



CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

100 East Eighth Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

ACTION REQUIRED

FOR YOUR SEPTEMBER 9 BULLETIN - DAY OF PRAYER

In light of the deeply disturbing sexual abuse revelations of these last few weeks, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will host a **Day of Prayer for the Church and the Victims of Abuse** on Friday, September 14, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, at three venues: St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, St. Joseph (Dayton), and St. Michael (Fort Loramie). Please utilize the [bulletin insert](#) in your bulletin of September 9 as well as the bulletin entry provided on page 8.

FOR YOUR SEPTEMBER 23 BULLETIN - RELICS OF ST. PADRE PIO

The official relics of St. Padre Pio will be displayed for veneration at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains Wednesday, October 3, 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. celebrated by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. Please utilize the [bulletin insert](#) in your bulletin of Sunday, September 23 (the Feast of St. Padre Pio) as well as the bulletin entry provided on page 8.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ONE-DAY CONVOCATION FOR PRIESTS

The convocation will be Thursday, October 18, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Incarnation Parish, Centerville. Fr. Tad Pacholczyk of the National Catholic Bioethics Center will address several issues in bioethics.

OCTOBER COUNT 2018

The annual October Count tabulation for all parishes and institutions where regular weekend Masses are celebrated begins the weekend of October 6-7. As a reminder, all regular scheduled Masses that fulfill the precept should be included as well as all special Masses that occur between 3:00 p.m. Saturday and midnight Sunday. Click on [October Count 2018](#) to access the online form. The password to access the form is: **octobercount**. Please return the completed form by **Friday, November 9, 2018**.

NOTE: The electronic form can be returned by several different methods as described on the form. If the form is submitted electronically, you will receive a confirmation email from Lisa Weber. If you do not receive an email confirmation within 48 hours, please call Lisa at 513.421.3131x2842 or email lweber@catholiccincinnati.org.

OFFICIAL CATHOLIC DIRECTORY (OCD) ONLINE UPDATE

The *2019 Official Catholic Directory* (OCD) updates will be completed online, as was done last year for the first time. No postal mailings will go out. The Chancery Office has been informed that there will be an email blast to alert parishes, schools, and organizations about late September, when the database is active again for your 2019 updates. Please watch for it!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

The 2017 collection was the 30th annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious and our Archdiocese was very generous once again, sending \$660,000 to the National Office. While progress has been made in ensuring care of all members, the need is still great. The 2018 appeal launches this month. Watch for a letter from Archbishop Schnurr and a memo from Sister Marilyn Kerber, SNDdeN.

MISSION DONATIONS REMINDER

All mission donations need to be sent promptly, **addressed to Mission Office**, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 100 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202. Please do **not** send these collections to the Finance Office or the missionary organizations. They need to be properly recorded in the Mission Office for Vatican records. Questions or problems? Contact our MCP Coordinator, Melonise Knight, at mknight@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131x2631.

2019 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

The Stewardship Department is starting to prepare the materials for the 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Ryan Lopez, who started this past January, is collecting contact information so that he can effectively work with the parishes on the appeal. Please provide contact information for the CMA point person at your parish by clicking the following link: [Parish Contact for CMA 2019](#), or email Ryan at rlopez@catholiccincinnati.org.

ANDREW DINNER DATES

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

- October 10 at Holy Rosary Parish, St. Mary's, OH.
- October 16 at St. Margaret of York Parish, Loveland.
- October 25 at St. Luke Parish, Beavercreek.

Please invite young men to take advantage of this opportunity to learn about seminary life and discernment of the priestly vocation. [Registration is available on the Vocation Office website.](#)

OPTIONAL

RELIGIOUS VOCATION PANEL PRESENTATION FOR JUNIOR HIGH

A team of religious vocation ministers has developed a live panel presentation for junior high students. The presentation is formatted to fit into one 50-minute class period and includes one religious priest, one brother, one contemplative nun and one active sister with time for questions and answers. Any interested school or parish is asked to contact Br. David Henley at 513.881.7411 or dhenley@glenmary.org.

WEEKEND HELP AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO SPEAK ON VOCATIONS

Fr. Schmitmeyer is looking for opportunities to preach on vocations at weekend Masses, as well as 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](#).

