OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

CHRISM MASS
The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains. Please encourage your parishioners to take part in this lovely Holy Week liturgy. A special letter of invitation to priests is included with this mailing.

DISTRIBUTION OF OILS

+ Father Joseph A. Robinson, Cathedral Deanery, at the Cathedral on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

+ Father Timothy Bunch, Saint Andrew Deanery, at Saint Saviour Church on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served.

+ Father Len Wenke, Saint Francis de Sales Deanery, Our Lord Christ the King Church on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

+ Father Jeffrey M. Kemper, Saint Lawrence Deanery, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Offices on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

+ Father George Jacquemin, Saint Margaret Mary Deanery, Saint Clare Church on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

+ Father Lawrence Mierenfeld, Dayton Deanery, Holy Trinity Church, Dayton on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

+ Father Larry Tharp, Hamilton Deanery, Sacred Heart Church, Fellowship Hall on Thursday, April 5, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

+ Father William Wagner, Saint Martin Deanery, Saint Thomas More Rectory, Withamsville on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

+ Father Thomas Mannebach, Saint Marys Deanery, Holy Redeemer Church, New Bremen on Thursday, April 5, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
THE SUMMIT: REVITALIZING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH
In the January edition of Clergy Communications, I wrote to you about the two-day gathering entitled, “The Summit: Revitalizing the Domestic Church,” to be held October 1 - 2, 2012, at the Dayton Convention Center. I ask you to please mark your calendars. I also encourage you to acquaint yourself with The Summit webpage, which has been designed to communicate all of the developments and preparations. Beginning on March 1, you will find a link to The Summit webpage by visiting our Archdiocesan website at www.catholiccincinnati.org.

DEPARTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SERVICES

CHANCERY OFFICE

CONFIRMATION AND THE FACULTY TO CONFIRM
The following might be helpful for you regarding Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. For priests who have been granted the faculties of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, these are the instructions for the Faculty to Confirm as found in the Pagella, Clerus Cincinnatensis, Volume XI, No. 1, pages 257-258. The mandate is given to all priests in the Archdiocese:

1. **to baptize and confirm** in accordance with canon 883.2 persons who are no longer infants whom the priest judges suitable for Catholic baptism;

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

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

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

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

GOOD FRIDAY 2012 COLLECTION
The Good Friday collection is to be taken up in all churches and chapels where Good Friday services are celebrated. The proceeds will benefit the churches in the Holy Land. Please send the proceeds from the collection to the Finance Office of the Archdiocese in the week following Easter. Thank you.

GUIDELINES FOR CHURCH INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICAL ISSUES
Please see the insert enclosed with this mailing titled “Guidelines for Church Involvement in Political Issues.” If you have any questions about involvement in political issues, please contact Father Steve Angi at 513.421.3131x2846. Thank you.

ISSUING SACRAMENTAL CERTIFICATES FOR CLOSED PARISHES
If your parish holds the sacramental records of a closed parish of the Archdiocese, when issuing sacramental certificates, besides listing the “closed” parish name on the certificate, we kindly ask that you also put the name of the parish where the record is held on the certificate; i.e. Our Lady of Grace Church, Cincinnati (Records held at Holy Family Church, Cincinnati). If you have any questions, please contact the Chancery office at 513.421.3131x2842. Thanks for your assistance.

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT
FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH
NO FURTHER FACILITATORS TRAINING SESSIONS
SCHEDULED UNTIL AFTER VIRTUS® IMPLEMENTATION IN JUNE 2012
Because the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will begin implementing the new NCS / VIRTUS® Facilitators Training on June 18 – 19, 2012, there will be no more Decree on Child Protection Facilitators Training Sessions using our current video and written materials between now and June. Only those who have attended a Facilitators Training Session, given by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, may present a Decree Orientation Workshop at an Archdiocese of Cincinnati parish or other institution.

AUDIT REPORTS
This is a reminder that we will be sending Audit Reports to every institution in the Archdiocese on or about March 1, 2012. All revisions to these Audit Reports must be returned to Jackie Heinitz at jheinitz@catholiccincinnati.org no later than May 1, 2012. Please contact Jackie Heinitz by telephone at 513-421-3131, Ext. 2843, if you have any questions regarding these Audit Reports.

NEW BACKGROUND CHECK RELEASE FORMS
We are trying to make sure that only those persons who have approval from individual Parishes, Schools, and other Archdiocesan institutions get fingerprinted “on credit.” The goal is to avoid having people walk into an Archdiocese of Cincinnati fingerprinting site off the street, say that they plan to “volunteer” or have some other sort of relationship with a particular Parish, School,
or Institution and then find out when we send our invoice that the named Parish, School, or Institution has never heard of or asked the person in question to get fingerprinted. For this reason, we have designed a new Background Check Release Form (FP-1). You may begin using the new Background Check Release Form (FP-1) now, if you wish. However, all fingerprinting sites will continue to accept the goldenrod colored Background Check Release form between now and May 1, 2012. After May 1, 2012, only persons who have the new Form FP-1 completed and signed by an authorized representative of a Parish, School, or other Institution of the Archdiocese will be fingerprinted “on credit.” Everyone else will be required to pay cash on the spot before our sites will do their fingerprints. Please feel free to contact Jackie Heinitz at 513.421.3131 x 2843 if you have any questions regarding the new Form FP-1. Thank you for everything you do to help our fingerprint procedures run smoothly.

