



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

OCTOBER COUNT GRID 2015

Please remember to begin the October Count the weekend of October 3 and 4. A hard copy of the grid was included with the September 2015 edition of *Clergy Communications* or the grid may be completed online at:

http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/octobercount/october_count_form_electronic.pdf.

The password for this online version is printed on the October Count Grid that was included in September's mailing or may be obtained by contacting Ms. Linda Heidi at lheidi@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131x2842. Thank you.

THE OFFICIAL CATHOLIC DIRECTORY (OCD) UPDATE SHEETS

Thank you to those who have already returned the Official Catholic Directory update sheets; it certainly helps assist the Chancery Office in meeting their deadline. If you have not completed the update sheets for the 2015 edition of *The Official Catholic Directory*, please do so as soon as possible and send them directly to Father Steve Angi's attention in the Chancellor's Office.

NOTE: If the statistical information (i.e. households, estimated number of people for households, baptisms, confirmations, marriages, etc...) on the form is not completely filled out, the form will be returned to you. Also, please make sure the form is signed in the event follow-up is necessary. Thank you for your continued support and assistance.

CHURCH INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICAL ISSUES

With the upcoming November elections, the constant advice of the USCCB and the Chancery is to be unusually scrupulous by avoiding **any activity** that could be perceived as supporting any political party and/or its candidates, including the signing of petitions promoting political issues. Just because a political party, a candidate, or a group of supporters says that some proposed activity or statement of support is appropriate does not make it appropriate. A perception of a violation could cost thousands of dollars in attorney's fees. In addition, the not-for-profit designation could be lost, which would have a chilling effect on offerings and donations. If you have any questions, please contact **Fr. Steve Angi** at 513.421.3131x2846.

RECORD SEARCH

We have been asked to search for the baptismal record of the following individual: **Thomas G. Shepherd, Jr.**, born September 19, 1959; parents: Thomas G. Shepherd, Sr. and Irene F. Shepherd. Please search your baptismal sacramental register book and if you find the baptismal record of Thomas G. Shepherd, Jr., please notify the Chancery Office at 513.421.3131x2842. Thank you.

TRIBUNAL OFFICE

The Tribunal asks that pastors share this information with the procurator/advocates who work with you in your parishes helping your parishioners present marriage cases.

On 8 September 2015, Pope Francis issued a *motu proprio* entitled “Gentle Judge” (*Mitis iudex*). That document announces changes in tribunal procedures which will take effect 8 December 2015. **There is an immediate change.**

Archbishop Schnurr announced on 11 September 2015, that as of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 14 September 2015, there will be no fees for marriage cases in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. All priests and procurator/advocates will continue to submit cases as usual using the forms from THE TRIBUNAL HANDBOOK but omitting the fees and fee sheets.

There will be additional future changes. A few of them are noted here. Cases which come to a decision on or after 8 December 2015 will no longer be appealed by law to Second Instance. That means a First Instance decision will become executive unless one of the spouses or the Defender of the Bond appeals that case. The notice about the decision will explain that.

Many canons, including canon 1673, will change. A case may be presented after 8 December 2015 in the diocese where the petitioner has domicile. There is no longer a requirement that the respondent must live in the same bishops’ conference and no need to seek consent to competence from the Judicial Vicar of the respondent.

With regard to the “shorter” process where the Archbishop could make the decision himself, the procedures are yet to be developed but you would submit formal cases as usual. If tribunal officials determine that a particular case would qualify for a decision by the Archbishop, the spouses will be contacted asking whether they wish to move to that option. The proofs would have to be very clear with no contradictions and both spouses would have to agree to move to that process.

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, Immaculate Conception Church, Celina
2:00 - 3:30 p.m., Archdiocesan Offices, Sydney
- October 22 9:00 - 10:30 a.m., St. Teresa of Avila Church, Cincinnati
1:00 – 2:30 p.m., 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.

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

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, please visit: www.vocationlessons.com and enter access code: CinciVocations513. Please contact the Vocations Office with any questions: 513.421.3131.

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.

OCTOBER 8: CHOSEN: MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Monthly Holy Hour with prayerful music for those discerning a vocation or praying for vocations - 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 meets the second Thursday of the month. Come and bring a friend!

ANDREW DINNERS

Our Fall Andrew Dinners will continue at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish** in Anderson Township, Ohio from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, October 20** and will come to a conclusion at **Alter High School**, Dayton from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. on **Monday, October 26**. All pastors are encouraged to reach out to high school aged men who, they believe, may have a priestly vocation. Contact the Vocations 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 firsthand
- 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.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

- **November 1-7, 2015** – The Vocations 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 4** – Statewide Evening of Adoration for Vocations: Parishes across the state of Ohio will pray simultaneously for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Details coming soon.
- **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.

DIACONATE OFFICE

MARIA STEIN RETREAT

The annual deacon retreat will be held October 9 - 11. This year's retreat master will be Deacon Thom Winger. Deacon Winger 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.

SENIOR STATUS

Deacon Earl Rogers has elected to take Senior Status as a deacon. A sincere thank you to Deacon Earl for his eighteen years of service to the Archdiocese and the people of St. Mary Parish in Urbana.

FORMED

As part of the Diaconate Office efforts to provide more continuing education opportunities, I purchased the online program “Formed” for all of the deacons. It is a website with videos, audio recordings, movies and books that do a great job of expanding our knowledge of the faith. It includes Symbolon, a 20 video series that explores the faith and the life of the Church. Bishop Robert Barron’s Catholicism series is also included. This is a personal license not to be used by the parish. However, the deacons are free to use it for teaching within the parish for adult faith formation, RCIA, marriage prep and other programs. Please go to www.formed.org to check out the site.

DEACON ANNIVERSARIES

The Office of the Diaconate would like to recognize some important anniversaries of our deacons who serve the Archdiocese. These men have committed their lives to the service of the people of God and we want to acknowledge their service.

