



CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

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

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

PRIESTLY FORMATION OFFICE

FALL RETREAT FOR PRIESTS

The fall retreat for priests is scheduled for October 9-13, 2017 at the St. Anne Retreat Center in Melbourne, Kentucky. We have scheduled Monsignor Frank P. Lane, former Spiritual Director of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, to be our speaker.

GOSPEL WORKSHOP

This year's Gospel workshop will feature the Gospel of St. Mark. We have asked Fr. Patrick Brady, of the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, to be our presenter. The Gospel workshop will be on Tuesday, October 24 at St. Peter Church in Huber Heights and Wednesday, October 25 at the Athenaeum of Ohio.

VOCATION OFFICE

PRIESTS ARE THE BEST RECRUITERS

The most recent study of this year's class of ordinands confirms once again that men who become priests are encouraged by priests to consider it. This year, the percentage of men who were encouraged by a priest is 75%. If you know of any men in your parish who are showing signs of a budding priestly vocation, please consider inviting them to consider it. If you are currently speaking with any young man about his vocation, please pass along his contact information to Fr. Schmitmeyer at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org. Let us continue our work together in helping Our Lord speak to these men's hearts.

AVAILABLE TO PREACH AT YOUR PARISH

Fr. Schmitmeyer wants to preach on vocations in as many parishes as possible each year. While his Fall weekend schedule is filling up, he still has some weekends available and he is willing to start taking on weekends in the Spring. Father will take on all your Sunday Masses and any confession times you regularly offer on the weekends. Call or email Fr. Schmitmeyer to set up a weekend.

SUMMER VOCATION BIBLE SCHOOL: DISCOVERY MISSION

We are pleased to announce a new Vacation Bible School curriculum that teaches children about discovering the path God has planned for their lives. This program is called *Discovery Mission: Catholic Vocation Bible School* and has been created by Vianney Vocations and God is Good. All Cincinnati parishes are able to purchase a Director's Kit for 30% off by using the code: CIN202. To look at samples of the program materials and to learn more, visit

<https://www.vocationbibleschool.com/>. For those who choose not to use these materials for Vocation Bible Schools there are still easy-to-implement lesson plans available at www.vocationlessons.com using code CinciVocations513.

RECRUITING PARISHES FOR STATEWIDE ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

We are currently looking for at least one parish in each deanery to host a holy hour for vocations on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. Parishes in all six dioceses of Ohio will be praying throughout the day for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Host parish responsibilities are minimal. If you are interested in being a host parish, please call Wayne at 513.421.3131 x2891 or email wtopp@catholiccincinnati.org.

NEW VOCATION MATERIALS AVAILABLE

We have expanded the various vocation materials we have to offer parishes. We now have several resources in Spanish. Please check out the online order form at <http://www.cincinnati vocations.org/additional-resources/vocation-culture-materials-order-form/>. All materials are in stock and FREE to all parishes, schools, and homeschool groups.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT COMING IN THE FALL

This year's men's priesthood discernment retreat will take place on November 17-19, 2017 at the Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, OH. If there is a young man in your parish (college age and older) who has expressed interest in the priesthood, please ask him to consider this weekend at no cost to him. It is filled with practical conferences and ample opportunities for silent reflection. Any questions, contact the Vocation Office.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

- **November 5-11:** Vocation Awareness Week
- **November 8:** Statewide Holy Hour for Vocations
- **November 17-19:** Men's Discernment Retreat
- **February 3-4, 2018:** World Day for Consecrated Life
- **April 22, 2018:** World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- **April 28, 2018:** Transitional Diaconate Ordination
- **May 19, 2018:** Priesthood Ordination

UPCOMING 2017 EVENTS TO ANNOUNCE

Please see the Bulletin Announcements section for more information on each of the following:

- **August 10:** Vocation Event with Dominican Friars
- **August 15:** Simple Profession Mass with Dominican Friars
- **August 25-27:** Discernment Retreat with Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker
- **September 1-4:** Come and See Retreat with Cistercian Monks
- **Ongoing:** Children of Mary Discernment Retreat opportunities

DEPARTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SERVICES

CHANCERY OFFICE

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION RESOURCE MATERIALS

The Peter's Pence Collection took place the last weekend in June in all parishes. If you feel as though you need to change the amount of resource materials you **did or did not** receive, please contact Lisa Weber at lweber@catholiccincinnati.org with your updated request. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Lisa at 513.421.3131x2842. Thank you.

OFFICE FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Stephanie Still, PBVM, the Executive Director of the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO), shared the following information in her most recent RFR Coordinator Bulletin:

“Big news! For the second year in a row, the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) collection exceeded \$30 million! The 2016 total marks the 8th time in the collection's 29-year history that donations have surpassed \$30 million. We were blessed by the tremendous generosity of Catholics across the U.S., both in parishes and through a number of large bequests. As always, please know of our heartfelt gratitude for your time and effort in promoting the appeal at the local level.”

