



## CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

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**ALLELUIA ALLELUIA  
~HE IS RISEN~**

*Have A Blessed Easter!*

## OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

### ***PRIESTLY FORMATION OFFICE***

#### **LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION**

We have scheduled a **Lenten Day of Reflection for priests on Wednesday, April 5** at the **Transfiguration Center** in West Milton from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. As usual there will be time for fraternity, private prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Our speaker will be **Father Ryan McCarthy of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis**. Father McCarthy was ordained in 2001. He has served in various administrative and pastoral assignments. He is presently Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish in Indianapolis. He has a doctorate in Moral Theology from Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

#### **MULTI-DAY CONVOCATION**

The multi-day Convocation for Priests will take place **June 19 - 22, 2017** at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Dublin, Ohio. If you have not already received it, registration/hotel information will be coming soon.

### ***PRIESTS' PERSONNEL OFFICE***

#### **SAVE THE DATE: SENIOR CLERGY LUNCHEON**

The Senior Clergy Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, at Bergamo Center, Dayton. The luncheon begins at 11:45 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Clarence Heis 513.421.3131x2656.

## **VOCATION OFFICE**

### **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.

### **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. Please RSVP to Fr. Barry Windholtz at the Cathedral to let him know if you can or cannot attend this year.

### **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.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017**

As in years past, World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be celebrated on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday. For resources to celebrate this opportunity to pray for all consecrated vocations, we encourage pastors to visit [www.worlddayofprayerforvocations.com](http://www.worlddayofprayerforvocations.com). There you will find prayers of the faithful, homily ideas, and other resources. The vocation office also has a supply of Holy Hour for Vocations booklets, vocation prayer cards, and children's vocation prayer cards to be given out or prayed at each Mass that weekend. Visit our online order form or contact Wayne Topp at 513.421.3131x2891 to receive these materials for no charge.

### **VOCATION AWARENESS LESSON PLANS STILL AVAILABLE**

It is not too late to use the Vocation Awareness lesson plans created by Vianney Vocations. Lesson plans are available for teachers of all grade levels, both in Catholic schools and PSR programs. All parishes and schools have access to those materials at [www.vocationlessons.com](http://www.vocationlessons.com) with access code: CincinnatiVocations513. It would be great to use these during the week before or after World Day of Prayer for Vocations on May 7.

### **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).

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

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

- **April 3-5:** Susan Conroy presents on St. Teresa of Calcutta
- **April 7-9:** Come and See Retreat: Glenmary Home Missioners
- **April 13:** CHOSEN: Monthly Holy Hour for Vocations
- **April 21-22:** South Bend's God Sisters!
- **April 21-23:** Day of Discernment for Men and Women
- **April 21-23:** Veni Si Amas Discernment Retreat
- **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 7:** World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- **May 20:** Priesthood Ordination

## **DEPARTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SERVICES**

### ***CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH***

#### **ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTORY AND BUYERS GUIDE**

Please have all of your ministry's (parish, school, etc.) updates, changes and corrections to *The Catholic Telegraph* by close of business June 30 for the 2018 edition. If the changes do not arrive by deadline, the information in the 2017 directory will be used followed by an asterisk (\*) noting no updates were authorized by deadline.

### ***CHANCERY OFFICE***

#### **PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY 2017 COLLECTION**

Just a reminder that The Good Friday collection is to be taken up in all churches and chapels where Good Friday services are celebrated. Please send the proceeds from the collection to the Finance Office of the Archdiocese in the week following Easter. Thank you.

#### **GUIDELINES FOR MATRIMONIAL DISPENSATIONS AND PERMISSIONS**

Pastoral ministers preparing couples for marriage are asked to consult the *Guidelines for Matrimonial Dispensations and Permissions* on the Chancery Office webpage. It is imperative that prenuptial files for weddings in our archdiocese be received at least one month prior to the wedding. For weddings outside our archdiocese, especially those in foreign countries, prenuptial files need to be received two months prior to the wedding. This allows missing information and documentation to be requested and then received in order to respond to your requests in a timely manner.

## **BAPTISMAL RECORD SEARCH**

**Andrew Michael Dirr, born January 1, 1990 in Cincinnati, Ohio.** An extract of his baptismal register is needed by the Diocese of Limburg, Germany. If found, this can be sent to the Chancery Office. Thank you.

