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CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

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ACTION REQUIRED

CHANGE TO THE ROMAN MISSAL

Per a February 4, 2021 decree from the USCCB, having been confirmed by the Holy See, the formula concluding all Collect prayers in the *Roman Missal* was changed effective February 17, 2021 (Ash Wednesday). The words "one God, for ever and ever" are simply replaced with "God, for ever and ever." [You can find more details including information from the USCCB and the Holy See here.](#) As always, please [contact the Office for Divine Worship & Sacraments](#) with any questions or concerns.

GOOD FRIDAY 2021 COLLECTION

The Good Friday collection is to be taken up in all churches and chapels where Good Friday services are celebrated. The proceeds will help offer hope to Holy Land Christians by providing funds for their parishes, academic institutions, and religious education programs, as well as funds for the preservation of sacred shrines in the Holy Land. Please send the proceeds to the Archdiocese Finance Office the week following Easter. Please see the Bulletin Entries section.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SPRING CONVOCATION FOR PRIESTS

A one-day Spring convocation for priests is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 21**. The Presbyteral Council has decided that the convocation will be virtual, due to COVID-19 concerns. More information will come on how to join the convocation by computer. The Presbyteral Council has also decided that there will be two main topics. The morning session will be a presentation and discussion on the topic of Racism, planned by the Peace and Justice Committee of the Presbyteral Council. This is tentatively scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. (earlier than an in-person convocation, since priests will not have to drive to the convocation venue). The afternoon session will be led by Fr. Jan Schmidt on the *Beacons of Light*. The precise starting time for the afternoon session will be communicated with other final details in early April.

NEW CLERGY SAVE THE DATE FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS

- Newly Ordained Priest Formation (for priests ordained in 2018, 2019 and 2020):
June 7, 2021 through June 21, 2021
- Recent Pastor Formation (for first-time pastors appointed in 2018, 2019 and 2020, and those ordained 2006 and after):
June 14, 2021 through June 17, 2021
- Continuing Intellectual Formation (for all priests). Theme – “The Wrath of God”.
June 21, 2021 – June 24, 2021.

These programs will be held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Your generous support has been deeply appreciated! If you have not yet mailed in the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, please do that ASAP. We are about to send the cumulative donations to the National Office so they can make them available for our retired religious women and men. Please send this collection to: Office for Consecrated Life, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 100 E 8th St. Cincinnati, OH, 45202. Any questions or comments? Email [Maria Reinagel](mailto:Maria.Reinagel@archdioceseofcincinnati.org) or call 513.263.6683.

OHIO MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

On January 1, 2021, the Ohio minimum wage increased to \$8.80 per hour. The minimum wage increase is the result of a constitutional amendment passed by voters in November 2006. The amendment requires the Ohio minimum wage to increase on January 1 of each year by the rate of inflation. The increase is tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the prior 12-month period as of September 30, 2020. As a result of this increase, **please make sure that none of your employees are being paid less than \$8.80 an hour beginning January 1, 2021.** For questions about this increase, contact [Rob Reid](mailto:Rob.Reid@archdioceseofcincinnati.org) 513.263.6611 or [Meg Paul](mailto:Meg.Paul@archdioceseofcincinnati.org) 513.263.3341.

OHIO & FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT COMBINATION POSTER

All locations, regardless of size, are required to post the Federal & State Employment Poster. It is your responsibility to have this poster displayed in a public location. You can find companies that sell a combination poster. One location we have used is [All In One Posters](http://www.allinoneposters.com) (714.521.7720). The cost is \$19.95. A laminated poster is \$21.95.

OPTIONAL

CHRISM MASS

Archbishop Schnurr will celebrate the Chrism Mass at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, March 30, 2021, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Peter in Chains. Due to the ongoing pandemic and restrictions of social distancing, **attendance at the Mass will be limited to priests and invited representatives from other groups.** Priests should have received a separate letter via email from [Father Jason Williams](mailto:Father.Jason.Williams@archdioceseofcincinnati.org), Master of Ceremonies to Archbishop Schnurr, regarding details of how they may register to attend the Mass. The Mass will be live-streamed through the Cathedral and Archdiocesan webpages. For the schedule of the distribution of oils in each deanery, [please click here](#).