The people of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati contributed \$600,000 to the 2016 collection. I, Sister Marilyn Kerber, echo Sister Stephanie's appreciation.

OFFICE OF THE DIACONATE

SENIOR STATUS GRANTED TO THREE PERMANENT DEACONS

Archbishop Dennis Schnurr accepted three deacons' requests for Senior Status – Bob Kozlowski, Bill Mullaney and Bill Moore. Two of the deacons moved to Senior Status, effective April 7, 2017.

Deacon Bob Kozlowski is currently assigned to St. Peter Parish, Huber Heights. Bob was ordained September 28, 1991 and has served the Archdiocese as a deacon for twenty-five years. His Senior Status was effective April 7.

Deacon Bill Mullaney is currently assigned to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Cincinnati. Bill was ordained September 26, 1998 and has served the Archdiocese as a deacon for eighteen years. His Senior Status was effective April 7.

Deacon Bill Moore is currently assigned to St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Kettering. Bill was ordained April 24, 2010 and has served the Archdiocese as a deacon for seven years. Bill's Senior Status will be effective on July 1.

The deacons will continue to serve at their parishes as their health allows. Thank you Deacons Bob, Bill and Bill for your many years of faithful service to God's Church and His people.

ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE FOR ACOLYTE DAVID GILLESPIE, JULY 22, 2017

Acolyte David Gillespie of St. Patrick Parish, Troy, will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on July 22, 2017 by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr. The ordination will take place in his home parish on July 22, 2017 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All clergy are invited to vest and join in this joyful celebration.

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

BACKGROUND CHECK / CHILD PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

All "employees" and "regular volunteers" as defined in the July 1, 2013 *Decree on Child Protection (Decree)* must receive an acceptable background check, and must attend a VIRTUS® Child Awareness Session on the *Decree* before they can have contact with children. **If any employee or regular volunteer has not received an acceptable background check result and / or not attended a VIRTUS® Child Awareness Session on the *Decree*, that employee or regular volunteer is not approved to have contact with children and may not have contact with children.** In addition, all employees within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati must complete and sign a B.4 Form and send them to the Office of Safe Environment for Protection of Children and Youth before the new employee can begin having contact with children.

ANNUAL USCCB AUDIT CERTIFICATION LETTERS

All pastors, parish administrators, principals and other leaders of Archdiocese of Cincinnati institutions will be receiving a letter asking them to certify that their institutions have received and implemented the Archdiocese *Decree on Child Protection* during the USCCB audit period and fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Please sign and **return those letters to Joe Riede via email: jriede@catholiccincinnati.org or fax (513.421.6225).** The USCCB Auditors will review these signed letters during their live audit of the Archdiocese.

VIRTUS® ACCOUNTS CLEANUP

The electronic background check through SELECTiON.COM® became mandatory on January 1, 2014. Individuals who had manual fingerprints (BCI or FBI) completed in 2012 are required to complete the electronic check in 2017. Individuals who had manual fingerprints completed in 2013 are required to complete the electronic check in 2018.

The Safe Environment Office will be identifying individuals who are **significantly out of compliance** and will be inactivating their accounts on the following schedule.

July 2017 – we will start inactivating anyone who had manual fingerprints completed July – December 2016 and did not complete an electronic check through Selection.com

Aug 2017 – inactivating anyone who had manual fingerprints completed January – June 2017 and did not complete an electronic check through Selection.com

ON-LINE REFRESHER REQUIREMENT

On-line refresher (1 ½ hour) is now required for any individual who has not completed 18 or more monthly bulletins. Individuals who meet this requirement will be identified through the use of the caution button in the VIRTUS database. Local SECs will have to contact Jackie Heinitz or Joe Riede to have the training assigned and the account reactivated. The individual will have two weeks to complete the training. Once the local SEC has verified that the training is complete, their monthly bulletins will be reset so they are not responsible for past due bulletins. Please remember that the caution designation can only be removed by the Safe Environment Office. Procedures and instructions have been sent to all local SEC's. If you have not received this information please let Jackie know.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

NEW WELLNESS COORDINATOR

Valerie Sprouse, from TriHealth, is very excited to be working with AOC as our new Wellness Coordinator. She is working this summer to introduce herself to our Wellness Champions and would welcome the opportunity to be on-site for a summer wellness program. For example:

- July is UV/Sun Safety month. TriHealth can offer on-site Dermascan, sun damage screenings to employees at your location.
- Wellness consultations can take place on-site to help employees set and achieve goals for lifestyle behavior changes. These are FREE 20-minute consultations.
- Wellness Champions can refer to the Wellbeing Toolkit for other summer programming ideas.

Would you like to join our Wellness Champion team? Champions serve as ambassadors for the Wellness program by sharing information, engaging co-workers to participate and creating excitement around leading a healthy lifestyle. If you are interested, have any questions, or would like to schedule a summer program, please don't hesitate to contact Valerie at: AOCWellness@trihealth.com or 513.977.0005.

