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ACTION REQUIRED

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - MATERIALS FOR THE COLLECTION

The National Office for the Retirement Fund for Religious needs you to update the information they have on materials you need for your parish for this collection. **Please do this before August 31.** The form will be posted on the Office for Consecrated Life website and you will receive a link at the end of July from Maria Reinagel. Thank you for your help!

OPTIONAL

VOCATIONS DIRECTOR AVAILABLE TO SPEAK AT YOUR PARISH OR SCHOOL

Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations, is available to come to your parish to preach on vocations at weekend Masses, celebrate school Masses and/or speak to the students in their classrooms, or speak to PSR classes, youth groups and young adult groups. If you would like to schedule a time, please contact him at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

If you know of a young man in your parish who may be discerning a vocation to the priesthood, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

ONE-DAY CONVOCATION FOR PRIESTS

This has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 20 at Incarnation Parish Center. As of this writing, no decision has been made to alter these plans in the light of COVID19. This could possibly change in the future.

FALL RETREAT FOR PRIESTS

The Fall Retreat for Priests has been scheduled for Monday, October 5 through Friday, October 9, 2020, at Maria Stein Spiritual Center. Barring the unforeseen, the retreat will go on as scheduled. We will mail out a flyer in by the end of August with more information.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION WORKSHOP

This event will be done as a virtual workshop. The date has not been set but it should be in late September.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

COLLECTION DATES AND MAJOR FEASTS - UPDATED CALENDAR

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, two collection dates that were scheduled to take place this past April were rescheduled for later this year. Good Friday Collection (for the Holy Land) was rescheduled to September 13, 2020 and Catholic Relief Services was rescheduled to November 8, 2020. Click [here](#) to access the updated collection calendar reflecting the new dates for these two collections.

MONTHLY BILLINGS BEGIN IN JULY

Beginning in July 2020, the parish general assessment and parish property and liability billings for **fiscal year 2020-21** will be sent monthly. The initial billings will be estimated until all parish financial reports are reviewed and the annual calculations are completed. Once the calculations are complete, the remaining billing statements will be adjusted to reflect the actual cost. This should help parishes by spreading these expenses over twelve months. The due date for paying the second half of the **fiscal year 2019-20** parish general assessment remains at September 30, 2020.

FLEXIBILITY IN REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO FORM I-9 COMPLIANCE

The Department of Homeland Security has temporarily relaxed the requirements around physically viewing work authorization documents for purposes of completing the [Form I-9 during the COVID-19 pandemic](#). You can find more information around this temporary change on the Human Resources [webpage](#).

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. Click [here](#) for the full document.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact [Rob Reid](#) (513.263.6611) or [Meg Paul](#) (513.263-3341) in the Department of Human Resources.

EMPLOYMENT-RELATED QUESTIONS

During this time of uncertainty in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, if you have any employment-related issues or questions that we can help answer, please feel free to contact: [Rob Reid](#) (513.263-6611), [Meg Paul](#) (513.263-3341) or [Karen Brannon](#) (513.263.3360) in the Department of Human Resources.

5G TECHNOLOGY AND THE IMPACT ON PARISH MICROPHONE SYSTEMS

The major phone and internet providers are all upgrading to 5G technology. While their negotiations with the FCC may have a great benefit for cell phone users, this technology will negatively impact frequencies which are used in many wireless microphones in churches and schools. All this will become effective July 13, 2020. The FCC notes that this will especially impact those systems which operate on frequencies 617-652 and 663-698 (churches) and frequencies 617, 653-698 (schools). If you have a question, please consult your A/V technician. [Click here for more information from the FCC](#).

SPRING SPORTS RESUMING

Many of you have been asking about the protocol and regulations surrounding youth athletics resuming at your parish. The Pastoral Center of the Archdiocese has followed, and continues to follow, the standards encouraged by the Ohio Department of Health. This applies to youth athletics for the 2019-2020 spring sports season. Below the following announcement, you will find multiple links that can be a resource for your parish and Athletic Association.

Click [HERE](#) for a copy of the official order made by the Ohio Department of Health and Director Dr. Amy Acton concerning sports in Ohio.