MORE NCS / VIRTUS® CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING DETAILS
As announced in previous issues of Clergy Communications, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will begin implementing a new program for training on the July 1, 2008 Decree on Child Protection, using the National Catholic Services, LLC ("NCS") videos, written program materials, and VIRTUS® On-Line web site by holding its first Facilitators Training Session (conducted by a VIRTUS® National Trainer) from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on June 18 - 19, 2012 at Incarnation Parish in Centerville, Ohio. As part of this first Facilitators Training Session, the NCS National Trainer will also present an actual Decree Orientation Workshop from 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. on June 19, 2012. This first Facilitators Training Session can only accommodate 250 persons. All Pastors and Administrators of any Archdiocese parish or institution and all School Principals / Presidents and Leaders of Archdiocesan institutions must submit their proposed Facilitator names, titles, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, and the last four digits of proposed Facilitator Social Security numbers to Tom Coz, via email, at tcoz@catholiccincinnati.org on or before March 30, 2012. As of February 22, 2012, 215 persons are registered for the first Facilitators Training Session at Incarnation Parish. If more than 250 people register for the first Facilitators Training Session, we will begin contacting and asking some people to attend a later Facilitators Training Session during July or August 2012. As we approach the first NCS / VIRTUS® Facilitators Training Session in June at Incarnation Parish, please be aware of the following:

♦ On February 17, 2012, Archbishop Schnurr sent a letter to all pastors, school principals and other leaders of Archdiocesan institutions asking them to designate a Local Safe Environment Coordinator (SEC) for each Archdiocesan institution. Please return the “Designation of Local SEC and Names of Proposed Facilitator(s) for Training” form that accompanied the Archbishop’s letter to Tom Coz, via e-mail, tcoz@catholiccincinnati.org, or fax to 513.421.6225 as soon as possible.

♦ If your Parish, School or other Archdiocesan Institution is hiring new teachers / employees who will begin work after June 2012, please have them attend a VIRTUS® Orientation Workshop on the Decree on Child Protection. If at all possible, do not have them attend an Orientation Workshop using the old written materials and videotape / DVD.

♦ Being trained as a VIRTUS® Facilitator only allows you to present Decree Orientation Workshops using NCS and VIRTUS® materials. It does not allow you to train other Facilitators. Only VIRTUS® certified Trainers can train new Facilitators.
♦ If you do not intend to present Decree Orientation Workshops using the NCS and VIRTUS® materials, you do not need to attend the June 18 – 19, 2012 Facilitators Training Session at Incarnation Parish.

♦ If you plan to attend the VIRTUS® Facilitators Training Session in June at Incarnation, you must attend on both days, not on one day or the other.

♦ Once a person has attended a VIRTUS® Training session, it is required thereafter to receive monthly update Bulletins, read them and answer short questions about these Bulletins.

♦ The Archdiocese has not made hotel arrangements for persons who wish to stay overnight. The Bergamo Center, however, does have 59 rooms available (33 doubles @ $60 / night, before tax and 26 singles @ $48 / night, before tax). Anyone wishing to reserve a room at the Bergamo Center, 4400 Shakertown Road, Beavercreek, OH 45430, should contact Patty O’Grady or Gina Gregory at 937.426.2363. Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

♦ The Bergamo Center does not offer any meals. The Archdiocese, however, will provide a light breakfast (rolls, coffee, juice, etc.) and lunch on both June 18 and 19, 2012 at Incarnation Parish.

♦ Implementation of the new VIRTUS® Child Protection Training in the Archdiocese will not change our current fingerprinting / background check policy. For now, that policy will remain the same.

♦ We do not expect that every cleric, employee, volunteer and other person in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will be trained using the new NCS / VIRTUS® training materials before the start of the coming school year in August 2012. It may take up to another full year to accomplish all of this re-training. Our goal is to start implementing the new VIRTUS® Child Protection Training this summer in hopes of converting everyone over during the next 12 – 24 months.

♦ Eventually, however, everyone in the Archdiocese will be required to be trained / retrained using the new NCS and VIRTUS® training programs. There will be no exceptions, regardless of whether and when any such persons have been previously trained using our current materials and video.

♦ If you cannot attend the June 18 – 19, 2012 first Facilitators Training Session because of prior commitments, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will conduct additional Facilitators Training Sessions during late July and late August 2012. We will announce the exact dates for those additional Facilitators Training Sessions at a later time.