UPDATE ON HEADLINES RELATED TO ANTHEM LEAVING THE OHIO MARKET

Health insurer Anthem, Inc. announced in early June that beginning in 2018 it will no longer offer health insurance through the federal exchanges in Ohio created by the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare. There have been concerns on how this action might affect the health insurance program offered by the Archdiocese. This decision does NOT impact the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Plan and its eligible employees/dependents.

Anthem is not the actual insurer of the Archdiocese's plan, but only the administrator and claims adjuster, therefore the withdrawal from the federal exchange will have no effect on our insurance program. The Archbishop runs, on behalf of the Catholic entities under his trusteeship or ownership, a self-insured health plan. Questions: Charlotte Carpenter in the Finance Office at 513.421.3131x2852.

COMPENSATION FOR WOMEN AND MEN RELIGIOUS

There have been some questions regarding compensation for women and men religious who are employed by parishes/schools/institutions within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (AOC). These employees are eligible for the same benefits as lay employees and it is incumbent for each location to work with the business office at the individual's religious order to confirm details. In general, the salary compensation is paid directly to the religious order and they handle tax filings for the individual. Health care may be provided either by the location or by a reimbursement to the religious order. Effective July 1, 2017, the single rate for eligible employees (including women and men religious) is \$33/month contribution towards their health care premium. They are also responsible for the dental insurance premium if coverage elected. Worker's Compensation coverage is provided by the location through the AOC self-funded program. In general, in addition to compensation the other benefits that should be sent to the Religious Congregations are as follows:

FICA Taxes	7.650%
Retirement	6.000%
Unemployment Comp	.350%
LTD	<u>.272%</u>
TOTAL	14.172%

When setting up the religious employee in Paycor Perform, it is critical to work directly with your Paycor client representative to verify that the employee record is set up correctly and that all taxes are on hold and the tax handling be marked as clergy. The religious order will handle the tax filings and your religious employee should not receive a W-2.

In the BAS/MyEnroll system, please select Benefit Class Code #6 Religious if employee meets the eligibility threshold of 30+hours/week. Using this Benefit Class code will allow elections for medical, dental, FSA, and life insurance. There is no Long-Term Disability Coverage through the Archdiocese Health Plan.

Please work with the religious order business office on how payments are remitted to the congregations for women and men religious who are employed by parishes or institutions. Questions: Charlotte Carpenter in the Finance Office at 513.421.3131x 2852.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

WEAPONS IN THE WORKPLACE POLICY

The Department of Human Resources has revised the Weapons in the Workplace Policy to comply with recent changes in Ohio law. The revised policy can be found on the HR website at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Policy-Prohibiting-Weapons-in-the-Workplace.pdf>.

GUIDELINES FOR POSTING OPEN POSITIONS

Following are the guidelines for posting open positions to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Human Resources Career Opportunities page:

- You must be an affiliate [agency, institution, parish, school or religious congregation] of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.
- Outside postings are permitted if an affiliate of another Arch/diocese.
- The HR page is for Administrative positions. Please send school related postings to: dhungler@catholiccincinnati.org.
- When submitting job postings, please do not send the complete job description. Send a condensed version with the most important aspects of the position including, contact information.
- Because of the program used, it is difficult to format bullets and numbering. Please keep the posting in paragraph format.
- If available, we can link your job posting to your website.
- All jobs will be posted for one (1) month unless otherwise specified.
- Job submissions should be emailed to: kbrannon@catholiccincinnati.org.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Karen Brannon or Gayle Scotti at 513.421.3131x2801.

HR TRAINING

If you would like to ensure proper procedures are followed, have questions or would like to learn more about HR topics, Rob Reid and Meg Paul are available to come to your parish to speak on such topics, including but not limited to:

- FMLA Compliance
- Policies and Procedures
- Harassment and Discrimination
- Termination
- HR tips for new Business Managers
- HR Best Practices

You can contact them at 513.421.3131 (Rob ext. 6611, Meg ext. 2841).

DEPARTMENT OF PASTORAL LIFE AND EVANGELIZATION

OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS

A WORD OF THANKS

As you may know, the Archdiocese is hosting the upcoming 40th Annual NPM convention, July 10 -14, 2017 at the Cincinnati Convention Center, as well as the NPM Youth Music Ministry Institute. Already, hundreds of hours have been dedicated to planning and preparing for this convention. Along with the Core Committee (Paul Bresciani, St. Veronica; Mary Bellman, St. Columban; Ellen Garmann, St. Helen; Carol Quackenbush, Our Lady of Hope; Tim McManus, formerly of St. Vivian; Kevin Samblanet, Incarnation; Ron Miller, All Saints; Jeremy Helmes and Mary Ella Wielgos, St. Maximillian Kolbe; Anthony DiCello, AOC Director of

Music/Cathedral; Karen Kane and Kathy Schmidt, ODWS) hundreds of other pastoral musicians, clergy, choir members, and cantors have volunteered, chaired committees, participated in choir rehearsals, planned events, organized details, and the list goes on. Thanks to all of them; to the many pastors who supported their musicians' involvement and participation in the convention; to the Archbishop and Bishop who supported our efforts; to other Archdiocesan staff who gave their assistance; and to the many private and corporate donors who generously provided financial and material support. This is the fourth time we have hosted this convention, and we can be extremely proud of our Archdiocese for coming together and welcoming nearly 2000 musicians, publishers, liturgists, speakers, theologians, and composers to this convention. We are truly blessed by talented and generous people who believe in and support the art of musical liturgy. Thank you!

FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE

Last June, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments announced that Pope Francis raised the liturgical calendar rank of St. Mary Magdalene from an obligatory memorial to a feast. Archbishop Roche, secretary of the CDWS, wrote that Pope Francis sees the change in the liturgical rank of Mary Magdalene, the "Apostle of the Apostles," as one way for the Church to "reflect more deeply on the dignity of women, the new evangelization and the greatness of the mystery of divine mercy." The rank of "feast" is like that of the Apostles. Therefore, on July 22, the liturgy for the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene will include a Gloria, along with a proper preface entitled *de apostolorum apostola* (Apostle of the Apostles). Once an approved English translation is available, then it is to be used. Other liturgical texts for Mary Magdalene already provided in the liturgical books are to be used.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

ODWS is working on the program calendar for 2017-2018. If you would like for ODWS to offer a program at your parish, please contact Kathy Schmidt, kschmidt@catholiccincinnati.org.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR UPDATE:

ANNUAL LITURGICAL NOTES CALENDAR: The liturgical notes calendar will be posted on the Worship Office website in late July. It will be included with the next edition of Clergy Communications.

MUSIC COPYRIGHT

The new Archdiocesan Church Music Copyright document is posted at:
<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Copyright-AOC-statement.pdf>.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Karen Kane, 513.421.3131x2670 or Tony DiCello, 513.421.2222.

ARE YOU RECEIVING THE ODWS E-NEWS?

If you have not signed up for the ODWS newsletter, you can do so by visiting:
<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/worship/join-our-email-newsletter/>.

OFFICE FOR MISSION AND PONTIFICAL SOCIETIES

MISSION OFFICE SEEKS A CONTACT PERSON FOR EACH PARISH/REGION

Pastors have enough to do. To eliminate a bit of their load, the Mission Office requests that each pastor send to the Mission Office a name and email address of someone in your parish who can serve as the “Global Mission Advocate” or contact person with our office. This person could assist with the promotion of World Mission Sunday with reminders in the bulletin, help with the hospitality of incoming Missionary Co-op Plan (MCP) guest speakers, and any other mission related program at your parish and school/PSR. Please contact us at 513.421.3131x2632 or mission@catholiccincinnati.org.

YOUR COMPASSION TO THE MISSIONARY CO-OP PLAN (MCP) REPRESENTATIVES IS TREASURED

Please remember that once the donations are collected at your parish for 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 Chancery or the missionary organization, so they can be properly recorded in the Mission Office for Vatican records. Please indicate if your MCP donation is from 2016 or 2017. Any questions or problems? Contact our MCP Coordinator, Melonise Knight, at mknight@catholiccincinnati.org or phone 513.421.3131x2631.

OFFICE FOR RESPECT LIFE MINISTRIES

ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE AWARD DATE CHANGE

The Office for Respect Life Ministries is pleased to announce the annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Award will be awarded this year on **Sunday, January 14, 2018**, the weekend prior to the Archdiocesan March for Life trip to Washington, DC. This annual award is to recognize those who exemplify protecting the dignity of human life in all stages, from issues of abortion to euthanasia and everything in between. The criteria used will be based on the *Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life* (A Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, 2001). Look for the nomination form on our website at www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/respect-life-2. The new deadline for nominations is **September 8, 2017**.

SAVE THE DATE

The Office for Respect Life Ministries is collaborating with the Social Action Office on a day to celebrate Missionary Discipleship on **Saturday, September 9**. Please see the Social Action section for more information.

DOES YOUR PARISH HAVE AN ILL-USED CONVENT/RECTORY?

Mater Filius is a non-profit organization which creates homes to help pregnant women who find themselves without the support of family or who are experiencing financial difficulties. Mater Filius homes are run based on the key principles of the Catholic social teaching, giving mothers education and job training in a prayerful environment. Mater Filius is searching for a home / space where 5 to 12 moms can live, take care of their babies and receive their education. Mater Filius will renovate the space as needed at their own expense, AND pay monthly rent to use it. As prayer and adoration are a key component of the program, it would be ideal that a chapel

was available or it was nearby a church. For more information, contact **Bob Wurzelbacher** at **513.421.3131 x2642**.

