



ACTION REQUIRED

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ONE-DAY CONVOCATION FOR PRIESTS

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

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

The Catholic Relief Services Collection aids six organizations that support international development, refugees and more. This is a mandatory collection for the weekend of April 14 - 15. Please send the entire 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.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

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

NEOPHYTE MASS

Bishop Binzer will celebrate the Neophyte Mass on Sunday, April 15, at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains at 11:00 a.m. Click [here](#) to view the invitation that was sent to RCIA coordinators in early March.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Ascension of the Lord is Sunday, May 13 in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Thursday, May 17, is celebrated as a weekday in the Seventh Week of Easter. There are three optional memorials that may be celebrated on that day if pastorally suitable.

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 20

The Roman Missal provides for an extended Vigil for Saturday evening. Click [here](#) to read more.

FORM W4 – 2018

In response to changes made as part of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the IRS has released an updated version of the Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate, [Form W-4](#).

The IRS has maintained the same withholding allowance structure in Form W-4 for 2018, despite the elimination of personal exemptions in the recent tax law. Employees are encouraged to use the new W-4 worksheets, and updated IRS withholding calculator, to determine the correct number of withholding allowances to claim in 2018. The agency reiterated that the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act does not require all employees to complete a new form W-4. Only those employees who were exempt from federal withholding in 2017, and who expect to be exempt again in 2018, are required to submit a new W-4 to their employers. However, the IRS recommends that employees complete a quick "paycheck checkup" using the [IRS calculator](#) to prevent over or under withholding for 2018.

VOCARE CERTIFICATION UPDATE

At the February principal's meeting, all principals were reminded of the Teacher-Minister contract requirements. **Teachers of religion without previous religion certification must receive 10 credits through our Catechetical Institute, Vocare, or they cannot sign contracts for next year.**

OPTIONAL

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 our office or [register online](#).

RUN FOR THE CALL

Run for the Call is a recognized partner charity of the Flying Pig Marathon in Cincinnati. Our team has run for six years in a row to raise awareness of vocations and money to support seminarians in times of emergency. Please encourage your parishioners to donate to the cause or to join the team by visiting [runforthecall.wordpress.com](#).

ORDER MATERIALS FOR WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Prepare your parish for World Day of Prayer for Vocations on Sunday, April 22 by [ordering prayer cards or other materials from us](#).

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. To order tickets, contact Craig Sample at the Reds ticket office at 513.765.7970.

SPIRITUAL MOTHERHOOD OF PRIESTS

A new prayer apostolate for the women of your parish is now available. This is an opportunity for women to become spiritual mothers for priests across the Archdiocese by praying and making sacrifices for them and by praying for more young people to answer the call to the consecrated life. To get your materials or to learn more, contact [Debbie Imbus](#).

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD (CORPUS CHRISTI) - SUNDAY, JUNE 3

It is fitting that a Eucharistic Procession takes place on or near this feast day if circumstances permit such a procession. It should “truly be a sign of common faith and adoration.” (Cf. HCWEOM, 102).

CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH SEEKS FREELANCE WRITERS

The Catholic Telegraph is seeking freelance writers from across the Archdiocese, particularly in the Dayton-Springfield area and Mercer, Auglaize, Darke, Shelby, Logan, Miami, Clark, and Champaign counties. We do not accept submissions but work by assignment only. Upon publication, we pay \$50-75 per story and retain all rights to the work. Interested parishioners should send name, contact information, and qualifications/writing samples to Steve Trosley at strosley@catholiccincinnati.org. Please consider running the bulletin entry provided.

MISSIONARY CO-OP PLAN REPRESENTATIVE

Has your Missionary Co-op Plan representative contacted you for a speaking date at your parish? The Mission Office suggests May 26 & 27 or June 2 & 3. For questions and further information, contact our MCP Coordinator, Melonise Knight at 513.421.3131x 2631 or mknight@catholiccincinnati.org.

ANYONE PLANNING A MISSION TRIP IN YOUR PARISH?

