



CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

100 East Eighth Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
(To be filed in loose leaf binder and kept in parish archives)

DEPARTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SERVICES

CHANCERY OFFICE

FRAUDULENT ALERT

We have received correspondence from the Office of the General Secretary of the USCCB alerting us of a fraudulent request. The request is an email that presents an appeal for moral, spiritual and material support for the church, following the death of three Sisters, which purports to originate from Cardinal Marc-Ouellet, P.S.S., Prefect of the Congregation for Bishops, in association with the Church of Congo in Central Africa. It has been confirmed that this email **is fraudulent**. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

ARCHIVES RENOVATION COMPLETE

A blessing by Archbishop Schnurr and an open house for the archives took place on May 19, 2015. This has been a long road for the archives and the archdiocese has an archives facility to be proud of. Information about the archives can be found on the archdiocesan website. Please contact Sarah Patterson if interested in learning more about the archives or to schedule a visit: 513.421.3131x3002 or spatterson@catholiccincinnati.org.

B-4 FORMS

The processing of B-4 Forms is now being handled by the Office of Safe Environment. Please make note when mailing any B-4 Forms from your location that they are to be addressed to the Office of Safe Environment. Thank you for your cooperation.

PRIESTS' CHILD PROTECTION COMPLIANCE LETTERS

Last year all priests should have received letters concerning their compliance with the *Decree on Child Protection*. At the time, policy required every cleric to be fingerprinted every five years or when they had a change in assignment. Starting March 1, 2015, that policy is no longer in effect because of the new electronic background check that is now required and receives quarterly checks from the third party vendor that the Archdiocese uses, SELECTION.COM®. **Therefore, if the letter you received last year stated that you would need to be re-fingerprinted in 2015, you no longer have to comply with this requirement.** If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Chancery Office at 513.421.3131x2842.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 27 - 28, 2015

Embarking on the third year of his pontificate, Pope Francis continues to call each of us to be a witness of charity. "To love God and neighbor is not something abstract," he said, "but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely." Pope Francis shows through his actions what it means to serve our brothers and

sisters and give them the love of Christ. Let us follow his example of service so that all people might have the joy of receiving Jesus through our presence: “And you are, dear brothers and sisters, the face of Jesus.” The Peter’s Pence Collection unites us in solidarity with the Holy Father and his works of charity toward those in need. Your parishes’ contributions to the Peter’s Pence Collection allow the Holy Father to support victims of war and natural disasters and others most in need of assistance. Join Pope Francis and **be a witness of charity** throughout the world. This collection is to be taken the weekend of June 27 - 28, 2015. According to Archdiocesan law, this is one of the four designated collections where the entire offertory collection is sent to the Chancery for forwarding for the designated purpose. Please send the proceeds from the collection to the attention of the Finance Office in the week following the collection. Thank you.

TRIBUNAL OFFICE

FORMAL PETITIONS

When submitting a formal petition with a marriage case (page 17 of the TRIBUNAL HANDBOOK) **please name the spouse** about whom each ground for nullity is alleged so that we do not have to delay the case to return the formal petition to you for revision. It is not sufficient to say, “This marriage was invalid due to force and fear.” You must specify the person whose consent was hindered: “This marriage was invalid because of force and fear pressuring the Petitioner,” for example.

Also, please help the Petitioner express the reason for nullity in terms that focus on or at least include the Petitioner because it is most likely we can prove something about that person rather than about the Respondent who may choose not to participate in the investigation. The formal petition should invite the Respondent’s cooperation in this process because it can only help the case if we hear from both spouses. Therefore, the formal petition should not blame the Respondent for the failure of the marriage. If the Petitioner thinks the Respondent was the main problem, ask the Petitioner to ask what was lacking in or pressuring the Petitioner to cause the Petitioner to choose to marry the Respondent.

THE CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH

The Catholic Telegraph is available to parishioners of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. If you are not receiving *The Catholic Telegraph*, please call 513.421.3131 or visit the following website: www.thecatholictelegraph.com/subscribe and sign up today!

Looking for a festival this summer? Check out *The Catholic Telegraph’s Festival Guide* with listings of festivals throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Click on www.thecatholictelegraph.com/festivals.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Remember, our online parish directory needs help in keeping the listings current. Please go to www.CatholicCincinnati.org and check out your parish in the directory by clicking on “Find a

Parish” at the top of the home page. If you see any mistakes, outdated information or even what appear to be software errors, please send an e-mail to Communications@CatholicCincinnati.org with the subject line DIRECTORY.

VOCATIONS OFFICE

JUNE 4-7: VOCATION RETREAT

The **Carmelites Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus** are hosting the last of their series of Vocation Retreats aimed at exposing young women (age 18-29) to the awesome gift that the consecrated life is to the Church and assisting them to honestly and genuinely seek out the vocation to which God is calling them. A \$25 retreat donation is requested. For more information, please visit www.carmelitedcj.org or contact Sr. Mary Michael at vocations@carmelitedcj.org or 314.965-7616.

CHOSEN: MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Monthly holy hour with prayerful music for those discerning a Vocation or praying for Vocations, **Thursday, June 11**, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood Ohio. Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Vocations Office and Children of Mary. Come and bring a friend! Next holy hour scheduled will be **July 9, 2015**; same time and location.

JUNE 13: ANDREW DINNER RETREAT

A retreat for all men who have attended an Andrew Dinner this past year will take place at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary of the West on Saturday, June 13th. The retreat will run from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. with registration at 12:30 p.m. The day will include adoration, Mass and social interaction with seminarians as well as a talk by Father Dan Schmitmeyer. Parents are encouraged to attend with their sons as there will be a separate program for them as well. All interested in attending should contact the Vocation Office at 513.421.3131x2891.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE POOR

Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor on Sunday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m. Mass followed by coffee and conversation at St. Clare Chapel, 60 Compton Rd., 45215. This is a great opportunity to meet and socialize with religious sisters and hear about the history and ministries of the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor. For more information, please visit: www.sfp-vocations.org or contact Ruthy Trusler at 513.761.9040x132 or rtrusler@sfp-vocations.org. Next scheduled coffee and conversation will be on **July 19**.

