



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

His Eminence Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, CSsR, Chairman of the USCCB Subcommittee on the Church in Africa, has asked dioceses to consider taking up an annual collection for the Church in Africa. The Cardinal writes:

“This simple act [tells] our brother bishops in the fastest growing area of the Church that we are standing with them and are prepared to support them as they face unprecedented growth in challenging circumstances. It also [communicates] to the thousands of African priests and religious working in our dioceses that we appreciate their precious donation of time and talent to the faithful in the United States and it informs their bishops in Africa that we understand their sacrifice for the good of the universal Church and that we desire to give in return.”

After consulting with the Deans and Presbyteral Council, the Archbishop has decided not to add another special collection. However, at the discretion of the pastor and his Parish Council, a parish may opt to take up the Ash Wednesday collection for either the Church in Central and Eastern Europe or the Church in Africa. The purpose of the collection would have to be made clear to parishioners in order to respect the wishes of the donors. (Canon 1267§3)

Another option would be to split the collection on a percentage basis, thus benefiting the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, as well as the Church in Africa. This split of the collection would have to be made known to parishioners and donors.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

At their 2015 General Assembly, the Bishops of the United States voted in favor of a national collection in 2017 to support the work of completing the mosaic of the Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The proposal was that this one-time appeal would take place on Mother’s Day weekend, May 13-14, 2017.

After consulting with the Deans and Presbyteral Council, Archbishop Schnurr is asking that all parishes take up this collection on December 8, 2017, the Solemnity of the

Immaculate Conception. As with other special collections, please forward the proceeds to the Archdiocesan Finance Office.

ACTING DEAN NAMED FOR SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES DEANERY

Father Del Staigers, Dean of Saint Francis de Sales Deanery, will be on sabbatical from May 5, 2017 through August 5, 2017. Father Edward Smith has been appointed Acting Dean of the Saint Francis de Sales Deanery while Father Staigers is on sabbatical.

PRIESTLY FORMATION OFFICE

REGISTRATION FOR MULTI-DAY CONVOCATION

Remember, you must register for our convocation of priests taking place June 19-22, 2017 in Dublin, Ohio. As noted in the literature, you should have received in the mail a two-part registration: 1) registration (and payment) for the convocation itself (most priests pay for this from their ministerial allowance), and 2) your hotel registration at the Embassy Suites in Dublin, Ohio. (Remember to get the group rate by using **Code DIO**; your hotel should be paid by your parish or institution.) If you have any questions, please call the Priestly Formation Office at 513.421.3131x 2651.

PRIESTS' PERSONNEL OFFICE

ASSISTANCE OF PRIESTS AND DEACONS FOR WEDDINGS

The Priests' Personnel Office receives requests from couples who hope to marry in a Catholic church and need a priest or deacon to help with marriage preparation and the wedding ceremony. For example, a couple no longer lives in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, hopes to return home for the wedding, and a priest and/or deacon at a parish is/are not available. The couple contacts the Priests' Personnel Office because they do not know where to begin to find a priest or deacon to assist them. If you are willing to assist with the marriage preparation and the wedding ceremony of couples in these situations, please contact Ms. Sarah Frohmiller at sfrohmiller@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131x2651. Thank you.

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.

BOOK PUBLISHED

Father Don West, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church in West Chester, recently published a book, *Gathered in My Name: Reflections on Matthew's Gospel*. We congratulate him on this accomplishment!! The book is available on Amazon.com at: https://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/d/153998866X/ref=mp_s_a_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1493083546&sr=1-1&pi=AC_SX236_SY340_QL65&keywords=Fr.+Don+J.+West&dpPl=1&dpID=51T1MpjAIU&ref=plSrch.

VOCATION OFFICE

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.

NEW VOCATION MATERIALS AVAILABLE

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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

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

UPCOMING 2017 EVENTS TO ANNOUNCE

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

- **May 19-21:** Discernment Retreat with Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker
- **May 20:** Priesthood Ordination
- **June 30-July 2:** Come and See Retreat with Glenmary Home Missioners

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.

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.”

SENIOR STATUS

Archbishop Dennis Schnurr accepted two deacons’ requests for Senior Status – Bob Kozlowski and Bill Mullaney. Both deacons moved to Senior Status, effective April 7, 2017.

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

Deacon Bill Mullaney is currently assigned to Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Cincinnati. Bill was ordained September 26, 1998 and has served the Archdiocese as a deacon for eighteen years.

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

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

BACKGROUND CHECK / CHILD PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

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

ANNUAL USCCB AUDIT CERTIFICATION LETTERS

All pastors, parish administrators, principals and other leaders of Archdiocese of Cincinnati institutions will be receiving a letter asking them to certify that their institutions have received and implemented the Archdiocese *Decree on Child Protection* during the USCCB audit period and fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Please sign and **return those letters to Joe Riede**

via email: jriede@catholiccincinnati.org or fax (513.421.6225). The USCCB Auditors will review these signed letters during their live audit of the Archdiocese.

STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCES

Adult Chaperone Verification Forms must be reviewed and signed by the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Coordinator. Chaperones' youth protection records will be reviewed to ensure they have completed VIRTUS training, have a current background check and are current on all monthly bulletins. All employees must have completed a B.4. The local Safe Environment Coordinator should review each individual's records prior to being submitted to the Archdiocese. If any of these items are not current or have not been completed the individual will not be approved. Submit all applications three weeks prior to the conference date to ensure timely processing.

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

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION

Since July 2011, Archdiocesan locations that employ a Diocesan priest have been making monthly contributions into the Priests' Retirement Fund. Effective July 1, 2017, that monthly per priest charge will increase from \$500 to \$600.

The Archdiocese Finance Office will continue to draft the appropriate amount from each location's bank account on file the last business day of each month based on the number of Diocesan priests assigned. Please be sure to notify the Finance Office of any changes in banking information. Locations that share a priest are required to contribute their share of the cost. The Finance Office will draft the funds from the location from which the priest is paid and the other location should then reimburse the location from which the funds were drafted for their share of the monthly cost.

- Those locations that employ religious order priests should continue to make the appropriate arrangements with the provincial at the religious order to remit the retirement amounts directly to them.
- The Archdiocese of Cincinnati 401(k) Plan was amended to include new priests. The definition ‘Covered Priest’ means any Diocesan priest who is ordained into the Archdiocese of Cincinnati after January 1, 2015, or any Diocesan priest whose incardination date into the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is on or after January 1, 2016, or any priest who is not subject to a vow of poverty and is on canonical assignment, beginning on or after January 1, 2016, to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati from another diocese or religious order.” Each location will contribute the same monthly \$600 contribution towards retirement except it will be processed through the Fifth Third site on a quarterly basis as it is currently processed for eligible lay employees. The Finance Office will work directly with each location that has a priest in the 401(k) to establish correct procedure on the Paycor and Fifth Third sites.

Please contact Charlotte Carpenter in the Finance Office of the Archdiocese at 513.421.3131 x2852 with any questions.

SCAM ALERT

The Finance Office has recently been notified of a telephone scam in which a parish received a call from “Duke Energy” saying that their account was delinquent and the electricity was going to shut off in 24 hours if the parish didn’t wire or use a prepaid debit card to “pay” up by 5:00 p.m. that day. The parish business manager knew this was not legitimate and did some review online. Please see the link at Duke Energy’s website for information regarding this scam, <https://www.duke-energy.com/customer-service/report-fraud-and-scams>

FESTIVAL REMINDERS

With festival season approaching, please review the following important information.

GAMBLING

The Attorney General’s policy for fundraising events that include games of chance is available online: <http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Files/Publications-Files/Publications-for-Non-Profits/Bingo-Publications/Policy-201-Games-of-Chance>. It is a requirement that **all gambling** (except for bingo) be conducted as part of a parish festival. Under Ohio law, all gambling activities require that **volunteers** be the operators of the specific games. The only exception is the payment for security personnel.

No one under the age of eighteen (18) should be permitted to **operate** a game of chance with cash prizes. Persons younger than eighteen (18), however, may **assist** in the operation of a game so long as the prize awarded is a non-cash item.

No one under the age of eighteen (18) should be permitted to **gamble** in a game of chance for cash prizes. Persons under the age of eighteen (18), may gamble for a non-cash prize as long as the intent of the game is entertainment, such as ring toss, ball toss, pick-a-prize, etc.

Raffle Tickets and Younger Children

You should exercise prudence with regard to raffles and other schemes of chance. Young children should not be responsible for selling raffle tickets and the subsequent responsibility for accounting for the sales. For instance, no one under the age of eighteen (18) is permitted to purchase a State of Ohio lottery ticket. If an adult purchases a ticket and gives it to a person under eighteen (18), prudence dictates that if that ticket is a winner, the prize should be turned over to the parent or legal guardian of the child to avoid potential legal problems.

Dice Booth

A car dealership and a motorcycle dealership have suggested a Dice Booth to a few festival committees. This Dice Booth requires a festival patron to roll the dice and if the correct number sequence appears the patron wins either a new car or a new motorcycle. The dealership purchases an insurance policy from their Insurance Broker to cover the cost of the prize and require the dice game to be continually recorded through the use of a video camera. The Archdiocese is **not** in favor of having this type of booth at festivals. The complexity of taping the operation of the game during the entire festival weekend, the potential dispute and litigation over a very valuable prize, the need for trained volunteers to run the booth, the necessary review of an agreement with the dealership and adherence to the requirements of their Insurance Policy places the parish and the Archdiocese at increased risk.