9 MONTHS IN THE WOMB WITH CHRIST

We hope you are utilizing our weekly reflections on Christ's fetal development from March 26 to December 25, 2017 in your bulletins. The additional monthly reflection for July connects Gabriel's announcement to Mary that she would bear God's son with a concern for better stewardship of God's creation. Check out our website at www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/respect-life-2 and click on the "9 Months with Christ" image for more information. Available in both English and Spanish!

PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is a ministry of the Archdiocese that serves anyone who has experienced a loss of a child due to abortion. There are a variety of ways persons can engage in this ministry for healing from a recent loss or a loss that occurred decades ago: one-on-one conversation with a peer, consultation with a priest (we can accommodate a need for consulting in Spanish), a day of reflection for anyone who has experienced loss (mother, grandparent, father, sibling, friend, etc.), support groups and retreats for mothers who lost their child due to abortion. Contact Noreen Wendeln at nwendeln@catholiccincinnati.org or call the Project Rachel Help Line at 513.784.0531 for information. All conversations and email are confidential.

OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

ANNOUNCING THE NEW CATECHETICAL CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

The new catechetical certification process, as announced earlier this year by Archbishop Schnurr and developed by the Office for Evangelization and Discipleship (OED), launched on June 26.

The certification track of the *Catechetical Institute* is entitled "*Vocare*," a Latin word meaning "to call." Principals, teachers and parish catechists are called to know both the person and the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church and to call others to the same. Certification is the means by which those called to teach are prepared for this vital ministry of Catholic religious education.

Catechesis literally means "to echo" the life and teachings of Jesus. "Christianity is first and foremost about listening to the voice of Jesus. Our 'yes' to that voice is the building block for all authentic Catholic religious education," said Father Thomas Wray, OED director. "As Archbishop Schnurr's Vocations Prayer sets forth, all Catholics have been called, all have a vocation, we pray for the grace to know the path God has planned for us, and to 'respond with a generous yes.'"

Those presently certified at any level are automatically entered into the *Vocare* system. They have received login credentials via email on or before the June 26 launch. Pastors, instruct your staff to contact VocareSupport@CatholicCincinnati.org if credentials have not been received or if further assistance is required.

Those interested in pursuing a call to teach the faith should contact their parish or school catechetical leader for more information on *Vocare*.

Four upcoming webinars scheduled for July 10 will feature a comprehensive review and walk-through of the certification process. Of particular interest to pastors is the “**WHAT DO I DO AS A VOCARE ADMINISTRATOR OR PARTICIPANT?**” session as indicated below.

Click on the date(s) and time(s) corresponding to your interest and register today!

HOW DOES CERTIFICATION WORK?

AUDIENCE: Catechetical leaders, teachers, catechists.

DATES/TIMES:

- [July 10, 10am-11am](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/4b7f6bec6b152b6966858a512be5123a) (or if typing in a URL, please use <https://zoom.us/webinar/register/4b7f6bec6b152b6966858a512be5123a>)
- [July 10, 6pm-7pm*](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/74885f655d9c7a8566858a512be5123a) (or if typing in a URL please use, <https://zoom.us/webinar/register/74885f655d9c7a8566858a512be5123a>)

WHAT DO I DO AS A VOCARE ADMINISTRATOR OR PARTICIPANT?

AUDIENCE: Priests, Catechetical Leaders, Vocare Administrators, Principals

DATES/TIMES:

- [July 10, 12pm-1pm](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/4099cd824ff9230a7c24e00bf0acd2b8) (if typing in a URL, please use <https://zoom.us/webinar/register/4099cd824ff9230a7c24e00bf0acd2b8>)
- [July 10, 7pm-8pm*](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/f08421c1926cf08166858a512be5123a) (if typing in a URL, please use <https://zoom.us/webinar/register/f08421c1926cf08166858a512be5123a>)

*Recordings will be available online after July 10.

LATINO CATECHETICAL CERTIFICATION CONTINUES REACHING NEW MILESTONES

“Camina con Cristo” began in 2016 to offer Spanish language certification in Catechesis for the Hispanic Community in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The program is conducted in partnership with the University of Dayton under the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) – Spanish. The complete program includes 12 courses over two levels.

It is a pleasure to announce that July 1, we are expecting 50 students to finish their LEVEL I of formation.

These students come from:

CINCINNATI AREA: St. Ann Parish; St. Charles Borromeo Parish (from Hispanic Community); Holy Family Parish; St. Leo the Great Parish; Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish; St. Mary Parish, Hyde Park.

HAMILTON AREA: St. Gabriel Parish; St. Julie Billiart Parish; St. Francis de Sales Parish.

DAYTON AREA: St. Mary Parish

SPRINGFIELD AREA: St. Patrick Parish, Troy; St. Teresa of Child Jesus Parish

Please join the OED in congratulating our Latino catechists as they pursue certification. Please contact Dina Beach (DBeach@CatholicCincinnati.org) for more information about supporting Latino catechesis throughout the Archdiocese.

OFFICE FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

CONTAGIOUSLY CATHOLIC ALLIANCE

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Office for the New Evangelization, in partnership with the Evangelical Catholic, is offering a unique service to parishes committed to becoming completely mission-oriented.