JUNE 21-25:

INSPIRE: CHALLENGE SUMMER CAMP FOR RISING 5TH TO 8TH GRADE GIRLS

Sponsored by Challenge and the Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi at Potters Ranch in Union, Kentucky. Horseback riding, hiking, archery, rock climbing, zip lines, games, food, skits, night activities, Sacraments, formative talks and team dynamics. Price: \$410.00 **Registration deadline is June 7.** For information, please call Ally Wheeler at 914.874.9766 (awheeler@regnumchristi.net).

“CAST OUT INTO THE DEEP”

VOCATION RETREAT FOR YOUNG MEN GRADES 6-8

The Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood will be hosting a vocation discernment retreat for young men in grades 6 - 8 on **June 26-27**. The retreat includes Mass, Eucharistic Holy Hour, food, recreation and the opportunity to meet with men of various vocations including Father Dan Schmitmeyer, the Vocation Director for the Archdiocese. For more information, please email: anne@olhsc.org or call 513.351.9800x302.

JULY 12: HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

AT THE ATHENAEUM OF OHIO/MOUNT ST. MARY’S SEMINARY OF THE WEST

Gather to pray for vocations at 5:00 p.m. in the seminary’s St. Gregory the Great Chapel, or at home in solidarity.

JULY 24-27 / JULY 31 – AUGUST 3

GLENMARY HOME MISSIONERS DISCERNMENT MISSION TRIP

Single men, ages 15 – 18, who are discerning a call as a priest or brother are invited to a Discernment Mission Trip experience with the Glenmary Home Missioners on either of the weekends listed above. Please contact Br. David at 513.881.7411 or vocations@glenmary.org.

JULY 25: SEMINARIAN ULTIMATE FRISBEE TOUR (FIRST STOP)

On Saturday, July 25th from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., seminarians from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will start their 4th annual Ultimate Frisbee Tour at their home, the Athenaeum/Mount St. Mary’s Seminary of the West in Cincinnati. The event will include Mass, frisbee and lunch. All young people aged 14+ are invited to join in the fun!

The remaining stops are below and will follow the same basic format with evening prayer at the St. Theresa stop:

August 5– 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus Church, Covington, Ohio

August 8– 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Wright State University Campus Ministry

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

National Vocation Awareness Week, November 1-7, 2015. The Vocation Office will be purchasing resources for your use in parishes and schools.

DIACONATE OFFICE

FATHER SHAWN MCKNIGHT

Father Shawn McKnight will be returning to the Athenaeum on Saturday, September 19, to conduct another workshop for the deacons. This time it will be on the deacon’s role in the liturgy. Father McKnight will discuss topics related to proper movements within the liturgy that involve the deacons. The event will be 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will include lunch. There is no cost for the event and we will livestream it so deacons who cannot attend will be able to watch it online. The response from Father McKnight’s first workshop was overwhelmingly positive. His knowledge of the diaconate is a great blessing.

MARIA STEIN RETREAT

The annual deacon retreat will be held October 9 - 11. This year's retreat master will be Deacon Thom Wininger. Deacon Wininger is a nationally recognized speaker in both the corporate world and as a retreat master. He has conducted sessions for companies like GM, AT&T, and Nabisco. He has been a speaker at the NDICE Conference here in Cincinnati. He is a high energy guy and we look forward to the retreat.

NDICE CONFERENCE

The annual NDICE Conference will be held at Xavier University July 19 - 22. The theme will be "Deacons, Living in and Ministering to the Domestic Church". Our own Deacon John Gerke serves as president and has put together an outstanding conference this year. Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, president of the USCCB, will concelebrate our opening Mass on Sunday afternoon with Bishop Binzer. Archbishop Kurtz will then be the keynote speaker after dinner on Sunday evening. Other speakers include Dr. W. Bradford Wilcox, Director of the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia, Visiting Scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, and a Senior Fellow at the Institute for Family Studies. Dr. Wilcox, a speaker at last year's USCCB Summit on the Family will speak on marriage as a social justice issue, and the importance of fathers in the function of family. John Michael Talbot, recognized as Catholic music's most popular artist, leads his active ministry from the Little Portion Hermitage in Arkansas and St. Clare Monastery in Texas, where he is founder, and General Minister of the Brothers and Sisters of Charity. John Michael Talbot's ministry is to bring revival to God's Church "one parish at a time, renewing heart one life at a time." Other speakers include Colleen Gerke from our own Family and Respect Life Office. Deacon Jeff Drzycimski, creator and host of the nationally syndicated radio talk show "The Catholic Café," will share his knowledge and humor with us. There are several other speakers. So as you can see, this is an event well worth attending. Registration is now available at <http://ndice.net/>. We will be awarding four scholarships for our deacons who enter the drawing by emailing me at dproffitt@catholiccincinnati.org.

SENIOR STATUS

Deacon Luis Riva Saleta has elected to take Senior Status as a deacon. Congratulations to Deacon Luis.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS

RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY EVENTS

Are you pressed for space on your parish website or in your parish bulletin and newsletters to add just "one more" item? Here is an idea to help solve these problems. Please permanently place the following information on your parish website and in your parish bulletins and newsletters: Look what our religious and consecrated life communities are doing. Come check us out and take some time to join us! Please visit:

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/events/category/religious-community-events/>. This link will be especially helpful during this Year of Consecrated Life when so many varying events are taking place. It will remain in place even beyond this year for Vocations Events in particular.

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

VIRTUS® FACILITATOR TRAINING SESSION SCHEDULED

The next VIRTUS® Facilitators Training Session is currently scheduled to take place on Wednesday and Thursday, June 10 - 11, 2015, at St. Susanna Church. Anyone who wants to attend this June session must send the following information to **Joe Riede, via email, at jriede@catholiccincinnati.org**.

1. Full legal name;
2. Archdiocesan institution where person works;
3. City where institution is located;
4. Person's title;
5. Person's telephone number;
6. The last four digits of person's Social Security number; and
7. The email address that person wants to use for correspondence purposes.

