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CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

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ACTION REQUIRED

NEW CLERGY OVERNIGHT FOR THE ORDINATION CLASSES OF 2023, 2024, 2025 AND 2026 - SEPTEMBER

The New Clergy Overnight for the Ordination Classes of 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 is scheduled to be held at **Maria Stein Spiritual Center for Sunday, September 27 through Monday, September 28**. If you have any questions, please contact [Sarah Frohmler](mailto:sarah.frohmler@archdioceseofcincinnati.org) (513.263.6651) in the Priestly Formation Office.

OFFICIAL CATHOLIC DIRECTORY (OCD) ONLINE UPDATES

The 2027 *Official Catholic Directory* (OCD) updates must be completed online. When the OCD online portal is open, the company providing the administration site for the updates will send an email to the parishes, schools, and organizations listed in the directory. **It will be sent out sometime mid to late September.** The email will be sent to the **OCD Contact email address** that was provided to them last year by your parish, school, or organization, so please watch for it! It is imperative that all parishes, schools, and organizations listed in the *Official Catholic Directory* complete the online update for the 2027 edition before the deadline to retain their tax status. **The OCD Contact can also go to <https://ocdedits.com/login> at any time to check if the website is open for updating.** Questions? Please contact [Lisa Weber](mailto:lisa.weber@archdioceseofcincinnati.org) (513.263.3342) in the Chancellor's Office.

New this year: If a parish or organization is not sure what email address the OCD has on file to receive the email, or if the OCD Contact has changed for your parish or organization, there is a two-week window, starting approximately September 8, when the OCD Contact email can be changed before the mass notification is sent out by them. Please contact [Lisa Weber](mailto:lisa.weber@archdioceseofcincinnati.org) (513.263.3342) if you have questions what email address the OCD has on file for your parish or organization.

MICROFILMING OF SACRAMENTAL REGISTERS

Every five years, the sacramental registers of the parishes and institutions of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati are scanned and microfilmed. All parishes and institutions are required to have **Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, and Death** registers dating from **July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2026** microfilmed. This year (*a change from previous years!*), Archives staff will be travelling to each parish family to scan the books onsite. Each parish family will select one parish office to house all their churches' registers during this process.

Every parish has been sent an email detailing the process and scheduling a day to scan. **The deadline to sign up is Friday, September 4.** Questions? Contact [Sarah Hensler](#) (513.263.3388) in the Archives.

OCTOBER COUNT 2026

The annual October Count tabulation for all churches and institutions where regular weekend Masses are celebrated begins the weekend of Saturday, October 3, 2026, and concludes Sunday, October 25, 2026. As a reminder, all regular scheduled Masses that fulfill the precept should be included as well as **all special Masses that occur between 3:00 p.m. Saturday and midnight Sunday.** [Click here to access the instructions and the online form.](#) Please submit the completed form ONLINE by **Friday, November 6, 2026.** For your convenience, a worksheet is available to help keep track of your weekly count. If you have questions, please email [Diane Thomas](#) or call her at (513.263.6692) in the Pastoral Planning Office.

ELECTION SEASON DOS AND DON'Ts

As we fully enter the election season this fall, all families of parishes are reminded of what is and is not permissible on parish grounds. Families of parishes are **strongly encouraged** to utilize the archdiocese's [iVoteCatholic](#) website - liturgical, catechetical, educational, and communication resources that can be used throughout parish life. They can also utilize the USCCB's [Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship](#) and [Civilize It](#). Voting is a moral act, and all people are encouraged to participate in the political process, allowing their faith to guide their voting and advocacy. For information on helping people make sure they can vote, please check out our [Voter Information](#) page.

Families of parishes are **NOT permitted** to: endorse any candidate or political party (nor describe any party or candidate negatively); allow their facilities or property to be used by a political party or candidate; share or publish political materials on church property or through church publications (e.g. bulletins, newsletters, etc.) or allow anyone else to do so; share or publish any voter guides not explicitly endorsed by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Catholic Conference of Ohio, or the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; take a "single issue" approach to guidance; or distribute materials that purport to share candidates' positions without thorough vetting.

Please see [Guidelines for Church Involvement in Political Issues - Archdiocese of Cincinnati](#) and [USCCB Political Activity and Lobbying Guidelines](#) for additional information. Contact [Andrew Musgrave](#) (513.263.6691) in the Catholic Social Action Office with questions.

