



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

REGISTRATION FOR MULTI-DAY CONVOCATION

Remember, you must register for our convocation of priests taking place June 19-22, 2017 in Dublin, Ohio. As noted in the literature, you should have received in the mail a two-part registration: 1) registration (and payment) for the convocation itself (most priests pay for this from their ministerial allowance), and 2) your hotel registration at the Embassy Suites in Dublin, Ohio. (Remember to get the group rate by using **Code DIO**; your hotel should be paid by your parish or institution.) If you have any questions, please call the Priestly Formation Office at 513.421.3131x 2651.

PRIESTS' PERSONNEL OFFICE

SAVE THE DATE: SENIOR CLERGY LUNCHEON

The Senior Clergy Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, at Bergamo Center, Dayton. The luncheon begins at 11:45 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Clarence Heis 513.421.3131x2656.

VOCATION OFFICE

PRIESTS ARE THE BEST RECRUITERS

The most recent study of this year's class of ordinands confirms once again that men who become priests are encouraged by priests to consider it. This year, the percentage of men who were encouraged by a priest is 75%. If you know of any men in your parish who are showing signs of a budding priestly vocation, please consider inviting them to consider it. If you are currently speaking with any young man about his vocation, please pass along his contact information to Fr. Schmitmeyer at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org. Let us continue our work together in helping Our Lord speak to these mens' hearts.

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.

SUMMER VOCATION BIBLE SCHOOL: DISCOVERY MISSION

We are pleased to announce a new Vacation Bible School curriculum that teaches children about discovering the path God has planned for their lives. This program is called *Discovery Mission: Catholic Vocation Bible School* and has been created by Vianney Vocations and God is Good. All Cincinnati parishes are able to purchase a Director's Kit for 30% off by using the code: CIN202. To look at samples of the program materials and to learn more, visit <https://www.vocationbibleschool.com/>. For those who choose not to use these materials for Vocation Bible Schools there are still easy to implement lesson plans available at www.vocationlessons.com using code CinciVocations513.

RECRUITING PARISHES FOR STATEWIDE ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

We are currently looking for at least one parish in each deanery 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 parish responsibilities are minimal. If you are interested in being a host parish, please call Wayne at 513.421.3131 x2891 or email wtopp@catholiccincinnati.org.

NEW VOCATION MATERIALS AVAILABLE

We have expanded the various vocation materials we have to offer parishes. We now have several resources in Spanish. Please check out the online order form at <http://www.cincinnati vocations.org/additional-resources/vocation-culture-materials-order-form/>. All materials are in stock and FREE to all parishes, schools, and homeschool groups.

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
- **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:

- **June 9-10:** Jr. High Vocation Retreat
- **June 9-11:** Come Away Discernment Retreat at New Melleray Abbey
- **June 30-July 2:** Come and See Retreat with Glenmary Home Missioners
- **July 7-15:** Service and Discernment Retreat for Women with the Sisters of Notre Dame
- **July 9-13:** Online Discernment Retreat for Woman with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul

- **Ongoing:** Children of Mary Discernment Retreat opportunities

DEPARTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SERVICES

CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH

ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTORY AND BUYERS GUIDE

Please have all of your ministry's (parish, school, etc.) updates, changes and corrections to Greg Hartman at *The Catholic Telegraph*, ghartman@catholiccincinnati.org, by close of business June 30 for the 2018 edition. If the changes do not arrive by deadline, the information in the 2017 directory will be used followed by an asterisk (*) noting no updates were authorized by deadline.

CHANCERY OFFICE

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Priests, deacons, and other pastoral ministers are required to complete an M-1 form. An increasing number of preparers are leaving this task to the bride and groom. Significant information is being omitted and erroneous information is being included on the M-1 form, especially on page 2 of 6. To guarantee accuracy on permission and dispensation rescripts, your attention to this matter is appreciated.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 24 – 25, 2017

Embarking on the fourth year of his pontificate, Pope Francis continues to call each of us to be a witness of charity. "To love God and neighbor is not something abstract," he said, "but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely." Pope Francis shows through his actions what it means to serve our brothers and sisters and give them the love of Christ. Let us follow his example of service so that all people might have the joy of receiving Jesus through our presence: "And you are, dear brothers and sisters, the face of Jesus." The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity with the Holy Father and his works of charity toward those in need. Your parishes' contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection allow the Holy Father to support victims of war and natural disasters and others most in need of assistance. Join Pope Francis and **be a witness of charity** throughout the world. This second collection is to be taken the weekend of June 24 - 25, 2017. According to Archdiocesan law, this is one of the four designated collections where the entire second offertory collection is sent to the Chancery for forwarding for the designated purpose. Please send the proceeds from the collection to the attention of the Finance Office in the week following the collection. Thank you.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

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.

“WHERE WE STAND” NOW ON WEBSITE

There’s a new standing feature on the home page of the Archdiocesan website, designed to make it easier to find perspectives of the local Church on important issues.

In the upper right corner, visitors to the site now see the words “WHERE WE STAND.” Clicking on it will take them to a landing page with links to statements by the Archbishop and the Archdiocese.

“Jesus Christ’s command for us to love one another mandates that the Church provide moral guidance to both our personal and our social lives,” the introduction notes. “The Church is called to read the ‘signs of the times’ and to apply our universal teachings on human life, dignity and care for creation to the concrete situations impacting individuals, our families, our communities, our world. The Catholic bishops often make public statements responding to specific social concerns in order to form the consciences of decision-makers, the Catholic faithful and the general public, so that our actions contribute to the civilization of love that God wants for all of us.”

Topics addressed in the documents linked include Care for Creation, Civility and Faithful Citizenship, Ecumenism and Interfaith, Healthcare, Housing, Hunger, Immigration and Refugees, Marriage, Poverty and Human Services, Religious Liberty, Respect Life, and Violence.

Here is a direct link: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/catholic-social-action/where-we-stand/>.

OFFICE FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

2017 POSTER OF WOMEN AND MEN IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

The Office for Consecrated Life and the Vocations 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 will be receiving a mailing this month with details of how a parish may participate. Consecrated Life Communities of the Archdiocese are receiving 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

COMPLETION OF YEAR ONE FOR FORMATION CLASS

The first year of Diaconate Formation has been completed for the twenty candidates who are currently in formation. This summer, the candidates will complete first-year assessments in anticipation of the beginning of the second year of formation, which will begin in August. Please keep these men and their wives in your prayers as they progress through their discernment and formation towards ordination in the Spring of 2019.

