



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR HURRICANE HARVEY

Over the past several days, all of us have been following the historic flooding and resulting devastation and loss of life in southeast Texas. Hurricane Harvey has created an unprecedented and catastrophic weather event of immense proportions. The hurricane may now, quite possibly, also strike Louisiana. Our partners at Catholic Charities USA have conveyed that, along with Category 4 hurricane winds, 14-28 inches of rain fell in the Houston area on Saturday night alone. In some areas, it is anticipated that a total of 50 inches will fall, as the rains are expected to continue for at least another two days. Twelve million persons were under a flash flood warning over the weekend. Rivers will be rising and will be at historic flood stages for some time.

Our hearts and prayers go out to the families that have lost loved ones and to all who have lost homes and businesses along with their sense of peace and normalcy. We express deep gratitude to the first responders and numerous volunteers who are assisting the Gulf Coast region in countless ways. We also stand with our sisters and brothers in the region who have the difficult task of rebuilding in these most trying times, many while suffering their own losses. Our prayers and financial support are urgently needed.

In order that people across this country have the opportunity to offer assistance, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has called for a special emergency collection to be taken up in all (arch)dioceses. In the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, I ask that our parishioners be made aware of this special collection at all Masses on the weekend of September 2-3 and that the special collection itself be taken up at all Masses the weekend of September 9-10. This emergency collection will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to the impacted dioceses through the USCCB.

The proceeds from this special emergency collection should be sent to the **Archdiocesan Finance Office** no later than **September 30**, making the check out to the **Archdiocese of Cincinnati** and designating it for **Hurricane Harvey**. That office, in turn, will forward all funds to the USCCB.

Thank you for your many acts of generosity and prayerful solidarity.

PRIESTLY FORMATION OFFICE

PARISH ADMINISTRATION WORKSHOP

The Parish Administration Workshop for new pastors, parochial vicars, pastoral administrators, business managers, bookkeepers, and facility managers 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. Please look for the flyer in early September.

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. Monsignor Frank P. Lane, former Spiritual Director of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, will be our speaker. Please look for the flyer in September.

GOSPEL WORKSHOP

This year's Gospel workshop for priests, deacons, and lay ecclesial ministers 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:

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

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

PRIESTS' PERSONNEL OFFICE

REVISED PRIESTS' PERSONNEL POLICIES

Copies of the revised Priests' Personnel Policies that became effective August 1, 2017 were postal mailed to priests in August. If you have any questions, please contact Bishop Joe Binzer, the Priests' Personnel Director, at 513.263.6601 or jbinzer@catholiccincinnati.org. If you did not receive a copy, please contact Mrs. Sarah Frohmiller at 513.421.3131x2651 or sfrohmiller@catholiccincinnati.org. The Priests' Personnel Policies are also available on the website of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati at

http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/Priests_Personnel_Policies.pdf.

Please call Mrs. Frohmiller for the password.

Also, please see the revised Extra Clergy Help Fee Schedule effective July 1, 2017 at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/priest-personnel/fee-schedule-for-extra-clergy-help/>. Thanks for all you do!

SAVE THE DATE - SENIOR CLERGY LUNCHEON

The annual Fall Senior Clergy Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2017, in the Bartlett Pastoral Center at the Athenaeum of Ohio. The luncheon begins at 11:45 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Frohmiller, 513.421.3131x2651.

VOCATION OFFICE

NINETEEN NEW MEN ENTER SEMINARY FORMATION

Because of your continued prayers and support, 19 new men began seminary formation in August for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. This new influx of men brings our total number of seminarians to 60 and the total at Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West in Cincinnati to a filled-to-capacity number of 78 (not counting the men who are out of the seminary on their internship year). Please help us to spread this good news and to continue to pray for more men to explore their call to the priesthood.

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, which is November 5-11, 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.

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.

UPDATE ON RECRUITING PARISHES FOR STATEWIDE ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

We have had some success recruiting communities to host a holy hour for vocations on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. The locations we have thus far are as follows:

Annunciation, Clifton	St. Anthony Shrine (Franciscan Friars)
Ascension, Kettering	St. Augustine, Minister
Holy Family, Cincinnati	St. Boniface, Piqua (St. Clare Chapel)
Incarnation, Centerville	St. Denis, Versailles
Maria Stein Relic Shrine	St. Francis de Sales, Lebanon
Missionaries of the Precious Blood (St. Charles Center, Carthegena)	St. Francis of Assisi, Centerville
Nativity of Our Lord	St. Mary, Urbana
Order of Poor Clares	St. Maximilian Kolbe, Liberty Township
Our Lady of Victory	University of Dayton Campus Ministry
Sisters of Charity – Motherhouse Chapel	Winton Woods Pastoral Region (St. James of the Valley Chapel)
Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur	

Parishes and religious communities in all six dioceses of Ohio will be praying throughout the day for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Host sites can choose the time of day for their holy hour. The Vocation Office can supply the prayer guides as well. We are still looking for

more host sites and we encourage Catholic schools to consider a time of Adoration during that day as well. If you are interested in being a host site, 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 THIS 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:

