



## CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

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

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# DEPARTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SERVICES

## *CHANCERY OFFICE*

### **OCTOBER COUNT GRID 2015**

Enclosed with this mailing is the **2015 OCTOBER COUNT GRID** for parishes and institutions where regular weekend Masses are celebrated. Tabulation for the October Count begins the weekend of October 3 – 4. Please return the completed form by **Friday, November 13, 2015**.

**Also, please note that the grid may be completed online at:**

[http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/octobercount/october\\_count\\_form\\_electronic.pdf](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/octobercount/october_count_form_electronic.pdf) and then submitted electronically. **The 2015 grid will not be uploaded to the above link until mid-September.** The password to access the electronic form is: **octobercount**

### **OFFICIAL CATHOLIC DIRECTORY (OCD) UPDATE SHEETS**

Update sheets for the 2016 Official Catholic Directory (OCD) should be arriving sometime in mid-September from the P.J. Kenedy Publishing Company. Once the necessary changes/revisions/deletions are made, please return the sheets to the Chancery Office.

### **NOTES:**

**Please make sure that all statistical information has been filled out in its entirety;** also, in the past there seems to be some confusion on the Catechesis/Religious Info section. This number should reflect those enrolled in a religious education program that a parish would have, not the number of individuals that receive daily religious instruction through a parish school, consolidated school, affiliated high school, etc.

**Please make sure** that the back of the form is signed by the person completing the form in case the need arises for follow up.

## *COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE*

### **DIRECTORY UPDATES**

Remember, our online parish directory needs held in keeping the listings current. Please go to [www.CatholicCincinnati.org](http://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 If you see any mistakes, outdated information or even what appear to be software errors, please send an email to [Communications@CatholicCincinnati.org](mailto:Communications@CatholicCincinnati.org) with the subject line DIRECTORY.

## ***VOCATIONS OFFICE***

### **AVAILABLE NOW: VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK LESSON PLANS**

For a second year, we have purchased the license to use the professionally produced vocation awareness week materials from Vianney Vocations. Please notify your DRE, youth minister, principal, etc. To access these lesson plans visit [www.vocationlessons.com](http://www.vocationlessons.com) and enter access code: CinciVocations513. Please contact the vocation office with any questions: 513.421.3131x2891.

### **SPIRITUALLY ADOPT A SEMINARIAN**

For the second year in a row, we are looking for parishes and families who are willing to spiritually adopt our seminarians as they enter another year of formation and discernment. Please contact Wayne Topp in the Vocation Office if your parish is interested in this opportunity: 513.421.3131x2891.

### **CHOSEN: MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**

Monthly Holy Hour with prayerful music for those discerning a Vocation or praying for Vocations- **Thursday, September 10** and **Thursday, October 8**, 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. Chosen is held the second Thursday of the month. Come and bring a friend!

### **VOCATION RETREAT: “WHOM SHALL I SEND? ...SEND ME, LORD”**

Dominican Sisters of Peace welcome single Catholic women, ages 18-45 to this Vocation Retreat designed to explore contemporary Dominican life for women. Learn about the Dominican Sisters of Peace while experiencing elements of Dominican prayer and community life. Retreatants will gather at St. Catharine Motherhouse, 2645 Bardstown Road, St. Catharine, Kentucky 40061, **6:00 p.m. Friday, September 11, through noon on Sunday, September 13**. To register, or for more information, please contact: Sr. Pat Dual, (call or text) 614.216.7688 or email: [pdual@oppeace.org](mailto:pdual@oppeace.org).

### **HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS AT MOUNT ST. MARY’S SEMINARY**

Come to a Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. The Holy Hour will take place on **September 13** at 5:00 p.m. in the St. Gregory the Great Chapel at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, located on the Athenaeum campus, 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45230.

### **DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

The Poor Clares of Cincinnati will be hosting a day of prayer for vocations at the Monastery of St. Clare, 1505 Miles Road, Cincinnati Ohio, 45231, on **Sunday September 13**, 12:00 noon - 5:30 p.m. The day begins with Midday Prayer, continues with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and closes with Evening Prayer. If you are able to attend, please contact the Poor Clares at 513.825.7177.

## **SEPTEMBER 26: RUN FOR THE CALL CELTIC BENEFIT CONCERT**

A benefit concert to raise funds for a seminarian assistance fund and to sign up prayer partners for our seminarians will be hosted by the members of Run for the Call and Greater Cincinnati young adult groups on Saturday, September 26 from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory Church in Delhi Township, Cincinnati. Admission is \$10 (for 13 and older) and includes a Piggst Raffle Ever raffle ticket. This family-friendly event features live Celtic music and Irish folk dance as well as food and beer available for purchase.

## **FALL ANDREW DINNERS**

**Wednesday, September 30** at St. Remy Church in Russia  
**Tuesday, October 20** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Anderson Township  
**Monday, October 26** at Archbishop Alter High School, Dayton

All dinners will begin at 5:30 and run through 8:00 p.m. All pastors are encouraged to reach out to high school aged men who, they believe, may have a priestly vocation. Contact the vocation office to RSVP.

## **OCTOBER 22-24: PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM COLLEGE LIVE-IN**

High school juniors and seniors and college-aged men are invited to experience seminary life at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Men will be able to:

- Live seminary life first-hand
- Attend classes with seminarians
- Experience deep and reverent prayer
- Participate in community recreation
- Learn how to find their vocation

For more information or to register for the weekend, please contact the Cincinnati Vocation Office and visit: [www.pcj.edu](http://www.pcj.edu).

## **NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK**

- **November 1 - 7, 2015** – The vocation office will be purchasing resources for your use in parishes and schools. See note above.
- **October 31 - November 1; November 7 - 8** – Contact the Seminary to arrange seminarians to speak after all of your weekend Masses surrounding National Vocation Awareness week or to set up another opportunity for your parishioners to hear the impact of prayers and support on discernment.
- **November 2 - 10, 2015** – The Serra Club of Cincinnati is hosting a Bible Reading Novena at the Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood. Members of the Serra Club will be reading through the entire Bible praying for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. All are encouraged to join in their efforts. More information can be found at: [www.fiveminutechurch.net/biblereadingnovena.html](http://www.fiveminutechurch.net/biblereadingnovena.html).

