



CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

100 East Eighth Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

ACTION REQUIRED

DISASTER RELIEF COLLECTION

If your parish has held a special collection for disaster relief due to the tornados and flooding in greater Dayton and the northern counties of the archdiocese, and if you have not already done so, please remit any funds collected as soon as possible to the Archdiocese Finance Office, 100 E. Eighth Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202. Please write "Disaster Relief" on the memo line.

ARE YOUR 2018 AND 2019 MISSION DONATIONS IN?

Please remember that once the donations are collected at your parish for your MCP (Missionary Co-op Plan) guest missionary, they need to be sent promptly and addressed to the **Mission Office, 100 E. 8th St., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202**. You are requested to *not* send these collections to Finance or the missionary organization, but rather to the Mission Office to be properly recorded for Vatican records. Please indicate if these donations were collected in 2018 or 2019. Questions? Contact [Melonise Knight](#) at the Mission Office, 513.421.3131x2631.

ANYONE PLANNING A MISSION TRIP IN YOUR PARISH OR SCHOOL?

Please contact the Risk Management Office for advice on insurance, liability, etc. issues and visit our website [here](#). You will find a trip planning check list, permission and release forms, health advice, guidelines for youth activities, and much more. You may also email [Dr. Mike Gable](#) at the Mission Office, or contact him by phone at 513.421.3131x2630 to plan effective, holy trips with strong follow-up. For helpful video modules to plan trips and parish twinning, visit [here](#).

OPTIONAL

ANTI-PORNOGRAPHY MINISTERIAL TRAINING FOR PRIESTS

A multi-day intensive training workshop to deal with the pastoral problem of pornography addiction will be offered July 15-18 at the St. Anne Retreat Center in Melbourne, KY. Father Sean Kilcawley, STL will be conducting this workshop which is sponsored by Integrity Restored. Register at the Integrity Restored [website](#).

The Priestly Formation Office will reimburse priests of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for the program component of the workshop. The priest's parish or institution should pay the room and board component.

PRIESTS FALL RETREAT

The Fall Retreat for Priests has been scheduled for October 14-18 at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein. The speaker is Fr. Richard Veras who presently serves on the faculty of St. Joseph's (Dunwoodie) Seminary in Yonkers, New York. Please block your calendar.

PRIEST CONVOCATION – SAVE THE DATE

There will be a one day convocation of priests of the Archdiocese on Wednesday, October 30 at Incarnation Parish, Centerville from 10:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. This convocation will involve further discussion of issues regarding pastoral regions, especially pastoral regions where two or more parishes share a pastor.

PREACHING ON VOCATIONS

Fr. Schmitmeyer is again available to celebrate weekend Masses at any parish in need of weekend assistance. He has visited many parishes throughout the Archdiocese, and is now ready to start re-visiting those parishes and come to any he hasn't already visited. To schedule a weekend to have Father celebrate all your weekend Masses and hear Confessions, please call 513.421.3131x2890 or [email him](#).

FR. SCHMITMEYER IS AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL VISITS

As the coming school year approaches, please keep in mind that Fr. Schmitmeyer is available to visit your Catholic grade school, high school, middle school or PSR program at any time throughout the school year. Please call 513.421.3131x2890 or [email him](#) to schedule a time that fits best with your school or parish.

PRAYER FOR FARMERS IN TIME OF FLOODING

As you know, the farmers in both the northern and eastern counties of our Archdiocese (as well as across the country) are suffering tremendously from the extreme amounts of rain. Please encourage your parishioners to keep them in prayer. The prayer below was composed for this purpose as a suggestion/starting point, either to be used in its entirety or modified to be used as an intention in the Universal Prayer.

*Compassionate God, source of all comfort.
You have given farmers the vocation to tend and care for the earth
through the work of their hands to provide food that all may eat.
We pray for them and for all those whose lives are devastated
by rain and flood.
Bring them comfort and protect the vulnerable.
May all who receive from the bounty of the land
stand in understanding and solidarity with them
as they live through the uncertainties and challenges that lie ahead.*

We ask this in Jesus name. Amen

RURAL URBAN FARM MASS (VERSAILLES, OH)

On Thursday, July 18, at 7:00 p.m. the Catholic Rural Life Conference in the St. Mary's Deanery will celebrate its annual Farm Mass. Bishop Binzer will preside, and it will be held at Doug and Brenda Schmitmeyer's family farm in Versailles, OH. For more information, contact [Becky Kunkler](#).

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION RESOURCE MATERIALS

The Peter’s Pence Collection took place the last weekend in June in all parishes. If you feel as though you need to change the amount of resource materials you **did or did not** receive, please contact [Lisa Weber](#) with your updated request. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Lisa at 513.421.3131x2842. Thank you.

