



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.

NEW PERSON TO PROCESS MARRIAGE DISPENSATIONS

Fr. Tom Snodgrass, Assistant Chancellor, has been handling all marriage dispensations in the Chancery Office. Fr. Snodgrass retired on June 30, 2018. Many thanks for his ministry and service over the years. Marriage dispensations will now be handled administratively by Ami Quinn in the Tribunal Office. Please mail all marriage dispensations and permissions to: **Ms. Ami Quinn, Tribunal Office, 100 E 8th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. Ami can be reached at 513.421.3131x1210.**

CALENDAR ALERT!

Please block your calendar for May 13-15, 2019. That is when the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will be hosting [The Amazing Parish](#) Conference, at which we aim to have the participation of as many of our pastors/parishes as possible. Stay tuned for more info in the coming months.

CRS COLLECTION AND RICE BOWL TURN-IN

If your parish participated in CRS Rice Bowl, collect all funds from participating parishioners and send one check to the archdiocese by Monday, July 9. Write "CRS Rice Bowl" in the memo line, and send to the Archdiocesan Finance Office at 100 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

MAIL IN YOUR MISSIONARY CO-OP PLAN (MCP) COLLECTIONS

Once the donations are collected at your parish for MCP appeal, please send them promptly 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 missionary organization. They need to be properly recorded in the Mission Office for Vatican records. **Please indicate if your MCP donation is from 2017 or 2018.** Any questions? Contact our MCP Coordinator, Melonise Knight at mknight@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421-3131x2631.

ANDREW DINNER DATES

The dates for the Andrew Dinners for the fall are scheduled as follows:

- October 10 at Holy Rosary Parish, St. Mary's, OH.
- October 16 at St. Margaret of York, Loveland.
- October 25 in Dayton at a location to be determined.

Please mark your calendars and invite young men to join you for this opportunity to learn about seminary life and the discernment of the priestly vocation.

OPTIONAL

WEEKEND HELP AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO SPEAK ON VOCATIONS

Fr. Schmitmeyer is looking for opportunities to preach on vocations at weekend Masses and any other opportunities to meet with young people to talk about vocations. If you are looking for a speaker for your school, youth group, religious ed program, or young adult group, please contact [Fr. Schmitmeyer](#).

STATEWIDE ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

We are looking for parishes to be host sites for this year's Statewide Day of Adoration for Vocations on Wednesday, November 7. A host parish can choose the hour(s) that best suit them; the vocation office will provide prayer booklets for adorers. Please contact [Wayne Topp](#).

PERMISSION FOR PRAYER APOSTOLATE

The Spiritual Motherhood of Priests Apostolate has launched. Until now, we have included only the photos and names of seminarians and the priests on the seminary posters. We would like to include **all** priests, but need your permission to do so. Please let us know if we may include your name and photo in materials sent to parishes for this project. Contact [Wayne Topp](#).

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Once again NVAW will happen the first full week of November. Please begin thinking now about ways to make that week special in your parishes and schools. We will begin making lesson plans available toward the end of the summer.

PROJECT RACHEL TRAINING FOR PRIESTS

There were over 4,600 abortions in the counties of the Archdiocese in 2016 alone. Behind every abortion is a woman in need of healing. Mark your calendars for one of our two training days, specifically offered for priests: **Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at St. Johns in West Chester** (with Fr. Jeff Kemper) or **Thursday, September 20, 2018 at St. Peter, Huber Heights** (with Fr. Chris Worland). Both trainings are **10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** (doors open at 10 a.m.). Hear testimony from post-abortive women, clergy actively involved in Project Rachel and a professional counselor. Learn about the Project Rachel ministry here in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, and how you can better reach out to post-abortive women at your parish. For more information, click [here](#).

PARISH ADMINISTRATION WORKSHOP

The Parish Administration Workshop will be held **Thursday, September 27 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Springboro**. Please block this date now. The presenters will be the staff of the Central Offices. Look for a flyer in late August.

