



## CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

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

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# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

## CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains. Please encourage your parishioners to take part in this lovely Holy Week liturgy. A special letter of invitation to priests is included with this mailing.

## DISTRIBUTION OF OILS

- + Father Todd O. Grogan, Cathedral Deanery, at the Cathedral on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- + Father Timothy Bunch, Saint Andrew Deanery, at Saint Saviour Parish Office Building on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served.
- + Father Paul Del Staigers, Saint Francis de Sales Deanery, Saint Veronica Parish Ministry Center on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- + Father Michael Bidwell, Saint Lawrence Deanery, Saint Teresa of Avila Parish Offices on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.
- + Father Kyle Schnippel, Saint Margaret Mary Deanery, Saint John Neumann Parish Offices on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- + Father Chris Worland, Dayton Deanery, Holy Trinity Church, Dayton on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.
- + Father Larry Tharp, Hamilton Deanery, Sacred Heart Church, Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon.
- + Father William Wagner, Saint Martin Deanery, Saint Thomas More Rectory, Withamsville on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 from 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.

- + Father Richard Walling, Saint Marys Deanery, Coldwater Cluster Offices on Thursday, April 13, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- + Father Steve Shoup, Sidney Deanery, Saint Michael Parish Office Center, Fort Loramie on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- + Father John MacQuarrie, Springfield Deanery, Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus, 1827 North Limestone Street, Springfield on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to time of Deanery dinner.

## ***PRIESTLY FORMATION OFFICE***

### **WINTER SPRING RETREAT**

The Winter/Spring Retreat for priests will be at Maria Stein **March 6 – 10, 2017**. We are pleased to have Father W. Shawn McKnight of the Diocese of Wichita as our retreat master. Fr. McKnight has a doctorate in Liturgy from the Institute of Sant' Anselmo. He has seminary teaching and administrative experience. He has also served as the Director of the USCCB Office of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. He is currently a pastor of a large parish in the Diocese of Wichita. Please contact Sarah Frohmiller at 513.421.3131x2651 if you would like to attend.

### **MULTI-DAY CONVOCATION**

The multi-day Convocation for Priests will take place **June 19 - 22, 2017** at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Dublin, Ohio. Registration information will be coming in March.

## ***VOCATION OFFICE***

### **WELCOME WEEKEND AT THE SEMINARY**

This year's welcome weekend at Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West is March 17-18. Please reach out to any young man in your parish, college age and older, whom you believe would make a good priest and ask him to consider attending. If he is interested have him contact Fr. Schmitmeyer or register online at [www.cincinnati vocations.org](http://www.cincinnati vocations.org) and click on "Events."

### **RUN FOR THE CALL**

Once again this year, the Vocation Office is looking for extra support for our seminarians as we promote a culture of vocations through our Run for the Call team. There are many ways to join the Run for the Call efforts:

- Order Run for the Call team shirts for \$15 each
- Sign up to be a prayer partner for a seminarian
- Join the Run for the Call team at the Flying Pig Marathon on May 6-7

All of these opportunities allow people to spread the message of vocations and show our support for our seminarians and for all who are discerning God's call in their lives.

## **NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK**

National Catholic Sisters Week is celebrated every year from March 8-14. Originally celebrated in 2013, this week is a time to honor the history of Catholic Sisters throughout the United States and to celebrate the good work they continue to do for both those inside and those outside the Church. Please add a special intention for Catholic Sisters at your March 11-12 Sunday Masses and encourage people to visit [www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org](http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org).

## **R U CALLED? DINNER FOR YOUNG WOMEN IN DISCERNMENT**

**Online Registration** is now available for the R U Called Dinner for women discerning consecrated life on April 26, 2017 at Francis de Sales in Lebanon. Please visit [www.cincinnati vocations.org/r-u-called](http://www.cincinnati vocations.org/r-u-called) to register. This is a great opportunity for young women who are discerning the consecrated life, and pastors and others are invited and encouraged to attend as well. Please also consider circulating the flyer included with this mailing.

## **CHRISM MASS DINNER**

The Serra Club of Cincinnati invites all priests of the Archdiocese to a dinner preceding the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains on **Tuesday, April 11**. Dinner will begin at approximately 5:30 p.m.

## **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 [www.VOCATIONbibleschool.com](http://www.VOCATIONbibleschool.com).

## **MARCH/APRIL/MAY 2017 EVENTS TO ANNOUNCE**

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

- **March 8-14:** National Catholic Sisters Week
- **March 9:** CHOSEN: Monthly Holy Hour for Vocations
- **March 10-12:** Precious Blood Sisters Come and See Weekend
- **March 10-12:** Missionaries of the Precious Blood Discernment Retreat
- **March 10-12:** Dominican Sisters of Peace Discernment Retreat
- **March 12:** Holy Hour for Vocations at Mount St. Mary's Seminary
- **March 17-18:** Mount St. Mary's Seminary Welcome Weekend
- **March 17-19:** Glenmary Home Missioners Come and See Weekend
- **March 23-25:** Josephinum Spring Live-in
- **March 30-April 1:** Congregation of the Holy Cross Come and See Weekend
- **March 31-April 2:** Live Joyfully Retreat with Sisters of Providence of SMOTW
- **April 26:** R U Called Dinner for Women Discerning Consecrated Life
- **April 29:** Transitional Diaconate Ordination
- **May 1:** Religious Brothers Day (see Office for Consecrated Life)
- **May 20:** Priesthood Ordination

# DEPARTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SERVICES

## CHANCERY OFFICE

### PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY 2017 COLLECTION

The Good Friday collection is to be taken up in all churches and chapels where Good Friday services are celebrated. The proceeds will help the churches in the Holy Land to minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education and provide funds to preserve the sacred shrines. A flyer is included with this mailing that can be placed in your bulletin or posted at your church. Please send the proceeds from the collection to the Finance Office of the Archdiocese in the week following Easter. Thank you.

### LENTEN REMINDERS – FAST AND ABSTINENCE

**Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017, and Good Friday, April 14, 2017, are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal.** The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. **The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday until their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday (canons 97 and 1252).** With regard to Good Friday, the teaching of the Second Vatican Council should be recalled.

Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind (*Constitution on the Liturgy, No. 110*).

With regard to the obligatory days listed above, however, there are frequent questions about the degree of seriousness of the matter. The teaching of Pope John Paul II may be simply paraphrased: the obligation to do penance is a serious one; the obligation to observe, as a whole or “substantially,” the penitential days specified by the Church is also serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard; failure to observe an individual day of penance is not considered serious. People should seek to do more rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord’s call to penance and conversion.

