCRIPTIONS

In an effort to further clarify our employees' work relationship with the church, the Archbishop has requested that all at-will (i.e., non-teachers) job descriptions contain the following paragraph in the Working Environment section of job descriptions:

“Employees of _____ Catholic Church will have knowledge of the Catholic faith, a willingness to work for a Catholic, faith-based agency and adhere to the policies of _____ Catholic Church. Employees will not publicly oppose the teachings of the Catholic faith nor publicly advocate for any position in conflict with Catholic teaching, or the specific positions of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati or the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This requirement includes any public speech, demonstration or writing, including the use of social media or other digital technologies.”

The HR Department strongly encourages the creation and maintenance of updated and accurate job descriptions for all positions. Please do not hesitate to contact Rob Reid or Meg Paul if you need assistance in this area. You can contact them at 513.421.3131 [Rob ext. 6611, Meg ext. 2841].

VOLUNTEER RELEASE

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati requires that strict confidentiality be maintained with respect to all information obtained by volunteers concerning the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, as well as the clients and others they serve. This privilege extends to all forms and formats in which the information is maintained and stored, including, but not limited to hardcopy, photocopy, microform, automated and/or electronic form. It is recommended that volunteers read and acknowledge that information obtained is to be treated with confidentiality and discussed only within the boundaries of the volunteer position of the organization. To view the Confidentiality Agreement, please go to:

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Confidentiality-Agreement-for-Volunteers.pdf>

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 such topics, including 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).

DEPARTMENT OF PASTORAL LIFE AND EVANGELIZATION

OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS

LITURGICAL YEAR UPDATE

Sunday, August 6, 2017, is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. The readings and prayers of the feast day are to be used. See Lectionary 614.

ANNUAL LITURGICAL NOTES CALENDAR

The liturgical notes calendar for 2018 is posted on the ODWS website. Go to:
<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Liturgical-Calendar-notes-2018-1.pdf>

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The ODWS annual calendar of events will be posted on our website in the next few weeks. Two Archdiocesan liturgy dates for 2018 are the Rite of Election on February 18 and the Chrism Mass on March 27. Our Role of Parish Worship Commissions workshop will be held on August 29, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at St. Helen (Dayton); Lay Leaders of Prayer will be held on October 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16 (location TBD); and Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi is confirmed at Church of the Assumption (Mt. Healthy) on February 19, 26, March 5, 12. Our full calendar of events will be included in next month's Clergy Communications.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS AND SOURCEBOOKS

The Worship Office is taking orders for the LTP *2018 Lector Workbooks* and *Sourcebooks for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays 2018*.

A Workbook of Lectors and Gospel Readers 2018 (Lector Workbooks)

1-4 copies \$11.00 each*

5-49 copies \$10.50 each*

50 + copies \$10.00 each*

Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays 2018 (Sourcebooks)

Single copy \$ 13.50 *

2-4 copies \$ 10.50 each*

5+ copies \$10.00 each*

* The drop shipment fee (to have publications sent directly to your parish) has increased to \$4.00. The cost of your order will include this fee, plus shipping and handling.

Please note that all annual publication orders must be submitted in writing. Simply send an email to Kathy Schmidt at kschmidt@catholiccincinnati.org with your name, parish name and address, and the item(s) and quantity you are ordering.

To see all annual publications for sale, please visit our web site:
<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/worship/2018-annual-publications-for-order/>

ARE YOU RECEIVING THE ODWS E-NEWS?

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

OFFICE FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

WHAT GOD HAS JOINED: THE NEW MARRIAGE CATECHUMENATE

Visit the Office for Marriage & Family Life webpage for information for parishes about implementing the new marriage catechumenate. On this page you will find answers to your questions as well as dates/locations for upcoming trainings. Dan Thimons, Director of the Office for Marriage & Family Life, is willing to meet with you and those involved in marriage preparation at your parish to discuss this new marriage catechumenate. Please call 513.421.3131 x2621 or email dthimons@catholiccincinnati.org to set up a meeting.

OFFICE FOR MISSION AND PONTIFICAL SOCIETIES

PRAISE GOD FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE MISSIONARY CO-OP PLAN (MCP) REPRESENTATIVES

Please remember that once the donations are collected at your parish for MCP, they need to be sent promptly and addressed to the **Mission Office, 100 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202**. Please do *not* send these collections to the Finance Office or the missionary organization. They need to be properly recorded in the Mission Office for Vatican records. Please indicate if your MCP donation is from 2016 or 2017. Any questions or problems? Contact our MCP Coordinator, Melonise Knight, at mknight@catholiccincinnati.org or phone 513.421.3131x2631.