30 Year Anniversary

Deacon Bill Brodeur	Deacon Herman Bryant	Deacon John Gobbi
Deacon Jim Hennessey	Deacon Dan Kraus	Deacon Bill Martin
Deacon John Parker	Deacon Joe Subler	Deacon Jim Woeste

25 Year Anniversary

Deacon Jerry Cain	Deacon Jim Geraci	Deacon Larry Maag
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20 Year Anniversary

Deacon Steve Brown	Deacon Mike Knight	Deacon Fred Merritt
Deacon Rick Westbay		

5 Year Anniversary

Deacon Bob Bayse	Deacon Marty Brown	Deacon Brian Campos
Deacon Mike Cassani	Deacon Leo Cordonnier	Deacon Jon Danner
Deacon Ron Dvorachek	Deacon Jeff Ehrnschwender	Deacon Mike Erb
Deacon Russ Feldkamp	Deacon Tom Graber	Deacon Tim Helmick
Deacon Mike Hinger	Deacon Richard Hobbs	Deacon Tracy Jamison
Deacon Mark Johnson	Deacon Bob Leever	Deacon Mike Lippman
Deacon Terry Martin	Deacon Bill Moore	Deacon Jeff Perkins
Deacon Mike Prier	Deacon Andy Rammel	Deacon Jay Rettig
Deacon Steve Ryan	Deacon Bill Schaefer	Deacon Richard Simpson
Deacon Dominic Vu	Deacon Dan Wade	Deacon Dave Wallace
Deacon Jim Walworth	Deacon Mark Westendorf	

We are grateful for your service and we pray that God will continue to bless you in your important ministry.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

There is a new resource available for parishes this year. There will be a three-minute DVD of Sister Mary Ann Barnhorn, SNDdeN, speaking about the ongoing need for the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. As it is getting more difficult to find women and men religious to speak in parishes, I am hoping this may fill the gap. To request a DVD for your parish call, Sister Marilyn Kerber, SNDdeN, at 513.421.3131x2865 or email Sister at: mkerber@catholiccincinnati.org.

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE CONCERT

Reverend Fred Link, OFM, is planning this concert, made up of women and men religious, for Sunday, January 17, 2016. It will take place at the Cathedral at 3:00 p.m. and a reception will follow the concert. Fr. Link is planning for a 100 person chorus as well as musicians from our religious communities. This is early notification and I hope you will consider promoting this event in your parish as the event gets closer.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING OFFICE

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS

Parishes should send the monies collected for Archdiocesan Designated Collections shortly after the collection date to the Finance Office, with the exception of the Mission Sunday collection which should be sent directly to the Mission Office. These funds are not the property of the parish and should not be used for operating expenses. Thanks for your cooperation. Please contact Tom Twilling in the Finance Office at 513.421.3131x2850 with any questions.

NEW RATE ON INVESTMENT NOTES

The interest rate paid on Archdiocesan investment notes for the period September 16, 2015 through March 15, 2016 will be 2.50%. This rate is posted on the Finance Office section of the Archdiocesan website. Please contact Tom Twilling at 513.421.3131x2850 with any questions.

SCRIP PROGRAM REMINDERS

Many of our schools and parishes have used and continue to use scrip programs as successful fundraisers. The parish or school benefits from the difference between the discounted purchase price of the scrip and sales price of the scrip when it is sold to the consumer. While the scrip programs do provide potential financial benefits to parishes and schools, they also create tax and financial risks to schools and parishes if they are not run properly. Due to the potential financial risks of scrip programs, all scrip programs should operate within the following parameters.

First, the benefit or difference between the scrip sales price sold to the consumer and the discount paid by the parish or school should be retained or used for the benefit of the parish or school. The scrip benefits should not be allocated to individual parishioners, accounts of individual parishioners or to the tuition payments for families and their students. Further, since

the program is a school or parish program, there is no charitable deduction available to the purchasers of the scrip program or to parishioners who assist with the program.

Second, also due to potential tax concerns for a parish or school, substantially all the work on a scrip program should be done by volunteers. This means that the majority of the efforts to coordinate with the third-party scrip company, make parishioners aware of the scrip program and run the purchase and sales of the scrip should be done by volunteers. However, since the funds ultimately belong to the parish or school, the parish or school should make certain that proper checks and balances are in place to protect the school accounts and the scrip funds. For instance, the school business manager or a responsible school employee should periodically review collections and payments to make certain that the program has all required financial controls and should periodically review the scrip accounts.

Further questions regarding scrip programs should be directed to Tom Twilling in the Finance Office at 513.421.3131x2850.

PARISH ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE

We are planning to have a full-day training session for new business managers and accounting staff on Wednesday, October 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Archdiocese of Cincinnati central offices. If interested, please notify Anne Morrow (amorrow@catholiccincinnati.org). Seating is limited.

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.

The yearly billing for the software will now be included in the annual assessment billing. There will be no charge for the current year.

6055/6056 ACA REPORTING ONLINE TRAINING WITH BAS

Benefit Allocation Systems (BAS) is hosting four more webinars this year for Administrators only.

Thursday, October 1, 2015; 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Friday, October 30, 2015; 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, November 5, 2015; 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Friday, November 6, 2015; 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

1. Log onto myenroll1.glance.net;
2. Enter session key 1212;
3. Then dial by phone 1.415.655.0002 and
4. Type passcode 46032952 to participate.

Please plan to log in/call in about 5 minutes ahead of the start of training session. BAS Client Services is also available to provide support at 1.866.694.6423 or AOCBenefits@basusa.com Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The webinar will focus on open enrollment information and ACA hours reporting as well as time for questions.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati offers Student Accident Insurance that is secondary to the parent's primary health insurance and is intended to help offset expenses not covered by the parent's primary insurance carrier. Visit the Finance Office "Benefits and Risk Management" tab for claim forms and FAQ at www.catholiccincinnati.org. It is requested that each school location print these forms and distribute to parents and faculty.

- Parents are eligible to file a claim for an accident involving their child if it occurred during a school-related activity.
- Who is covered? All registered students in Archdiocesan schools for grades K-12 for incidents that occur during school time and school activities. Coverage excludes any High School sports.

Questions: please contact Charlotte Carpenter at ccarpenter@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131x2852.

CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

If a church or school has an event that requires a Certificate of Insurance, please contact the local office of Gallagher Bassett, which handles insurance matters for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Contact Julie Green at 513.779.2980 or julie_green@gbtpa.com with the specifics.

RETIREMENT SEMINAR PRESENTATION

A presentation to all Archdiocesan employees (spouses welcome) will be offered at St. Luke Parish (1440 North Fairfield Road Beavercreek, OH 45432) on **Monday, October 26, 2015; 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.** in Kramer Hall, located on the lower floor of the main church building. Parking is available in front of the church and school (school buses depart school by 3:10 p.m.). Presenters will be a Public Affairs Specialist with the Social Security Administration and Charlotte Carpenter, Director of Benefits for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The topics covered will include: when and how to apply for Social Security and Medicare, the AOC supplemental medical insurance benefit, applying for the AOC Lay Employee Pension Plan, and 401(k) distribution options. There will be opportunities to ask questions during and after the presentation. Please RSVP to Stacey Longbottom at slongbottom@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131x6607. It is hoped to have a similar presentation in the Cincinnati area in the near future. Questions: please contact Charlotte Carpenter at ccarpenter@catholiccincinnati.org.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Gallagher Bassett Services handles the workers' compensation claims for the Archdiocese. Our contact at Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc. is:

Kevin Fox, Claims Adjuster, Dublin, OH 43017-5367

kevin_fox@gbtpa.com

Direct: 614.356.2271 / Fax: 866.497.6024 / Toll Free: 800.416.1826x2271

Kind reminder that if an employee has a workplace injury, the business administrator must fill out a First Report of Injury (FROI) and email or fax to Gallagher Bassett Services immediately so a claim number can be assigned. Certificates and FROI forms are available on the Finance Office "Benefits and Risk Management" tab at www.catholiccincinnati.org.

STOCK DONATION PROCEDURE

As we begin the last quarter of the calendar year, it is very important to remind donors of the various ways they can donate shares of stock. Each location has an established individual account through Fifth Third Charitable Gift Department that can accept broker to broker electronic transfers. Please feel free to post your location's individual account number and DTC number in your weekly bulletin. **Please note that the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Gift Acceptance Policy requires a donor name be included with each transfer. All stock transfers without a donor name will be returned.** Please contact Anne Morrow (amorrow@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131x6604) for all stock donations including the processing of physical stock certificates, mutual fund and book entry share donations.

FROM THE DESK OF THE SENIOR AUDITOR

Since Debbie Wait joined the team in 2015, we started a process of reviewing parishes when a pastor rotates or his term is extended. This further enhanced the review process and should enable us to conduct a review every six years. In the past three years we have been conducting financial reviews at over 45 locations. Over the next three months we will share our top findings with you and recommendations on how to prevent these findings at your location.

This month our top three findings relate to federal laws or regulations regarding taxable income for individuals. While our churches and schools are exempt from federal, state and local income taxes, our locations must abide by Internal Revenue Service requirements relating to our employees and vendors.

Top Finding #1: Monies paid to employees have not been processed through payroll.

All monies paid to employees are taxable and should be processed through payroll unless supported by original receipts or a mileage log to qualify the payment as a reimbursement. Monies paid to employees that are taxable include bonuses, cash gifts, pay for extra work done, gift certificates or gift cards. It makes no difference if the monies were for Christmas, retirement, wedding, birth of a child or other reason. Parties or food for employees, flowers, or other non-monetary gifts are generally not taxable.

Top Finding #2: Backup documentation for reimbursed mileage was not complete.

For reimbursed mileage to be considered non-taxable income, the reimbursement must be based on miles driven for a bona fide business purpose paid at a rate less than or equal to the mileage reimbursement rate set by the IRS. Alternatives such as estimating the miles driven, paying for gasoline purchased, or giving the individual a gas card are taxable income to the payee. We recommend that preprinted mileage reimbursement forms be made available that will provide for date, destination, miles driven, purpose of the trip and approval signature. These forms would serve as the supporting document for the payment. If the employee fails to substantiate his or her personal and business miles, the entire reimbursement would become taxable. Reimbursement based on miles driven applies to mileage reimbursement to extra clergy help, employees or volunteers.

Top finding #3: Locations are not properly issuing Federal Form 1099s annually.

Often locations issue 1099s to the same vendors each year and are not sure if other vendors should also receive a 1099. Here is some guidance:

- a. Attorneys should receive a 1099 for all amounts paid to them during a calendar year.
- b. Retired extra clergy help who earn \$600 or more during a calendar year should receive a 1099.
- c. Individuals paid \$600 or more during a calendar year should receive a 1099.
- d. Businesses that operate under an owner's social security number should receive a 1099 if paid \$600 or more during a calendar year.

Since you cannot be sure if "Joe the Plumber" operates under his social security number or a federal tax identification number formatted like xx-xxxxxxx, Archdiocesan locations should send "Joe the Plumber" a federal form W-9. The W-9 requests the vendor to complete the form and return it to you. The W-9 will list the vendor's official name, address, and tax ID number. If the form lists a social security number, this is your cue that a 1099 must be issued if you pay this vendor \$600 or more during any calendar year. A W-9 should also be sent to retired extra clergy help and individuals you pay \$600 or more so that you have their address and social security number for preparing 1099's at year end. Form W-9 is therefore an important document to keep in your files. You do not send Form W-9 to the IRS. The Form 1099s must be sent to the individual/vendor by January 31 of the year following payment. In addition, a copy of Form 1099s must be filed with the IRS by February 28th.

In the coming months we will be explaining other findings from our visits to Archdiocesan locations. If you have any questions regarding these or other matters, please contact the Finance Office or the Parish Auditors Joe Riede and Debbie Wait.

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, Dayton) and Wednesday, October 28 in Cincinnati (St. John Fisher: 3227 Church St., Cincinnati). 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 were not able to make the previous workshops, please consider signing up for this one! Please see the enclosed flyer. Registration can be found at: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/property-management/upcoming-workshops/>.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Just a reminder that the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements are due by December 1, 2015. Each year responsible individuals who hold decision-making or policy-setting positions or who purchase equipment, supplies or other goods, must sign the form. The Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement can be downloaded at

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Conflict-of-Interest-Disclosure-Statement.pdf>.