ANNUAL PLANNING REPORT

In accord with Beacons of Light Parameter 2, each Family of Parishes will submit an annual report on their planning activity from the year prior and a plan for the coming year. It is prepared by the Family Leadership Team, signed by the pastor, reviewed by the dean, and ultimately submitted to the archbishop. The report is due by November 1. A read-only template is available **now** on the [Pastoral Planning Pathway](#). Each pastor will receive a unique link to their Family's reporting tool by Tuesday, September 15.

FAMILY PATHWAY REPORT

As we near the end of Year 4 of Beacons of Light, leaders in each Family of Parishes are encouraged to share a report with their parishioners sometime between Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day. A [template](#) has been created to help you share such a Family Pathway Report. The template includes a report generator, which creates a print-ready PDF for you, and a PDF template which you may customize with text and images. The template web page includes element ideas, samples from Families of Parishes that shared reports last year, and a link to share your completed report so that all Families of Parishes might learn from one another.

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DONATIONS FOR YOUR MCP VISITING MISSIONARIES

The Archdiocesan Mission Office is very grateful for your patience, generosity, and kindness toward the missionaries who were assigned this summer to take up donations in your parish for their dioceses and religious or lay missionary organizations. So that funds can be sent to the proper missionary group/speaker, please indicate if these donations are from the summer of 2025 or the summer of 2026. These donations need be properly recorded in the Archdiocesan Mission Office for Vatican records, so please send them promptly and addressed to: Mission Office, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 100 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. Questions? Contact our MCP Coordinator, [Melonise Knight](#), (513.263.6681) in the Mission Office.

OPTIONAL

REGISTRATION FOR SYNOD 2027 “CONVERSATIONS IN THE SPIRIT”

Engaging in a **Conversations in the Spirit** listening session is the primary means by which most Catholics will contribute to a fruitful outcome for Synod 2027. Participants will join others across our archdiocese in prayerfully considering what the Holy Spirit is asking of our Church at this time, thereby assisting Archbishop Casey as he establishes pastoral priorities for the future.

About 60 Conversations in the Spirit sessions will take place between Labor Day and Thanksgiving. Please urge your parishioners to register at: <https://catholicaoc.org/conversations>. Please utilize the bulletin entry found on page 8 and the promotional materials available on the Catholic Social Media platform.

ORDER YOUR 2026-27 CATHOLIC DIRECTORY

It's time to order your *2026-27 Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Directory*. Directories are in production now and should be delivered in late-September. Parish and/or individual [copies can be ordered here](#). Unlike previous years, **orders will be accepted online only**. Thank you!

RADIATE CHRIST AWARDS

The Center for the New Evangelization is now accepting nominations for the 2027 Radiate Christ Awards. Each year, these awards recognize evangelists across the archdiocese for their dedication and impactful work. Visit the link [here](#) to learn more and nominate someone whose efforts have made a difference. Award recipients will be honored at the Center for the New Evangelization Appreciation Banquet in February 2027.

BETHANY BRUNCHES

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LET YOUR PARISHIONERS SHINE! NOMINATIONS FOR THE SPIRIT OF SR. DOROTHY STANG AWARDS DUE SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

The Mission Office invites all pastors to offer a name to the Mission Office of a parishioner or family who live out some of the Catholic values of our own Sr. Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN, of Dayton, martyred in the Amazon rainforest in 2005. Is there a person, family, or group in your parish who reaches out to people experiencing poverty, and across cultures, who cares for God's creation, and lives out catholic social teaching?

Pastors may forward one person's, family's, or parish group's name to the Mission Office and then we will email you a nomination form. That form is due to the Mission Office by September 21. Once approved, we will mail you an attractive Sr. Dorothy Stang award certificate. We ask that the pastor present that award on the weekend **before** World Mission Sunday, October 18. Questions? Contact [Dr. Mike Gable](mailto:Dr.Mike.Gable) (513.263.6680), Mission Office, 100 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati, OH 45202.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SENIOR CLERGY LUNCHEON

The next Senior Clergy Luncheon is scheduled for **Friday, September 11, 2026** at the Bartlett Center, Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology, 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45230. The information letters were mailed in August 2026. If you have any questions, please contact [Sarah Frohmler](mailto:Sarah.Frohmler) (513.263.6651).