## ***DIACONATE OFFICE***

### **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's a high-energy guy and we look forward to the retreat.

### **THE FEAST OF ST. LAWRENCE**

On Sunday August 23, we held our annual Feast of St. Lawrence gathering for the deacons in the Archdiocese at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish. We had 150 people celebrate Solemn Vespers, led by Bishop Binzer. We then were treated to an outstanding dinner and some good fellowship with one another. A sincere thank you for all who assisted with the event and the terrific help we got from St. Maximilian. The music was beautiful, the facilities were ideal and it led to a wonderful gathering.

### **PREACHING FACULTIES**

Congratulations to all our deacons who have completed the Homiletics II course and are now granted faculties for preaching. They put a lot of hard work into their preparation and the results speak for themselves.

### **SENIOR STATUS**

Deacons Norbert Nagy and David Klingshirn have been granted Senior Status. Deacon Nagy served over 11 years at St. Peter Church in Huber Heights. Deacon Klingshirn served over 11 years at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains. The Archdiocese appreciates your efforts and a sincere thank you to both of these men who have served the people of God so well.

### **DEACON CANDIDATES**

Please keep all of our deacon candidates in your prayers as they begin their third year of formation. This is an important time in their formation as they continue to discern their call to the diaconate.

## ***OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS***

### **THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

The 2014 collection was the 27<sup>th</sup> annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious and our Archdiocese was very generous once again, sending \$750,000 to the National Office. While progress has been made in ensuring care of all members, of the 548 institutes that submitted for 2015, 203 have 20% or less of the amount that it is projected they will need to support their members. Religious Communities serving in the Archdiocese receive significant funding.

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati begins launching the 2015 collection this month. Watch for a letter from Archbishop Schnurr and a memo from Sister Marilyn Kerber, SNDdeN.

## **THE YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE**

Having you been looking for resources and events for this Year of Consecrated Life? Since early August you have probably noticed a significant change in the look of [www.catholiccincinnati.org](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org). For one thing “Consecrated Life 2015” is gone from the Homepage. To find Events and Resources go to: [www.catholiccincinnati.org](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org) – Ministries & Offices – Religious – Consecrated Life 2015. There are still many opportunities for parishioners to “Come and See” and “Come and Pray” with religious communities.

There are four articles to consider using for your newsletter or bulletin. The themes of the articles are: a vocation to religious life; membership of Religious Communities in the Archdiocese reads like a “Who’s Who;” community and ministry; the vows. They are approximately 325 words in length and are written by Dave Eck and Marilyn Kerber, SNDdeN. To find the articles go to: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Religious-Life-Articles.pdf>.

Have you featured the Year of Consecrated Life in your Parish Bulletin or Newsletter? If you have, would you be willing to share a copy with me (Marilyn Kerber, SNDdeN, 100 E. Eighth Street 45202 or electronically to [mkerber@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:mkerber@catholiccincinnati.org)). I have something from St. Columkille and St. Jerome and would very much like to add your parish to my notebook. Thank you.

## ***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 October 20 - 21, 2015, at Maria Stein Spiritual Center. Please register for this training session through VIRTUS®

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

### **LOCAL SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATORS WORKSHOPS**

We are offering workshops to local SEC’s during the month of October. These workshops are being presented by the Safe Environment Office and the SEC advisory committee. The goal is to ensure that standard policies are in effect throughout the Archdiocese. The role of the advisory committee and updates made based on their recommendations will be reviewed. A short question and answer session will be held at the conclusion of each meeting. The workshops are an hour and half long and will be offered throughout the Archdiocese the week of October 19.

October 19	9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Pilarczyk Center, Dayton
	1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Dayton

October 20	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Immaculate Conception Church, Celina Archdiocesan Offices, Sydney
October 22	9:00 - 10:30 a.m. 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	St. Teresa of Avila Church, Price Hill (Cincinnati) St. Andrew Church, Milford

Please mark your calendar for these informative sessions. Anyone who wants to attend a session must send the following information to **Joe Riede**, via email, at [jriede@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:jriede@catholiccincinnati.org).

1. Name;
2. Archdiocesan Institution;
3. Telephone number;
4. The email address.

### **COPIES OF BACKGROUND CHECKS**

After attending a meeting with a representative from Ohio BCI, it came to our attention that Ohio state law and FBI regulations have specific requirements regarding the release of fingerprint results to an individual. Based on these requirements, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is no longer able to send copies of fingerprint results to individuals. **Effective August 17, 2015**, individuals wanting a copy of their results need to contact BCI directly. Local SEC's were sent an electronic copy of the "*Request for Copy of Ohio Background Check*." Background checks requested within 30 days are free; if the request is after 30 days, the cost is \$8. It is important to note that the results are only kept for 1 year, not 1 year + 1 day. The computer automatically makes them unavailable.

## **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES**

### ***FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING OFFICE***

#### **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT - PARISHSOFT**

All parishes and consolidated schools are required to submit an Annual Financial Report each year to the Finance Office. You must close the fiscal year books before printing and submitting your Reports. Please provide a copy of the following reports from the ParishSoft program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015:

- 1) Statement of Activities – Columnar by Entity
- 2) Statement of Financial Position
- 3) ParishSoft cover page (available on website under Finance Office Documents)

The Finance Office will utilize the Statement of Activities – Columnar by Entity report to calculate the General Assessment bill. **This year's due date was August 28, 2015. If you haven't completed and submitted your report, do so as soon as possible.**

Please note that it is the responsibility of the parishes and consolidated schools to submit complete and balanced reports. The Finance Office may return any report that is out-of-balance or incomplete. The Financial Report must be examined by either the Finance Committee of the Parish Council or by a Certified Public Accounting Firm. In addition to submitting a Financial Report to the Finance Office, the pastor must publish a Financial Report to the members of the

parish, including a separate report of the elementary school operations, by September 30 of each year. The report to the parishioners should contain the budget for the year reported, the actual experience, and the budget for the coming year.