- **September 14:** Chosen: Monthly Holy Hour for Vocations
- **September 22-24:** Dominican Friars Discernment Weekend
- **September 24:** Celebrate Secular Institutes with the Company of St. Ursula
- **September 29-October 1:** Come & See Retreat with Glenmary Home Missioners
- **October 12:** Chosen: Monthly Holy Hour for Vocations
- **October 20-22:** Come & See Retreat with Glenmary Home Missioners

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION AND MISSION PROMOTION

"I am both excited and humbled to be part of the Archdiocesan team working to spread the Good News of salvation and make disciples. When I applied for the position, I felt that it would be a perfect combination of personal passion and professional training ... and nothing thus far has convinced me otherwise. The new Department of Communication & Mission Promotion has been charged with an expanded set of responsibilities, to include not only everything previously

shepherded so capably by Dan Andriacco and the Office of Communications, but also proactive oversight of all Archdiocesan brands and websites, building a positive reputation for the Catholic Church among the general public of southwest Ohio, strategic guidance of *The Catholic Telegraph*, and direction and/or enhancement of specific outreach campaigns (e.g. evangelization, vocations, schools). It is a daunting but exciting challenge! To accomplish everything on our plate, I will undoubtedly need the input and cooperation of many people throughout the Archdiocese. I look forward with great enthusiasm to our collaboration.”

Mike Schafer
Director
Department of Communication & Mission Promotion

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Remember, our online parish directory needs help in keeping the listings current. Please go to www.CatholicCincinnati.org and check out your parish in the directory by clicking on the three horizontal lines at the top right of the home page, and then “Find a Parish.” If you see any mistakes, outdated information or even what appear to be software errors, please send an e-mail to Communications@CatholicCincinnati.org with the subject line DIRECTORY.

DEPARTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SERVICES

CHANCERY OFFICE

OCTOBER COUNT GRID 2017

Enclosed with this mailing is the **2017 OCTOBER COUNT GRID** for parishes and institutions where regular weekend Masses are celebrated. Tabulation for the October Count begins the weekend of October 7-8. Please return the completed form by **Friday, November 10, 2017**. **Also, please note that the grid may be completed online at:** http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/octobercount/october_count_form_electronic.pdf and then submitted electronically. The password to access the electronic form is: **octobercount**.

OFFICIAL CATHOLIC DIRECTORY (OCD) UPDATE SHEETS

Update sheets for the 2018 Official Catholic Directory (OCD) should be arriving sometime in mid-September from the P.J. Kennedy Publishing Company. Once the necessary changes/revisions/deletions are made, please return the sheets to the Chancery Office.

Please make sure that all statistical information has been filled out in its entirety; also, in the past there seems to have been some confusion on the Catechesis/Religious Info section. This number should reflect those enrolled in a religious education program that a parish would have, not the number of individuals that receive daily religious instruction through a parish school, consolidated school, affiliated high school, etc.

Please make sure that the back of the form is signed by the person completing the form in case the need arises for follow up.

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, each employee within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati must complete and sign a B.4 Form and send it to the Office of Safe Environment for Protection of Children and Youth before having contact with children.

VIRTUS® ACCOUNTS CLEANUP

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

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

VIRTUS® FACILITATOR TRAINING SESSION SCHEDULED

The next VIRTUS® Facilitators Training Session is currently scheduled to take place October 26-27, 2017 at St. Susanna in Mason, Ohio. Please register for this training session through VIRTUS® as follows:

1. Log into your VIRTUS account;
2. Click on the ‘live training’ link on the Training Tab;
3. Pre-‘register for an upcoming live training session in your area’ link;
4. Scroll down to the very bottom of the screen;
5. Check the box for the Facilitator training session; and
6. Then click the ‘submit registration’ button

ON-LINE REFRESHER REQUIREMENT

On-line refresher (1½ 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, the individual’s monthly bulletins will be reset and that person will not be 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

401(k) PLAN

The 401 (k) Participant website recently underwent an upgrade. The enhanced participant site offers a personalized view for employees to see their complete retirement picture and is designed to help an employee better understand their future retirement needs. Encourage your employees to login at Retire.53.com to take advantage of the retirement readiness tools available on the site. If an employee has not yet logged into the site, they should contact the 401 (k) Participant Help Line at: 866.258.4777.

Important reminder to administrators! After EACH payroll run at your location, the immediate next step is to log into Direct.53.com to process the contribution file that Paycor sends to Fifth Third. This processing of contributions applies the employee deferral money into their 401 (k) account required by the Internal Revenue Service. These deferrals are the employee's funds taken out of each paycheck and must be deposited. This is mandatory and must be accomplished as soon as possible after payroll is processed. The location contribution of 4% of gross payroll to each eligible 401(k) recipient is still processed quarterly.

Direct questions to: Charlotte Carpenter at ccarpenter@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131x 2852.

FLU SHOT CLINIC PROGRAM

The Archdiocese Wellness team, along with Kroger Little Clinic, will be offering onsite flu and shingles vaccinations for employees this fall. Scheduling for the onsite visits is currently underway; if your parish/school is interested in hosting a clinic, please contact Valerie Sprouse, Wellness Coordinator, at 513.977.0005 or aocwellness@trihelath.com. An online sign-up for employees to reserve a time-slot to receive a vaccination will be published as soon as the locations have confirmed dates for the onsite clinic.