Contact Dr. Mike Gable at the Mission Office to plan even more effective, holier trips with better follow-up, at 513.421.3131x2630. Also contact the [Risk Management Office](#) for insurance, liability, etc. issues. Click [here](#) for a trip planning check list.

SPIRIT OF SR. DOROTHY STANG AWARD

Please nominate a graduating student, faculty member or parishioner for this great honor to recognize their efforts with the poor and the environment. For a nomination form and details, contact Teresa Phillip at the Mission Office at mission@catholiccincinnati.org or phone 513.421.3131x2632.

WITNESS TO LOVE (ACCOMPANYING ENGAGED COUPLES)

Parishes looking for assistance in implementing the Witness to Love accompaniment model of marriage preparation should contact the Office for Marriage & Family Life at 513.421.3131x2621.

ONE ON ONE EVANGELIZATION: THE ART OF ACCOMPANIMENT

For more information on the April workshop and to register, click [here](#).

CONTAGIOUSLY CATHOLIC: INCREASE

For those involved in evangelization ministry. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

LIFE'S FIFTH QUARTER (L5Q)

If you are in Cincinnati, encourage your parishioners to attend Mass and rosary with Archbishop Dennis Schnurr on **April 7 from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** to close the remaining Cincinnati area Planned Parenthood surgical abortion facility. See bulletin announcement for more information.

**FOR YOUTH MINISTERS: UPPER ROOM SPECIAL EDITION – APRIL 20, 2018
FROM 9:30-11:30 A.M. AT ST. GERTRUDE IN MADERIA**

Upper Room will feature keynote speaker Sr. Marysia Weber. She will give a talk entitled: Now You See It, Now You Don't: Youth, Social Media, and Porn. Upper Room is a free event. Anyone directly, indirectly, or remotely interested in evangelizing teens is welcome! Visit viacatholic.com/upperroom for more information.

FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH: ENCOUNTER – APRIL 14 (CINCINNATI) AND APRIL 21 (DAYTON)

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

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Cincinnati: Molly Malone's, Pleasant Ridge – 7:00 p.m. on April 12, April 19, April 26, May 3 and May 10.

FOR YOUNG ADULTS: BEHOLD – ADORATION AND SOCIAL

St. Mary's in Hyde Park – April 20 at 7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIESTS AND DEACONS:
“BOOK OF JOB” WITH FR. TIM SCHEHR**

Father Tim Schehr will teach “Book of Job” at The Athenaeum this summer (Monday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. - 9:40 p.m., May 14 - June 14). The course may be audited through distance learning for those unable to attend the class, with lectures available for viewing electronically. This course will provide students with an opportunity to appreciate the Book of Job both as literature and as a theological statement about man and God, especially the problem of evil. The audit rate for priests or deacons is \$250; the Office of the Diaconate or Office of Priestly Formation will pay for a limited number of clergy to audit the course. For more details, please visit: <http://www.growinwisdom.org> or e-mail the Registrar, Nicholas Jobe, at njobe@athenaeum.edu. You may register at <https://www.athenaeum.edu/Registration.aspx>.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

The Archdiocese has sent \$660,000 to the National Religious Retirement Office from the 2017 Collection. How generous the people of the Archdiocese have been once again! Thank you for your support and please consider thanking your parishioners for their generosity, to this real and present need for so many women and men religious in our Archdiocese and across the country.

PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATES INSTALLED AS ACOLYTES

Nineteen candidates for the Permanent Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati were installed to the Ministry of Acolyte by Bishop Roger Foys on February 25 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Covington, along with four candidates from the Diocese of Covington. We pray for these men as they continue their second year of formation and discernment.

WELCOME JENNIFER SCHACK, DIRECTOR OF MEDIA RELATIONS

Jennifer Schack has joined the Communication & Mission Promotion team as Director of Media Relations, reporting to Mike Schafer. Jennifer has over 15 years of experience in broadcasting, most recently working for WLWT-TV in Cincinnati as a meteorologist and reporter. Her responsibilities will include proactive outreach to the media, as well as oversight of all social media. Jennifer is married with three children and an active member of her parish. Jennifer can be reached at jschack@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.263.6618.