## **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.

## **OFFICE FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

### **ERRATA**

The article on Public Associations of the Faithful contained an error. Canon 1192 is the wrong Canon. The article should have cited Canons 301.3 and 304.1.

## **THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

The Archdiocese has sent \$600,000 to the National Religious Retirement Office from the 2016 Collection. How generous the people of the Archdiocese have been once again! We usually rank third in the listing of dioceses in the country as to contribution though we are not the third in size.

The Annual Report will be posted at: <http://retiredreligious.org/about-us/annual-report/>. We are deeply grateful for your support. If you have not already done so, would you consider thanking the people of your parish for their ongoing generosity?

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

### **PERMANENT DEACON REGIONAL MEETINGS**

The Spring Regional meetings for Permanent Deacons and their wives/widows are scheduled for May. The dates and locations for the meetings are:

- Dayton Region: Wednesday, May 3, 6:00 p.m. at St. Helen in Dayton
- Cincinnati Region: Wednesday, May 10, 6:00 p.m. at St. Saviour in Sycamore Township
- Northern Region: Wednesday, May 17, 6:30 p.m. at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center

Mr. Dan Thimons, Director of the Office for Marriage & Family Life at the Archdiocese, will give a presentation on a new marriage preparation program called “Witness to Love.”

### **PERMANENT DEACON INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS**

The Office of the Diaconate will host three Informational Meetings on the Permanent Diaconate for men of the Archdiocese and their wives who might want to know more about the diaconate. Meeting dates and locations are:

- Northern Region: took place in late March
- Dayton Region: Thursday, April 6, 7:00 p.m. at St. Helen, Dayton
- Cincinnati Region: Tuesday, April 4, 7:00 p.m. at St. Ignatius, Montfort Heights

Please contact Deacon Mark Machuga for more information or to register: 513.421.3131x2641 or [deaconoffice@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:deaconoffice@catholiccincinnati.org).

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

The ordination of Acolyte David Gillespie of St. Patrick Parish, Troy, to the Permanent Diaconate has been scheduled for Saturday, July 22, 2017 at the parish. David was a member of the diaconate Class of 2016, but his ordination was delayed for personal reasons. Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr will preside at the ordination. Please join with all deacons in the Archdiocese in offering our prayers for David, his wife Julie, and his daughter MariCait during this final time of preparation leading to his ordination. Congratulations, David!

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

### **APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

During the month of April, we are reminded of Jesus’ words in Matthew 18:5, “Whoever receives one little child like this in my name receives me.” Did you know there are more than three million confirmed cases of child abuse in our nation annually? Did you know that of the 1,580 child deaths from child abuse that most were under age three?

This month is a time to recognize that each and every one of us can play a part in promoting the well-being of our children, who are gifts entrusted to us by God. National Child Abuse Prevention Month reminds us of the need to be vigilant about providing a safe environment for all within the Church. We must all do our part to protect the life and dignity of our children at home, at school, and at church in an effort to end neglect and abuse of our innocent youth.

Please join the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Office of Safe Environment for Children and Youth in its renewed commitment to remain tireless and observant in protecting and caring for our children, our youth, and vulnerable adults. As we celebrate the season of Easter, let us also celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God: our children.

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has published a document for parents about protecting their children from abuse. The link below will connect you to this resource, *How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Guide for Parents and Guardians*. It describes healthy and unhealthy relationships, types of abuse, frequently asked questions, good safety rules and child protection agency contact numbers for every county in the Archdiocese. Please see: [http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse AoC.pdf](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/How_to_Protect_Your_Children_From_Child_Abuse_AoC.pdf)

#### **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.

**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.

**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

## **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES**

#### **ACTIVE PRIEST SALARY**

This information is being provided so that changes might be reflected in budgets being prepared for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017.

The base salary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 will be increased from the current base of \$2,468.50 to \$2,522.81 per month (\$30,273.72). This increase of 2.2% was approved by Archbishop Schnurr. The annual seniority increment is unchanged from the previous fiscal year

and remains at \$201.00 per year. The limit on professional ministerial expenses of active priests is \$2,500.00 per year.

The Archdiocese, like most institutions, has been challenged by the effects of the current economic conditions. Nevertheless, the Archbishop has approved a modest wage increase this year. (Please note that Archdiocesan policy indicates that if priests wish to give back their salary, they are free to do so, but they are not free to turn down the salary completely).

