

May God Bless You In The New Year



ACTION REQUIRED

REGISTER FOR ONLINE DELIVERY OF CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

Beginning with the February 2018 edition, we will distribute Clergy Communications **electronically only**. If you do not already receive Clergy Communications via email, you will need to sign up at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/clergy-communications-subscribe>. Please note that, beginning with this edition, you no longer need to keep a paper archive of Clergy Communications at the parish because it is archived electronically on the Archdiocesan website.

OHIO & FEDERAL COMBINATION POSTER

All locations, regardless of size, are required to post the Federal & State Poster. In the past it was communicated to parishes that, since the Archdiocese of Cincinnati displayed the poster, this requirement covered all locations. This is not the case. It is your responsibility to have this poster displayed in a public location.

You can find companies that sell a combination poster. One location we have used is [All In One Posters](#) (1-800-273-0307). The cost is \$19.95.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Tuesday, February 27, 2018, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Resources available on the ODWS website. Click [here](#).

COLLECTIONS FROM THE MISSIONARY CO-OP PLAN

Parishes are asked to send their collections from the **Missionary Co-op Plan** (MCP) ASAP to: Mission Office, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 100 E. 8th St. Cincinnati, OH 45202. Questions? Contact Melonise Knight at: mknight@catholiccincinnati.org or phone 513.421.3131x2631.

OPTIONAL

ANTI-PORNOGRAPHY INITIATIVE

In cooperation with various other offices of the Archdiocese, the Priestly Formation Office has arranged for Father Sean Kilcawley of Integrity Restored to give a presentation for priests who are interested in learning more about effective ministry to those addicted to pornography. We

have scheduled this event for **Thursday, January 11, 2018 at the Bergamo Center, Dayton.** We will begin at 11:00 a.m. with a presentation followed by a working lunch and will be finished around 2:30 p.m. (This will be a good opportunity to get a basic introduction to this ministry. Father Kilcawley intends to return to the Archdiocese in the last week of June for a 4/day intensive workshop.) To register, please contact Mrs. Sarah Frohmiller by January 4, 2018 at 513.421.3131x2651 or sfrohmiller@catholiccincinnati.org.

WINTER/SPRING PRIEST RETREAT

The Winter/Spring Retreat for Priests of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati has been scheduled by the Priestly Formation Office for Monday, February 26 starting at 5:30 p.m. and ending at 12:00 noon on Friday, March 2, 2018 at Maria Stein. Father Matthew Summe, LC, will be our speaker. Look for a flyer later this month.

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

As announced in the [May 2017 Clergy Communications](#), a pastor and his Parish Council may opt to take up the Ash Wednesday collection for either the Church in Central and Eastern Europe **or** the Church in Africa. Another option would be to split the collection on a percentage basis, thus benefiting the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, as well as the Church in Africa. For further information, please click on the May 2017 web link above.

UPCOMING CONSECRATED LIFE EVENTS

- World Day of Consecrated Life is February 2 and will be celebrated in parishes February 3-4. Please consider an intercession praying for these women and men and for vocations to this way of life.
- On March 14, 2018, an “R U Called?” event for women discerning a call to the Consecrated Life will be held. Please consider promoting this event:
<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/religious/vocation-resources/discernment-opportunities/>.

PARISH LISTENING SESSIONS FOR COMMUNICATIONS DATABASE

We are in the initial stages of developing a centralized communication database for all Archdiocesan offices, parishes, schools, and institutes. The benefits will be increased accuracy and efficiency. We need your help! To help inform the direction of this initiative, we will be holding seven “listening sessions” throughout the Archdiocese, as shown below. Please plan on participating in one of these to have your voice heard and needs included.

Tues. Feb. 6	IHM, Anderson Township – Heritage Hall	10:00-11:30 a.m.
Wed. Feb. 7	Incarnation, Centerville – Room 103A	10:00-11:30 a.m.
Wed. Feb. 7	St. Peter, Huber Heights – Ries Center	1:30-3:00 p.m.
Tues. Feb. 13	Our Lady of Sorrows, Monroe – Parish Hall	10:00-11:30 a.m.
Thurs. Feb. 15	St. Ignatius, Monfort Heights – Hilvert Center	1:30-3:00 p.m.
Tues. Feb. 20	St. Bernadette, Amelia – Stievenard Hall	1:30-3:00 p.m.
Wed. Feb. 21	Holy Redeemer, New Bremen – Parish Hall	10:00-11:30 a.m.

Please RSVP, and direct any questions, to Karen Cromer (kcromer@catholiccincinnati.org).

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES LENTEN PROGRAMS

You won't need a suitcase for this trip, but you will have an opportunity to travel with the Taste and See Journey, fashioned by the Archdiocese's Catholic Relief Services Committee for this Lent. Parishes participating in CRS Rice Bowl are encouraged to share their Global Solidarity events. Details will be posted in late January about the participating parishes and the countries they will be showcasing at www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction.