CARTHAGENA FARM FAMILY TO HOST MASS IN JULY

Doug and Sarah Franck and their family will welcome Bishop Joseph Binzer of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati to this year's Rural-Urban Mass Thursday, July 19, at 7:00 p.m. The Franck's Farm is located at 5750 Carthagen Rd, St. Henry, Ohio. At Mass, Bishop Binzer will present the Catholic Century Farm Awards for the Sidney and St. Marys Deaneries. Parishioners from St. Aloysius will host the Mass and provide refreshments.

PARISH BUSINESS MANAGERS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The Department of Human Resources will be presenting at the upcoming 2018 Parish Business Managers Association (PBMA) meeting on May 16. The scheduled HR topic is Harassment/Discrimination.

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.

GRIEVING WITH HOPE

Please see the bulletin announcement below to share with your parishioners, a workshop for anyone grieving the death of a loved one.

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.

COURAGE INTERNATIONAL

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is home to two chapters of Courage International, an apostolate of the Church helping those who experience same-sex attraction. Through a small group format,

Courage helps individuals find fellowship and spiritual support in living out the Church's teaching of chastity and fruitfulness of life. Priests can be the biggest advocates for Courage, as this topic so often arises in pastoral counseling and/or the confessional. For more information, please visit <http://couragec.org/clergy/> or contact Fr. Kyle Schnippel, Chaplain of the Cincinnati Chapter of Courage (513.742.0953x16) or Fr. Martin Fox, Chaplain of the northern chapter (937.526.3437). Please encourage interested individuals to send an email to courage@catholiccincinnati.org or call our confidential phone line at **513.488.1291** for the Cincinnati chapter or couragenorth@catholiccincinnati.org for the Dayton Chapter. Brochures describing the goals and ministry of Courage are available upon request. Please keep this ministry and those who avail themselves of it in your prayers.

ENCOURAGE

We are pleased to announce the formation of EnCourage in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Meetings will be held on a monthly basis and will be chaired by Fr. Louis de Vaugelas, LC, and a team of lay volunteers. EnCourage is "an apostolate which provides pastoral care for families and friends of people who experience same sex attractions and/or gender dysphoria. In many cases, their loved ones have adopted the LGBTQ label, and may have moved away from actively practicing their faith." If members of your parish have come to you for guidance, please refer them to encourage@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.815.5039 for more information.

2018 CMA REACHES \$4 MILLION IN PLEDGES!!!

The 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) recently crossed the \$4 million mark in pledges! We extend a special "thank you" to pastors, parish staff, and volunteers who have helped to promote this year's Appeal.

CMA STATISTICS & PARISH PROGRESS

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.**

Thank you for your efforts towards this year's CMA! For more information or questions about the CMA, please contact Ryan Lopez at 513.421.3131x2882 or rlopez@catholiccincinnati.org.

BY YOUR SIDE: WALKING WITH CATHOLICS AFFECTED BY SAME-SEX ATTRACTION AND THEIR LOVED ONES

Ruah Woods and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati invite you to a free event exclusively for clergy, religious, and lay pastoral ministers on Wednesday, May 2 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Ruah Woods' New Evangelization Center, 6675 Wesselman Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45248. You will receive an introduction to the work of the Courage and EnCourage apostolates in ministering to our brothers and sisters who experience same-sex attractions and their loved ones. The event will include a viewing of the award-winning documentary "Desire of the Everlasting Hills", a panel discussion with our local Courage and EnCourage chaplains, refreshments, and fellowship. Come and bring your pastoral staff! RSVP to Diana at 513.407.8672.

SCHOOL CHAIRS NEEDED

St. Benedict the Moor Parish is looking for school chairs. If you have any you no longer use, please call Fr. Francis Tando, CSSP at 937.268.6697.