DEACON MAX SCHELLMAN HONORED WITH ATHENAEUM'S DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Congratulations to Deacon Max Schellman, who was honored with the Athenaeum's Distinguished Alumnus Award on May 5. The award is presented to an individual who exemplifies in his or her life of service to the Church and the community, the principles instilled in them through education and formation at the Athenaeum. Deacon Schellman has had a long relationship with the Athenaeum. Max has been a member of the Bishop Fenwick Society, has earned a Master's Degree in Theology, has gone through the Permanent Deacon Formation Program, has been an instructor and has served on the Board of Trustees. Congratulations, Max, for your many years of dedication to the Athenaeum and for the honor of this award.

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.

ANNUAL USCCB AUDIT CERTIFICATION LETTERS

All pastors, parish administrators, principals and other leaders of Archdiocese of Cincinnati institutions will be receiving a letter asking them to certify that their institutions have received and implemented the Archdiocese *Decree on Child Protection* during the USCCB audit period and fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Please sign and **return those letters to Joe Riede via email: jriede@catholiccincinnati.org or fax (513.421.6225).** The USCCB Auditors will review these signed letters during their live audit of the Archdiocese.

STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCES

Adult Chaperone Verification Forms must be reviewed and signed by the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Coordinator. Chaperones' youth protection records will be reviewed to ensure they have completed VIRTUS training, have a current background check and are current on all

monthly bulletins. All employees must have completed a B.4. The local Safe Environment Coordinator should review each individual's records prior to being submitted to the Archdiocese. If any of these items are not current or have not been completed the individual will not be approved. Submit all applications three weeks prior to the conference date to ensure timely processing.

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.

June 2017 – we will start inactivating anyone who had manual fingerprints completed January – June 2016 and did not complete an electronic check through Selection.com.

July 2017 – we will start inactivating anyone who had manual fingerprints completed July – December 2016 and did not complete an electronic check through Selection.com

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

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

PARISH ASSESSMENTS – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

It is the intent of the Office of Financial Services to apply the assessment policy consistently and fairly to all parishes.

The Temporal Affairs document briefly discusses Parish Assessments. Basically, all parish revenue is assessed with the following exceptions:

- The amount of each bequest that exceeds \$5,000
- One Faith, One Hope, One Love and CMA campaign payments to the parish
- Insurance settlements and proceeds from the sale of property
- Religious education fees and school tuition and fees
- Receipts from operating a school cafeteria
- Archdiocesan designated collections remitted to the Archdiocese
- *Catholic Telegraph* donations remitted to *The Catholic Telegraph*
- Receipts and interest for an educational endowment approved by the Archbishop
- Social and Fundraising expenses are subtracted from associated revenue before these revenues are assessed.
- Normal activities of school-related ancillary groups (PTO's, scouts, boosters, theater groups) are currently not being assessed.

The Presbyteral Council met in February and discussed the assessment calculation. A small group has been formed to further study the formula and to make recommendations to the Archbishop. The preliminary participants of the group are Rev. Todd Grogan, Rev. Patrick Sloneker, Rev. Larry Tharp, Richard Kelly, Tom Twilling, Dave Abele and two additional people to be determined.

The Proper Accounting for Revenue and Expenses is Important

Before parishes used a common accounting software package, each parish completed a year-end financial report for the Archdiocese. This report was used to calculate the assessment, but it was subject to different handling of revenue and expenses by different parishes. How items were classified made a difference in the parish's assessment. Today, with an integrated accounting package, the Finance Office can review a parish's financial records and see account level details. What we've seen is a lot of "washing" revenue against expenses and other methods that were employed in the past. We need to move away from these practices and move toward the proper handling of all accounts. This means revenue is charged to income accounts and payments are charged to expense accounts. Liability accounts should be used sparingly to account for dollars that do not belong to the parish or have not yet been "earned," as is the case with prepaid tuition or fees.

Following is the assessment process timeline:

- Parish reports, with a completed signature page, should be forwarded to the Office of Financial Services by the end of August 2017.
- The reports will be reviewed and a preliminary assessment calculation will be forwarded to each parish with any changes to assessable income highlighted.
- Any disputes that cannot be resolved between the parish and the Office of Financial Services will be presented to the Archbishop for final determination.
- Parishes will be billed for the assessment in December. Half of the assessment bill is due in January, with the remainder due in June.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Thank you to pastors, business managers and employees for participating in this year's successful Open Enrollment process. Over 4,700 employees participated in the *MyEnroll Benefit Allocation System*. Further information on Employee Benefits is located at <https://benefits.catholiccincinnati.org/>.

FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS UPDATE

As was communicated during Open Enrollment, Benefit Allocation Systems (BAS) continues to be the vendor for the administration of the Flexible Spending Accounts.

Benny Cards – Employees who had a Flexible Spending Account for 2016-2017 should keep their current Benny Card. New ones will not be issued for those with a current FSA. However, for those employees electing an FSA for the first time for 2017-2018, cards will be mailed during the month of June.

The IRS requires that all FSA Benny Card transactions must be verified as eligible FSA expenses. Some transactions, such as standard copays, can be auto substantiated. Still, many

transactions require submission of supporting documentation to be verified. Multiple notifications from Benny Central will be sent to employees asking for substantiation. These notifications will be provided via email if an email address is available and will be sent from @bennycentral.com. If an email address is not available, notifications will be mailed to the employee's home. Upon final notice the Benny Card will be frozen until substantiation is received.

2016/2017 Run-Out Period: BAS will continue to process run-out claims for expenses incurred through June 30, 2017 until September 30, 2017.

2016/2017 rollover amounts up to \$500 will be applied to the 2017/2018 FSA accounts following the close of the run-out period. Any remaining 2016/2017 balances of over \$500 will be forfeited. Rollover dollars will be applied to the 2017/2018 FSA accounts in the month of October.