ANNUAL USCCB AUDIT CERTIFICATION LETTERS

All pastors, parish administrators, principals and other leaders of Archdiocese of Cincinnati institutions will be receiving a letter asking them to certify that their institutions have received and implemented the Archdiocese *Decree on Child Protection* during the USCCB audit period and fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Please sign and return those letters to Joe Riede via email: jriede@catholiccincinnati.org or fax 513.421.6225. The USCCB Auditors will review these signed letters during their audit of the Archdiocese. **Thank you to all locations that have returned their forms.**

OLD VIRTUS® ACCOUNTS

To assist the Local Safe Environment Coordinator (SEC) with maintaining their Master report, we will be identifying individuals who registered for a VIRTUS® account in 2012 and 2013 and have not completed training or a background check. To assist us on this endeavor please review your records to ensure all your employees and volunteers that have completed training have been documented in VIRTUS®. In July we will begin deleting accounts that have no background check and training completed.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Remember that local SECs can change a person's profile if they are listed as the person's primary location. Beginning June 1, 2015, an email will automatically send out notices to the local SEC whenever a person's account has been activated or made inactive. Please give Jackie one full day prior to changing their profile.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING OFFICE

PARISH ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE

We are planning to have a full day training session for new business managers and accounting staff on Wednesday, June 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Archdiocese of Cincinnati offices. If interested, please notify Anne Morrow (amorrow@catholiccincinnati.org). Seating is limited. We would like to remind the users of ConnectNow System that assistance with ConnectNow accounting is available by contacting the Archdiocesan Finance Office. Various parish business managers and parish accountants also have volunteered to assist/train employees of other parishes. If you need individual assistance, please contact Dan Umberg (dumberg@catholiccincinnati.org) or Anne Morrow (amorrow@catholiccincinnati.org). Remember that Videos, Release Notes, the User Guide and Online Help Articles are available to review on your “Ledgers and Payables” screen in the ConnectNow System (ParishSoft). These sources provide answers to many common and not-so-common questions regarding bookkeeping and the accounting system.

FLEXIBLE SPENDING PLAN CARRYOVER

In accordance with a recent change in the IRS law, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati has amended the Flexible Spending Account “use it or lose it” provision. Employees can now carry over \$500 from their Flexible Spending Account into the next plan year. Therefore instead of losing unused FSA money from this plan year 7/1/2014-6/30/2015, up to \$500 can be carried over for the plan year 7/1/15 - 6/30/16. This carryover will be administered through Chard-Snyder. If you have any questions, please call Chard Snyder at 513.459.9997.

WORKERS’ COMPENSATION UPDATE

Workers Compensation (WC) claims are being delayed because our administrator for WC claims, Gallagher Bassett, is not receiving the First Report of Injury (FROI) forms immediately after an injury occurs. These forms, along with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Certificate and policy number, can be found at www.catholiccincinnati.org on the Finance Office homepage, under BWC Information. Please fax forms to: 866.497.6024, Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc. Workers’ Compensation, Kevin Fox, 545 Metro Place South, Suite 250 Dublin, Ohio 43017 Phone: 614.356-2271 Toll Free: 800.416.1826 Option 1 for English, then Option 3, then type ext. 2271 for Kevin Fox.

SALARY FOR ACTIVE PRIESTS

The base salary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 will be increased from the current base of \$2,366 per month to \$2,413 per month (\$28,956 per year). This increase of 2% was approved by Archbishop Schnurr. The annual seniority increment is unchanged from the previous fiscal year and remains at \$201 per year. The limit on professional ministerial expenses of active priests remains at \$2,500 per year. The 2015-2016 Salary Schedule for active priests is posted on the Human Resources page of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati website, www.catholiccincinnati.org.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION

Since July 2011, Archdiocesan locations that employ a diocesan priest have been making monthly contributions to the Priests' Retirement Fund. Effective July 2015, that monthly per priest charge will increase to \$400. Locations that share a priest will be required to contribute their share of the cost. As has been the practice since 2011, the Archdiocese will continue to draft the appropriate amount from each location's bank account on the last business day of each month. Those locations that employ religious order priests should make the appropriate arrangements with the provincial for the religious order. Please contact Charlotte Carpenter in the Finance Office of the Archdiocese at 513.421.3131x2852 with any questions.

SENIOR MINISTRY INCENTIVE

Effective July 1, 2015, an Archdiocesan priest who as of that date is at least 70 years old and serving in a full-time assignment is eligible to apply to the Archbishop for the newly created Senior Ministry Incentive. Once granted, the priest will be paid, in addition to his regular salary, an incentive amount equal to one-half of the payment he would be eligible for had he retired that year. This payment, paid from the Archdiocesan priests' retirement fund, will be added to his regular salary paid by his location. The Archdiocese will reimburse the location for the Senior Ministry Incentive on a monthly basis from funds at the Archdiocese of Cincinnati designated for priest retirement. If a priest would like to receive this benefit he should apply in writing to the Archbishop prior to July 1 each year.

FROM THE DESK OF THE SENIOR AUDITOR

Over the next couple months we will review a fraud that was committed by a former secretary who was also the treasurer of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at a school in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Her schemes involved writing checks to cash, writing checks payable to herself, checks written to family members and unauthorized purchase of gift cards for personal use.

THE FRAUD

She prepared and endorsed checks payable to cash, and disguised them by coding them in the ledgers as legitimate payments to vendors and individuals. Sometimes she recorded the payments as inter-account transfers, which were not reflected in the bank statements. And sometimes she simply did not make an accounting entry to record checks made payable to cash.

Red Flags

- There was no oversight of the PTO bank account
- There was no independent review of checks or invoices
- There was no review of the monthly bank reconciliation.

PREVENT, DETECT OR DETER

The above case illustrates one of the possible ways a fraud can occur at your location. It may not be possible to eliminate all fraud; it is possible to reduce the risk. Implementing standard controls may allow an organization to prevent, detect or deter a fraud. The following are suggestions that may have accomplished these goals:

A check made out to “cash” is an undesirable practice because if lost or stolen these checks may be cashed by unauthorized persons. Also the bank cannot be held liable for cashing them. We recommend that checks be made payable to the person authorized to cash such checks.

Dual signatures on check disbursements with two officers of the organization not otherwise handling or recording cash transactions as signors are required. (*Document on Temporal Affairs: # 81*)

We recommend that all bank statements be sent directly to the parish office. The pastor or his designee should review the bank statements for any unusual checks or other transactions, and initial the statements before giving them to the organization’s treasurer to perform the reconciliation. The review of the bank statement will ensure that unusual items are investigated on a timely basis. In addition, the pastor or his designee should periodically review, approve, and sign the bank reconciliation each month.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

CENTRAL OFFICE HANDBOOK

As a result of the Human Resources Policy & Review Committee process at the Central Office, we are making changes to the Central Office Handbook that we intend to have completed by July 1. Please look for the revised handbook on the Human Resources page of the Archdiocesan website.