Please contact Tom Coz, Safe Environment Coordinator for Children and Youth, by telephone at 513.421.3131 x2848 or by e-mail at tcoz@catholiccincinnati.org if you have any questions about the new training and / or implementation of the NCS videos, written materials, and VIRTUS® On-Line program. Thank you again for doing everything possible to protect all children entrusted to our care.
FINGERPRINTING/ ATTENDING
A CHILD PROTECTION ORIENTATION WORKSHOP
All Archdiocese of Cincinnati “employees” and “regular volunteers” (as those terms are defined in the July 1, 2008 Decree on Child Protection) must receive an acceptable criminal background check through fingerprinting, and attend a Child Protection Orientation Workshop on the Decree before they can have contact with children. If any employee or regular volunteer has not received an acceptable criminal background check result through fingerprinting and / or has not attended an Orientation Workshop on the Decree, that employee or regular volunteer is not approved to have contact with children and may not have contact with children. Additionally, under current policies of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, each time an employee or regular volunteer has either a change in location or a change in service, that employee or regular volunteer is required to be fingerprinted again. In addition, all new employees of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati must complete and sign the B-4 Form and send it to the Chancery Office, so that the registry check noted in the B-4 Policy can be completed before the new employee can begin having contact with children. If there are any questions about these matters, please contact Tom Coz by telephone at 513.421.3131x2848 or by e-mail at tcoz@catholiccincinnati.org. The locations and hours of operation for all 12 fingerprinting sites in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati are listed on the Archdiocese web site under “Protecting Our Children.” Thanks for all you do to protect the children entrusted to our care.

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NOTE: Due to staffing considerations the downtown Archdiocese of Cincinnati location no longer does fingerprinting on Wednesdays at the Archdiocese office location.
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COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

ONLINE DIRECTORY UPDATE
Remember, our online parish directory needs held in keeping the listings current. Please go to www.CatholicCincinnati.org and check out your parish in the directory by clicking on “Find a Parish” at the top of the home page. If you see any mistakes, outdated information or even what appear to be software errors, please send an e-mail to Communications@CatholicCincinnati.org with the subject line DIRECTORY.

DIACONATE OFFICE

DEACON INFORMATION MEETINGS
If you know of any men (and wives) who might be interested in learning more about the role of deacons in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, these meetings will be very helpful as they consider a vocation to the diaconate or would just like to learn more about the ministry of deacons in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Besides discussing the role of deacons (and wives), the meetings will include information about the requirements for admission into the Deacon Formation Program. There will also be an explanation of the ongoing process of discernment to the diaconate and possible discernment methods. Finally, there will be time for participants to ask any questions which are on their minds in order to help them to better understand the ministry of deacons. The meetings will be from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 13  
Queen of Peace, Millville (Church Undercroft)  
2550 Millville Ave., Hamilton, OH 45013-4212  

Wednesday, March 21  
Pilarczyk Center, Most Rev. Carl Moeddel Conference Room  
1436 Needmore Ave., Dayton, OH 45414  

Thursday, March 29  
St. Mary, Hyde Park (Church Undercroft)  
2853 Erie Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45208-2397  

If someone plans on attending one of these meetings, he is asked to call Barry Mersmann, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, or Karen Brannon at the Office of the Diaconate 513.421.3131 or register by e-mail at deaconoffice@catholiccincinnati.org to let us know so we will be sure to have enough handouts. If they need directions, we will be glad to provide them.

DEACON FORMATION APPLICATION MEETINGS  
If you know anyone who may be interested in pursuing the discernment process concerning the possibility of a call from God to the vocation of deacon, please invite him to a meeting concerning the application process to the diaconate formation program. It is necessary that he will have completed at least 5 classes in ministerial studies in the LPMP or its equivalent at another institution by August 15, 2012 to begin the application process. I encourage you to also include his wife, if he is married, in this invitation so she can be part of this discussion as well. The meetings are scheduled for the following locations and times:

Saturday, March 10, 2012  12:15 p.m.  
Athenaeum of Ohio (Room 114), 6616 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45230

Saturday, March 17, 2012  12:00 p.m.  
Pilarczyk Center (Moeddel Room), 1436 Needmore Ave., Dayton, OH 45414

Saturday, March 24, 2012  12:15 p.m.  
Good Shepherd Parish (Room 28), 8815 E. Kemper Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45249

Anyone planning on attending one of the above meetings must contact the Office of the Diaconate to give his meeting choice, name, parish and whether he will be alone or with his wife. The Office of the Diaconate number is 513.421.3131x2830. They can also register for a meeting through e-mail at deaconoffice@catholiccincinnati.org. I would like to assure sufficient seating, application materials, handouts, etc.

VOCATION OFFICE  
WELCOME WEEKEND AT MOUNT ST. MARY’S SEMINARY  
On March 9 and 10, 2012, Mount St. Mary’s Seminary once again opens her doors to men, college age and older, interested in the diocesan priesthood for our annual ‘Welcome Weekend.’ The weekend gives men a chance to experience a glimpse of seminary life to help answer whether this might be the next step where God is calling them in their life. The weekend begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 9 and concludes by 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, and includes
time for prayer and Mass, a sample class lecture, one on one time with current seminarians, and a chance to meet the formation faculty to help in the discernment process. To register, please call Fr. Kyle Schnippel in the Vocation Office at 513.421.3131x2890.