A **Contagiously Catholic Parish Alliance** is a partnership between the parish and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Office of the New Evangelization. With the help of the Evangelical Catholic, we will mentor you to be equipped to implement a strategic process of evangelization.

What makes the Contagiously Catholic Parish Alliance Different?

- This is not about implementing a new program, or giving you a plug and play manual for evangelization. This is about equipping parish leadership with the vision, the skills, and the motivation to create a culture for evangelization.
- We are not offering an easy solution or easy answers. Successful Parish Alliances will find themselves hard at work! This will change the way your staff works and how you use parish resources. We promise that it will get messy because evangelization is messy.
- A Parish Alliance is a major investment of time and resources from the Office of the New Evangelization. Instead of trying to do everything for everybody we have made a strategic decision to work very hard with a few parishes at a time. In the long run, we know that this will be the best use of our time.

What will this cost us?

The cost for the Parish Alliance is being paid through the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal and is therefore free to parishes. A Parish Alliance 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.

Who else is doing this?

1. St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Liberty Township
2. Our Lady of Grace Parish, Dayton
3. Queen of Martyrs Parish, Dayton
4. Coldwater Cluster Parishes, Coldwater

5. St. John the Baptist Parish, Dry Ridge
6. St. Patrick Parish, Bellefontaine / St. Mary of the Woods Parish, Russells Point

If you are interested, please contact Sean Ater at sater@catholiccincinnati.org. For more information go to www.contagiouslycatholic.com/evangelization-training/parish-alliance/.

ATTENTION PARISH ALLIANCE PARTICIPANTS

Sign up now for the Evangelization Training Camp taking place August 7-10, 2017, Lake Williamson IN. Go to: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/one/contagiously-catholic-parish-alliance/evangelization-training-camp/>.

SCHOOL OF FAITH: BUILD CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND A CULTURE OF DISCIPLESHIP AT YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Lifelong education and formation in missionary discipleship is very important for our Catholic School teachers. These individuals are ministers of the faith, or catechists, and “The call to the ministry of the catechist is a vocation, an interior call, the voice of the Holy Spirit. (NDC 54.8).”

It is for this reason that Archbishop Schnurr has endorsed the School of Faith and invited them to minister in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. School of Faith is a program of adult catechesis designed to provide doctrinal and spiritual formation for Catholic school teachers, administrators, spiritual mentors and individuals. Its purpose is to lay the theological foundation upon which an authentic Catholic culture can be developed. It is comprehensive in its content, but always with the goal of explaining the faith in a simple and engaging way.

The mission of School of Faith will be to provide ongoing doctrinal and spiritual formation for Catholic school teachers in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati through catechetical programs that stress the call to prayer, virtue, and holiness of life. This formation not only benefits the teachers themselves, but also equips them to build a solid Catholic environment in our Catholic schools.

The School of Faith is currently ministering in the following schools:

- St. Ignatius Loyola
- St. James, White Oak
- St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Purcell Marian High School
- St. Jude
- Our Lady of the Visitation
- La Salle High School
- St. Margaret of York
- Immaculate Heart of Mary

For more information on the School of Faith, go to www.schooloffaith.com or contact John Leyendecker at john@schooloffaith.com.

NEW EVANGELIZATION REFLECTION

The New Evangelization has been described as being new in ardor, new in methods, and new in expression. Consider having Sean Ater facilitate a conversation with your parish leaders on how

your parish will respond to the call for a new evangelization. The format of this reflection is flexible but will lead participants to consider new methods and expressions for evangelization.

The goal of this reflection is to inspire a new ardor for evangelization for those in parish ministry. This reflection would be appropriate for parish staff, Pastoral Council, Evangelization Committees, or other key parish leaders. Contact Sean Ater at sater@catholiccincinnati.org.

PROMOTE YOUR EVANGELIZING PARISH EVENT

Do you have an evangelization event or program that you would like to get the word out about? We would like to help through our outreach webpage www.stirintoflame.org. Send us information about the event and we will add it to our “What’s Stirring” calendar. Send your information to Sean Ater at sater@catholiccincinnati.org.

WEB RESOURCES FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

www.ContagiouslyCatholic.com 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 for the New Evangelization and partner offices and organizations working to build a culture of witness in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

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OFFICE FOR YOUTH EVANGELIZATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

NOVA

NOVA is a formation day for Campus and Youth Ministers at the beginning of each semester. NOVA provides a powerful opportunity for ministers to gather for fellowship, prayer, and practical formation that has a direct bearing on carrying out youth evangelization.

This August 7 and 8, the Office for Youth Evangelization and Discipleship is happy to offer the same session in two different locations in the Archdiocese with the hope that a high percentage of our Youth and Campus Ministers can attend. The theme for NOVA in August 2017 is: No longer I Who Live: Foundational Principles for Youth Evangelization.

For more information, please visit: viacatholic.org/nova.