FALL RETREAT FOR PRIESTS AT MARIA STEIN

The Fall Retreat for Priests will be held on October 8-12, 2018 at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center. Fr. John Bullock, LC will be our speaker. (This retreat will be at Maria Stein because of the difficulty in finding a Cincinnati venue where there is sufficient privacy for the priests.)

GOSPEL WORKSHOP

This year's Gospel workshop on the Gospel of Luke has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 7, 2018 in Cincinnati and Thursday, November 8, 2018 in Dayton. The presenter will be Father Pablo Gadenz. More information will become available.

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 at lweber@catholiccincinnati.org with your updated request. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Lisa at 513.421.3131x2842.

MELCHISEDECH OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR CLERGY

Mark your calendars for **Monday, August 6, 2018** for the 54th Annual Melchisedech Open Golf Tournament. This is an excellent way to share priestly or diaconate fraternity. This year's event will again be held at the Pipestone Golf Club, 4344 Benner Road, Miamisburg, Ohio. For more information and a registration flyer, click [here](#).

MAKE GOOD USE OF EXCESS FOOD

[La Soupe Cincinnati](#) is a local organization that combats hunger by collecting usable left-over food and redistributing it wherever it is most needed. Contact [Charlie Gerhardt](#) at 513.373.0676 to arrange a pick-up at the end of your parish festival or other event.

NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR THE 2018 ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE AWARD

The deadline for nominations is **July 10, 2018** and will be awarded by Archbishop Schnurr on Respect Life Sunday, October 7. [More info here](#).

NEW RESOURCE IS FINALLY HERE!

This Holy and Living Sacrifice: A Formation Resource for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is now available. All pastors, diocesan priests and chaplains received a complimentary copy with a letter from Archbishop Schnurr. The letter included an addendum that explains the new norms and highlights concerns. Please be sure to read the addendum and the new formation resource. This year, the ODWS will focus much of its efforts on providing formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and those who take Communion to the sick and dying. The ODWS webpage will provide a number of formation resources for parishes to use. **If you would like to order copies of this new resource and/or host a training session**, contact Monica Sellers at msellers@catholiccincinnati.org or call 513.421.3131x6609.

EMMAUS: FORMATION OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH/CAMPUS MINISTERS

Youth/Campus ministers will grow in their relationship with Christ in the Church, deepening the bonds of community and collaboration between them, and engage in hands-on formation. Emmaus satisfies the 10 credits/year Vocare requirement for catechist certification in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. [Learn more](#).

NOVA: SEPTEMBER 10 IN CINCINNATI, SEPTEMBER 11 IN PIQUA FOR YOUTH/CAMPUS MINISTERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Gather youth ministers for lunch, fellowship, thought provoking discussion, and prayer with speaker Dr. Andrew Sodergren, a psychologist at Ruah Woods Psychological Services. He is trained in child, adult, marital/family, and group therapies. [Learn more.](#)

TRAINING: MARRIAGE PREPARATION MINISTERS IN SPANISH, AUGUST 24-25

Jake Samour, a native of El Salvador, a nationally recognized expert in St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, and Director of Marriage & Family Life for the Diocese of Wichita, will conduct *God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage* training August 24-25 at St. Susanna in Mason. Pastors, please identify any Spanish-speaking married couples in your parish who are involved or could become involved in Marriage Preparation Ministry and invite them to this training. **The training will be conducted entirely in Spanish.** More details and registration information will follow. Contact Dan Thimons at 513.421.3131x2621 or dthimons@catholiccincinnati.org for more information.

TWINNING PARISHES

Could your parish consider a **twinning relationship** with another parish in the U.S. or abroad to further invigorate your own faith community? For more information, contact Dr. Mike Gable, Mission Office at: mission@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131x2630.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE CATHOLIC DIRECTORY – DATA VERIFICATION & UPDATES

We will be publishing and distributing the 2019 Catholic Directory at its traditional timing, the week of Labor Day. We have hired Various Views Research to validate and/or update the information in the Parishes, Institutions, Deacons & Men Religious, and Consecrated Life Communities tabs. They will be calling July 9-20. So, if you receive a call from Various Views Research, please respond promptly to have your current information included. Thank you!

