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## CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

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### **ACTION REQUIRED**

#### **CONFIRMATION SCHEDULING FOR 2026-27**

A letter was sent via email to all pastors and confirmation coordinators containing information for scheduling confirmations during the 2026-27 academic year. If you did not receive the letter, a copy can be downloaded [at this link](#). **Submissions are due by February 11, 2026.** Any questions can be directed to Father Jason Williams, Master of Ceremonies to Archbishop Casey, at [jwilliams@catholicaoc.org](mailto:jwilliams@catholicaoc.org).

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY 2026 COLLECTION**

The collection to aid the Church in Central & Eastern Europe or the Church in Africa will take place on **Ash Wednesday, February 18**. Please send the collection money to the archdiocesan Finance Office in a timely manner for forwarding to the USCCB. Be sure to designate to which collection fund the monies should go, "Central & Eastern Europe" or "Africa".

#### **WE'RE PREPARING FOR THE MISSIONARY CO-OP PLAN 2026. PLEASE MAIL IN MISSION DONATIONS TODAY**

The missionaries that spoke at your parish(es) this past year are very grateful when their collections are sent to the Mission Office promptly. So, if you have not yet mailed in your 2024 and/or 2025 Missionary Co-operation Plan (MCP) collection to our archdiocesan Mission Office, please do so ASAP as we are about to begin the 2026 MCP year with new parish assignments.

Also, has your parish office mailed in your World Mission Sunday (WMS) collection of October 19, 2025 with your parishioners' envelopes? Our fellow Catholics in those 1,150 struggling mission dioceses are further empowered to "keep the faith" thanks to your parishioners' generosity.

When you mail in these donations, **please indicate which year the funds were collected and for what purpose, MCP or WMS**. Please send all those collections to: Mission Office, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 100 E 8<sup>th</sup> St., Cincinnati, OH 45202. Any questions or comments? Contact [Melonise Knight](#) (513.263.6681) at the Mission Office.

## **OHIO MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE**

Ohio's minimum wage increased to \$11.00 beginning January 1, 2026. The state constitution requires Ohio to raise the minimum wage each year based on the rate of inflation over a 12-month span. The state minimum wage is tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) for urban wage earners and clerical workers over the 12-month period prior to September. The CPI-W index increased by 3% over the 12-month period from September 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025. This means the state's current minimum wage of \$10.70 will jump to \$11.00 an hour.

Any questions, please contact [Rob Reid](#) (513.263.6611) or [Emily Niehaus](#) (513.263.3352).

## **OHIO & FEDERAL COMBINATION POSTER**

All locations, regardless of size, are required to post the Federal & State Poster. It is your responsibility to have this poster displayed in a public location.

You can find companies that sell a combination poster. One location we have used is [All in One Posters](#) (714.521.7720). The cost is \$30.95. A laminated poster is \$33.95.

## **OPTIONAL**

### **RELIC OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS COMING TO CINCINNATI**

A relic of Saint Carlo Acutis is coming to the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Peter in Chains February 10-12! The schedule – which includes Mass, prayer, special talks, veneration and other devotional practices – can be found at <https://cathedrallaoc.org/relic-of-st-carlo-acutis>. This is an opportunity for all of us, most especially young people, to grow closer to Christ through the example of a modern saint. Please be sure to share this opportunity with your parishioners using the materials already provided.

Priests who are willing and available are invited to hear Confessions for one hour at the Cathedral Basilica during the three days of February 10-12. Please contact [Debbie Birck](#) (513.604.0406) to choose a time slot. Thank you.

### **CATHOLIC SOCIAL MEDIA – ONE MORE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**

If you have not yet started using the Catholic Social Media platform, or would simply like a refresher, there is still availability at the one-hour online training session to be held **Thursday, Feb. 26 at 1:30 p.m.** If you are involved in creating and/or posting the social media for your parish or Family of Parishes, you can [sign up for the training session here](#).

[Catholic Social Media](#), from Prenger Solutions Group, is a social media management platform designed specifically for Catholic parishes and dioceses. This powerful tool, which is available for use **free of charge** to all Families of Parishes, enables Families of Parishes to easily schedule and post their own content or share archdiocese content to their social media pages. Please contact archdiocese Social Media Coordinator [Taylor Motley](#) (513.263.3383) with any questions.