BULLETIN ENTRIES

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

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

May 21-25: Silent Discernment Retreat with Regnum Christi

May 23-27: Vocation Discernment Retreat with Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia

FREELANCE WRITERS WANTED – The Catholic Telegraph is seeking freelance writers from across the Archdiocese. We do not accept submissions but work by assignment only. Upon publication, we pay \$50-75 per story and retain all rights to the work. If you are interested, please send your name, contact information and qualifications/writing samples to Steve Trosley at strosley@catholiccincinnati.org.

19TH ANNUAL 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 19th Annual Su Casa Awards Dinner benefit clients. RSVP by April 6 at www.ccswoh.org/sucasa/dinner.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION - This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and 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 the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

RACIAL JUSTICE DIALOGUE - Dayton area clergy join us and invite parishioners to “Is White Privilege Real? A Person to Person Conversation on Race” on April 14 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Northwest Branch Dayton Library, 2410 Philadelphia Drive. This will include viewing part of Tim Wise’s documentary “White Like Me” and sharing personal experiences. Reserve your spot by Wednesday, April 11 at csadayton@CatholicCincinnati.org or 937.224.3026x5015. Co-sponsored by the Anti-Racism/Anti-Discrimination Task Force of Weavers of Justice, Sisters of the Precious Blood, Summit Christian Church, and Greater Dayton Christian Connections.

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.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES SOUTHWESTERN OHIO -

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.

PRAYER/REFLECTION - Risen Christ, through this Easter Season we celebrate life; the eternal life promised through your death and resurrection and the new life Spring offers us as nature's beauty comes alive in color and song. We thank you, Lord, for these gifts and ask for your grace to be attentive caretakers of all your creation.

QUOTE FROM THE HOLY SEE - "St Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and love. 'Through the greatness and beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker' (Wis. 13:5); indeed, 'his eternal power and divinity have been made known through his works since the creation of the world. (Rom 1:20)... Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise.'" (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, no.12)

CARE FOR CREATION TIP - According to the U.S. Dept. of Energy, aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration and braking) wastes gas. It can lower your gas mileage by roughly 15% to 30% at highway speeds and 10% to 40% in stop-and-go traffic. Get more efficient driving tips at: <https://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/driveHabits.jsp>.

ARE YOU BETWEEN 16 AND 80? - Ever consider short or long term missionary work in the U.S. or overseas? For more information contact Dr. Mike Gable, Archdiocese of Cincinnati Mission Office at: mission@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131x2630.

"CINCINNATI MEN'S CONFERENCE SPEAKER LINEUP HAILED AS ONE OF BEST IN THE NATION." - Conference Theme: *What It Means To Be A True Christian Man In Today's Society*. This year's Cincinnati Men's Conference on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the Taft Theatre is the perfect bonding experience for any father/son, brother, friend or corporate retreat day. A faith-filled day where men from all over will enjoy Catholic inspiration, networking and spiritual growth. To view the speaker lineup and purchase tickets, go to: www.CincinnatiMensConference.com.

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH - There are a variety of great music programs/camps for young singers and musicians this summer. To see what's available for your child or someone you know, go to <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Youth-Music-Programs-2018.pdf>.

YOUNG ADULT CONCERT SERIES - Featuring Michelle Mandico at Synod Hall, St. Peter in Chains Cathedral on April 5 at 7:00 p.m. Enter at the Cathedral Office Entrance, 325 W 8th St, Cincinnati, OH 45202. Optional \$5.00 donation.

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 that keeps them from attending their parish school? **St. Rita School for the Deaf** provides educational opportunities in a safe environment. For more information, go to <http://www.srsdeaf.org/>.

GRIEVING WITH HOPE - a weekend grief support workshop in May for anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. Go to <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Grieving.pdf> for more information.

LIFE'S FIFTH QUARTER (L5Q) – L5Q is a prayer in support of life and has the support of Archbishop Schnurr, Bishop Binzer, and Bishop Roger Foys of the Diocese of Covington. Our next Mass and prayer will be held on **April 7** with **Archbishop Dennis Schnurr** presiding. Read more at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Life.pdf>.

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There is also a chapter serving Dayton and the northern reaches of the Archdiocese. For more information for these areas, please email couragenorth@catholiccincinnati.org.

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