Information Reporting Requirements – Form W2-G (Certain Gambling Winnings) **must** be filed for each person who wins a prize with a fair market value of more than \$5,000. Such forms are also required if the winnings are more than \$600 and are at least 300 times the amount of the raffle ticket.

Income Tax Withholding – A charity must withhold (and remit to the U.S. Treasury) federal income tax on any payment exceeding \$5,000 (net of ticket cost) that is made as part of a lottery fund raiser. A raffle is considered a lottery for withholding purposes. This also applies to noncash items with a fair market value exceeding \$5,000 (net of ticket cost). The instructions for Forms W-2G and 5754 expand on the above paragraphs.

BEER

A temporary liquor permit (F) valid for the date of the festival must be obtained from the local Department of Liquor Control. Bartenders at work or any server of alcoholic beverages that knowingly serves a person under the influence of alcohol can be sued if an intoxicated person causes bodily injury or property damage. Temporary liquor permit holders cannot sell or serve an unlimited number of drinks for a one-time admission charge.

Purchases of multiple cups of beer should be discouraged. If the parish wishes to allow adults to take beer into the area in which gambling is taking place, efforts should be made to control the possibility of children obtaining access to the beer.

The self-insurance program of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati provides limited liquor liability coverage for all locations covered under the program. The following recommendations are to be reviewed and put into effect when possible:

- Post signs prohibiting anyone from bringing alcoholic beverages on the premises. Violators should be asked to leave the premises.
- Liquor or beer sales should be held only within a restricted, confined, roped in or fenced in area.
- Post signs about the serving area on the legal age of drinking. The signs should also indicate that you reserve the right to verify the age of anyone wishing to purchase beer and the right to refuse to serve anyone.
- Post signs offering transportation for overindulged guests. These signs should be staffed by someone at all times in order to prevent an intoxicated person who may need assistance with transportation from wandering off.

FESTIVAL RIDES AND OUTSIDE FOOD SERVICE

For-profit vendors who provide festival rides or food service must have liability insurance (\$1,000,000) with aggregate limits of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) and provide a certificate of insurance naming Archbishop Schnurr as Trustee for the sponsoring institution as an Additional Insured for the dates of the festival.

Our Archdiocesan Insurance Underwriters **will not insure any** of the following activities: **Paint Ball Games, Trampolines, Bungee Jumps, Bull Riding Machines, Rock Climbing Walls and Inflatable Attractions.** Without insurance, the Parish/Archdiocese is 100% liable for any injuries suffered by festival participants. Accordingly, parishes and institutions **may not have** Paint Ball Games, Trampolines, Bungee Jumps, Bull Riding Machines, Rock Climbing Walls, or any Inflatable Attractions.

USING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AS PRIZES

Issue: Under Ohio law, may a parish/school use alcoholic beverages as prizes in a raffle or silent auction (aka a “Bid ‘n Buy”)?

Answer: A parish/school may not use alcoholic beverages as prizes in a raffle. A parish/school may use certain alcoholic beverages as prizes in a silent auction, **but only** if the parish/school holds an F-2 or an F-6 liquor permit; **even then**, the parish/school should note that there are certain restrictions imposed on such a permit that could make holding such an auction in the context of a parish/school festival impractical. **Regarding an F-2 permit:** First, an F-2 permit holder is only allowed to hold such an auction once during any calendar year. Second, the auction event cannot last for more than a 24 hour period. This would prohibit the auction of alcoholic beverages at any parish/school festival that lasts more than one day. **Regarding an F-6 permit:** an F-6 permit would allow a parish/school to auction off wine only, but not beer or mixed beverages. However, under Ohio law, an organization is only permitted to hold one liquor permit at a time. As a result, a parish/school holding an F-6 permit would be able to auction wine at its festival, but unable to sell beer or mixed beverages at the festival.

Direct questions to: Charlotte Carpenter, cccarpenter@catholiccincinnati.org.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

HR TRAINING

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

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

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

WEAPONS IN THE WORKPLACE POLICY

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

WORKING STUDENT GUIDELINES

This document is intended to provide school administrators and pastors information about employment of students **during** and **after** school and **through** the summer months. Students under the age of 18 are considered minors and may not work at anything that is hazardous or injurious to their health and well-being including: activities involving flammable substances, gases, vapors or fumes; activities involving driving a school bus, motor van or any motor-propelled vehicle.

Students under the age of 16 may not work where alcohol is prepared, sold or served. They may not perform outside window washing or any work requiring the use of ladders or scaffolds or hoisting apparatus or any power-driven machinery (other than office machines or equipment.)

Restricted Hours - Students under the age of 16 may work only during non-school hours and for no more than 3 hours a day on any school day or 18 hours in any week during the school year. They may work for no more than 8 hours on a non-school day. When school is not in session, they may work 40 hours per week.