### **CHRISM MASS**

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains**. Please encourage your parishioners to take part in this unique Holy Week liturgy rich in theological and pastoral significance.

### **SENIOR CLERGY LUNCHEON – SAVE THE DATE**

The next Senior Clergy Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2026, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Wilmington Pike in Centerville. More information will be provided in the spring. Questions? Please contact [Sarah Frohmler](mailto:Sarah.Frohmler@archdioceseofcincinnati.org) (513.263.6651).

### **BETHANY BRUNCH –**

#### **MARCH 28 AT ST. MONICA-ST. GEORGE PARISH NEWMAN CENTER**

The next Bethany Brunch in our archdiocesan series will take place on **Saturday, March 28, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon** at St. Monica St. George Parish Newman Center, Cincinnati featuring the Nashville Dominican Sisters. These gatherings are designed to support young women as they listen for God's call and to connect them with joyful, faithful religious sisters.

Please consider sharing the announcement found on page 8 in your parish bulletin, website, email blasts, and social media, and personally inviting any young women who may be discerning or simply open to growing in their faith. RSVP link: <https://tinyurl.com/BethanySeries25>.

### **BEHOLD: YOUNG ADULT ADORATION AND SOCIAL EVENT**

Mount St. Mary's seminarians and Queen City Catholic invite all young adults to join us for an evening of Adoration, prayer teams, music, the opportunity for Confession, and a social with beverages, food, and fellowship on Friday, February 13, 7:00 p.m. at St. Monica-St. George Parish Newman Center. See the bulletin entry on page 9.

### **SACRAMENTAL HUB VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We're looking for young adults to help preside at our [Sacramental Hub](#). Sign up for a day (or two) to volunteer and connect with other young adults. The Sacramental Hub takes place at the Cathedral Basilica 7:00-9:00 p.m. every other Tuesday. If interested, please reach out to Coordinator of Young Adult Evangelization [Emily Lindberg](mailto:Emily.Lindberg@archdioceseofcincinnati.org) (513.263.6685). See the bulletin entry on page 8.

### **NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK – FEBRUARY 7-14**

The celebration of National Marriage Week, February 7-14, is an opportunity to focus on the beauty of building a strong and dedicated life together through the sacrament of matrimony. World Marriage Sunday will be celebrated on February 8. This year's theme will be "Man and Woman, He Created Them: Together with Purpose." This theme honors the unique gifts of men and women, and how these gifts are expressed in a spirit of complementarity.

The USCCB Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life, & Youth is offering various resources to all dioceses for those discerning marriage, engaged individuals, and those already living the vocation of marriage. Resources include an at-home week-long retreat, a marriage-centered Lectio Divina, a preaching resource, and flyers for parishes. Visit [USCCB](#) and [For Your Marriage](#) to access the resources. Please reach out to [Adriana Vasquez](mailto:Adriana.Vasquez@usccb.org) (513.263.6648), Managing Director of the Marriage & Family Evangelization team, with any questions.

### **THE LORD WILL RAISE THEM UP: WEBINAR ON PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK**

As the Church receives a new translation of the ritual book for pastoral care of the sick and their anointing (optional use beginning February 11, required by Easter Sunday), join this free online gathering of priests, deacons, and lay ministers engaged in pastoral care of the sick to consider not only the new ritual book, but the broader pastoral care that the Church offers to the sick and dying. Tuesday, February 3, 10:45 a.m.-noon or Wednesday, February 4, 1:30 p.m.-2:45 p.m. [Register here](#).

## **SATURDAY MORNING LENTEN RETREATS FOR PARISH TWINNING TEAMS**

Please share contact information for [Dr. Mike Gable](#) (513.263.6680) with your team for more information about the Mission Office Saturday morning retreats taking place on **Saturday, March 7** at the Bartlett Pastoral Center, Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology, Cincinnati and **Saturday, March 21** at the Maria Stein Retreat House, Maria Stein. Please register soon with [Cathy Hoying](#) (937.638.0078).