SPRING RETREAT FOR PRIESTS

The Spring Retreat for Priests has been scheduled for Monday, March 8, 2021 through Friday, March 12, 2021 at Maria Stein Spiritual Center. The speaker will be the Most Reverend Bernard Schlesinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta. Contact [Sarah Frohmler](mailto:Sarah.Frohmler@archdioceseofcincinnati.org) or 513-263-6651 to register.

VOCATIONS DIRECTOR AVAILABLE TO SPEAK AT YOUR PARISH OR SCHOOL

Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations, is available to come to your parish to preach on vocations at weekend Masses, celebrate school Masses, speak to the students in their classrooms, or speak to PSR classes, youth groups and young adult groups. If you would like to schedule a time, or if you know of a young man in your parish who may be discerning a vocation to the priesthood, please contact [Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer](#).

EMHC FORMATION: THIS HOLY AND LIVING SACRIFICE

Please encourage your parishioners who serve as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion or those who would like to become an EMHC to join us for virtual formation this spring. These free sessions will be offered online, in English and in Spanish, including some focusing on ministry to the sick, homebound, and hospitalized. [Visit the ODWS website to register.](#)

HELP THE CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH CELEBRATE THE BICENTENNIAL

In honor of this historic moment, the **June issue** of *The Catholic Telegraph* magazine will be a special edition dedicated to Catholicism's long history in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. We invite you to help us celebrate the bicentennial within the pages of our beautiful magazine by purchasing a congratulatory ad. We have many sizes and price options available, and we are happy to design your ad free of charge. Please contact our advertising sales manager, Deacon Graham Galloway (ggalloway@catholicaoc.org), for more information.

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MARIAN PILGRIMAGE 2021: CALLING ALL STATUE GUARDIAN PILGRIMS!

Pastors, please help us share the following information with your staff. Our archdiocesan Marian Pilgrimage takes place May 16 - June 19, ending at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains on the actual date of the bicentennial. We are in need of Statue Guardians committed to walking at least three full days of the pilgrimage route. Guardians will have the important role of being part of a core team that carries the statue and leads daily prayers.

Statue Guardians will have the opportunity to challenge themselves both spiritually and physically, as they will walk at least 40 miles per leg and be expected to help carry (in a team of 4) a 50-pound Mary statue on a platform for 6-15 miles per day, rotating out during the day.

The maximum number of guardians per leg is 10, so don't delay in signing up! There will be a \$25 non-refundable deposit, which includes a water bottle, t-shirt, and a commemorative gift. All participants are required to have completed the VIRTUS Safe Environment course.

Please see our website, MARY2021.ORG for all of the details as well as our [FLYER](#) for more information.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NO SENIOR CLERGY LUNCHEON THIS SPRING

There will be no Senior Clergy Luncheon this spring due to the COVID-19 concerns. If you have any questions, please contact [Sarah Frohmiller](#), 513.263.6651.

NEW “BEACONS OF LIGHT” WEBSITE & MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

We have established a website to which you may direct your parishioners for information on *Beacons of Light*. Please share this link in your emails, website, and parish bulletin: <https://catholicaoc.org/beacons>.

We plan to send the *Beacons of Light* e-newsletter mid-month each month. Priests and deacons are automatically enrolled for the newsletter and do not need to register to receive it. Additional updates for priests, deacons, and lay leaders will be emailed to you with pertinent information or when action is needed. [Please ask your staff and parishioner leaders to register to receive the e-newsletter here](#).

“BEACONS OF LIGHT” ACTION ITEMS

Prayer and Reflection: Each month, we will share a resource for prayer and reflection for use in parish meetings, small faith groups, and/or personal prayer. We encourage you to use this with your parish staff and pastoral council and hope that you will share it with coordinators of parish groups. Each reflection will use one of the Sunday gospels for the month and a brief excerpt from a guiding document such as Radiate Christ and the Vatican Instruction on the pastoral conversion of the parish. May we be united in prayer as we work together to build parishes that are beacons of light. [The March prayer and reflection is found here](#).

Please Share: If you have not already done so, please share the one-page Beacons of Light overview document. [Link here to download the file](#).

