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ACTION REQUIRED

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 27-28, 2020

Your parishes' contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection allow the Holy Father to support victims of war and natural disasters and others most in need of assistance. This second collection is to be taken the weekend of June 27-28, 2020. The second offertory collection is sent to the Chancery for forwarding for the designated purpose. Please send the proceeds from the collection to the attention of the Finance Office in the week following the collection.

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.

NOMINATIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS DUE FOR SR. STANG AWARD

Pastors and high school teachers and principals are invited to nominate a graduating senior for the Sr. Dorothy Stand award. The Mission Office and the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur wish to honor those who are living out her values of solidarity with the poor, love for God's mission, and respect for the environment. The deadline is early June. Please email [Sr. Eileen Connelly](mailto:Sr.EileenConnelly) for an application form.

HOST A LIVE OR VIRTUAL PRESENTATION ON CIVILIZE IT AND FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Election Day, November 3, is coming up fast. If you're interested in hosting a live or virtual presentation on [Civilize It](#) and [Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship](#), please email the [Social Action Office](#).

PRISON MINISTRY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Archdiocese Prison Ministry is actively recruiting volunteers for a new program at Warren Correctional and Dayton Correctional institutions starting in August. Bridges To Life, a 14 week faith-based restorative justice course aimed at healing the incarcerated and the victims of crime, has a 22 year track record of reducing recidivism among its participants to less than half of the national average. We welcome anyone of good will, including victims of crime and ex-offenders, who can show up consistently and are willing to facilitate discussions. Space is limited to a team of 12. Please don't hesitate to apply! Take advantage of the opportunity to make a radical difference in a person's life simply by listening and accompanying them through the healing process. Learn more by contacting the Director of Prison Ministry, [Marty Arlinghaus](#). Please consider putting an announcement in your parish bulletin; see the bulletin entry section.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

"RADIATE CHRIST" PASTORAL LETTER

As you recall, next summer we will celebrate the two centuries of faith since our archdiocese was established on June 19, 1821. In anticipation of the bicentennial, Archbishop Schnurr has written a pastoral letter, entitled "Radiate Christ," urging each of us to discipleship and to "rediscover the joy of knowing Christ deeply and following Him, thereby becoming a witness to the world." It is Archbishop Schnurr's hope that all Catholics of the archdiocese will prayerfully read this letter and engage with its contents, reflecting upon our relationship with the Lord and considering how we can individually and collectively *Radiate Christ* to all whom we encounter. Please encourage your staff and parishioners to do so. Various offices of the archdiocesan Pastoral Center are collaborating on a discussion guide to help with this; look for this in the coming weeks.

"Radiate Christ" can be found on [The Catholic Telegraph website](#). It is also in the June edition of *The Catholic Telegraph* magazine, of which it is the middle eight pages. **Printed copies (limited quantities) will also be delivered to parish offices, our consecrated/religious communities, Catholic Charities, Catholic Social Services, and Mount St. Mary's Seminary.**

Please see the Bulletin Entry section and strongly consider publicizing the pastoral letter via your parish bulletin. Thank you!

2020 MELCHISEDECH OPEN CANCELLED

The 2020 Melchisedech Open has been cancelled. Due to the coronavirus pandemic and the uncertainty as to how a "scramble" could be conducted (and an enjoyable dinner too) while maintaining appropriate social distancing, and not wanting to jeopardize the health of our "senior" clergy, the PGA (Priest Golfers Association) decided that it would be best to wait until next year to hold the outing. We will miss our fellowship but look forward to seeing you **next** August at the golf outing.

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 2019-20 parish general assessment remains at September 30, 2020. Please plan accordingly.

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.

MISSIONARY CO-OPERATION PLAN (MCP) PANDEMIC RECOMMENDATIONS

Below are some MCP recommendations from the Mission Office in light of the pandemic:

- a) The Mission Office suggests that pastors continue to set up tentative dates with their assigned MCP missionary organization to speak and take up donations at their parishes.
- b) If the virus outbreak continues, pastors could postpone the missionary's visit/appeal to some other weekend until the end of December.
- c) If another date cannot be arranged, the missionary organization may have a local representative who could speak on their behalf. A few local retired priests have even offered to speak on these missionaries' behalf.
- d) Possibly the local pastor would also be open to a short video or a brief spoken appeal from the missionary group to be shown or read at weekend masses.
- e) Another possibility would be a bulletin announcement explaining the work of the MCP group and where an on-line video could be viewed about that missionary organization.

Some MCP representatives have not yet mailed their required "Letter of Suitability" to the Mission Office. Until that is completed, the office is not permitted to share that MCP group's contact information with local pastors.

As the pandemic strikes into struggling mission territories around the world, the need to share with these fellow Catholics this year is even more vital. God bless you for your global mission solidarity.