### CONFIRMATION AND THE FACULTY TO CONFIRM

The following might be helpful for you regarding Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. For priests who have been granted the faculties of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, these are the instructions for the Faculty to Confirm as found in the *Pagella*, Clerus Cincinnatiensis, Volume XII, No. 1, pages 260-261. The mandate is given to all priests in the Archdiocese:

1. **to baptize and confirm** in accordance with canon 883.2 persons who are no longer infants whom the priest judges suitable for Catholic baptism;
2. **to admit into full communion** with the Catholic Church **and to confirm** in accordance with canon 883.2 previously baptized persons who are no longer infants whom the priest judges suitable for admission to the Catholic Church;

3. **to readmit into full communion** with the Catholic Church and **to confirm** in accordance with the response to the Pontifical Commission for the Interpretation of the Decrees of the Second Vatican Council, April 25, 1975, persons beyond infancy who were baptized Catholic but not confirmed and who later became an apostate or a heretic, whom the priest judges suitable for readmission to the Catholic Church. (If you have any questions about whether or not someone later became an apostate or a heretic, please call the Chancery.)

**Priests do not have the faculty to confirm a baptized but never confirmed Catholic** who simply has not been active in the practice of the faith without becoming a member of another Church and now desires to be confirmed and be actively involved in the Church's life. **In these cases, individual delegation of the archbishop is needed.** Priests can seek such delegation in writing from the Chancery, giving reasons why the delegation is sought, the name of the person to be delegated, the name of the candidate, and the intended date of the ceremony.

If you need to request a faculty to confirm, please do so in ample time to receive it before the Easter Vigil. Also, if you have more than one parish, please include the name of the parish where the Confirmation will take place. Thank you.

## ***COMMUNICATIONS***

### **DIRECTORY UPDATES**

Remember, our online parish directory needs help in keeping the listings current. Please go to [www.CatholicCincinnati.org](http://www.CatholicCincinnati.org) and check out your parish in the directory by clicking on the three horizontal lines at the top right of the home page, and then "Find a Parish." If you see any mistakes, outdated information or even what appear to be software errors, please send an e-mail to [Communications@CatholicCincinnati.org](mailto:Communications@CatholicCincinnati.org) with the subject line DIRECTORY.

## ***OFFICE FOR CONSECRATED LIFE***

### **PUBLIC ASSOCIATIONS OF THE FAITHFUL**

A public association of the faithful operates in the name of the Church, and has the guarantee of the Church behind its activities. Its statutes must be in accordance with Canon #1192 and require approval by competent ecclesiastical authority. In many dioceses those who have made profession in a public association of the faithful are considered to be the equivalent of "religious." Some public associations of the faithful intend to eventually become a religious institute and others do not. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has two Public Associations of the Faithful, the Children of Mary and Regnum Christi. The women of Regnum Christi take the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience; live in community; and are considered lay; do not wear a habit; do not intend to seek the designation of a religious order. The Church has wanted to wait to see the whole configuration of the entire Regnum Christi Movement (with the lay branch, consecrated lay branches and priestly branch) which is now in the process of being discerned before granting the canonical status of Public Association of the Faithful to the consecrated women. In the meantime the Church has officially approved their statutes. The Children of Mary

take the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience; live in community; are called Sister; wear a habit; hope to be a pontifical religious institute someday.

### **THE INAUGURAL BROTHERS' DAY**

Religious Brothers Day, May 1, 2017 came about as a direct result of asking the question: How can we continue to celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life? The Year of Consecrated Life focused the attention of the Church and the world on the special place that religious women and men hold in the Church. The Brothers Think Tank, a group formed through the Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM), brainstormed ideas about how we could put forward and recognize the mission and identity of the religious brother in the Church. Religious Brothers Day is one of the fruits of those discussions. May 1 was selected because it is the feast of St. Joseph the Worker ... brothers are workers in the field. Brothers do a variety of ministries: education, social work, medical work, legal work and the list goes on. The website for RBD (<http://www.yearforconsecratedlife.com/>) is up and running. The site provides some practical ways, including a morning and evening prayer service, for the wider church community to celebrate the life and work of the religious brother today. Please take time on May 1 to pray with the brothers as they continue providing a tangible witness of service to those in need. (Submitted by: Peter O'Loughlin, CFC, Chair of the planning Committee)

### ***OFFICE OF THE DIACONATE***

#### **PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATES INSTALLED AS LECTORS**

The twenty men who are candidates in formation were installed to the Ministry of Lector. This is the first of the minor ministries into which the men will be installed on their path towards ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. The Rite of Installation took place at the Basilica Cathedral of the Assumption, Covington, Kentucky on February 12, 2017, with the Most Reverend Roger J. Foy, Bishop of Covington, presiding at the Mass. Please keep our deacon candidates in your prayers as they continue their discernment and formation.

### ***OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH***

#### **BACKGROUND CHECK / CHILD PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS**

All "clergy," "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. All new employees must complete both manual and an electronic background check through SELECTiON.COM® at time of employment with no further requirement for a manual fingerprint completed in the future. This was effective March 1, 2015. Current employees must sign up for an electronic background check through SELECTiON.COM® within five years of their last manual fingerprinting or December 31, 2018, whichever is sooner. This requirement was effective January 1, 2014. **Remember:** Manual fingerprints are completed once and not required again for Youth Protection purposes. The electronic check is completed once and it is done.

**Important note:** The State of Ohio has additional requirements for selected occupations which are not addressed by the *Decree*. Individuals should contact the Schools Office for assistance.

All new regular volunteers must complete an electronic background check through SELECTiON.COM®. Current regular volunteers must sign up for electronic background checks through SELECTiON.COM® within five years of their last manual fingerprinting or December 31, 2018, whichever is sooner. This requirement was effective January 1, 2014. **Remember:** The electronic check is completed once and it is done.

All clergy and employees who have contact with youth must have a B.4 Form completed, submitted to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and approved prior to having contact with youth.

All clergy, employees and regular volunteers must stay current (less than three behind) on the monthly VIRTUS bulletins. This requirement was effective July 1, 2014.

### **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.

**March 2017** – inactivating anyone who had manual fingerprints completed July – December 2014 and did not complete an electronic check through Selection.com.

**April 2017** – inactivating anyone who had manual fingerprints completed January – June 2015 and did not complete an electronic check through Selection.com.

**May 2017** – inactivating anyone who had manual fingerprints completed June – December 2015 and did not complete an electronic check through Selection.com.

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

## **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES**

### **NEW RATE ON INVESTMENT NOTES**

The interest rate paid on Archdiocesan investment notes for the period March 16, 2017 through September 15, 2017 will be 2.30%. This rate is posted on the Finance Office section of the Archdiocesan website. Please contact Tom Twilling at 513.421.3131x2850 with any questions.

### **DO YOU KNOW WHEN TO REFER EMPLOYEES TO THE ANTHEM EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?**

One of the resources that the Archdiocese provides to our employees is access to the Anthem Employee Assistance Program. The EAP is available to employees and their household

members, providing resources to ensure employees stay emotionally healthy, happy and productive. You may refer employees to the EAP website if they need advice or counseling for: anxiety; relationship or family concerns; alcohol or drug abuse; stress; grief; or financial or legal issues. There are a variety of articles, videos, skills assessment and podcasts to assist with whatever challenge employees may be facing. Employees can also speak to a licensed professional counselor at no charge through the program. The program also provides Identify Theft recovery if you have been a victim of identity theft. The EAP can be accessed through the website at: [www.anthemEAP.com](http://www.anthemEAP.com) and enter AOC, or call 800.999.7222.