THE CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH – NEW ONLINE ARCHIVES

The Catholic Research Resources Alliance has digitized, indexed, and posted online issues of *The Catholic Telegraph* from its founding in 1831 through 1885 at [The Catholic News Archive](#). The issues are text-searchable and ready for download. There are plans to digitize further content of the newspaper when funding is secured. A separate project with the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is to digitize the newspaper from 1831-1922 (the end of public domain). These issues are being posted on their [Digital Library](#). Questions or comments can be directed to Sarah Patterson at spatterson@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131x3002.

TERMINATION/DISCHARGE WORKSHEET & UNEMPLOYMENT INFORMATION WORKSHEET

The Human Resources Department is pleased to announce that we have combined the Termination/Discharge Worksheet and Unemployment Information Worksheet into one document, the [Termination/Unemployment Worksheet](#). The worksheet should be completed and sent to [Rob Reid](#) and [Laurie](#) at T&W for any separation of employment.

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 such topics, including 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 Rob Reid at 513.421.3131x6611, rreid@catholiccincinnati.org or Meg Paul at 513.421.3131x2841, mpaul@catholiccincinnati.org in the Department of Human Resources.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST LAUDATO SI' COMMUNITIES!

On the 3rd anniversary of Pope Francis's release of *Laudato Si': On Care of Our Common Home*, Archbishop Dennis Schnurr led a prayer service for 13 parishes, schools and religious congregations, recognizing the Archdiocese's first Laudato Si' Community awards. These communities demonstrated a commitment to environmental stewardship both through their facilities as well as through the engagement of their members. Congratulations to St. Anthony (Madisonville), Bellarmine Chapel, St. Charles Borromeo (Kettering), Church of the Nativity of Our Lord, St. Columban, Community of the Good Shepherd, Glenmary Home Missioners, St. Joseph/St. Raphael (Springfield), Mercy Montessori Center, St. Monica-St. George Parish Newman Center, Mount St. Joseph University, Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, and Sisters of the Precious Blood.

FOR YOUTH MINISTERS: COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

The Community Bulletin Board features Catholic events, retreats, and requests for volunteers throughout the Archdiocese. Frequently updated; great opportunities to pass along to your teens. Visit the Community Bulletin Board at viacatholic.org/cbb.

ANNIVERSARY COUPLES CERTIFICATES

Certificates for couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will be mailed to your parish during the week of July 15. Please make plans for how you wish to distribute these certificates and recognize these couples on their significant anniversary years.

FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE, JULY 22

You may recall that last year Pope Francis raised the liturgical rank of Mary Magdalene to a Feast. However, since July 22, 2018 falls on a Sunday, that liturgy takes precedence over her feast day.

2018 GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MASS, AUGUST 4, 2018

4:30 p.m., St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati, Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, Celebrant; August 4, 2018, 4:30 p.m., Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dayton, Bishop Joseph Binzer, Celebrant. All couples celebrating their 50th Anniversary in 2018 and their families are invited to attend.

DEEPENING SPIRITS: EXPLORING PERSONAL SPIRITUAL FORMATION

This program provides a comprehensive overview of the dynamics of the spiritual journey. The 18-session program is designed for those who desire to deepen their own spiritual lives as well as those possibly discerning a call to a spiritual direction ministry and subsequent training. Meetings: Thursdays from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. from October 2 - December 4, 2018 and January 8-March 5, 2019. Cost: \$375 per semester. Registration deadline: September 15, 2018. More information is available at bergamocenter.org/adultprograms.htm.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION PROGRAM

This 18-session program provides participants with comprehensive training in the ministry of spiritual direction. Open to those who have discerned a call to direction training, have had significant experience in receiving direction, and have completed the Spiritual Formation program. Equivalent training will be considered; personal interview may be required. Meetings: Tuesdays, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. from October 4 - December 6, 2018 and January 8 - March 7, 2019. An additional hour a week will be expected outside of class in both giving and receiving direction throughout the semester. Cost: \$375 per semester. Registration deadline: September 1, 2018. More information is available at bergamocenter.org/adultprograms.htm.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

The Office for Divine Worship and Sacraments (ODWS) is working on the program calendar for 2018-2019. If you would like the ODWS to offer a program at your parish, please contact Monica Sellers at msellers@catholiccincinnati.org.