Please contact Dan Umberg in Finance at 513.421.3131x2854 with any questions.

## ***FROM THE DESK OF THE SENIOR AUDITOR***

### **THE PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE**

#### **The Past – Control and Procedure Reviews**

During the past two and half years we have visited 185 parishes and schools discussing financial controls. The control suggestions have been generally consistent across the Archdiocese and reflect the possible lack of controls that can lead to frauds as seen in the past. The top 10 control suggestions are:

- 1- Dual signatures on checks
- 2- Reviewing Payroll and Wage Rate Changes
- 3- Reviewing Bank Statements and Reconciliations
- 4- Reviewing Journal Entries
- 5- Use of Tamper-Resistant Bags for Sunday collection and Tracking Logs for Bags
- 6- Conflict of Interest Statements from Employees
- 7- Reviewing and Reconciling Miscellaneous Receipts
- 8- Inventorying Religious Items
- 9- Defining Roles and Responsibility of the Finance Council
- 10- Reviewing Petty Cash Receipts and Funds on Hand

#### **The Present – Control Reviews and Financial Reviews**

Control reviews will be wrapping up this year. There are 44 locations left to visit, 30 locations still need to submit their questionnaires and 46 locations need to submit the responses to their reviews. Please help in accomplishing this goal. Financial Reviews are now being conducted when a pastor rotates or his term is extended. Over the past two years, 44 reviews have been completed. Over the next three months we will discuss the top 10 Financial Review findings and possible ways to prevent or detect these issues. Ethics complaints are reviewed and investigated as soon as they are received.

#### **The Future –Financial Reviews and Affiliated Organizations**

We anticipate each location will receive a financial review every six years, more frequently if there is a change in business managers. We have currently scheduled reviews through December 2015. If your location had a pastor change or extension this year and you have not been scheduled for a review, you will be contacted in the next month. The audit group will be assisting parishes and schools in gaining an understanding of the controls and policies of their affiliated organizations. This will be accomplished through control and financial reviews.

## ***OFFICE OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT***

### **CONTRACTS 101 – OCTOBER SESSION**

Our first two Contracts 101 workshops were a great success! We want to continue to encourage parish and school education on how to successfully put together contracts involving contractors and maintenance companies, so we continue to offer the workshop this fall. The dates of the workshop are Tuesday, October 27 in Dayton (Pilarczyk Center: 1436 Needmore Road) and Wednesday, October 28 in Cincinnati (St. John Fisher: 3227 Church Street.) The cost of the course is \$10 and includes lunch. This will be a hands-on time to learn and practice putting contracts together and will be geared for business managers and employees who work with setting up contracts involving contractors and maintenance companies. If you weren't able to make the previous workshops, please consider signing up for this one! Registration can be found at: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/property-management/upcoming-workshops/>

## **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

With continued attention from the Department of Labor (DOL) on the correct classification of employees as exempt or non-exempt, we want to clarify how wages are paid for a **non-exempt, hourly employee** when going on an overnight retreat (or reasonable facsimile) – for example, a CRE or Youth Minister accompanying the DRE or Religion Teacher on an overnight, Kairos Retreat.

When a non-exempt, hourly employee is required to be “on duty” for 24 hours or more, the employer may exclude a scheduled “sleeping period” of not more than eight hours from hours worked. This means 16 of the 24 hours would be paid.

Additionally, the DOL requires that the employee be provided with a notice prior to the overnight event that outlines how the upcoming hours will be paid. This should be signed by both employer and employee then filed in their personnel folder.

For those times when non-exempt, hourly employees are required to work more than their regular schedule, *but less than 24 hours*, no sleeping period is allowed; all of these hours must be paid even if the employee is allowed time to sleep. For example, a CRE or Youth Minister arrives at the Kairos Retreat at dinner time, participates in evening activities, stays overnight, then leaves the next morning.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PASTORAL SERVICES**

### ***FAMILY AND RESPECT LIFE OFFICE (FARLO)***

#### **2016 MARCH FOR LIFE YOUTH RALLY AND MASS TICKET REQUESTS**

The 2016 March for Life is Friday, January 22. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Family and Respect Life Office is coordinating both the bus trip and tickets for the Youth Mass and Rally. Caron Bergen, Respect Life Coordinator is the contact and can be reached at



[cbergen@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:cbergen@catholiccincinnati.org) or 513.421.3131x2653. Information about our trip can be found on our website, <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/respect-life/life-issues/abortion/march-for-life-3/>.

Whether you travel with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati bus trip or arrange your own trip, all requests for tickets to the Youth Mass and Rally must be coordinated through our office. Ticket requests are due no later than October 4. Please use this registration link to order tickets for the Youth Rally and Mass:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eb7wc6k65e04be7e&oseq=&c=&ch=>.

## **FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE**

40 Days for Life is an international and peaceful prayer campaign that is firmly rooted in a foundation of prayer and fasting, constant vigil and community outreach to end abortion. Since the first campaign of 2007, 625,000 individuals have participated; 17,000 churches have joined in prayer in 559 cities and 24 countries; 10,331 lives have been saved from abortion; 118 abortion workers have quit their jobs and 60 abortion facilities have closed!

The kick-off rally for the Cincinnati Fall campaign will take place on Sunday, September 20 at 3:00 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood, 2314 Auburn Avenue in Cincinnati. Reverend Cyril Whitaker, Xavier University, will be our featured speaker. Various priests will lead Friday evening vigils from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. People from all walks of life are encouraged to join us. Campaigns will also take place in Dayton and Sharonville. Go to [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) for details. Please contact Mary Clark at [cincy40days@fuse.net](mailto:cincy40days@fuse.net) or follow on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/40daysforlifecincinnati](http://www.facebook.com/40daysforlifecincinnati).