PRIESTS' ANNIVERSARY DINNER – SAVE THE DATE

The Priests' Anniversary Dinner is scheduled for **Monday, September 14, 2026** at a **new location**, the Presidential Banquet Center, Kettering. We will be honoring priests from the ordination classes of 2001, 1976, and 1966 (as designated in the *Clerus*). Invitations have been mailed.

CONVOCATION 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, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Questions? Please contact [Sarah Frohmler](mailto:Sarah.Frohmler) (513.263.6651).

CONSIDER JOINING THE FALL RETREAT FOR PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE, THE SPRING RETREAT IS CANCELLED

Because of the weather, and lack of interest and retreat directors, the Spring Retreat usually held at Maria Stein in February/March will not occur. The fall retreat will continue. Please consider joining the clergy for the Fall Retreat for priests of the archdiocese to be held at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, **Monday - Friday, Sept. 28 - Oct. 2, 2026**. Reverend Peter Heasley, S.Th.D. from New York will be the presenter. Contact [Sarah Frohmler](mailto:Sarah.Frohmler@archdiocese.org) (513.263.6651) to register.

ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION – SAVE THE DATE

The Advent Day of Reflection for priests of the archdiocese will be held at the Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal in Ludlow Falls on **Tuesday, December 1, 2026**. More information to follow.

ST. MEINRAD ARCHABBEY RETREATS

St. Meinrad Archabbey in Indiana hosts a variety of retreats and workshops for clergy and lay persons throughout the year. Go to their webpage: www.saintmeinrad.org/retreats, and you can see what is offered for the remainder of 2026 and into 2027.

FALL ANDREW DINNERS

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- Tuesday, November 17, St. Mary's, Hillsboro

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 Archbishop Emeritus Dennis Schnurr and the vocations director, and share a meal together. [Click here for more information and to register](#). Contact [Fr. Michael Willig](mailto:Fr.Michael.Willig@archdiocese.org) (513.263.3390) with any questions. Please utilize the bulletin entry found on page 8.

VOCATION NIGHT AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY & SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

On Wednesday, October 14, 2026, single men aged 18-35 are invited to come to a Vocation Night at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology. Doors open at 4:45 p.m. and the evening ends at 8:30 p.m. The event includes Mass, dinner, talks, a tour, and a social with the seminarians. Registration is required. To register, email Fr. Michael Willig at vocations@catholicaoc.org. Please utilize the bulletin entry found on page 8.

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.Michael.Willig@archdiocese.org) (513.263.3390) to set up a weekend.

DEACON REASSIGNMENT

Deacon Timothy Schutte, ordained on April 24, 2004, has been assigned to Good Shepherd Parish, Cincinnati. This assignment was effective August 21, 2026.

DEACON GRANTED SENIOR STATUS

Deacon Stephen Bermick III, ordained on September 28, 1991, has been granted Senior Status effective July 24, 2026, from his assignment as a deacon of the St. John Paul II Family of Parishes, Dayton/Miamisburg/Springboro. Deacon Bermick retains his faculties as a deacon of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the title of deacon.

RESPECT LIFE COLLECTION

This collection is taken up the weekend of **October 3-4**. This fund provides needed support for many local agencies, all right here in this archdiocese, including our Project Rachel Ministry for post-abortive women. For more information on this fund, [click here](#). If your parishioners miss the collection, they can donate online [here](#) from now through the end of October.

TOGETHER

The Center for New Evangelization has relaunched “Together” with new resources and a fresh look to help parishes intentionally welcome those searching for connection and an encounter with Christ during the times of year when they are most likely to walk through your doors including Back to School, Christmas, and Easter. Together helps parishes create a culture of hospitality where every person feels seen, valued, and invited into a deeper relationship with Christ and the Church.

[Learn More](#) and explore the curated resources available to your parish for this back-to-school season!

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK & WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

For over 45 years, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week (NMW). This is an opportunity to reflect on our history as an immigrant Church and the ways in which our country has been enriched by generations of immigrants, including the many Catholics who have adopted this land as their own. It is also an occasion to grow in appreciation of the challenges faced by migrants and refugees, both in the United States and beyond, and to express solidarity through prayer, accompaniment, and advocacy. This year, NMW takes place September 21–27. It will culminate with the Universal Church's 112th commemoration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) on the last Sunday of the month (September 27).