THE MEASUREMENT OF HOURS NEEDS TO CONTINUE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA)

- The ACA requires that employers measure hours to determine which employees have earned the right to be offered health insurance coverage. The measurement of hours is also required for the IRS form 1094/1095. Business Managers need to continue to have employees' hours recorded in MyEnroll/BAS.
- The threshold hours in BAS to determine eligibility is an employee that averages 130 or more hours per month over the year (measurement period).
 - For substitute teachers, assign 8 hours for each day worked, even if a sub worked a half-day.
 - For teachers that are at the 15 classroom hours, enter an additional one hour per classroom hour to attain the 30 hour/week minimum.
 - If you have an employee that shares a job, for example, teaches part time and works in the office part time, always round up on hours.
 - If it is found that an employee is working at multiple locations and his/her hours total more than 130/month, each location will be notified and that employee must be offered health insurance for the stability period as long as any employment

relationship exists for this employee. The only way that health insurance coverage can be discontinued is if the employee is terminated or resigns. Multiple locations will share in premium expense.

- Detailed instructions for inputting hours in the MyEnroll/BAS system are posted in the BAS Reference Library which can be found at www.MyEnroll.com.

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

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>.

FORM I-9 EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has released another new revision to the Form I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification. You must begin using this revised Form I-9 no later than **September 18, 2017**. The new version brings minor changes to the form's instructions and a list of acceptable documents. The new version also renumbers all List C documents except the Social Security card and streamlines the certification process for certain foreign nationals.

The new form has been uploaded into the HR website. You can view the revised form at: <https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/form/i-9.pdf>.

DEPARTMENT OF PASTORAL LIFE AND EVANGELIZATION

OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS

ANNUAL LITURGICAL NOTES CALENDAR

The liturgical notes calendar 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:

Cantor Workshop: Saturday, September 9, 2017, St. John the Baptist, Dry Ridge, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Presenters: Ms. Mary Bellman and Mr. Tony DiCello - For more information and registration, go to: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Cantor-Workshop-2017-Flyer-1.pdf>.

Lay Leaders of Prayer: Mondays, October 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16 at St. Francis of Assisi, Centerville, OH, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Presenters: Ms. Emily Besl, Fr. Larry Tensi, Fr. Steve Walter, and Ms. Karen Kane - For more information and registration go to: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Lay-Leaders-of-Prayer-2017-Flyer-with-Registration.pdf>.

RCIA Gathering – Formation and the Path to Conversion: Wednesday, October 18 at All Saints (Cincinnati, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.) and St. John the Baptist (Tipp City, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.). Presenters: Ms. Karen Kane and Ms. Denise Warnecke. Flyer and registration will be available soon.

ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The ODWS annual calendar of events is available at: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Upcoming-events-2017-2018-3.pdf>.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS AND SOURCEBOOKS

The ODWS 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

WORLDWIDE CHILDREN’S EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Parishes and schools may begin making plans to participate in the 15th annual Worldwide Children’s Eucharistic Holy Hour, Friday, October 13, 2017. On this day of the 100th anniversary of the miracle of the sun in Fatima, children around the world will be united in prayer before the Real Presence of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. More information and a suggested format for your parish/school Eucharistic Holy Hour can be found at <http://childrenoftheeucharist.org/>.

FULLY ENGAGED TRAININGS: OCTOBER 18-21

Fully Engaged is a Catholic catechetical premarital inventory that can replace the FOCCUS instrument. Author Chris Codden will be in the Archdiocese conducting five training sessions for priests and deacons, and four training sessions for lay couples. Training is \$55 per person or couple and \$10 for an optional meal. Register for one of the following training sessions at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/what-god-has-joined/event/>.

Following are the dates, times, and locations:

Wednesday, October 18 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. – Athenaeum – Bartlett Center

Thursday, October 19 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. – Maria Stein Spiritual Center

Friday, October 20 from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. – Our Lady of Sorrows, Monroe (priests & deacons only)

Friday, October 20 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. – St. Francis of Assisi, Centerville

Saturday, October 21 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon – Ruah Woods, Cincinnati

Saturday, October 21 from 12:30 - 3:00 pm – Ruah Woods (**NOTE:** optional additional session for those unfamiliar with FOCCUS)

WITNESS TO LOVE TRAININGS: OCTOBER 25-28

Witness to Love is a virtues-based, Catechumenate model of marriage renewal where the engaged couple chooses their own marriage mentor. Authors Ryan and Mary-Rose Verret will be in the Archdiocese conducting five training sessions for priests and deacons, and four training sessions for parish marriage preparation coordinators. Training is \$55 per person and \$10 for an optional meal. Register for one of the following training sessions at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/what-god-has-joined/event/>.