MISSION OFFICE SEEKS PARISH CONTACT PERSONS

Take some load off your pastors; pastors have enough to do! To eliminate a bit of their load, the Mission Office requests that each pastor send to the Mission Office a name and email address of someone in your parish who can serve as the “Global Mission Advocate” or contact person with our office. This person could assist with the promotion of World Mission Sunday with reminders in the bulletin, help with the hospitality of incoming Missionary Co-op Plan (MCP) guest speakers, and any other mission-related program at your parish and school/PSR. Please contact us at 513.421.3131x2632 or mission@catholiccincinnati.org.

OFFICE FOR RESPECT LIFE MINISTRIES

SAVE THE DATE

The Office for Respect Life Ministries is collaborating with the Social Action Office on a day to celebrate Missionary Discipleship on **Saturday, September 9**. Please see the Social Action section for more information.

ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE AWARD DATE CHANGE

The Office for Respect Life Ministries is pleased to announce the annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Award will be awarded this year on **Sunday, January 14, 2018**, the weekend prior to the Archdiocesan March for Life trip to Washington, DC. This annual award is to recognize those who exemplify protecting the dignity of human life in all stages, from issues of abortion to euthanasia and everything in between. The criteria used will be based on the *Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life* (A Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, 2001). Look for the nomination form on our website at www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/respect-life-2. The new deadline for nominations is **September 8, 2017**.

STAND FIRM FOR LIFE! 40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL 2017 CAMPAIGN

The 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign takes place **September 27 through November 5**. The 40 Days for Life campaign draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer, fasting, constant vigil and community outreach, with the goal of turning hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life. All ages, young and old, are welcome to join in this concert of prayer for protections for and renewed understanding of the beautiful gift of human life, plus hope and healing for those suffering from past decisions or actions. For directions and/or other information, please go to <https://40daysforlife.com>, then browse on locations to find the site nearest you!

9 MONTHS IN THE WOMB WITH CHRIST

We hope you are utilizing our weekly reflections on Christ's fetal development from March 26 to December 25, 2017 in your bulletins. The additional monthly reflection for August connects the story of Mary and Joseph with the issue of capital punishment. Check out our website at www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/respect-life-2 and click on the 9 Months with Christ image for more information. Available in both English and Spanish!

PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is a ministry of the Archdiocese that serves anyone who has experienced a loss of a child due to abortion. There are a variety of ways persons can engage in this ministry for healing from a recent loss or a loss that occurred decades ago: one-on-one conversation with a peer, consultation with a priest (we can accommodate a need for consulting in Spanish), a day of reflection for anyone who has experienced loss (mother, grandparent, father, sibling, friend, etc.), support groups and retreats for mothers who lost their child due to abortion. Contact Noreen Wendeln at nwendeln@catholiccincinnati.org or call the Project Rachel Help Line at 513.784.0531 for information. All conversations and email are confidential.

OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

VOCARE

Thank you to those pastors/parochial vicars/deacons who have recruited 1463 teachers and catechists who have transitioned in or are newly registered for *Vocare*, the new Archdiocesan online faith formation resource! Thank you to those who have responded so generously to the teaching ministry of your priestly vocation.

1. If you have yet to designate a **Vocare Administrator** as per Archbishop's request last month, please know your school or parish will not receive the benefits of a coordinated launch into Vocare Catechetical Certification process.
2. For the the qualifications for the Vocare Administrator go to:
<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/The-Vocare-Administrator-Final-1.pdf>
3. For the form with which you designate your Vocare Administrator go to:
<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Appoint-New-Vocare-Administrator.pdf>
4. Email your form to: VocareSupport@CatholicCincinnati.org.
5. Call with any questions, 513.421.3131x2710.
6. The **Vocare Administrator** may be a staff member, such as your school Principal, Director of Religious Education, Pastoral Associate, or other parish staff. He or she must be comfortable working in a digital environment. Realizing that parish staff are already very busy, if no qualified staff member is available for this task, any qualified volunteer whom you deem appropriate for this ministry is entirely acceptable.
7. If you or your Administrator did not participate in the **online webinar training sessions for Vocare**, please take time to view these practical “how-to” overviews of welcoming, recruiting and logging in those called to teach the Catholic faith in your Catholic school and parish religion program. Please encourage your Administrator to do the same if he or she have not already!
 - a. For a Youtube video on “How Does Certification in Vocare Work?”,go to:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIFuVe2OVKw>.
 - b. For a Youtube video on “What Does the Vocare Administrator Do?”,go to:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMoenwvZ02M>.
8. **Save the dates for the Fall Catechetical Convocations!**
Please mark your calendars, those of your Vocare Administrator, parish catechetical leaders, and Catholic school teachers for our Fall Catechetical Convocations. Join Archbishop Schnurr for Mass, to hear his keynote vision for evangelizing and teaching the faith in our Archdiocese, recognize the service of your catechetical leaders, and receive practical “how-to” tips on engaging with the powerful catechetical resources of Vocare.

