



CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

100 East Eighth Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

ACTION REQUIRED

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ONE-DAY CONVOCATION FOR PRIESTS

The convocation will be Thursday, October 18, 2018 at Incarnation Parish, Centerville.

MANDATORY TRAINING FOR ALL VIRTUS FACILITATORS AND LOCAL SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATORS (SEC'S)

Below is the schedule for the new 2018 *Decree on Child Protection* Informational Sessions to discuss the changes made and the reasoning behind the changes. The sessions will last 1 – 1.5 hours. Locations will be given copies of the new *Decree* and Summary Brochures. Promise to Protection posters will be available, if needed. In Fall 2017, new labels with Brian Spears' name and phone number were mailed to each location for these posters.

Attending one of the below sessions is mandatory for all VIRTUS Facilitators and Local Safe Environment Coordinators (SECs). To register, please follow these instructions:

1. Log into your VIRTUS account;
2. Click on the 'live training' link on the Training Tab;
3. Pre-register for an upcoming live training session in your area' link;
4. Scroll down to the very bottom of the screen;
5. Check the box for one of the Facilitator training session; then
6. Click the 'submit registration' button

North of Dayton:		
Holy Trinity	Coldwater	Tuesday, March 20, 6 pm
Maria Stein Spiritual Center	Maria Stein	Wednesday, March 21, 9 am
Sacred Heart of Jesus	McCartyville	Tuesday, April 17, 1 pm
St. Denis	Versailles	Tuesday, March 20, 1 pm
St. Patrick	Bellefontaine	Monday, April 16, 9 am
Dayton area:		
Sacred Heart	New Carlisle	Wednesday, April 25, 6 pm
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception	Dayton	Wednesday, March 14, 6 pm
Our Lady of the Rosary	Dayton	Wednesday, April 25, 1 pm
St. Henry	Dayton	Wednesday, March 14, 9 am
St. Luke	Dayton	Thursday, March 15, 1 pm
Northern Cincinnati:		
St. Columbkille	Wilmington	Wednesday, April 4, 9 am
St. Susanna	Mason	Friday, March 9, 1 pm

Fenwick High School	Franklin	Wednesday, April 4, 6 pm
Eastside of Cincinnati:		
St. Veronica	Mt Carmel	Monday, March 12, 1 pm
St. George	Georgetown	Wednesday, April 11, 6 pm
Westside of Cincinnati:		
St. Dominic	Delhi	Thursday, March 8, 1 pm
St. Teresa of Avila	Price Hill	Thursday, March 8, 9 am
St. Ann	Groesbeck	Wednesday, April 4, 1 pm

FOCCUS ONLINE SCORING RESULTS

Some of the FOCCUS results for couples taking the inventory online have been delayed. If you are still awaiting FOCCUS results for a couple that you are preparing for marriage please email familylife@catholiccincinnati.org or call 513.421.3131x2621.

ATTENTION PRINCIPALS: VOCARE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

Teachers of religion without previous religion certification must receive 10 credits through our Catechetical Institute, Vocare, to be eligible to sign contracts for next year.

GOOD FRIDAY 2018 COLLECTION

The Good Friday collection is to be taken up in all churches and chapels where Good Friday services are celebrated. The proceeds will help the churches in the Holy Land and provide funds to preserve sacred shrines. Send the proceeds to the Archdiocese Finance Office the week following Easter. Please see the bulletin entry section.

SCRUTINIES

In this final period of preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation, the three **Scrutinies** are to be celebrated with the Elect on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent using the Cycle A readings. (cf. RCIA, 20, 146). Please note, "The bishop may dispense from one of them for serious reasons or, in extraordinary circumstances, even from two" (RCIA, 20). In other words, these are not optional rites and should be celebrated in the context of the community of faith.

RECEPTION OF THE HOLY OILS (FROM THE USCCB)

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/triduum/reception-of-holy-oils.cfm>.

