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ACTION REQUIRED

JUNE 2-5, 2026: REQUIRED SEMINAR FOR RECENTLY ORDAINED PRIESTS FROM CLASSES 2023, 2024, 2025

The Summer Conference for newly ordained priests “And the Lord said to Peter, ‘Strengthen Your Brothers’” is intended to assist men ordained in the past several years (2019 – 2022 also welcome) in difficult areas of ministry and building good habits of living and praying. The conferences are organized around the theme Mission – Man – Methods. Additionally, the conference provides an opportunity to have time away for prayer and camaraderie with other priests. Registration, schedule, and more information can be found on the Mount St. Mary’s Seminary & School of Theology [website](#) under 2025 Continuing Formation Events.

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 pursue the God-given mission of sharing the Gospel throughout our archdiocese, all Families of Parishes, including single-parish Families and those Families who have already unified canonically, will participate in Family Unity Discernment. This is a comprehensive process that will begin in Spring 2026 and unfold deanery by deanery. 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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS — APRIL 26, 2026

The Church will observe the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on Sunday, April 26, 2026, inviting the faithful to pray that the Lord “send out laborers for His harvest” (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2) and to support a culture of vocational discernment. Please share the bulletin entry found on page 8.

CRS RICE BOWLS –TURN IN

Lent has ended and so has Rice Bowl. If you have not already, please designate a date, time and location for your community to turn in their CRS Rice Bowl donations. Send all collected funds to: **Catholic Relief Services, CRS Rice Bowl, P.O. Box 5278, Tipton, IA 52772-0517.** Please contact [Jillian Foster](#) (937.281.4124) with any questions or concerns.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

On April 18 and 19, the Catholic Relief Services Collection will be taken up across our archdiocese. Your generous support from the pulpit, in your bulletin, newsletter, and social media as well as through posters throughout your facilities, contributes to the collection's success and to an enhanced global solidarity among your parishioners. You can find resources on the archdiocesan webpage for [Catholic Relief Services](#) and the National Collections Office of the USCCB will send you promotional information as well. Please contact [Jillian Foster](#) (937.281.4124) with any questions or concerns.

When you have finished, please submit your collection to the archdiocese: Finance Office, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 100 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. Please note on the memo line that the money is for the **Catholic Relief Services Collection**.

Separately, if your parish needs a different amount of collection supplies for next year's collection, please email CRS Project Coordinator [Glen Glenn](#).

2025 MISSION DONATIONS

Has your parish sent in your **2025** Missionary Co-op Plan (MCP) collections? Also, some parishes have not mailed in their parishioners' donations and envelopes from World Mission Sunday (WMS) of October **2025**. Please mail in your collections soon to: Mission Office, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 100 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati, OH 45202. If you have any MCP or WMS questions, contact [Melonise Knight](#) (513.263.6681). And, thanks to your generous parishioners!

OPTIONAL

MEN CONSIDERING THE DIACONATE

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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. Invitations will be postal mailed in April. Questions? Please contact [Sarah Frohmiller](#) (513.263.6651).

CATHOLIC FAMILY NIGHT AT GREAT AMERICAN BALLPARK – TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Please join us, and invite your parishioners to join us, at Catholic Family Night at Great American Ballpark on **Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026**, which is the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. The Cincinnati Reds will play the Milwaukee Brewers that evening at **6:40 p.m.** Discounted tickets are now on sale through Reds ticketing at this link: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Archdiocesecincinnati22>. The archdiocese Communication office will supply promotional graphics on Catholic Social Media beginning in mid-April. In the meantime, please share the Bulletin Entry found on page 8.

Catholic Family Night will include Mass prior to the game and, like last year, several in-game activities featuring members of our local Catholic community. More details will be announced soon.

CULTURE FOR MISSION WORKSHOP

Join us for an evangelization workshop on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at St. Paul Church, Englewood that will help your leadership team, evangelization team, and parish leaders form an imagination for mission. This workshop will lead your team through the Process of Evangelization & Discipleship. Participants will leave with a shared language and framework for evangelization and discipleship that will impact every level of your ecclesial culture! Learn more and register [here](#).

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SPIRITUAL BENEFITS OF GIVING WORKSHOP

Thursday, April 23, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist Parish in West Chester

This is a transformative workshop to help increase your weekly offertory. Designed for parish staff, including Communication Coordinators, Directors of Stewardship, Business Managers, Pastors, Parochial Vicars, and Deacons, this engaging session will equip your team with tools to implement right away. Participants will learn effective strategies that can be implemented as easily as “copying and pasting.” No cost to attend. Lunch included! To learn more or to register, [click here](#).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CONVOCAATION OF PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE - SAVE THE DATE

The Convocation of Priests of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is scheduled for Friday, October 23, 2026 at St. Francis of Assisi, Centerville. More information to come.