### **2017-2018 BENEFIT OPEN ENROLLMENT**

The Open Enrollment period for all health/welfare benefit plans sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is May 1 through May 15, 2017. This is a positive open enrollment, meaning that all *eligible* employees **must** log into the Benefits Allocation System (BAS) through MyEnroll.com to elect or to waive coverage for Health Insurance, Dental, and/or Flexible Spending/Dependent Care Accounts. **If an employee does not make an election, the employee's current coverage will be waived for the 7/1/2017- 6/30/2018 plan year.** Open Enrollment materials will be mailed to each location's administrator for distribution to eligible employees at the local level. Please refer your employees to the Employee Benefits website, [benefits.catholiccincinnati.org](http://benefits.catholiccincinnati.org), for additional details.

- Active Priests and Religious: Do not have to log into the BAS system **unless** they want a flexible spending account or to make a change to add or delete dental coverage. Active priests will then log into MyEnroll.com to make or change an election in coverage.
- Retired Priests: No action is required during open enrollment. Benefits will remain the same.
- Employees planning to retire on or after 7/1/2017: Supplemental retiree health insurance through Anthem, OptumRx and Dental Care Plus is not offered for any retirees including pre-65. The Retiree Plan was terminated 12/31/2016. Business Managers must term the retiree's record in BAS as of the end of the month in which the retirement occurs. Then when Payroll is completed, terminate the Paycor record.

## **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 Catholic Schools 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, [reid@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:reid@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***

### **LITURGICAL CALENDAR UPDATE**

**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.**

**LITURGY PREPARATION AID FOR LENT, TRIDUUM, AND THE EASTER SEASON:** Please click on the following link to view a comprehensive liturgy preparation aid provided by the FDLC for this holy season: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/LPA-Lent-and-Easter-2017-Year-A.pdf>.

**CHRISM MASS:** This year's Chrism Mass is on Tuesday, April 11, at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains at 7:00 p.m.

**NEOPHYTE MASS:** Archbishop Schnurr will celebrate the Neophyte Mass on Sunday, April 23, at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains at 11:00 a.m. To view the invitation that was sent to RCIA coordinators in mid-March, click here <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/2017-Invitation-Flyerx.pdf>.

**LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU:** Thank you to all priests who participated in the Light is On for You on March 14. A follow-up survey was sent out from the Archbishop's office in early April. If you have not completed the survey, you may click onto the following link to access it: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LightisOn2017>. Results of the survey will be shared in the next edition of Clergy Communications.



## **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:**

#### **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 OFFICE FOR THE DIVINE WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS E-NEWS?**

If you have not signed up for our 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***

#### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES**

Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (**25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75**) in 2017 are invited to request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Schnurr.

They may request a certificate in two ways:

1. Visit the Archdiocesan Office for Marriage & Family Life Website  
<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/>
2. Call the Office for Marriage & Family Life 513.421-3131x2653.

These certificates will be sent to your parish in early July for distribution to couples near the Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne (July 26).

#### **GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MASS**

In addition to receiving a certificate from Archbishop Schnurr, married couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2017 are invited to a Golden Anniversary Mass:

**August 12, 2017**

**4:30 p.m.**

**St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati**

Bishop Joseph Binzer, Celebrant

**August 12, 2017**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dayton**

Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, Celebrant

Registration for one of these Masses occurs during the certificate request (above).

## **IS YOUR PARISH A “MARRIAGE-BUILDING PARISH”?**

The National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers provides a simple assessment tool for you and your parish leadership team to discover ways to become a more intentional “marriage-building parish.” Visit <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/4.-Marriage-Building-Blocks-Assessment-Tool.pdf> to access this tool or contact Dan Thimons at [dthimons@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:dthimons@catholiccincinnati.org) or 513.421.3131x2621 for more ideas and information.

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

### **THE SPIRIT OF SISTER DOROTHY STANG AWARD**

**Nominations are being accepted until April 7!!**

#### **Purpose of the award:**

- To keep alive the ministry and memory of Sister Dorothy Stang that included her Christ-like solidarity with the poor, her care for the earth and her love for Jesus and His mission;
- To encourage members of our archdiocese to study/teach about Sister Dorothy and encourage others to follow in her footsteps by promoting environmental consciousness, solidarity and cross-cultural mission and ministry;
- To honor parish ministers and parishioners who exemplify the values of Sister Dorothy through their social justice ministry and teaching.