### **RENEWED FOCUS ON EMPLOYEE WELLBEING IN 2017**

Our Benefits team is making a concerted effort this year to provide you education about the resources available to help you and your employees feel your best, thus be able to serve at your optimal capacity. Business Managers and Wellbeing Champions are being invited to join us at a kickoff event to discuss 2017 initiatives about our wellbeing program on Wednesday, March 15 from 10:30 a.m. – Noon at Hilton Garden Inn, 9306 Schulze Dr., West Chester, OH 45069 (Union Center exit off I75). Representatives from Anthem, Tri-Health and Arthur J. Gallagher will be on hand to introduce our new wellbeing logo, created specifically for the Archdiocese, as well as our new employee benefits website. Lunch will follow the session. Business Managers should RSVP to Joe Hurr, [jhurr@preciousbloodchurch.org](mailto:jhurr@preciousbloodchurch.org). Wellness Champions should RSVP to [Molly\\_Cropenbaker@trihealth.com](mailto:Molly_Cropenbaker@trihealth.com) by March 10.

Direct questions to Charlotte Carpenter, [ccarpenter@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:ccarpenter@catholiccincinnati.org) or 513.421.3131x 2852.

## **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **NON-RENEWAL/REDUCTION IN FORCE**

To ensure proper procedure is followed, the Department of Human Resources wants to remind all schools of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati considering a reduction in force or non-renewal of staff, to review the guidelines that are in place.

Schools of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati strive to provide the highest level of instruction to all students. However, should economics, decrease in school enrollment, or other conditions necessitate a reduction for non-renewal of staff, school administrators will provide a standard and objective approach for reducing the size and/or composition of their teaching staff consistent with student educational needs and teacher reduction and non-renewal guidelines. A reduction in force report must be prepared by the school administrator and sent to the Director of Human Resources and the School Office Regional Director for review. Parishes considering a reduction in force of **non-school employees** should only send a report to the Director of Human Resources.

### **LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Just a reminder that the Department of Human Resources is here for you as a resource if you have any questions regarding employee leaves of absence including leaves under the Family & Medical Leave Act (FMLA). There is a wealth of information pertaining to leaves of absence on our HR webpage under the Leaves of Absence tab. If you need further assistance in this area



please contact Rob Reid at 513.421.3131x6611, [rreid@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:rreid@catholiccincinnati.org) or Meg Paul at 513.421.3131x2841, [mpaul@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:mpaul@catholiccincinnati.org).

## DEPARTMENT OF PASTORAL LIFE AND EVANGELIZATION

### **OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS**

*PLEASE NOTE: If you are looking for the Worship Office website on the AOC front page, we are now listed under “Divine Worship and Sacraments.”*

### **LITURGICAL CALENDAR UPDATE**

**The Solemnity of St. Joseph** is transferred to Monday, March 20, 2017 because the Third Sunday of Lent takes precedence over the Solemnity.

**Date/Time for the Easter Vigil:** The Easter Vigil is on April 15. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states that the Easter Vigil is to be celebrated in darkness. Therefore, this year the Easter Vigil may begin at 8:45 p.m. or later.

### **RITE OF ELECTION AND CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION**

The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion will take place on the **First Sunday of Lent, March 5, 2017**. An email with a link to the seating charts for the Rite of Election was emailed to all RCIA coordinators; the link also included a presider’s text for the Rite of Sending and Reminders for the celebrations at the Cathedral and Immaculate Conception. These documents are also posted on the ODWS website.

### **SCRUTINIES**

In this final period of preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation, the three Scrutinies are to be celebrated with the Elect on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent using the Cycle A readings. (cf. RCIA, 20, 146) Please note, “The bishop may dispense from one of them for serious reasons or, in extraordinary circumstances, even from two” (RCIA, 20). In other words, these are not optional rites and should be celebrated in the context of the community of faith.

### **LITURGY PREPARATION AID FOR LENT, TRIDUUM, AND THE EASTER SEASON**

This aid, provided by the FDLC, contains the following: \* A Lenten Message from Pope Francis \* A complete presider’s text for the *Rite of Reconciliation of Several Penitents with Individual Confession and Absolution* • Readings • Alternate Readings • Sample Penances • Music Suggestions \* Frequently-asked Questions and their answers \* A Liturgical Calendar Advisory for Lent, Triduum, and the Easter Season \* Lectionary for Mass – Year A (citations for the Sundays and Solemnities) \* Preparation Worksheets for the Sacred Paschal Triduum \* Evening Prayer for Easter Sunday \* Links to additional Examinations of Conscience from the USCCB. Feel free to distribute this to your parishes and schools within your dioceses. To view the aid, go to <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/LPA-Lent-and-Easter-2017-Year-A.pdf>.

## **PASCHAL TRIDUUM RESOURCES**

### **HOLY THURSDAY, WASHING OF THE FEET:**

On the authority of Pope Francis, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments [CDWDS] issued a Decree and a Commentary on 6 January 2016 changing the rubric for the Washing of the Feet during the Evening Mass on Thursday of the Lord's Supper. Here is the English rubric with the edits:

Those who have been chosen from amongst the people of God are led by the ministers to seats prepared in a suitable place. Then the Priest (removing the chasuble if necessary) goes to each one, and, with the help of the ministers, pours water over each one's feet and then dries them.

By the action of the Apostolic See, those chosen for the foot washing is open to all members of the People of God – boys and girls, women and men. Those chosen for the foot washing reflect all who make up the People of God, the disciples of the Lord.

In the account of the Last Supper in the Gospel of John, the Good News proclaimed during the Holy Thursday Evening Mass, Jesus washes the feet of an unspecified number of disciples. Just as the “beloved disciple” is nameless so that it may be, in fact, every hearer who is the beloved one, the “disciples” are all of us as well. This *mandatum*, this love command to be of service, to be servants is given to each one of the baptized.

Some feet are washed during the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper as another reminder to be like Jesus. No task, no service, no gesture is beneath those who bear the name Christian.

For further explanation and information by the USCCB Committee for Divine Worship, go to: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/triduum/holy-thursday-mandatum.cfm>.

**18 Questions on the Paschal Triduum** (USCCB Committee for Divine Worship) Go to: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/triduum/questions-and-answers.cfm>.

**Celebration of the Paschal Triduum in Pastoral Regions or Parish Clusters** (Notes developed by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Worship Commission) Go to: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Triduum-and-pastoral-regions.pdf>.

**Reception of the Holy Oils** (from the USCCB) Go to: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/triduum/reception-of-holy-oils.cfm>.