FESTIVAL OF FAITH (CINCINNATI) - SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday, September 8, the Bridges of Faith Trilogue will present the 2nd annual Festival of Faiths event at the Cintas Center at Xavier University. This is a wonderful gathering of people from many different faiths to meet and learn from each other. Information can be found [here](#) or by contacting [Andrew Musgrave](#).

LAUDATO SI’ COMMUNITIES 2019

On Tuesday, June 18, the AOC Climate Change Task Force recognized five new Catholic institutions as Laudato Si’ Communities: St. Albert the Great, St. Clare, the Comboni Missionaries, St. Julie Billiart Parish, and Roger Bacon High School. If your parish, school or community is interested in taking part in this wonderful initiative to care for God’s creation, please check out this [website](#) or contact [Tammie Mers](#).

DECEMBER FAIR TRADE SALE (DAYTON) - SAVE THE DATE + VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The December Fair Trade Sale in Dayton will take place on December 7. This year we’ll have a visit from Santa Claus! We are looking to widen our volunteer network of individuals and parish groups. Contact [Sara Seligmann](#) if you’re interested or want to learn more.

CLARIFICATION ON POLICY FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION UNDER 21

In light of the new policy regarding the ministry of EMsHC under the age of 21 no longer consuming excess Precious Blood, the Office for Divine Worship and Sacraments (ODWS) wishes to re-affirm that the norm in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is that Holy Communion be offered under both species (per *This Holy and Living Sacrifice*, pp. 4-5), especially on Sunday, but also “at other celebrations of the Eucharist when it can be done with reverence and dignity.”

If you would like any practical assistance in implementing this new policy regarding ministry by minors while maintaining Communion under both forms, please don’t hesitate to contact the ODWS at 513.421.3131x2670. We do plan to reach out to Catholic high schools, in preparation for the new school year, to offer assistance with preparing school liturgies this fall.

Also, if you need additional copies of *This Holy and Living Sacrifice* (the current archdiocesan resource on Holy Communion), they can be ordered online at [ODWS Publications for Order](#).

TENNESSEE, KENTUCKY, INDIANA, OHIO (T.K.I.O.) 5TH INTERGENERATIONAL FAMILY CONVOCATION: JULY 12 – 13, 2019

Co-sponsored by the Archdiocese/Dioceses of: Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo, Indianapolis, Lexington, Louisville, Owensboro and Memphis. This is an intergenerational convocation that focuses on African American Catholic spirituality, outreach, and leadership

development. The 2019 theme: “Embracing Our Faith: Influenced by Race & Culture.” For more information, please e-mail [Royce Winters](#). Click [here](#) for online registration.

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR NOMINATION FOR THE SR. DOROTHY STANG AWARD?

The Mission Office invites all parishioners to contact their pastors to offer a name of a person or family who lives out some of the values of our own Sr. Dorothy Stang of Dayton. She was martyred in the Amazon region of Brazil in 2005 while defending struggling peasant farmers and the rainforest. The pastors can then forward one person’s or family’s name to the Mission Office and then we will send back to them an attractive Sr. Dorothy Stang award certificate. We ask that the pastor present that award on the weekend **before** World Mission Sunday, October 20. More details were sent in recent letter to all pastors. Questions? Email [Teresa Phillips](#) or call her at 513. 421.3131x2632. Please see the bulletin entry.

FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH: AMPFEST – JULY 20 (TRANSFIGURATION CENTER, LUDLOW FALLS OH)

AMPfest seeks to invite teens to behold the authentic joy of the Christian community, to cultivate an interest in the Gospel through beauty, and to propose Jesus Christ as the answer to their deepest desires. For more information, please go to: <https://www.midwestampfest.com/>.

PRO-LIFE INTERVIEW SERIES

Let your parish know about the Being Pro Life interview series. With a new topic each month, each interview tells an engaging story on an important issue and ends by showing people how to get involved. This month’s eye-opening topic is Capital Punishment, including an interview with a man who spent 22 years on death row for a murder he did not commit. Check out the latest [here](#). See the Bulletin Entry section.

NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR THE 2019 ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE AWARD

The deadline for nominations is **September 13, 2019**, and will be awarded by Archbishop Schnurr at a special Mass on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. For more information, go [here](#).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

VOCATION OFFICE – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Some regularly occurring events have been set for the Fall. Please consider marking your calendars:

- **Andrew Dinners**
 - September 18 – St. Ignatius Parish, Cincinnati
 - September 25 – Alter High School, Dayton
 - October 2 – St. Joseph, Wapakoneta
- **UPDATE: Archdiocesan Discernment Retreat (for college-age men)**

This year’s discernment retreat will now take place in January of 2020. More information to follow.