## **FOCCUS FACILITATOR TRAINING**

There will be two fall FOCCUS Facilitator trainings:

- St. John Church in Tipp City on September 9 and 16, from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. each night. For more information, please contact Josh Danis at [jdanis@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:jdanis@catholiccincinnati.org) or 937. 492.4449
- St. Michael Church in Sharonville on November 5 and 12, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. each night. For more information, please contact Bonnie Mack at [bmack@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:bmack@catholiccincinnati.org) or 513.421.3131x2653.

## **ARE YOU RECEIVING THE FARLO OFFICE E-NEWS AND SOCIAL MEDIA?**

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

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/family-and-respect-life-office-newsletter/>

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Follow us on Pinterest at <https://www.pinterest.com/aocfarlo/>

## ***PRIESTLY FORMATION OFFICE***

### **PARISH ADMINISTRATION WORKSHOP**

The Parish Administration Workshop is scheduled for September 30, 2015, at **Our Lady of Sorrows, Monroe**. You should be receiving a flyer in the next week or so. Please use the flyer to register. **Note:** This is a new location for this workshop.

### **CONVOCATION OF PRIESTS**

The Convocation of Priests is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at Incarnation Parish**. We will have a presentation regarding pastoral ministry to those struggling with pornography and/or sexual addiction. Dr. Andrew Sodergren of Ruah Woods will be our main speaker.

### **FALL RETREAT FOR PRIESTS**

The retreat is scheduled for **October 12 – 16 at the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford**. Father Tom McQuillen, who gave the Winter/Spring retreat at Marie Stein, will be giving that same retreat for us this fall.

### **GOSPEL WORKSHOP**

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

### **LOOKING TOWARDS THE DISTANT FUTURE**

- The **Winter/Spring Retreat for Priests** has been scheduled for February 15 through February 19 (the first full week of Lent) at Maria Stein. Our retreat director will be Father Paul Ruwe.
- The **multi-day Convocation for Priests** (two years from now) has been tentatively scheduled for the **week of June 19, 2017**.

## ***WORSHIP OFFICE***

### **LECTOR WORKBOOKS AND SOURCEBOOKS**

The Worship Office is taking orders for the LTP **2016 Lector Workbooks** and **Sourcebooks for Sundays and Seasons**.

*A Workbook of Lectors and Gospel Readers 2016* (Lector Workbooks)

1-49 copies \$ 10.50 per copy\*

50 + copies \$ 10.00 per copy\*

*Sourcebook for Sundays and Seasons 2016* (Sourcebooks)

Single copy \$ 11.50 per copy\*

2 + copies \$ 10.50 per copy\*

\* plus shipping and handling

To see other annual publications please visit our web site:

[2016 Annual Publications for order](#)

To order publications, please contact Lisa Weber in the Worship Office of the Archdiocese at 513.421.3131x6609 or by email at [lweber@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:lweber@catholiccincinnati.org).

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

### **INSPIRED WORSHIP: PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at All Saints Church, Cincinnati

Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Centerville

Thursday, September 24, 2015 at St. Michael Church, Ft. Loramie

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at each location

This evening of renewal for parish lectors is intended to renew and inspire lectors to proclaim the Word of God for all to hear. For more information and registration, please go to:

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/082015-flyer.pdf>

### **LEX ORANDI, LEX CREDENDI, LEX VIVENDI**

This four-evening retreat-like experience will be held on Mondays, September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 2015 from 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, Harrison. Through prayer, music, and reflection, Father Larry Tensi and Karen Kane will engage participants in a deeper experience and understanding of the celebration of the Eucharist and assist them in connecting their Sunday worship to their everyday lives. Children in grades 1 – 6 will also have a separate, spirit-filled program. Parishes can take advantage of registration discounts. For more information and registration, please go <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/worship/> and scroll down to the upcoming events.

### **SINGING THE GOOD NEWS: MAKING A BEAUTIFUL SOUND:**

#### **A Choral Technique Workshop**

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church, West Chester

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at St. Helen Church, Dayton

As a part of the Worship Office series, “Inspired Worship,” the Archdiocesan Music Committee and the NPM Cincinnati and Dayton Chapters are co-sponsoring a workshop to inspire choir directors! Come and learn choral techniques to help you get the most out of your choirs. This two-hour session will explore conducting gesture, healthy group vocal technique, vocal warm-ups, and rehearsal structure, and provide directors with tools to elicit singing that is not just accurate but also beautiful, thoughtful, physically engaged, and prayerful singing from their choirs. For more information and registration please go to:

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Techniques-flyer-09-2015.pdf>

### **RCIA FITNESS CAMP: TRAINING FOR RCIA MINISTERS**

November 6 – 7, 2015 at Bergamo Retreat Center, Dayton

NEW!! For RCIA team members, catechists and liturgists, directors/coordinators, sponsor coordinators, and anyone involved in the RCIA process. For more information and registration, please go to: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/RCIA-flyer-082015.pdf>

## **YOUTH CANTOR WORKSHOP, GRADES 5 – 8**

Saturday, November 15, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, Liberty Township

This workshop is designed to train young people in the art of leading an assembly as cantor, psalmist, and leader of song. More information and registration will be available soon.

## **ADULT CANTOR WORKSHOP**

Saturday, November 21 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

St. Michael Church, Sharonville

This program will focus on introductory materials and skills for people who are cantors in the parish. It will be of value to those who are beginning to serve in the role of cantor as well as those who have had some experience. More information and registration will be available soon.

## **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***

### **THANKS FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY TO THE VISITING MISSIONARIES**

#### **PLEASE SEND IN MCP DONATIONS**

The Mission Office has heard of many acts of kindness shown to the guest speakers who have come to our parishes through the Missionary Co-op Plan (MCP), for which we are most grateful. This is a wonderful opportunity for 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, they need to be sent promptly and addressed to the **Mission Office, 100 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202**. Please do **not** send these collections to the Chancery or to 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. If you have any questions, please contact Melonise Knight at the Mission Office at 513.421.3131x2631 or [mknight@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:mknight@catholiccincinnati.org).

