



CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

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ACTION REQUIRED

CLERUS CINCINNATENSIS

A new edition of the *Clerus Cincinnatiensis* is planned for distribution during 2021 to celebrate the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Bicentennial. Within the coming weeks, parishes will receive an email from the Archbishop's office with the parish's current listing from the 2012 *Clerus*. Please take the time to carefully review your entry and update as needed. This will be a fillable form that you will submit electronically after completing. **The deadline for completion is December 1, 2020.** If your parish does not receive an email by October 31 or if you have any questions, please contact Linda Heidi in the Archbishop's Office at 513.263.6612.

OCTOBER COUNT 2020

The annual October Count tabulation for all parishes and institutions where regular weekend Masses are celebrated begins the weekend of October 3-4. 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 on [October Count 2020](#) to access the instructions and the online form. Please SUBMIT the completed form by **Friday, November 6, 2020**. NOTE: As was requested last year, the form is to be completed online. For your convenience, a worksheet is available to help keep track of your weekly count. If you have questions, please email [Rosie Morena](#) in the Pastoral Planning Office or call her at 513.263.6692.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

[The Respect Life Fund](#) collection takes place the first weekend of this month, **October 3-4**. Pastors should have already received their annual respect life packets, with a timeline, homily helps for Respect Life Sunday and other days, and access to resources to use in your bulletins throughout the year. This collection provides needed support for many local agencies, all right here in this archdiocese. Check out the video [here!](#)

OFFICIAL CATHOLIC DIRECTORY (OCD) ONLINE UPDATES

The 2021 *Official Catholic Directory* (OCD) updates will be completed online. The company handling the updates will be sending an email blast to parishes, schools and organizations that are currently

listed in the directory. This is usually sent out in September or early October. The email with all the information 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 2021 edition to retain their tax status. Questions? Please contact [Lisa Weber](#) (513.263.3342) in the Chancery Office.

BAPTISMAL RECORD ADDENDUM

The baptismal record is the primary record of a person's status in the Church. Confusion can be created with similar male and female first names. The Chancellors of Ohio have created a format for recording the sex of the individual in the Sacramental Register Book and in issuing a Sacramental certificate. The designation, (m) or (f), in parentheses can be placed on the same line as the name of the individual baptized. Click [here](#) for the format. **Please begin using this format immediately in recording and issuing baptismal certificates.** Please contact the Chancery Office at 513.263.3342 if you have questions.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Just a reminder that the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements are due by December 1, 2020. Each year responsible individuals who hold decision making or policy setting positions or who purchase equipment, supplies or other goods, must sign the form. All Disclosure Statements must be kept in a confidential file (at your location) under lock and key. If you have any questions regarding this reminder, please contact Rob Reid at 513.263.6611. Please [click](#) for the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement.

OPTIONAL

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The Fall Prayer Vigil to end abortion began on September 23. Please invite your parish to participate if they are not already! You can still sign up for hours by clicking [here](#). Please also consider spreading the word about the vigil by advertising in your bulletin or via your parish app. You can also let people know the vigil is happening if you have an electronic sign for your parish or school! Thank you for your support!

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, or if you know of a young man in your parish who may be discerning a vocation to the priesthood, please contact [Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer](#).

FALL CONVOCATION FOR PRIESTS CANCELLED

The one-day convocation for priests scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, has been cancelled due to COVID19 concerns. The topic chosen by the Presbyteral Council was to be "Racism". **We are in the process of scheduling a spring, 2021, Convocation for Priests where the topic of racism will be our focus.**

GROUP DEANERY MEETINGS FOR FUTURES PLANNING

As you may recall, there will be important meetings in November, which will pose fewer logistical problems than the Fall Convocation would have. Please look for a communication from Fr. Jan Schmidt, announcing when your special futures-planning deanery meeting will be.

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. As of this writing, the retreat will go on as scheduled (it will only be cancelled if Maria Stein Spiritual Center cancels it, which is very unlikely). It is not too late to register. The deadline is now Thursday, October 1. To register, please email [Sarah Frohmler](mailto:Sarah.Frohmler@archdiocese.org) or call her at 513. 263.6651 as soon as possible.

BACK TO MISSION SERIES – NEXT WEBINAR ON TUES., OCT. 6

Please block your calendar for **Tuesday, October 6, 1:30-3:00** and plan to participate in the next Back to Mission webinar which will address the complex issues raised by **a pandemic Christmas**. Register now for this free webinar at the [Back to Mission resources page](#).