#### **Criteria for the award:**

Nominees may be a parish minister or youth or adult parishioners:

- The person must have demonstrated Christ-like solidarity with the poor;
- Care for the earth;
- Have applied Catholic Social Teaching in cross-cultural service or their teaching ministry.

For a nomination form, contact the Mission Office at [mission@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:mission@catholiccincinnati.org) or call 513.421.3131x2632.

## **PLAN AND LEAD EVEN BETTER, SAFER, HOLIER JOURNEYS & MISSION TRIPS...AND REDUCE HAZARDS**

Attention pastors, principals, parish/school staff and volunteers who plan or lead immersion/service trips with youth, high school and college campus ministers, service coordinators, parish twinning leaders and other trip planners. With advice from you and others, various offices of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati have developed rules, guidelines and travel trips that deal with insurance/liability coverage, solid religious motivations, child protection and safety considerations for youth AND adults. Please go to [www.catholiccincinnati.org](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org); Risk Management; Insurance Coverages; then Trips.

## **WHAT IF YOUR PARISH AND/OR SCHOOL HAD A TWINNING PARTNER IN THE CARIBBEAN, MID-EAST OR ?**

Some of our parishes already have twinning parish partners and they invite you to join with them or investigate their twinning efforts. Currently there are other potential partners located in the

following areas who are **seeking to rejuvenate their faith with your parishioners**: The Caribbean Islands of Dominica and with Franciscans in Jamaica, parishes in the Oaxaca state of southern Mexico, with Glenmarians in Appalachia, Franciscans in the U.S. Southwest, with Cardinal Rodriguez in Honduras, or in El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Peru, and the Philippines. Trips to Ghana, Madagascar, Kenya and other missionary locations are possible. Limited travel subsidies are available to visit potential twinning partners and for youth mission/immersion trips. For more details, contact Dr. Mike Gable for details at: [mgable@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:mgable@catholiccincinnati.org) or 513.421.3131x 2630.

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

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

The infusion bulletin for Easter Sunday – Pentecost Sunday, April 16, 2017 – June 4, 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 RESPECT LIFE MINISTRIES***

### **9 MONTHS IN THE WOMB WITH CHRIST**

From March 26 to December 25, 2017, we are again encouraging all parishes to join us in participation of this Respect Life Prayer Campaign, first introduced in 2015. Promoting a consistent ethic of life, this campaign offers a **monthly reflection** on a different biblical story during the earliest moments of Christ's time on earth. Each reflection will discuss the importance of a different social issue such as immigration, death penalty, care for the elderly, concern for the disabled, etc. Additionally, **short weekly reflections** will be available for parishes to prayerfully chart Christ's fetal development in their bulletins. We are also asking everyone to **pray daily our special prayer to Christ in the womb**. Check out our website at [www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/respect-life-2](http://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!

### **STAND FIRM FOR LIFE! 40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING 2017 CAMPAIGN**

The 40 Days for Life 2017 Spring Campaign ends **April 9**. The 40 Days for Life campaign draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer, fasting, constant vigil and community outreach, with the goal of turning hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life. All ages, young and old, are welcome to join in this concert of prayer for protections for and renewed understanding of the beautiful gift of human life, plus hope and healing for those suffering from past decisions or actions. For directions and/or other information, please go to <https://40daysforlife.com>, then click on locations and type in Dayton, Cincinnati or Sharonville to find your local site!

## **ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE AWARD**

The Office for Respect Life Ministries is pleased to announce the renewal of our Archdiocesan Respect Life Award. 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. An ad hoc committee of the Archdiocesan Respect Life Commission will select the recipient(s) to receive the award, with final approval by the Archbishop. The criteria use 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](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/respect-life-2) . The deadline for nominations is **June 15, 2017**. The award will be presented in October, 2017.

## **CEMETERY OF THE INNOCENTS**

Dayton Right to Life is now promoting this project – an outdoor display of a field of miniature wooden crosses and an accompanying sign about the tragedy of abortion. The purpose is to encourage and educate parishioners and the local community to pray for the victims of abortion. Dayton Right to Life can set up the display when and where the pastor wishes and remove it accordingly, at no cost to the parish. At least four Dayton area churches have already displayed the Cemetery of the Innocents. Contact Tom Pfahler at 937.461.3625 or [tpfahler@daytonlife.org](mailto:tpfahler@daytonlife.org) if interested in hosting this at your parish.