NEW ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITES – IMPORTANT REMINDER

As previously announced, the archdiocese has revamped its web presence to more joyfully and beautifully Radiate Christ, simplify navigation, modernize functionality and **segregate information intended for the public from information intended for parishes, schools and other ministries**. The resulting two primary websites are linked to each other and described as follows:

- The new “wayfinding” site (<https://catholicaoc.org/>) is designed for the public and to get visitors to the information they seek as quickly and simply as possible.
- The new “resources” site (<https://resources.catholicaoc.org/>) is designed for the staff members of our parishes, schools and other ministries. This is where you will find forms, bulletins and other resources appropriate for your work but not necessarily for the public.

CRS RICE BOWL DURING A PANDEMIC

In times of upheaval our faith is an anchor. During Lent, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving strengthen us for the challenges ahead and bring us closer to God. Please remember that [CRS Rice Bowl](#) offers online prayers and reflections that families, schools, and parishes can use to support Lenten spirituality and reflection in the home. As always, your involvement in CRS Rice Bowl this Lenten season provides for those in great need and your compassion is very much appreciated. Please find ideas for online giving, activities, and bulletin announcements [here](#). Contact [Sara Seligmann](#) with questions or concerns.

RESOURCES FOR PREPARING LITURGIES: LENT/TRIDUUM/EASTERTIDE

You can find [resources for preparing the liturgies of the Paschal Cycle on the website of the Office for Divine Worship & Sacraments](#). Not only will you find the [guidance on Palm Sunday & Paschal Triduum](#) in this time of public health concern (including specific permissions from Archbishop Schnurr and practical suggestions), you will find checklists for all the Triduum liturgies, sample texts for Lenten penance services, evaluation tools for the parish worship commission, and more!

TOGETHER

We are all eager to return safely to worshipping together once this pandemic lifts. The staff of the Pastoral Center are working on an initiative titled “Together” to encourage the faithful to “come back to Mass” and to help inform our parishioners on the importance of Sunday Mass, the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives, and the value of being together in community, not just online. In the coming months, stay tuned for more details on this exciting initiative which will include digital and print resources for use in parishes.

START TIME FOR THE EASTER VIGIL

The *Roman Missal* specifies that the Easter Vigil “must take place during the night, so that it begins after nightfall...”. In the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the Easter Vigil for 2021 should begin NO EARLIER THAN 8:45 p.m., and preferably at 9:00 p.m. (This will be the case at least through 2024 as well.)

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

This annual archdiocesan-wide synchronous celebration of the Sacrament of Penance will **not** take place in 2021. As always, parishes are encouraged to ensure ample opportunity for the faithful to celebrate this sacrament.

PARISH EVANGELIZATION CALENDAR 2021/2022 NOW AVAILABLE

Please see the CNE [Parish Evangelization Page](#) for the latest events for parish evangelists.

2021 CMA UPDATE

This year’s CMA is off to a great start with \$3.5 million pledged so far toward the \$5 million goal. Updated totals for the CMA, including parish progress, can be found at www.aocstewardship.org/cma/ under the “CMA Info for Parish Staff” section – the password to access this section is “cma2007.”

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

Have questions about the CMA? Email [Matt Reinkemeyer](mailto:Matt.Reinkemeyer@catholicac.org) or call him at 513.263.6672.

GUIDELINES FOR NON-RENEWAL/REDUCTION-IN-FORCE

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

Schools of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati strive to provide the highest level of instruction to all students. However, should economics, decrease in school enrollment, or other conditions necessitate a reduction for non-renewal of staff, school administrators will provide a standard and objective approach for reducing the size and/or composition of their teaching staff consistent with student educational needs and teacher reduction and non-renewal guidelines. A reduction in force report

must be prepared by the school administrator and sent to the Director of Human Resources and the School Office Regional Director for review. Parishes considering a reduction in force of non-school employees should only send a report to the Director of Human Resources.

If you have any questions, please contact [Rob Reid](#) at 513.263.6611 or [Meg Paul](#), 513.263.3341.

BULLETIN ENTRIES

(Bulletin announcement for March 7 and 14)

MARCH 8 - 14 IS CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK! - Fifty-two weeks a year women religious stand with the poor and immigrants, teach children, fight injustice, heal the sick, share spirituality, empower women, defend the planet, promote peace, create community, offer hope ... But for one week, we shine the spotlight on women religious and encourage a wide range of campaigns and events that invite all who follow Jesus to: expand and support their gospel witness, grow the service networks they have seeded, share their spirituality, charisms and community, encourage young women to consider a vocation to religious life, support their pastoral, teaching and prophetic works, and focus on the new world they call into being. Please consider how you might shine a light on Catholic sisters who have touched your life this March! For more information, contact Maria Reinagel, Director of the Office for Consecrated Life, mreinagel@CatholicAOC.org.