PRAY A MINUTE: ONE MILLION HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PEACE, JUSTICE AND GOODWILL

From now through January 1, the World Day of Prayer for Peace, Catholics across the archdiocese are invited to visit www.PrayAMinute.com and pledge to pray just one minute more than they already do, every day, for the specific intention of peace, justice and goodwill in our country – something which, as [Archbishop Schnurr notes here](#), we desperately need right now! Individuals who make a prayer pledge will receive a weekly email with an [inspiring prayer reflection and useful prayer resources](#).

Please help promote this prayer movement with your parishioners. [Turnkey promotional tools](#) are available on the campaign website. Please also see the Bulletin Entry section.

NATIONAL FAITH & BLUE WEEKEND – OCTOBER 9-11

Archbishop Schnurr encourages parishes to visit the website [Faith & Blue](#) to learn about an initiative to incorporate the Catholic Church into building stronger relationships between law enforcement professionals and the community. Parishes are encouraged to participate, in whatever manner they find appropriate, in National Faith & Blue Weekend which is planned for Oct. 9-11, 2020. Information about the weekend can be found on the website. Please keep in mind social distancing and other safety protocols in place for COVID-19.

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

You can find liturgical texts for recent additions to the liturgical calendar in October here:

- October 5 – [Optional Memorial of Saint Faustina Kowalska](#)
- October 5 – [Optional Memorial Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos](#)
- October 11 – [Optional Memorial of Saint John XXIII](#)
- October 22 – [Optional Memorial of Saint John Paul II](#)

All additions and changes to the calendar since the publication of the third edition of the *Roman Missal* can be found [here](#).

GOSPEL WORKSHOP

Presently, we plan to have the Gospel workshop, featuring the Gospel of Mark, in early November. Barring further problems from the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Matthew Genung will present the

workshop at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology on Wednesday, November 4, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and at St. Joseph Parish in Wapakoneta on Thursday, November 5, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. If we are unable to gather in person, we hope to do a webcast of the workshop. Watch for a flyer in coming weeks.

***PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 & 19, 2020
(could be read by the pastor, deacon, parish twinning leader or Global Mission Associate)***

Greetings Fellow Missioners of Christ,

I have the honor of asking you for your support of our Holy Father's Pontifical Mission Societies this weekend as we celebrate World Mission Sunday. The COVID pandemic is seriously affecting many of our struggling 1,150 mission dioceses worldwide, so your contribution this year is more vital than ever. Please be generous when you place your donation in the envelope located in your pew.

Thank you for your generous gift that enables God's love and hope to come alive.

IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

As part of National Black Catholic History Month, the Offices of African American Pastoral Ministries and Social Action are collaborating with the USCCB, Archdiocese of Washington D.C., Archdiocese of Chicago, and the Tolton Ambassadors to celebrate the lives of the six African American candidates for the Cause of Canonization (Servant of God Henriette DeLille; Servant of God Augustus Tolton; Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman; Servant of God Pierre Toussaint; Servant of God Julia Greeley; and Servant of God Mother Mary Lange). The month-long celebration will begin with a [Novena Prayer](#) from October 24 – November 1, the Feast of All Saints. On each of three Saturdays — November 7, 14, and 21 — there will be a 90 minute Zoom presentation highlighting two of the holy candidates. To register for the Zoom presentations, please [click here](#). For more information, contact [Deacon Royce Winters](#) at 513.263.6640.

BICENTENNIAL HYMN: CHRIST OUR LIGHT

To commemorate our archdiocesan bicentennial, we have commissioned a new hymn text, Christ Our Light, inspired by Archbishop Schnurr's pastoral letter Radiate Christ. This hymn text by Sr. Genevieve Glen, OSB may be used by parishes during the coming year and in perpetuity. It can easily be sung to several different common hymn tunes familiar to most any parish community. Find the text and resources for its use on the website of the [ODWS](#).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CHURCH INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICAL ISSUES

With the upcoming November elections, the constant advice of the USCCB and the Chancery is to be unusually scrupulous by avoiding **any activity** that could be perceived as supporting any political party and/or its candidates, including the signing of petitions promoting political issues. Just because a political party, a candidate, or a group of supporters says that some proposed activity or statement of support is appropriate does not make it appropriate. A perception of a violation could cost thousands of dollars in attorney's fees. In addition, the not-for-profit designation could be lost, which would have a chilling effect on offerings and donations. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati [Guidelines For Church Involvement in Political Issues](#) is posted on the Chancery Office website. For more comprehensive guidelines, please see the [USCCB's Political Activity Guidelines](#). If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Steve Angi at 513.263.3342.