If you would like Rob Reid and Meg Paul to speak at your Deanery Meeting, they would be happy to attend. Please contact them at 513.421.3131.

DEPARTMENT OF PASTORAL SERVICES

FAMILY AND RESPECT LIFE OFFICE (FARLO)

CHRIST AT THE CENTER: FAMILY AND HOME

Throughout the summer, please find *Christ at the Center – Home Edition* on either of the following two links:

- <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/evangelization-and-catechesis/>
- <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/family/parenting/parenting-with-faith/resources-for-families/in-home-tools/>

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2015 IN PHILADELPHIA

Although the deadline for reserving your space on the bus was June 1, 2015, there are still spaces left on buses already reserved. Reservations are now being taken on a first-come, first-served basis until we reach capacity. Here is the link for making reservations:

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/world-meeting-of-families-2015/register-for-the-world-meeting-of-families.>

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM 2015

The materials for parishes to participate in the Fortnight for Freedom are on the Archdiocesan website and can be accessed on the front page on the lower right at www.catholiccincinnati.org or using this link: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/catholic-social-action/calendar-events/preservereligiousfreedom/> .

PROMOTION AND SUPPORT OF MARRIAGE

Coming in June, FARLO will have a new webpage with added resources for the promotion and support of marriage. Please visit: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/> for information. If you are having difficulty locating information, use the “keyword browse” found on the column on the upper left.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK BEGINS JULY 22, 2015

Go to the USCCB site for information at <http://www.usccb.org/news/2012/12-127.cfm> or contact Colleen Gerke for local information on NFP opportunities in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

PRIESTLY FORMATION OFFICE

PARISH PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP IN AUGUST

The **Parish Personnel Management Workshop** is a two-day program for pastors and business managers. It is scheduled for **August 26 and 27 at Bergamo Center**. Mary Kessler, a consultant from the National Association of Church Personnel Administrators (NACPA), will be the presenter. Look for the flyer this month.

LOOKING TOWARD NEXT FALL

The **Parish Administration Workshop** is scheduled for September 30, 2015, at **Our Lady of Sorrows Church** in Monroe (not to be confused with the Parish Personnel Management Workshop above). **Note:** This is a new location for this workshop.

The **Convocation of Priests** is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at Incarnation Parish**.

The **Fall retreat for Priests** is scheduled for **October 12 – 16 at the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford**.

The **Gospel Workshop** is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 4 (Cincinnati)** and **Thursday, November 5 (Dayton)**.

LOOKING TOWARDS THE DISTANT FUTURE

The **multi-day Convocation for Priests** (two years from now) has been tentatively scheduled for the **week of June 19, 2017**.

Some retreat ideas

- There will be a retreat for priests, deacons and seminarians on the campus of Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio. The retreat takes place June 15 - 19, 2015. Presenters include Father Andrew Apostoli and Father Dave Pivonka. For more information, please visit: <http://www.steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/priests-deacons-and-seminarians-retreat>.
- If you have attended the Theology of the Body Roman I course, offered by the TOB Institute, you may consider making your annual retreat in a special retreat program entitled *Theology of the Body and Priestly Identity* sponsored by the Theology of the Body Institute November 16 - 20, 2015 at St. Mary of Providence Retreat Center in Elverson, PA. This could also be used to fulfill continuing education requirements. More information may be found on www.tobinstitute.org.
- Our Fall Priest Retreat, sponsored by the Priestly Formation Office, will be at Milford, October 12 – 16. Our speaker will be Father Tom McQuillen. Father McQuillen's retreat at Maria Stein received such positive comments that we decided to ask him to give the same retreat at Milford.

WORSHIP OFFICE

LAUDATE: FORMING YOUTH FOR MUSIC MINISTRY

There is still room!! June 8 – 11, 2015 at Bergamo Retreat Center, Dayton, OH. A four-day, three-night music ministry experience that features sessions in voice, organ, piano, guitar, and other instruments used in Catholic liturgy. Teens will hear inspiring keynote presentations, learn liturgy fundamentals and be mentored by adult music ministers. Sponsored by the Worship Office and Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry. If you know of someone who is interested in attending, please call us at 513.421.3131x6609. Registration forms are available on the LAUDATE web page at:

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/youth-ministry/services/youthleader/laudate/>

ARE YOU RECEIVING THE WORSHIP OFFICE E-NEWS?

If you have not signed up for the Worship Office newsletter, you can do so by visiting:

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/worship/join-our-email-newsletter/>

MISSION OFFICE

WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT YOU ARE HOSTING OUR MISSIONARIES / ARE YOUR 2014 MISSION DONATIONS IN?

The Mission Office is appreciative of your parish hospitality toward your assigned MCP visiting missionary. This enables your parishioners to learn about the universality of our church and develop further solidarity with Catholic sisters and brothers around the world. Once the donations are collected for this MCP (Missionary Co-op Plan), they need to be sent promptly and addressed to the **Mission Office, 100 East Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202**. Please do *not* send these collections to the Chancery Office or the missionary organization, for they need to be

properly recorded in the Mission Office for Vatican records. The same holds true for **2014 Mission Sunday and Missionary Childhood Association collections from your parish and school/PRS that are needed by the Mission Office by June 20** to be published in our annual Mission Sunday report in the *Catholic Telegraph* in October.

IF YOUR MISSIONARY HAS NOT CONTACTED YOU

Please call our MCP Coordinator, Melonise Knight, at the Mission Office at **513.421.3131x 2631** and for any MCP questions.

BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT TAKING UP COLLECTIONS FOR “FOOD FOR THE POOR”

Our U.S. bishops have had various problems with Food for the Poor (FFP) in recent years. FFP also contacts our parishes to take up extra collections without ever conferring with the Mission Office. Consequently some of our pastors assume FFP is sanctioned by the Mission Office, which it is not. So FFP is not a replacement for our MCP Missionary Co-op Plan.