Additional information regarding Flexible Spending Accounts is located on the Employee Benefits website at: <https://benefits.catholiccincinnati.org/>.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

GUIDELINES FOR POSTING OPEN POSITIONS

Following are the guidelines for posting open positions to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Human Resources Career Opportunities page:

- You must be an affiliate [agency, institution, parish, school or religious congregation] of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.
- Outside postings are permitted if an affiliate of another Arch/diocese.
- The HR page is for Administrative positions. Please send school related postings to: dhungler@catholiccincinnati.org.
- When submitting job postings, please do not send the complete job description. Send a condensed version with the most important aspects of the position including, contact information.
- Because of the program used, it is difficult to format bullets and numbering. Please keep the posting in paragraph format.
- If available, we can link your job posting to your website.
- All jobs will be posted for one (1) month unless otherwise specified.
- Job submissions should be emailed to: kbrannon@catholiccincinnati.org.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Karen Brannon or Gayle Scotti at 513.421.3131x2801.

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).

WEAPONS IN THE WORKPLACE POLICY

The Department of Human Resources has revised the Weapons in the Workplace Policy to comply with recent changes in Ohio law. The revised policy can be found on the HR website at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Policy-Prohibiting-Weapons-in-the-Workplace.pdf>.

WORKING STUDENT GUIDELINES

This document is intended to provide school administrators and pastors information about employment of students **during** and **after** school and **through** the summer months. Students under the age of 18 are considered minors and may not work at anything that is hazardous or injurious to their health and well-being including: activities involving flammable substances, gases, vapors or fumes; activities involving driving a school bus, motor van or any motor-propelled vehicle.

Students under the age of 16 may not work where alcohol is prepared, sold or served. They may not perform outside window washing or any work requiring the use of ladders or scaffolds or hoisting apparatus or any power-driven machinery (other than office machines or equipment.)

Restricted Hours - Students under the age of 16 may work only during non-school hours and for no more than 3 hours a day on any school day or 18 hours in any week during the school year. They may work for no more than 8 hours on a non-school day. When school is not in session, they may work 40 hours per week.

Work Hours - Students may work between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. during the school year and until 9:00 p.m. during any five-day school vacation and between June 1 and Labor Day.

Rest Breaks - Any student under the age of 18 must have a 30-minute rest period for every five consecutive hours worked. The rest period must be documented in the student's work hours record.

Work Permits - A work permit is required for every student between the ages of 14 to 18. A work permit must be issued by the school at the student's request, must be kept on file in the workplace, school/parish and must be returned to the issuer within three days of the student's request or employment termination.

Wage Agreement - The school or parish must prepare an agreement that states the rate of pay of the student and a signed copy should be given to the student.

Records - The school/parish must keep a record of the name, age, date of birth and position held by each student under the age 18, along with the number of hours worked daily, hours of beginning and ending work, hours of beginning and ending rest periods and wages paid each pay period. These records must be kept for seven years from the time the record is made.

Summer Work – Employment of minors ages 16 and 17 at a seasonal amusement or recreational establishment is permitted with these conditions:

- For not more than two months before the last day of the school term in the spring.
- For not more than two months after the first day of the school term in the fall.
- For this period, while school is in session, only for the hours between the end of the school day and 9:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and only for the hours between the end of the school day on Friday and 11:00 p.m. on Sunday.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Rob Reid at 513.421.3131 x6611, rreid@catholiccincinnati.org or Meg Paul at 513.421.3131x2841, mpaul@catholiccincinnati.org in the Department of Human Resources.

DEPARTMENT OF PASTORAL LIFE AND EVANGELIZATION

OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS

CALENDAR UPDATE

Pentecost is on Sunday, June 4. Note that the Roman Missal provides for an extended Vigil for Saturday evening with several readings, psalm responses, and prayers after the readings. The Missal also provides for a Simple Form of the Vigil Mass. Either form should be used on Saturday evening with the appropriate readings. Also, the Pentecost Sequence is obligatory on Pentecost Sunday. If, for pastoral reasons, the Sunday readings are used on Saturday evening, then the Sequence should be sung. However, if the Vigil readings are used, then the Sequence may be omitted at the Vigil. After the Pentecost liturgies, the Easter candle is placed near the baptismal font. (Cf. *Ordo*, pp. 132/133).

The Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord (Corpus Christi) is Sunday, June 18. It is fitting that a Eucharistic Procession take place on or near this feast day if circumstances permit such a procession. It should “truly be a sign of common faith and adoration” (Cf. HCWEOM, 102).

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

ODWS is working on the program calendar for 2017-2018. If you would like for ODWS to offer a program at your parish, please contact Kathy Schmidt, kschmidt@catholiccincinnati.org.

NATIONAL GATHERING ON CHRISTIAN INITIATION (NGCI)

July 5-6, 2017, Chicago, IL. The NGCI invites parish leaders, initiation ministers, and regional or diocesan trainers to come together to explore the theoretical and practical aspects of initiation ministry. Through interactive sessions, meetings and prayer opportunities, participants will

understand more deeply that the vision of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* is the vision of the parish as a community of disciples. For more information and registration, click here: <https://www.nationalgatheringonchristianinitiation.org/home/Y2017>.

CLERGY DAY AT THE NPM CONVENTION

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Clergy Day at the NPM Convention on **Thursday, July 13, 2017**. Join us for prayer, workshops, a luncheon for clergy, the Youth Music Ministry Institute concert and the final NPM Mass with Bishop Binzer presiding. This day will be well worth your time. To view the flyer, click <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Clergy-Day-Flyer-for-June-Clergy-Communications.pdf>. For your convenience, a copy of the flyer is included in the mailing.

NPM YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY INSTITUTE (A LA LAUDATE-STYLE!)

Save the date! July 10 – 13, 2017. Youth involved in music ministry will not want to miss this music ministry formation program. It will have many of the same aspects of Laudate, but will take place in the context of the National NPM Convention. Housing and meals will be at Xavier University (Cincinnati), while participation in several of the national convention activities will take place at the Cincinnati Convention Center. Students will have the opportunity to meet and learn from some of the finest church music ministers and composers in the country. Don't miss out on this opportunity! For more information, go to: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/worship/npm2017-youth-institute/>.

Plan to attend the NPM Annual Convention being held in Cincinnati July 10 – 14, 2017! There are excellent speakers for the Plenum addresses as well as the pastoral liturgy institute (for those new to music/liturgical ministry), and the series of Hovda Lectures on Eucharist and Ecclesiology. For more information and registration, go to: <http://www.npm.org/index.html>.