Following is the official release from the Ohio Department of Health on May 14:

SPORTS LEAGUES (NON-CONTACT, LIMITED CONTACT): MAY 26

Beginning Tuesday, May 26, sports leagues in Ohio will be permitted to operate if these leagues can meet **required safety protocols**. This applies only to non-contact and limited-contact sports. To ensure that non-contact and limited-contact sports leagues operate in the safest manner possible, Governor DeWine's [Adult and Youth Sports Leagues Advisory Group](#) is creating a detailed list of guidelines and best practices for sports leagues to follow. A full list of mandatory and recommended best practices will be available soon at www.coronavirus.ohio.gov. Safety protocols for high-contact sports are in development.

Here are the links to the safety protocols that need to be met:

Non-contact sports:

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/General-Non-Contact-Sports.pdf>

Baseball and softball:

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/Baseball-Softball.pdf>

Skills training:

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/Skills-Training-All%20Sports.pdf>

THE CENTER FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION COMING SOON!

Check out this [VIDEO](#) on the archdiocese's new *Center for the New Evangelization*, bringing together the Offices of Evangelization, Youth, Young Adult, Marriage and Family under one vision: for every parish to be on mission, and every person a missionary disciple.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF YOUTH EVANGELIZATION

The Center for the New Evangelization has compiled an extensive document intended as a reference for Youth Evangelists in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati who are preparing to return to Youth Ministry in their parishes. As we are aware that pastors have authority to create their own guidelines for their parishes, this compilation of information from Stay Safe Ohio will make it easier to find all relevant and current information in one place. Click [HERE](#) for the PDF. We have also included A [COVID Positive Results Letter](#) to send home to parents, as well as a revised 2020 [Permission Release Form](#).

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU!

Pledges to the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) have now exceeded the \$5,000,000 goal! As of June 23, just over \$5.1 million has been pledged to the appeal from 24,800 households. Of the amount pledged, just over \$4.3 million has been received in payments.

CMA STATISTICS AND PARISH PROGRESS

Totals for this year's CMA, including parish progress, can be found [here](#) under the "CMA Info for Parish Staff" link – **the password to access this section is: cma2007.**

THANKSGIVING MASSES FOR THE CMA

Three regional Masses of Thanksgiving for the CMA will be celebrated in August. Dates, times, and locations of the Masses are listed below:

- Sunday, August 2 – Our Lady of Victory in Delhi at the 11:00 a.m. Mass
- Sunday, August 16 – St. Denis in Versailles at the 11:00 a.m. Mass
- Sunday, August 23 – St. Francis of Assisi in Centerville at the 11:00 a.m. Mass

For more information or questions about the CMA, please contact [Matt Reinkemeyer](#) (513.263.6672).

BULLETIN ENTRIES

INSPIRING PRODUCTS FROM THE CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH - Subscribe to *The Daily Divina*, a beautiful way to start each day focused on praying with God's word, and *The Ember*, a weekly email with relevant, local, and inspiring content that will keep you up to date on news that matters and help you connect your faith to daily life. Both are free and sent to your email inbox. Sign up at <https://www.thecatholictelegraph.com/digital-subscriptions>.

SU CASA HISPANIC CENTER - Opening Hearts for All / Abriendo nuestros corazones a todos. The COVID-19 pandemic necessitated the postponing of large gatherings. Su Casa Hispanic Center and Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio committed to rescheduling our annual awards gala as soon as the emergency lifted. After much patience, we have decided to host a "Virtual Gala" on our web page on Thursday, July 16, at 7:00 pm. This is a FREE online event to attend. To register, visit www.ccswoh.org/su-casa-virtual-gala/ or text SuCasa20 to 76278. Once you register, you will receive updates by text and/or email regarding the event and the auction.

FOOD FOR ALL - Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio is looking for individuals who sew/craft to help us make t-shirt totes for our Food for All pantries. We have the t-shirts, now we need the seamstresses! Please call April Hoak at 513.672.3720 or email ahoak@ccswoh.org.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT - Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio is hosting virtual support group meetings for caregivers on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm and Friday mornings at 9:30 am. Caregivers can participate via computer or telephone. We also have 6 virtual guest speaker programs planned for July on topics including dementia, long term care issues, stress management, hospice and more. If you know of a caregiver who needs encouragement and support, please tell them about our Caregiver Assistance Network and have them call Angie Homoele at 513.672. 3834 or visit our website at <https://ccswoh.org/programs/caregiver-assistance-network/> for more information about our programs.

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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