### **PARISH INFORMATION KITS FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, COMING FROM NEW YORK OFFICE**

To streamline and become more efficient, the national office of the Propagation of the Faith in New York will be sending all our parishes the World Mission Sunday (WMS) kits with suggestions for your bulletin, Mass and prayer, posters, a DVD, mission stories, etc. One hundred envelopes come with the kit but if you need more, or want further materials and information, please go to their website at [www.IAmAMissionary.org](http://www.IAmAMissionary.org) or phone **212.563.8700** or contact Melonise Knight at our local Mission Office at 513.421.3131x2631 or [mknight@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:mknight@catholiccincinnati.org). The donations from these envelopes go to the Holy Father's Society for the Propagation of the Faith that supports our 1,150 mission dioceses. It helps immensely if your deacon or a member of your parish twinning or mission committee can make an announcement about the WMS collection near the end of weekend masses prior to October 18.

**After the WMS collection is completed**, please mail to the Mission Office your parishioners' Mission Sunday envelopes so they may receive the "Mission" magazine of the Propagation of the Faith. **Please send these donations to: Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Mission Office, 100 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Cincinnati, OH, 45202** to be properly recorded for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. THANKS!

### **JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL WORLD MISSION SUNDAY EVENT OCTOBER 18 WITH A FOCUS ON MERCY**

Local Catholics of various cultures are coming together to celebrate the coming "Year of Mercy" on October 18. Location, time and details are currently being developed. Contact the Mission Office to join us and to learn more at: [mission@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:mission@catholiccincinnati.org)

### ***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>

### **CATHOLIC YOUTH ATHLETICS INITIATIVE AND CHARTER IMPLEMENTATION**

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

1. **Great resources for Spiritual Liaisons and others:** Visit the Archdiocesan Youth Athletics website for "Victory Gear" for players, parents, coaches and boosters organizations: [http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ayatf/victory\\_gear/](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ayatf/victory_gear/)
2. **Boosters' compliance materials:** The Commission continues to review and respond to boosters' compliance materials and targets full compliance across the Archdiocese by Oct. 15.
3. **Spiritual Liaisons:** The Charter requires every boosters' organization to have a Spiritual Liaison, appointed by the pastor or principal (in the case of a non-parish school). Contact [msellers@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:msellers@catholiccincinnati.org) if your organization hasn't appointed one yet, or if your Spiritual Liaison was unable to attend any of the recent orientations.

### **iLUMEN (Saturday, October 17, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)**

Is an in-depth exploration of Jesus' call to discipleship for youth in grades 7 and 8. Recognizing they are created for greatness, youth will explore the "super powers" received in Baptism and be challenged to use them to build up God's kingdom for the life of the world. (Important: iLumen and CHOSEN happen on the same day at the same site, so kids wanting to go deeper can come to iLumen and stay for CHOSEN.) Visit: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/iLumen/>

### **CHOSEN: BECOMING THE HEROES THE WORLD NEEDS, JUNIOR HIGH RALLY**

CHOSEN, for middle school and junior high youth, will happen on October 17 at Archbishop Moeller High School in Cincinnati from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m., and will feature Steve Angrisano, a veteran musician, composer and youth minister who has been featured at six International World

Youth Days, several NCYCs and countless diocesan youth conventions and Steubenville Conferences. He's 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, visit <http://www.spiritandsong.com/Steve-Angrisano>. For more info on CHOSEN, visit: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/chosen/>

### **“CARING FOR YOUTH IN CRISIS”**

Dr. Kristin Witte will offer a one-day in-service for youth ministers, high school campus ministers, and other youth-serving church leaders on pastoral care for hurting teens, their families and churches. 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. **Tuesday, October. 20, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m, Favret Hall, St. John Parish, West Chester.** For more info and registration, please visit: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/youth-in-crisis/>.

### **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, contact Bob Wurzelbacher at 513.421.3131x2742 or [bwurzelbacher@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:bwurzelbacher@catholiccincinnati.org).

### **THE 2015 NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE: 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. Don't 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/](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ncyc-2015/) for everything you need to prepare for NCYC Indianapolis on November 19 - 22.



## **FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN THE CINCINNATI AREA**

Clifton Theology on Tap is going on the road along with Pope Francis this fall, and the series is headed to some of the most popular craft breweries in the Cincinnati area. Follow this link to “W.W.F.D.?” – “What Would (Pope) Francis Do?” for times, topics and locations, and please print the flyer and get it out to your young adults: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/TOT-Clifton-2015.pdf>.

## **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 homeland 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](mailto:gaviria.mm@pg.com). More info and forms are available here: <http://www.missionyouthmissions.com/> and follow the link to WYD 2016.

# **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

## ***CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE***

### **DIRECTOR/SUPERINTENDENT TRANSITION**

Last month, Director of Educational Services and Superintendent of Catholic Schools Dr. Jim Rigg announced that he would be resigning at the end of September, 2015. Dr. Rigg will become the Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Chicago. He states: *“I would like to thank the clergy of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for their outstanding support for our schools. It has been inspiring to witness the many, many ways that our clergy lovingly supports Catholic education. My prayers will be with you for the continued success of this vital ministry!”* Archbishop Schnurr has indicated that an interim superintendent will be appointed for the months ahead, and a national search will be conducted for the long-term replacement.

## ***OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS***

### **CHRIST AT THE CENTER...**

The infusion bulletin for Ordinary Time, September 6, 2015 – October 11, 2015, is included with this mailing. The **Spanish** edition is also included.

### **CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

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. There is still time to register for Level One training at Good Shepherd Catholic Montessori. Link to <http://www.cgsusa.org/course.aspx> for more information. 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 at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/evangelization-and-catechesis/catechesis/the-catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd/>

### **NCEA IFG:ACRE ASSESSMENT**

Catholic school principals and catechetical leaders, and parish catechetical leaders are reminded that the **NCEA ACRE Assessment must be administered in every parish and school annually**. Religious Education & Catechetical Policies #2108.02 NCEA ACRE INVENTORIES, see [http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/OEC\\_Policies2012.pdf](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/OEC_Policies2012.pdf)

Please schedule the NCEA ACRE Assessment with consideration for potential inclement weather school and building closures, so that you can meet the deadlines below. If you have questions or concerns about administration of the IFG:ACRE assessment, please contact your regional consultant in the Catholic Schools Office or the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis.