## **CREA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – TUESDAY, MARCH 10**

Cincinnati Religious Educators Association (CREA) is pleased to invite all parish and school leaders in Catholic Ministry to participate in its annual Professional Development Day on Tuesday, March 10, 9:00-4:00 at Receptions Event Center (5975 Boymel Dr, Fairfield, OH 45014). The theme for the day is "Made for Mission" and will feature guest speaker Mr. Daniel Baillargeon. Cost is \$75 for CREA members and \$85 for non-members. Early Bird registration is available until February 11, with all registrations due by February 26. [Register here](#).

## **ARCHBISHOP CASEY TO CELEBRATE IRISH MASS – SUNDAY, MARCH 15**

Archbishop Robert Casey will celebrate the annual Mass honoring our Irish forebears (and his) on **Sunday, March 15, 10:00 a.m.** at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. The Mass will be preceded by a prelude by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick glee club and followed by refreshments in the undercroft. Please publicize this using the Bulletin Entry on page 9.

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **LENTEN REMINDERS – FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

Ash Wednesday, February 18 and Good Friday, April 3 are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of **abstinence** binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of **fasting** binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (canons 97, 1252).

"Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind." (Constitution on the Liturgy, No. 110)

### **CONFIRMATION AND THE FACULTY TO CONFIRM AT THE EASTER VIGIL**

The following link might be helpful for priests regarding Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. This is for priests who have been granted the faculties of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. [Click here](#) for information regarding when it is necessary to request the Faculty to Confirm, as found in the *Pagella, Clerus Cincinnatiensis*, Volume XIII, No. 1, pages 238-239.

### **LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION**

The Lenten Day of Reflection for priests of the archdiocese is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at the Transfiguration Center, Ludlow Falls. Fr. Jacob DuMont, LC is the speaker. A flyer will be mailed. To register, please contact [Sarah Frohmiller](#) (513.263.6651).

### **SPRING ANDREW DINNERS – SAVE THE DATES**

- Tuesday April 21, St. Mary Parish, Urbana
- Wednesday May 6, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Centerville

The Andrew Dinners are meant for high school and college-age men. These events provide an opportunity for young men to learn about priesthood and seminary, speak with the vocation director, and share a meal together. You are welcome to bring a group of young men and attend with them as their parish priest. Registration and flyers will be available soon.

### ***WELCOME WEEKEND AT THE SEMINARY – SAVE THE DATE***

On April 17-19, Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology in Cincinnati is hosting a welcome weekend for men ages 18-35 who are interested in learning about discernment and priesthood. Attendees will spend the night at the seminary and participate in community liturgies as well as prayer, social time, and talks about discernment and seminary life. Registration and flyers will be available soon.

### ***HISPANIC VOCATION NIGHT AT THE SEMINARY – SAVE THE DATE***

On Sunday, May 3, single men aged 18-35 are invited to the seminary for an evening of fraternity. The evening will include a tour of the seminary, talks, evening prayer and a dinner and social with the seminarians. **All activities and presentations will be in Spanish.** Registration and flyers will be available soon.

### ***MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID***

Did you know that 1 in 5 people in the United States will experience a mental health disorder each year? Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is an evidence-based class that teaches participants to recognize the signs and symptoms of a mental health challenge and to approach someone to try to get them to appropriate help. This class would be beneficial to clergy and parish staff, as well as the general public. If your parish would be interested in offering MHFA, contact [Mary Anne Bressler](#) (513.672.3714), Parish & Community Engagement Coordinator at Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio.

### ***CRS RICE BOWL***

Ash Wednesday is February 18. In this time of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, CRS Rice Bowl is an opportunity to be in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Please prepare to engage your community with a plan for distribution, bulletin announcements, Prayers of the Faithful, and much more, with resources found at [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) under "Resources". For more information, please contact [Jillian Foster](#) (937.281.4124).

### ***CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD) APPLICATIONS FOR 2025-26 ARE AVAILABLE***

Applications are available for the **2025-26** local CCHD grants. CCHD is the U.S. bishops' social justice, anti-poverty campaign. **The application deadline is Friday, March 13.** [Application information can be found here.](#) Please contact [Glen L. Glenn](#) (513.263.6644) if additional information is needed.