Work Hours - Students may work between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. during the school year and until 9:00 p.m. during any five day school vacation and between June 1 and Labor Day.

Rest Breaks - Any student under the age of 18 must have a 30 minute rest period for every five consecutive hours worked. The rest period must be documented in the student's work hours record.

Work Permits - A work permit is required for every student between the ages of 14 to 18. A work permit must be issued by the school at the student's request, must be kept on file in the workplace, school/parish and must be returned to the issuer within three days of the student's request or employment termination.

Wage Agreement - The school or parish must prepare an agreement that states the rate of pay of the student and a signed copy should be given to the student

Records - The school/parish must keep a record of the name, age, date of birth and position held by each student under the age 18, along with the number of hours worked daily, hours of beginning and ending work, hours of beginning and ending rest periods and wages paid each pay period. These records must be kept for seven years from the time the record is made.

Summer Work – Employment of minors ages 16 and 17 at a seasonal amusement or recreational establishment is permitted with these conditions:

- For not more than two months before the last day of the school term in the spring.
- For not more than two months after the first day of the school term in the fall.
- For this period, while school is in session, only for the hours between the end of the school day and 9:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and only for the hours between the end of the school day on Friday and 11:00 p.m. on Sunday.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Rob Reid at 513.421.3131 x6611, rreid@catholiccincinnati.org or Meg Paul at 513.421.3131x2841, mpaul@catholiccincinnati.org in the Department of Human Resources.

DEPARTMENT OF PASTORAL LIFE AND EVANGELIZATION

OFFICE FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN PASTORAL MINISTRIES

It is with great pride that the Office of African American Pastoral Ministries on behalf of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati announces the 2017 - 2018 Archbishop Karl J. Alter Scholarship Grant Awards.

In 1964, Archbishop Karl J. Alter established the Archbishop Alter Scholarship – a four-year grant - to promote African American Catholic leadership among high school seniors who sought to pursue higher education. It is one of the ways the Archdiocese of Cincinnati assists in developing African American leaders who rise from their communities to affect change in our world. This year's scholarship recipients have been awarded a four-year grant of **\$1000.00** per year.

The Archbishop Karl J. Alter Scholarship Recipients for 2017 - 2018 are:

1. **Miss Sophie Austin**, the daughter of Mr. Orson and Sophie Duval-Austin, will graduate from Saint Ursula Academy. Miss Austin will be attending American University and will

pursue a degree in Journalism. Miss Austin is a member of the Church of the Resurrection [Bond Hill].

2. **Mr. Ronald Berry Jr.**, the son of Mr. Ronald & Elaine Berry, will graduate from Northwest High School. Mr. Berry will be attending Bowling Green State University, and will pursue a degree in Chemistry. Mr. Berry is a member of the Church of the Resurrection [Bond Hill].
3. **Mr. Kwasi Burgin**, the son of Mr. Albert Burgin and Mrs. Rita Nzinga, will graduate from Purcell Marian High School. Mr. Burgin will be attending Xavier University and will pursue a degree in Psychology. Mr. Burgin is a member of the Church of the Resurrection [Bond Hill].
4. **Miss Cydni D. Estes**, the granddaughter of Ms. Marsha Baldwin, will graduate from Saint Rita School for the Deaf. Miss Estes will be attending Mount Saint Joseph University and will pursue a degree in Liberal Arts. Miss Estes is a member of the Church of the Resurrection [Bond Hill].
5. **Miss Alyssa Lee**, the Mr. Michael and Marico Lee, will graduate from the Ohio Virtual Academy. Miss Lee will be attending the University of Cincinnati and will pursue a degree in Criminal Justice. Miss Lee is a member of Corpus Christi Catholic Church [Cincinnati].
6. **Mr. Nicholas Magalski**, the son of Ms. Darlene Cross and Mr. Mark Magalski, will graduate from Princeton High School. Mr. Magalski will be attending Northern Kentucky University and will pursue a degree in Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering Technology. Mr. Magalski is a member of the Church of the Resurrection [Bond Hill].
7. **Mr. Joshua Matheri**, the son of Mr. Peter Machibl and Ms. Sharice Fleming, will graduate from Colerain High School. Mr. Matheri will be attending Xavier University and will pursue a degree in Exercise Science & Education. Mr. Matheri is a member of Saint Therese Little Flower Catholic Parish.
8. **Miss Chasmine Mundon**, the daughter of Ms. Charmelle Burgin-Walker, will graduate from the School of Creative and Performing Arts. Miss Mundon will be attending Bowling Green State University and will pursue a degree in Nursing. Miss Mundon is a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church [West End].
9. **Miss Ukinebo O'Basuyi**, the daughter of Mr. Victor and Mary O'Basuyi, will graduate from Springboro High School. Miss O'Basuyi will be attending Wright State University and will pursue a degree in Public Health. Miss O'Basuyi is a member of Saint Benedict the Moor [Dayton].

OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS

CALENDAR UPDATE

The Ascension of the Lord is Sunday, May 28 in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Thursday, May 25, is celebrated as a weekday in the Sixth Week of Easter. There are three optional memorials that may be celebrated on that day if pastorally suitable.

Pentecost is on Sunday, June 4. Note that the Roman Missal provides for an extended Vigil for Saturday evening with several readings, psalm responses, and prayers after the readings. The Missal also provides for a Simple Form of the Vigil Mass. Either form should be used on Saturday evening with the appropriate readings. Also, the Pentecost Sequence is obligatory on Pentecost Sunday. If, for pastoral reasons, the Sunday readings are used on Saturday evening, then the Sequence should be sung. However, if the Vigil readings are used, then the Sequence may be omitted at the Vigil. After the Pentecost liturgies the Easter candle is placed near the baptismal font. (Cf. *Ordo*, pp. 132/133).

The Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord (Corpus Christi) is Sunday, June 18. It is fitting that a Eucharistic Procession take place on or near this feast day if circumstances permit such a procession. It should “truly be a sign of common faith and adoration” (Cf. HCWEOM, 102).

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

NATIONAL GATHERING ON CHRISTIAN INITIATION (NGCI)

July 5-6, 2017, Chicago, IL. The NGCI invites parish leaders, initiation ministers, and regional or diocesan trainers to come together to explore the theoretical and practical aspects of initiation ministry. Through interactive sessions, meetings and prayer opportunities, participants will understand more deeply that the vision of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* is the vision of the parish as a community of disciples. For more information and registration, click here: <https://www.nationalgatheringonchristianinitiation.org/home/Y2017>. For your convenience, a brochure is also included with this mailing.

CLERGY DAY AT THE NPM CONVENTION

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Clergy Day at the NPM Convention on Thursday, July 13, 2017. Join us for prayer, workshops, a luncheon for clergy, the Youth Music Ministry Institute concert and the final NPM Mass with Bishop Binzer presiding. This day will be well worth your time. Watch for the flyer with more information coming soon!

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 ODWS E-NEWS?

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

OFFICE FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

EMPOWER PARENTS TO TEACH THE BEAUTY AND PURPOSE OF HUMAN SEXUALITY TO THEIR CHILDREN

LoveEd is a new resource available this summer. *LoveEd* helps parishes and schools empower parents to teach both the theology and science of human sexuality within the context of God's plan for love and life. It helps young people discover the beauty and the purpose of their sexuality. *LoveEd* doesn't just teach the facts of life, but the meaning of life.

At a time when young people are asserting their independence, *LoveEd* gives parents the knowledge and support they need to discuss what is often (but doesn't have to be!) an uncomfortable topic and helps parents and their kids develop closer relationships.

By offering *LoveEd*, parishes provide a video and discussion format to assist parents—the primary educators—to guide and inform their children accurately, fully and lovingly.

To learn how to bring *LoveEd* to your parish or school, visit <https://www.saintbenedictpress.com/index.php/love-ed/> or call 888.207.0017.

OFFICE FOR MISSION AND PONTIFICAL SOCIETIES

MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS IN THE US SEEKING SHORT OR LONG TERM VOLUNTEER IN THE US OR OVERSEAS

Do you have adults in your parish seeking meaningful retirement? Youth and families with mission interests? Why not encourage parishioners 16-75 years of age to do volunteer/lay missionary service abroad or in the U.S. for the short or long term? Did you know there are 200 Catholic missionary organizations in the US seeking short-term or long-term volunteers in the U.S. or overseas? Opportunities include: several weeks of housing rehab work in the Southwest or Appalachia, to several months serving food banks and shelters in Florida, to a year of ESL teaching in China, to three years with Maryknoll in Africa, etc. For more information contact: Catholic Network of Volunteer Services at www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org or 800.543.5046.

Also, contact Dr. Mike Gable at our Archdiocesan Mission Office for advice and for more details. He is happy to speak to a school or parish group. Call 513.421.3131 x 2630 or email

him at mission@catholiccincinnati.org. (See this announcement in the bulletin section in the back.)

ADD SOME JOY AND ENTHUSIASM TO YOUR PARISH LIFE!

How often we see our local parishes excited and delighted to receive and host their parish twinning partners from Navajo reservations, Kentucky, the Caribbean, Central America, and elsewhere! The enthusiasm for our Catholic faith likewise flowers when our local twinning partners visit their friends in Christ, share their spiritual/cultural lives, and serve one another. In these days of growing xenophobia, our parishes can be rays of light and hope.

Currently a religious sister of Notre de Namur serving at a parish in Haiti is searching for a parish twinning partner. Also, some of our parishes already in twinning relationships welcome members of other parishes to visit their partners with them to get a taste of this Catholic solidarity. Limited travel subsidies are available from the Mission Office.