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

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

Through prayer, music, and reflection Father Larry Tensi and Karen Kane will engage participants in a deeper experience and understanding of the celebration of the Eucharist and assist them in connecting their Sunday worship to their everyday lives. This four-evening retreat-like experience will be held on Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. on March 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2017 at St. Mary Church, Hyde Park. Parish discounts are available. For more

information and registration, please visit <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Lex-Orandi-St.-Mary-Hyde-Park-2017-Flyer.pdf>.

### **NPM YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY INSTITUTE (A LA LAUDATE-STYLE!)**

**Save the date!** July 10 – 13, 2017. Youth involved in music ministry will not want to miss this music ministry formation program. It will have many of the same aspects of Laudate, but will take place in the context of the National NPM Convention. Housing and meals will be at Xavier University (Cincinnati), while participation in several of the national convention activities will take place at the Cincinnati Convention Center. Students will have the opportunity to meet and learn from some of the finest church music ministers and composers in the country. Don't miss out on this opportunity! For more information, go to:

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/worship/npm2017-youth-institute/>.

Plan to attend the NPM Annual Convention being held in Cincinnati July 10 – 14, 2017! There are excellent speakers for the Plenum addresses as well as the pastoral liturgy institute (for those new to music/liturgical ministry), and the series of Hovda Lectures on Eucharist and Ecclesiology. For more information and registration, go to: <http://www.npm.org/index.html>.

### **ARE YOU RECEIVING THE WORSHIP OFFICE E-NEWS?**

If you have not signed up for the Office for Divine Worship and Sacraments' newsletter, you can do so by going to <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/worship/join-our-email-newsletter/>.

## ***OFFICE FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE***

### **AN EVENING FOR DIVORCED CATHOLICS: MARCH 3**

An evening for divorced Catholics, *Healing the Divorced Heart*, with author/speaker Rose Sweet will take place on Friday, March 3 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Ruah Woods. Please visit the Ruah Woods website at [www.ruahwoods.org](http://www.ruahwoods.org) to register or learn more.

### **THE CHOICE WINE LIVE!! FOR MARRIED COUPLES: MARCH 20**

The Office for Marriage & Family Life is co-sponsoring a Lenten Mission for Married Couples on Monday, March 20, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at St. Peter Parish in Huber Heights. The mission will feature Steve Bollman, founder of Paradisus Dei and developer of the *That Man is You!* program and *The Choice Wine* couples program. With 100,000 participants, many couples have found these programs to be life-transforming. Dinner will be provided from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The evening will feature a “Lourdes Experience” with healing waters brought in from Lourdes, France. Married couples will leave with an identifiable path to a superabundant marriage. To register, please visit <http://thechoicewine.org/the-choice-wine-live-dayton/>.

### **INTEGRITY RESTORED: CLERGY TRAINING – JUNE 26-29**

Do you have parishioners struggling with an addiction to pornography? Spouses of those addicted looking for peace and healing? Do you have parents seeking for ways to protect their children from pornography?

Fr. Sean Kilcawley will lead a four-day clergy intensive training June 26-29. At this training you will be equipped with practical, real-life tools to bring hope and lasting healing to your parish. Fr. Sean Kilcawley will share his expertise on how he has personally helped countless people receive healing from pornography addiction in the Diocese of Lincoln. For more information or to register visit <http://integrityrestored.com/event/clergy-training-intensive-june-26/>.

## ***OFFICE FOR MISSION AND PONTIFICAL SOCIETIES***

### **HAS THE CONTACT PERSON FOR YOUR MISSIONARY CO-OP PLAN CONNECTED WITH YOU?**

In keeping with the guidelines of the Missionary Cooperation Plan pastors will hear from their mission speaker at different times. All assigned mission speakers have been informed they need to have an original “Letter of Suitability” in to the Mission Office before any parish assignments are released. The Mission Office apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause, but this is to insure that all speakers are approved by the Diocese, Provincial, or Director. As well as having this letter in the Mission Office they are to have one with them when they arrive at the parish. For many mission dioceses and organizations, the MCP is a major source of income to help them proclaim God’s “Good News” in some very difficult parts of our world. Consequently, pastors’ and parishioners’ support is most appreciated.

The Mission Office has a mandatory training workshop for incoming missionaries who have not spoken in our archdiocese before. They will be held on the weekend of May 26 and 27 or June 9 and 10, 2017. We recommend that our MCP attendees ask our pastors to visit those weekends to defray the cost of travel. These workshops take place from Friday noon to Saturday noon and they insure better, shorter and more effective mission appeals.

To promote Catholic mission and global solidarity awareness among our parishioners, the Mission Office encourages our parish staffs to invite their visiting MCP missionary guests to also dialogue with parishioners between the weekend masses, visit their homes, and speak to summer bible schools, RCIA, and parish groups while the missionary is at your parish.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR MISSION SUPPPORT!**

If you have any questions, please call the Mission Office MCP Coordinator, Melonise Knight, at 513.421.3131x2631 or email [mknight@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:mknight@catholiccincinnati.org).

### **HELP LENT COME ALIVE FOR YOUR PARISHIONERS & STUDENTS!**

Please contact the local Missionary Childhood Association Coordinator, Teresa Phillips of our Mission Office, for a wide variety of programs, materials, missionary guest speakers, etc. Our office can bring and teach the WORLD MISSION ROSARY to build global solidarity. Returned missionaries in our archdiocese are ready to come to your Lenten adult programs, and to your school or religious education programs to share their love for this vital mission work. Sensitize your students to the struggles, needs and gifts of children their ages in our 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa and Asia. What a great way to make Lent/Easter come alive!

And...do know anyone seeking advice for missionary work, for mission trips, or parish twinning? Contact Teresa Phillips or Dr. Mike Gable at: 513.421.3131x2632 or [mission@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:mission@catholiccincinnati.org).

## ***OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION AND DISCIPLESHIP***

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

The infusion bulletin for Lent – Palm Sunday, March 5, 2017 – April 9, 2017, is included with this mailing. The **Spanish** edition is also included.

## ***OFFICE FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION***

### **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](http://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](mailto:sater@catholiccincinnati.org).

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

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.

### **Contagiously Catholic Parish Alliance**

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](mailto:sater@catholiccincinnati.org). For more information go to [www.contagiouslycatholic.com/evangelization-training/parish-alliance/](http://www.contagiouslycatholic.com/evangelization-training/parish-alliance/).

### **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

For more information on the School of Faith, go to [www.schooloffaith.com](http://www.schooloffaith.com) or contact John Leyendecker at [john@schooloffaith.com](mailto: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](mailto:sater@catholiccincinnati.org).

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

[www.ContagiouslyCatholic.com](http://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.

[www.Stirintoflame.org](http://www.Stirintoflame.org) This webpage is a resource for reaching those who are curious about the Catholic faith or are open to growing in their Catholic faith.