As in the past, only Disclosure Statements that have potential conflicts of interest listed must be sent to the Director of Human Resources. All other Disclosure Statements must be kept in a confidential file (at your location) under lock and key.

If you have any questions regarding this reminder, please contact Rob Reid at 513.421.3131x 6611.

DEPARTMENT OF PASTORAL SERVICES

FAMILY AND RESPECT LIFE OFFICE (FARLO)

RESPECT LIFE AWARD

The Respect Life Award is an annual award to recognize individuals who have lived their Catholic faith to promote the Gospel of Life and the sanctity of all life in all stages, from conception until natural death. This year's honoree is **Maria Dunlap**, founder of Vivian's Victory, a non-profit organization supporting and assisting families who are experiencing a poor prenatal diagnosis or have a child with a prolonged illness. Their mission is to provide support, programs and resources to parents not only during hospital stays, but during and after the transition to home. They founded Vivian's Victory in honor of their journey with their newborn baby girl, Vivian, born with a congenital heart defect. Their website says "Vivian became a saint after 59 glorious days of teaching us all the true meaning of love and suffering." Maria, along with her husband Ron, embodies the full spirit of the Right to Life movement. They were placed in the position that so many parents are placed in and don't make the same choice, the choice of "life." They are examples of what it means to be prolife in all its stages.

2016 MARCH FOR LIFE YOUTH BUS TRIP

Groups of teens and their adult chaperones interested in attending the March for Life in Washington, DC on January 22, 2016, may travel on buses provided by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. ****NEW**** – Instead of immediately getting on the buses and heading back to Cincinnati after the March for Life, we will head to the Potomac Retreat and Conference Center for an evening program to include dinner from 6:00 - 11:00 p.m. Buses will arrive back in Cincinnati around 6:00 a.m. Groups who chose to arrange their own travel may join the Potomac Retreat Center event (space allowing) for a nominal charge. For more details and to register your group, please consult our website, <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/respect-life/life-issues/abortion/march-for-life-aoc-bus-trip/>.

CATHOLIC DISCIPLEMEN

There will be five trainings throughout the year to prepare and empower the men of our parishes to go out and make disciples of other men. This year each training session will take place at St. Patrick's Church in Troy, Ohio. Learn more at www.catholicdisciplemen.com.

October 31, 2015	8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	CONTACT Training
January 9, 2016	8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	CONNECT Training

February 13, 2016	8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	ENGAGE Training
March 12, 2016	8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	EQUIP Training
April 16, 2016	8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	HEAL Training

FOCCUS FACILITATOR TRAINING

There will be **FOCCUS Facilitator training in Cincinnati** at **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 or 513.421.3131x2653.

CHRIST AT THE CENTER: FAMILY AND HOME

The latest Home Edition of CATC is included with this mailing. If you need a copy, you may also find it on the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis page, scrolling down to the “Christ at the Center” icon... <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/evangelization-and-catechesis/>.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NEWLY MARRIED AND MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

The Family and Respect Life Office would like to promote your events for the newly married and for marriage enrichment. Please email us information so we can share it in our e-newsletter and through our social media. Send an email with the details and your contact information to farlocincinnati@catholiccincinnati.org.

PRIESTLY FORMATION OFFICE

CONVOCAION OF PRIESTS

The Convocation of Priests is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at Incarnation Parish** from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 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

The Fall Retreat for Priests is scheduled for **October 12 – 16 at Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford.** Father Tom McQuillen, who gave the Winter/Spring retreat at Maria Stein, will be giving that same retreat for us this fall. Please contact Sarah Frohmiller by October 5, 2015 to register.

ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION

This year’s Advent Day of Reflection for Priests will be on **Wednesday, December 2, at the Transfiguration Center.** Father Norman Langenbrunner will be our speaker.

GOSPEL WORKSHOP

The **Gospel Workshop** featuring the Gospel of Luke is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 4 (Cincinnati)** and **Thursday, November 5 (Dayton).** Please arrive after 9:00 a.m. for coffee. The workshop program will be 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. both days with a one hour break for lunch. Please look for the flyer.

LOOKING TOWARDS THE MORE DISTANT FUTURE

- The **Winter/Spring Retreat for Priests** has been scheduled for February 15 through February 19, 2016. (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**.

PRIESTS PERSONNEL OFFICE

PRIESTS' PERSONNEL BOARD

The Priests' Personnel Board meets throughout the year to consider the needs of the Archdiocese and of individual priests. The next meeting is October 20, 2015. Even though members of the Board represent a particular cohort of priests, members are available to meet any priest as requested. We thank the current Board members for their service and they are,

- Reverend Robert Obermeyer (all retired priests)
- Reverend Terry Hamilton (priesthood ordination years 1964-76)
- Reverend Raymond Larger (priesthood ordination years 1977-1987)
- Reverend David Sunberg (priesthood ordination years 1988-2003)
- Reverend David Endres (priesthood ordination years 2004-15)

Bishop Joe Binzer continues to serve as the Priests' Personnel Director and works in cooperation with the Priests' Personnel Board. If you need to reach him, his direct phone number is 513.263.6601 and his email address is jbinzer@catholiccincinnati.org. Thank you.

AUXILIARY PRIEST FOR WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE

Wright Patterson Air Force Base has a position available for an Auxiliary Catholic Priest. They would like to fill the position as soon as possible. They estimate that there will be up to 25 different events/services that the auxiliary priest would need to be called in for whenever the main Catholic chaplain is unavailable. If you would like to see the job description or if you have any questions, please contact Bishop Joe Binzer, the Priests' Personnel Director of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati at 513.263.6601 or jbinzer@catholiccincinnati.org.

WORSHIP OFFICE

LITURGICAL CALENDAR UPDATE

The Solemnity of *All Saints* falls on Sunday, November 1 and will take precedence over the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. The vigil Mass on Saturday is for *All Saints* as well.

The Commemoration of *All Souls* falls on Monday, November 2.

YEAR OF MERCY

What parishes can expect: updates on plans, resources, and calendar of events. Please see the attachment with this issue of Clergy Communications or go to:

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/CC-Archdiocesan-Plans-for-the-Year-of-Mercy.pdf>.