DATE/TIME FOR THE EASTER VIGIL

The Easter Vigil is on **March 31**. The *GIRM* states that the Easter Vigil is to be celebrated in darkness. Therefore, this year the **Easter Vigil must begin at 8:30 p.m. or later**. For information on celebrating the Triduum in parish clusters and pastoral regions, click [here](#).

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

The solemnity is transferred to Monday, April 9, 2018 because March 25 is Palm Sunday.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

This is a mandatory collection for the weekend of April 14 - 15. Please send the proceeds to the Archdiocese Finance Office by Monday, June 10. Please note on the memo line that the money is for the Catholic Relief Services Collection.

OPTIONAL

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains. Please encourage your parishioners to take part in this lovely Holy Week liturgy. Click [here](#) to view a special letter of invitation to priests and deacons from Archbishop Schnurr. For directions on the distribution of oils in each deanery, click [here](#). The directions will also be handed out at the Chrism Mass.

CHRISM MASS DINNER

All priests and seminarians are invited to attend the annual Priesthood Appreciation Dinner prior to the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 27. The meal is sponsored by the Serra Club of Cincinnati and begins at 5:00 p.m. RSVP to 513.421.5354 or events@cathedralaoc.org.

A CALL FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

The Priestly Formation Office occasionally gets phone calls for spiritual directors for priests and deacons. If you are willing to serve as a spiritual director, please contact the Priestly Formation Office at sfrohmiller@catholiccincinnati.org. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fr. Andrew Umberg at aumberg@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.375.1545.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION FOR PRIESTS

This will take place 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at the Transfiguration Center in West Milton. Father Matthew Gamber, SJ, will lead us in meditation and consideration of the priestly spirituality of our recent Holy Fathers. A flyer is being mailed out.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE PRIESTS' ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The dinner has been scheduled for Monday, May 7, 2018 at the Bergamo Center in Dayton.

ANTI-PORNOGRAPHY MINISTERIAL TRAINING FOR PRIESTS'

Fr. Sean Kilcawley, STL will be offering a multi-day intensive workshop dealing with the pastoral problem of pornography addiction June 25 - 28 at the St. Anne Retreat Center in Melbourne, KY. Register at the *Integrity Restored* [website](#). The Priestly Formation Office will reimburse priests of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for the program. The priest's parish or institution should pay the room and board.

INVITATION TO WELCOME WEEKEND

This year's welcome weekend at the Athenaeum is taking place on April 13-14. Please invite college age men from your parish to consider joining us for this weekend retreat with our seminarians. Those interested can call the Vocation Office or [register online](#).

CELEBRATE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

This year's World Day of Prayer for Vocations is coming up on Sunday, April 22. Please [consider celebrating with your parish](#) and sending home vocation related materials with your families. You can [order online](#) all the materials you may need.

ANDREW DINNERS RETURNING THIS FALL

Dates and locations are still being finalized, but the Andrew Dinners are returning this Fall. Please start looking now for the high school men you would like to invite from your parish.

SERVERS AND SACRISTAN BALLGAME

The Serra Club of Cincinnati is once again partnering with the Reds to offer a day at the ballpark for all your servers and sacristans. The game is set for 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9. For more information, contact cincinnati@serra@gmail.com.

R U CALLED? EVENT

This event for young women discerning the Consecrated Life takes place March 14 at St. Francis de Sales Parish, Lebanon from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Please consider placing this opportunity in your bulletin. Click [here](#) for more information.

DEACON INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

The Office of the Diaconate will conduct a series of informational meetings for men considering the Permanent Diaconate.

Dayton: Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. - St. Helen Parish, 605 Granville Pl., Riverside, OH 45431 (Smith Building)

North: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 7:10 p.m. - St. Michael Parish, 33 Elm St., Fort Loramie, OH 45845 (Parish Hall)

Cincinnati: Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. - St. Ignatius Parish, 5222 North Bend Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45247 (Bolte Room)

For more information or to RSVP please contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, at deaconoffice@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421-3131x2641.