SEEKING HOST PARISHES FOR STATEWIDE ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

If you would like to have your parish join in praying a holy hour for vocations on Wednesday, November 7, please contact [Wayne Topp](#) and let him know what time during that day your parish holy hour will take place.

GIVING TUESDAY INITIATIVE

There is still time to register your parish, school, or ministry! Giving Tuesday is a day of giving that happens November 27, the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. The Stewardship Department has teamed up with “*I Give Catholic*” ([#iGiveCatholic](#)), a national organization, for this Catholic day of giving. Each parish, school, and organization of the Archdiocese will be able to participate to raise funds for their specific needs.

We’ll make the fundraising easy! We’ll provide:

- The website for your parish/school/ministry
- All the graphics you will need for your social media pages
- Text for posting on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.
- Timelines on when to do what
- Ongoing support

More information about this effort can be found [here](#). Have questions? Contact Ryan Lopez at 513. 421.3131x2882 or email rlopez@catholiccincinnati.org.

DELIVERANCE MINISTRY RETREAT FOR PRIESTS

Mr. Kyle Clement, an instructor and trainer for the Pope Leo XIII Institute, will offer a Deliverance Ministry Retreat for Priests at the Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, 5440 Moeller Ave, Norwood, OH 45212 on September 24, 2018 from 10:00am – 3:00pm. Preregistration is required. Please click [here](#) for more details and registration information.

TEACHER/CATECHIST NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK MATERIALS

Once again, we have purchased access for all teachers and students of the Archdiocese to “Vocation Lesson Plans”. The teacher access code is: **CinciVocations513** and the student access code is: **StFrancis513** (both codes are case sensitive). A sample packet will be coming to all parishes in September.

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. Register now for one of our two training days specifically offered for priests: **Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at St. Johns in West Chester (in the Pavilion)** or **Thursday, September 20, 2018 at St. Peter, Huber Heights (in the Reiss Room)**. Both trainings are **10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** (doors open at 10:00 a.m.). 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. Click [here](#) to register, and go to the “Project Rachel Clergy Training” section on the page. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Frohmiller at 513.421.3131x2651 or sfrohmiller@catholiccincinnati.org.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION WORKSHOP

The Parish Administration Workshop will be held **Thursday, September 27 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Springboro.** The presenters will be the staff of the Central Offices. Information was sent out in late August. If you have questions, please contact Sarah Frohmiller at 513.421.3131x2651 or sfrohmiller@catholiccincinnati.org.

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. A flyer will be mailed to priests and/or call Sarah Frohmiller at 513.421.3131x2651 to register.

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.** Registration starts at 9:00 a.m., the workshop is from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The presenter will be Father Pablo Gadenz, author of the new volume of the Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture entitled *The Gospel of Luke*, which should be published in September of this year.

SAVE THE DATE - SENIOR CLERGY LUNCHEON

The annual Fall Senior Clergy Luncheon is scheduled for **November 28, 2018 in the Bartlett Pastoral Center at the Athenaeum of Ohio.** If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Sarah Frohmiller at 513.421.3131x2651. Invitations will be mailed.

BETTER ANGELS WORKSHOP - SEPTEMBER 22

The Archdiocesan Catholic Social Action Office is co-hosting a "Red/Blue Workshop" on **Saturday, September 22, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Incarnation Catholic Church, 7415 Far Hills Rd., Centerville, OH 45459.** The workshop will help participants better understand the experiences and beliefs of those on the other side of the political divide. Contact Catholic Social Action at 513.421.3131x2660 or csa@catholiccincinnati.org to register.

MARCC 50TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

Fifty years ago, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati was one of the founding members of the Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati. Join us for our anniversary celebration as we reflect upon incredible history and envision the future on **October 3 at 11:30 a.m. at Xavier University Cintas Center.** Cost: \$45 per person/\$500 table sponsorship. RSVP by September 21, 2018 to 513.721.4843 or marcc@marconline.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- **RCIA Workshop: Condition Critical-Part II, September 8, St. John, West Chester.** For more information and to register, [click here](#).
- **Hispanic Music Ministry workshop, October 27-28, 2018, St. Susanna Parish.** More information to come in October Clergy Communications.
- **Adult Gospel Choral Festival with Roger Holland, November 17 & 18, 2018** at St. John, West Chester and Church of the Resurrection, Cincinnati.
- **The Light is On for You, Tuesday, March 19, 2019, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** More information to come in January.