To register, please visit: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=badc4b>.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHWESTERN OHIO

VOLUNTEER RETREAT, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017

Catholic Charities is reaching out to volunteers across Greater Cincinnati for a retreat to encounter God and reflect on how serving others brings us closer to God. The goal of this event

will be to renew and refresh our spirits so we're better equipped to assist others in need.

Led by Fr. Jason Bedel, pastor of St. Margaret of York Parish, the Volunteer Retreat will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Milford. Mass will be celebrated before lunch. An opportunity for fellowship and networking will follow the retreat.

Look for additional details in August. For questions, contact Scott Stephens by email sstephens@ccswoh.org or call Scott at 513.672.3714.

CHAMPIONS OF MERCY AWARDS

Acts of Mercy occur every day. Catholic Charities invites you to nominate individuals of all ages who share mercy. We hope by recognizing these Champions of Mercy that they will in turn to inspire others to “go and do likewise.”

Nominate who you believe exemplifies one or more of the Spiritual or Corporate Works of Mercy. Catholic Charities will recognize the top six with cash awards up to \$1,000 each to use to further their works of mercy. The award categories are: Individual Youth (18 & younger) Individual Adult, Congregation/Faith-Based Group, Youth Group (18 & younger), Group Adult, & Professional Organization. To submit a nomination, go to <https://ccswoh.org/champions/> or email sstephens@ccswoh.org and he will email you a nomination form.

Those selected for recognition will receive complimentary tickets to the Champions of Mercy Awards Dinner that will be held on Saturday, November 4, at Centre Park of West Chester, 5800 Mulhauser Road.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

CRS RICE BOWL LOCAL FUNDS DISTRIBUTIONS

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl donations are doing good work both around the world in 100 countries and here at home. CRS asks the Archdiocese to distribute 25 percent of the money collected in the Rice Bowl program to organizations that alleviate poverty and hunger. We'll consider the agencies we wish to support throughout the summer.

With the help of Rice Bowl coordinators and in-parish promoters of Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the Catholic Social Action Office will distribute funds to agencies in all of the Archdiocese's 11 deaneries as well as four regional organizations.

To learn more about Catholic Relief Services and our local distribution to area agencies, visit <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/catholic-social-action/catholic-relief-services/>. The left sidebar can lead you to specific areas of information.

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TOGETHER IN CHRIST: SAYING "YES" TO MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

As our culture becomes increasingly divisive, the Church can offer an alternative message of unity in Christ's body that has the power to heal a broken world. On Saturday, September 9 (the Feasts of St. Peter Claver and Blessed Frederic Ozanam), from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, those engaged in respect life and social action ministries will join Archbishop Dennis Schnurr at the Athenaeum of Ohio's Bartlett Center to recognize their shared missionary discipleship. Those gathering will include Greater Cincinnati parish respect life, social action and St. Vincent de Paul leaders; immigrants and refugees; returning citizens; Project Rachel and crisis pregnancy center clients and leaders; environmental and racial justice advocates. TOGETHER, they will celebrate our discipleship, bear witness to our own calling, and encounter the stories of others on how they came to advocate for life, dignity and justice! For more information, contact the Catholic Social Action Office at 513.421.3131x2660.

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER ANNOUNCED FOR FALL 2017

Fr. Dan Groody, an associate professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame, who is a Holy Cross religious, a scholar and an award-winning author and film producer, will be the presenter on Thursday, October 5, as part of the annual Distinguished Speaker series. St. Albert Parish will host the free presentation. A fundraising dinner to benefit Catholic Social Services programs will be served before the presentation. The event is co-sponsored by Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley, the Catholic Social Action Office in Dayton and Weavers of Justice. More details will become available later this summer. For more information call Pam Long at the Catholic Social Action Office 937.224.3026 x5018.

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DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP

PLEDGES TO THE 2017 CMA HAVE EXCEEDED THE \$5 MILLION GOAL!

As of June 19, just over \$5.2 million has been pledged to the appeal from 27,900 households. Of the amount pledged, close to \$4.4 million has been received in payments.

Updated totals for this year’s CMA, including parish progress, can be found at www.CatholicAppeal.info under the “Info for Parish Staff” link – **the password to access this section is: cma2007.**

CMA MASSES OF THANKSGIVING

Three Masses of Thanksgiving for the CMA will be celebrated this summer. Dates, times, and locations of the Masses are listed below:

Saturday, July 29 – Immaculate Conception in Botkins at the 5:30 p.m. Mass
Sunday, August 13 – St. Paul in Dayton/Englewood at the 10:30 a.m. Mass
Sunday, August 27 – Sacred Heart in Fairfield at the 12:00 noon Mass

All are welcome to attend these Masses as we celebrate and give thanks for the support of this year’s appeal and the six regional ministries funded by the CMA!