## **CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE**

Join Fr. Benedict O’Cinnsealaigh, Bishop Foys of Covington and thousands of others **Sunday, June 4, at 1:00 p.m.** for the 12th annual Cross the Bridge for Life across the Purple People Bridge to raise awareness for the sanctity of human life—born and unborn. Meet at Newport, KY’s Riverfront Row Festival area for a brief program including music by the Easter Rising Band (website: <http://easterrisingband.com/>), face painting for the children and more! The event will end back at Riverfront Row with a free picnic by the JTM Food Group. All are welcome to participate in this day of family fun and powerful witness. For more information, go to [www.CrossTheBridgeForLife.com](http://www.CrossTheBridgeForLife.com).

## **NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH**

A panel discussion of end of life planning strategies with attorneys, nurses, and pro-life advocates. Seminar includes a Q&A session with the facilitators. Topics of discussion include planning for quality of life with your family and doctor, necessary legal documents, and a pro-life perspective on end of life decisions. To schedule a seminar at your parish, or to get more information, contact Margie Christie [mchristie@daytonlife.org](mailto:mchristie@daytonlife.org) or call 937.461.3625.

## **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-one-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](mailto:nwendeln@catholiccincinnati.org) or call the Project Rachel Help Line at 513.784.0531 for information. All conversations and email are confidential.

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

### **THEOLOGY ON TAP CINCINNATI**

Theology on Tap Cincinnati is preparing for their spring 2017 series for young adults. It will be Monday nights, April 24 - May 22 at Molly Malone's Irish Pub & Restaurant, 6111 Montgomery Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45213, starting at 7:00 p.m. Visit the Facebook group "Theology on Tap Cincinnati" for more information. Questions can be directed to Annie Egan ([anniemitchell@gmail.com](mailto:anniemitchell@gmail.com)) or Sarah Patterson ([sarahlantry3@gmail.com](mailto:sarahlantry3@gmail.com)).

**April 24:** Fr. Giles Dimock, O.P., "Church Architecture and the Liturgy"

**May 1:** Michael Vanberburgh and Helen Fahey, "The Steward: What Do You Own, and What Owns You?"

**May 8:** Fr. Matthew Gamber, S.J., "From Jesuit Novice to Supreme Pontiff: The Vocation of Jorge Mario Bergolio - Priest, Pastor and Pope"

**May 15:** Brad Bursa, "Your Life in the Anima Technica Vacua"

**May 22:** Fr. Tom Wray, "Top Ten Reasons I Became Catholic"

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

### **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/).

## **RENEWAL**

Renewal is a day retreat for youth ministers, campus ministers, and volunteers that come at the end of each semester. In short, it is a chance to rest in the Lord through silent prayer, talks, Mass, Adoration, Confession, and fellowship.

We have three Renewal dates coming up in May and you can find the registration info for them at <https://viacatholic.org/renewal/>. Renewal is a free event!

## **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 began 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 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 fourth Saturday of the month starting **March 25**. 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).

#### **CAREGIVER WELLNESS WORKSHOP**

This workshop takes place on Friday, April 7, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Central Connections, located at 3907 Central Ave, Middletown, 45044. Caregivers need moral support, stress relief, resources and networking. Come spend the morning with us to get what you need. This FREE event will have three presenters, including **Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio** on "*Burnout, Compassion Fatigue, Vicarious Trauma, & Self Care*," **Vitality Cincinnati** on "*Movement Intelligence*" and **ProSeniors** on "*Helping Seniors Avoid Fraud and Scams*." Lunch provided with 3.0 CEUs available for professionals. (Counselor: Provider #RCX049001; Social Worker: Provider #RSX028901). The event is co-sponsored by Hospice Care of Middletown, Central Connections, Haven Behavioral Hospital of Dayton and Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio. Please RSVP by **March 24** to Judy Vincent at [jvincent@hcmiddletown.org](mailto:jvincent@hcmiddletown.org) or 513.424.2273. There will be time from 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and during lunch to browse information tables.

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

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

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

Fr. Daniel Groody will offer his powerful presentation 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, Bellarmino Chapel, and Su Casa Hispanic Center–Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio.

### **GO CINCINNATI/GO LOCAL: LOOKING FOR PARISHES/SCHOOLS TO ADOPT SERVICE SITES!**

The Archdiocese is again joining with Crossroads Church and other local Christian communities in serving agencies all over Cincinnati for Go Cincinnati 2017 (which we're calling "Go Local" this year)! Last year was the first time the Archdiocese formally participated in this major day of service in response to the Extraordinary Year of Mercy. And parishioners have urged us to do it again!