Following are the dates, times, and locations:

Wednesday, October 25 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Athenaeum – Bartlett Center

Thursday, October 26 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – St. Peter, Huber Heights

Thursday, October 26 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. - Maria Stein Spiritual Center

Friday, October 27 from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. – Our Lady of Sorrows, Monroe (priests & deacons only)

Saturday, October 28 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Ruah Woods, Cincinnati

OFFICE FOR RESPECT LIFE MINISTRIES

RESPECT LIFE PACKETS

The Respect Life Packets should have been received by now, or will be received soon. Please peruse them for assistance in your preparations for **Respect Life Sunday, October 1**, to help people know about the great resources the Secretariat for Respect Life Ministries has, as well as for promotion of the Respect Life Fund collection that Sunday. Please contact our office for any questions.

ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE

Our annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Award will be awarded this year on **Sunday, January 14, 2018**, the weekend prior to the 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, based on the

Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities (USCCB, 2001). Look for the nomination form on our website at www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/respect-life-2. The deadline for nominations is **September 8, 2017**.

USCCB PROJECT RACHEL TRAINING

The USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities is offering Project Rachel training specifically for priests on **October 19 from 12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**, at the St. Ann Retreat Center (5275 St Anne Dr., Melbourne, KY 41059). Includes lunch. Register for free by contacting Teresa at the Office for Respect Life Ministries at tkaltenbach@catholiccincinnati.org.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2017 YOUTH MASS AND RALLY

Tickets for the Youth Mass and Rally in Washington, DC, prior to the January March for Life, are usually ordered in October. This year those orders will not be due until November, so please let your respect life leaders know they have an extra month to determine their numbers this year. Look for information on how to order tickets in the October Clergy Communications. This year's March will be on **Friday, January 19, 2018**.

STAND FIRM FOR LIFE! 40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL 2017 CAMPAIGN BEGINS THIS MONTH

The 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign takes place **September 27 through November 5**. All ages, young and old, are welcome to join in this campaign 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>.

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.

OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

VOCARE

Thank you to those pastors/parochial vicars/deacons who have recruited 1900 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** per Archbishop's request last month, please know that 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 has 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	9:00 a.m. – Mass (Archbishop Schnurr), followed
Piqua, Ohio 45356	by registration and continental breakfast

Tuesday September 19—Catholic School Principals Only

Good Shepherd Church	8:30 a.m. – Doors open
8815 E. Kemper Road	9:00 a.m. – Registration and continental breakfast
Cincinnati, Ohio 45249	

Saturday October 14 – Clergy, Parish Catechists and Leaders, Catholic School

Teachers

Presidential Banquet Center	8:30 a.m. – Doors open
4572 Presidential Way	9:00 a.m. – Mass (Archbishop Schnurr), followed
Kettering, Ohio 45429	by registration and continental
	breakfast

Saturday November 4 – Clergy, Parish Catechists and Leaders, Catholic School

Teachers

Good Shepherd Church	8:30 a.m. – Doors open
8815 E. Kemper Road	9:00 a.m. – Mass (Archbishop Schnurr), followed
Cincinnati, Ohio 45249	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/>.

NOTE: OED reserves the right to cancel any of the scheduled events if there are not enough registrants.

OFFICE FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

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
7. Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Anderson Township

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

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

UPPER ROOM

Upper Room provides ample opportunity for Campus and Youth Ministers to enjoy each other's company and talk about what's happening within our own lives and ministries. Lunch is provided for FREE! Anyone directly, indirectly, or remotely interested in evangelizing teens is welcome. We have three events coming up: September 12 (Dayton), September 13 (Cincinnati), and September 19 (Maria Stein). Please see <https://viacatholic.org/upperroom/> for all of the details and to RSVP.

ENCOUNTER

Encounter allows Campus and Youth Ministers to encounter Jesus Christ in Eucharistic adoration and to invite their teens to pray with them. This event, open to high schoolers, seeks to gather groups of disciples from across the Archdiocese for an evening of worship, a powerful testimony, Eucharistic adoration, Confession, and accompaniment. Encounter is a free

event. Encounter will kick off in Cincinnati on October 14 and in Dayton on October 21. Please visit <https://viacatholic.org/encounter> for all of the details.

SUMMER 2018 – SAVE-THE-DATES FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

- Abide (<https://www.viaabide.org/>) June 13-17, 2018
- AMP Fest (<https://www.midwestampfest.com/>) June 23, 2018
- Steubenville Youth Conference (<https://steubenvilleconferences.com/youth/>) July 13-15, 2018

NET MINISTRIES

For parish and school staff who work with students grade 6 - 12, NET Ministries has the following dates available this fall to schedule your retreat for students grades 6 - 12. It can be one grade at a time, or age ranges of middle school and senior high teens. The NET team can lead the retreat at your parish or school campus or off campus. Dates available are:

- 10/5/2017
- 10/10/2017 evening only
- 10/31/2017
- 11/9/2017
- 11/12/2017
- 11/14/2017 evening only
- 11/21/2017
- 11/24/2017
- 11/25/2017
- 11/26/2017
- 12/3/2017
- 12/5/2017
- 12/6/2017
- 12/7/2017
- 12/12/2017
- 12/14/2017 daytime only