HIRING A PASTORAL MUSICIAN RESOURCE

This reference material for pastors, musicians, and business managers will become available soon.

ANNUAL LITURGICAL CALENDAR and notes for 2019 are now available [online](#).

ARCHDIOCESAN CHURCH MUSIC COPYRIGHT DOCUMENT

The document is posted [here](#) on our website. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Karen Kane, 513-421-3131x2670 or Tony DiCello, 513.421.2222.

ARE YOU RECEIVING THE ODWS E-NEWS?

If you have not signed up for the Office for Divine Worship and Sacraments electronic newsletter, you can do so by visiting [this link](#).

GIVING TUESDAY INITIATIVE

Giving Tuesday is a day of giving that happens the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, November 27. The Stewardship Department has teamed up with "I Give Catholic" ([#iGiveCatholic](#)) this year, 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 day of giving will be sent out soon. You can visit www.igivecatholic.org or contact the Stewardship Department for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU!

Pledges to the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) have now exceeded the \$5,000,000 goal! As of June 20, just over \$5.1 million has been pledged to the appeal from 26,400 households. Of the amount pledged, just over \$4.3 million has been received in payments.

Totals for this year's CMA, including parish progress, continue to be available at www.CatholicAppeal.info under the "Info for Parish Staff" link – the password to access this section is: **cma2007**.

MASSES OF THANKSGIVING FOR CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Three Masses of Thanksgiving for the CMA will be celebrated this summer. Dates, times, and locations of the Masses are listed below:

- Saturday, July 28 – St. Boniface in Cincinnati at the 4:00 p.m. Mass
- Sunday, July 29 – St. Henry in Dayton at the 11:00 a.m. Mass
- Sunday, August 5 – Our Lady of Guadalupe in Montezuma at the 10:00 a.m. Mass

All are welcome to attend these Masses as we celebrate and give thanks for the support of this year's appeal and the six regional ministries funded by the CMA!

CHAPEL ITEMS AVAILABLE

St. Anthony Friary has two oak hardwood platforms and five double predius's made of oak. FREE. Call Bro. Norbert Bertram, OFM at 513.458.9855 for more information.

BULLETIN ENTRIES

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

July 8-12: Online Summer Discernment Retreat with the Daughters of Charity

July 20-22: Come and See Weekend for Teens with Glenmary Home Missioners

October 10, 16, 25: Andrew Dinners

November 16-18: Diocesan Discernment Retreat at the Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center

CAREGIVER SUPPORT - Please see www.ccswoh.org/cansupport for our support group calendar and presentation locations. Call 513.869.4483 if you have any questions or have caregivers needing help. New "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" classes are offered this summer.

SU CASA HISPANIC CENTER - is looking for child care volunteers during our evening and Saturday English classes and classroom assistants for our summer program, Vacaciones Útiles. For more information, call Karri O'Hara at 513.672.3719, or email Brett Hamm at bhamm@ccswoh.org.

IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES WALK-IN FREE CLINIC - July 19 at Catholic Charities, 7162 Reading Road, 7th floor from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

TACKLING BIG HUNGER, POVERTY - In *Big Hunger*, author Andrew Fisher argues that many anti-hunger advocates miss an essential element of the problem: economic inequality driven by low wages. Encouragingly, *Big Hunger* sets forth a vision for what we can do to address poverty and solve hunger. Join Catholic Charities and other local leaders addressing poverty in our community for a book presentation and panel discussion at 5:30 pm, Thursday, September 6 at Xavier University's Cintas Center. RSVP at <https://bighunger.eventbrite.com>.