We're looking for parish, school and other Catholic groups to step-up and GO serve throughout the city! The day of service will take place Saturday, May 20 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Some of the agencies we're looking to pair groups up with this year are:

- Community Matters
- End Slavery Cincinnati
- Franciscan Ministries for the Poor, Tau House
- Healthy Beginnings
- Little Sisters of the Poor
- South Cumminsville Community Council
- West End Emergency Center
- Working in Neighborhoods

If your parish or group is interested in participating, follow these three steps:

1. Let us know that you would like to have a group participate by contacting the Archdiocesan Catholic Social Action Office by replying to this email, or calling 513.421.3131x2660
2. Assign a group leader from your group to work with your selected agency, organize volunteers, and attend a leader orientation session on Monday, April 3, from 6:30 p.m - 7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Resurrection in Bond Hill (1619 California Ave., Cincinnati 45237).
3. Join us for the Archdiocesan prayer service the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup> and GO!

### **WAY OF THE CROSS FOR JUSTICE: GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14 IN CINCINNATI**

Join a collaboration of faith-based groups for an engaging, ecumenical prayer experience that connects the suffering of Jesus with the suffering brought about by injustice in our day.

**Good Friday**

**April 14, 2017**

**12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Beginning at Fountain Square, Downtown Cincinnati**

This prayerful gathering will include reflections on social justice issues such as immigration, the death penalty, economic justice, care for creation and racism. A procession will take place to the Freedom Center from Fountain Square, which will include a reflection and closing bread service. Contact Catholic Social Action at [csa@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:csa@catholiccincinnati.org) or 513.421.3131x2660, for more information.

### **A WALK FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE: GOOD FRIDAY IN DAYTON**

The need to welcome refugees, the heroin epidemic and drug abuse, access to health care and to preschool education will be among the crosses and issues shouldered during the 2017 Walk for Justice and Peace on Good Friday, April 14.

The annual walk with its 14 symbolic stops begins at noon at the Old Courthouse at Third and Main Streets and moves through the west side of downtown Dayton. The walk is held rain or shine. Each year 14 issues are chosen to correspond with the 14 Stations of the Cross. Participants reflect both on new and ongoing social justice issues.

The Walk for Justice and Peace on Good Friday is an ecumenical tradition in Dayton lasting about two hours and ending at the river by the First Baptist Church, 111 W. Monument St.

The walk is sponsored by nearly 30 churches, faith communities and social justice organizations, which include the Archdiocesan Catholic Social Action Office and the Dayton Hispanic Ministry Office, the Marianist Social Justice Collaborative, Sisters of the Precious Blood, the UD Center for Social Concern and Greater Dayton Christian Connections.

### **CRS COLLECTION**

The Catholic Relief Services Collection will be taken up in our Archdiocese on the weekend of April 29 and 30.

With your donations the Catholic Relief Services Collection aids six organizations in:

- Assisting suffering refugees through the **USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.
- Providing international humanitarian relief and development through **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**.
- Offering legal assistance to struggling immigrants through the **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.
- Reaching isolated workers through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.
- Advocating on behalf of the poor and marginalized through the public policy work of the **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development**.
- Responding to victims of natural disasters through the **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.

Please turn in the Catholic Relief Services Collection **by Monday, June 12**, so that the agencies who depend on the collection can put the money collected this year to use in 2017. The Archdiocesan Finance Office writes one check at the end of June for the CRS collection. Please submit your collection to the Archdiocesan Finance Office, 100 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. **Please note on the memo line that the money is for the Catholic Relief Services Collection.**

#### **TURNING IN YOUR CRS RICE BOWLS**

As Lent draws to a close, please plan a meaningful collection ritual for the CRS Rice Bowls. Read An Offertory Prayer to End the Lenten Journey found at <http://www.crsricebowl.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Coord-Guide-Prayer-to-End.pdf> to help your community conclude this holy season. Visit [www.crsricebowl.org/parishes](http://www.crsricebowl.org/parishes) for more ideas, such as an envelope template in both English and Spanish. Publicize when and where CRS Rice Bowls will be collected. Announce details in a variety of ways, including in your bulletin or newsletter, on your community's social media pages, in announcements at Mass or school, and by hanging the CRS Rice Bowl poster.