2015-16 Deadlines for submitting answer sheets to CALtesting for scoring:

- Friday, **November 20, 2015**, for Catholic High Schools
- Friday, **February 19, 2016**, for Catholic Elementary Schools and all parish religious education programs

For more information, please link to <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/evangelization-and-catechesis/resources/ncea-acre/>.

### **SAVORING THE MYSTERY:**

#### **LITURGICAL CATECHESIS AND THE NEW EVANGELIZATION**

Dr. Timothy O'Malley will be our featured presenter at the **2015 Catechetical Leadership Conference** on October 15 at the Presidential Banquet Center in Kettering. Director of the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy, Dr. O'Malley teaches and researches in the area of liturgical sacramental theology, catechesis, and preaching, and has spoken on these topics in dioceses throughout the United States. All ministers involved with the challenge of catechesis and the liturgy are welcome and encouraged to attend. You may download the brochure here:

[http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/CLC\\_2015brochure.pdf](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/CLC_2015brochure.pdf).

To register online, simply go to: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=ff6687>. For more information, please contact Chris Kreger at 937.223.4075x5041 or [ckreger@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:ckreger@catholiccincinnati.org).

### **OFFICE OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION**

#### **ARE YOU READY TO BUILD A CONTAGIOUSLY CATHOLIC PARISH?**

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Office of the New Evangelization, in partnership with the Evangelical Catholic, is looking to create alliances with a few parishes committed to becoming completely mission-oriented. Pastors, staff, and key leaders from interested parishes are invited



to attend an informational meeting to begin to discern the commitment involved in this alliance. Parishes that are ready to commit to an Alliance will be equipped to implement the evangelization and discipleship methods being introduced at the Contagiously Catholic Evangelization Workshops. There will be no cost for a Parish Alliance, but it will require a significant commitment of time, energy, and personnel. We can only work with a select number of parishes at this time, so it will be very important that parishes are prepared and informed. For more information, please check out <http://www.contagiouslycatholic.com/evangelization-training/parish-alliance/> or contact Sean Ater.

## **TWO NEW WEB RESOURCES FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION**

[www.ContagiouslyCatholic.org](http://www.ContagiouslyCatholic.org). This webpage will offer ways for pastors, parish leadership, and parishioners to become informed and equipped as Missionary Disciples. The site will highlight resources, workshops, blogs, and events sponsored by the Office of the New Evangelization and partner offices and organizations working to build a culture of witness in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

[www.Stirintoflame.org](http://www.Stirintoflame.org). This is an outreach webpage sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and managed jointly by the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis and the Office of the New Evangelization. This webpage is a resource for reaching those who are curious about the Catholic faith or are open to growing in their Catholic faith.

## **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's 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. For updated information and promotional materials including flyers, logos, and social media posts, please go to: [www.catholiccincinnati.org/foodforall](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/foodforall) or <http://www.stirintoflame.com/events/food-for-all/>

## **FOOD FOR ALL: BE MULTIPLIED EVENTS TO PROMOTE AND PARTICIPATE**

### ***Be Multiplied: Multiply Gifts of Food Parish & School Drive | June – September 2015 -***

We have over 100 parishes, along with schools, businesses and other organizations like St. Vincent de Paul that have pledged food to the Food for All Campaign! Many parishes and schools already organize successful food drives throughout the year. Parishes and schools are challenged to set a goal and pledge that food to the Food for All Campaign. Some parishes, schools, and business are doing a new Food for All food drive to participate in the Campaign. We have a social media campaign that is highlighting 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. To date we have over 500,000 items of food pledged to our 1 million item goal! It's not too late to make a parish or school pledge to Food for All. Sign up at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/food-for-all-pledge/>

**Take the #bemultiplied Social Media Challenge** – The #bemultiplied Challenge is taking off on social media! Individuals are pledging five items of food to their local food pantry and challenging (tagging) five friends to do the same. Five items of food feeds one person for one day. If you challenge five people you feed a family for a day. To participate go to

<http://www.stirintoflame.com/events/food-for-all/> or find our post on the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Facebook page or Twitter Account.

**Multiply Volunteers for the Pope Francis House** – Poverty leads to food insecurity. Stable housing for families and children increases health, physical safety and security, and increases educational and job prospects, all of which help people rise out of poverty. In partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati, we will be working together to build a house to honor Pope Francis for his commitment to the poor and reinvigorating the Church. Individuals or groups are invited to volunteer. Visit [www.vhub.at/hfhgc](http://www.vhub.at/hfhgc) to register. When asked for a join code use: francis1. Groups should schedule with Monica Human at 513.482.5614; [monica.human@habitatcincinnati.org](mailto:monica.human@habitatcincinnati.org).

## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### ***CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHWESTERN OHIO***

#### **FOOD FOR ALL: BE MULTIPLIED**

During the months of September and October, Catholic Charities is presenting “**Hunger in Ohio or Food for All?**” Through this inspiring evening, your parish community will stand in solidarity with the poor. The program, lasting approximately one hour, is presented at your parish on an evening convenient to your ministries. Please contact Scott Stephens at 513.672.3714 to schedule a presentation at your parish.

#### **CAREGIVERS CONFERENCE**

Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio is partnering with Central Connections and Hospice Care of Middletown to provide a Caregiver Conference on Wednesday, September 23 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Central Connections (Formerly known as Middletown Senior Center) 3907 Central Avenue, Middletown Ohio 45044. Professionals in the field will present on important topics related to caregiving. Lunch will be provided. Please visit [www.ccswoh.org](http://www.ccswoh.org) for more details or call Cassidy Lekan at 513.672.3717.

#### **NEW VAN NEEDED**

Catholic Charities has an urgent need for a NEW passenger van, which it uses to pick up refugee families from the airport and transport them to English language classes, medical and other appointments around the region. The agency’s current vehicle is at the end of its useful life and must be retired for safety reasons. Anyone who can help Catholic Charities is asked to contact Daniel Lally at Catholic Charities at [dlally@ccswoh.org](mailto:dlally@ccswoh.org) or call 513.672.3710.