MUSIC COPYRIGHT

As you may know, composers and publishers are paying close attention to music and copyright permission. Karen Kane, Tony DiCello and the AOC Music Committee created a Q & A fact sheet to assist parishes and schools with copyright compliance. Karen and Tony worked with Rich Kelly and the AOC intellectual properties attorneys to ensure the document articulates copyright laws accurately. It is important to remember that copyright laws are not only about legal issues, they are about just payment for another's work.

To view this document, go to:

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Copyright-AOC-statement.pdf>.

For your convenience, a paper copy of the document is included in this mailing.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Karen Kane, 513.421.3131x2670 or Tony DiCello at 513.421.2222.

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

PRE-CANA / ENGAGED RETREAT DAY SIGN-UP

Please encourage engaged couples to register and participate in a Pre-Cana / Engaged Retreat Day well in advance of their wedding day. Due to space constraints at some of our venues, we are having difficulty accepting last minute registrations.

WITNESS TO LOVE: FREE PARISH PACKET

The new highly-acclaimed engaged couple mentorship process, *Witness to Love*, is currently offering a free sample of their materials to all parishes in the country. The author of *Witness to Love* will be in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati at the end of October to provide information and trainings to parishes and staff. We highly encourage you to order and review the materials in advance of the trainings in October. Each parish in the Archdiocese is asked to log on to <https://witnesslove.org/product/parish-review-pack/> to order your free parish kit.

MARRIAGE UNIQUE FOR A REASON: VIDEOS

Visit the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website, *Marriage Unique for a Reason*, <http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/> for four videos and study guides explaining the beauty, importance, and uniqueness of marriage. These can be used in adult education, RCIA, or similar parish settings.

GENDER THEORY / GENDER IDEOLOGY TEACHING RESOURCES

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has compiled a list of catechism and papal quotes to help explain the truth and beauty of our creation in the image and likeness of God, through the complementarity of male and female. These quotes can be viewed at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/marriage/promotion-and-defense-of-marriage/upload/Gender-Ideology-Select-Teaching-Resources.pdf>.

OFFICE FOR MISSION AND PONTIFICAL SOCIETIES

THANKS FOR CHALLENGING XENOPHOBIA AND HOSTING OUR VISITING MISSIONARIES.

As fear of foreigners, other races, cultures, and religions seems to be growing these days, the Mission Office is so grateful that you and your parishioners are receiving the assigned Mission Co-op Plan (MCP) visiting missionary. You send a positive, Christ-like message when you welcome church representatives from distant and struggling areas of the world. These are our sisters and brothers in faith who are seeking our solidarity to make God's love known to millions of our global family.

If your missionary has not yet contacted you... please call our MCP Coordinator, Melonise Knight, at the Mission Office at 513.421.3131x2631 and for any MCP questions.

ARE YOUR 2016 MISSION DONATIONS IN?

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 Chancery or the missionary organization, so they can be properly recorded in the Mission Office for Vatican records.

The same holds true for the **2016 Mission Sunday and Missionary Childhood Association collections from your parish and school/PRS that are needed by the Mission Office by June 20** to be published in our annual Mission Sunday report in the *Catholic Telegraph* in October.

LOOKING FOR PARISH TWINNING PARTNERS...ANOTHER WAY TO DISPEL XENOPHOBIA

Currently a religious sister of Notre de Namur serving at a parish in Haiti is searching for a parish twinning partner. Other parishes in other locations are available as well. Know that some of our parishes already in twinning relationships welcome members of other parishes to visit their partners with them to get a taste of this Catholic solidarity. Limited travel subsidies are available from the Mission Office.

For further information and for an opportunity to speak to your parish about twinning possibilities, contact Dr. Mike Gable at 513.421.3131x2630 or mission@catholiccincinnati.org.

PLAN AND LEAD EVEN BETTER, SAFER, HOLIER JOURNEYS & MISSION TRIPS...AND REDUCE HAZARDS.

Attention pastors, principals, parish/school staff and volunteers who plan or lead immersion/service trips with youth, high school and college campus ministers, service coordinators, parish twinning leaders and other trip planners. With advice from you and others, various offices of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati have developed rules, guidelines and travel trips that deal with insurance/liability coverage, solid religious motivations, child protection and safety considerations for youth AND adults. Please go to www.catholiccincinnati.org; Risk Management Office; Insurance Coverages; then Trips.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE 2017 SR. DOROTHY STANG AWARD

The award recipients are:

Melanie Brinkman – Mount Notre Dame High School, Cincinnati

Lee Burroughs - Purcell Marian High School, Cincinnati

Restorative Justice Circles Jail Ministry - Queen of Apostles Parish, Dayton

Deanna Spatz - St. Anthony Parish, Cincinnati

OFFICE FOR RESPECT LIFE MINISTRIES

ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE AWARD

The Office for Respect Life Ministries is pleased to announce the renewal of our Archdiocesan Respect Life Award. 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. An ad hoc committee of the Archdiocesan Respect Life Commission will select the recipient(s) to receive the award, with final approval by the Archbishop. The criteria use 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 deadline for nominations is **June 30, 2017**. The award will be presented in October, 2017.

CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE

Join Fr. Benedict O’Cinnsealaigh, Bishop Foys of Covington and thousands of others **Sunday, June 4, at 1:00 p.m.** for the 12th annual Cross the Bridge for Life across the Purple People Bridge to raise awareness for the sanctity of human life—born and unborn. Meet at Newport, KY’s Riverfront Row Festival area for a brief program including music by the Easter Rising Band (website: <http://easterrisingband.com/>), face painting for the children and more! The event will end back at Riverfront Row with a free picnic by the JTM Food Group. All are welcome to participate in this day of family fun and powerful witness. For more information, see www.CrossTheBridgeForLife.com.

9 MONTHS IN THE WOMB WITH CHRIST

From March 26 to December 25, 2017, we are again encouraging all parishes to join us in participation of this Respect Life Prayer Campaign, first introduced in 2015. Promoting a consistent ethic of life, this campaign offers a **monthly reflection** on a different biblical story during the earliest moments of Christ’s time on earth. Each reflection will discuss the importance of a different social issue such as immigration, death penalty, care for the elderly, concern for the disabled, etc. Additionally, **short weekly reflections** will be available for parishes to prayerfully chart Christ’s fetal development in their bulletins. We are also asking everyone to **pray daily our special prayer to Christ in the womb**. 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!

NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH

A panel discussion of end-of-life planning strategies with attorneys, nurses, and pro-life advocates. Seminar includes a Q&A session with the facilitators. Topics of discussion include planning for quality of life with your family and doctor, necessary legal documents, and a pro-life perspective on end of life decisions. To schedule a seminar at your parish, or to get more information, contact Margie Christie mchristie@daytonlife.org or call 937.461.3625.

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.

DYNAMIC PROLIFE PRIEST COMING TO DAYTON

Fr. Stephen Imbarrato of Priests for Life is coming to the Dayton-Cincinnati area in November 2017 under the sponsorship of 40 Days for Life Dayton and Dayton Right to Life. Fr. Imbarrato is a tireless and dedicated prolife priest who is well-known nationally and has a poignant

personal story involving abortion. His principal event is the closing 40 Days for Life rally at the abortion center in Kettering on Sunday, November 5. However, we are interested in filling his schedule with as many other speaking opportunities as possible. We expect him to be fully available for the three days of November 3-5 (Friday to Sunday). If you would like him to speak to your parish, school, or other group, please contact either Jeannette Niezgodski at jniezgodski@yahoo.com or Gary Taphorn at garytaphorn@gmail.com.

OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

INTRODUCING A NEW CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI CATECHISTS, TEACHERS, CATECHETICAL LEADERS AND PRINCIPALS

The Office for Evangelization and Discipleship (OED) extends sincere gratitude to all who engage in catechetical ministry throughout the Archdiocese. As you animate a pastoral catechetical ministry in our parishes and Catholic institutions, you have our thanks.

It is with great anticipation that the OED announces the launch of the new Vocare Certification Track and Catechetical Institute online learning environment.

Catechetical Certification: Vocare - Called to Teach

We heard from you that certification should be something that is flexible, accessible and consistent. We heard that an increased sense of Catholic identity in our school and parish environments is a priority. We share the concern that many of our young people are leaving the church, with only 15% remaining from baptism up to age 24.

Our catechetical leaders, administrators, volunteer catechists and teachers possess a calling of great importance! They have been called to teach the faith! Pastors are committed to encouraging and supporting their calling. That is why we have named the certification track of our Catechetical Institute, Vocare. The word means “to call.” Applied to our mission, we are called to teach!

The Vocare certification process facilitates an ongoing experience of that call through engagement of solid Catholic content and small group interaction. We know you will like what is in store for your catechetical leaders, volunteer catechists, school principals and teachers as you encourage them to pursue certification through Vocare.

Those already certified will be automatically registered in the Vocare system. They will be sent an email on or before June 26 giving them their login credentials and inviting them to begin. Those not certified will have the opportunity to register after June 26. Join us in celebrating the exciting ongoing formation that is Vocare - Called to Teach!

Pastors note: The Office for Evangelization and Discipleship needs a point person in each parish and school with whom we communicate Vocare information and updates. It is natural that this person be the catechetical leader or principal for the parish or school. At initial launch of Vocare, the person serving as catechetical leader or principal will be assigned as Vocare Administrator by default. At your discretion and discernment, this role may be delegated or

reassigned following the launch of the online system on June 26. See the link below for more information.

Exploring Vocare

[Click here](#) to learn more about Vocare and explore how this will impact catechesis in our Archdiocese, or go to: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/evangelization-and-catechesis/catechetical-institute/>.

Be sure to review links on the page including:

- About the Vocare name and mission.
- The Vocare certification process.
- Vocare in a parish.
- Vocare in a high school.
- Vocare in an elementary school.
- Vocare, Credit for Outside Courses
- Higher Education Credit
- Events & Ongoing Educational Credits
- Vocare Live Classes
- Parish or School Based Vocare Classes
- The Missionary Discipleship Small Group
- The Vocare Administrator (VA)

Important Dates:

Vocare Webinars - Register Now!

WHO? All priests, catechetical leaders, teachers, principals and volunteer catechists.

WHEN? June 14, 2017 – 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. OR June 15, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

WHAT? A comprehensive review and walkthrough of the Vocare certification process for all certified catechists and those pursuing catechetical certification in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

HOW?

- To register for June 14, 12:00 p.m. go to:
<http://catholiccincinnati.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=dc322b152950091c2a727c2f8&id=cb539c5b42&e=5b8148f26f>
- To register for June 15 at 6:00 p.m. go to:
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/8ef9efca8b9e9dd07510d14dfea9e911?mc_cid=063b802727&mc_eid=5b8148f26f

Vocare Launch – June 26

OED DEANERY VISITS

The OED staff continues to prepare for the June launch of our online certification process. Of interest to pastors are the ongoing meetings we have initiated with each Deanery. The remaining deaneries are:

- June 7, St. Martin Deanery
- July 12, Hamilton Deanery

The OED staff are presenting key information in regards to the certification so pastors may have the awareness to support in parishes and schools across the Archdiocese.

CATECHETICAL CONVOCATIONS: SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2017

Mark your calendars and save the date for one of our fall convocations! Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will join us for each event! These are open to all catechists and teachers throughout the Archdiocese. More details to follow!

- September 16 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Upper Valley Career Center, Piqua. (All catechists)
- October 14 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Presidential Banquet Center, Kettering. (All catechists)
- November 4 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Receptions, Fairfield. (All catechists)

TOTUS TUUS: COME AND SEE

Unable to schedule Totus Tuus for your parish this summer? Want to know more about how this amazing week will impact your youth in coming years? We invite you to come and see by observing Totus Tuus in action this summer on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. See Totus Tuus in action and have your questions answered about hosting Totus Tuus in future years.

Contact OED staffer Andrea Patch to find out more and schedule your come-and-see, apatch@catholiccincinnati.org.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Workshop for Teachers - Hosted at Ruah Woods, this live presentation will explain TOB and provide tools for incorporating these timely teachings in your classroom, and your own life.

Workshops are scheduled for July 11, 12, and 13. The cost is \$80 (includes lunch).

For more information go to: https://www.ruahwoods.org/learning/adult-courses/tob-for-teachers.aspx?mc_cid=063b802727&mc_eid=5b8148f26f.