Checks can be written to the Archdiocesan Finance Office, 100 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 with a memo noting, "CRS Rice Bowl donations." Parishes should send in their donations by mid-June, because one check is written to CRS Rice Bowl at the end of June.

Rice Bowl participants can always donate online at [www.crsricebowl.org/give](http://www.crsricebowl.org/give) . Information is also available at that site about giving by phone and by mail.

#### **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. 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.

## **DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP**

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

#### **2017 CMA REACHES \$4 MILLION IN PLEDGES!!!**

The 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) recently crossed the \$4 million mark in pledges! We extend a special "thank you" to pastors, parish staff, and volunteers who have helped to promote this year's Appeal. Please know that your hard work over the last few months has given the CMA a strong push towards reaching this year's \$5 million goal.

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

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.**

Thank you again for your efforts towards this year's CMA! For more information or questions about the CMA, please contact David Kissell at 513.421.3131x2881 or email [david@CatholicAppeal.info](mailto:david@CatholicAppeal.info).

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **EASTERTIDE VESPERS & CHORAL CONCERT**

**Solemn Easter Vespers** will be held on the Second Sunday of Easter, **April 23 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Chapel of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45230. Easter Vespers (Evening Prayer) includes the singing of hymns, psalms and canticles with choir and brass and will include a performance of *Five Mystical Songs* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, sung by the **Athenaeum Chorale**. All are welcome and invited to attend.

## **MELCHISEDECH OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Mark your calendars for Monday, August 7, 2017 for the 53rd Annual Melchisedech Open Golf Tournament. This is an excellent way to share priestly or diaconate fraternity. This year's event again will be held at the Pipestone Golf Club, 4344 Benner Road, in Miamisburg, Ohio.

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

*Clergy Communications* is a monthly publication of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati at 100 East Eighth Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202 - Chancery Office. Tel: **513.421.3131x2842**. Fax: **513.421.6225**.

Website: [www.CatholicCincinnati.org](http://www.CatholicCincinnati.org). Email: [Communications@CatholicCincinnati.org](mailto:Communications@CatholicCincinnati.org)

## 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).

**APRIL 3-5: ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA - Hear a person who knew her personally.** The Serra Club of Cincinnati is bringing in Susan Conroy, author, to speak on her 10 year personal relationship with St. Teresa of Calcutta and the lessons she learned about Love, Mercy and Joy from this modern day saint. All are invited to join any of the following presentations that all begin at 7:00 p.m.:

- Monday, April 3 - Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (Anderson)
- Tuesday, April 4 - St. Antoninus (Western Hills)
- Wednesday, April 5 - St Vincent Ferrer (Kenwood)

Contact the appropriate parish office and/or visit [www.cincyserravocations.org](http://www.cincyserravocations.org) for more information.

**APRIL 7-9: 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).

**APRIL 13: CHOSEN: MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS** - CHOSEN: Monthly Holy Hour for those discerning a Vocation or praying for Vocations – April 13, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, OH. Sponsored by the Archdiocese Vocations Office and the Children of Mary. Chosen: Every 2nd Thursday of the Month. Come and bring a friend!

**APRIL 21-22: SOUTH BEND'S GOT SISTERS! SOUTH BEND, INDIANA AREA** - Spend 24 hours visiting and praying with sisters from a variety of religious communities. Come experience community life, while asking questions about discernment and getting answers in real



time. For single catholic women ages 18-40. For more information, contact Sr. Connie Bach, PHJC at [cbach@poorhandmaids.org](mailto:cbach@poorhandmaids.org) or 574.340.6409. Register now online at [phjc.org/sisters](http://phjc.org/sisters).

**APRIL 21-23: DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY: DAY OF DISCERNMENT, EVANSVILLE, INDIANA** - Join others considering consecrated life in a weekend of praying, sharing, and growing. Open to single catholic men and women ages 18-40. For more information, contact Sister Theresa Sullivan, D.C., at [sistertheresa.sullivan@doc.org](mailto:sistertheresa.sullivan@doc.org) or 812.963.7556. Register online at <http://called2.be/MAWDRApr17> .

**APRIL 21-23: VENI SI AMAS DISCERNMENT RETREAT** - The Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George, Alton, IL invite young women (ages 17-30) to come join in a weekend of prayer and discernment. For more information, visit [www.altonfranciscans.org/vocations/events](http://www.altonfranciscans.org/vocations/events) or contact Sr. M. Karolyn at 618.463.2757.