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2018 CMA – KEY WEEKENDS

Announcement Weekend – January 20/21, 2018
Commitment Weekend – February 3/4, 2018

Please Note: There will be a weekend in-between Announcement and Commitment Weekends to allow for Catholic Schools Week celebrations in parishes, which begin on Sunday, January 28.

For questions about the CMA, contact David Kissell at 513.421.3131x2881 or email david@CatholicAppeal.info.

MISCELLANEOUS

TAKE CLASSES NOW AND DEEPEN YOUR FAITH: THE ATHENAEUM OF OHIO ANNOUNCES 50% LAY TUITION REDUCTION SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 2017-18 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Athenaeum, the Archdiocesan seminary and school of theology, announces a 50% lay tuition reduction as part of our *One Faith, One Hope, One Love Capital Campaign* commitment. We offer daytime, evening and Saturday classes, graduate and non-degree options and a supportive environment at all three locations: the main campus in Mount Washington, Good Shepherd Parish in Montgomery and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in McCartyville. Earn a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry, Master of Arts in Theology or a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies, or a Certificate in Pastoral Ministry as you discern God's call, prepare for new opportunities, or learn about your faith in a dynamic and enriching environment. You don't have to commit to a degree program; you can just take a course to deepen your Catholic faith. There will never be a better time to discover how lay Catholic studies through the Athenaeum can transform your life. Call Dr. Susan McGurgan (LPMP Director) at 513.231.1200 or Fr. David Endres (Academic Dean) at 513.231.2223 or go to our web site: www.growinwisdom.org for more information.

COLLECTING INFORMATION FROM MOTHER TERESA'S TRIP TO CINCINNATI IN 1981

Deacon Jacob Willig, a seminarian for the Archdiocese is currently conducting research for a thesis project on Mother Teresa's trip to Cincinnati in 1981. During this visit she visited St. Peter in Chains Cathedral and the old Franciscan seminary on Mill Road. He has found information in the Catholic Telegraph, other newspapers, and the Franciscan Archives, but is looking for more sources. If you or someone you know has photos, audio, video, or notes from Mother Teresa's visit please feel free to contact him by email at jacobw@ihom.org.

**Please submit articles for the August *Clergy Communications* by July 21, 2017.
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).

VOCATION RETREAT WITH THE CHILDREN OF MARY - The Children of Mary invite all young women discerning the religious life to learn more about their community through a personal vocation retreat. These retreats can be requested at anytime through their website <http://www.childrenofmary.net/vocationdiscernmentretreats.shtml>.

AUGUST 10: VOCATION EVENT WITH DOMINICAN FRIARS - On Wednesday, August 10, the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph will be hosting a vocation event for young men ages 18-35 at St. Gertrude in Madeira, OH. The day includes an opportunity to pray, eat and socialize with Dominican novices and to tour the church and priory. For more information or to RSVP contact Fr. Benedict Croell, OP at vocations@dominicanfriars.org or text 202.642.3597.

AUGUST 15: SIMPLE PROFESSION OF DOMINICAN NOVICES - You are invited to the 11:30 a.m. Simple Profession Mass for Novices on the Solemnity of the Assumption (St. Gertrude Church (Madeira OH). Mass is open to the public. Meet the Vocation Director. Men 18-35 should contact the Vocation Director for more details and to RSVP 202.642.3597 or vocations@dominicanfriars.org.

AUGUST 25-27: CALLED TO LOVE: DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN - The Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker are hosting a weekend discernment retreat for young women ages 18-30 who would like to discern further if the Lord is calling them to the Consecrated Life. For more information and to register contact Sr. Patricia Jean, SJW at sjwvocations@gmail.com. Deadline to register is August 18.

SEPTEMBER 1-4: COME AND SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND FOR MEN - The Cistercian Monks at Gethsamani Monastery in Trappist, KY invite young Catholic men, ages 18-35, to a weekend discernment experience with the monks. During the retreat men will enter into the life of the community, hear stories of discernment, tour the work places of the monks and

have the opportunity to explore the grounds. To register or for more information contact Fr. Anton at vocations@monks.org or call 502.549.4116.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MASS 2017 - Married couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2017 are invited to attend one of the following Golden Anniversary Masses:

August 12, 2017, 4:30 PM
St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati
Bishop Joseph Binzer, Celebrant

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CARE FOR CREATION SAMPLE BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, help us to promote peace throughout our world and natural environment.

Quote from the Holy See: “We received this world as an inheritance from past generations, but also as a loan from future generations, to whom we will have to return it!”

-- Pope Francis, July 7, 2015

Care for Creation Tip: Summer is the season for gathering outdoors with friends and family. Keep the environment in mind while planning your next grill-out!

- Use a gas grill, which generates fewer air pollutants than burning charcoal.
- Take advantage of summer produce; serve salads and other side dishes that require little or no cooking energy. Buy organic and locally grown food as often as possible.
- Use reusable or biodegradable cups, plates, and utensils, and encourage recycling of cans and bottles.
- Fill up pitchers of water and other beverages instead of buying individual portions.