INVITE YOUNG ADULTS, FAMILIES AND PARISHIONERS CONSIDERING RETIREMENT TO MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

There are 200 Catholic organizations looking for volunteers ages 16 - 75 for short or long-term mission efforts in the U.S. or abroad. Let the Mission Office offer you advice, contacts, ideas and discernment. Dr. Mike Gable or Teresa Phillips of the Mission Office would be happy to discuss these many service options with you. Contact us at: mission@catholiccincinnati.org or call **513.421.3131x2630**. And check out www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org for these many **mission/volunteer options!** Please also consider putting this article in your church bulletin.

PROMOTE THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY AND HCA IN OCTOBER/ADVENT

Let the Mission Office be a part of your October or Advent efforts to promote Mission Awareness and the World Mission Rosary. Also, let the office promote the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) that has been operating for more than a century providing opportunities for Catholic grade school children to support and learn about projects in mission dioceses that benefit children there. More information, please contact Teresa Phillips of the Mission Office at 513.421.3131x2632 or at tphillips@catholiccincinnati.org.

HAVE EXTRA MASS STIPENDS?

The Mission Office knows a number of missionaries who are very grateful for Mass stipends to help support their ministries. Please send stipends to the Mission Office at 100 East Eighth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202.

OFFICE OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (OYYAM)

Important: There is far more information on youth and young adult opportunities on our website than we are able to include here. Visit our websites:

- Young Adult Ministry: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/young-adult>
- Youth Ministry: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/youth-ministry>

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016, KRAKOW, POLAND

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has teamed up with Mission Youth to offer a pilgrimage package for World Youth Day 2016. This World Youth Day pilgrimage will be a special one, in the

hometown of Saint John Paul II who began the first WYD experiences. There are just 80 spots reserved for this pilgrimage, so all are encouraged to sign up soon. The group will be staying at the AGH University of Science and Technology – a beautiful campus and excellent location within walking distance to many of the official WYD events optimizing logistics and enabling an incredible experience for the pilgrims. All details for the pilgrimage can be found at the Mission Youth website. If you would like to schedule an information session for youth and parents at your parish or school, please contact Maria Gaviria at gaviria.mm@pg.com. More info and forms are available here: <http://www.missionyouthmissions.com/> and follow the link to WYD 2016.

CATHOLIC YOUTH ATHLETICS INITIATIVE AND CHARTER IMPLEMENTATION

Here's a snapshot of Youth Athletics Initiative developments (please forward to your athletics leaders):

1. **Cincinnati-Area Spiritual Liaison Gatherings:** All boosters organizations in the Greater Cincinnati area should plan on sending their Spiritual Liaisons to one of these two scheduled orientations: St. Ignatius Church, Monfort Heights., Monday, June 15, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. **OR** All Saints Church, Montgomery, Thursday, June 25, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Important: the Charter on Catholic Youth Athletics requires all athletics organizations to have a Spiritual Liaison, appointed by the parish pastor or non-parish school principal. Please go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SL_Orientation to register your organization's Spiritual Liaison for one of these sessions.
2. **Boosters Compliance Materials:** If your boosters organization has not submitted compliance materials yet, be sure to contact (Cincinnati area) Gina Kelly, 513.739.0430, or gina.kelly@clorox.com; or (Dayton/northern area) Tim Colbert at 937.223.1001x5050 or tcobert@catholiccincinnati.org.
3. **Fall sports in the Cincinnati metro area:** As of the end of this school year the Cincinnati CYO will dissolve and will be replaced by a new organization that is being created by lay leaders who were part of the Cincinnati CYO. (Note: the Cincinnati CYO was one of the many leagues in the Archdiocese serving parishes and schools, so this decision does not affect the Dayton CYO, Northern Area CYO, Cincinnati CYO Track & Field, etc.) The new league will offer fall and winter volleyball and basketball for girls.

HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS MINISTRY TRAINING

The OYYAM is teaming up with the OEC and the Schools Office to offer a one-day in-service for high school campus ministers on best practices in youth retreat ministry, Tuesday, June 16, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Fenwick High School, Middletown.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

LAUDATE: FORMING YOUTH FOR MUSIC MINISTRY

Please refer to the article under the Worship Office section.

**ROOTED IN THE VINE (RITV),
A CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**

Through collaboration with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Catholic Social Action Office and the OYYAM, this six-day retreat experience for high-school students is full of fun and eye-opening opportunities that will challenge your youth to see from others' perspectives and grow in love of God and neighbor. This year RITV is **June 27-July 2** at the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** in Cincinnati (1125 Bank Street). For information and registration, please visit our [homepage](#).

PLANNING FOR THE FALL AND BEYOND

PASTORAL CARE FOR AT-RISK AND HURTING TEENS

The OYYAM is bringing in Dr. Kristin Witte for a day-long in-service for youth ministers, high school campus ministers, and other youth-serving church leaders on pastoral care for hurting teens. At the NCCYM this past year, Dr. Witte's sessions were among the highest evaluated, and youth ministers who attended raved about what she offered there, so we decided to bring her to the Archdiocese. **Save the date: Tuesday, October 20, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., location TBA.**

NEW ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE ACTION TEAM

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Family Life Office and Social Action Office are teaming up to launch a fresh, new initiative in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati: an Archdiocesan Respect Life Action Team made up of high school students who have a passion for life issues. The purpose is threefold:

1. Identify young leaders who have a passion and calling for engagement in respect life matters.
2. Prepare them to serve as informed advocates for the Church's teaching on all life issues.
3. Equip them to fill a valuable Archdiocesan leadership role at the March for Life.

If you have any high school students who would be great candidates for this initiative, mark your calendars for our opening training dates: in the Cincinnati area on Friday October 16, and another in Dayton on Saturday, October 17, both led by nationally-acclaimed Catholic presenter Steve Angrisano (students only attend one). After the 2016 March for Life, we will have a follow-up gathering in the spring of 2016 for further formation, reflection on the experience, and celebration. If you have any further questions about this initiative, please contact Bob Wurzelbacher at 513.421.3131x2742 or bwurzelbacher@catholiccincinnati.org.