DEACON ASSIGNMENT

Deacon Charles Wright, ordained on September 29, 2001, has been appointed to St. John the Baptist Parish, Tipp City. This is in addition to his current assignment at St. Christopher Parish, Vandalia. This assignment became effective August 31, 2020.

TWO DEACONS GRANTED SENIOR STATUS

Deacon Victor B. Hildebrand, ordained on September 29, 2001, has been granted Senior Status effective August 24, 2020 from his assignment as a deacon at Ascension Parish in Kettering. Deacon Hildebrand retains his faculties as a deacon of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the title deacon.

Deacon Charles Jenkins, ordained on September 26, 1976, has been granted Senior Status effective September 16, 2020 from his assignment as a deacon at Our Lady of Victory Parish in Delhi. Deacon Jenkins retains his faculties as a deacon of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the title deacon.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION – DECEMBER 12-13

Our parishes will hold the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection on December 12-13. In 2019, our archdiocese raised \$650,000 in support of the Retirement Fund for Religious, which provides financial and educational assistance to religious communities here and around the country. As this year's appeal will be hampered by limited parish attendance, we are asking pastors to **announce the Retirement Fund for Religious from the pulpit so as to reach the virtual audience** often comprised of our more vulnerable population and our greatest supporters. Thank you for your time and assistance. Contact [Maria Reinagel](#), Office for Consecrated Life, if you have questions.

CONSECRATED AND RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS MINISTERS AVAILABLE TO SPEAK AT PARISHES AND SCHOOLS

Consecrated and religious vocations ministers are available to speak at parishes and schools in person **or virtually**. The Office of Consecrated Life has a panel of speakers with a 45 minute presentation on the vocation to consecrated life as well as a list of individual Vocation ministers who are available to visit schools and parish religion classes throughout the school year. Please consider having a consecrated religious woman or man come speak with your students about vocations in person or **virtually**. For more information, email [Maria Reinagel](#) or call 513.263.6683.

PRAYING IN SOLIDARITY (FACEBOOK LIVE), MONDAYS 11:00 AM

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio and the Catholic Social Action Office have been offering "Praying in Solidarity" on Facebook Live every Monday at 11:00 AM. This 10-15 minute livestream prayer experience draws from the Catholic-Christian tradition by praying devotional prayers, psalms and intercessions for the needs of our community. To join us in prayer, "Like" Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio on Facebook. We also welcome parishioners offering their own prayer intentions at www.ccswoh.org/prayers/. A short online form will allow you to state your prayer needs and ask whether or not you wish to remain anonymous. Only first names are ever used. Please join us online, and we look forward to offer your prayer intentions as well.

iVOTECATHOLIC.ORG

For this election season, we are offering a seven-week discernment toolkit for parishes, schools, and families leading up to election day. We'll delve into one of the themes of Catholic Social Teaching each week to help you sort out your questions and sift through the noise swirling around. We'll explore how we can use the themes to form our consciences and determine for whom and what we will vote. This is not voting Democrat or Republican...this is voting Catholic! Please visit iVoteCatholic.org or contact [Andrew Musgrave](#) with any questions.

"CHAMPIONS OF MERCY" - SAVE THE DATE

Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio will host a virtual, online event, "Champions of Mercy," Tuesday, November 10, from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. This event will celebrate the tremendous outpouring of support from the community and the coming together of resources to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The works of mercy Catholic Charities provides to the poor and vulnerable are not possible without the partnership of other local agencies, parish communities, and individuals, many of whom stepped up and exemplified sacrifice and above-and-beyond service to ensure that families had food, kept their housing and could seek new employment in face of these challenging times. This presentation will be spiritually uplifting and highlight local stories from southwestern Ohio. Join us for this free, online event on November 10 at www.ccswoh.org/.