Pope Leo XIV chose “Even just one of these children” for this year's WDMR theme, which is a reference to Matthew 18:5: “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.” To join the celebration, families of parishes can utilize the USCCB's new [National Prayer Service Honoring the Many Journeys That Shaped America](#) and/or share [Pope Leo's message](#) for this day.

NEW MASS FORMULARY: CARE FOR CREATION

On June 8, 2025, the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments promulgated the Latin formulary and Lectionary citations to be used in the Mass, “For the Care of Creation.” The Holy See released the proper liturgical texts in Latin, and on August 4, 2026, the Dicastery confirmed the English and Spanish translations of those texts. Click [here](#) to learn more and download the texts.

LITURGY PREPARATION: 9/11 – 25th ANNIVERSARY

Many parishes in the United States will be commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the September 11 attacks. This should be an occasion to pray for all those who perished that day. It should also be a time to plea to God for peace in a world that continues to be plagued by wars. This [resource](#) from the FDLC offers a variety of options for Mass texts, a presider text for a complete prayer service, suggested readings, music suggestions, sample intercessions, and other prayers.

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Parishes are encouraged to include this observance in their liturgical celebrations. Resources can be found on the [ODWS website](#).

ANNUAL LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS

As we do each year, the Office for Divine Worship & Sacraments will be selling 2027 annual liturgical publications for use in parishes and schools at a deep discount (up to 25% off retail!). Through the [online shop](#), you can purchase resources like *Workbook for Lectors*, *Living Liturgy*, *"Year of Grace"* calendars, and more. Make sure to add your tax-exempt information to your online account to save even more.

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, and HR Best Practices.

Likewise, if you have hired or appointed someone to have overall responsibility for Communications for your Family of Parishes, please notify [August Hagemann](#) (513.263.6635) so that August can provide that person with an overview of the resources and collaboration opportunities available.

2026 CMA UPDATE

Congratulations and thank you! Pledges to the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) have now exceeded \$7,800,000! As of August 20, just over \$7.85 million has been pledged to the appeal from 19,452 households. Of the amount pledged, \$7.25 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".

CMA 2027 – SAVE-THE-DATES

- **Announcement Weekend:** January 23 & 24, 2027
- **Commitment Weekend:** February 6 & 7, 2027

LIFT – LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER – INCREASED OFFERTORY PROCESS

LIFT (Living in Faith Together) is a five-week process (with a follow-up week) designed to educate and form parishioners on the *spiritual blessings* of financial giving. At the end of the process, the faithful are invited to reflect on their offertory giving and prayerfully consider increasing their contributions. The process focuses on the key spiritual themes of: Gratitude, Unity, Mercy, Witness, and Trust.

A resource website for the process can be found at:

<https://resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/stewardship-and-giving/stewardship-resources/lift-materials#>

Password to access the website is: lift2025

The Stewardship Department is available to help guide your parish/family of parishes through LIFT. We are also happy to speak at your parish about the Spiritual Blessings of Giving. To begin a conversation about assistance with the process, contact [David Kissell](#) (513.263.3381) in the Stewardship Department.

UP-TO-DATE ARCHDIOCESE LOGOS AND MARKS

Current renditions of the archdiocese coat-of-arms, as well as selected other archdiocese marks and 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!

BULLETIN ENTRIES

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CELEBRATE YOUR JUBILEE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WITH ARCHBISHOP CASEY - Couples celebrating jubilee anniversaries (25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, etc.) in 2026 are invited to Mass with Archbishop Casey on Sunday, November 15 (Cincinnati) or Saturday, November 21 (Dayton). Family members are welcome to attend as well, and a special blessing will be offered for the jubilarian couples. Couples should RSVP online by Monday, November 2 at www.catholicaoc.org/goldenjubilee.

RICE BOWL CELEBRATION - The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Committee of the Catholic Social Action office invites you to a Rice Bowl Celebration. The celebration is a time to increase your knowledge about the work of CRS, learn about the organizations that benefit from the local CRS Rice Bowl grants, and fellowship with others who are passionate about the work of CRS. The celebration will take place on **Sat., Sept. 19, 2:00 p.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe in Liberty Township**. It's free and there will be light hors d'oeuvres. If additional information is needed, please contact Glen Glenn at gglenn@catholicaoc.org, (513.263.6644) or Jill Foster at jfoster@catholicaoc.org, (513.263.4124).