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ARE YOU DISCERNING YOUR VOCATION? - Join us for the **"Zoom and See" Discerner Series** starting March 30. Build relationships and community with others on a similar spiritual journey and discover what your discernment could look like. Sponsored by the Office for Consecrated Life of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, it takes place the last Tuesday of each month from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Check us out in Instagram #Cincyconsecrife. Register at <https://forms.gle/R2Bi5MFDyv4eWeVL6>. (To open this link you may need a Gmail account, please contact Maria Reinagel at mreinagel@CatholicAOC.org or call her at 513.263.6683 if you would like her to register you, or if you have questions.)

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION - Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education, and preserve the sacred shrines. For information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit <https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday/>.

FOOD FOR ALL - Hunger exists in our communities. Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio travels to where hunger is located to serve local families. Due to COVID-19, our pantries are now drive-thru pantries. We could use your help! Interested in serving or donating, please email ahoak@ccswoh.org or call April Hoak, Food for All coordinator at 513.672.3720. Learn more at <https://www.ccswoh.org/programs/food-for-all/>.

LAST MILE FOOD RESCUE IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE HUNGRY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR CITY - Did you know that 40% of food goes to waste while 20% of Cincinnati's population struggles with food insecurity? Last Mile uses the power of technology to connect volunteer drivers to good food that needs rescued. Our simple app takes you every step of the way – from picking up food to dropping off at a local non-profit. Would you donate an hour of your time to help us rescue good food and deliver it to those who need it most? To date, Last Mile has rescued 155 thousand pounds of food in just 4 months. Our goal is to hit one million pounds of food rescued by the end of 2021. Will you join us in the movement to #endfoodwaste and become a food rescue hero today? Get started by downloading the app! <https://lastmilefood.org/our-app/>.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT SERVICES NEEDS YOUR HELP! - Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio is recruiting **volunteers to serve as mentors** to refugee youth ages 15-24. Work with refugee youth to promote social and civic engagement and support academic and vocational advancement. Volunteers must be 18 or older and commit 2 hours a week. No foreign language skills required. Contact Donald Foley at 513.672.3824 or dfoley@ccswoh.org for more information. **Affordable housing needed** for refugees resettling in the Greater Cincinnati area. For more information, contact Annie Scheid at 513.672.3784 or ascheid@ccswoh.org.

2021 SU CASA VIRTUAL GALA - Su Casa Hispanic Center, a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio, serves local families and empowers local lives through emergency assistance, education, health promotion and family reunification. The awards gala will be held virtually again this year and livestreamed via Catholic Charities' website on Thursday, May 6 at 7:00 PM. The event will share stories of how Su Casa serves the Hispanic/Latino community and will include community partner awards, gift basket raffles, online gift basket bidding, an appeal and so much more. The event is free to attend. To register, visit www.ccswoh.org/su-casa-virtual-gala/.

MIGRATION AWARENESS - Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio welcomes immigrants and refugees to our community. We extend hospitality and acceptance through our Refugee Resettlement, Immigration Legal, and Su Casa Hispanic Center services. Each year at this time, Catholic Charities has a tradition to raise awareness about the lives of local migrants. We want to introduce you to two inspiring examples. One story shares Catholic Charities' partnership with the Sisters of Charity in winning asylum for Samuel and his family. The second story shares how several of the program's mentees recently volunteered at one of Catholic Charities' Food for All events in Adams County. To view these stories, visit www.ccswoh.org/migration-awareness/.

CENTURY FARM AWARD APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 30 - Catholic Rural Life of St. Marys and Sidney Deaneries are now accepting applications for the 2021 Catholic Century Farm Award. The deadline is April 30. Families who have farmed the same land for 100 years or more are eligible for the registry. Century Farm Families will be recognized as part of the Rural Urban Farm Mass. For more information, go to <https://resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/catholic-social-action/task-forces-committees/catholic-rural-life>.