Saturday September 16 - Clergy, Parish Catechists and Leaders,
Catholic School Teachers

Upper Valley Career Center

8:30 a.m. – Doors open

8811 Career Drive
Piqua, Ohio 45356

9:00 a.m. – Mass (Archbishop Schnurr), followed
by registration and continental
breakfast

Tuesday September 19—Catholic School Principals Only

Good Shepherd Church
8815 E. Kemper Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45249

8:30 a.m. – Doors open
9:00 a.m. – Registration and continental breakfast

Saturday October 14 - Clergy and Parish Catechists and Leaders,

Catholic School Teachers

Presidential Banquet Center
4572 Presidential Way
Kettering, Ohio 45429

8:30 a.m. – Doors open
9:00 a.m. – Mass (Archbishop Schnurr), followed
by registration and continental
breakfast

Saturday November 4 - Clergy and Parish Catechists and Leaders,

Catholic School Teachers

Good Shepherd Church
8815 E. Kemper Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45249

8:30 a.m. – Doors open
9:00 a.m. – Mass (Archbishop Schnurr), followed
by registration and continental breakfast

**For more information and to register for one of the Fall Catechetical Convocations,
please go to: <http://vocarecalled.com/vocare-convocations/>.**

OFFICE FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

CONTAGIOUSLY CATHOLIC: EVANGELIZING SMALL GROUP WORKSHOP

Everyone says that small groups are integral to evangelization. Yet often we become discouraged when small groups have a short shelf life, or they become insular. Join us on one of two full-day workshops to learn practical skills in facilitating an effective evangelization small group that encourages on-going conversion and consistently reaches new people.

This workshop is for Pastoral Ministers who are interested training others in evangelizing small groups and for any small group facilitator interested in making their group more evangelizing.

Saturday, August 19, 2017 at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15 (includes materials and lunch)

Saturday, August 26, 2017 at Maria Stein Spiritual Center from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15 (includes materials and lunch)

For more information and to register go to: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/one/evangelization-workshops/>

*This workshop is free of charge for all current Contagiously Catholic Parish Alliance Parishes thanks to the generosity of the *Catholic Ministries Appeal*. (<https://www.catholicappeal.info/index.php>)

CONTAGIOUSLY CATHOLIC ALLIANCE

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Office for the New Evangelization, in partnership with the Evangelical Catholic, is offering a unique service to parishes committed to becoming completely mission-oriented.

A **Contagiously Catholic Parish Alliance** is a partnership between the parish and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Office of the New Evangelization. With the help of the Evangelical Catholic, we will mentor you to be equipped to implement a strategic process of evangelization.

What makes the Contagiously Catholic Parish Alliance Different?

- This is not about implementing a new program, or giving you a plug and play manual for evangelization. This is about equipping parish leadership with the vision, the skills, and the motivation to create a culture for evangelization.
- We are not offering an easy solution or easy answers. Successful Parish Alliances will find themselves hard at work! This will change the way your staff works and how you use parish resources. We promise that it will get messy because evangelization is messy.
- A Parish Alliance is a major investment of time and resources from the Office of the New Evangelization. Instead of trying to do everything for everybody we have made a strategic decision to work very hard with a few parishes at a time. In the long run, we know that this will be the best use of our time.

What will this cost us?

The cost for the Parish Alliance is being paid through the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal and is therefore free to parishes. A Parish Alliance will require a significant commitment of time, energy, and personnel. We can only work with a select number of parishes at this time, so it will be very important that parishes are prepared and informed.