LANGUAGE TO BE ADDED TO JOB DESCRIPTIONS

In an effort to further clarify our employees' work relationship with the Church, the Archbishop has requested that all at-will (i.e., non-teacher) job descriptions contain the following paragraph in the Working Environment section of job descriptions:

"Employees of _____ Catholic Church will have knowledge of the Catholic faith, a willingness to work for a Catholic, faith-based agency and adhere to the policies of _____ Catholic Church. Employees will not publicly oppose the teachings of the Catholic faith nor publicly advocate for any position in conflict with Catholic teaching, or the specific positions of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati or the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops with regard to Catholic teaching. This requirement includes any public speech, demonstration or writing including the use of social media or other digital technologies."

The HR Department strongly encourages the creation and maintenance of updated and accurate job descriptions for all positions. Please do not hesitate to contact Rob Reid 513.263.6611 or Meg Paul 513.263.3341 if you need assistance in this area.

A REQUEST FROM THE HR DEPARTMENT

The HR Department respectfully requests that when you email HR, please include an address block with your location and, above all, a phone number. Doing so makes it much easier for us to efficiently respond to the volume of emails we receive. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Rob Reid at 513.263.6611 or Meg Paul at 513.263.3341.

PACKET FROM THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES'

A packet from the Pontifical Mission Societies' national office in New York will be coming to parishes shortly that will have posters to display, homily helps, mission petitions, education resources, and more. These resources may also be found on their [website](#). Feel free to contact [Melonise Knight](#) (513.263.6681) with questions.

MAILING IN MISSION COLLECTIONS? WHICH YEAR? WHICH MISSION ORGANIZATION?

When your parish mails in the donations to our archdiocesan Mission Office that were collected from your MCP (Missionary Co-op Plan) appeal, please clearly indicate for **which year** they were collected, 2019 or 2020, and **to which missionary organization or diocese they should be forwarded**. That would save your parish personnel and Mission Office lots of time and many headaches. Likewise, when your parish mails in the October World Mission Sunday collection and envelopes to the Mission Office, clearly state if it is for year 2019 or 2020. All mission donations need to be sent promptly and

addressed to the **Mission Office, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 100 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202**. Please do **not** send these collections to the Finance Office or the missionary organizations. They need to be properly recorded in the Mission Office for Vatican records. Any questions or problems? Contact our MCP Coordinator, [Melonise Knight](#) (513.263.6681). If necessary, contact Dr. Mike Gable at 513.263.6680 or mgable@catholicaco.org. Thanks so much for supporting our church in mission where the needs and potentials are great!

START TIME FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

The earliest start time for a Vigil Mass for the Nativity of the Lord remains 3:00 p.m. on December 24, whether there is an obligation for the faithful to attend or not. Parishes should carefully consider their schedule of liturgies for Christmas Eve and Day and communicate accordingly with their parishioners. The Office for Divine Worship & Sacraments will be communicating other guidance and strategies in the coming weeks to assist you in preparing for these important liturgical celebrations.

BICENTENNIAL EVENTS DELAYED

Because of Covid-19, the events and initiatives related to the Archdiocesan bicentennial (June 19, 2021) are now scheduled to begin in spring 2021 and will continue through spring 2022. This change will hopefully allow activities to take place at a time when there will be fewer precautions necessary. The events planned for spring 2021 (including a Marian pilgrimage, anniversary vespers, and anniversary Mass) are expected to take place as scheduled. **Per Archbishop Schnurr's January 2020 invitation, please continue to plan ways to celebrate this milestone at your parish and/or school.**

OFFICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Coming up at the end of this month, we will be launching the new Office for Persons with Disabilities. This office will serve the Archdiocese of Cincinnati by working to create a culture of inclusion and meaningful participation for persons with disabilities and their families. The office launch will include a media campaign and exciting new webpages that will provide a plethora of resources to assist parishes in their efforts to offer the fullness of the faith to all people. Please assist us in spreading the word about the new Office for Persons with Disabilities for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

The Stewardship Department is starting to prepare the materials for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Matt Reinkemeyer, Director of Development Operations, is collecting contact information so that he can effectively work with the parishes on the appeal. Please provide contact information for the CMA point person at your parish by emailing [Matt Reinkemeyer](#).