2018 RURAL-URBAN MASS - The Franck Family will host the 2018 Rural-Urban Mass on Thursday, July 19, at 7:00 p.m. at Doug and Sarah Franck's Family Farm, 5750 Carthagen Rd., St. Henry, Ohio 45883. Bishop Binzer will preside. At the Mass, the Catholic Century Farm Awards will be given to 12 Catholic families who applied for the recognition and have farmed the same land for 100 years or more. Some seating will be provided and soil and water will be blessed. St. Aloysius will host a reception after Mass. For more information, contact the Catholic Social Action Office at 937.224.3026 or email rkunkler@catholiccincinnati.org.

DIVINE LITURGY AND EDUCATIONAL EVENT ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION - On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, Friday September 14, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Maronite Catholic Church (2530 Victory Pkwy., Cincinnati, OH 45206), the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre and the One Church of Mercy Committee are hosting a Divine Liturgy followed by an educational gathering concerning international religious freedom, focused especially on Christian persecution. More details available soon. For more information, contact the Archdiocesan Catholic Social Action Office at csa@catholiccincinnati.org.

CARE FOR CREATION TIP: CONSERVING WATER - During the summer it is especially important to conserve and protect water. Drought conditions in certain parts of the country and activities that increase its use can cause water to be more scarce. There are a number of ways to save water. See how to use it wisely at: <http://www.wateruseitwisely.com/>. (Provided by the USEPA.)

ARE YOU BETWEEN 16 AND 70? - Ever consider short or long term **missionary work** in the U.S. or overseas? Check out Catholicvolunteernetwork.org and contact the Archdiocesan Mission Office for more details at: mission@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131x2630.

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.). [Click here](#) or call the Project Rachel Help Line at 513.784.0531 for information. All conversations and emails are confidential. Retreat: October 19-21, 2018. Day of Reflection: November 17.

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, values-oriented environment. For more information, please visit www.srsdeaf.org or call 513.771.7600.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS - Classes starting in September for youth and life-long learners, as well as marriage prep classes each month. Ruah Woods offers life-changing courses helping youth and adults alike understand God's plan for their lives and how to live their vocation to love through the lens of Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Sign up today! <https://www.ruahwoods.org/learning/>

RUAH WOODS PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES: NOW ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS - Ruah Woods Psychological Services (RWPS) serves God's people by integrating Catholic faith with the best of psychological science. RWPS has recently welcomed two outstanding practitioners, Dr. Joe Molitor and Dr. Michael Murphy, who are accepting new patients immediately. If you know someone in need of healing, or would like more information, please visit www.RWpsych.org or call 513.407.8878.

FRIARS CLUB ANNUAL GOLF OUTING - The Friars Club Annual Golf Outing is coming up and there's still plenty of time to sign up for this great event. The date is Friday, July 13 with a noon shotgun start at the beautiful Glenview Golf Course. The cost is just \$100.00 and includes lunch, dinner and on-course games and prizes. All proceeds go to funding Friars' mission supporting Cincinnati at-risk youth through athletic, educational, enrichment and summer programs. Please go to <http://www.friarsgolfouting.com/> and sign up to play and support this great event. If any questions, call Friars Club at 513.488.8779.

SING WITH THE ATHENAEUM CHORALE - Are you interested in singing the great works of the Church in a beautiful space? Then consider joining the Athenaeum Chorale, a liturgical choral group that sings in the Seminary Chapel of St. Gregory the Great at the Athenaeum of Ohio. The Chorale season includes two Solemn Vespers liturgies and culminates in the beloved Advent Lessons & Carols ceremony in December, which always attracts a large crowd from the Cincinnati area and beyond. The Chorale itself is made up of diocesan church musicians, seminarians from Mount St. Mary's, and other exceptional singers from the Cincinnati area. Singing with the Chorale is a wonderful way to connect with fellow musicians and to participate in the rich liturgical life at the Athenaeum of Ohio.

Auditions will be held for all voice parts from August 1 through September 2. All singers over 18 years of age are welcome to audition. For more information, or to schedule an audition, contact Dr. Mary Catherine Levri, Music Director of the Athenaeum Chorale, at mlevri@athenaeum.edu or 513.233.6138. All auditions will be held by appointment at the Athenaeum of Ohio, 6616 Beechmont Ave.

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