More dates are available for the spring of 2018 as well. Please contact Abbie Kohler (abbiek@netusa.org), NET Ministries' Scheduling Administrator to schedule your retreat this year. For more information about NET Ministries, retreat themes and cost, etc., go to www.netusa.org.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SERVICES

Welcome to the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year. By now, almost all of our Catholic schools throughout our archdiocese are in session. One of the best happenings over the past two years is the work of the Catholic Education Foundation. The members of this board have been responsible for the allocation of tuition assistance from the **One Faith, One Hope, One Love Capital Campaign**. This is the first year of allocations to families who qualified for tuition assistance to our Catholic schools. The Catholic Education Foundation is happy to announce two additional tuition assistance funds for the 2017-2018 school year. For the first time ever, there will be an Emergency Tuition Assistance Fund for elementary schools! This anonymous fund will provide a one-time only award of up to \$1,000.00 per student and will be applied for through the school. Examples of qualifying emergencies would be loss of home due to fire/flood, health issues, job loss, etc. Secondly, the Catholic Education Foundation approved a Relocation Fund for new families moving into the Archdiocese. This is a needs-based fund for students K-12 and the family will complete an application through the school, as well as submit their financial information to FACTS. Principals have been provided details on both funds, as

well as the application forms. Please contact Vince Woodall with questions at 513.421.3131x2719.

Thank you to all who worked so diligently to make this foundation a reality for our families and their children!

MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE FORMED

The Catholic Schools Office has formed a Mental Health Task Force (MHTF) in response to the mental health needs of the students we serve in our Catholic schools. Cindy Hardesty, Director of the Eastern Region and NW Schools and Kevin Vance, Principal at St. Margaret of York School coordinated the effort with the Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Susan Gibbons. The MHTF, which includes Archdiocesan staff, Catholic school principals and community health professionals, met on July 7, 2017 at the Catholic Schools Office. The goal was to discuss how we can better serve our population, identify resources that are available, and determine an initial plan of action. One of the key components of the initial plan is to train educators and administrators in Mental Health First Aid. Fortunately, Mental Health America of NKY & Southwest Ohio is providing this service at no charge to educators and administrators in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. We ask for your support in this endeavor by encouraging your principals to send one or two educators to one of the two trainings offered below. If you have questions please contact Cindy Hardesty at chardesty@catholiccincinnati.org.

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training
St. Ignatius School Hilvert Center
5222 North Bend Road (Monfort Heights)
Cincinnati, Ohio 45247

*Once you click on the link go to the bottom of the page and enter the password **YMHFA**. It is not necessary to put in a username at the top of the page.*

Registration link for September 20:

<https://www.sardiprogram.com/eventregistration/index.php?Page=Events&EventID=154>

Monday, September 25, 2017

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training
Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Heritage West Room
7800 Beechmont Avenue (Anderson Township)
Cincinnati, Ohio 45255

Participants should park in front of the school and enter through the main doors of school.

*Once you click on the link go to the bottom of the page and enter the password **YMHFA**. It is not necessary to put in a username at the top of the page.*

Registration link for September 25:

<https://www.sardiprogram.com/eventregistration/index.php?Page=Events&EventID=156>

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHWESTERN OHIO

VOLUNTEER RETREAT, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017

Catholic Charities is reaching out to all 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. To register, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/catholic-charities-volunteer-retreat-tickets-36320049245>. For questions, contact Scott Stephens by email sstephens@ccswoh.org or call Scott at 513.672.3714.

CHAMPIONS OF MERCY ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Join Catholic Charities in recognizing individuals and groups of all ages who share God's mercy with others. The awards dinner will feature a performance by St. Xavier High School's Ensemble X Choir. The dinner will be held on **November 4, 2017** at Centre Park Event & Banquet Center. RSVP at www.ccswoh.org/champions by Friday, October 6.

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.

A TIME FOR PEACE – A HEALING RETREAT FOR CAREGIVERS

This retreat is from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Saturday, September 30, 2017, at the Schott Pavilion, Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford, 5361 South Milford Rd, Milford, 45150. Come join us for a day of peace, contentment and renewal. Here you will find a place where you can enjoy time alone or with others engaging in holistic activities that will nurture your spirit and refresh your entire being. Feel the freedom of enjoying the beautiful outdoors, and reflectively walking the labyrinth. Come and recharge your body and heart with the hope that lies within. This free retreat is specially designed for caregivers responsible for the care of an elderly or disabled loved one. Please RSVP by September 21, 2017 to ahomoelle@ccswoh.org or by calling 513.869.4483 to reserve your place. Co-sponsored by the Jesuit Spiritual Center, Arden Courts, and the Caregiver Assistance Network, a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio funded through the Council on Aging.