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

Formation retreat for youth/campus ministers and volunteers. Guest Speaker: Dr. Andrew Sodergren, psychologist at Ruah Woods. His talk for NOVA is entitled: Psychology, Youth Evangelization, and the Call to Love. [Learn more.](#)

ENCOUNTER: SEPTEMBER 16 IN DAYTON, OCTOBER 6 IN CINCINNATI

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. Future Encounter Dates: 12/2/18 (Dayton), 3/3/19 (Dayton), 3/9/19 (Cincy). Visit [here](#) for more information.

FULLY ENGAGED: TRAINING AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 17, 18 and 19

Chris Codden, author of *Fully Engaged* (a catechetical pre-marriage inventory used in place of FOCCUS) will be back in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati conducting trainings for priests, deacons, parish ministers, and mentor couples. The training will be held from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the following locations: **Monday, September 17 at Holy Angels in Dayton; Tuesday, September 18 at St. Gertrude in Madeira; and Wednesday, September 19 at St. Ann in Groesbeck.** Cost is \$35 per individual or couple. For more information or to register, contact Dan Thimons at 513.421.3131x 2621 or dthimons@catholiccincinnati.org.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL 2018 CAMPAIGN: SEPTEMBER 26 - NOVEMBER 4

Invite your parishioners to sign up for times or learn more about your nearest location [here](#).

THE ROLE OF PARISH WORSHIP COMMISSIONS

Thursday, September 27, 2018, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at St. Ignatius - A practical workshop for parish worship commission members focusing on their role, function, membership, ministry, and ongoing formation. For more info and to register, click [here](#).

UPPER ROOM: OCTOBER 9 IN SIDNEY, OCTOBER 16 IN HUBER HEIGHTS, OCTOBER 23 IN CINCINNATI

Provides youth ministers with ample opportunity to enjoy each other's company and talk about what's happening within their own lives and ministries. Lunch is provided for FREE! Visit [here](#) for more information.

AWAKE RALLY: NOVEMBER 10 IN CINCINNATI, NOVEMBER 17 IN DAYTON

In partnership with NET Ministries, this Jr. High youth rally seeks to accompany 6-8th graders through an event that will provide opportunities for fellowship, worship, and encounter. Future Awake Dates: 2/10 (Ft. Loramie), 3/2 (Cincy), 3/16 (Dayton). Visit [here](#) for more information.

RENEWAL: DECEMBER 19, ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION, SPRINGBORO

Renewal is a day retreat for youth ministers, campus ministers, and volunteers. Fr. Dave Pivonka will give talks on the Holy Spirit. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. Renewal is a chance to rest in the Lord through silent prayer, talks, Mass, Adoration, Confession, and fellowship. Visit [here](#) for more information.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

LETTERS OF SUITABILITY – REMINDER

For priests that are traveling to another (arch)diocese to exercise ministry, please request a letter of suitability from the Chancery Office as far in advance as possible. All letters are sent via postal mail.

A WORD FROM MS. SUSAN GIBBONS, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND SUPERINTENDENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Happy New Year! We pray for our students and staff as we begin a new school year. Our theme for the 2018-2019 school year is *Lead Me – Guide Me*. The logo can be downloaded by [here](#).

- As you know we have a Bullying Policy that is required for all student handbooks. A copy of the new policy can be found [here](#).
- The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) awarded close to 2.3 million dollars in tuition aid grants to students in grades K-12 for this current year. Final confirmation of student enrollment will be sent to principals in early September and payment will be issued once this verification is completed by the school.
- CEF will again offer Emergency Tuition Assistance for students in grades K-8. This anonymous fund will provide a one-time only award of up to \$1,000 per elementary student for emergencies such as loss of home due to fire/flood, health issues, job loss, etc. CEF also has a Relocation Fund for new families moving into the Archdiocese. This is a needs-based fund for students K-8. The family will complete an application through the school and submit their financial information to FACTS. Please contact Vince Woodall with questions at 513.421.3131x2719.

TERMINATION/UNEMPLOYMENT 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.