Catholic Relief Services is spotlighting Iraq, Nicaragua, Burkina Faso, Haiti, Malawi and the United States this Lent. If you have traveled to those foreign countries and would be willing to speak about your experience, the Catholic Social Action Office would like to meet you. Please call 937.224.3026x5018 or email csadayton@catholiccincinnati.org.

EATING IS A MORAL ACT: WHY THE FARM BILL MATTERS TO ALL OF US

"Eating is a Moral Act" will take place on Sunday, February 11, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 pm at Guardian Angels Church in Mt. Washington. Learn how you can help influence Congress to craft a just and equitable Farm Bill that respects Christian principles. National Bread for the World Deputy Director, Christine Meléndez Ashley, will offer the keynote overview followed by comments from St. Vincent de Paul, a SNAP recipient, and farmers. Please RSVP to 513.421.3131x2660.

CONDITION CRITICAL! RCIA WORKSHOP

This workshop is with Msgr. Michael Clay at St. John the Evangelist, West Chester. Part I on January 13, Part II on May 19. For workshop details and registration, click [here](#).

LAY LEADERS OF PRAYER WORKSHOP

Spring 2018 at St. Francis of Assisi, Centerville, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Completion of this workshop qualifies for three hours of catechist certification. For details and registration, click [here](#).

OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS NEWSLETTER

Click [here](#) if you would like to receive the Office for Divine Worship and Sacraments newsletter.

CONTAGIOUSLY CATHOLIC: EVANGELIZING SMALL GROUP WORKSHOP

Two dates and locations:

- Saturday, January 13, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Jesuit Spiritual Center, Milford
- Saturday, January 20, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Maria Stein Spiritual Center

For more information and to register, click [here](#).

PARISH GLOBAL MISSION ADVOCATES REQUESTED

Please consider sending the Mission Office a name and email address of someone in your parish (other than your pastor) who can serve as the contact person with our office. This person would assist with the promotion of World Mission Sunday with reminders in the bulletin, etc., help with the hospitality of incoming Missionary Co-op Plan guest speakers, and any other mission-related programs at your parish and school/PSR. Please contact Teresa Phillips at 513.421.3131x2632 or click [here](#) to email.

ENCOUNTER – FEBRUARY 3 (IN DAYTON) AND FEBRUARY 10 (IN CINCINNATI)

This event, open to high schoolers, seeks to gather groups of disciples from across the Archdiocese for an evening of worship, a powerful testimony, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and accompaniment. Visit viacatholic.com/encounter for more information.

EVANGELIZATION IN A ‘PORNIFIED’ CULTURE – JANUARY 9 (PIQUA) AND JANUARY 10 (CINCINNATI)

Join us for a powerful day of presentations as we dig into the pornography issue: its deep effects on the individual, what Theology of the Body has to say about it, and approaches and strategies for intervention. **Register by January 3, 2018.** Click [here](#) for more information.

ABIDE – JUNE 13-17, 2018

Through personal accompaniment, Abide forms and commissions high school youth to root their lives in Christ through His Church, and to share this Christian joy with others as missionary disciples. **Registration now open!** Visit [here](#) to learn more.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

VOCATION AWARENESS EDUCATION MATERIALS STILL AVAILABLE

During National Catholic Schools week, remember that the [Vocation Awareness Week materials](#) are still available. Teacher code *CincyVocations513* and student code: *StFrancis513*.

NEW VOCATION PRAYER CARD FOR CHILDREN

We have recently redesigned the [vocation prayer card for children](#). You can [order these online](#) or [contact Wayne Topp](#) in the Vocation Office.

HUNDREDFOLD PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE

Wayne Topp of the Vocation Office is willing to come to your parish to make a new presentation on the need for parish Vocation Ministry. He is willing to then begin meeting with someone in your parish to [build a vocation ministry](#) in your parish or enhance what is already happening.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DIACONATE?

Have you been considering a possible vocation to the Permanent Diaconate? Men who have questions about the path towards the diaconate may contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, at deaconoffice@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131x2641.

NEW BROCHURE FOR THE TRIBUNAL OFFICE

The Tribunal has a new light yellow brochure as of January 1, 2018. It is available on the Archdiocesan web site on the Tribunal page: “Please view our brochure regarding [marriage cases](#).” Copies for your parish may be ordered for 25 cents each from Sister Victoria at the Tribunal: victoriav@catholiccincinnati.org.

CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS INDEX 2017

The *Index* for the 2017 *Clergy Communications* is posted on the Archdiocesan web site. Click [here](#) to print a copy.