ANDREW DINNERS
With the continued success of the Andrew Dinners throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, which have now seen over 200 young men join Archbishop Schnurr to hear a presentation on seminary life, three dinners have been scheduled for late winter/early spring 2012:
- March 28: St. Patrick Parish, Bellefontaine
- April 12: St. Thomas More Parish, Withamsville
- May 1: St. Benedict the Moor Parish, Dayton

The continued success of these dinners relies on priests making the invitations for young men to join them. As has been consistently reported, the invitation of a priest for a young man to consider the priesthood remains the greatest contributing factor to the discernment of a vocation. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00, program at 6:45 and evening prayer and closing at 7:30 p.m.

VISITS TO COLLEGE SEMINARIES
Visits to the two college seminary programs sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (Bishop Simon Bruté in Indianapolis and the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus) are available on an individual basis. If there is a high school man who is interested in visiting these programs, please contact the Vocation Office for arrangements at 513.421.3131x2890.

CAST YOUR NETS – NORTH
The Vocation Office continues our collaboration with the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry to produce Cast Your Nets, returning to Sacred Heart Parish, McCartyville, on Sunday, March 25, 2012. Featuring a blend of praise and worship music, a talk by Courtney Brown, Theology of the Body Coordinator at Ruah Woods, and Mass with Bishop Joseph Binzer, the evening promises to help enliven the faith of our young people, challenging them to bring their energy and enthusiasm back into the life of their home parish. The evening runs from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. There is a $5.00 entrance fee to help cover costs incurred. Priests are encouraged to attend and help is requested with the Sacrament of Confession during the evening. For more information, please contact Wayne Topp in the Vocation Office at 513.421.3131x2891.

RUN FOR THE CALL
We are currently recruiting runners to join our “Run for the Call” team in the Flying Pig Marathon events May 5 – 6, 2012. The purpose of the “Run for the Call” is to raise money for seminarian education. This money will be used strictly as scholarship funds for seminarians who find themselves unable to cover the costs of a seminary education. Please visit http://runforthecall.wordpress.com for more details and direct any interested runners to consider joining the team.
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING OFFICE

QUARTERLY PAYMENTS
The quarterly pension plan payment made to US Bank for the old defined benefit plan will remain 2% of total eligible employees’ gross quarterly compensation. Please note that the 2% contribution applies to all pension eligible employees including those hired January 1, 2012 and thereafter. Locations should continue to send enrollment forms to UMR for employees hired January 1, 2012 and thereafter. Please contact Steve Burger in the Finance Office of the Archdiocese with any questions at 513.421.3131x2850.

401(k) PENSION UPDATE
In order for the 4% employer contribution to be credited to all pension eligible employees at the end of each quarter, each location must validate the amounts through Fifth Third Direct. Please ensure that all pension eligible employees are properly accounted for in the Paycor payroll system. Each eligible employee must have the 401kE code active on the deductions tab. Please also ensure that each eligible employee is marked “yes” under Retirement Eligible on the employee’s general tab. Finally, please update all address and status changes in the Paycor system. Employees should direct 401(k) questions to Fifth Third Bank on the Participant Services Line, 1.866.258.4777. For Payroll related questions, please contact Annie Zoz in the Finance Office of the Archdiocese at azoz@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131x2853. If there are general questions about the 401k benefit, please contact Richard Kelly (ext. 2840) or Barbara Walsh (ext. 6603) in the Finance Office of the Archdiocese, 513.421.3131.

MEDICARE BENEFITS FOR PRIESTS AND LAY EMPLOYEES
As all US citizens near the age of 65, Medicare and other insurers begin to send information about Social Security and Medicare programs to all eligible individuals. A priest or lay employee who is actively working should apply for Medicare Part A at age 65. This is the “free” part of Medicare which covers hospitals and will be considered secondary to Anthem coverage. When a priest or lay employee retires, the Finance Office will assist in the application for Medicare Part B. This is the physician component that along with Part A will become the primary coverage upon retirement. Anthem will become secondary and the prescription drug coverage will remain the same. This transition to Medicare Part B takes three months to accomplish. Therefore when planning for retirement, the Finance Office recommends allowing sufficient time for this change to take place. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Barb Walsh in the Finance Office of the Archdiocese at 513.421.3131x6603.