**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 [cincinnati.vocations.org/r-u-called](http://cincinnati.vocations.org/r-u-called).

**APRIL 29: TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE ORDINATION** - On Saturday, April 29 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, the Archdiocese will celebrate the diaconate ordination of four men: Mr. Craig Best, Mr. Jarred Kohn, Mr. Andy Smith, and Mr. Jacob Willig. These men will become transitional deacons, which means they will continue their formation toward the holy priesthood after their ordination. Please join us in praying for these men.

**MAY 7: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** - Today the Church throughout the world prays for consecrated vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

**MAY 20: PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION** - On Saturday, May 20 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will ordain to the order of the priesthood three men: Rev. Mr. David Doseck, Rev. Mr. Peter Langenkamp, and Rev. Mr. Alexander Witt. The ordination mass is open to all and we encourage all to experience this beautiful liturgy. Please join us in praying for these men.

**ARE YOU CELEBRATING A SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2017? -**

Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75) in 2017 are invited to request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr. These certificates will be distributed here at \_\_\_\_\_ (insert your parish name) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date: choose a day near July 26<sup>th</sup>) at \_\_\_\_\_ (insert the Mass time).

Please visit the Office for Marriage & Family Life at [www.catholiccincinnati.org](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org) or call 513.421.3131 x2653 before June 23 to request your certificate. (Note to parish: Please include this announcement in your parish bulletin through June 18.)

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

**Cincinnati: August 12, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati.**  
Bishop Joseph Binzer, Celebrant.

**Dayton: August 12, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dayton.**  
Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, Celebrant.

Please visit the Office for Marriage & Family Life at [www.catholiccincinnati.org](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org) or call 513.421.3131 x2653 before June 23<sup>rd</sup> to register. (Note to parish: Please include this announcement in your parish bulletin through June 18.)

**A GOD OF LIFE AND A CIVILIZATION OF LOVE: A Catholic Response to the Refugee and Immigration Crisis** - Fr. Daniel Groody will offer his powerful presentation 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.

**WAY OF THE CROSS FOR JUSTICE: GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14 IN CINCINNATI -**

Join a collaboration of faith based groups for an engaging, ecumenical prayer experience that connects the suffering of Jesus with the suffering brought about by injustice in our day.

**Good Friday**  
**April 14, 2017**  
**12:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

**Beginning at Fountain Square, Downtown Cincinnati**

This prayerful gathering on Fountain Square will include reflections on social justice issues, as immigration, the death penalty, economic justice, care for creation and racism. A procession will take place from Fountain Square to the Freedom Center, which will include reflection and closing bread service. Contact Catholic Social Action at [csa@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:csa@catholiccincinnati.org) or 513.421.3131x2660, for more information.

**A WALK FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE: GOOD FRIDAY IN DAYTON** - The need to welcome refugees, the heroin epidemic and drug abuse, access to health care and to preschool education will be among the crosses and issues shouldered during the 2017 Walk for Justice and Peace on Good Friday, April 14. The annual walk with its 14 symbolic stops begins at noon at the Old Courthouse at Third and Main Streets and moves through the west side of downtown Dayton. The walk is held rain or shine. Each year 14 issues are chosen to correspond with the 14 Stations of the Cross. Participants reflect both on new and ongoing social justice issues. The Walk for Justice and Peace on Good Friday is an ecumenical tradition in Dayton lasting about two hours and ending at the river by the First Baptist Church, 111 W. Monument St. The walk is sponsored by nearly 30 churches, faith communities and social justice organizations, which include the Archdiocesan Catholic Social Action Office and the Dayton Hispanic Ministry Office, the Marianist Social Justice Collaborative, Sisters of the Precious Blood, the UD Center for Social Concern and Greater Dayton Christian Connections.

**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/>.

## **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:* Now is the time to plant **local native plants** in your gardens. Why? Native plants bring beauty to your gardens and preserve our natural heritage and biodiversity. They provide food and habitat for native wildlife; helpful insects (butterflies, bees, etc.), birds, small creatures. They require far less water, saving our water resources. They save time of upkeep in the garden (sweat equity) and money by not purchasing weed and insect control chemicals and making your area healthy for children and pets. Look up native plants on the internet and get a wealth of information. Take it back to God's beautiful Creation.