Who else is doing this?

1. St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Liberty Township
2. Our Lady of Grace Parish, Dayton
3. Queen of Martyrs Parish, Dayton
4. Coldwater Cluster Parishes, Coldwater
5. St. John the Baptist Parish, Dry Ridge
6. St. Patrick Parish, Bellefontaine / St. Mary of the Woods Parish, Russells Point

If you are interested, please contact Sean Ater at sater@catholiccincinnati.org. For more information go to www.contagiouslycatholic.com/evangelization-training/parish-alliance/.

ALPHA TRAINING

29 million people around the world in 169 countries have tried Alpha. Alpha USA works to equip the local church with free and simple tools to share the message of the gospel with those outside the church walls. We are seeing individuals, churches and communities transformed at an ever increasing rate.

Gather with other churches across the region for an interactive training to experience what it's like to run an Alpha.

August 19, 2017, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Fairhaven Church - Centerville Campus, 637 E. Whipp Road, Centerville, OH 45459

Individual Registration: \$30.00 | Group Registration (4+): \$20.00/ea. | Walk-in Registration: \$35.00 *Includes training materials, lunch, and snacks.

To register, please go to: www.alphausa.org/runalphacenterville

August 20, 2017, 12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

St Anne Retreat Center, 5275 St. Anne Drive, Melbourne, KY 41059

Individual Registration: \$25.00 | Walk-in Registration: \$30.00 | Group Registration (4+): \$20.00/ea. *Includes training materials, lunch, and snacks.

To register, please go to: www.alphausa.org/exploremelbourne

The topics that will be covered are:

- What is Alpha
- Seven best practices of Alpha
- The Alpha Small Group
- Prayer Ministry

SCHOOL OF FAITH: BUILD CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND A CULTURE OF DISCIPLESHIP AT YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Lifelong education and formation in missionary discipleship is very important for our Catholic School teachers. These individuals are ministers of the faith, or catechists, and “The call to the ministry of the catechist is a vocation, an interior call, the voice of the Holy Spirit. (NDC 54.8).”

It is for this reason that Archbishop Schnurr has endorsed the School of Faith and invited them to minister in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. School of Faith is a program of adult catechesis designed to provide doctrinal and spiritual formation for Catholic school teachers, administrators, spiritual mentors and individuals. Its purpose is to lay the theological foundation upon which an authentic Catholic culture can be developed. It is comprehensive in its content, but always with the goal of explaining the faith in a simple and engaging way.

The mission of School of Faith will be to provide ongoing doctrinal and spiritual formation for Catholic school teachers in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati through catechetical programs that stress the call to prayer, virtue, and holiness of life. This formation not only benefits the teachers themselves, but also equips them to build a solid Catholic environment in our Catholic schools.

The School of Faith is currently ministering in the following schools:

- St. Ignatius Loyola
- St. James, White Oak
- St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Purcell Marian High School
- St. Jude
- Our Lady of the Visitation
- La Salle High School
- St. Margaret of York
- Immaculate Heart of Mary

For more information on the School of Faith, go to www.schooloffaith.com or contact John Leyendecker at john@schooloffaith.com.

NEW EVANGELIZATION REFLECTION

The New Evangelization has been described as being new in ardor, new in methods, and new in expression. Consider having Sean Ater facilitate a conversation with your parish leaders on how your parish will respond to the call for a new evangelization. The format of this reflection is flexible but will lead participants to consider new methods and expressions for evangelization.

The goal of this reflection is to inspire a new ardor for evangelization for those in parish ministry. This reflection would be appropriate for parish staff, Pastoral Council, Evangelization Committees, or other key parish leaders. Contact Sean Ater at sater@catholiccincinnati.org.

PROMOTE YOUR EVANGELIZING PARISH EVENT

Do you have an evangelization event or program that you would like to get the word out about? We would like to help through our outreach webpage www.stirintoflame.org. Send us information about the event and we will add it to our “What’s Stirring” calendar. Send your information to Sean Ater at sater@catholiccincinnati.org.