PARISH ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE
On February 8 and 9 several members of the Finance Office, together with Karen Johnson of ParishSoft, conducted four orientation sessions for business managers, pastors, and others interested in learning about the installation of the new software system. Attendance at these events, held at the Seminary, St. Ignatius Church, the Pilarczyk Center, and Lehman High School, was outstanding. There will be another orientation session in a couple of months for those who could not attend the earlier meetings. Of the very many parishes that volunteered to serve as the Pilot Group for the installation, we have selected and notified twenty. Training for these parishes will be held at the Central Offices of the Archdiocese on March 8. We wish to thank all who volunteered for the pilot program and are sorry that we could not accommodate a
larger group. We needed to restrict the number of parishes in the pilot group in order to ensure that each participant gains a full understanding of the software capabilities. The “go live date” for the Pilot Group is April 1. We are also working to schedule the entry dates for the remaining parishes to one of the following: July 1, 2012, October 1, 2012, January 1, 2013, April 1, 2013, and July 1, 2013. We expect to have all parishes on board by July 1, 2013. Please notify Stacey Longbottom in the Finance Office of the Archdiocese at 513.421.3131x6607 or slongbottom@catholiccincinnati.org of your preferred entry date if you have not already done so.

**2012-2013 HEALTHCARE OPEN ENROLLMENTS**

Open Enrollment for all benefit plans sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will be held this spring from April 11 through April 27, 2012.

- Informational mailing will be sent to location administrators on March 13, 14, 15, 20 & 21. Times and locations of these administrator meetings are included with this mailing on a goldenrod sheet and will also be emailed to all administrators. Please call Stacey Longbottom at 513.421.3131 x6607 for meeting reservations.
- Employee packets will be shipped to each location for distribution.
- **All employees will be required to enroll for all benefits.**

Eligible employees must enroll in or waive out of in all of the options: Health Care, Life Insurance, Long Term Disability, Dental Care Plus, Flexible Spending Account (FSA) and Dependent Care Plans, Cafeteria Plan.

- The proper forms must be submitted to the location administrator by **April 27, 2012** for an effective date of July 1, 2012. **After the applications have been verified by the administrator, all forms must be received by HealthSmart, Dental Care Plus or Chard Snyder by May 4, 2011.** Forms not received by these third party administrators on this date will not be eligible for consideration.

If there are any questions regarding these benefit enrollments, please feel free to call Barb Walsh at the Finance Office, 513.421.3131x6603 or email at bwalsh@catholiccincinnati.org.

**PASTORAL SERVICES**

**FAMILY AND RESPECT LIFE OFFICE**

**HHS AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

The Family and Respect Life Office (FARLO), Catholic Social Action Office (CSA) and the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis (OEC) are sponsoring a panel on the HHS Affordable Care Act on **March 6, 2012 at Ascension Parish in Kettering, OH** or **March 8, 2012 at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Liberty Township, OH.** Both events are from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Each event will include presentations from a panel of experts in the areas of moral theology, Catholic social teaching, civil law and its impact on religious institutions, and the Church’s teachings on human sexuality. Please contact any of the above offices for more information. There is a flyer included with this mailing and an announcement for your parish bulletin is listed on the Bulletin Announcement Sheet.

**FOCCUS TRAINING**

March 26 and 27, 2012 at St. John the Evangelist Parish, West Chester, in the South Wing of Favret Hall, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. Cost: $80.00 per couple. Please call 513.421.3131x2621 to register or email ldavis@catholiccincinnati.org.
GOLDEN JUBILEE 2012 – ATTENTION ALL PARISHES
Please return your response card to the Family and Respect Life Office as soon as possible. Once received, we will send the scrolls and invitations to the parishes for distribution to those couples celebrating their anniversary in 2012. The invitations are for the fiftieth anniversary only. Certificates are available for the 25th, 50th, 60th, 65th, 70th and 75th anniversaries. The Cincinnati Mass is Saturday, May 12, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. The Dayton Mass is Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church.

PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT
March 9 – 12, 2012, held at the Bergamo Center, Dayton, Ohio. Take the first step toward healing by calling 513.784.0531, a confidential phone line.

RUNNING FOR THE CALL, CHASING VOCATION
The Office of Family and Respect Life is very pleased to be co-sponsoring the “Run for the Call” with the Office of Vocations. This is an opportunity for both families and single people to come together to both celebrate their own vocations and raise funds to support seminarians during times of need. Join us on May 5 and 6 at the Flying Pig Races in downtown Cincinnati. With a 15 foot diaper dash, a Marathon and plenty of distance races in between, there will certainly be a race that is just right for you. More information and registration is available by visiting Run for the Call.

FACEBOOK - POLLING FOR INFORMATION ON MONDAYS
Some are light-hearted, some are interesting, and some are valuable for ministry. We encourage you to take a look at our Family and Respect Life Facebook Polls that come out every Monday morning. Find out how people have answered questions like, “About which life issue do you need to become better informed?” or “Which family member has had the greatest impact on your faith?” Visit our page to also take each new poll yourself. Find us on Facebook at: Family and Respect Life Office Facebook.