CENTURY FARM AWARD APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 31

Catholic Rural Life of St. Marys and Sidney Deaneries is now accepting applications for the 2018 Catholic Century Farm Award. Deadline is March 31. Families who have farmed the same land for 100 years or more are eligible for the registry. Click [here](#) for an application.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: FEBRUARY 14 – MARCH 25

Invite your parishioners to sign up for a vigil hour at either the Dayton or Cincinnati [40 Days for Life](#) events. Use the bulletin announcement provided below.

FOR JR. HIGH YOUTH: AWAKE RALLY – MARCH 3 (CINCINNATI) AND MARCH 10 (DAYTON)

In partnership with NET Ministries, Awake will accompany 6-8th graders through an event that will provide opportunities for fellowship, worship, and encounter. Click [here](#) for information.

FOR YOUTH MINISTERS: UPPER ROOM – MARCH 13 (DAYTON), MARCH 14 (CINCINNATI), MARCH 20 (BOTKINS)

An ample opportunity to enjoy each other's company and talk about what's happening within our own lives and ministries. FREE lunch provided! Visit [here](#) for more information.

LAY LEADERS OF PRAYER WORKSHOP APRIL – MAY 2018

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](#).

APRIL ONE-ON-ONE ACCOMPANIMENT WORKSHOPS: [Register](#)

FOR YOUTH MINISTERS: RENEWAL – MAY 7 (MARIA STEIN), MAY 8 (DAYTON), MAY 9 (CINCINNATI)

A day retreat for youth ministers, campus ministers, and volunteers that comes at the end of each semester. Visit viacatholic.com/renewal for more information.

FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH: ABIDE – JUNE 13-17

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 viaabide.org for more information.

PRIEST CONFESSORS NEEDED FOR THE GOOD FRIDAY PILGRIMAGE AT HOLY-CROSS – IMMACULATA IN MT. ADAMS

At the conclusion of the ascent up the steps of Holy Cross-Immaculata, many celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We need help from priests to hear Confessions midnight Friday through midnight Saturday. The church parking lot will be reserved for priests, and priests are welcome as our guests at the morning hospitality and Fish Fry. Please email holyac30@fuse.net or call the parish office at 513.721.6544 if you can help.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

DISCOVERY MISSION VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

A new VBS curriculum specifically geared toward vocations is available. Get [more info here](#).

MASS STIPENDS - SOME PRACTICAL DIRECTION

Click [here](#) for some direction regarding Mass stipends. Please retain this information in the parish office for easy reference. Any questions that you may have can be addressed to Fr. Steve Angi, Chancellor, at 513.421.3131x2846 or sangi@catholiccincinnati.org.

PARISH BUSINESS MANAGERS ASSOCIATION (PBMA) MEETINGS

The Department of Human Resources will be presenting at the upcoming PBMA meetings on March 21 and May 16. Topics include Interviewing and Hiring & Harassment/Discrimination.

NON-RENEWAL/REDUCTION IN FORCE

To ensure proper procedure is followed, the Department of Human Resources wants to remind all Schools of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati considering a reduction in force or non-renewal of staff to review the [guidelines](#) that are in place.

18 QUESTIONS ON THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/triduum/questions-and-answers.cfm>

WASHING OF THE FEET

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments [CDWDS] issued a Decree and a Commentary on January 6, 2016 changing the rubric for the **Washing of the Feet** during the Evening Mass on Thursday of the Lord's Supper allowing women and children to be included in the ritual. Click [here](#) to read the English rubric with the edits.

NEW GUIDELINES FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The formation guidelines for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion have been revised. Please watch for a letter to all priests with the new publication.

2018 CONWAY LECTURE: "EVOLUTION AND THE CATHOLIC FAITH"

Professor Stephen M. Barr, the President of the Society of Catholic Scientists and Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Delaware, will deliver the 5th Annual Conway Lecture in Catholic Studies at the University of Cincinnati. The topic this year is the Catholic response to the theory of Evolution. This lecture which will take place on March 7, 2018 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at UC. For more details: [Click Here](#).