Special Topic Classes:

For Teachers Working with Students Struggling with their Sexual Identity - Theology of the Body helps those struggling with their sexual identity understand the Catholic vision of the human person and the meaning of gender. The classes are taking place on July 19, 20. The cost is \$60 (includes lunch). For more information go to: https://www.ruahwoods.org/learning/adult-courses/special-topics-tob.aspx?mc_cid=063b802727&mc_eid=5b8148f26f.

TOB Integration - Integrating Theology of the Body with Your Religion Curriculum. We have offered a series of webinars designed to help you weave the Theology of the Body (TOB) into your religion curriculum working with the following publishers: Pflaum, Sadlier, RCL Benzinger, and Loyola Press. Future webinars will be offered as we continue to assist you in integrating TOB in every level of catechesis.

To view our past webinars, please go to: <http://catholiccincinnati.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=dc322b152950091c2a727c2f8&id=f4c7f1a326&e=5b8148f26f>.

FORMED

Resources for June:

STUDIES: *True Strength* (<https://formed.org/study/551c1916927f85200dda7c5d>)

VIDEO: *Joseph of Nazareth* (<https://formed.org/watch/57192e410acd238c0799ae27>)

BOOK: *Behold the Man*

(https://formed.org/read/5780209f9be60d981135939d?utm_source=FORMED&utm_campaign=89a69a6fcf-)

AUDIO: *Pure Fatherhood*

(https://formed.org/listen/590a4c7aceaa6fe00e80b3b4?utm_source=FORMED&utm_campaign=89a69a6fcf-)

FORMED Parish Leader Resources

In addition to the resources listed above, we've compiled a comprehensive list of FORMED resources that correspond to events on the Liturgical Calendar. We also have a printable PDF that you can share with users through email or as a bulletin insert. View the "Parish Leader Planning Calendar" at <http://leaders.formed.org/calendar/>.

FORMED Webinars:

June 14, 3:00 p.m. EST - How to Successfully Promote and Implement FORMED in Your Parish To register go to:

https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5608246354839680513?utm_source=FORMED&utm_campaign=89a69a6fcf-

June 28, 3:00 p.m. EST - Every Catholic Deserves to Know Their Story: Utilizing SYMBOLON for a Parish-Wide Study.

To register go to:

https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1979671066864051201?utm_source=FORMED&utm_campaign=89a69a6fcf-

Did you know that you can also watch pre-recorded Webinars? Go to:

http://leaders.formed.org/webinars/?utm_source=FORMED&utm_campaign=89a69a6fcf-

To view the full Webinar schedule, go to:

http://leaders.formed.org/calendar/?utm_source=FORMED&utm_campaign=89a69a6fcf-

CHRIST AT THE CENTER...

The infusion bulletin for June 11 – July 30, 2017, is included with this mailing. The **Spanish** edition is also included.

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

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

ATTENTION PARISH ALLIANCE PARTICIPANTS

Sign up now for the Evangelization Training Camp taking place August 7-10, 2017, Lake Williamson IN. Go to: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/one/contagiously-catholic-parish-alliance/evangelization-training-camp/>.

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

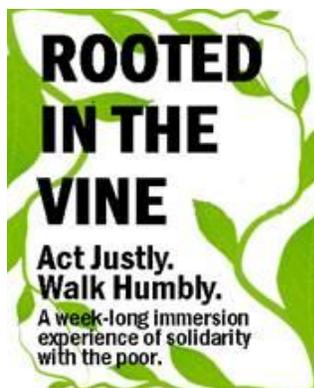
The Office for Youth Evangelization and Discipleship is getting the word out about all of our formation opportunities for next academic year. Please visit www.viacatholic.org for all of the details and be sure to click the dropdowns under “Youth” and “Ministers” to see a calendar for 2017-2018. We are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

We are happy to pass along information for the following events/programs. Please take a look and discern if any of these opportunities address any needs you have in your ministry.



The Ulster Project is looking for three Catholic teens and families to host a student from Northern Ireland for the month of July 2017 as part of Ulster Project Cincinnati. This program was established over 20 years ago to build bridges between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland. Both American and Northern Irish teens participate together in daily service, social, and leadership activities. If you know a family who would open their home to a student and a teen who would be a great host, please let us know or forward them to our website. Contact Megan Mull at 5ohmulls@gmail.com for more info. We are looking to find host families before June 2017. No

participation fee. See details and applications at ulsterprojectcincinnati.org.



Rooted in the Vine is a six-day summer retreat experience for high school students in the graduating classes of 2017-2020, full of fun and eye-opening opportunities which will challenge your young people to see from others’ perspectives and grow in love of God and neighbor. During June 25-30 we will participate in immersion activities such as: daily prayer, exciting simulation activities, meeting with agencies working for justice, and more. Your youth will learn the skills to make a difference in the world as strong,

justice-focused Catholic leaders. To learn more, go to:
<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/youth-ministry/services/rootedinthevine/> .



Midwest AMP Fest: JUNE 24 for Current Grades 6 - 12

Join your youth group and hundreds of other teens at Midwest AMP Fest! Outdoor games, concert with ALOB and His Own, keynote talks by Ryan Mahle & Andrew Laubacher (aka ALOB), Mass with Archbishop Schnurr, Adoration, and more. Register with your youth minister/parish office today! The cost is \$30 per teen, which includes dinner, snacks, t-shirt and goodie bag. More information can be found at www.midwestAMPfest.com.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHWESTERN OHIO

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. **Deadline for nominations is June 30, 2017.**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CELEBRATES REFUGEES

Celebrate World Refugee Day in Cincinnati
Saturday, June 17, 2017
Woodward High School, 7005 Reading Road
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Potluck, Family Games, Global Music, Dancing and Cultural Performances

Join Catholic Charities’ Refugee Resettlement Program, Community Partners and Faith Communities in hosting a celebration to welcome and fellowship with our new neighbors from around the world.

Volunteers and groups are needed to cover different areas of the event, from serving food, set-up and take-down, raffle items and kids zone and games. To volunteer for this event, contact Stephanie Slack at 513.672.3732, or sslack@ccswoh.org.

CAREGIVERS ASSISTANCE NETWORK (CAN)

Legal and Financial Planning for Long Term Care is from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 1, 2017, at Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Matthew Room, 2nd floor, Welcome Center. 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. All programs are free and open to the public.

A Time for Peace – A Healing Retreat for Caregivers is from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Saturday, June 3, 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.