CANA II
Please utilize the Archdiocese’s CANA II Program! This archdiocesan-wide marriage preparation program has replaced the second marriage tract that was traditionally part of Cincinnati’s Pre-CANA program and the second marriage programs that have been offered in Dayton and Sidney. It is a WONDERFUL program made up of “Team Couples” who are living in successful “Second Marriages” and is designed specifically for engaged couples when one or both have been previously married. The Team Couples present all of the needed and very interesting topics. This is a very powerful experience for all involved. This beneficial marriage preparation program also continues to search for couples who can be assets to each CANA II team. If you have couples in your parishes who could contribute to this program, please contact the Family and Respect Life Office with the names and phone numbers of these potential team couples.

You can find the CANA II brochure with a registration form on the Family and Respect Life Office’s website under “Marriage Preparation” at: http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/CANA-II-2012.pdf or there is also one included with this mailing. Online registration is also available at http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/pre-cana-cana-ii-registration.
If you have any questions about the CANA II Marriage Preparation Program please call the Family and Respect Life Office at 937.222.0227x5027.

ARCHDIOCESAN-WIDE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITION

In 1992 and again in 2008, the USCCB wrote a document called: "When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women”. In this document, the Bishops call on the Catholic Community to work VIGOROUSLY against this social atrocity and to reach out to those people affected by violence they face in the very places they are supposed to feel safe and secure – at home and/or with their spouse. In response to this calling, the Family and Respect Life Office have created an Archdiocesan-wide Domestic Violence Coalition Commission. This Domestic Violence Coalition is made up of Archdiocesan employees, various parish employees and area agencies who deal with domestic violence on a daily basis. We have members from agencies in every county within the archdiocese. These agencies are more than willing to come to your parish and develop a partnership with you. They can build awareness, provide resources, and educate staff, parents, youth, and the entire faith community. Domestic violence cannot be satisfied with just the hard work accomplished by a secular group. They and the people they work with need the involvement of the religious communities. We ask that as a catholic community, you include the viewpoint of FAITH in working with this serious social problem. Invite these agencies and your Archdiocesan Domestic Violence Coalition Commission into your parish communities and together we can “work VIGOROUSLY against this social atrocity”. You can read the Domestic Violence Coalition’s Mission and Objectives on the Family and Respect Life’s website at: http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11 Domiestic-Violence-Commission-Mission-Statement.pdf. A list of local agencies within each county can be found on the Family and Respect Life’s webpage at: http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/DV-County-Agency-List.pdf.

If you have any questions about the Domestic Violence Coalition Commission please call the Family and Respect Life Office at 513.421.3131x2624 or 937.222.0227x5027.

MISSION OFFICE

HAVE FELLOW CATHOLICS IN ANOTHER PART OF THE US OR WORLD PRAY FOR/WITH YOUR PARISH!

Many parishes across the U.S. are now in pastoral twining relationships with parishes of other cultures and locations in the U.S. or overseas. This type of re-evangelization/mission effort sparks a renewal of faith and love for the universal church. The Mission Office is organizing a Twinning Workshop with a Lenten theme for those considering such a relationship and those already involved. It will be held on Saturday morning, March 31 at St. Therese, Little Flower, Church, 5560 Kirby Ave., Cincinnati. For details please contact Teresa Phillips at 513.421.3131x2632 or at mission@catholiccincinnati.org.

LETTER OF SUITABILITY REQUIRED FROM MISSIONARIES BEFORE OUR PASTORS CONTACT THEM

Per the policies of our Chancellor, the Mission Office is required to have a “Letter of Suitability” on file for every guest speaker who comes into our archdiocese for the MCP (Missionary Co-op Plan.). Therefore the Mission Office does not provide the phone numbers of the MCP contact person of the missionary organization to our pastors until the Letter of Suitability is received. Once this letter is in our file, the MCP contact person of the missionary organization will phone
the pastor to arrange dates for the missionary’s appeal at his parish. If pastors have not heard from these MCP contacts by March 5, they may call our MCP Coordinator, Melonise Knight in the Mission Office at 513.421.3131x2631. If the person coming to speak at your parish for MCP has not spoken in our archdiocese before, they are required to take a MCP workshop from noon on Friday till noon on Saturday, June 1 and 2 or June 8 and 9. Pastors may want to invite their new MCP guests either of those weekends.

NOTE: If your parish has not yet sent in the MCP and Mission Sunday collections from past years, please do so today. For proper recording for the Vatican, please do not send donations to the missionary organizations but through the Mission Office at 100 E. Eighth St. Cincinnati, OH 45202. Thanks for all you and your parishioners do to support the vital work of our Lord in mission dioceses and missionary organizations!

HELP YOUR STUDENTS BECOME MISSIONARIES NOW!
Have them join in the Holy Childhood Association (HCA) National Prayer Week in March. HCA is a Pontifical Mission Society that focuses entirely on children helping children in mission dioceses around the world. For the past 160 years, HCA offers young Catholics an opportunity to grow in faith through mission education, sacrifice and service to others. From March 13 - 20 there is a special prayer from HCA that children are invited to use at www.hcakids.org. Have your DRE, CRE or principal contact our local HCA coordinator, Teresa Phillips, for materials and ideas for Lent or year round at 513.421.3131x2632 or tphillips@catholiccincinnati.org.