FALL RETREAT FOR PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE – SAVE THE DATE

The Fall Retreat for priests of the archdiocese will be held at The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, Monday - Friday, Sept. 28, 2026 - Oct. 2, 2026. Reverend Peter Heasley, S.Th.D. from New York will be the presenter. More information to come.

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COLLECTIONS FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS –THANK YOU!

This year's parish collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious totaled **\$850,000** – a **35% increase** thanks to the generosity of parishioners and your support making this appeal visible. With **94% of every gift** directly helping senior religious, your continued encouragement has a real impact. Please share the bulletin entry found on page 8.

UP-TO-DATE ARCHDIOCESE LOGOS AND MARKS

Current renditions of the archdiocese coat-of-arms, as well as selected other archdiocese marks are images, are available for download on the [Media Assets page](#) of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati website. Please ensure that you and your team are using the correct versions of these marks. Thank you!

ST. DOMINIC SAVIO INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID FOR PARISH OR SCHOOL STAFF

One in five Americans lives with a mental illness. As staff of parishes or schools, it is important to know how to respond when one notices that someone may be experiencing a mental health challenge. Mental Health First Aid is an evidence-based class that teaches participants how to recognize signs and symptoms of a mental health or substance use challenge. The class comes in versions for adults and for adults who work with youth (teachers, scout leaders, coaches, etc.). Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio is able to offer this course, valued at \$170 per person, free of charge to parishes or schools. If you are interested in learning more, contact [Mary Anne Bressler](#) (513.672.3714).

2026 PARISH VITALITY REPORT

The 2026 *Parish Vitality Report* is now [available online](#). As in previous years, this report offers insights into the health and vitality of our 57 Families of Parishes and work on the Beacons of Light process. [Resources](#) are available to parish communicators to help share this report and its accompanying survey with parishioners, including sample marketing copy, social media posts, images, QR codes, etc.

SACRED OILS:

GUIDELINES FOR CUSTODY AND CARE, AND RECEPTION IN THE PARISH

Having received fresh oils from your dean, please be attentive to our guidelines on the proper Custody and Care of Sacred Oils, found on the [ODWS website](#).

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.

GUIDELINES FOR NON-RENEWAL/REDUCTION-IN-FORCE

To ensure proper procedure is followed, the Department of Human Resources wants to remind all schools of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati considering a reduction in force or non-renewal of staff to review the guidelines that are in place.

Schools of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati strive to provide the highest level of instruction to all students. However, should economics, decrease in school enrollment, or other conditions necessitate

a reduction or non-renewal of staff, school administrators will provide a standard and objective approach for reducing the size and/or composition of their teaching staff consistent with student educational needs and teacher reduction and non-renewal guidelines. A reduction in force report must be prepared by the school administrator and sent to the Director of Human Resources and the School Office Regional Director for review. Parishes considering a reduction in force of non-school employees should only send a report to the Director of Human Resources. A non-renewal of staff must be reviewed with the Department of Human Resources.

If you have any questions, please contact [Rob Reid](#) (513.263.6611).

2026 CMA UPDATE

Congratulations and thank you! Pledges to the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) have now exceeded the \$6,000,000 goal! As of March 20, just over \$6.68 million has been pledged to the appeal from 16,680 households. Of the amount pledged, \$5.2 million has been received in payments. We extend a special "thank you" to pastors, parochial vicars, parish staff, and volunteers who have helped to promote this year's Appeal.

Updated totals for the CMA, including parish progress, and all resources can be found at: <https://resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/stewardship-and-giving/cma-resources>. Use the password "cma2007".

TURN TAX DOLLARS INTO TUITION ASSISTANCE

CEF-SGO Program Provides Ohio Tax Credit for Donations

The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (CEF) is certified by Ohio as a scholarship-granting organization (SGO). Ohio taxpayers who donate to SGOs may be able to claim a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable tax credit on their state income tax return for up to \$750 per donor (up to \$1,500 if married and filing jointly).

Donations to the CEF-SGO can be designated to benefit a specific school(s). Learn more at CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO.

In 2025, the CEF-SGO raised more than \$4 million! These funds will benefit families in need of tuition assistance.

Reminder: When promoting this program, please encourage families to consult their tax advisor to see if this program is right for them.

HAVE EXTRA MASS STIPENDS?

Missioners from our archdiocese are very grateful for any extra Mass stipends you may have to help support their ministries. For more information and/or to mail them to us, contact [Melonise Knight](#) (513.263.6681).

NEED SUBSIDIES FOR MISSION OR PARISH TWINNING TRIPS?

Thanks to some donors, the Mission Office has limited funds to help defray costs for parish twinning trips. For subsidy applications, contact: [Dr. Mike Gable](#) (513.263.6680), Mission Office Director.