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 513.421.3131x 6609 or by email at lweber@catholiccincinnati.org.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

RCIA GATHERINGS

October 24, 2015 at Sacred Heart Church, McCartyville from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

October 27, 2015 at St. Saviour Church, Cincinnati from 1:30– 3:30 p.m.

October 29, 2015 at Archbishop Pilarczyk Center, Dayton from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Informal gatherings of RCIA coordinators and team members. Prayer, networking, and issues of concern will be the focus of these gatherings. Free of charge!

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. (This workshop was rescheduled from August 2015.) 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, Cincinnati

This workshop is designed to train young people in the art of leading an assembly as cantor, psalmist, and leader of song. For more information and registration, please go to: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Cantor-Workshop-Youth-Brochure-2015.pdf>.

ADULT CANTOR WORKSHOP

Saturday, November 21 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon at 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. For more information and registration, please go to: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Cantor-Workshop-Flyer-15.pdf>.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY WORKSHOP

November 30, 2015 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, McCartyville
December 1, 2015 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Cincinnati
December 1, 2015 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Kettering

A workshop for clergy, pastoral ministers, new and existing bereavement teams, or anyone interested in starting a bereavement ministry. 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

CELEBRATE WORLD MISSION WEEKEND, OCTOBER 17 & 18!

We invite you to help our mission dioceses through the Holy Father's Pontifical Mission Societies by **using the following pulpit and bulletin announcement** a week or two *before* the World Mission weekend collection of October 18 & 19. Edit as you wish.

Greetings fellow missionary disciples in Christ,

As we have seen during the recent visit of Pope Francis, he has a real passion for the mission of Jesus, the poor, and our Church. The Holy Father invites us to share in that passion by supporting his Pontifical Mission Societies next weekend on World Mission Sunday, October 17 and 18.

Our donations are vital to support our 1,150 mission dioceses located mostly in Asia and Africa where local priests, religious, and catechists reach out to their own faith communities, families and children. Many are in desperate need, struggling in the darkest of circumstances. Some mission dioceses need funding to rebuild after earthquakes, tsunamis and conflicts. Many are trying to construct their first orphanages, seminaries, convents, clinics, and schools. So please be generous next weekend to empower our fellow Catholics overseas.

Pope Francis says "gracias" for your generosity.

PLEASE USE THE WORLD MISSION WEEKEND PACKET

Mailed to your parish for suggested prayers, homily helps, posters, educational materials, etc. If you did not receive the packet, or need additional materials, please contact the national Pontifical

Mission Society office in New York City at: www.IAmAMissionary.org or phone 212.563.8700.

WORLD MISSION WEEKEND DONATIONS AND ENVELOPES

Please mail your World Mission Weekend donations and envelopes to the Archdiocesan Mission Office, 100 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202. Please **do NOT** mail these collections to the Chancery Office or the missionary organization as they must first be recorded by the Archdiocesan Mission Office for Vatican records. Need help or advice? Please contact Melonise Knight in the Mission Office, 513.421.3131x2631 or mknight@catholiccincinnati.org.

JOIN US FOR THE “YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGES” TO VARIOUS LOCAL PARISHES

The Mission Office is collaborating with several other Catholic communities in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati over the coming Year of Mercy to host monthly pilgrimages. The goal is to highlight the various Catholic cultural communities and build relationships in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The events will mostly be at a Sunday Mass with a reception to follow with structured conversation. Any parish is welcome to form a delegation to attend these events. A few of our sites include:

- St Leo (Urban Parish with Euro-American, Burundians and Guatemalan Communities)
- Our Lady of Lavang (Vietnamese Parish)
- St. John the Baptist (Suburban, mostly Euro-American)
- Church of the Resurrection (Urban, mostly African American)
- Ghanaian Mass at St. Mathias
- Filipino Event at Winton Woods
- Saint Kuriakose Elias Chavara Syro-Malabar Mass
- And a few more

We are kicking this effort off at the World Mission Sunday Mass at St. Bartholomew on October 18 at 3:00 p.m. Please join us. Contact Teresa for more information: mission@catholiccincinnati.org

HOLY FATHER’S MISSION INTENTIONS

October: Universal: That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated. Evangelization: That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting.

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 IN THE U.S.: OCTOBER 25, 2015

Each year our bishops set aside the 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time (this year it’s 10/25/15) as national World Youth Day here in the U.S.A. This is a special opportunity to call attention to the

vital importance of young people to our church. Parishes and pastoral regions are encouraged to celebrate young people on that Sunday by making special efforts to incorporate them into liturgical roles, by affirming them in homilies, by acknowledging their presence and importance in the prayers of the faithful, and even arranging for special gatherings in their honor after that Sunday's liturgies. For more ideas on celebrating World Youth Day on October 25, please visit the OYYAM youth ministry website.

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>.

COMING UP FOR YOUTH

iLUMEN

Saturday, October 17, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Archbishop Moeller High School - 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 on 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

CHOSEN, for middle school and junior high youth, will happen at Archbishop Moeller High School in Cincinnati on October 17, 2015, 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 last 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

An initiative to prepare and equip high school youth as advocates for the Church's teaching on life issues in their parishes, schools and communities. We are looking to identify young leaders

who have a passion for respect life issues, prepare them to serve as informed advocates, give them tools to evaluate their school/parish life groups and equip them to fill a role on the 2016 March for Life in Washington, DC. Formation opportunities for this will be **Friday October 16** in Cincinnati and **Saturday October 17** in Dayton, led in part by Steve Angrisano. Look for the link on our [homepage](#) to register!