Questions? Comments? Email the Mission Office MCP Coordinator, [Melonise Knight](#) or call her at 513.263.6681. If necessary, phone Dr. Mike Gable, Mission Office Director, on his cell at 513. 708.8649.

NEW TEXTS FOR MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM

Seven optional Prefaces have been added to the 1962 *Missale Romanum* along with instructions for the celebration of saints canonized from 1960 to the present day. You can find decrees, explanatory notes, and the texts of the Prefaces [on the USCCB website](#).

2020 GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MASSES CANCELLED

The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary Masses, honoring couples celebrating 50 years of marriage, scheduled for August 1, 2020, are cancelled. Each parish should make plans to honor anniversary couples in August or September during a parish Mass.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES

Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (**25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75**) in 2020 may request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Schnurr. Certificates will be mailed to parishes for distribution in late July or early August. More details can be found [here](#) or by calling 513-263-6692.

Parishes may also make this request for your anniversary couples by emailing a list of names and years of marriage to familylife@catholiccincinnati.org.

CELEBRATING THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAUDATO SI'

On June 18, we celebrate the 5th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. The world celebrated Laudato Si week May 16-24, and there are several resources available to remember this anniversary. Please visit www.laudatosiweek.org for a number of resources and re-read [the amazing document](#) here. On a related note, [click here to view the prayer service](#) the Care for Creation Task Force recorded in honor of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.

2020 CMA REACHES \$4.9 MILLION IN PLEDGES

A total of \$4.9 million has been pledged to the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)! We extend a special "thank you" to pastors, parish staff, and volunteers who have helped to promote this year's Appeal.

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**.

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

BULLETIN ENTRIES

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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>.

ARCHDIOCESEN PRISON MINISTRY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS - See a life healed, be transformed yourself. Join the Archdiocese Prison Ministry in launching Bridges To Life, a faith-based restorative justice course, at two of our state prisons! Contact Marty Arlinghaus, Director of Prison Ministry, for more details and an application at Marlinghaus@catholiccincinnati.org.

PRAYING IN SOLIDARITY - Join Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio Monday mornings at 11:00 AM for their Praying in Solidarity weekly prayer on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicCharitiesSWOhio>. Their goal is to cover the Southwestern Ohio region in prayer. If you have a prayer intention for yourself or someone you know, please submit it to our online form: <https://ccswoh.org/prayers>.

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, their pantries are changing to drive-thru pantries. They could use your help! Interested in serving, please email ahoak@ccswoh.org or call April Hoak, Food for All coordinator, at 513.672.3720.

FOOD FOR ALL - Have you had a chance to spring clean during quarantine? Catholic Charities Food For All program is looking for t-shirts to use to make re-usable tote bags. If you would like to donate your old t-shirts, please email or call the Food For All coordinator, April Hoak, at ahoak@ccswoh.org or 513.672.3720.

CAREGIVER NEWS - Various Caregiver Assistance Network support group locations (with Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio) are attempting outdoor sessions in June by RSVP only. They are still hosting virtual support group meetings for caregivers. Caregiver support is more critical than ever. We all need help reducing isolation, managing emotions and dealing with loss. If you know of a caregiver who needs encouragement and support, please tell them about Caregiver Assistance Network and have them call Angie Homoele at 513.672.3834 or visit their website at <https://ccswoh.org/programs/caregiver-assistance-network/> for their calendar of events.

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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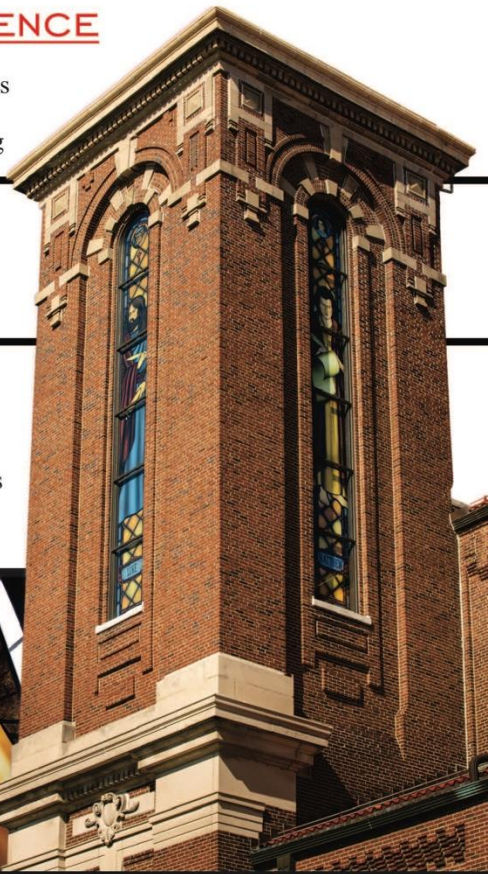
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