OVER 16,000 LETTERS TO CONGRESS FOR YOUNG IMMIGRANTS! THANK YOU!

The Archdiocese is deeply grateful for the outpouring of support from over 50 Catholic parishes, schools and religious congregations for young migrants in our communities. Along with other Catholic, faith-based and advocacy groups around the state, we generated over 16,000 letters urging Congress to pass the DREAM Act or similar bill! Archbishop Schnurr states: *We are deeply concerned by the many years of failure by Congress, whether controlled by Democrats or by Republicans, to address the plight of immigrants who were brought to the United States as children in the arms of their parents and who have no legal means to regularize their status. With such an outpouring of support from thousands of Ohioans, we urge Congress to finally provide a solution to this crisis and a path to citizenship for DREAMers.* Learn more about the DREAM Act and why the Catholic Church supports it at www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

HEALTH CARE PLAN CHANGES FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

In October, the Healthcare Advisory Committee met to review Plan results for the past fiscal year and to strategize for the future. The Plan consultants presented the Committee with updates on cost containment measures, claims costs and financial results from the prior fiscal year. New premium rates, plan designs and employee contributions were explored. After consideration of the information, the Committee made recommendations for plan year 2018-2019 to Archbishop Schnurr. After taking the suggestions under advisement, Archbishop Schnurr made the following decisions to be effective July 1, 2018:

1. There will be a 1.5% increase to the locations and to the employees. This translates to single health insurance premium: from \$667 to \$677 per month billed to the location and family insurance premium billed to the location from \$1,553 to \$1,576 per month.
2. The employee contribution will be \$33 single and \$78 family per month.
3. The Deductible will remain the same: \$470 single and \$940 family.
4. Annual Out-of-Pocket (OOP) will remain the same: single \$2,430; family \$4,860.

Please direct questions to [Charlotte Carpenter](#), 513.421.3131 x2852.

PARISH BUSINESS MANAGERS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The Department of Human Resources will be presenting at the upcoming 2018 Parish Business Managers Association (PBMA) meetings on January 17, March 21 and May 16. Scheduled HR topics include Separation of Employment, Interviewing and Hiring, and Harassment/Discrimination.

THE RITE OF ELECTION AND CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION

First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2018. For documents/form, click [here](#).

CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL

St. John the Evangelist, West Chester, February 23-24, 2018. Click [here](#) for information, repertoire, and registration.

THE 2018 ANNUAL LITURGICAL NOTES CALENDAR

The 2018 Annual Liturgical Notes Calendar is posted on the ODWS website. Click [here](#).

CONTAGIOUSLY CATHOLIC PARISH ALLIANCE - [Choose the Missionary Option.](#)

SCHOOL OF FAITH - [Become a Mission-focused School.](#)

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD TRAINING AVAILABLE

Level I Formation Course for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be offered at The Good Shepherd Catholic Montessori on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. starting in January. The goal of the course is to present the methods and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd as it pertains to the 3-6 year-old child. Those interested in more information or in registering should contact Nancy Shula at nshula@smoy.org.

UPDATES HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE ‘FORMS/RESOURCES’ PAGE IN VOCARE

Vocare registrants can now find new updates to the Vocare ‘Forms/Resources’ page. Catechists will now be able to submit forms directly from the Vocare website! Go to Vocarecalled.com. Click on the ‘Forms/Resources’ tab at the top. Choose and expand the item that relates to your needs. Or, click [HERE](#) for the new forms page. If you need any assistance, or have other questions, please reach out to us at vocaresupport@catholiccincinnati.org.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA) NEWS & NOTES

Materials for the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) were shipped to parishes in mid-December. All resources are also available at www.CatholicAppeal.info under the “Info for Parish Staff” section – the password to access this section is “cma2007.”

2018 CMA – KEY APPEAL WEEKENDS:

Announcement Weekend – January 20/21, 2018

Commitment Weekend – February 3/4, 2018

Please Note: There will be a weekend in-between Announcement and Commitment Weekends to allow for Catholic Schools Week celebrations in parishes, which begins on Sunday, January 28. For more information or for questions about this year’s CMA, please contact David Kissell at 513.421.3131x2881 or email david@CatholicAppeal.info.

BULLETIN ENTRIES

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

January 12-14: Post Graduate Discernment Retreat with the Congregation of the Holy Cross

January 14: Holy Hour for Vocations at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary

January 19-21: Come and See Mission Trip with the Glenmary Home Missioners

February 8: CHOSEN: Holy Hour for Vocations with the Children of Mary

February 10-11: Discernment Retreat for Young Women with the Ann Arbor Dominicans

February 16-18: Come and See Mission Trip with the Glenmary Home Missioners

February 16-18: Vocation Weekend with the Dominican Friars, Eastern Province

February 17: Called to Love Vocation Retreat with the Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker

March 9-11: Jesu Caritas Weekend with the Nashville Dominicans

March 11: Cast Your Nets at Sacred Heart in McCartyville

March 14: RU Called? Dinner for Women Discerning Consecrated Life with Bishop Binzer

ENJOY A FREE SCREENING OF “BREATHE FREE” - Share the Journey during National Migration Week by experiencing the stories of resilience, strength, and courage from migrants who resettled in Columbus in the powerful documentary **Breathe Free**. Then appreciate their journey through the art exhibit **Columbus Crossing Borders**. Learn more at <https://www.ccswoh.org/share-the-journey-2/>.