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. 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. **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/
2. **Boosters' compliance materials:** The Commission continues to review and respond to boosters' compliance materials and targets full compliance across the Archdiocese by October 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 if your organization has not appointed one yet, or if your Spiritual Liaison was unable to attend any of the recent orientations.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

INTERIM DIRECTOR/SUPERINTENDENT

Archbishop Schnurr has named Ms. Susie Gibbons as Interim Director of Educational Services and Superintendent of Catholic Schools, effective October 1, 2015. Ms. Gibbons will replace Dr. Jim Rigg, who left on September 30 to become Superintendent in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Ms. Gibbons has been part of the Catholic Schools Office since 2010, having served as an Assistant Superintendent and Director of the Secondary Schools and Southwest Cluster. A graduate of Archbishop Alter High School, Ms. Gibbons is a lifelong Catholic educator. She has taught French and math, and worked as Assistant Principal and Principal of Seton High School. She possesses a Bachelor's from the University of Mount St. Joseph and a Master's from Xavier

University. The Archbishop has announced his intention to launch a national search for a long-term Director/Superintendent in the winter.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE

OTHER STAFF CHANGES

Mr. Chris Pastura, Director of School Strategic Planning in the Catholic Schools Office, has accepted the position of Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida, effective October 13, 2015. Mr. Pastura joined the office in 2011, and has been instrumental in guiding schools through planning processes, helping schools with marketing, and providing support in government programs. A search for Mr. Pastura's replacement will begin later in the school year. In the interim period, his duties will be assumed by Mr. Wayne Morse and Mrs. Sherry Gabert on the Catholic Schools Office staff. Our prayers are with Mr. Pastura for success in his new role!

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

CHRIST AT THE CENTER...

The infusion bulletin for Ordinary Time, October 18, 2015 – November 22, 2015, is included with this mailing. The **Spanish** edition is also included.

LAST WEEK TO REGISTER

FOR THE CATECHETICAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Don't miss the October 8 deadline to register for this conference featuring Dr. Timothy O'Malley from the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy. This conference will consider how we can more deeply contemplate the mystery of the liturgy and then offer concrete strategies for sharing this with our catechists, teachers, parishioners, families and students.

SAVORING THE MYSTERY:

Liturgical Catechesis and the New Evangelization will be held Thursday, October 15 at the Presidential Banquet Center in Kettering. All ministers involved with the challenge of catechesis and the liturgy are welcome and encouraged to attend. Priests' registration fees will be paid by the Office for Priestly Formation. You may download the brochure here:

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.

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.

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 consult 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/>.

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/>

40TH ANNUAL NORTHERN AREA CONGRESS

The 40th Annual Northern Area Congress was held on Saturday, September 19, 2015, at the Upper Valley Career Center in Piqua. The event was sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Northern Area Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, and is an annual gathering of leaders and teachers of religion in the area.

This year's theme was "Agents of Mercy," and the workshops and speakers addressed topics around that theme, such as spiritual and corporal works of mercy for various age levels, reconciliation, scrutinies, the mercy portrayed by Pope Francis, and many other topics. The speakers were ALL excellent and received very positive feedback from participants.

Archbishop Schnurr was the keynote speaker and reflected on "Mercy and Justice in the Ministry of a Religious Educator." Participants responded very favorably to what he had to say, and were particularly impressed with Archbishop Schnurr's invitation to answer questions from the audience. There was excitement in the room as participants heard Archbishop's "off-the-cuff" comments, stories, and teaching. This was the highlight of their morning.

Participants also reviewed the newest religious education and spiritual resources as they browsed the many displays by publishers, religious stores and Archdiocesan offices. Nearly 200 people in the Miami Valley attend this event each year and more are always welcome! Mark your calendar for next year's Congress on September 17, 2016!

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. We also will be able to work with three to five parishes in 2016. If you are interested, please contact Sean Ater. For more information, please go to: www.contagiouslycatholic.com/evangelization-training/parish-alliance/.

WEB RESOURCES FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

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: 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.

VIGIL PRAISE: CINCINNATI - AN EVENING OF ADORATION AND WORSHIP

Featuring Deacon Timothy Fahey. Friday October 30, 2015 in the Chapel of St. Gregory the Great, Athenaeum of Ohio. Free – Open to All. Schedule follows: 6:30 p.m. Doors Open, Rosary | 7:00 p.m. Event Begins – Rite of Exposition | 8:15 p.m. Rite of Eucharistic Benediction | 8:30 p.m. Social – Lower Level Atrium

ENCOUNTER CINCINNATI

All high-school youth are invited to attend Encounter Cincinnati taking place at the Underground (1140 Smiley Avenue, Cincinnati) on Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 6:30 – 10:00 p.m. Encounter gathers teens from parishes and schools from across the Cincinnati area (and beyond) for an evening of worship, dynamic talks, Eucharistic adoration, the opportunity for confession, and fellowship. For more information about Encounter, please visit www.encountercincinnati.org.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHWESTERN OHIO

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 today so they can be part of this special ceremony sponsored by Catholic Charities, the Cathedral and the Knights and Dames of Malta. Registration closes October 22.

REVEREND DAVID BECKMAN

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

SU CASA HEALTH FAIR

In June, Su Casa Hispanic Center's Health Fair reached 350 clients in the area who received free health screenings with vital information regarding Health resources in the area. We are holding another Health Fair on October 25 and we need your help! If you can volunteer to assist with translating, set up, clean-up, registration, or child care, please contact Michelle Spotts at 513.672.3725.

SU CASA'S ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Save the date of April 20, 2016 for Su Casa's Annual Awards Dinner and Silent Auction at Xavier University.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

We are calling on parishes to help welcome refugees. Parishes can hold a donation drive for household goods, donate welcome baskets (ccswoh.org/welcome-baskets/), or volunteer to help provide transportation to appointments. Please call Megan Zarnitz at 513.672.3706 for ways your parish can help welcome the stranger.

SYRIAN LISTENING FORUM

Syrian Listening Forum on October 28, 2015 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the American Red Cross offices (211 Dana Ave, Cincinnati, Ohio 45207.) Listen to panelists share personal experiences, the work of their organizations and share ways to alleviate suffering for the Syrian people.

YEAR OF MERCY

Catholic Charities will be offering workshops for parishes on the papal bull, *Misericordiae Vultus* in order to engage parish staffs and the faithful in a deeper understanding of what it means to testify to the mercy of God and to become "an oasis of mercy." There will be various events, reflections, activities, and opportunities for doing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy as part of our celebration of the Year of Mercy.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

OVER 12,000 BLESSED AND DELIVERED! THANK YOU!