### ***BEACONS OF LIGHT: FAMILY UNITY DISCERNMENT***

As part of the Beacons of Light pastoral planning process to best arrange our many resources – human, financial, physical – to better pursue the God-given mission of sharing the Gospel throughout our archdiocese, all Families of Parishes will participate in Family Unity Discernment, including single-parish Families and those Families who have already unified canonically. This is a comprehensive process that will begin in Spring 2026 and unfold deanery-by-deanery. More details will be available soon but, in the meantime, you can find general information and the tools necessary to begin this work [here](#) so you have a head start on the process. Contact the [Office for Pastoral Planning](#) with questions or concerns.

## **2026 PARISH VITALITY REPORT**

The 2026 *Parish Vitality Report* will be published digitally on March 1. As in previous years, this report will offer insights into the health and vitality of our 57 Families of Parishes and progress on the Beacons of Light process. Resources will be made available to parish communicators to help share this report and its accompanying survey with parishioners. Look for sample marketing copy, social media posts, images, QR codes, and more in the coming weeks.

## **ENCOURAGING THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE DURING LENT**

[Resources are available on the ODWS website](#) to help parish leaders encourage the faithful to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, especially during the upcoming Lenten season. You'll find a pastoral guide, a pamphlet about how to go to confession, bulletin articles, shareable video, and more.

## **LITURGICAL PREPARATION FOR THE PASCHAL CYCLE**

You'll find a multitude of resources to assist in preparing the liturgies of Lent, Triduum, and Easter on the [ODWS website](#), including the annual preparation resource from the FDLC in both English and Spanish, a ritual text for Ash Wednesday liturgies outside of Mass, a sample Lenten communal penance service, music suggestions, preparation checklists for Holy Week liturgies, updated rubrics for the *Mandatum* and text for the presentation of the sacred oils, and guidance on celebrating Holy Week in a Family of Parishes.

## **LITURGY OF THE HOURS: NEW TRANSLATION**

The Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has confirmed the English translation of the *Liturgy of the Hours, Second Edition* for liturgical use in the United States. [Learn more](#) about the implementation process and purchasing this new ritual text.

## **A WORTHY LENTEN SUGGESTION FOR YOUR PARISH, SCHOOL, OR RELIGIOUS ED. PROGRAMS ... PRAY FOR PEACE WITH THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY**

Years ago, Bishop Sheen introduced this special multi-colored rosary to pray for peace, our missionaries, and mission dioceses worldwide. Hundreds have been donated to our office, and we wish to explain and give them to our schools and parishioners with a little introductory talk. For more information, contact [Dr. Mike Gable](#) (513.263.6680) at the Mission Office.

Please also consider collecting sacrifices, prayers, and donations for the Holy Father's Missionary Childhood Association. Why not have your grade school students become more aware of children in our 1,150 mission dioceses needing schools, clinics, and orphanages? Contact [Dr. Mike Gable](#) (513.263.6680) locally or contact [Alixandra Holden](#) at the national mission office, which has excellent educational materials.

## **LENTEN DAILY PRAYER REFLECTION SERIES**

The Office of African American Pastoral Ministries has created a Lenten daily prayer reflection series entitled *Scripture and African American Sacred Song*. Participants are invited to enter into the holy season of Lent using the daily scripture readings and selected sacred songs. The reflection series is designed to provide another pathway for repentance and self-examination in preparation for celebrating the Easter Mysteries. Saint Paul wrote to the community of believers in Rome that Jesus, the One, "who indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised." [Click here for more information](#) or contact [Deacon Royce Winters](#) (513.263.6640), Director, African American Catholic Ministries.



## **ONBOARDING**

If you have hired a new business manager or other employee with human resources responsibilities, please notify [Rob Reid](#) (513.263.6611) and he will be happy to come to your location and provide an archdiocesan HR orientation and onboarding. The HR topics covered would include: HR Website Navigation, FMLA and Leaves of Absence, Policies and Procedures, Hiring Issues, Harassment and Discrimination, Termination, HR Best Practices.

Likewise, if you have hired or appointed someone to have overall responsibility for Communications for your Family of Parishes, please notify [Jennifer Schack](#) (513.263.6618) so that Jennifer can provide that person with an overview of the resources and collaboration opportunities available.