HAVE A NOMINATION FOR THE SR. DOROTHY STANG AWARD?
The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and the Archdiocesan Offices of Mission, Catholic Social Action, Evangelization and Catechesis and Youth and Young Adult Ministry wish to again present this award to a very limited number in our archdiocese at the end of the school year. Nominees may be Catholic high school faculty members, parish lay ministers or graduating high school seniors who have demonstrated the values of Sr. Dorothy Stang: solidarity with the poor, care for the Earth and a love for Jesus and his mission and/or application of Catholic Social Teaching in cross cultural service or teaching ministry. The nomination form can be found on our website at www.catholiccincinnati.org. Search for the Mission Office through the Ministries & Offices page. Nominations are due by April 15, 2012. Please send them to the Mission Office, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 100 E. Eighth St. Cincinnati, OH, 45202.

LIMITED SUBSIDIES FOR PARISH YOUTH TRIPS AVAILABLE FROM THE MISSION OFFICE
Your parish youth minister or youth trip leader are invited to contact our office for an application form to seek supplemental funds to help your parish youth group participate in an immersion/mission trip. For the application form and details, please contact Dr. Mike Gable at mgable@catholiccincinnati.org.

HAVE EXTRA MASS STIPENDS?
Some of the missionary priests from our archdiocese request Mass stipends. If you have extra stipends at your parish, please forward them to Anna Ramsey, C/o Mission Office, 100 E. Eighth St. Cincinnati, OH 45202.

HOLY FATHER’S MISSION INTENTIONS
March 2012: Persecuted Christians. That the Holy Spirit may grant perseverance to those who suffer discrimination, persecution, or death for the name of Christ, particularly in Asia.
April 2012: Christ, Hope for Africans. That the risen Christ may be a sign of certain hope for the men and women of the African continent.

PRIESTS’ PERSONNEL OFFICE

SPRING SENIOR CLERGY LUNCHEON – SAVE THE DATE
The Senior Clergy luncheon will be held Wednesday, April 11, at Bergamo Center in Dayton. Social hour begins at 11:45 a.m. with lunch served at 12:30 p.m. Invitations will be mailed. Please contact the Priests’ Personnel Office at 513.421.3131x2651 if you have any questions.

REQUEST FOR MASS HELP
Old St. Mary’s Church, 123 E. 13th Street, Cincinnati, is looking for a priest who speaks or reads German for their 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Please contact Mr. Guy Huxel, Pastoral Assistant for Administration at 513.604.7572 or email oldstmarys@fuse.net.

PRIESTLY FORMATION OFFICE

APPLYING FOR SABBATICALS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014
July 1 is the beginning of the application process for sabbaticals in fiscal year 2013-2014. To begin the process, please contact the Priestly Formation Office at 513.421.3131x2651. It is a two-step process in which the potential applicant first completes a Statement of Interest, and then later completes an application. The Office has resources for exploring sabbatical possibilities.

GEORGE C. FINDLEY MEMORIAL LECTURE
Wednesday, March 21 in the Bartlett Pastoral Center of the Athenaeum at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Msgr. C. Eugene Morris, STL, will address “What We Have Seen and Heard: Reflections on the History and Future of African American Vocations.”

THE PRE-MARRIAGE INTERVIEW: AN INVITATION TO A BOND THAT LASTS
A workshop for priests, deacons and other pastoral staff members who meet with engaged couples. Tuesday afternoon, May 1, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Cincinnati and Wednesday, May 2, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Dayton. Dr. Lief Noll will be the presenter. More information will be forthcoming.

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATIONS
May 19, 2012 at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains.

MULTI-DAY CONVOCATION OF PRIESTS:
CLAIMING OUR COMMON SENSE OF PURPOSE AS DIOCESAN PRIESTS
Information for registration will be forthcoming this month.

BECOMING A BETTER CONFESSIONER: THE PRIEST AS MINISTER OF DIVINE MERCY, SPIRITUAL FATHER & MORAL TEACHER
June 4 through 7, 2012. To register or for more information, visit www.thomisticinstitute.org/priesthood.
RENEW YOUR PRIESTLY HEART

WORSHIP OFFICE ([www.catholiccincinnati.org/worship](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/worship))

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE
A Lenten Penance Service has been posted on the Worship Office website. Please go to [www.catholiccincinnati.org/worship](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/worship) and click onto Liturgical Prep.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER (March 19) and THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (moved to Monday, March 26) are Solemnities and call for the singing of the Gloria and praying of the Creed.