Several dozen parishes and other faith-based groups more than doubled our goal of letters to Congress, asking for full funding of the Child Nutrition programs in the federal budget (e.g. school lunches, summer meals, and WIC programs for pregnant and nursing mothers). Together, our message was threefold. To those who are hungry, we want to see your hunger end. To those in Congress, we want you to join us in helping end hunger by fully funding Child Nutrition programs and not cutting other critical safety net programs for the poor in the federal budget. And to Pope Francis, we hope you accept this gift of advocacy from so many of the faithful in your honor. Welcome to the United States!

REVEREND DAVID BECKMANN, BREAD FOR THE WORLD PRESIDENT, TO SPEAK

As part of the Food for All campaign, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese generated over 12,000 letters, asking Congress to fully fund Child Nutrition programs! Help us celebrate by sharing 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.

Reverend Beckmann will also share his strategies for combating hunger and poverty in **Cincinnati** at a free presentation at 7:00 p.m., **Thursday, October 22**, in at the Conaton Board Room, Schmidt Hall, on Xavier University's campus. No Cost. Bring a donation to benefit St. Leo Food Pantry. Light refreshments will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio, the Catholic Social Action Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the Brueggeman Center for Dialogue and Bread for the World – Cincinnati Chapter.

ST. MARTIN DEANERY CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE CONFERENCE

The St. Martin Deanery Catholic Rural Life Conference's next meeting will take place on Thursday, October 8, 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).

FAITHFUL SUSTAINABILITY

Attention church and school facility managers, grounds keepers, finance leaders, and homeowners:

Responding to Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care of Our Common Home*, how can we, as a community of faith, more fully answer the call for sustainability?

Join us for Faithful Sustainability:
Best Practices for Facilities and Homes in the Northern Region of the Archdiocese
Saturday, November 7
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Lunch included)
St. Joseph Church & the Petersburg Parishes
(101 West Pearl Street, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895)

Through a morning of workshops and discussions with local experts, we will explore how the local Church can reduce our environmental footprint, lower utility bills, nurture nature, and increase our commitment to energy-efficiency in our homes, schools and parishes. All are welcome, but space is limited to the first 45 facility leaders and 45 parishioners who register. Don't miss out, and bring your own mug or beverage container! The event is \$5, and includes lunch. Please register by contacting the Catholic Social Action Office at csa@catholiccincinnati.org; 513.421.3131x2660; or online at www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction.

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 Blvd. 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 or 937.224.3026.

THE POWER OF INTERFAITH COLLABORATION: RESPONSIBILITY AND HOPE FOR A WORLD IN CONFLICT

Fifty years ago, at the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church redefined its relationship with the other religions of the world in the document, *Nostra Aetate*. *Nostra Aetate's* importance is that it opened a new era of interfaith dialogue and understanding. Much has been accomplished but there are challenges, old and new, that continue to face those who believe that a critical path to relieving the suffering of the world lies in interfaith relations. These new challenges demand that we build on the foundation of dialogue to bring in a new era of interfaith collaboration.

October 18, 2015; 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The James and Caroline Duff Banquet Center in the Cintas Center, Xavier University

Featured panelists will be: **Yonathan Arfi**, Vice-president of the CRIF (Representative Council of Jewish Institutions of France) and Chairman of CRIF's commission for international affairs; **Francis X. Clooney, S.J.**, the Parkman Professor of Divinity and Professor of Comparative Theology and Director of the Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard University; and **Dr. Seyyed Hossein Nasr**, University Professor of Islamic studies at George Washington University. Introductory remarks to be offered by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, please call: 513.745.3922, or www.xavier.edu/dialogue.

The event is sponsored by the President's Office of Xavier University, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, The Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education, The Department of Theology at Xavier University, The Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati, Program of Catholic Studies at University of Cincinnati, Bellarmine Chapel, The Center for Mission & Identity at Xavier University, and Jewish Community Relations Council.

DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP

CMA STATISTICS & PARISH PROGRESS

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

To date, \$5.4 million has been pledged to the 2015 appeal – of the amount pledged, just over \$5 million has been received in pledge payments. Thank you for your continued support of the CMA!

2016 CMA – REGIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOPS

The Regional Training Workshops for the 2016 CMA will be taking place in early December. These workshops are for pastors, parish staff, CMA chairs, and anyone helping with the CMA. Each workshop is identical to the others. Dates, times, and locations are listed below:

Tuesday, December 1, 2015 (*Dayton & Northern Area*)

10:00 – 11:00 a.m., St. Peter Parish, Huber Heights

2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Holy Redeemer, New Bremen

Wednesday, December 2, 2015 (*Cincinnati Area*)

10:00 – 11:00 a.m., St. Ignatius Parish

1:00 – 2:00 p.m., All Saints Parish

2016 CMA – KEY APPEAL WEEKENDS

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

For more information or for questions, please contact David Kissell at 513.421.3131x2881 or email david@CatholicAppeal.info.

MISCELLANEOUS

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The 9th Annual Cincinnati Rosary Crusade begins at noon on Saturday, October 10, 2015 on Fountain Square in downtown Cincinnati. Please join in the hymns, prayers, and preaching

honoring our Blessed Mother. Please use this email address for more information, patashcraft@earthlink.com.

Please plan to attend the Dayton Family Rosary Rally at the University of Dayton Arena, October 11, 2015. Prelude Music begins at 2:30 p.m., with Exposition, Live Rosary, and Benediction from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/familyrosaryrally.dayton>.

THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

The Five First Saturday Devotions are a gift of Our Blessed Mother at Fatima to make reparation for blasphemies and offenses against her Immaculate Heart and for world peace. A person should go to confession eight days before or after the First Saturday of the month, receive Holy Communion on the First Saturday of the month, recite five decades of the Rosary and meditate for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary. During this month of October, let us ask Our Blessed Mother for her intercession.

APOLOGETICS SEMINAR

Father John Bullock, Legionaries of Christ in the Cincinnati Archdiocese, along with Regnum Christi, will be conducting an Apologetics Seminar October 24. Please see the flyer included with this mailing to help promote this event.