MARCH 21 AT 7:00 PM: MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY & SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY HOSTS VIRTUAL VESPERS - Members of the Mount St. Mary's Latin Schola will chant the hymns, psalms and canticles of Solemn Vespers for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, followed by a choral meditation of sacred music for Passiontide. The performance will include the chanted Lamentations and motets by Antonio Lotti, Tomás Luis de Victoria and Orlando di Lasso. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the concert will be available to the public online only at www.athenaeum.edu/live.

LEGATUS – CINCINNATI CHAPTER - Legatus is an international organization of practicing Catholic laity who are CEO's, Presidents and Managing Partners from the business community and professional enterprises. Its Mission is to Study, Live and Spread the Faith in our Business, Professional and Personal Lives. Monthly local chapter meetings include Confession, Rosary and Celebration of Mass followed by dinner and outstanding local and national speakers. We have local small-group advisory forums and two annual national conferences. Legatus also sponsors international travel and pilgrimages with fellow members to sites including The Holy Land, Oberammergau, Medjugorje, Guadalupe (Mexico City). Interested in learning more? Contact Jim Akers, jakers@akerspkg.com or 513-435-0506.

MINISTRY TO SURVIVORS OF ABUSE (REPORTING) - The Archdiocese of Cincinnati regards child abuse in all its forms as gravely sinful and criminal. Anyone who knows of or suspects child abuse by a legitimate member of the clergy or hierarchy, employee, or volunteer of the Archdiocese should first report the abuse to the appropriate secular legal authority and then to Ms. Teresa Maley, Coordinator of Ministry to Survivors of Abuse of the Archdiocese, at 513.263.6623 or 1.800.686.2724 ext. 6623.

IGNATIAN RETREATS

Come and experience
the **great treasures** in
the *Spiritual Exercises* of
St. Ignatius of Loyola

2021 RETREAT SCHEDULE

Men's Retreats

March 5 - 7 | Retreat Master: Bill Murphy, SJ

March 26 - 28, 2021 | Retreat Master: Chris Wittmann, SM

Women's Retreats

March 12 - 14 | Retreat Master: Jim Kubicki, SJ

April 9 - 11 | Retreat Directors: Lynne Brennan and Denise Ardery

Men & Women's Retreat

April 1 - 3 | Retreat Master: Peter Fennessy, SJ

Young Adult Retreats (for those in their 20s and 30s)

April 23 - 25 | Men & Women | Retreat Master: Paul Licktieg, SJ

September 17 - 19 | Women | Retreat Master: Paul Licktieg, SJ

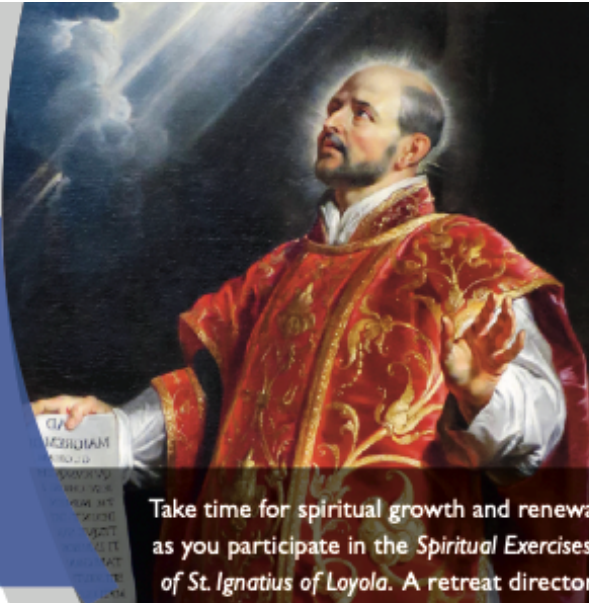
October 22 - 24 | Men | Retreat Master: Paul Licktieg, SJ

Personally Directed Retreats

May 7 - 14 October 1 - 8

July 9 - 11 Nov 28 - Dec 5

August 6 - 13



Take time for spiritual growth and renewal as you participate in the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius of Loyola. A retreat director will provide a series of presentations on the *Spiritual Exercises*, provide reflections on Scripture and offer additional methods of how to grow closer to our loving God. Retreats include Silence, Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Rosary, Spiritual Direction and time for private reflection.

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