MANAGING CAREGIVER STRESS - Managing Caregiver Stress is being offered at several locations throughout the archdiocese in January. Please see www.ccswoh.org/cansupport for our support group calendar and presentation locations. Click on an event for specific information, including an event flyer.

PRAYER/REFLECTION - Good and gracious God, help us to recognize that each of us has a role to play in working towards the common good and caring for all creation. Grant us the grace to move from independence to interdependence; from seeing what is good only for us to what is good for all.

QUOTE FROM THE HOLY SEE - "Interdependence obliges us to think of one world with a common plan...A global consensus is essential for confronting the deeper problems, which cannot be resolved by unilateral actions on the part of individual countries." (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, no.164)

LEX ORANDI, LEX CREDENDI, LEX VIVENDI WORKSHOP - Thursdays during Lent, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at Assumption Church, Mt. Healthy. For workshop details and registration, go to <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Lex-Orandi-Assumption-2018-Flyer-Registration-Form.pdf>.

THE CINCINNATI MEN'S CONFERENCE IS BACK! - Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the Taft Theatre. The theme of the 2018 conference is "Be A Man! What It Means To Be A True Christian Man In Today's Society." Featured Speakers: Fr. Mitch Pacwa, Fr. Larry Richards, Coach Gerry Faust, and Most Reverend Archbishop Dennis Schnurr as the main celebrant. Go to www.CincinnatiMensConference.com for more information and to purchase tickets.

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. INTERFAITH CELEBRATION- On Sunday, January 14, 2018, St. Columban Parish will host “A Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Celebration.” The celebration includes prayer, song, and dance by neighboring congregations, with local schools writing essays and poems about Dr. King. Contact St. Columban for more information: <http://stcolumban.org/>.

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. “KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE AWARD CEREMONY” - The 18th Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. “Keep the Dream Alive” Award Ceremony will be held on Monday, January 15, 2018 at the Church of the Resurrection in Cincinnati. For information and resources, go to: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/african-american-pastoral-ministries/whats-new-2/>.

FEBRUARY BLACK HISTORY MONTH - On February 11, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., the University of Dayton, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, and the Office of African American Catholic Ministries will host its Annual Mass Celebrating Black Catholic History Month at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception in Dayton. For more information and resources, go to: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/african-american-pastoral-ministries/whats-new-2/>.

ARCHBISHOP SCHNURR URGES YOUR SUPPORT OF THE S.1922: PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT – To find sample letter templates you can use to write our Senators, urging them to support this common-sense legislation, go to <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/respect-life-2/unborn-act/> then scroll down to Process to see letters.

ATTEND THE ARCHDIOCESAN SEND-OFF FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE - Hundreds of youth attending this year's March for Life in Washington, DC will be gathering at Good Shepherd Parish on **January 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** for our annual send-off prayer service. Please consider attending and lending your support to these young people witnessing to life!

PROJECT RACHEL - A ministry of the Archdiocese that serves anyone who has experienced the loss of a child due to abortion. To learn more, go to www.catholiccincinnati.org/project-rachel. All conversations and emails are confidential.

HOW TO LIVE OUT THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS IN THE NEW YEAR?

One way is to join the 9 Days for Life, a digital pilgrimage of prayer and charitable action. 9 Days for Life unites thousands of Catholics nationwide each year in prayer and action in support of the gift of life. Join the virtual pilgrimage from Thursday, January 18 – Friday, January 26, 2018. Download a FREE mobile app, or sign up for daily email or text messages, at www.9daysforlife.com.

SURVIVING DIVORCE: FEBRUARY 6 THROUGH APRIL 24 - Marriage is meant to last a lifetime. Most engaged couples approach their wedding day fully believing and intending this. Sadly, however, too many hearts and homes end up experiencing the pain of divorce. ***Surviving Divorce*** was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. The Petersburg Parishes are offering this 12 week video series on Tuesday evenings, February 6 through April 24 (7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.) in the Adult Room of the St. Joseph Parish Life Center (attached to the church located at 103 W Pearl St., Wapakoneta). Call 419.738.2115 to register. A \$25 fee will cover the cost of the program. If this would create a financial hardship, please mention that when registering.

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