Key Weekends for the 2021 CMA

- Announcement Weekend: January 23/24, 2021
- Commitment Weekend: February 6/7, 2021

GIVING TUESDAY INITIATIVE – #GIVECatholicAOC

There's still time to sign-up to participate in #GIVECatholicAOC on Giving Tuesday, December 1, 2020. There is NO COST to participate with a donation page and parishes, schools, and Catholic non-profit organizations will once again have the opportunity to raise funds online for their own local needs. For questions about #GiveCatholicAOC, email [Teresa Meyer](#). To learn more or to register, visit www.aocstewardship.org/givecatholiccoc.

AWARD WINNING AUTHOR SPEAKS AT MTSM LECTURE

Dr. Bronwen McShea, award-winning author, will speak at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology (MTSM) on **Wednesday, October 8 at 7:30 pm**. Her book, *Apostles of Empire: The Jesuits and New France* received the 2020 Catholic Press Association Book Award in the History category.

Dr. McShea's book details the history of Jesuit missionary efforts that took place in North America during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries and brings attention to how the Jesuits' missionary efforts were coupled with the advancement of French political and economic ambitions. During her lecture, she will discuss the early French missionary roots of American Catholicism and highlight some of the lesser known history of missionary priests' collaboration with laypersons.

Due to COVID-19, Dr. McShea's lecture will be online. The MTSM will broadcast her lecture via their website www.athenaeum.edu.

MTSM KICKS OFF ITS FIRST 2020-2021 SOLEMN VESPERS EVENT

Music & Liturgy at the Athenaeum at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology (MTSM) will present its first event of the 2020-2021 season on **Sunday, October 11 at 7:00 pm**. The 191 year old MTSM enjoys an excellent reputation in the Cincinnati area for providing superb musical performances to the public. On October 11, we will be showcasing Solemn Vespers with music in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary by the Athenaeum Chorale. Members of the Chorale include some of the finest professional and volunteer singers from the Cincinnati area.

This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MTSM will present the Solemn Vespers online. We will broadcast the first event via our website www.athenaeum.edu.

MTSM ANNOUNCES 2020-2021 PASTORAL INTERNSHIPS

Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology (MTSM) announced the Pastoral Internships for Seminarians for the 2020-2021 academic year. Below are the 2020-2021 Pastoral Interns and the parishes where they are currently serving:

Patrick Blenman: St. Mary Parish, Bethel and St. Peter Parish, New Richmond

Isaiah Callan: St. Remy Catholic Church, Russia

Alex Dugas: Petersburg Pastoral Region-St. John the Evangelist Parish, St. Joseph Church, St. Lawrence Parish, Immaculate Conception Church

Stephen Hughes: St. Monica-St. George, Cincinnati

Jonathan Jergens: Coldwater Cluster-Holy Trinity Parish, St. Anthony Parish, St. Mary Parish

Jeffrey Stephens: St. Patrick Church, Troy and Church of the Transfiguration, West Milton

David Duy Tran: St. Andrew and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishes, Milford

BULLETIN ENTRIES

SIGN UP TO PRAY A MINUTE - Do you believe in the power of prayer? Do you believe that our country is in desperate need of peace, justice and goodwill? If so, then go to www.PrayAMinute.com and pledge to pray just **one minute** more than you already do, every day, for the specific intention of peace, justice and goodwill. The site also contains inspiring reflections and useful prayer resources. Catholics from across the archdiocese are uniting in prayer from now until January 1, the World Day of Prayer for Peace, for the spiritual renewal of our country. Please join this movement!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION - On Saturday, October 17, the Annual Catholic Men's Eucharistic Procession will take place in downtown Cincinnati. Come join hundreds of other men as they process through the streets of Cincinnati with the Blessed Sacrament to pray for our beloved city. The procession begins with an 8:00 a.m. Mass celebrated by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Led by Fr. Jon-Paul Bevak, the Eucharistic Procession begins at 9:00 a.m. and proceeds through downtown, maintaining a spirit of reverence and prayer and concluding at Old St. Mary's Church for the final Benediction at 11:00 a.m. All men and boys are warmly invited to participate in this great witness of our Catholic faith.

