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Mid-MAY update

Hi everyone.

A belated Happy Mother's Day to all of the moms out there, and an early Happy Pentecost and Happy Memorial Day!

Just wanted to send out a couple of quick updates/reminders, especially re. our featured election year series with Fr. Aaron Wessman, GHM which starts a week from Thursday (5/23). We look forward to seeing as many people as possible at the presentations.

Thanks, and be well.

Peace and all good,

Tammie, Sr. Christine, Jill, Glen, & Andrew



The Church's Mission in a Polarized World

We are excited to announce that we are partnering with other offices in the Archdiocese to bring you a six-part series featuring Fr. Aaron Wessman, PhD, Glenmary Home Missioners. Fr. Aaron has written a book titled [The Church's Mission in a Polarized World](#), and over the course of the series he will be exploring six themes in the book and connecting them to the blessed sacrament.

All events will be hybrid - offered both in person and streamed over Zoom.

If possible, we'd love to have as many people as possible join us in person so we can have some more engaging Q&A and discussion at the conclusion of the talks.

<https://zoom.us/j/99177580089> | Meeting ID: 991 7758 0089 | Dial in: 312 626 6799

Please contact [Jill](#) with any questions about the series.

[Download the flyer here](#). Please share it far and wide!

OUR EUCHARISTIC MISSION IN A POLARIZED WORLD

A series with Fr. Aaron Wessman, Glenmary Home Missioners,
based off his book The Church's Mission in a Polarized World.

THURS, MAY 23

7:00 PM

*Cathedral Basilica of Saint
Peter in Chains, Synod Hall*

THE EUCHARIST: AN
ANTIDOTE TO POLARIZATION

THURS, JUNE 20

7:00 PM

*Bellarmino Chapel,
Xavier University*

AN OVERVIEW OF
POLARIZATION IN THE U.S.
*In collaboration with Xavier University and
Bellarmino Chapel*

WED, JULY 24
AFTER 7PM MASS

St. Michael,

Spinner Ave, Sharonville

POLARIZED REPUGNANCE
OR EUCHARISTIC PRESENCE
In collaboration with the Liturgy Office

THURS, AUG 8

7:00 PM

*St. Bernard,
Derby Ave, Cincinnati*

POLARIZED EXCLUSION OR
EUCHARISTIC FELLOWSHIP
In collaboration with the Respect Life Office

WED, SEPT. 11

7:00 PM

*Immaculate Conception,
S Smithville Rd, Dayton*

POLARIZED DOMINATION
OR EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE

THURS, OCT. 24

7:00 PM

*St. Maximilian Kolbe, Hamilton
Mason Rd, Liberty Township*

POLARIZED DESPAIR OR
EUCHARISTIC HOPE
*In collaboration with the Mission Office
and Glenmary Home Missioners*



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For more on this series and Faithful Citizenship:
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Our Eucharistic Mission in a Polarized World

In January of 2012, Pope Benedict XVI stated that "The Church's witness, then, is of its nature public: she seeks to convince by proposing rational arguments in the public square. The legitimate separation of Church and State cannot be taken to mean that the Church must be silent on certain issues, nor that the State may

choose not to engage, or be engaged by, the voices of committed believers in determining the values which will shape the future of the nation."

In September of 2013, Pope Francis emphasized this sentiment: "We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern."

The US Catholic Bishops, in Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, reinforces this call: "The obligation to participate in political life is rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person." (#1913-1915)" (#13)

As we can see above, both on the global and national level we are called to engage in the political sphere and to do so guided by our faith and acting with grace and mercy. In the coming year (and beyond), we will face tremendous tumult and myriad challenges when it comes to politics, and our office will do our best to support you in this work by offering resources and guidance. To better highlight this support, we will be sharing these resources under the theme Our Eucharistic Mission in a Polarized World. We invite you to engage with these resources and share them within your family of parishes and broader community.

To access any of these resources - current and forthcoming - please visit www.catholicaoc.org/faithfulcitizenship.



Seeking a new Executive Director

The Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati (MARCC), one of our office's major partners in interfaith justice work in Cincinnati, is looking for a new executive director

following the announcement of the departure of longtime ED Peg Fox. For more information, please [click here](#). And thank you so much Peg for your great and dedicated work!!



Celebrate the Feast of St. Isidore

May 15 is the Feast of St. Isidore, the patron saint of farmers and farmworkers. On behalf of our Catholic Rural Life conferences, we invite you to utilize the prayers below to join in this celebration.

Prayer for Food Providers in honor of Feast of St. Isidore

God of all creation, with the unending love you brought forth the earth and shared your breath with all creatures. You sustain us and nurture us, feeding us with your own hand. Bless the men and women (farmers, shepherds, fishers, vintners, cooks, community kitchen workers, etc.) who work with you to feed and nourish your people. May they be faithful stewards of your creation. Keep them safe and healthy as they perform their tasks. May they receive just recompense for their labors. May they know satisfaction in their work and respect in their communities. We pray this through the intercession of St. Isidore, example of faithful participation in the Eucharist and care for the poor. Amen.

Intercessions

For all who work the land, that they may have a safe planting season and derive a just livelihood for themselves and their families. We pray...

God made us stewards of creation. That we may always work to protect what God has made. We pray...

For a spirit of cooperation among the leaders of the world, that they may work together to end hunger and care for the land, we pray...

Prayers adapted from Catholic Rural Life



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