WHITE MASS

The Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio and The Order of Malta present their 13th annual White Mass on **Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, 325 West Eighth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. Archbishop Schnurr will be presiding with a reception immediately following in the Undercroft. Nominate a caregiver for recognition. To honor professional and family caregivers in our community; nominations are being accepted until September 22, 2017 at <http://www.stpeterinchainscathedral.org/White-Mass>. For more information, call Stephanie Ramsey, St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, 513.421-5354.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

TOGETHER IN CHRIST: SAYING “YES” TO MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

As our culture becomes increasingly polarized, 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 social outreach ministries are invited to join Archbishop Dennis Schnurr at the Athenaeum of Ohio (6616 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati) in the Bartlett Center for a morning of prayer, celebration and encounter, rooted in Pope Francis’ message in *The Joy of the Gospel*. Those gathering will include Greater Cincinnati parish respect life, social action and St. Vincent de Paul leaders along with those [at the heart of their work] on abortion, environmental justice, immigration, racism, reentry, and rural life. TOGETHER, they will celebrate a shared discipleship, bear witness to each person’s calling, and encounter the stories of those advocating for life, dignity and justice! Seating is limited, and you must RSVP. Check for availability by contacting Catholic Social Action at 513.421.3131x2660 or csa@catholiccincinnati.org.

FARM MASS IN THE ST. MARTIN DEANERY: SEPTEMBER 15

Bishop Joseph Binzer will celebrate the St. Martin Deanery Farm Mass on Friday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dorothy Stephens—18343 US Route 68, Fayetteville, OH, 45118. The hosting parish is St. Angela Merici. All are welcome, and please bring a chair and a snack to share. In case of rain, Mass will be held in a barn. For more information, call Pat Hornschemeier, Chair of the St. Martin Deanery Catholic Rural Life Conference at 513.752.0647 (day) or 937.378.4560 (evening).

SOCIAL ACTION AND RESPECT LIFE SKILLS TRAINING IN DIALOGUE

As parish leaders committed to the promotion of human life, dignity and care for creation, we often find ourselves in tense conversations with others who disagree with our positions on certain issues. Abortion, immigration reform, use of the death penalty, economic justice, racism, climate change...none of these are easy topics. Yet, we are compelled by Christ’s love and Catholic social teaching to engage others to witness to the truth as well as to search for it in dialogue with others. In an increasingly polarized culture, we all need tools for fostering more civil and more productive dialogue.

The Catholic Social Action Office and Commission are happy to host a brief skills training by Sr. Andrea Koverman, SC of the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center (<http://ijpccincinnati.org/>), who will present a model to help us navigate difficult conversations

around our life and justice concerns. The training is especially for Gather and Send leaders of the Archdiocese, but it is also open to other interested parishioners. The training is free. Light refreshments will be provided.

Monday, October 2, 2017
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Our Lady of Sorrows
(330 Lebanon St., Monroe, Ohio)
In the Old Parish Hall

Seating is limited, so please RSVP by September 25 to Catholic Social Action at 513.421.3131x2660, or csa@catholiccincinnati.org.

FR. DAN GROODY TO HEADLINE DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

Fr. Dan Groody, an associate professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame, who is a Holy Cross religious, scholar and 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.

THE REFORMATION: CATHOLIC AND LUTHERAN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Evangelical Lutheran Catholic in America (ELCA) Southern Ohio Synod are sponsoring a panel presentation with Fr. David Endres and Dr. David Mengel to understand the origins of the Reformation, our differences, and our growing unity in Christ. Dr. Mengel, Xavier University Dean of College of Arts and Sciences and History Professor, will highlight the historical roots of the reform. Fr. Endres, PhD, Dean of Mount St. Mary's Seminary and the Athenaeum of Ohio, will speak about the reforming movement's impact on the Catholic Church leading up to the Council of Trent. Both will also speak to our hopes for a future of greater reconciliation and unity. The same presentation will be offered in two locations.

CINCINNATI AREA:

Thursday, October 12, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
7770 Beechmont Avenue

DAYTON AREA:

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

SAVE THE DATE: JOINT PRAYER SERVICE IN COMMEMORATION OF THE REFORMATION

Join us on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Epiphany Lutheran Church (6430 Far Hills Ave., Centerville) when Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Binzer and ELCA Southern Ohio Synod

Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt will join together for a joint prayer service to recognize the separation between the Catholic and Lutheran Church and pray for greater unity in Christ. The gathering will follow the service conducted between Pope Francis and the Lutheran World Federation in Lund, Sweden last year.

ANNUAL SALE TRANSFORMS TO ETHICAL TRADE SALE

The Fair Trade Sale that you came to love first at St. Albert's in Dayton, then at Bergamo, later at St. Peter Parish and now at the University of Dayton's River Campus is transforming into an Ethical Trade Sale. Catholic Relief Services Ethical Trade includes 250 worker cooperatives, 20 companies and a mission to bring Catholics closer to their faith through education, advocacy and access to ethically produced products of the highest standards. CRS' vetting process employs the principles of the world's leading fair trade organizations. CRS Ethical Trade goes a step further to ensure these companies' business practices are not in conflict with Catholic social teaching.

You can consume with conscience at this year's Ethical Trade Sale, sponsored by the Catholic Social Action Office in partnership with Weavers of Justice, **Saturday, December 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at UD's River Campus, 1700 S. Patterson Blvd., across from the Carillon Tower. For more information contact Pam Long at 937.224.3026x5018 or plong@catholiccincinnati.org.

DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP

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

As of August 21, just over \$5.28 million has been pledged to the appeal from 28,200 households. Of the amount pledged, \$4.7 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.**

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.