Specific times for these events will be posted as the dates draw near. Please pray that the Lord opens the eyes to the men in your parish whom he has called to discern the vocation to the priesthood and invite these men to these great experiences.

CONCEALED CARRY POLICY (UPDATED JULY 1, 2019)

Changes to the Archdiocesan concealed carry policy, which supersede all previous policies:

Regarding Church Buildings: The law provides that a concealed handgun may not be carried into any church or other place of worship unless the church or place of worship permits it. Archbishop Schnurr has determined that whether or not a firearm or weapon of any kind is permitted in any church building is left to the discretion of the pastor of the church. This authorization from the pastor must be a written authorization and given only to an individual with a CCW Permit and only to meet a security need.

Regarding Office Buildings: The law provides that an employer may prohibit the presence of firearms on the premises. Archbishop Schnurr has determined that whether or not a firearm or weapon of any kind is permitted in any parish or institution office building is left to the discretion of the pastor or the chief executive officer of the institution. This authorization from the pastor or chief executive officer must be a written authorization and given only to an individual with a CCW Permit and only to meet a security need.

Regarding School Buildings: The law provides that a concealed handgun may not be carried in a "school safety zone." A school safety zone consists of a school, school building, school premises, school activity, school bus; and everything up to the property boundary. School activity includes any activity held under the auspices of a school. Unless authorized by law, no person shall knowingly possess, have under the person's control, convey, or attempt to convey a firearm, deadly weapon, or dangerous ordinance into a school safety zone. Archbishop Schnurr has determined that, except as noted below, no persons are permitted to bring a firearm, deadly weapon, or dangerous ordinance into a school safety zone. This policy shall not prohibit the following persons from carrying a firearm in a school safety zone provided the person possesses valid photographic identification: (1) law enforcement officers; and (2) security personnel employed by or contracted with the Archdiocese and who have been granted written permission by a management official of the Archdiocese to carry a firearm while on duty.

Any questions can be addressed to Fr. Steve Angi, Chancellor, at 513.421.3131x2846.

HUMAN RESOURCES ANNOUNCES PERSONNEL CHANGES

It is with personal regret but warm wishes that we announce the retirement of our long time employee Gayle Scotti [Administrative Assistant] who retired from the Department of Human Resources on June 30. We would like to recognize her dedication and commitment to our office and her 25 years at the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. She will be greatly missed.

We would like to welcome Catherine Ampfer as the new Executive Assistant to the Department of Human Resources. Catherine brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from her service to the Diocese of Covington. Catherine may be reached at campfer@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131x2801. Please join us in welcoming Catherine!

HR TRAINING

If you would like to ensure proper procedures are followed, have questions or would like to learn more about HR topics, Rob Reid and Meg Paul are available to come to your parish to speak on topics such as, but not limited to:

- FMLA Compliance
- Policies and Procedures
- Harassment and Discrimination
- Termination
- HR tips for new Business Managers
- HR Best Practices

You can contact them at 513.421.3131 [Rob ext. 6611, Meg ext. 2841].

55TH ANNUAL MELCHIZEDEK OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Priests and Deacons of the Archdiocese are invited to play in this year's Melchizedek Open, which will be held at the Pipestone Golf Club, 4344 Benner Road, in Miamisburg, Ohio, on **Monday, August 5, 2019**. Registration is at noon with a Shot Gun Start at 1:00 p.m. As usual, following the outing (and for non-golfers), there will be a Cash Bar Social beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by a meal. It's a great way to build fraternity. Click [here](#) for the registration form. If you have any questions, email Deacon Tim Helmick or call him at 513.535.7869.

RESOURCES FOR SMALL GROUP PRAYER

The current edition of this resource in both English and Spanish is available [here](#). These resources can be used by groups to reflect and share insights about the Sunday gospel each week. They have been used in parish meetings, prayer groups, RCIA, faculty meetings, parent groups – virtually anywhere people gather and pray!

2019 GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES: SATURDAY, AUG. 3, 4:30 PM

~ St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati, Bishop Joseph Binzer, Celebrant

~ Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dayton, Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, Celebrant

NEW STEWARDSHIP WEBSITE

The Stewardship Department has launched a new website for news, updates, and resources. Check it out [here](#).