PRESENTATION FOR PARISH SENIORS GROUPS

Sister Nancy Linenkugel, a Sylvania Franciscan, gives a 45-minute presentation for seniors titled "Stir! Stir!" about humor in daily life, about Sisters as real and often times humorous persons, and about faithfulness to our calling. If your parish seniors group is interested in having Sister Nancy present "Stir! Stir!", feel free to contact her at 419.322.1618 or Nlinenkugel@aol.com.

2018 GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MASS: AUGUST 4, 2018 AT 4:30 P.M.

- **St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati** - Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, Celebrant
- **Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dayton** - Bishop Joseph Binzer, Celebrant

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES

Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (**25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75**) in 2018 may request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Schnurr. Parishes may also make this request for your couples. Click [here](#) for more information.

CONTAGIOUSLY CATHOLIC PARISH ALLIANCE

Ministry in your parish (*watch a new testimonial video*) [Contagiously Catholic Parish Alliance](#).

HOST AT YOUR PARISH

Host a [New Evangelization Reflection](#) for your Parish Leadership.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL INFORMATION

Updated totals for this year's CMA, including parish progress, can be found at www.CatholicAppeal.info under the "Info for Parish Staff" link – **the password to access this section is: cma2007**. CMA Letter #2 will be mailed in mid-March to families who have supported the appeal in past years, but have not yet made a pledge this year. For questions about the CMA, contact David Kissell at 513.421-3131x2881 or email david@CatholicAppeal.info.

WELCOME TO RYAN LOPEZ, NEW TO THE STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT

Ryan Lopez has joined the Stewardship Department as the new Director of Development Operations. He comes to us after previously doing development and capital campaign work with the Catholic firm Greater Mission. You may also remember him from his time with the NET Ministries Cincinnati office. Ryan is excited to help lead the CMA and impact the story of all those who benefit from the services funded through the CMA. Ryan and his family are active parishioners at Guardian Angels Parish in Cincinnati. Ryan can be reached via email at rlopez@catholiccincinnati.org or by phone at 513.421.3131x2882.

BULLETIN ENTRIES

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

March 8: CHOSEN: Monthly Holy Hour with the Children of Mary

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

March 11: Holy Hour for Vocations at Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West

March 11: Cast Your Nets at Sacred Heart in McCartyville

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

March 22-24: Come and See Weekend with the Congregation of the Holy Cross

March 23-25: Come and See Retreat with the Glenmary Home Missioners

March 24-26: Discernment Retreat for Men and Women with the Marianists

April 6-8: Discernment Weekend with Dominican Friars – Eastern Province

April 6-8: Bring Hope to Live Retreat with Sisters of Providence of Saint-Mary-of-the-Woods

April 13-14: Welcome Weekend at Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West

April 13-15: Come and See Retreat with the Glenmary Home Missioners

April 21-22: Be Not Afraid Discernment Retreat with the Ann Arbor Dominicans

April 28: Transitional Diaconate Ordination at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains

May 19: Priesthood Ordination at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION – Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education, and preserve the sacred shrines. For information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

SU CASA AWARDS DINNER - Join Su Casa Catholic Charities Hispanic Center of Cincinnati on Thursday, April 26, at Xavier University's Cintas Center for the **19th Annual Awards Dinner**. Fr. Michael Pucke and Mark Curnutte are among the honorees. All proceeds from the awards dinner benefit Su Casa clients. RSVP by April 6 at www.ccswoh.org/sucasa/dinner.

POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS is being offered starting March 8 at the Bickford in Middletown. Classes will be offered starting in May at Catholic Charities on Reading Rd. Please see www.ccswoh.org/cansupport for our complete support group calendar and class details. Click on an event for specific information, including an event flyer.

WALK FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE - The event starts Good Friday in Dayton at the Old Courthouse at Third and Main St. Each year, 14 issues are chosen to correspond with the 14 Stations of the Cross. This is an ecumenical tradition lasting about two hours and ending at the river by the First Baptist Church, 111 W. Monument St. Please join us!