NEXT JUNIOR HIGH RALLY IS OCTOBER 17, 2015 WITH STEVE ANGRISANO

Our next middle school and junior high rally will happen next fall on Saturday afternoon and evening, October 17. (Note: we had hoped for a spring rally, but scheduling a spring rally around Lent, Easter, Confirmations, Mother's Day, 8th grade trips, etc., proved impossible.) The October 17 rally will take place at Archbishop Moeller High School in Cincinnati, and will feature Steve Angrisano, a veteran musician, composer and youth minister who has been featured at six World Youth Days, several National Catholic Youth Conferences and countless

diocesan youth conventions and Steubenville Conferences. He is especially good at actively engaging large groups of young people, so mark your calendars and keep in mind there will be a parent track. To learn more about Steve Angrisano, please visit <http://www.spiritandsong.com/Steve-Angrisano>.

THE 2015 NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE IS COMING TO INDIANAPOLIS NOVEMBER 19-21, 2015

The National Catholic Youth Conference is an exciting, biennial three-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for well over 20,000 Catholic teens. The schedule includes keynote addresses, liturgy, workshops, prayer, reconciliation and an interactive thematic park. Give your high school aged parishioners an experience of faith on a different level—one that will educate not just the mind, but the heart and soul. Make the effort to bring back to your parish a group of students excited and inspired to live their Catholic faith more fully. Do not let your teens miss this opportunity to join with many thousands of others in an exciting celebration of being Catholic! Go to www.catholiccincinnati.org/ncyc-2015/ for everything you need to prepare for NCYC Indianapolis on November 19 – 22.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE

FAREWELL TO KEN GLEASON AND CATHY BEVER

As previously announced, Ken Gleason (Director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis) and Cathy Bever (Director of Certification) are retiring this school year, effective July 1, 2015. We are planning a farewell event for Ken and Cathy on Wednesday, June 17 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. The event will be held on the first floor of the Archdiocesan Offices at 100 East Eighth Street (Cincinnati). Please enter through the employee's entrance on Walnut Street if you are attending. All clergy are invited to attend and thank Ken and Cathy for their many years of excellent service.

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD TRAINING IS COMING TO CINCINNATI

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Christian education process for children ages 3 through 12 in which they experience and form an authentic, faithful relationship with God. Inspired by Maria Montessori's principles of education, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd was created in 1954 in Rome by Dr. Sofia Cavalletti, a biblical scholar, and Professor Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori-trained educator of children and teachers.

Level One training will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Montessori, November 6-9, 2015, January 15-18, 2016, and February 12-15, 2016. Participation in all three sessions is required. Learn more [here](#). (Scroll down to Course #1-1200) For catechists wishing to apply completed CGS training to certification requirements, please know that Basic Certification is provided for Level One CGS training. Learn more [here](#).

OFFICE OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

DIGITAL PARISH EXPO

Tuesday, June 23, 2015, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Savannah Center, West Chester

Cost: \$40 per person (lunch included)

Learn how to have a dynamic digital presence for your parish from these experts in the field: eCatholic | Flocknote | Steamspot. Bonus! Keynote talk by Brandon Vogt, author of *The Church and New Media* (OSV.)

New! Transform Your Parish Giveaway.

- Flocknote will be giving away a year free for up to 1200 members (\$800 value)
- eCatholic will give away a Free Custom Design (\$3,500 value)
- StreamSpot will outfit a parish with a complete streaming solution (~\$2k - \$5k value)

For more information and to register, please visit: www.catholiccincinnati.org/digitalparish

FOOD FOR ALL: BE MULTIPLIED

Food for All: Be Multiplied is an Archdiocesan, collaborative effort to faithfully respond to hunger in our local neighborhoods. Inspired by Pope Francis' call to action to end hunger by 2025 and in conjunction with his visit to Philadelphia in September; *Food for All: Be Multiplied* will be our collective Archdiocesan "Spiritual Bouquet" for Pope Francis. In the Miracle of the Feeding of the 5000, the disciples gave Jesus the little they had and he multiplied it to feed an impossible number of people. If we are going to end this seemingly insurmountable problem of hunger in our Archdiocese, faith, even the size of a mustard seed can make the impossible, possible. Below are events planned throughout the next several months for the *Food for All: Be Multiplied* Campaign.

deFeet Hunger Obstacle Run and Food Drive | September 5, 2015

The Office of the New Evangelization and the Catholic Schools Office are hosting a family Obstacle Run, 5K, food drive and after-party for the whole community! The event will feature fun for all ages. For information, please call Sean Ater at 513.421.3131x2733.

Multiply Gifts of Food Parish and School Pledge Drive | June – September 2015

Parishes, schools, and businesses are challenged to pledge food to the Food for All Campaign. Many parishes and schools already organize successful food drives throughout the year. Parishes and schools will be challenged to set a goal and pledge that food to the Food for All Campaign. Parishes, schools, and businesses could start a food drive to participate in the Campaign if they do not already organize one. A social media campaign will highlight the parishes, schools, and businesses making a pledge. All pledges will be made before the Pope visits in September but the food drives can happen anytime in 2015-2016. For information, please call Sean Ater at 513.421.3131x2733.

Advocate for Change

Host a Parish Educational Session

Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio, Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley and the Catholic Social Action Office will provide parishes with the

opportunity to host educational presentations on the subject of living in a food desert or facing a food hardship. Speakers and study materials and refreshments will be provided. Please call Lisa Edward 513.672.3720 for more information.

Write Letters to Washington

Please refer to the article under the Catholic Social Action Office.

Learn More about Hunger | October 13 and 14, 2015

Attend our Distinguished Speaker Event which will feature World Food Prize laureate Reverend David Beckmann, one of the foremost U.S. advocates on behalf of hungry and poor people. He has been president of Bread for the World since 1991, leading large-scale and successful campaigns to strengthen U.S. political commitment to overcome hunger and poverty in the country and around the world. The event will include a dinner that incorporates a hunger awareness exercise (i.e. different meals served to represent range of food available to world populations). Please call 800.300.2937x1141 for information on the Learn More about Hunger event.

CONTAGIOUSLY CATHOLIC PARISH ALLIANCES

The Office of the New Evangelization is excited to announce that St. Maximillian Kolbe Parish, Liberty Township, will be the first Contagiously Catholic Parish Alliance beginning in the fall of 2015. In partnership with Evangelical Catholic, the Office of the New Evangelization will work side by side with the pastor and staff of St. Maximillian Kolbe to become a mission-driven parish that encourages and trains its parishioners to be evangelizers. For an idea of the impact a parish alliance can have on a parish, watch this short video <https://youtu.be/UI8uGagTrrM>. By the Fall of 2016, the Office of the New Evangelization hopes to begin forming Contagiously Catholic Parish Alliances with three to five more parishes. For more information, please contact Sean Ater.