(PLEASE INSERT IN THE BULLETIN: OCTOBER 11)

MISSION COLLECTION, OCTOBER 18 - For next weekend's mission collection, please support our fellow Catholics in 1,100 mission diocese worldwide through the Holy Father's Pontifical Mission Societies. Your generous donation is appreciated more than ever this year as the COVID pandemic is having a deadly effect on many of our 1,150 mission dioceses worldwide. With their scarcity of medical supplies, facilities, and personnel, the need is very high. If you do not have a parish envelope, you will find mission envelopes in the pews next weekend where you can insert your cash donation, make a credit card contribution, or offer a monthly pledge. You may also give on-line through the Mission Office at: <https://www.givecentral.org/pontificalmissionsocieties>. Or mail a check to: Mission Office, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 100 E 8th Street, Cincinnati, OH, 45202. Thank you for your generous gift that enables God's love and hope to come alive.

(PLEASE INSERT IN THE BULLETIN: 10/11, 10/18, 10/25 AND 11/1)

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE DURING VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK: NOVEMBER 1-7 - The men and women religious in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati are coming together to provide a virtual Open House to their communities during the first week of November, Vocation Awareness Week (Nov. 1-7). Whether you have been thinking about being a priest, brother or sister for one week or for one year, this is a great opportunity to meet and greet some awesome religious from different communities and learn basic information about Consecrated Life. For more information and the schedule of the different sessions, go to this link www.tinyURL.com/CincyVAW.

SURVIVING DIVORCE - The Eastside Region is pleased to announce that registration for the winter session of Surviving Divorce: Hope & Healing for the Catholic Family is now open. Surviving Divorce is for newly separated and divorced individuals as well as those still struggling with issues many years later. The winter session takes place January 27 to April 28 on Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m., at St. Cecilia Church in Oakley. Register at <https://eastsidefaith.org/surviving-divorce>. If you have any questions, contact Stephanie Ramsey at skb_steph@yahoo.com or 513.331.0358.

ANGELICO CATHOLIC ARTS GUILD - Named for Blessed Fra Angelico, patron saint of artists, the Guild's mission is to enrich the faith and work of artists; to nurture a taste for goodness, a longing for truth, and a love of beauty; to deepen the artist's relationship with God; and to create networks of artists in friendships, collaborations and mentorships. If you are a Catholic artist in the greater Cincinnati area, please find out more at <https://angelicoproject.org/arts-guild/>.

FOOD FOR ALL - Hunger exists in our communities. Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio travels to where hunger is located to serve local families. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our pantries are changing to drive-thru pantries. We could use your help! Interested in serving? Please email ahoak@ccswoh.org or call April Hoak, Food for All coordinator, at 513.672.3720.

CAREGIVER HELP - Do you feel like you need to get back control of your life? Caregiver groups meet to discuss the challenges and pitfalls of caregiving and how we can get out of crisis mode and begin managing caregiving from an empowered place. We are here to encourage caregivers with online or in person support groups, telephone support calls, and self-care classes. If you know of a caregiver who needs encouragement and support, please tell them about our Caregiver Assistance Network and have them call Angie Homoelle at 513.672.3834 or visit our website at <https://ccswoh.org/programs/caregiver-assistance-network/> for the program calendar. The Caregiver Assistance Network is a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio funded through the Council on Aging.

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.



Sr. Elaine Kohls, MMS, a 30+ year veteran nurse and potable water specialist from Cincinnati, is a missionary in Ethiopia.

**GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
TO THE MISSION CHURCH!**

“Paddle” With Us On World Mission Sunday **OCTOBER 18**

In his Mission Sunday message, Pope Francis sees that the whole world is suffering this year from the unexpected, frightening, and deadly COVID-19 pandemic. It is like the Gospel story in which the disciples were also caught off guard and terrified by the storm in their windswept boat on the Sea of Galilee. Yet, Jesus calmed the seas and summoned them to ***paddle together*** in solidarity, comforting each other.

The Holy Father urges us to do the same and give generously this year to his Pontifical Mission Societies that supply desperately needed assistance to 1,150 struggling mission dioceses suffering hunger and death from the pandemic.

The Archdiocesan Mission Office seeks to promote this good work by ***paddling together*** for God’s mission of compassion and solidarity. We invite you to join us in this loving outreach with your generous gift.

Thanks for your past support! Find the 2019-2020 Mission Office Financial Report of parishes’ donations and the list of our missionaries and twinning partners on The Catholic Telegraph webpage by **clicking here**.

Gratefully in the mission of Christ,

Dr. Mike Gable
Mission Office Director

HELP US SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST ACROSS THE GLOBE!

Click here to donate and to learn more.