WEB RESOURCES FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

www.ContagiouslyCatholic.com 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 for the New Evangelization and partner offices and organizations working to build a culture of witness in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

www.Stirintoflame.org This webpage is an outreach resource for reaching those who are curious about the Catholic faith or are open to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

OFFICE FOR YOUTH EVANGELIZATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

ENCOUNTER IN DAYTON AND CINCINNATI

Youth Ministers, Campus Ministers, and high schools teens are encouraged to attend Encounter in Dayton on Saturday, October 14, at the Underground in Cincinnati and/or at Chaminade-Julienne Catholic High School in Dayton on October 21. Encounter provides an opportunity to

grow in deeper relation with Jesus through Adoration, Confession, praise and worship and community. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with music beginning at 7:00 p.m. The events will end at 10:00 p.m. Additional information and the permission form can be found at <https://viacatholic.org/encounter/>. Remember...Encounter is a FREE event!

2017-2018

The Office for Youth Evangelization and Discipleship is getting the word out about all of our formation opportunities for the upcoming academic year. Please visit www.viacatholic.org for all of the details and be sure to click the dropdowns under “Youth” and “Ministers” to see a calendar for 2017-2018. We are also on social media (Twitter and Instagram: @viacatholic) (Facebook.com/viacatholic).

UPCOMING ALPHA TRAININGS

Young people today have a variety of struggles and challenges when it comes to faith. While many may be able to speak articulately about their understanding of basic teachings, they are not always certain if God even exists or if He is relevant to their lives. Alpha introduces a process to engage young people in open conversations of faith where they can encounter the living Jesus in relationship. This experience leads many to discover for the first time the meaning and purpose God brings to their lives. There are different formats of Alpha suitable for youth and adults of all ages. We invite you to explore this process with us at either of two different training gatherings next month.

August 19 - Alphausa.org/runalphacenterville (ecumenical training)

August 20 - Alphausa.org/exploreemelbourne

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHWESTERN OHIO

VOLUNTEER RETREAT, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017

Catholic Charities is reaching out to volunteers across Greater Cincinnati for a retreat to encounter God and reflect on how serving others brings us closer to God. The goal of this event will be to renew and refresh our spirits so we're better equipped to assist others in need.

Led by Fr. Jason Bedel, pastor of St. Margaret of York Parish, the Volunteer Retreat will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Milford. Mass will be celebrated before lunch. An opportunity for fellowship and networking will follow the retreat.

Look for additional details in August. For questions, contact Scott Stephens by email sstephens@ccswoh.org or call Scott at 513.672.3714.

CHAMPIONS OF MERCY AWARDS

Acts of Mercy occur every day. Catholic Charities invites you to nominate individuals of all ages who share mercy. We hope by recognizing these Champions of Mercy that they will in turn to inspire others to “go and do likewise.”

Nominate who you believe exemplifies one or more of the Spiritual or Corporate Works of Mercy. Catholic Charities will recognize the top six with cash awards up to \$1,000 each to use to further their works of mercy. The award categories are: Individual Youth (18 & younger) Individual Adult, Congregation/Faith-Based Group, Youth Group (18 & younger), Group Adult, & Professional Organization. To submit a nomination, go to <https://ccswoh.org/champions/> or email sstephens@ccswoh.org and he will email you a nomination form.

Those selected for recognition will receive complimentary tickets to the Champions of Mercy Awards Dinner that will be held on Saturday, November 4, at Centre Park of West Chester, 5800 Mulhauser Road.

PAID INTERPRETERS

Catholic Charities Language Professionals is seeking Vietnamese and Mum interpreters for community clients. Language Professionals is a social business enterprise designed to provide high quality interpretative services internally and in the community. All proceeds from external services benefit the services of Catholic Charities. If you or someone you know is bilingual (any language) and interested in interpretation, contact Stephanie Pittman at spittman@ccswoh.org. Visit www.ccswoh.org for additional information.

CAREGIVERS ASSISTANCE NETWORK/CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Legal and Financial Planning for Long Term Care is from 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at the Woodlands of Middletown (3000 McGee Ave, 45044), 2nd floor Activity Room. Join us for an informative session with an experienced Elder Law Attorney. This talk addresses the financial and legal impact of caregiving on caregivers and care receivers, including Medicaid eligibility, living will, power of attorney, etc., and offers practical suggestions on preparing well in advance to meet related challenges. Please call the Caregiver CAREline at 513.869.4483 or visit www.ccswoh.org/caregivers for more information. Sponsored by the Caregiver Assistance Network, a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio funded through the Council on Aging.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

THE PLIGHT OF CHRISTIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST: “OUR LAST STAND” FILM SHOWING

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TOGETHER IN CHRIST: SAYING "YES" TO MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