NEW LANGUAGE TO BE ADDED TO JOB DESCRIPTIONS

In an effort to further clarify our employees' work relationship with the Church, the Archbishop has requested that all at-will (i.e., non-teachers) job descriptions contain the following paragraph in the Working Environment section of job descriptions:

"Employees of _____ Catholic Church will have knowledge of the Catholic faith, a willingness to work for a Catholic, faith-based agency and adhere to the policies of _____ Catholic Church. Employees will not publicly oppose the teachings of the Catholic faith nor publicly advocate for any position in conflict with Catholic teaching, or the specific positions of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati or the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This requirement includes any public speech, demonstration or writing including the use of social media or other digital technologies."

The HR Department strongly encourages the creation and maintenance of updated and accurate job descriptions for all positions. Please contact Rob Reid or Meg Paul if you need assistance in this area. You can contact them at 513.421.3131 [Rob ext. 6611, Meg ext. 2841].

DEEPENING SPIRITS: EXPLORING PERSONAL SPIRITUAL FORMATION

This 18-session program is designed for those who desire to deepen their own spiritual lives as well as possibly discerning a call to a spiritual direction ministry. The program is on **Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., October 4 - December 6, 2018 and January 10 - March 7, 2019**. Cost: \$375 per semester. [Register](#) by **September 30, 2018**.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION PROGRAM

This 18-session program is 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. **Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., October 2 – December 4, 2018 and January 8 – March 5, 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. [Register](#) by **September 15, 2018**.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY - OCTOBER 7

The packets should have reached you by now, or will soon. Peruse them for assistance in your preparations for **Respect Life Sunday, October 7**; help people know about the resources the Secretariat for Respect Life Ministries has, as well as for promotion of the Respect Life Fund collection that Sunday. Contact respectlife@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131x2624.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 21

Materials for the appeal will be coming to your parish shortly. These donations benefit the Holy Father's Pontifical Mission Societies that supports 1,100 mission dioceses. Please consider having a youth from your parish who has completed a mission trip, a parish twinning team member, or your local deacon **announce this collection at weekend Masses October 13/14**.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION EVENINGS OF RENEWAL

These evenings are being hosted by many parishes this fall; for more information, [click here](#).

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION RESOURCE

This Holy and Living Sacrifice: A Formation Resource for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is now available for order [here](#). In addition, there are several Evenings of Reflection for your Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; more information and dates [here](#). Questions? Email msellers@catholiccincinnati.org.

ANNUAL PUBLICATIONS (WORKBOOKS FOR LECTORS, SOURCEBOOKS, ETC.)

Orders are now being taken for these 2019 liturgical year publications. For more information and to place an order online [click here](#) or contact Monica Sellers at msellers@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131x6609.

BULLETIN ENTRIES

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

September 21-23: Discernment Weekend with Dominican Friars

September 28-30: Mission Trek Discernment Weekend with Glenmary Sisters

September 28-30: Come and See Weekend with Glenmary Home Missioners

October 5-7: Jesu Caritas Weekend with Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia

October 10, 16, 25: Andrew Dinners

October 11: CHOSEN: Monthly Holy Hour for Vocations at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center

November 7: Statewide Holy Hour for Vocations

November 8-11: Discernment Retreat with Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia

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

ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER - In light of the deeply disturbing sexual abuse revelations of these last few weeks, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will host a **Day of Prayer for the Church and the Victims of Abuse** on Friday, September 14, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, at three venues: St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, St. Joseph (Dayton), and St. Michael (Fort Loramie). We welcome your participation in all or part of this day of prayer.

(Parishes – click for [bulletin insert](#).)

VENERATE THE RELICS OF ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA - The official relics of St. Padre Pio will be displayed for veneration at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains on Wednesday, October 3, 8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. celebrated by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr. Join us in honoring this great saint on the 50th anniversary of his death.

(Parishes – click for [bulletin insert](#).)

SOLVING POVERTY TO SOLVE HUNGER - 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. Join Catholic Charities and other local leaders addressing poverty in our community for a book presentation and panel discussion at **5:30 p.m., Thursday, September 6 at Xavier University's Cintas Center**. RSVP at <https://bighunger.eventbrite.com>.

PRESENTATION ON PROTECTING OUR NEIGHBORS - Catholic Charities is offering parishes a presentation on Immigration and how we can protect our neighbors in this climate of the unknown. The presentation discusses Constitutional Rights, Interactions with Law Enforcement Officers, Documenting Law Enforcement Activities, and Planning a Know Your Rights event. To schedule a presentation to your group or parish, contact Scott D. Stephens at 513.672.3714 or sstephens@ccswoh.org.