For further information and for an opportunity to speak to your parish about twinning possibilities, contact Dr. Mike Gable at 513.421.3131x2630 or mission@catholiccincinnati.org.

OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

DEANERY MEETINGS HIGHLIGHT NEW CATECHIST FORMATION

The Office for Evangelization and Discipleship is currently visiting every Deanery to deliver information to our priests about our new catechetical certification process. We are grateful to all of our priests for this opportunity to share what we know to be a process that provides formation with new “ardor, methods and expression.” (St. John Paul II)

We have received much positive feedback:

“I want to be the first one on it.”
“Can I be part of the pilot so I can start right away?”
“We have needed this for so long.”
“The teachers will love this!”

We continue to be both intrigued and hopeful at the great potential our new certification process offers for consistent, accessible and affordable certification of your school and parish catechists. Your support for this strategic initiative at the parish level is greatly appreciated. Good things are happening!

CATECHETICAL CERTIFICATION ASSISTANCE OFFERED

The Office for Evangelization and Discipleship has great news! Thanks to a generous grant from the One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign, parishes, parish volunteers and limited stipend catechists and catechetical leaders with financial need may be eligible for assistance with certification costs. Many parishes do not have budgets in place for catechist formation. Cost will not be a barrier to the extraordinary formation soon to be available through the Catechetical Institute. More information on policies governing eligibility and procedure for application will follow.

These funds are limited and available to catechists and parishes only when all personal and parish funding sources are exhausted. Parishes should anticipate budgeting for catechist formation in subsequent years. It is our hope that the availability of these funds will augment your efforts to recruit and form those called to catechetical ministry in your local parish.

ARCHDIOCESAN CATECHETICAL CONVOCATIONS ANNOUNCED

Mark your calendars and save the date for one of our fall convocations! Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will join us for each event! These are open to all catechists and teachers throughout the Archdiocese.

- **Saturday, September 16** from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Upper Valley Career Center, Piqua. (All catechists)
- **Saturday, October 14** from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Presidential Banquet Center, Kettering. (All catechists)
- **Saturday, November 4** from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Receptions, Fairfield. (All catechists)

MORE ON CATECHETICAL CERTIFICATION:

- For the **Missionary Discipleship** formation process and purpose, click here: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Missionary-Discipleship-in-Catechetical-Certification-final.pdf>.
- For an **update of frequently asked questions** (FAQ) on the changes to catechist certification, click here: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/CI-FAQ-4-26-2017-Final.pdf>.

SUMMER CATECHETICAL EXPERIENCE:

- The **TOTUS TUUS** summer catechetical experience is coming to a parish near you! Click here for more: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/evangelization-and-catechesis/totus-tuus/>.

OFFICE FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

RUN ALPHA TRAINING

May 13, 2017 at Our Lady of Sorrow Parish, Monroe from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Gather with other churches across the region for an interactive training to experience what it's like to run an Alpha. Registration is \$20.00. Topics that will be covered:

- What is Alpha?
- Seven Best Practices of Alpha
 - The Alpha Small Group
 - Prayer Ministry

For more info contact: Joshua Danis at 937.760.4929 or joshuadanis@alphausa.org. To register go to:

https://alphausa.secure.force.com/default/CnP_PaaS_EVT_ExternalRegistrationPage?event_id=a1v1a000000O6ptAAC.

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. For more information go to 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 or contact John Leyendecker at john@schooloffaith.com.

NEW EVANGELIZATION REFLECTION

The New Evangelization has been described as being new in ardor, new in methods, and new in expression. Consider having Sean Ater facilitate a conversation with your parish leaders on how your parish will respond to the call for a new evangelization. The format of this reflection is flexible but will lead participants to consider new methods and expressions for evangelization.

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

PROMOTE YOUR EVANGELIZING PARISH EVENT

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

WEB RESOURCES FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

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

www.Stirintoflame.org This webpage is an outreach resource for reaching those who are curious about the Catholic faith or are open to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

OFFICE FOR RESPECT LIFE MINISTRIES

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, see www.CrossTheBridgeForLife.com.

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 and click on the 9 Months with Christ image for more information. Available in both English and Spanish!

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. The deadline for nominations is **June 15, 2017**. The award will be presented in October, 2017.

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 or call 937.461.3625.

DAYTON RIGHT TO LIFE – A STORY TO SHARE

Dayton Right to Life has developed a video (PPT) presentation on the battle for life as it is unfolding in the Dayton area. It covers the twin missions of Dayton Right to Life (humanitarian and advocacy), as well as the background and status of the Haskell abortion clinic in Kettering, Planned Parenthood, and related Ohio legislative and policy issues. The presentation is suitable for high school audiences and above, and can be modified in scope and duration for your parish or group. Contact Paul Coudron at 937.461.3625 or pcoudron@daytonlife.org if interested in hosting at your parish.