COMING SOON!

A new digital outreach effort from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati:



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHWESTERN OHIO

HEALTH FAIR

Sunday, June 14 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Su Casa Hispanic Center, 7036 Fairpark Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45216

FREE exams including: Mammography, Pap-Smears, Prostate screenings, Glucose, Blood Pressure, Dental and more...

PRESENTATION

Pope Francis and the Church of Mercy; Presented by Ted Bergh, CEO of Catholic Charities

Monday, June 29 at 2:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m.
St. George Parish, 509 State Street, Georgetown, Ohio 45121

Please contact Marilyn Fryer at 937.392.1116 to sign up to attend.

ZUMBA CLASSES

Zumba is a dance fitness program that burns 500-1000 calories. Classes are offered FREE Monday-Thursday at Catholic Charities, 7162 Reading Road, 7th floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237. Please call 513.672.3727 to register.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Transportation assistance needed to help our new refugees get to and from appointments. If you have availability during the day to help with transportation or to teach families how to use bus transportation, we could use your assistance. To get involved, please contact Jeanne Cairns at 513.672.3707 or by email at jcairns@ccswoh.org.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

APPEAL TO PARISHES, SCHOOLS AND ALL CATHOLIC INSTITUTIONS: EDUCATE ON THE DEATH PENALTY

This year is a particularly opportune one in the Catholic Church's long-term effort to curb the use of the death penalty in Ohio. There is currently a moratorium on executions and several bills have been introduced in the Ohio General Assembly to limit capital punishment. It is now up to Ohioans, and especially Catholics and other people of faith, to urge for policy changes which move us closer to protecting the sanctity of all life. To that end, the Catholic bishops of Ohio have created the brochure, "Death Penalty Education." It includes a message from the bishops, brief excerpts from Church teaching, a prayer, list of trusted resources, and a call to action. To carry out this campaign locally, the Archdiocese is partnering with the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center in concert with the Catholic Conference of Ohio and Ohioans to Stop Executions to organize activities on this issue in parishes, schools, and other Catholic institutions. Your role in this campaign could entail having a speaker in between Sunday liturgies, or it could involve hosting a panel of vetted experts from across the state. Through the Catholic Social Action Office, Archbishop Dennis Schnurr sent an appeal to all parishes last month, encouraging participation in this campaign. If you wish to learn more or begin preparations for some type of educational event on the death penalty, please contact the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center at 513.579.8547, or allison@ijpccincinnati.org. For further information or enquiries, please contact the Archdiocesan Catholic Social Action Office at 513.421.3131x2660, or csa@catholiccincinnati.org.

ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN FOR “FOOD FOR ALL”

The Catholic Social Action Office, in partnership with the Office of the New Evangelization, Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio and Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley, is sponsoring a “Food for All” initiative. To help welcome Pope Francis during his visit to the United States in late September, during which time he will speak to the U.S. Congress, the Archdiocese is encouraging local Catholics to advocate for the protection of Child Nutrition Programs in the federal budget. Parishes can participate in the Offering of Letters designed by Bread for the World, an ecumenical Christian voice, which is supported by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, urging our nation's leaders to end hunger at home and abroad. Between now and early September, we are encouraging parishes to conduct an Offerings of Letters and to consider including a moment of education on domestic hunger. These resources can be accessed at <http://www.bread.org/ol/2015/downloads/>, or by contacting Catholic Social Action at 513.421.3131x2660, or csa@catholiccincinnati.org. Collected letters should be sent to the Catholic Social Action Office, so that they can be included with letters from Catholics throughout the entire Archdiocese, blessed by the Archbishop, and delivered together to our Congressional representatives.

Please see the Office of the New Evangelization for other aspects to the Food for All campaign.

RURAL-URBAN MASS

Joe and Joanna Goettemoeller’s Farm will be the site of the 2015 Rural Urban Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph Binzer on Thursday, July 23, at 6:30 p.m. Immaculate Conception in Botkins will be the parish host of the Mass. The Goettemoeller’s Farm is located at 13775 Lock 2 Road, Botkins. The Catholic Century Farm Awards will also be distributed at the Mass.

CRS COLLECTION AND RICE BOWL TURN IN

It is time to turn in your checks for the CRS Collection from the weekend of April 18 and 19 and also for the CRS Rice Bowl program from Lent. Both checks should be made payable to the Archdiocesan Finance Office and mailed to 100 East Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 by mid-June. Please remember to include a note in the memo lines that the check is for the Catholic Relief Services Collection and/or CRS Rice Bowl. A grateful thank you to the parishes in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for taking up the Catholic Relief Services Collection in April. Your generosity will assist our brothers and sisters around the world through the ministry of six organizations: Catholic Relief Services, the USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS), the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), the USCCB Secretariat for Cultural Diversity in the Church, the USCCB Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development, and the Holy Father’s Relief Fund. God bless you for your compassion toward our brothers and sisters who are among the poorest of the poor!

ROOTED IN THE VINE: A CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH, JUNE 27-JULY 2

Please see the announcement under the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for this powerful retreat experience co-sponsored by the Catholic Social Action Office.

ST. MARTIN DEANERY CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE CONFERENCE

The St. Martin Deanery Catholic Rural Life Conference's next meeting will take place on Thursday, June 11, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church in Arnheim, Brown County. For directions or more information, please call Pat Hornschemeier at 937.378.4769 (day) or 937.378.4560 (evening).

FREE POSTERS! CARE FOR CREATION CALENDAR OF SAINTS

In anticipation of Pope Francis' upcoming encyclical on the environment this summer, the Catholic Social Action Office is giving out poster-sized calendars identifying holidays and feast days associated with patron saints of various causes related to the environment. This colorful graphic makes for an attractive and informative display in any parish or school public area. You can view a PDF of it online here:

<http://www.ohiocathconf.org/1/Envir/creationcal/CatholicCreationCalendaInteractive.pdf>. The resource was designed and produced by the Ohio Catholic Rural Life Conference, a ministry of the Catholic bishops of Ohio. If you would like one of these free posters, please contact the Catholic Social Action Office at 513.421.3131x2660.