## **CMA 2026 – KEY WEEKENDS FOR THE APPEAL**

- **Commitment Weekend:** January 31 & February 1, 2026
- **Follow-Up Weekend:** February 7 & 8, 2026

All resources for the 2026 CMA are available at:

<https://resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/stewardship-and-giving/cma-resources>

Use the password "cma2007"

## **2026 CMA VIDEO**

To help promote the CMA, parishes are asked to share the main CMA video on websites and/or social media pages. The video is posted on the CMA website at: <https://catholicaoc.org/news/cma/rejoice-in-the-lord-always-phil-44>.

## **CMA 2026 NIGHT OF PRAYER EVENTS**

**"Rejoice in the Lord always."– Phil. 4:4**

To begin this year's annual CMA campaign, we invite you to attend one or more of these events and join us in prayer. . . for the ministries supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. . . for the staff and volunteers who make these ministries a success. . . for unity throughout the archdiocese in support of the Corporal Works of Mercy.

Night of Prayer Events will include:

- Adoration with spoken reflections & prayer
- Exposition and Benediction
- Fellowship to follow (light refreshments will be served)

These events are being held regionally throughout the archdiocese in the month of February. For complete details, visit: <https://catholicaoc.org/news/cma/join-us-in-a-night-of-prayer>.

## **AVAILABLE TO PREACH AT YOUR PARISH AND/OR SCHOOL**

Fr. Michael Willig wants to preach on vocations in as many parishes and schools as possible each year. Father will take a normal Sunday Mass schedule and any confession times you regularly offer on the weekends. Please call or email [Fr. Michael Willig](#) (513.263.3390) to set up a weekend.

## **AN EASTER SEMINAR FOR PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS – APRIL 5-8, 2026**

Midwest Theological Forum is offering an Easter Seminar for priests and seminarians from April 5-8, 2026 at Shellbourne Conference Center in Valparaiso, Indiana. This Easter Seminar provides an opportunity for prayer, fraternity, and formation. Dr. John Bergsma will speak on The Dead Sea Scrolls. To learn more, call 630.541.8519 or visit [www.theologicalforum.org/easter-seminar](http://www.theologicalforum.org/easter-seminar).

## **THE INSTITUTE FOR PRIESTLY FORMATION**

The Institute for Priestly Formation (IPF) is offering two silent retreats for diocesan priests this summer at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. The dates are June 7-12, 2026 and June 10-17, 2026. Applications need to be in by April 1, 2026. The cost includes the retreat fee, meals and lodging. Contact the IPF office by calling 888.528.5668 or email [ipfprograms@priestlyformation.org](mailto:ipfprograms@priestlyformation.org) to request more information or to register.

## **WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE**

Wright Patterson Air Force Base is searching for a Roman Catholic priest to provide services for the WPAFB community. This is a full-time position. If interested, please contact Jennifer Blackford, Contracting Officer, at [Blackford@us.af.mil](mailto:Blackford@us.af.mil).

## **BULLETIN ENTRIES**

**FOLLOW AND PRAY WITH ARCHBISHOP CASEY** - Archbishop Casey has launched his own social media accounts! Follow him at:

- Instagram: [@archbishopcasey](https://www.instagram.com/archbishopcasey)
- Facebook: [facebook.com/archbishopcasey](https://www.facebook.com/archbishopcasey)

**COME AND SEE LIVE-IN WEEKEND AT THE JOSEPHINUM SEMINARY** - March 20-22 the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus will be hosting a "Come and See" live-in weekend for young men interested in learning more about college seminary and the priesthood in general. The live-in includes presentations on community life and seminary formation. If you are interested, contact the Director of Vocations, Fr. Michael Willig, at [vocations@catholicaoc.org](mailto:vocations@catholicaoc.org) or 513.263.3390.

**FEEL CALLED TO PRAY IN A SPECIAL WAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND BISHOPS?** - The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a group of women who commit to offering a regular holy hour of prayer for a specific priest or bishop within our Archdiocese. If you know of someone who feels called to this, they can learn more and contact the local coordinator via the organization website: <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/>.

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**SAVE THE DATE! CATHOLIC DAY AT GREAT AMERICAN BALLPARK ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5** - The second annual Catholic Day at Great American Ballpark will be held on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026, which is the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. The Cincinnati Reds will host the Milwaukee Brewers that evening. More details will be announced soon.