NEED TO REENERGIZE, REFRESH, OR RETHINK YOUR STEWARDSHIP EFFORTS IN YOUR PARISH?

The Stewardship Department is available to help with efforts such as planning sessions, days of reflection, presentations to parish leadership, annual renewals, etc. Contact David Kissell (david@CatholicAppeal.info or 513.421.3131x2881) to learn more and/or to discuss specific needs at your parish and ways we may be able to help.

MISCELLANEOUS

OPEN AUDITIONS FOR THE ATHENAEUM CHORALE

The Athenaeum Chorale will be holding auditions for its 2017-2018 season throughout the month of September. All singers over 18 years of age are welcome to audition. Spots for all voice parts are available.

Beginning its thirty-eighth season, the Athenaeum Chorale was founded in the fall of 1980, and it has continued to inspire listeners and worshippers with performances of great choral masterworks and the sacred liturgical repertoire. The Chorale sings for approximately eight liturgical events per year, including a Solemn Vespers series and the beloved Advent Lessons & Carols ceremony, in the beautiful Italian Romanesque Chapel of St. Gregory the Great at the Athenaeum. Each liturgy includes choral repertoire from a variety of periods and traditions. More information about the Chorale may be found at:

<http://www.athenaeum.edu/Discover/Chorale.aspx>

All auditions will be held by appointment at the Athenaeum of Ohio, 6616 Beechmont Ave. If you would like to schedule an audition or have questions about the Chorale, please contact the director, Ms. Mary Catherine Levri, at mlevri@athenaeum.edu or 513.233.6138.

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, OSGOOD SELLING MANUALS

Christ Our Life 2009 Catechist manuals, Grades 1-8 and *Grade 2 God's Gift Reconciliation & Eucharist* manuals, all from Loyola Press, are for sale. If interested, please contact St. Nicholas Church, Osgood at 419.582.2531.

**Please submit articles for the October *Clergy Communications* by September 20, 2017.
Thank You.**

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Website: www.CatholicCincinnati.org. Email: Communications@CatholicCincinnati.org

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 enable 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).

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.

SEPTEMBER 24: CELEBRATE SECULAR INSTITUTES - The Company of St. Ursula invites you to the Milford Spiritual Center to celebrate 70 years of secular institutes in the Church. The afternoon runs from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. To find out more and to RSVP, visit www.facebook.com/companyofstursula or contact 513.961.0667 - csu@fuse.net.

SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 1: COME AND SEE RETREAT WITH 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.

OCTOBER 6-8: COME AWAY WEEKEND RETREAT AT NEW MELLERAY ABBEY - The Cistercian Monks at New Melleray Abbey in Peosta, IA invite young men, ages 21-45, to come experience the life of the community through communal prayer, meals and work, in addition to conferences to help answer questions regarding discernment of religious life. For

more information or to RSVP for this retreat, contact brpaulandrew@newmelleray.org or 563.588.2319x199.

OCTOBER 12: CHOSEN: MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS - CHOSEN: Monthly Holy Hour for those discerning a Vocation or praying for Vocations – October 12, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, OH. Sponsored by the Archdiocese Vocations Office and the Children of Mary. Chosen: Every 2nd Thursday of the Month. Come and bring a friend!

OCTOBER 20-22: COME AND SEE RETREAT WITH 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.

COURAGE/ ENCOURAGE RETREAT: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017 - *Courage*, the Archdiocesan supported ministry to those with same-sex attraction, and *EnCourage*, the ministry to families of those with same-sex attraction, is holding a retreat in Cincinnati on Saturday, October 28. This retreat will be focused on prayer, fellowship, and finding God in the midst of our journey with one another, and is open to all *Courage* and *EnCourage* members as well as those supportive of the *Courage* ministry. There is no cost to attend, but freewill offerings are accepted. For more information or to register, email courage@catholiccincinnati.org.

BABIES AND OUR FUTURE... WHAT IF THEY DON'T COME EASILY? - *A series that explores the emotional and physical aspects of infertility* taking place at Saints Peter & Paul Church, Newport, Ohio - October 2, 9, 16, 30 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Join us for an exciting series where local couples share their infertility stories and give support (October 2). Locally known Dr. Courtney Slonkosky, NaPro-certified OBGYN, breaks down the medical journey in understandable terms and looks forward to lively Q&A (October 9). Ryan Mahle, father of three and collaborator for Dynamic Catholic, explains how Catholic teaching sets us free! (October 16) Lastly, Catholic Social Services of Miami Valley presents resources to assist on a journey to adoption and pregnancy counseling (October 30). Walk-ins and public welcome, but seating is limited. To reserve your spot, RSVP to Lisa Monnin by phone 937.295.2179x112 or by e-mail at lisam@nflregion.org.

CATHOLIC-SPONSORED DIVORCECARE (Centerville, OH) - This program runs for 13 weeks and is held on Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. from September 7 to December 7 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, OH. Cost: \$25 per person. Scholarships are available. For more information, or to register, call Marcelle Toma at 937.312.1157 or mtoma@woh.rr.com.