PROJECT RACHEL

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

OFFICE FOR YOUTH EVANGELIZATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

ENCOUNTER

Youth ministers, campus ministers, and high school teens are encouraged to attend Encounter in Dayton on **Saturday, May 6 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 “Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness” (Mt. 5:6). 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 Fr. Satish Joseph. Luke Carey, Director of the Office for Young Adult Evangelization and Discipleship, will be the Emcee. Additional info and the permission form can be found at <https://viacatholic.org/encounter/>. Remember...Encounter is a FREE event!

YOUNG PEOPLE, FAITH AND VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT

The upcoming XV Ordinary General Assembly of Bishops convening in October 2018 is on the theme: *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*. On behalf of the Archdiocese, Archbishop Schnurr asked this office to carry out the task of disseminating the Preparatory Document and questionnaire to all those involved in working with young people, ages 16-29. We have emailed this request to our widest list of contacts, and posted the links to it on our website. The results will be compiled into an Archdiocesan report to be submitted to the USCCB in September. We look forward to all the responses we will receive by the completion date of May 19, 2017!

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/. The registration deadline is May 15, 2017.

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. AMP Fest is located at the Lange Estate, which is 20 minutes northwest of Dayton, Ohio.

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).

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHWESTERN OHIO

INTERPRETERS NEEDED

Catholic Charities SWOH is seeking interpreters (ALL LANGUAGES) to contract with for interpretation services.

Language Professionals presented by Catholic Charities was created by CCSWOH to serve our internal clients as well as providing interpretive services in the community. Our appointments are varied and as an independent contractor, you chose which appointments to take and how many hours you work. All proceeds benefit the programs of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio. For more information, contact spittman@ccswoh.org.

CHAMPIONS OF MERCY AWARDS

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

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

Those selected for recognition will receive complimentary tickets to the Champions of Mercy Awards Dinner that will be held on Saturday, November 4, at Centre Park of West Chester, 5800 Mulhauser Road. **Deadline for nominations is June 30, 2017.**

CAREGIVERS ASSISTANCE NETWORK (CAN)

NEW! Caregiver Resource Support Groups! There are two new Caregiver groups starting in May, one in Harrison, Ohio and the other in Colerain Township. See the information on their May meetings and consider attending to learn more about these groups.

The two NEW groups starting in May are:

St. John the Baptist, Dry Ridge on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space

St. John the Baptist, Harrison on Wednesday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room

You are a caregiver whether you devote as much as 24 hours a day or little as 5 minutes a week to providing or supervising the care for a loved one who is disabled, frail, or elderly. Meet others who share your experience to discuss topics like maintaining balance as a caregiver, solving caregiving problems, the guilt/stress of caregiving, and learning to care for yourself. The Caregiver Assistance Network will present “Taking Care While Giving Care.” This group is free and open to the public and is here for you! Please call the Caregiver CAREline at 513.869.4483 or visit www.ccswoh.org/caregivers to R.S.V.P. to attend a meeting or for more information. Sponsored by the Caregiver Assistance Network, a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio funded through the Council on Aging.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

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!

The day of service will take place Saturday, May 20 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Some of the projects Catholic parishes are adopting include:

- Communities United for Action (St. Bernard)
- End Slavery Cincinnati (Bellarmino Chapel)
- Franciscan Ministries for the Poor, Tau House (St. Susanna)
- Little Sisters of the Poor (St. Columban)
- Pleasant Ridge Community Council (Nativity)
- West End Emergency Center (Church of the Resurrection)
- Working in Neighborhoods (St. Monica-St. George)

If you would like to join a project already adopted by one of our parishes, please register at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/worship/2017-go-cincy/>. Spaces are limited, so sign up soon, if you’d like to participate.

CRS COLLECTION

A big thank you to all the parishes for their generosity to the Catholic Relief Services Collection April 29 and 30 and to those faith communities participating in the CRS Rice Bowl Lenten program.

To learn more about Catholic Relief Services, our local distribution to area agencies and our CRS Challenge Grant, visit <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/catholic-social-action/catholic-relief-services/>. The left sidebar can lead you to specific areas of information. Please turn in the Catholic Relief Services Collection **by Friday, June 16**, so that the agencies who depend on the collection can put the money collected this year to use in 2017-2018. 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.** The Archdiocesan Finance Office writes one check at the end of June for the Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Turning In Your CRS Rice Bowls

Parishes, schools and other faith communities participating in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Program also can send their checks to the Archdiocesan Finance Office, 100 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 with a memo noting **CRS Rice Bowl donations**. These donations should also be submitted **by Friday, June 16**, because one check is written to Catholic Relief Services at the end of June.