ST. MARY RECYCLE MISSION GROUP

St. Mary Recycle Mission Group accepts various used, but in good condition, vestments, chalices, religious medals, statutes, and other church goods. The Walters travel around the USA picking up such items to eventually ship primarily to churches in Africa. Contact information for The Walters: 2025

Nolt Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601, 717.381.5816 or LancCatholicMsn@aol.com. Or visit the website: www.StMaryRecycleMissionGroup.com.

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](mailto:Fr.MichaelWillig) (513.263.3390) to set up a weekend.

SACRED MUSIC INSTITUTE CONFERENCE, JULY 22-24, 2026 – SAVE THE DATE

'Bridge of Beauty and Faith: Sacred Music in the Midst of Renewal' will be held on July 22-24, 2026 at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology. More information will be forthcoming.

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)

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(Please run the below announcement in your parish's April 19 bulletin.)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS, APRIL 26, 2026 - Next Sunday is the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, celebrated worldwide on Good Shepherd Sunday. The Church invites us to join together in praying that God will raise up holy vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, and missionary service.

As part of our local observance, please also pray for the young women attending the **Fiat Ministries Retreat**, held **May 1-3, 2026** here in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. This retreat is a beautiful opportunity for women to encounter the Lord, deepen their relationship with Him, and listen for His call in their lives. Lord of the Harvest, send us holy vocations!

THANK YOU! - Thanks to your generosity, this year's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious totaled **\$850,000** – a remarkable **35% increase** from last year. A large portion of what our archdiocese contributes comes back to support religious communities **right here at home**, helping care for the sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have served our parishes for decades. Thank you for your faithful generosity. — Maria Reinagel, Office for Consecrated Life

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CREATIVE CONNECTIONS - Creative Connections is a 10-week program for people living with dementia to engage in group music therapy with a co-occurring caregiver support group. Care partners have the opportunity to meet and connect with each other while their loved one is engaging in a music and movement activity. There are now six locations/days/times to choose from. Spring sessions start the week of April 6. Registration is required: call 513.869.4483 or email can@ccswoh.org for more information about the program or volunteer opportunities. Co-sponsored by the Giving Voice Foundation and the Caregiver Assistance Network, a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio funded in part through the Council on Aging. The six locations/days/times are:

- Mondays, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, St. Clare Campus, Hartwell/Wyoming
- Mondays, 1:30 - 3:00 pm, Faith Community UMC, West Chester
- Tuesdays, 2:00 - 3:30 pm, Lakeside Presbyterian, Northern Kentucky
- Wednesdays, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, St. Barnabas Episcopal, Montgomery
- Wednesdays, 1:30 - 3:00 pm, Knox Presbyterian, Hyde Park
- Thursdays, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, New Day UMC, Dent/Western Hills

BECOME AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION - Formation and training for new and veteran extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion will take place this spring. Some sessions will focus on ministry to the sick, hospitalized, and homebound, and all sessions will prepare you to serve as an EMHC in your parish community. You can find more info and register at www.catholicaoc.org/worship.

INTERNATIONAL FAITH-BASED VOLUNTEER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES - Catholic Volunteer Network fosters and promotes full-time domestic and international faith-based volunteer service opportunities for people of all ages, backgrounds, and skills. As the leading membership organization of Christian volunteer and mission programs, we support and enhance the work of our members through volunteer recruitment, training and resources, networking opportunities, and advocacy. Visit: <https://catholicvolunteernetwork.org/begin/>. For further advice, contact Dr. Mike Gable of the archdiocesan Mission Office at mgable@catholicaoc.org.

2026 CATHOLIC REDHAWK GALA ON SATURDAY, MAY 2 – You are invited to attend 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 and to purchase tickets, visit CatholicRedHawk.com.

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.

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

- 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.

MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY & SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF LAY FORMATION

- On April 23, 2026 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. come celebrate 50 years of lay formation in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. After a brief program honoring Fr. Bob Hater, with a look to the future of lay formation, a drinks and hors d'oeuvres reception will follow. Attendance is free of charge. Go to <https://forms.gle/eryvAJWcz4r6csjN9> to RSVP by April 9.

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.

A Place Set Apart for Priests' Retreat & Renewal



*A quiet space for prayer, reflection,
and rest in the midst of ministry.*



Tabor Lodge



Melchizedek Village

The Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal offers daytime retreat space for active and retired priests, providing a peaceful setting to step away and attend to prayer and renewal.

Located on quiet grounds near the Stillwater River, the Center includes chapel space, meeting rooms, and outdoor areas for walking and reflection—ideal for personal prayer, days of reflection, or small clergy gatherings. For those discerning a transition from active ministry, Melchizedek Village offers a quiet space to retire from active service.

Schedule a Visit or Learn More:

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