## ***OFFICE FOR YOUNG ADULT EVANGELIZATION AND DISCIPLESHIP***

### **MEET WITH LUKE CAREY**

Luke Carey, new Director of the Office for Young Adult Evangelization & Discipleship, is meeting with individuals from across the Archdiocese to discuss thoughts, questions and comments about young adult ministry. If you are interested in talking with Luke about young adult ministries, please do not hesitate to contact him at either [lcarey@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:lcarey@catholiccincinnati.org) or 513.421.3131x2734. He'd love to speak with you!

## ***OFFICE FOR YOUTH EVANGELIZATION AND DISCIPLESHIP***

### **ENCOUNTER**

**March 25, Dayton** - Youth Ministers and high schools teens are encouraged to attend Encounter in Dayton on Saturday, March 25 at Chaminade Julianne Catholic High School (505 S Ludlow St, Dayton, OH 45402)! Encounter provides an opportunity to grow in deeper relation with Jesus through Adoration, confession, praise and worship and community. Our theme for the evening is "Do not be afraid" (Luke 1:30). Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with music beginning at 7:00 p.m. The event will end at 10:00 p.m. Our speaker for the evening is seminarian Jedidiah Tritle. Ryan Mahle, theology teacher at Alter High School, will be the Emcee. Additional information and the permission form can be found at [www.encounterdayton.org](http://www.encounterdayton.org). Remember...Encounter is a FREE event!

**April 1, Cincinnati** – Encounter will be taking place in Cincinnati at the Underground (1140 Smiley Ave) on April 1. We're finalizing all of the details for the event — stay tuned at [www.encountercincinnati.com](http://www.encountercincinnati.com).

### **ABIDE 2017**

Abide is a conference that is specifically designed for your teens who have had previous retreat experiences, who have been to youth conferences (NCYC or Steubenville, for example)...in short, teens who have had some sort of conversion experience and are asking questions like: What's next? How do I pray? How do I live my faith more radically at home or at school? How

do I share my faith with my friends? Abide is a week-long, “*going deeper*” experience that spends the first two days digging deep in the spiritual life, so that our teens are rooted and abiding in the Lord, before we “flip the switch” and start looking outward. We spend the last three days exploring evangelization, providing practical equipping workshops, and actually taking the teens out to get real-time experience in having conversations with people, praying with them, etc. This truly makes Abide a one-of-a-kind!

Here are the basic details:

**Why?** Form and commission teen missionary disciples to root their lives in Christ through His Church, and to share this joy that has been given to us with others.

**When?** June 14-18, 2017

**Where?** Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati

**Who?** Incoming 10th graders through outgoing 12th graders

**How much?** \$275 for youth participants/\$175 for adult chaperones (within the AoC)

**Speakers?** We are bringing in Jim Beckman, Megan Mastroianni, Ben Walther (worship leader), and many others!

In the past, we have required adults to attend with their teens...so you had to come as a group with a group leader. While this is still the preferred way to attend Abide (it is a phenomenal experience for youth ministers to go through with their teens), this year we are opening Abide up to individual participants. So, if you have a few teens, or even just one, who would love to attend Abide, or who you would like to see attend, please register him/her today!

We are also happy to come out to your parish to present to interested parents/teens, should you wish. Just let us know!

You can find all of the info about Abide at [www.abidecinci.com/](http://www.abidecinci.com/).

## **MIDWEST AMP FEST 2017**

Our youth are the future of our parishes, and this year’s Midwest AMP Fest on June 24 strives to remind them — and us — that they don’t have to wait to make a difference and hear His call.

With nearly 250 youth group attendees last year, the AMP team anticipates doubling that number this year. The afternoon and evening event includes recreation time, Adoration, speakers, dinner, and Mass celebrated by Archbishop Schnurr. Music will be provided throughout the day by His Own and ALOB. Ryan Mahle is a confirmed speaker.

This year’s theme, *Fearless*, will expound upon 1 Timothy 4:12: *Let no one disregard you because you are young, but be an example to all the believers in the way you speak and behave, and in your love, your faith and your purity.*



For more information about this event for 7-12th graders (including graduated seniors) please visit our website [www.MidwestAMPFest.com](http://www.MidwestAMPFest.com). AMP Fest is located at the Lange Estate, which is 20 minutes northwest of Dayton, Ohio.

## **NET MINISTRIES UPDATES**

**Retreats for Parishes and Schools** - NET Ministries will begin scheduling retreats for parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati on March 1 for the school year of 2017-2018. Please contact Lauryn Coules at 651.450.6833x203 or e-mail her at [laurync@netusa.org](mailto:laurync@netusa.org).

**D-Week** - NET Ministries is offering a dynamic four-day retreat this summer, June 19-22 at the Maria Stein Retreat Center just outside Sidney, Ohio. The cost is \$200, which covers everything but travel. More information please visit [www.netusa.org/dweekregistration/](http://www.netusa.org/dweekregistration/).

## **ROOTED IN THE VINE**

The Office for Catholic Social Action, the Office for Youth Evangelization and Discipleship, and the Ozanam Center for Service Learning are teaming up yet again to present an amazing immersion retreat for Cincinnati youth. Rooted in the Vine (June 25-30) invites high schoolers to spend a week serving those in need, focusing on spiritual growth and reflection, and engaging in experiential learning about issues of poverty and social justice. Details and registration information are now available at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/youth-ministry/services/youthleader/rootedinthevine/>. If you have specific questions about RITV, please contact Tina Hubert at St. Vincent de Paul ([thubert@svdpcincinnati.org](mailto:thubert@svdpcincinnati.org)).

## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

Su Casa, a ministry of Catholic Charities, is celebrating 20 years of service. On Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Su Casa Hispanic Center Awards Dinner will be held at Xavier University's Cintas Center. Questions? Email [RSVPSuCasa@ccwoh.org](mailto:RSVPSuCasa@ccwoh.org). Buy your tickets online by April 7 at [www.ccswoh.org/sucasa/dinner](http://www.ccswoh.org/sucasa/dinner).

Or consider volunteering at the dinner to ensure a successful event. Sign up today at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090449ACA92FAAFC1-sucasa](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090449ACA92FAAFC1-sucasa).

#### **SATURDAY FOOD PANTRY AT ST. LEO'S**

Catholic Charities will be operating the food pantry at St. Leo's on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month starting **March 25<sup>th</sup>**. The working poor often struggle to get to a food pantry when they are only open during the day. Catholic Charities volunteers will be opening the doors at 1860 Carll St. in N. Fairmont at the St. Leo Pantry from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in order to reach those who need weekend hours. If you are interested in volunteering at the pantry, fill out an application at [www.ccswoh.org/how-to-get-involved/volunteer](http://www.ccswoh.org/how-to-get-involved/volunteer).

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

### **TASTE THE FOOD AND SEE YOUR NEIGHBORS AROUND THE WORLD**

Learn about your neighbors worldwide by visiting a neighboring parish locally. That's the "ticket" for the Taste and See Journey, fashioned by the Archdiocese's Catholic Relief Services Committee for this Lent. Parishes participating in CRS Rice Bowl are encouraged to share their Global Solidarity events, such as soup suppers or speakers, with the wider Archdiocesan community.