The Caregiver’s Challenge: Taking Care While Giving Care is from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at the Woodlands of Middletown, 3000 McGee Ave., Middletown, 45044. Come receive support with the challenges of caregiving and gain valuable information on community resources. Caregivers will receive encouragement in their struggle to maintain balance and tips for taking care while giving care. All programs are free and open to the public.

Call the Caregiver CARELine at 513.869.4483 to register to attend these FREE events. The Caregiver Assistance Network is a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio, funded through the Council on Aging.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

WHERE WE STAND

There’s a new standing feature on the home page of the Archdiocesan website: www.catholiccincinnati.org. In the upper right corner, visitors to the site will see the words “WHERE WE STAND.” Clicking on it will take them to a landing page with links to statements by the Archbishop and the Archdiocese on important social concerns. Links are also provided to statements made jointly by the Ohio Catholic bishops and U.S. Catholic bishops. For more information, you can also see the Communications Office announcement in this edition.

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will again recognize a Fortnight for Freedom from June 21 to July 4, 2017. This year, the theme is “Freedom for Mission.” Please visit www.fortnightforfreedom.org for prayers, reflections, action alerts and other resources to stand up for one of our most cherished freedoms.

Also, Annunciation Parish in Cincinnati has created an excellent page of prayer and information resources on religious persecution around the world. You can access them at <http://www.annunciationbvmparish.org/PersecutedChristians.html>.

CRS COLLECTION

Please turn in the Catholic Relief Services Collection **by Friday, June 16**, so that the agencies who depend on the collection can put the money collected this year to use in 2017-2018. Please submit your collection to the Archdiocesan Finance Office, 100 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. **Please note on the memo line that the money is for the Catholic Relief Services Collection.** The Archdiocesan Finance Office writes one check at the end of June for the Catholic Relief Services Collection.

TURNING IN YOUR RICE BOWL CHECKS

Parishes, schools and other faith communities who participated in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Program also can send their checks to the Archdiocesan Finance Office, 100 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 with a memo noting *CRS Rice Bowl donations*. These donations should also be submitted **by Friday, June 16**, because one check is written to Catholic Relief Services at the end of June.

CRS RICE BOWL LOCAL FUNDS DISTRIBUTIONS

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl donations are doing good work both around the world in 100 countries and here at home. CRS asks the Archdiocese to distribute 25 percent of the money collected in the Rice Bowl program to organizations that alleviate poverty and hunger. We'll consider the agencies we wish to support throughout the summer.

With the help of Rice Bowl coordinators and in-parish promoters of Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the Catholic Social Action Office was able to distribute funds to 50 agencies in all of the Archdiocese's 11 deaneries as well as four regional organizations.

To learn more about Catholic Relief Services and our local distribution to area agencies, visit <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/catholic-social-action/catholic-relief-services/>. The left sidebar can lead you to specific areas of information.

ST. MARTIN DEANERY CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE

The St. Martin Deanery Catholic Rural Life Conference's next meeting will take place on Thursday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church in Arnheim, Brown County. For directions or more information, call Pat Hornschemeier at 937.378.4769 (day) or 937.378.4560 (evening).

VERSAILLES FARM FAMILY TO HOST MASS IN JULY

A farming family near Versailles, Ohio, will welcome Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, as well as area Catholics and neighbors to this year's Rural-Urban Mass Thursday, July 27, at 7:00 p.m.

The Archbishop will say Mass at Doug and Brenda Schmitmeyer's Farm, 11811 Marshall Road, Versailles. Some seating will be provided, but individuals attending Mass should consider bringing lawn chairs.

At Mass Archbishop Schnurr will present Catholic Century Farm Awards to families who have applied for admission to the Catholic Century Farm Registry for the Sidney and St. Marys Deaneries. The award recognizes Catholic families who have continuously farmed the same land for 100 years or more.

Blessed water and soil will be distributed at the Mass. Please bring a Holy Water container, if possible. Parishioners at Sts. Peter and Paul will host the Mass and provide refreshments.

SALT AND LIGHT 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.

DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA) NEWS & NOTES

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU!

Pledges to the 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) have now exceeded the \$5,000,000 goal! As of May 19, just over \$5.1 million has been pledged to the appeal from 27,400 households. Of the amount pledged, just over \$4.1 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.**

KEY POINTS FOR THE HOMESTRETCH OF THE CMA

- The third CMA mailing went out the first week in May to past CMA donors who have not yet made a pledge this year. Roughly 20,000 households received this letter.

- **Reaching out to families that contributed in 2016, but have not participated in the 2017 CMA.** Each year, we see a number of families who do not renew their support of the CMA after making a gift the previous year. As of this writing, 6,400 families fall in this category. For the 2016 CMA, these families contributed just over \$1 million.

Over the summer months, we will be attempting to reach these families through email and a few direct mail post cards with information about the CMA. Our hope is that this effort will help to increase participation and continue growing the CMA back towards its highest level of support, which was \$5.6 million pledged in 2013.

- Three Masses of Thanksgiving for the CMA will be celebrated this summer. Dates, times, and locations of the Masses are listed below:
Saturday, July 29 – Immaculate Conception in Botkins at the 5:30 p.m. Mass
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

MELCHISEDECH OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mark your calendars for Monday, August 7, 2017 for the 53rd Annual Melchisedech Open Golf Tournament. This is an excellent way to share priestly or diaconate fraternity. This year's event again will be held at the Pipestone Golf Club, 4344 Benner Road, in Miamisburg, Ohio.

TAKE CLASSES NOW AND DEEPEN YOUR FAITH:

THE ATHENAEUM OF OHIO ANNOUNCES 50% LAY TUITION REDUCTION SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 2017-18 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Athenaeum, the Archdiocesan seminary and school of theology, announces a 50% lay tuition reduction as part of our *One Faith, One Hope, One Love Capital Campaign* commitment. 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 or 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. There will never be a better time to discover how lay Catholic studies through the Athenaeum can transform your life. 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 insert included with this mailing for bulletin announcements.

**Please submit articles for the July *Clergy Communications* by June 20, 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).

VOCATION RETREAT WITH THE CHILDREN OF MARY - The Children of Mary invite all young women discerning the religious life to learn more about their community through a personal vocation retreat. These retreats can be requested at anytime through their website <http://www.childrenofmary.net/vocationdiscernmentretreats.shtml>.