#### **DAVID BECKMAN, PRESIDENT OF BREAD FOR THE WORLD**

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

#### **WHITE MASS: RECOGNIZE A CAREGIVER TODAY**

Our highest calling is to care for others. If you know of a caregiver who serves selflessly, make sure they are recognized at the special White Mass on November 8 at St. Peter in Chains

Cathedral. Visit [www.ccswoh.org/whitemass](http://www.ccswoh.org/whitemass) today so they can be part of this special ceremony sponsored by Catholic Charities, the Cathedral and the Knights and Dames of Malta.

### **HEALTH FAIR FOR HISPANIC COMMUNITY**

Su Casa and Luxotica will be providing eye exams for the whole family and free eye glasses. Where: Outside the church of San Carlos at 7036 Fairpark Avenue, Cincinnati 45216 on Sunday, October 25, 2015 from 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. Please call 513.672.3727 to make a reservation.

### ***CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE***

#### **BE MULTIPLIED: 5,000 TO CONGRESS! GET YOURS IN BY SEPTEMBER 16!**

As a component of the Food for All campaign, the Archdiocese is organizing a major advocacy campaign to promote anti-hunger policies in the federal budget. It is yet another way the Archdiocese will welcome Pope Francis to the U.S., specifically for his address to the U.S. Congress on September 24. Our goal: just as there were at least 5,000 gathered to witness Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes, we can generate 5,000 letters to our elected officials to feed the hungry of our land.

The vehicle for advocacy is the Bread for the World Offering of Letters. Supported by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's leaders to end hunger at home and abroad. There is a Cincinnati chapter for Bread, and regional staff for Bread are based in Dayton.

Echoing the USCCB's policy position, Bread for the World is urging Congress to renew our federal government's major child nutrition programs, including those for school meals, summer feeding, and the WIC nutrition program for pregnant and new mothers along with their small children. Every five years, Congress must re-authorize the law that funds these programs, which have helped millions of children over the decades.

Parishes, schools and any Catholic institution in the Archdiocese are encouraged to host an Offering of Letters by utilizing Bread's toolkit, or by having people sign our form letter. Groups can also use this opportunity to invite a speaker from Catholic Charities to speak about hunger in our Archdiocese. These resources can be accessed at <http://www.bread.org/ol/2015/downloads/>, or by contacting the Catholic Social Action Office at 513.421.3131x2660, or [csa@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:csa@catholiccincinnati.org). Collected letters should be sent to the Catholic Social Action Office by September 16, so that they can be included with letters from Catholics throughout the entire Archdiocese, blessed by the Archbishop on September 18, and delivered together to our Congressional representatives. Visit [www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction) to learn more.

Please see the Office of the New Evangelization and Catholic Charities for other aspects to the Food for All campaign. Learn more about the overall campaign at [www.catholiccincinnati.org/foodforall](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/foodforall).

#### **ST. MARTIN DEANERY FARM MASS WITH BISHOP JOSEPH BINZER**

On Friday, September 11, the annual St. Martin Deanery Farm Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Joe Binzer and the priests of St. Martin Deanery at the home of Gary and Linda DeFosse (7983 Chicken Hollow Road., Ripley, Ohio 45167), beginning at 7:00 p.m. Gary and Linda are

members of St. Michael Parish, and this Mass is one of the events highlighting this year's celebration of St. Michael's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The mass will be held rain or shine. There will be seating available, but we do encourage you to bring lawn chairs and, if you can, a snack/dish to share at the meal following the Mass. For more information, please contact Gary and Linda DeFosse at 937.392.0398.

### **REVEREND DAVID BECKMANN, BREAD FOR THE WORLD PRESIDENT TO SPEAK OCTOBER 21 IN DAYTON AND 22 IN CINCINNATI**

As another component for the Food for All campaign, mark your calendars to share an evening with World Food Prize Laureate Reverend David Beckmann. As the President of Bread for the World, he will speak in Dayton on Wednesday, October 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Queen of Apostles Catholic Church on the Bergamo campus at 4400 Shakertown Road, Beavercreek. A light dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. in Sieben Hall. A suggested donation of \$10 is asked for the dinner, which is a fundraiser for Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley and Bread for the World.

Reverend Beckmann will also speak in Cincinnati on October 22 at Xavier University in the Conaton Board Room in Schmidt Hall at 7:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Catholic Social Action Office, Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio, and the Brueggeman Center for Dialogue. Download flyers at [www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction).

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Bread for the World are among the partner agencies of the "Circle of Protection" initiative concerned with poverty and hunger issues in the United States and around the world. Prior to joining Bread, Reverend Beckmann worked at the World Bank for 16 years, overseeing large development projects and driving innovations to increase the effectiveness of the bank in reducing poverty. The October 21 event is co-sponsored by the Catholic Social Action Office and Weavers of Justice, a collaborative group of Catholic parishes and organizations, working on the Gospel message to love all people, including the poor and vulnerable. For reservations and more information, please call 1.800.300.2937x1141. Students are welcome to attend the event at no charge.

### **UD TO HOST REGIONAL FAIR TRADE SALE THIS YEAR!**

The popular regional Fair Trade Sale moves south of town this year. The University of Dayton will host the sale at its River Campus at 1700 S. Patterson Boulevard on Saturday, December 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The sale features exquisite, handcrafted items made by international artisans from over 20 countries. All items are fairly traded. Fair trade recognizes the dignity of the work of artisans and farmers and ensures that they earn fair wages. Fair trade producers care for God's creation by treating the environment with respect. When you purchase fair trade products you are standing in solidarity with the poor and vulnerable. To volunteer to work at the sale or for more information, please contact the Catholic Social Action Dayton Office at [csadayton@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:csadayton@catholiccincinnati.org) or 937.224.3026.

### **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 in April, 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](mailto:allison@ijpccincinnati.org). For further information or inquiries, please contact the Archdiocesan Catholic Social Action Office at 513.421.3131x2660, or [csa@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:csa@catholiccincinnati.org).