FARM MASS: SEPTEMBER 7 - All are invited to join Archbishop Dennis Schnurr for the St. Martin Deanery Catholic Rural Life's Farm Mass on Friday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. The Mass will take place on the farm of Tim and Diana Fischer at 9372 Sisterville Rd., Hamersville, Ohio 45130. St. Mary in Bethel is the host parish. Bring a chair!

14TH ANNUAL CAREGIVER RECOGNITION MASS AT ST. PETER IN CHAINS CATHEDRAL - Caregiver Mass will be held on November 11 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral. Nominations for Caregiver Recognition are due by September 28. Please see <http://www.stpeterinchainscathedral.org/White-Mass> for more information and to download a nomination form.

For more information on how to support caregivers: including the support group calendar, Powerful Tools for Caregivers training, class schedule and information about our Caregiver Retreat at the Jesuit Spiritual Center on September 15, please see <https://ccswoh.org/services/seniors/caregivers/>.

SU CASA HISPANIC CENTER IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS IN THEIR EDUCATION DEPARTMENT THIS FALL! Contact mpotts@ccswoh.org for more information.

- **After school tutoring program** - Seeking tutoring, mentoring, and homework help for students in grades 1-3. Weekly commitment is preferred, but not required. Opportunity starts September 11.
- **Child Care** - Su Casa offers childcare in the evenings and Saturdays while the Adult ESL and GED classes are in session; this makes it possible for families that would otherwise not be able to come. There are books, games, toys, crafts, and activities to do with the kids. Last year, volunteers made it possible for 19 different families to attend education classes!

SALT AND LIGHT: A TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY INTO CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING - The Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Catholic Social Action Office will present a five-part series, "Salt and Light: A Transformative Journey into Catholic Social Teaching" beginning **Thursday, September 13, 2018, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** at St. Charles Center, Celina, Ohio. The series continues on **September 20, 27 and October 4, 11**. Cost is \$25. A flyer describing the series is available on the St. Mary's Deanery website, www.stmarysdeanery.com.

RETROUVAILLE: A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES - Retrouvaille of Cincinnati will be holding weekend sessions for couples in struggling marriages beginning on the following dates: **September 7, 2018; January 11, 2019; March 29, 2019; September 6, 2019**. Couples should contact Retrouvaille at 3030@retrouvaille.org or visit <https://www.helpourmarriage.org/> for more information or to register.

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. For more information, contact the Archdiocesan Catholic Social Action Office at csa@catholiccincinnati.org.

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 any related party (father, grandparent, friend, etc.). Go to www.catholiccincinnati.org/project-rachel or call the Project Rachel Help Line at 513.784.0531 for information. All conversations and emails are confidential. Retreat: October 19-21, 2018. Day of Reflection: November 17.

STAND FIRM FOR LIFE! 40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL 2018 CAMPAIGN - The 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign takes place **September 26 – November 4**. The campaign draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer, fasting, constant vigil and community outreach, with the goal of turning hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life. All ages, young and old, are welcome to join in this concert of prayer for protections for, and renewed understanding of, the beautiful gift of human life, plus hope and healing for those suffering from past decisions or actions. For directions and/or other information, please go to <https://40daysforlife.com>.

ST. RITA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - has been providing educational opportunities to children with special communication needs in a safe, values-oriented environment for over 100 years. For more information, please visit www.srsdeaf.org or call 513.771.7600.

IS ALLAH THE FATHER OF JESUS? WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM 50 YEARS OF DIALOGUE WITH MUSLIMS - On **Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.** Dr. Sandra Toenies Keating, associate professor of theology, Providence College, will explore the Church's teachings on Islam and the theological implications of recent developments in Catholic-Muslim relations. Muslims and Christians have been engaged in theological exchange for over a millennium, and today that debate is even more critical. **Dr. Keating is a member of the USCCB Catholic-Muslim dialogue group** and serves as a Consultor on the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with Muslims. The lecture will be held at the Bartlett Pastoral Center, The Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount St. Mary's Seminary, 6616 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45230. All are welcome and admission is free. For more information call 513.233.6117. View live at www.athenaeum.edu.

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