JUNE 9-10: CAST OUT INTO THE DEEP: JR. HIGH VOCATION RETREAT - The Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center is once again hosting a vocation discernment retreat for 6-8th grade boys who are open to the Lord's call to the priesthood and consecrated life. Details of the retreat can be found by visiting www.olhsc.org and clicking on "Activities." Questions should be directed to tom@olhsc.org or 513.351.9800.

JUNE 9-11: COME AWAY DISCERNMENT WEEKEND - The Trappist Cistercian monks at New Melleray Abbey in Peosta, IA invite young Catholic single men (ages 23-45) who are discerning their call to the vowed consecrated life to join them for a weekend of prayer and participation in the life of the abbey. Get all the information about the retreat by clicking on the link above or by contacting Br. Paul Andrew at brpaulandrew@newmellerayabbey.org or 563.588.2319x199. To learn more about the monks, visit their website: <https://newmelleray.org/>.

JUNE 30-JULY 2: 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.

JULY 7-15: STRETCH YOUR HEART SERVICE AND DISCERNMENT RETREAT - The Sisters of Notre Dame invite young single Catholic women (ages 18-40) to a week-long service and discernment retreat in New Orleans, LA. Those interested in this trip should contact

Sr. Ruth Lubbers, SND at smrlubbers@gmail.com or 859.392.8118 and **register by June 12th**. You can also visit www.sndky.org to learn more about the retreat and about the sisters and the good work they do.

JULY 9-13: SUMMER ONLINE DISCERNMENT RETREAT - The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul invite all single Catholic young women (18-40) to an online discernment retreat opportunity from July 9-13. There is no charge for the retreat. For more information about the retreat contact Sr. Virginia Ann Brooks, DC at sistervirginiaann.brooks@doc.org or 812.963.7559 or visit www.daughters-of-charity.com.

WHERE WE STAND - There's a new standing feature on the home page of the Archdiocesan website: www.catholiccincinnati.org. In the upper right corner, visitors to the site will see the words "WHERE WE STAND." Clicking on it will take them to a landing page with links to statements by the Archbishop and the Archdiocese on important social concerns. Links are also provided to statements made jointly by the Ohio Catholic bishops and U.S. Catholic bishops. The introduction notes: "Jesus Christ's command for us to love one another mandates that the Church provide moral guidance to both our personal and our social lives. The Church is called to read the "signs of the times" and to apply our universal teachings on human life, dignity and care for creation to the concrete situations impacting individuals, our families, our communities, our world." Topics addressed in the documents linked include Care for Creation, Civility and Faithful Citizenship, Ecumenism and Interfaith, Healthcare, Housing, Hunger, Immigration and Refugees, Marriage, Poverty and Human Services, Religious Liberty, Respect Life, and Violence.

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM - The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will again recognize a Fortnight for Freedom from June 21 to July 4, 2017. This year, the theme is "Freedom for Mission." Please visit www.fortnightforfreedom.org for prayers, reflections, action alerts and other resources to stand up for one of our most cherished freedoms. Also, Annunciation Parish in Cincinnati has created an excellent page of prayer and information resources on religious persecution around the world. You can access them at <http://www.annunciationbvmparish.org/PersecutedChristians.html>.

ST. MARTIN DEANERY CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE - The St. Martin Deanery Catholic Rural Life Conference's next meeting will take place on Thursday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church in Arnheim, Brown County. For directions or more information, call Pat Hornschemeier at 937.378.4769 (day) or 937.378.4560 (evening).

VERSAILLES FARM FAMILY TO HOST MASS IN JULY - A farming family near Versailles, Ohio, will welcome Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, as well as area Catholics and neighbors to this year's Rural-Urban Mass Thursday, July 27, at 7:00 p.m. The Archbishop will say Mass at Doug and Brenda Schmitmeyer's Farm, 11811 Marshall Road, Versailles. Some seating will be provided, but individuals attending Mass should consider bringing lawn chairs. At Mass Archbishop Schnurr will present Catholic Century Farm Awards to families who have applied for admission to the Catholic Century Farm Registry for the Sidney and St. Marys Deaneries. The award recognizes Catholic families who have continuously farmed the same land for 100 years or more. Blessed water and soil will be

distributed at the Mass. Please bring a Holy Water container, if possible. Parishioners at Sts. Peter and Paul will host the Mass and provide refreshments.

SALT AND LIGHT 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, Sept. 7 and runs through Thursday, Oct. 5. Each Thursday the session will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 9 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

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: Ever-loving and creating God, you have called us your own and directed us through Jesus the Christ to build you a kingdom on earth. Help us to deepen our faith so we may be generous caregivers of the human and natural world among us.

Quote from the Holy See: "I would like from the outset to show how faith convictions can offer Christians and some other believers as well, ample motivation to care for nature and for the most vulnerable of their brothers and sisters. If the simple fact of being human moves people to care for the environment of which they are a part, Christians in their turn 'realize that their responsibility within creation, and their duty towards nature and the Creator, are an essential part of faith'". -- Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, no.64

Care for Creation Tip: As many of us undertake spring cleaning projects, it's important to remember that the cost of commercial, chemical-based cleaning products can be high -- long term health concerns for the family, and environmental pollution caused by their manufacture and disposal. The good news is that for many home-cleaning chores, you can make your own environmentally-friendly cleaning products.

For simple, non-toxic recipes to use for cleaning in your home, visit <http://www.blessedearth.org/wp-content/uploads/wordpress/Cleaning-Recipes.pdf>.

CHANGING THE FUTURE OF CHILDREN OF ADDICTED PARENTS

Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Glad House, in conjunction with the collaborative Children of Addicted Parents, will present a seminar on "Changing the Future of Children of Addicted Parents," 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 17, 2017, at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. Featured speakers will include Jonathan Davis, M.D., Chief of the Division of Newborn Medicine, neonatologist, and professor at Tufts University School of Medicine; Dan Nelson, M.D., Medical Director, Child Psychiatry Unit, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and Professor, UC Department of Pediatrics; and Colleen Kraft, M.D., Medical Director, Health Network, Cincinnati Children's, Associate Professor in the UC Department of Pediatrics, and President-elect of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Registration opens in June at www.cincinnatichildrens.org/childrenofaddiction.