FAIR TRADE SALE MOVES TO UD'S RIVER CAMPUS

The regional International Artisans Fair Trade Sale will move to the University of Dayton's River Campus this year. The sale, held the first Saturday of December (this year December 5), will offer handcrafted items for family and home from around the world, including gourmet coffee, tea and chocolate. This sale has been hosted throughout the Miami Valley over the years: St. Albert the Great Church, the Bergamo Center and St. Peter Church. Parishes from Greater Dayton work together on the sale as a way of standing in solidarity with families around the world. Both Bergamo and UD are affiliated with the Marianist community.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT INTERFAITH SERVICE EFFORT TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF *NOSTRA AETATE!*

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's *Nostra Aetate: Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions*, the Archdiocese is teaming up with Xavier University, Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati, Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education, and Hebrew Union College - Institute of Religion to invite groups to join together and form an interfaith working group that will engage in a community service activity. The type of activity is open: working with issues impacting the underserved, such as poverty, the environment, the disabled, animal rights, the aged, immigrants and refugees, etc. An activity that seeks to make a change, however small, for the better in our regional community is appropriate.

HOW - FUNDING: Each combined group is eligible to receive up to \$500 towards their service project.

WHO: Multiple faith groups of tweens, teens, and/or young adults. Any group in the 19 counties of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati or the Tri-state area of Cincinnati is eligible.

WHY: In celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of [*Nostra Aetate*](#), a seminal Catholic Church document proclaiming the importance of cooperation among people of different faiths for the

betterment of society, groups of any and all faith traditions are welcome and encouraged to apply.

WHEN: Review of applications began on February 1, 2015, and will continue until 50 projects have been selected. Contact persons began being notified March 1, 2015. Service projects should take place between March 1, 2015 and January 23, 2016.

To learn more or apply for funding, please visit: www.Xavier.edu/identity, or contact the Catholic Social Action Office at 513.421.3131x2660.

DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU!

Parishioner pledges to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) have now exceeded \$5,000,000 from over 30,000 households. The Stewardship Department extends a sincere “thank you” to pastors, parish staff members, and volunteers who helped make this year’s appeal a huge success! Three Masses of Thanksgiving for the CMA will be celebrated during the month of August. Dates, times, and locations of the Masses are listed below:

Sunday, August 16, 9:30 a.m. at St. Michael Church, Sharonville (Archbishop Schnurr)

Sunday, August 23, 10:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, Tipp City (Archbishop Schnurr)

Sunday, August 30, 11:00 a.m. at St. Michael Church, Ft. Loramie (Bishop Binzer)

All are welcome to attend these Masses as we celebrate and give thanks for another great year. THANK YOU again for your efforts in support of the six regional ministries funded by the CMA!

CMA STATISTICS & PARISH PROGRESS

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.**

MISCELLANEOUS

ALL PRIESTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

Please join the priests and seminarians at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary for an evening of beer, brats, and brotherhood on Friday, August 28, 2015. The evening will kick off at 4:00 p.m. with drinks and appetizers followed by a 5:00 p.m. cookout in the Marian Courtyard at the Athenaeum. We are looking forward to welcoming you! Please R.S.V.P. by contacting Jan Hagedorn at 513.231.2223 or jhagedorn@athenaeum.edu.

51ST ANNUAL MELCHISEDECH OPEN

The invitation for the 51st annual Melchisedech Open is included with this edition of *Clergy Communications*. All priests and deacons within the Archdiocese are invited to play and/or come for the meal that follows the golf. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Earl Fernandes at efernandes@athenaeum.edu or call 513.231.2223x152.

**Please submit articles for the July *Clergy Communications* before June 23, 2015.
Thank You.**

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

MINISTRY TO SURVIVORS OF ABUSE (REPORTING) - The Archdiocese of Cincinnati regards child abuse in all its forms as a serious matter. If you are or have been abused by an employee or volunteer of the Archdiocese, or are aware of abuse currently taking place, please contact Ms. Cherie Groman, Coordinator of Ministry to Survivors of Abuse, at 513.263.6623, or 1.800.686.2724x6623. **This is a confidential, dedicated line to accept calls related to child abuse by employees or volunteers.** In addition, be sure to notify the survivor's secular legal authorities.

REPORTING FINANCIAL MISCONDUCT - In a spirit of good stewardship, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati has instituted a financial misconduct hotline to allow employees, volunteers, vendors and other interested parties to report what they believe to be financial misconduct at any level – parish, deanery or Archdiocese. As an additional safeguard, the hotline is administered by an independent third-party company, EthicsPoint. You may report a concern on this hotline either by calling one of EthicsPoint's trained specialists at 1.888.389.0381 or by visiting the website www.ethicspoint.com. There is also a link on the Archdiocesan website, www.CatholicCincinnati.org, under Ministries and Offices > Finance Office > "To Report Financial Misconduct." (on menu on left-hand side of page) > "File a Report" (at top of page).

RURAL URBAN MASS - Joe and Joanna Goettemoeller's Farm will be the site of the 2015 Rural Urban Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph Binzer on Thursday, July 23, at 6:30 p.m. Immaculate Conception in Botkins will be the parish host of the Mass. The Goettemoeller's Farm is located at 13775 Lock 2 Road, Botkins. The Catholic Century Farm Awards will also be distributed at the Mass.

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION - *The Archdiocese Climate Change Task Force is providing sample bulletin announcements once a month that include a sample prayer/reflection, quote from the Holy See, and energy-saving/care for creation tip. Please feel free to use these as appropriate.* Prayer/Reflection: Creator God, you bless us daily with your generous love and care. Help all who have positions of responsibility in economic, political and social life and all persons of good will to be protectors of creation and of one another. For all that has been and ever will be belongs to you alone. Amen. Quote from the Holy See: "Human action which is not respectful of nature becomes a boomerang for human beings that creates inequality and extends 'the globalization of indifference' and the 'economy of exclusion' which themselves endanger solidarity with present and future generations." – Pontifical Academy of Sciences (citing Pope Francis), May 15, 2014. Care for Creation Tip: Adjusting the Thermostat As suggested by the Catholic Climate Covenant, "Generating the power required to heat and air condition your home contributes to climate change. When you leave home or go to bed, turn your thermostat to a more neutral temperature. A programmable thermostat makes this easy, and will pay for itself in savings."