Catholics will be encouraged to not only attend their home parish global solidarity events, but also to "travel" to neighboring parishes to learn more about a featured country. Paper "passports" will be issued and travelers can get a stamp or a sticker to commemorate their visit to another parish and country. Details about the participating parishes and the countries they will be showcasing are listed on the Catholic Social Action website [www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction).

Catholic Relief Services is spotlighting India, Zambia, El Salvador, Mexico, Ethiopia and the city of Honolulu, Hawaii this Lent. If you have traveled to these countries and would be willing to speak about your experience, the Catholic Social Action Office would like to meet you. Please call Pam Long at 937.224.3026x5018 or email [plong@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:plong@catholiccincinnati.org).

### **ENCOUNTER LENT WITH CRS RICE BOWL**

In 2017 CRS Rice Bowl offers families, schools and faith communities an opportunity to prayerfully encounter our neighbor and our God through Lent.

- Through prayer, we encounter Christ, present in the face of every member of our human family.
- Through fasting, we encounter the obstacles that prevent us from loving God and neighbor.
- Through almsgiving, we encounter our brothers and sisters around the world, sharing God's gifts with others.

Find out what's in store for CRS Rice Bowl this Lent, visit <http://www.crsricebowl.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Rice-Bowl-2017-OnePager.pdf>.

There are 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday, and CRS Rice Bowl offers resources for each one of them — and for everyone in your parish. Visit <http://www.crsricebowl.org/> and click on words at the top of the page, such as Family, Educators, Parishes and/or Dioceses to learn more about the following programs:

- **Families:** Visit the "Family Page" to find resources — like the "Lenten Kit for Families" — to bring Lent to life in the home.
- **Religious Education:** Visit the "Educators' Page" to find the "Educator's Guide," full of lesson plans and activities to bring Lent to life in the classroom.

- **Youth & Young Adult Ministry:** Check out the “Youth Page” to find the “Youth in Solidarity Reflections” to animate youth ministries, and don’t forget to explore the “Community Reflections” for young adult faith-sharing.
- **Hispanic Ministry:** Also on the Educators’ Page under “Additional Resources” you’ll find The “Reflexiones para la Pastoral Juvenil Hispana” — available only in Spanish — accompanies youth and young adults throughout the season of Lent.
- **CRS Global Fellows:** Visit the Dioceses’ Page to learn how to invite a “CRS Global Fellow” — a priest or deacon who has been trained by CRS — to speak at your parish about global solidarity.
- **Intergenerational Events:** Also on the Parishes’ Page, you can learn how CRS Rice Bowl offers several ways to bring your entire parish together this Lent. Consider hosting a simple supper using one of our meatless recipes from around the world. (Don’t forget to print out a placemat for each guest!) And bring the parish together in prayer using the Stations of the Cross, the Seven Sorrows of Mary or the Live Mercy: Feed the Hungry faith-sharing resource.

CRS receives 75% of all Rice Bowl donations collected in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati to support CRS’ programs around the world. The remaining 25% of all donations are distributed to local agencies to fight hunger and poverty in our Archdiocese.

It’s not too late to order materials. Contact Pam Long at 937.224.3026 or email her at [plong@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:plong@catholiccincinnati.org).

### **IS YOUR PARISH PRAYING FOR AN END TO RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION THIS LENT?**

The Archdiocesan One Church of Mercy Committee brings together Eastern and Western Catholic traditions, especially around the concern of the persecution of Christians and other religious minorities around the globe. We are interested in helping promote activities that parishes are doing during Lent on this topic. We also have resources that we can share with you to pray for an end to threats to religious freedom around the world. If you are organizing any activities, please let us know, so that we can include them on our website and in other communications. Contact the Catholic Social Action Office at 513.421.3131x2660, or [csa@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:csa@catholiccincinnati.org).

### **COMMEMORATING THE 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION THROUGH STUDY, PRAYER AND SERVICE**

#### **Catholic-Lutheran Opportunities for Prayer, Study and Service**

In commemoration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, the Archdiocese and ELCA Ohio Southern Synod are promoting opportunities to advance our faith communities towards the unity for which Christ himself prayed. A statement from our bishops, small group study guide, resource packet, maps of our local congregations and more are available to you here: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/ecumenical-and-interfaith-relations/>. We are happy to help facilitate connections with nearby Lutheran congregations to help you get small groups started. This effort is being promoted for anytime between now and October 31,

2017. This Lent can be an opportune time, not just to enter into new relationships with other Christians, but to learn more about the unique gifts of our own Catholic faith!

Please share your efforts with us, or contact us with any questions, through the Catholic Social Action Office at 513.421.3131x2660 or [csa@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:csa@catholiccincinnati.org) in Cincinnati; or 937.224.3026 or [plong@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:plong@catholiccincinnati.org) in Dayton. If you have any questions concerning prayer resources or joint services with Lutheran congregations, please contact the Office of Divine Worship and Sacraments at 513.421.3131x2670.

### **CATHOLIC-MUSLIM OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIALOGUE**

Pursuing friendship and deeper understanding with people we encounter from other religious backgrounds is an important task. The Catholic Social Action Office is promoting opportunities to bring Muslims and Christians together in dialogue to increase understanding, respect for each other and a shared commitment to the common good of all people. We would be happy to help direct you to resources that can facilitate mutual exchanges of each other's faiths.

### **LOCAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED!**

Are you familiar with an organization that is empowering low-income families to tackle the root causes of poverty? If so, the organization may be eligible to apply for a local Catholic Campaign for Human Development grant, ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Access the application forms and view lists of organizations currently receiving local CCHD funds, please go to [www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction) and click on the CCHD links on the side menu. Or contact us at 513.421.3131x2660. Applications should be postmarked by March 17.

### **CENTURY FARM REGISTRY APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 31**

Catholic Rural Life of St. Marys and Sidney Deaneries is now accepting applications for the 2016 Catholic Century Farm Registry. Deadline is March 31. Families who have farmed the same land for 100 years or more are eligible for the registry. Century Farm Families will be recognized as part of the Rural Urban Mass. Information and an application for the registry are available online on the Catholic Social Action pages under Rural Life Ministry. <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/catholic-social-action/rural-life-ministry/>

### **THE VOCATION OF AGRICULTURE: TO TILL & KEEP GOD'S CREATION**

Farmers, rural ministers, and other agricultural leaders in the Archdiocese are invited to join our statewide dialogue on the *Vocation of Agriculture: To Till and Keep God's Creation*. The event will include a spirit-filled presentation from Sr. Christine Pratt, OSU, and panelists from the fields of faith formation, agribusiness, environment, and public policy.

**Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**St. Joseph Parish Hall**  
**670 W. Main St.**  
**Plain City, OH 43064**

The event is being organized by the rural life ministries from several Catholic dioceses in Ohio in conjunction with the Catholic Conference of Ohio. To join us, or for more information, please contact Catholic Social Action at 513.421.3131x2660 or [csa@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:csa@catholiccincinnati.org), or 937.224.3026 or [csadayton@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:csadayton@catholiccincinnati.org).

### **A GOD OF LIFE AND A CIVILIZATION OF LOVE:**

### **A CATHOLIC RESPONSE TO THE REFUGEE AND IMMIGRATION CRISIS**

Mark your calendars for a powerful presentation by Fr. Daniel Groody on how the Church is being called to stand up for the plight of migrants and refugees today. Fr. Daniel G. Groody, Ph.D., is a Catholic priest, a Holy Cross religious, and a scholar with years of experience working in Latin America. He is currently an Associate Professor of Theology and Director of Immigration Initiatives at the Institute for Latino Studies at the University of Notre Dame. He is the author or producer of multiple award-winning books and films, including *Dying to Live*. He has worked with the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the World Council of Churches, and the Vatican on issues of theology, globalization, and migration.

**April 5, 2017**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Bellarmino Chapel at Xavier University**

**3800 Victory Pkwy**

**Cincinnati, Ohio 45207**

The event is sponsored by the Institute for Spirituality and Social Justice and Department of Theology, Xavier's Mission Animators, Xavier University Ethics/Religion & Society Program, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Bellarmine Chapel, and Su Casa Hispanic Center–Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio.

## **DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP**

### **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA) NEWS & NOTES**

#### **2017 CMA REACHES \$2 MILLION IN PLEDGES!!!**

As of this writing (February 21), pledges to the CMA have reached \$2 million. Thank you for all your help in promoting this year's appeal!

Updated totals for this year's CMA, including parish progress, can be found at **[www.CatholicAppeal.info](http://www.CatholicAppeal.info)** under the "Info for Parish Staff" link – **the password to access this section is: cma2007**.

CMA Letter #2 will be mailed on March 10 to families who have supported the appeal in past years, but have not made a pledge yet this year.

For questions about the CMA, contact David Kissell at 513.421.3131x 2881 or email [david@CatholicAppeal.info](mailto:david@CatholicAppeal.info).

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **BICENTENNIAL PLANNING**

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati will celebrate its bicentennial on June 19, 2021. A committee to plan Bicentennial activities began meeting in October 2016. Among the activities being planned are an updated history book, lesson plans for use in educational settings, a diocesan pilgrimage guide/event, and an anniversary Mass and festivities. As details become available, more information will be forthcoming. Contact the Bicentennial Committee at [archdiocese2021@gmail.com](mailto:archdiocese2021@gmail.com) for more information.

**Please submit articles for the April *Clergy Communications* by March 20, 2017.  
Thank You.**

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**513.421.6225**.**

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## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

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

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

**MARCH 8-14: NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK** - Throughout these seven days we celebrate the great gift of Catholic religious sisters in our Church throughout the history of the United States. Please take the time to say a prayer of thanksgiving for all that these women have done for those in need both in and outside of the Church and to thank a religious sister who is currently generously living out her consecrated vocation. For more information visit [www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org](http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org).

**MARCH 9: MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR CONSECRATED VOCATIONS - CHOSEN:** Monthly Holy Hour for those discerning a Vocation or praying for Vocations – March 9, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, OH. Sponsored by the Archdiocese Vocation Office and the Children of Mary. **CHOSEN:** Every second Thursday of the Month. Come and bring a friend!

**MARCH 10-12: "IS IT I, GOD? DISCERNING A CALL TO RELIGIOUS LIFE"** - Dominican Sisters of Peace invite single, Catholic women, ages 18-45, to attend a free "Come and See" Discernment Retreat designed to explore contemporary Dominican life for women. Experience Dominican prayer and community with the Sisters, reflect on God's call for your life and explore contemporary Dominican life as a Sister. The retreat begins at 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 10 and concludes at noon, Sunday, March 12 at the Dominicans Sisters of Peace Motherhouse, 2320 Airport Drive, Columbus, OH 43219. For more information, call or text Sister June Fitzgerald at 570.336.3991 or email [jfitzgerald@oppeace.org](mailto:jfitzgerald@oppeace.org). Participants may register online for the retreat or request a registration form at <http://www.oppeace.org/thinking-about-religious-life>. (Some travel assistance is available on a need basis.)



**MARCH 10-12: THE DOOR IS OPEN...WILL YOU WALK IN? COME AND SEE WEEKEND** - The Sisters of the Precious Blood invite all young women discerning a call to the religious life to learn about life as a woman religious, the meaning of our religious vows, the power of prayer and the reality of community in the life and minister of the Sisters. The retreat runs from Friday, March 10 at 5:00 p.m. to Sunday, March 12 at noon. Please register by March 3 to Sr. Patty Kremer, CPPS, Coordinator of Vocation Ministry at 937.609.0653 or [vocations@cppsadmin.org](mailto:vocations@cppsadmin.org).

**MARCH 10-12: MISSIONARIES OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD DISCERNMENT RETREAT** - The Missionaries of the Precious Blood are holding a discernment retreat on March 10-12 at St. Charles Center in Carthage, Ohio. Men age 18 or older are invited to attend the retreat, which begins with dinner on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday. To reserve your place at the retreat or to learn more, contact Fr. Steve Dos Santos, CPPS, Director of Vocations, at [vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org](mailto:vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org) or 937.228.9263.

**MARCH 12: HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS AT THE SEMINARY** - Come to a Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. The Holy Hour will take place in the St. Gregory the Great Chapel at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, located on the Athenaeum campus, 6616 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45230.

**MARCH 17-18: MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY OF THE WEST WELCOME WEEKEND** - The Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount St. Mary's of the West is once again hosting its annual Welcome Weekend for all men college-age and older who are discerning their call to the Catholic priesthood. The weekend begins at 4:30 p.m. on Friday evening and ends with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Saturday. There is no cost to attend. For more details or to register contact Fr. Schmitmeyer at 513.421.3131x2890 or [vocations@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:vocations@catholiccincinnati.org). You may also visit [www.CincinnatiVocations.org](http://www.CincinnatiVocations.org) and click on "Events."

**MARCH 17-19: COME & SEE RETREAT: GLENMARY HOME MISSIONERS** - Men ages 15-19 are invited to visit with Glenmary priests and brothers, travel to a nearby mission, and share in community prayer and reflection. They will also have the opportunity to meet other men who are discerning their call. For more details or to register call 513.881.7411 or email [vocations@glenmary.org](mailto:vocations@glenmary.org).

**MARCH 23-25: PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM SPRING LIVE-IN**

High school aged men who are discerning their call to the priesthood are invited to attend the Pontifical College Josephinum Spring-Live in from March 23-25. Men will have the chance to pray, eat and attend classes with current seminarians as well as get the chance to hear all about life in the seminary and the formation process. All who are interested in attending should contact the vocation office at 513.421.3131 or visit [www.pcj.edu/discernment-seminary-life/visit-josephinum/](http://www.pcj.edu/discernment-seminary-life/visit-josephinum/).