PORTABLE ALTAR AVAILABLE

A portable altar, most likely used in administering last rites, is available to any parish that wants it. It is made of black-painted wood, with what may be pewter (or cast iron) details. A removable crucifix, water basin, and two holes for candles sit atop the base. A bas relief Last Supper (da Vinci's) is on the base's front. In a drawer on the base's back are candles and metal holders, a communion spoon, and a cloth. The dimensions are as follows: with the removable crucifix in place the height is 21," the base, with metal platform, H 9 ½," W 7 ¾," D 5 ½." The donors would be happy to take it to the proper location. If you are interested, please call Roger Lerch at 513.321.4142.

**Please submit articles for the November *Clergy Communications* before October 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).

VIGIL PRAISE: CINCINNATI - Join us for an evening of Adoration and Worship featuring Deacon Timothy Fahey on Friday, October 30, 2015 in the Chapel of St. Gregory the Great, Athenaeum of Ohio. Free – Open to All. 6:30 p.m. Doors Open | 7:00 p.m. Event Begins | 8:30 p.m. Social. For more information, please contact the Office of the New Evangelization 513.421.3131x2733 or one@catholiccincinnati.org.

ENCOUNTER CINCINNATI - All high-school youth are invited to attend Encounter Cincinnati taking place at the Underground (1140 Smiley Avenue, Cincinnati) on Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 6:30 – 10:00 p.m. Encounter gathers teens from parishes and schools from across the Cincinnati area (and beyond) for an evening of worship, dynamic talks, Eucharistic adoration, the opportunity for confession, and fellowship. For more information about Encounter, please visit www.encountercincinnati.org.

INVITE PARISHIONERS TO THE SPECIAL MISSION SUNDAY MASS - Come to celebrate the coming Holy Year of Mercy and to experience the spirituality of our universal Catholic Church for World Mission Sunday, October 18. Mass begins at 3:00 p.m. at St. Bartholomew Church, 9375 Winton Road, Cincinnati, followed by a global reception. For more information, please contact Teresa Phillips at the Mission Office at 513.421.3131x2632 or mission@catholiccincinnati.org.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF *NOSTRA AETATE: DECLARATION ON THE CHURCH'S RELATIONS WITH NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS* - **The Power of Interfaith Collaboration: Responsibility and Hope for a World in Conflict - Fifty years ago, at the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church redefined its relationship with the other religions of the world in the document, *Nostra Aetate*. *Nostra Aetate's* importance is that it opened a new era of interfaith dialogue and understanding. Much has been accomplished but**

there are challenges, old and new, that continue to face those who believe that a critical path to relieving the suffering of the world lies in interfaith relations. These new challenges demand that we build on the foundation of dialogue to bring in a new era of interfaith collaboration. **October 18, 2015, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**, The James and Caroline Duff Banquet Center in the Cintas Center, Xavier University. Featured panelists will be: Yonathan Arfi, vice-president of the CRIF (Representative Council of Jewish Institutions of France) and chairman of CRIF's commission for international affairs; Francis X. Clooney, S.J., the Parkman Professor of Divinity and Professor of Comparative Theology and Director of the Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard University; and Dr. Seyyed Hossein Nasr, University Professor of Islamic studies at George Washington University. Introductory remarks will be offered by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr. **For More Information:** 513.745.3922, or www.xavier.edu/dialogue. The event is sponsored by the President's Office of Xavier University, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, The Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education, The Department of Theology at Xavier University, The Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati, Program of Catholic Studies at University of Cincinnati, Bellarmine Chapel, The Center for Mission & Identity at Xavier University, and Jewish Community Relations Council

OVER 12,000 BLESSED AND DELIVERED! THANK YOU! - Several dozen parishes and other faith-based groups more than doubled our goal of letters to Congress, asking for full funding of the Child Nutrition programs in the federal budget (e.g. school lunches, summer meals, and WIC programs for pregnant and nursing mothers). Together, our message was threefold. To those who are hungry, we want to see your hunger end. To those in Congress, we want you to join us in helping end hunger by fully funding Child Nutrition programs and not cutting other critical safety net programs for the poor in the federal budget. And to Pope Francis, we hope you accept this gift of advocacy from so many of the faithful in your honor. Welcome to the United States!

REVEREND 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. Reverend 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.

FAITHFUL SUSTAINABILITY: BEST PRACTICES FOR FACILITIES AND HOMES IN THE NORTHERN REGION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI! -

Responding to Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care of Our Common Home*, how can we, as a community of faith, more fully answer the call for sustainability? Join us for Faithful Sustainability: Best Practices for Facilities and Homes in the Northern Region of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati! **Saturday, November 7, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Lunch included) St. Joseph Church & the Petersburg Parishes** (101 West Pearl Street, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895.) Through a morning of workshops and discussions with local experts, we'll explore how the local Church can reduce our environmental footprint, lower utility bills, nurture nature, and increase our commitment to energy efficiency in our homes, schools and parishes. All are welcome, but space is limited to the first 45 facility leaders and 45 parishioners who register. Don't miss out, and bring your own mug or beverage container! The event is \$5, and includes lunch. Register by contacting the Catholic Social Action Office at csa@catholiccincinnati.org; 513.421.3131x2660; or online at www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction.

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: Through the intercession of St. Francis whose feast day is this month (Oct. 4th), we pray for healing grace to all of God's marvelous creation and the alleviation of suffering of the poor. St. Francis and Pope Francis model this for us; may we follow in their footsteps. Quote from the Holy See: "Today, however, we have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear **both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor**"(Pope Francis *Laudato Si: On Care of Our Common Home*, no. 49) Care for Creation Tip: As a follow up to the Holy Father's recent visit to the U.S., have your parish and parish members address the climate change and sustainability issues as suggested by Pope Francis, our Cincinnati Archbishop, and the Catholic Climate Covenant group in Washington. Consider hosting a program on *Laudato Si'*, participate in an upcoming "Faithful Sustainability" workshop, or connect with the Climate Change Task Force and its advocacy work. To learn more, contact Sr. Tracy Kemme in the Catholic Social Action Office at tkemme@catholiccincinnati.org.*