SAINTLY SEVEN – SEPTEMBER EVENT - This month we host the sixth event in our series on the Sainly Seven – the seven African American candidates for sainthood. The first five events – featuring Venerable Pierre Toussaint, Venerable Mother Mary Lange, Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton, Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman, and Servant of God Julia Greeley – were wonderful, and we look forward to celebrating Venerable Sr. Henriette Delille on **Sunday, September 20, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Benedict the Moor Parish** (519 Liscum Dr., Dayton). All sessions are in person as well as livestreamed. For more information, check out www.tinyurl.com/SainlySevenAOC2026.

SUBMIT YOUR 2026 OUTSTANDING CAREGIVER NOMINATIONS TODAY - Nominate the Outstanding Caregiver in your life for this year's 2026 Caregiver Recognition Mass and Reception to be held on Sunday, November 22, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Call 513.869.4483 or nominate online at <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/q70NuT3gqf>. **All nominations are due by 9/25/26.** Caregiver Masses honor all those who work or volunteer as a caregiver – from nurses and physicians to dietary staff and lab workers, from those who care for a sick or elderly friend or relative to those who volunteer at healthcare facilities, retirement communities, or parishes. These Masses aren't just for Catholics. People from all faiths are welcome. Sponsored by the Caregiver Assistance Network of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio and the Order of Malta.

POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS - Do you feel overwhelmed or overextended? Are you concerned about a child with disabilities, aging parents, or a spouse or friend with chronic illness? Do you wonder what resources are available in our community? Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes help families manage caregiving from an empowered place. We meet for six, 90-minute sessions and class size is limited to 12 caregivers. Please contact the CAREline at 513.869.4483 or email can@ccswoh.org to register for any of these upcoming programs.

- Fridays, Sept. 11 – Oct. 16, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., St. Veronica Parish Center, 4462 Mt. Carmel Tobasco Rd., 45244 - 6 week class
- Tuesdays, Sept. 15 – Oct. 20, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Ohio Living Mt. Pleasant, 225 Britton Lane, Monroe, OH 45050 - 6 week class
- Wednesdays, Sept. 16 – Oct. 21, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., St. Francis de Sales Parish, 1600 Madison Rd, 45206 - 6 week class
- Mondays, Oct. 12 – Nov. 16, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., Margaret's Heart Senior Day Center, 651 Old State Rte. 74, 45245 - 6 week class

SACRED MUSIC INSTITUTE MUSIC & LITURGY SEASON AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY & SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY (MTSM) - On Sunday, September 13, the Sacred Music Institute at MTSM will begin its 2026-27 Music & Liturgy season in the Chapel of St. Gregory the Great, featuring an organ recital at 6:30 p.m. with Solemn Vespers featuring Bach's *Magnificat in D Major*. Admission to all events is free and open to the public. For more info, please visit www.athenaeum.edu/smi.

JUSTIFICATION TODAY DISCUSSION AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY - On Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartlett Center, the School of Theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary will co-host with United Theological Seminary a panel discussion *Justification Today*, with Dr. Michael Root from Catholic University and Dr. Joel Chopp from Asbury Theological Seminary, discussing the "Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification". Attending the event is free, but RSVPs are encouraged at this website: <https://www.athenaeum.edu/justification>.

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.

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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For over 95 years, the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford has enriched the spiritual lives of those seeking God with life-changing retreats rooted in the Ignatian spiritual tradition.



WHAT WE OFFER

YOUTH MINISTRY

Did you know that the Jesuit Spiritual Center is one of the only Jesuit retreat center in the United States with a dedicated Youth Ministry Team? Our team host retreats here on our campus, and they also travel to schools and parishes both within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and beyond.

SACRED SPACE

Our buildings are available to host as retreat spaces for your group. All people seeking a sacred environment to grow closer to God are welcome here.

ADULT RETREATS

We provide a variety of retreats, including guided weekends led by experienced retreat directors, themed retreats for various seasons of the spiritual life, and personally directed retreats ranging from one day to eight days.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Our team of spiritual directors, who are rigorously trained in the Ignatian spiritual tradition, are available to help you or someone you know discern how God is working in your life.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A RETREAT OR PARTNERING
WITH US TO FURTHER YOUR OWN MINISTRY? CONTACT US TODAY!**



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