**MARCH 30-APRIL 1: CONGREGATION OF THE HOLY CROSS COME & SEE WEEKEND** - The Congregation of Holy Cross welcomes high school juniors to a weekend at Old College, the undergraduate seminary on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, March 30 – April 1, 2017. Contact the Office of Vocations at 574.631.6385 or email us



at [vocation@holycrossusa.org](mailto:vocation@holycrossusa.org) for more information.

**MARCH 31-APRIL 2: LIVE JOYFULLY RETREAT** - The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary of the Woods are hosting a weekend discernment retreat for women ages 18-42 at their motherhouse in Saint Mary of the Woods, IN. The retreat is free. Register on-line at [www.comeandsee.sistersofprovidence.org](http://www.comeandsee.sistersofprovidence.org). For more details contact Editha Ben at 812.230.4771 or [eben@spsmw.org](mailto:eben@spsmw.org).

**APRIL 26 : R U CALLED: DINNER FOR WOMEN DISCERNING CONSECRATED LIFE** - Young women juniors in high school and older are invited to a great discernment opportunity on Wednesday, April 26 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Women will hear from Sr. Tracy Kemme, SC and Jacquie Lustig, RC as well as from Archbishop Schnurr. They will have the opportunity to visit with numerous religious communities as well as other women in discernment. Register online at [cincinnativocations.org/r-u-called](http://cincinnativocations.org/r-u-called).

**APRIL 29 AND MAY 20: ARCHDIOCESAN ORDINATIONS** - This spring the Archdiocese will celebrate the ordination of four young men to the transitional diaconate on Saturday, April 29 and another three men to the priesthood on Saturday, May 20. Both ordination masses will take place at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. Mark your calendars now.

**PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION** - Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

**THE CHOICE WINE! A LENTEN MISSION FOR MARRIED COUPLES: MARCH 20** - The Office for Marriage & Family Life is co-sponsoring a Lenten Mission for Married Couples on Monday, March 20 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at St. Peter Parish, Huber Heights. The mission will feature Steve Bollman, founder of Paradisus Dei and developer of the *That Man is You!* program and *The Choice Wine* couples program. With 100,000 participants, many couples have found these programs to be life-transforming. Dinner will be provided from 6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. The evening will feature a “Lourdes Experience” with healing waters brought in from Lourdes, France. Married couples will leave with an identifiable path to a superabundant marriage. Visit <http://thechoicewine.org/the-choice-wine-live-dayton/> to register.

**COMMEMORATING THE 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION** - The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Lutheran World Federation are jointly recognizing the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. This anniversary and our participation in related activities are not, of course, a celebration of the split that took place in the Body of Christ 500 years ago. However, the love of Christ compels the Catholic Church to join with our Lutheran brothers and sisters to recognize all that we have achieved through dialogue in recent times as well as the differences we still have to overcome. What we do celebrate is each other's

willingness to put the gospel of Jesus Christ at the center. Ever more so today, the world needs to hear the truth of the gospel and to witness Christian unity more than division. As St. John XXIII exclaimed, “The things that unite us are greater than those that divide us.” Locally, a joint task force between the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Southern Ohio Synod has developed resources to encourage Catholics and Lutherans to study, prayer and service throughout this commemoration year, anytime between now and October 31, 2017. You can download a complete packet, study guide, maps of all our congregations, a joint statement for this commemoration and other resources at the Ecumenical and Interfaith page of our website at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/ecumenical-and-interfaith-relations/>.

**ENCOUNTER LENT WITH CRS RICE BOWL** - Today CRS Rice Bowl offers families, schools and faith communities an opportunity to prayerfully encounter our neighbor and our God through Lent.

- Through prayer, we encounter Christ, present in the face of every member of our human family.
- Through fasting, we encounter the obstacles that prevent us from loving God and neighbor.
- Through almsgiving, we encounter our brothers and sisters around the world, sharing God’s gifts with others.

Find out what’s in store for CRS Rice Bowl this Lent. Visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org). CRS receives 75% of all Rice Bowl donations collected in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati to support CRS’ programs around the world. The remaining 25% of all donations are distributed to local agencies to fight hunger and poverty in our Archdiocese.

**THE VOCATION OF AGRICULTURE: To Till & Keep God’s Creation** - Farmers, rural ministers, and other agricultural leaders in the Archdiocese are invited to join our statewide dialogue on the *Vocation of Agriculture: To Till and Keep God's Creation*. The event will include a spirit-filled presentation from Sr. Christine Pratt, OSU, and panelists from the fields of faith formation, agribusiness, environment, and public policy.

**Saturday March 25, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**St. Joseph Parish Hall**  
**670 W. Main St.**  
**Plain City, OH 43064**

The event is being organized by the rural life ministries from several Catholic dioceses in Ohio in conjunction with the Catholic Conference of Ohio. To join us, or for more information, please contact Catholic Social Action at 513. 421.3131x 2660 or [csa@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:csa@catholiccincinnati.org), or 937. 224.3026 or [csadayton@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:csadayton@catholiccincinnati.org).

**A GOD OF LIFE AND A CIVILIZATION OF LOVE: A Catholic Response to the Refugee and Immigration Crisis** - Mark your calendars for a powerful presentation by Fr. Daniel Groody on how the Church is being called to stand up for the plight of migrants and refugees today. Fr. Daniel G. Groody, Ph.D., is a Catholic priest, a Holy Cross religious, and a scholar with years of experience working in Latin America. He is currently an Associate Professor of

Theology and Director of Immigration Initiatives at the Institute for Latino Studies at the University of Notre Dame. He is the author or producer of multiple award-winning books and films, including *Dying to Live*. He has worked with the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the World Council of Churches, and the Vatican on issues of theology, globalization, and migration.

**April 5, 2017  
7:30 p.m.  
Bellarmino Chapel at Xavier University  
3800 Victory Pkwy.  
Cincinnati 45207**

The event is sponsored by the Institute for Spirituality and Social Justice and Department of Theology, Xavier's Mission Animators, Xavier University Ethics/Religion & Society Program, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Bellarmine Chapel, and Su Casa Hispanic Center–Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio.

### **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:* Good and gracious God, help us to see that we are but a single strand in the web of creation and that you call each of us to allow ourselves to be woven by your loving hand into a tapestry of goodness and beauty for all.

*Quote from the Holy See:* Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it. -- Laudato Si', no. 139

*Care for Creation Tip:* Lent reminds us to make small sacrifices, even when no one else is paying attention. Let's find some ways we can reduce our impact on God's precious creation. Go to this link to check out for a variety of ideas and resources to help you improve the environment as an individual as well as a parish community:  
<http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/reduce-your-carbon-footprint>.