Apply for a CRS Rice Bowl Challenge Grant

The Archdiocese's CRS Committee again will offer two Challenge Grants of \$750 each to a parish which is participating in the CRS Rice Bowl Program for the first time and to a parish which is expanding its CRS Rice Bowl efforts. An application and information is available on the Catholic Social Action CRS website. (Link is above.)

CRS Rice Bowl Local Fund Distribution

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

With the help of Rice Bowl coordinators and in-parish promoters of Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the Catholic Social Action Office was able to distribute funds to 50 agencies in all of the Archdiocese's 11 deaneries as well as four regional organizations.

DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA) NEWS & NOTES

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

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

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

CMA STATISTICS & PARISH PROGRESS

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

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2018 CMA – KEY APPEAL WEEKENDS

Announcement Weekend – January 20/21, 2018

Commitment Weekend – February 3/4, 2018

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

MISCELLANEOUS

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

We invite you to join us for a Holy Hour for vocations to the priesthood at **5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 5, 2017** in the St. Gregory the Great Chapel at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, located on the Athenaeum campus at 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45230.

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Mt 9:37-38

Please submit articles for the June *Clergy Communications* by May 19, 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. Email: 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. There is also a link on the Archdiocesan website, www.CatholicCincinnati.org, under Ministries and Offices > Finance Office > "To Report Financial Misconduct." (on menu on left-hand side of page) > "File a Report" (at top of page).

MAY 9: CHOSEN: MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS - CHOSEN: Monthly Holy Hour for those discerning a Vocation or praying for Vocations – It begins 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 is every second Thursday of the month. Come and bring a friend!

MAY 19-21: DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN - The Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker will be offering the first of three discernment retreats this year on May 19-21. For more information, email Sr. Patricia Jean, SJW at sjwvocations@gmail.com or visit www.ssjiw.org.

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.

JUNE 8: CHOSEN: MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS - CHOSEN: Monthly Holy Hour is for those discerning a Vocation or praying for Vocations. It begins 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 is every second Thursday of the month. Come and bring a friend!

JUNE 30-JULY 2: 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.

MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS IN THE U.S. SEEKING SHORT-TERM OR LONG-TERM VOLUNTEERS IN THE U.S. OR OVERSEAS – Are you seeking meaningful retirement? Are you a youth or a family with mission interests? Parishioners 16-75 years of age can volunteer/lay missionary service abroad or in the U.S. for the short or long term. Did you know there are 200 Catholic missionary organizations in the U.S. seeking short or long term volunteers in the U.S. or overseas? Opportunities include: several weeks of housing rehab work in the Southwest or Appalachia, to several months serving food banks and shelters in Florida, to a year of ESL teaching in China, to three years with Maryknoll in Africa, etc. etc.

For more information contact: Catholic Network of Volunteer Services at www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org or 800.543.5046. Also, contact Dr. Mike Gable at our Archdiocesan Mission Office for advice and for more details. He is happy to speak to a school or parish group. Call Dr. Gable at 513.421.3131 x 2630 or mission@catholiccincinnati.org.

GO CINCINNATI/GO LOCAL: JOIN IN THE DAY OF SERVICE, MAY 20! - 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. This year, the day of service will take place Saturday, May 20 from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Catholic parishes have adopted various projects across the region, and individual parishioners have an opportunity to join them in their efforts. If you would like to join a project already adopted by one of our parishes, please register at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/worship/2017-go-cincy/>. Spaces are limited, so sign up soon, if you'd like to participate.

CARE FOR CREATION SAMPLE BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Archdiocese Climate Change Task Force is providing sample bulletin announcements once a month that include a sample prayer/reflection, quote from the Holy See, and energy-saving/care for creation tip. Please feel free to use these as appropriate.

Prayer/Reflection: Loving and merciful God, we pray that we may be your beacons of light and bearers of hope in this troubled world. May our actions on behalf of the earth and those most vulnerable in it be pleasing to you as we seek to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life.

Quote from the Holy See: "To protect creation, to protect every man and woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love, is to open up a horizon of hope; it is to let a shaft of light break through the heavy clouds; it is to bring the warmth of hope!... Let us be renewed in God's mercy...and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish."

-- Pope Francis, *Homily for the Inauguration of the Petrine Ministry*, March 19, 2013

Care for Creation Tip: As the grass begins to grow again, many of us will be outside working in our lawns and gardens. Make sure you're caring for your green space in the most

environmentally friendly ways. The EPA has a list of easy tips to follow. We'll give you a preview, and then go to <https://www3.epa.gov/epahome/hi-spring.htm>.

- Make sure your soil is healthy using an easy-to-use soil analysis kit, available at most hardware stores.
- Keep your mower blades sharp and your grass fairly long for weed and pest prevention.
- Use manual tools when possible to save gas/electricity and limit air and noise pollution.