As our culture becomes increasingly divisive, the Church can offer an alternative message of unity in Christ's body that has the power to heal a broken world. On Saturday, September 9 (the Feasts of St. Peter Claver and Blessed Frederic Ozanam), from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, those engaged in respect life, social action and St. Vincent de Paul ministries will join Archbishop Dennis Schnurr at the Athenaeum of Ohio's Bartlett Center to recognize their shared missionary discipleship. Those gathering will include Greater Cincinnati parish respect life, social action and St. Vincent de Paul leaders; immigrants and refugees; returning citizens; Project Rachel and crisis pregnancy center clients and leaders; environmental and racial justice advocates. TOGETHER, they will celebrate our discipleship, bear witness to our own calling, and encounter the stories of others on how they came to advocate for life, dignity and justice!

Seating is limited, and you must RSVP to attend. Contact Catholic Social Action at 513.421.3131x2660.

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DAYTON AREA:

Thursday, October 26, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
Peace Lutheran Church
3530 Dayton Xenia Road

TAKING A LOOK AT WHITE PRIVILEGE

This morning gathering will bring people of diverse backgrounds together to share what they have read or experienced because of white privilege. Our goal is to continue the discussion at future events as we move toward racial solidarity. Join us **Saturday, August 26, 9:00 a.m. to**

11:30 a.m. at the Sisters of the Precious Blood Salem Heights, 4500 Denlinger Road, Dayton. For more information call Pam Long, Catholic Social Action Office, at 937.224.3026.

SALT AND LIGHT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM COMING TO SIDNEY!

Ready for a transformational experience? Join the Salt and Light program at the Archdiocesan Offices, 119 E. Water St., Sidney. This five-week program begins Thursday, September 7 and runs through Thursday, October 5. Each Thursday, the session will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. We will explore how we can see, judge and act on issues in today's society by responding with the love of Jesus. Dr. Sue Sack will facilitate the program. Cost is \$25 per person. To register or for more information, contact Pam Long at 937.224.3026 or plong@catholiccincinnati.org.

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER ANNOUNCED FOR FALL 2017

Fr. Dan Groody, an associate professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame, who is a Holy Cross religious, a scholar and an award-winning author and film producer, will be the presenter on Thursday, October 5, as part of the annual Distinguished Speaker series. St. Albert Parish will host the free presentation. A fundraising dinner to benefit Catholic Social Services programs will be served before the presentation. The event is co-sponsored by Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley, the Catholic Social Action Office in Dayton and Weavers of Justice. More details will become available later this summer. For more information call Pam Long at the Catholic Social Action Office 937.224.3026 x5018.

DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP

PLEDGES TO THE 2017 CMA HAVE EXCEEDED THE \$5 MILLION GOAL!

As of July 21, just over \$5.25 million has been pledged to the appeal from 28,100 households. Of the amount pledged, close to \$4.5 million has been received in payments.

Updated totals for this year's CMA, including parish progress, can be found at www.CatholicAppeal.info under the "Info for Parish Staff" link – **the password to access this section is: cma2007.**

CMA MASSES OF THANKSGIVING

The remaining two Masses of Thanksgiving for the CMA will be celebrated this month. Dates, times, and locations of the Masses are listed below:

Sunday, August 13 – St. Paul in Dayton/Englewood at the 10:30 a.m. Mass

Sunday, August 27 – Sacred Heart in Fairfield at the 12:00 noon 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!

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2018 CMA – KEY WEEKENDS

Announcement Weekend – January 20/21, 2018

Commitment Weekend – February 3/4, 2018

Please Note: There will be a weekend in-between Announcement and Commitment Weekends to allow for Catholic Schools Week celebrations in parishes, which begin on Sunday, January 28.

For questions about the CMA, contact David Kissell at 513.421.3131x2881 or email david@CatholicAppeal.info.