WAY OF THE CROSS/WAY OF JUSTICE: MARCH 30, 2018 - The Good Friday event begins at noon on Fountain Square with reflections on social justice issues and the Passion of Christ. Contact Catholic Social Action at csa@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131x2660 for more information or to volunteer.

CRS COLLECTION, APRIL 14 AND 15 - This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITY TO PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD - Saturday, March 10, 2018 at St. Anthony of Padua Maronite Catholic Church (2530 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45206 in East Walnut Hills near Eden Park). The hour-long prayer service begins in the main church at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 513.961.0120. Learn more at www.onechurchofmercy.org.

ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE: THE IRENE GUT OPDYKE STORY – National speaker Jeannie Opdyke Smith will share the inspiring story of her mother, Irene Gut Opdyke, a Polish Catholic who risked her life to save Jews during the Holocaust. The event will take place on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Seton High School (3901 Glenway Ave., Cincinnati 45205) in the Performance Hall. To attend, please RSVP to www.holocaustandhumanity.org/event/one-person. For more information, contact the Catholic Social Action Office at 513.421.3131x2660 or csa@catholiccincinnati.org.

PRAYER/REFLECTION - Good and gracious God, open our eyes to the connectedness of all creation. Help us to remember that we are called to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. May our actions reflect this understanding.

QUOTE FROM THE HOLY SEE - "Today, however, we have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, no.49)

CARE FOR CREATION TIP - As Spring approaches, consider planting a new tree! A single tree will absorb one ton of carbon dioxide over its lifetime. Resolve to celebrate "new life" by nurturing your trees and planting new ones!

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE RETREAT: MARCH 9–11, 2018 - Spring weekend retreat for people who have lost a spouse through separation, death, or divorce, March 9-11, 2018 at the Bergamo Center in Dayton. This healing weekend will address topics such as grief, anger, trust,

and forgiveness. Cost is \$175 with lodging, meals and materials included. Go to <http://beginningexperiencecincinnati.webs.com/> for information or call 937.212.3548.

RETROUVAILLE - A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES: APRIL 6-8, 2018 - Retrouvaille is a Catholic sponsored, confidential program open to all faiths. It offers a chance to rediscover yourself and your spouse. It is for couples that have experienced a breakdown in communication, become unloving and uncaring, thinking of separation or divorce or who are separated. For further information, please visit helpourmarriage.com or call 513.456.5413.

FAMILY CELEBRATION -The Archdiocese is teaming up with Couple to Couple League to host a family conference that celebrates the 50th Anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*. Mark your calendars to join us **July 6-7, 2018** at the Sharonville Convention Center for "Families, become what you are!" Visit <http://cclconvention.com/> for full details and to register.

PROJECT RACHEL – A healing ministry serving anyone who has experienced the loss of a child due to abortion. To learn more, go to www.catholiccincinnati.org/project-rachel.

ST. RITA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - Do you or someone you know have a child who is deaf, hard-of-hearing, or has a communication disorder and is not currently attending their parish school? For over 100 years, **St. Rita School for the Deaf** has been providing educational opportunities to children with special communication needs in a safe environment. For more information, go to <http://www.srsdeaf.org/>.

STAND FIRM FOR LIFE! 40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING 2018 CAMPAIGN: FEBRUARY 14 - MARCH 25 - This campaign draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer, fasting, constant vigil and community outreach. All ages are welcome to join in prayer for protection of the beautiful gift of human life, plus hope and healing for those suffering from past decisions. Go to <https://40daysforlife.com> for locations and more information.

GOOD FRIDAY PILGRIMAGE AT HOLY CROSS-IMMACULATA PARISH, MT. ADAMS - This annual tradition has been going on for over 150 years, and is one of the most unique devotions in the United States. The blessing of the steps takes place at midnight on Friday. The pilgrimage continues until midnight Saturday. Muffins and donuts are provided (free-will offering) beginning at 6:00 a.m. LaRosa's Pizza (\$2/slice) is available beginning at 11:00 a.m. and the Fish Fry takes place from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (various prices). Please call 513.721.6544 for more information.

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