## **DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP**

### **CMA STATISTICS & PARISH PROGRESS**

Totals for this year’s CMA, including parish progress, continue to be available at [www.CatholicAppeal.info](http://www.CatholicAppeal.info) under the “Info for Parish Staff” link – **the password to access this section is: cma2007.**

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2016 CMA – KEY APPEAL WEEKENDS**

- **Announcement Weekend:** January 16/17, 2016
- **Commitment Weekend:** January 23/24, 2016

### **NEED HELP WITH**

#### **STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS IN YOUR PARISH?**

The Stewardship Department is available to help with efforts such as planning sessions, days of reflection, presentations to parish leadership, annual renewals, etc. Contact David Kissell ([david@CatholicAppeal.info](mailto:david@CatholicAppeal.info) or 513.421.3131x2881) to learn more and/or to discuss specific needs at your parish and ways we may be able to help.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015 5:00 – 6:00 P.M.**

Support the Holy Hour for vocations to the priesthood in the Chapel of St. Gregory the Great at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary (6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45230. Phone: 513.231.2223). Research shows that prayer plays a critical role in a man’s decision to become a

priest. And where you find growing seminaries – you also find steadfast prayer by the faithful. What can YOU do to promote the priesthood? Pray!

**XAVIER UNIVERSITY MEN’S BASKETBALL FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY**

Please see the attached flyer from Xavier University regarding a group ticket fundraising opportunity for the 2015-2016 men’s basketball season. For more information, please contact Eric Thompson at 513.745.4982 or [thompsons10@xavier.edu](mailto:thompsons10@xavier.edu).

**Please submit articles for the October *Clergy Communications* before September 22, 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](http://www.ethicspoint.com). There is also a link on the Archdiocesan website, [www.CatholicCincinnati.org](http://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).

**DIVORCECARE** - 13 weeks, held on Thursday evenings, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. from September 10 through December 10 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, Ohio. Cost: is \$25 per person. Scholarships are available. For more information, or to register, call Marcelle Toma at 937.312.1157 or [mtoma@woh.rr.com](mailto:mtoma@woh.rr.com).

**CATHOLIC DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE** - 12 weeks, held on Monday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. from August 31 through November 23 in the "Candle Room" of St. Christopher's Church in Vandalia. Cost: is \$25 per person. Register Online at: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=670e37>. For questions, please call Noreen Wendeln in the Family & Respect Life Office at 937.222.0227.

**PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY – DAY OF REFLECTION** - The Family and Respect Life office is offering a Day of Reflection on Saturday, September 6 at Transfiguration Spiritual Center in Ludlow Falls from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. with a healing service following witnesses, music and prayer. There is no charge but a free will offering will be accepted. For additional information about Project Rachel, please consult our website, [www.projectrachelcincy.com](http://www.projectrachelcincy.com).

**PRAYER FOR WORK ON LABOR DAY** - *Creator God, thank you for providing us with the gift to share our talents. Provide our community, our nation, our world the fortitude to provide work for all which is decent and fair. Make us faithful stewards of your creation to enhance the human dignity of our global family. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen* (From Being Neighbor: The Catechism and Social Justice, USCCB, April 1998)

**POPE HOUSE VOLUNTEER** - You are invited to participate in an Archdiocese-wide service project. Generous donors have purchased a new home with Habitat for Humanity and dedicated it as the "Pope Francis House" in honor of Pope Francis for his love for the poor and for

revitalizing the Church. Individuals or groups are invited to volunteer through July, August, and September. Visit [vhub.at/hfhgc](http://vhub.at/hfhgc) to register. When asked for a join code use: francisl. Groups should schedule with Monica Human at 513.482.5614; [monica.human@habitatcincinnati.org](mailto:monica.human@habitatcincinnati.org)

***LAUDATO SI': ON CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME*** - Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on our relationship to God, to each other, and to all of creation is addressed to "every person living on this planet." Please take the opportunity to read and prayerfully reflect upon this important teaching of our Catholic faith. The encyclical can be accessed at [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va). Resources for promoting and reflecting upon *Laudato Si'* can be accessed at [www.usscb.org](http://www.usscb.org).

**ST. MARTIN DEANERY FARM MASS** - On Friday, September 11, the annual St. Martin Deanery Farm Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Joe Binzer and the priests of St. Martin Deanery at the home of Gary and Linda DeFosse (7983 Chicken Hollow Rd., Ripley, OH 45167), beginning at 7:00 p.m. Gary and Linda are members of St. Michael Parish, and this Mass is one of the events highlighting this year's celebration of St. Michael's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Mass will be held rain or shine. There will be seating available, but we do encourage you to bring lawn chairs and, if you can, a snack/dish to share at the meal following the Mass. For more information, contact Gary and Linda DeFosse at 937.392.0398.

**REV. DAVID BECKMANN, BREAD FOR THE WORLD PRESIDENT TO SPEAK** - As another component for the Food for All campaign, mark your calendars to share an evening with World Food Prize Laureate Rev. David Beckmann. With one out of four children in Ohio going to bed hungry every night, the Reverend David Beckmann's strategies for ending hunger are relevant and timely. President of Bread for the World, Reverend Beckmann is one of the foremost U.S. advocates for the hungry and poor. He will speak in Dayton Wednesday, October 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Queen of Apostles Catholic Church on the Bergamo campus at 4400 Shakertown Road, Beavercreek. A light dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. in Sieben Hall. A suggested donation of \$10 is asked for the dinner, which is a fundraiser for Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley and Bread for the World. Rev. Beckmann will also share his strategies for combating hunger and poverty at a free presentation at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 22, at the Conaton Board Room, Schmidt Hall, on Xavier University's campus. Light refreshments will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio, Catholic Social Action Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the Brueggeman Center for Dialogue and Bread for the World – Cincinnati Chapter.

**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: Loving Father, teach us to love and respect each other and the beautiful world that you have made. Quote from the Holy See: "I urgently appeal then for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environment challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all." (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si': On Care of Our Common Home*, no. 14, 2015) Care for Creation Tip: Addressing the current climate change problem also addresses our moral responsibility to leave a better world for future generations.