MISCELLANEOUS

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ATHENAEUM OF OHIO'S 50% LAY TUITION REDUCTION SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

As part of our *One Faith, One Hope, One Love Capital Campaign* commitment, the Athenaeum, the Archdiocesan seminary and school of theology, is offering a 50% lay tuition reduction for the 2017-18 academic year. We offer daytime, evening and Saturday classes, graduate and non-degree options and a supportive environment at all three locations: the main campus in Mount Washington, Good Shepherd Parish in Montgomery and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in McCartyville. Earn a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry, Master of Arts in Theology, a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies, or a Certificate in Pastoral Ministry as you discern God's call, prepare for new opportunities, or learn about your faith in a dynamic and enriching environment. You don't have to commit to a degree program, you can just take a course to deepen your Catholic faith. **August 9 is the last day to register without a late fee (\$40.00); August 22 is the final deadline for registering for the fall classes.** Call Dr. Susan McGurgan (LPMP Director) at 513.231.1200 or Fr. David Endres (Academic Dean) at 513.231.2223 or go to our web site: www.growinwisdom.org for more information. Please see the announcement on the bulletin announcement page for your parish bulletin. If you have a parish close in proximity to the Mt. Washington campus or either of the two satellite locations, please consider making an announcement from the pulpit to personally encourage people to discover the wonderful opportunity the Athenaeum has to offer.

**Please submit articles for the September *Clergy Communications* by August 21, 2017.
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).

AUGUST 11-13: COME & SEE RETREAT: GLENMARY HOME MISSIONERS - Men ages 15-19 are invited to visit with Glenmary priests and brothers, travel to a nearby mission, and share in community prayer and reflection. They will also have the opportunity to meet other men who are discerning their call. For more details or to register call 513.881.7411 or email vocations@glenmary.org.

AUGUST 15: SIMPLE PROFESSION OF DOMINICAN NOVICES - You are invited to the 11:30 a.m. Simple Profession Mass for Novices on the Solemnity of the Assumption (St. Gertrude Church (Madeira OH). Mass is open to the public. Meet the Vocation Director. Men 18-35 should contact the Vocation Director for more details and to RSVP 202.642.3597 or vocations@dominicanfriars.org.

AUGUST 19: GRACED: RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN - All Saints Parish-Yorkville Campus in Guilford, Indiana is hosting a retreat entitled "Graced" for girls in 6th-12th grades. It will expose them to six different religious communities (Franciscans, Passionist, etc.). The retreat will include, lunch, prayer, talks, and ends with the Saturday evening Mass. Please join us! For more information, email cherylrose73@gmail.com or contact the parish office at 812.576.4302. For more details see the flyer at www.cincinnati vocations.org/upcoming-events/.

AUGUST 25-27: CALLED TO LOVE: DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN - The Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker are hosting a weekend discernment retreat for young women ages 18-30 who would like to discern further if the Lord is calling them to the Consecrated Life. For more information and to register, contact Sr. Patricia Jean, SJW at sjwvocations@gmail.com. Deadline to register is August 18.

SEPTEMBER 1-4: COME AND SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND FOR MEN - The Cistercian Monks at Gethsamani Monastery in Trappist, KY invite young Catholic men, ages 18-

35, to a weekend discernment experience with the monks. During the retreat men will enter into the life of the community, hear stories of discernment, tour the work places of the monks and have the opportunity to explore the grounds. To register or for more information, contact Fr. Anton at vocations@monks.org or call 502.549.4116.

SEPTEMBER 14: CHOSEN: MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS - CHOSEN: Monthly Holy Hour for those discerning a Vocation or praying for Vocations – September 14, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, OH. Sponsored by the Archdiocese Vocation Office and the Children of Mary. Chosen: Every 2nd Thursday of the Month. Come and bring a friend!

SEPTEMBER 22-24: DOMINICAN FRIARS VOCATION WEEKEND - The Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph are hosting a Vocation Weekend at the Dominican House of Studies September 22-24. All young men, ages 18-35 who are interested are encouraged to contact Fr. Benedict Croell, OP at vocations@dominicanfriars.org or call or text 202.642.3597.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MASS 2017 - Married couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2017 are invited to attend one of the following Golden Anniversary Masses:

August 12, 2017, 4:30 PM
St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati
Bishop Joseph Binzer, Celebrant

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Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dayton
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CARE FOR CREATION SAMPLE BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: Great and gracious Father, daily let us reflect Your love for us back to You through our words, actions and prayers.

Quote from the Holy See: “The environment is God’s gift to everyone and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole.” (Saint John Paul II 2009)

Care for Creation Tip: There’s still time to grow food in your very own garden this summer! In Southwest Ohio, some of the vegetables you can plant in August are: broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, carrots, celery, cucumbers, green beans, peas, sweet peppers, zucchini. Consult your local garden shop for advice and assistance.

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