**SAVE THE DATE! 2026 CATHOLIC REDHAWK GALA ON SATURDAY, MAY 2** - Save the date for the second annual Catholic RedHawk Gala benefitting the Catholic Newman Center at Miami University. Be part of the exciting work of campus ministry at Miami! Join us Saturday, May 2, 2026 at the Shriver Center on campus. For more information, visit [CatholicRedHawk.com](https://CatholicRedHawk.com).

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES SOUTHWESTERN OHIO OFFERS ESOL ENGLISH CLASSES** - The next session starts on March 16, but you can sign up today. Interested students should register by completing the form at the following link before March 9: <https://forms.office.com/r/mCP1VHQTrZ>. We offer morning classes on Mondays and Wednesdays and evening classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays in both in-person and virtual modalities. Please refer questions to [EducationServices@ccswoh.org](mailto:EducationServices@ccswoh.org) or call 513.672.3750.

**CARIDADES CATÓLICAS DEL SUROESTE DE OHIO OFRECEN CLASES DE INGLÉS ESOL** - Las próximas clases empiezan el 16 de marzo, ¡pero se puede inscribir hoy. Estudiantes interesados deben inscribirse rellenando el formulario en el siguiente enlace antes del 9 de marzo: <https://forms.office.com/r/mCP1VHQTrZ>. Ofrecemos clases en la mañana los lunes y miércoles y en la tarde los martes y jueves en persona y en línea (computadora). Por favor escriba a [EducationServices@ccswoh.org](mailto:EducationServices@ccswoh.org) o llame al 513.672.3750 con preguntas.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES SOUTHWESTERN OHIO: CLASES DE EDUCACIÓN DE PADRES OFRECIDAS VIA ZOOM: JAN 26-MAR 2** - Sesión de 6 semanas, los lunes por la tarde de las 4:30 p.m. a las 6:30 p.m. ¿Qué temas cubre el curso?

- Desarrollo normal del niño
- Expectativas realistas
- Alternativas diferentes para disciplina física
- Habilidades de comunicación
- Habilidades para resolver problemas
- Habilidades de afrontamiento
- Manejo del estrés

Para más información, comuníquese con Priscila a través de [preyes@ccswoh.org](mailto:preyes@ccswoh.org) o llame al 513.867.7076[PR1].

**FOOD FOR ALL** - Nutritious, affordable food is not readily available to every person in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Hunger exists in our communities. Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio travels to where hunger is located in Adams, Brown, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton and Highland Counties. Interested in reducing hunger and food insecurity, volunteering at a mobile pantry or learning more about hunger in our area? Call April Hoak, Food for All coordinator, at 513.672.3720 or email [ahoak@ccswoh.org](mailto:ahoak@ccswoh.org).

**"FLANNERY O'CONNOR: HILLBILLY NIHILIST OR HILLBILLY THOMIST?" - LECTURE BY JENNIFER FREY, PH.D., THE UNIVERSITY OF TULSA** - Free and open to the public, this lecture will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 7:30 p.m. at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology, Bartlett Center (6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45230).

Noted for her fascination with grotesque characters and the extremes of human nature, Flannery O'Connor is an often misunderstood writer. In this talk, Dr. Jennifer Frey will argue that the key to unlocking the fiction of O'Connor is understanding her as a student of St. Thomas Aquinas. By tracing the movement of grace in her stories, we can begin to understand O'Connor on her own terms: as a woman who wrote "happy stories" thick with the promise of God's mercy and redemption.

**SACRED MUSIC INSTITUTE AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY & SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY**

- The Sacred Music Institute at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology will be hosting Solemn Vespers on Sunday, February 15 and Sunday, March 22 in the Chapel of St. Gregory the Great, each beginning with an organ recital at 6:30 p.m. followed by Solemn Vespers at 7:00 p.m. On Sunday, April 12, MTSM will host its annual Eastertide Choral Mass, featuring an organ recital at 6:30 p.m. with Mass beginning at 7:00 p.m. Admission to all events is free and open to the public. For more info, please visit [www.athenaeum.edu/smi](http://www.athenaeum.edu/smi).

**MEN INQUIRING ABOUT THE PERMANENT DIACONATE** - Any man who may be discerning a possible vocation to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, to discuss the discernment process, prerequisites, and the formation cycle. Deacon Mark can be reached at 513.263.6641 or [deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org](mailto:deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org).

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



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