CATHOLIC DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE (Vandalia, OH) - This program runs for 12 weeks and is held on Monday evenings, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. from August 28 to November 20 in the “Candle Room” of St. Christopher’s Church in Vandalia. Cost: \$25 per person. Register

Online at: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=670e37> - Questions: Call Noreen Wendeln at the Office for Marriage & Family Life 937.222.0227.

CATHOLIC DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE (Fort Loramie, OH) - Divorced or Separated? Too many people stay stuck in their pain and don't know how to find their way past the pain of divorce or separation. Our 12-week group begins Monday, September 11 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Parish Office Center, 33 Elm St., Fort Loramie. Cost of \$25 includes materials for 12 weeks. Call Rose Meyer at 937.295.2891 or rosem@nflregion.org to find out more information or to register.

HELP SAVE LIVES IN GREATER CINCINNATI! 40 DAYS FOR LIFE - This fall, Christians throughout Greater Cincinnati will once again unite with those in hundreds of cities around the world for the tenth anniversary of the 40 Days for Life campaign. Since 40 Days for Life began, we have seen 13,305 lives saved from abortion; 154 abortion worker conversions; and 86 abortion centers closed. With your prayers and witness, Cincinnati can be added to that list.

Our goal is to have volunteers sign up to pray at Planned Parenthood on Auburn Avenue in Cincinnati from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day from Wednesday, September 27 through Sunday, November 5. Please consider joining this international effort of fervent prayer, fasting and peaceful public vigil and signing up for a weekly prayer hour during the campaign. Learn more and schedule your vigil hours at: www.40daysforlife.com/cincinnati or contact Mary Clark at 513.791.4039 or cincy40days@fuse.net.

ST. MARTIN DEANERY FARM MASS: SEPTEMBER 15 - Bishop Joseph Binzer will preside at the St. Martin Deanery Farm Mass on Friday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the farm of Dorothy Stephens located at 18343 US Route 68, Fayetteville, OH. The mass will be held on the farm rain or shine. If possible, please bring a lawn chair and a snack to share. St. Angela Merici Parish in Fayetteville is the hosting parish.

FR. DAN GROODY TO HEADLINE DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES - Fr. Dan Groody, an associate professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame, who is a Holy Cross religious, scholar and award-winning author and film producer, will present 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, 937.224.3026x5018.

THE REFORMATION: CATHOLIC AND LUTHERAN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES - The Archdiocese of Cincinnati and ELCA Southern Ohio Synod are sponsoring a panel presentation with Fr. David Endres and Dr. David Mengel to understand the origins of the Reformation, our differences, and our growing unity in Christ. Dr. Mengel, Xavier University Dean of College of Arts and Sciences and History Professor, will highlight the historical roots of the reform. Fr. Endres, PhD, Dean of Mount St. Mary's Seminary and the Athenaeum of Ohio, will speak about the reforming movement's impact on the Catholic Church leading up to the

Council of Trent. Both will also speak to our hopes for a future of greater reconciliation and unity. The same presentation will be offered in two locations.

Cincinnati area:

Thursday, October 12, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
7770 Beechmont Avenue

Dayton area:

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

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: Gracious Father, forgive us our sins against our environment and help us each to grow in our love for You and in stewardship of Your Creation.

Quote from the Holy See: “An economic system centered on the god of money also needs to plunder nature, to plunder nature to sustain the frenetic rhythm of consumption that is inherent to it. Climate change, the loss of bio-diversity, deforestation are already showing their devastating effect in the great cataclysms we witness, and you are the ones who suffer most, the humble, those who live near coasts in precarious dwellings or who are so vulnerable economically that, in face of a natural disaster lose everything.” (Pope Francis, Speech to World Meeting of Popular Movements, Oct. 28, 2014)

Care for Creation Tip: **Back to School** - Buy school supplies with less packaging and seek those made with recycled and sustainably-harvested materials. Invest in sturdier products for years of use and reuse supplies. You can also make environmentally-friendly choices when buying back-to-school clothes.

OPEN AUDITIONS FOR THE ATHENAEUM CHORALE - The Athenaeum Chorale will be holding auditions for its 2017-2018 season throughout the month of September. All singers over 18 years of age are welcome to audition. Spots for all voice parts are available.

Beginning its thirty-eighth season, the Athenaeum Chorale was founded in the fall of 1980, and it has continued to inspire listeners and worshippers with performances of great choral masterworks and the sacred liturgical repertoire. The Chorale sings for approximately eight liturgical events per year, including a Solemn Vespers series and the beloved Advent Lessons & Carols ceremony, in the beautiful Italian Romanesque Chapel of St. Gregory the Great at the Athenaeum. Each liturgy includes choral repertoire from a variety of periods and traditions. More information about the Chorale may be found at:

<http://www.athenaeum.edu/Discover/Chorale.aspx>

All auditions will be held by appointment at the Athenaeum of Ohio, 6616 Beechmont Ave. If you would like to schedule an audition or have questions about the Chorale, please contact the director, Ms. Mary Catherine Levri, at mlevri@athenaeum.edu or 513.233.6138.