GIVING TUESDAY INITIATIVE

Giving Tuesday is a day of giving that happens the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, December 3. The Stewardship Department has again teamed up with “I Give Catholic” (#iGiveCatholic), a national organization, for this Catholic day of giving. Each parish, school, and organization of the Archdiocese will be able to participate to raise funds for their specific needs. More information about this effort can be found [here](#). Have questions? Contact [Teresa Meyer](#) [513.421.3131x2219].

SEEKING DONATIONS FOR A CHAPEL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is building a new Outreach Center on Bank Street in the West End. The new Center includes a chapel and SVDP is seeking donations to outfit it. Needs

include: altar (wood), podium (ideally to match altar), altar crucifix, two altar candle holders, chalice, two community chalices, two ciboria. Please contact [Deacon Don Gloeckler](#) [513.345.1767] at St. Vincent de Paul if you have items to donate.

BULLETIN ENTRIES

INFORMATION FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENT IS POSTED ON THE [VOCATION OFFICE WEBSITE](#):

- July 12-14: Come and See Retreat with Glenmary Home Missioners

MONTHLY YOUNG ADULT CANDLELIGHT MASS, JULY 11 - All adults 22-35 in the Archdiocese are invited to attend this beautiful Mass on Thursday, July 11 at St. Cecilia parish in Oakley. Confessions start at 6:30 p.m. and Mass is at 7:00 p.m., followed by socializing at Animations bar, which is walkable from St. Cecilia. Join us!

CAREGIVER SUPPORT NETWORK - Did you know the Caregiver Assistance Network offers support group meetings throughout the Greater Cincinnati area organized by local, trained facilitators? These meetings offer support and resources for individual and professional caregivers. For complete support group information and event calendar, please see www.ccswoh.org/cansupport. Call 513.869.4483 or email Angie at ahomoelle@ccswoh.org if you have any questions, would like to arrange an educational presentation for caregivers, or have caregivers needing support.

SUPPORT GEM CITY MARKET (DAYTON) - Dayton Weavers of Justice are encouraging all Dayton Catholics to support Gem City Market. With your support you will be helping to ensure that more people in Dayton can access the healthy foods that they need. Visit <https://gemcitymarket.com/become-a-member/> to find out more. Use this link <https://tinyurl.com/catholicgoal> to purchase/donate your (supporting) membership. Contact Sara Seligmann for more information at sseligmann@catholiccincinnati.org.

UNPACKING RACIAL POWER AND PRIVILEGE (DAYTON) - Participants will view part of the documentary "White Like Me" and then have a facilitated small group discussion July 20 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at 4969 Salem Ave., Dayton, OH 45416. Register by July 16 at csadayton@catholiccincinnati.org to attend. Light refreshments are provided. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch.

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ATTEND THE NATIONAL TEKAKWITHA NATIVE AMERICAN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE IN SHARONVILLE, JULY 17-21 - The Mission Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is helping to host people from all over North America at this annual conference where Mass, cultural presentations, workshops, and a Powwow will take place, also with many vendors. There will also be programs for youth ages 4-17. For more registration information visit: <https://tekconf.org/conferences>. You may also contact Teresa Phillips at the Mission Office for more information or to give donations to offset the cost of this conference: tphillips@catholiccincinnati.org.

RETROUVAILLE FOR HURTING MARRIAGES: SEPTEMBER 6-8, 2019 - The Retrouvaille Program helps couples restore and rebuild a loving relationship. It is for couples with marriages that are struggling, not communicating well, and those who are considering marriage separation or divorce. For more information call 513.456.5413 or go to www.cincyretrovaille.org or <https://www.helpourmarriage.org/>.

BEING PRO LIFE - Each month an important respect life topic is covered in an engaging interview with someone personally affected by a particular issue. You can find each *Being Pro-Life* column in *The Catholic Telegraph*, and can watch the video or listen to the podcast by going to www.catholiccincinnati.org/Being-Pro-Life. This month's topic is Capital Punishment, including an interview with a man who spent 22 years on death row for a crime he did not commit. Invite your parishioners, family and friends to check out the link.

PROJECT RACHEL - A ministry of the Archdiocese that serves anyone who has experienced the loss of a child due to abortion. Persons can engage in this ministry for healing through one-on-one conversation with a peer, consultation with a priest (including in Spanish), support groups and retreats for mothers who lost a child, or a day of reflection for anyone (father, grandparent, friend, etc.). Go to www.catholiccincinnati.org/project-rachel or call the Project Rachel Help Line at 513.784.0531 for information. All conversations and emails are confidential. Upcoming Retreat: October 25-27, 2019; Day of Reflection: October 12, 2019.

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 priest, employee, or volunteer of the Archdiocese should first report the abuse to the appropriate secular legal authority and then contact the 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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