TIME FOR THE EASTER VIGIL
The *General Norms for the Liturgical Year* states that the Easter Vigil is to be held after nightfall. Sunset for Saturday, April 7 is calculated to be at 8:08 p.m. with nightfall occurring one half hour after sunset. **Therefore, the Easter Vigil may not begin before 8:45 p.m.**

HOLY THURSDAY AND THE WASHING OF FEET
In recent years, several phone calls have been made to the Worship Office regarding “who” may have their feet washed at the Holy Thursday Liturgy. The Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy wrote a statement in the February, 1987 edition of the BCL Newsletter, and restated it once again in 1998, responding to the question of “who” may have their feet washed at the Holy Thursday liturgy. The following response was given by the Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy:

> Because the gospel of the *mandatum* read on Holy Thursday also depicts Jesus as the “Teacher and Lord” who humbly serves his disciples by performing this extraordinary gesture which goes beyond the laws of hospitality, the element of humble service has accentuated the celebration of the foot washing rite in the United States over the last decade or more. In this regard, it has become customary in many places to invite both men and women to be participants in this rite in recognition of the service that should be given by all the faithful to the Church and to the world. Thus, in the United States, a variation in the rite developed in which not only charity is signified but also humble service. (BCL, Vol. XXIII, Feb., 1987)

It goes on to say:

> While this variation may differ from the rubric of the *Sacramentary* which mentions only men (*viri selecti*), it may nevertheless be said that the intention to emphasize service along with charity in the celebration of the rite is an understandable way of accentuating the evangelical command of the Lord, “who came to serve and not be served,” that all members of the Church must serve one another in love. (BCL, Vol. XXIII, Feb., 1987)

In the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, it has been the custom of priests to wash the feet of a representative group of parishioners: men, women, children, persons with disabilities, the elderly, etc.
ROMAN MISSAL UPDATES
Five new documents have been posted on the Worship website which point out the changes in the Roman Missal with regard to the Triduum. Please visit:

ARE YOU RECEIVING THE WORSHIP OFFICE E-NEWS?
If you have not signed up for the Worship Office newsletter, you can do so by visiting:

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS
Please note that registration materials and flyers are posted on-line and in an effort to save a few trees and save on postage, we typically will not mail hard copies. If you would like for us to continue to send hard copies to you, please notify the Worship Office.

—Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi – Through prayer, music, and reflection Father Larry Tensi and Karen Kane will engage participants in a deeper experience and understanding of the celebration of the Eucharist and assist them in connecting their Sunday worship to their everyday lives. Children in grades 1 – 6 will also have a separate, spirit-filled program. This five-evening retreat-like experience will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. on April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2012 at St. Patrick Church, Bellefontaine. Parishes can take advantage of registration discounts. For more information please visit: http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/Lex-Orandi-brochure-St.-Pat-Bellefontaine-Apr-2012.pdf.


For more information go to our web site at www.catholiccincinnati.org/worship. You may also contact Karen Kane or Lisa Weber at 513.421.3131x2670/6609).

OFFICE OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (OYYAM)
For more information and registration for any of the events below, visit our websites:
• Young Adult Ministry: http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/young-adult
• Youth Ministry: http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/youth-ministry

YOUTH MINISTERS AND CATECHETICAL LEADERS MEET WITH ARCHBISHOP SCHNURR
On May 1 & 2, Archbishop Schnurr will be traveling throughout the Archdiocese to meet with church leaders who are responsible for forming the faith of our young people. Youth ministers and catechetical leaders should mark their calendars and plan on being there for this important conversation. High school campus ministers as well as deacons and pastoral associates who have responsibility for adolescent faith formation and/or youth ministry are most welcome as well. The Archbishop is hoping both to share his thoughts and to engage in an important dialogue that will help shape the future of adolescent faith formation and youth ministry in the Archdiocese.
ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH ATHLETICS INITIATIVE
Pastors and parish leaders of the Archdiocese are asked to keep their athletics leadership posted and up to date with developments regarding the Youth Athletics Initiative. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Task Force on Youth Athletics had its first meeting on January 28 at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Monroe. The Task Force, representing pastors, deacons, youth ministers, principals, catechetical leaders, parents, coaches, athletic directors, and the various athletic leagues that exist across the Archdiocese, received an extensive update and orientation to the history and goals of the Archdiocesan Athletics Initiative. The Task Force will produce a charter of policies and guidelines that will guide elementary-age athletics in the Archdiocese. All meetings are open to the public, although participation in the deliberations of the Task Force is limited to Task Force Members. All meetings will take place at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Monroe, according to the following schedule: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, March 24, May 19, July 14, September 8 and November 3. Please direct any questions, suggestions or concerns directly to Sean Reynolds at sreynolds@catholiccincinnati.org.

ARCHDIOCESAN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS
Be sure to mark your calendars and begin preparing to get your young people to these outstanding programs:

- **Junior High CAMP, June 8 - 10, 2012** at Bergamo Retreat Center, Dayton. CAMP stands for “Catholic and Mighty Proud” and is available to all junior high youth in the Archdiocese.
- **Laudate, June 11 - 14, 2012** at Bergamo Retreat Center, Dayton. Laudate prepares young people for music ministry.
- **CREDO North, June 25 - 28, 2012** at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein.

GIRL SCOUTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE
Recent (February 20-24) EWTN broadcasts on the Women of Grace show have focused on the ongoing allegations about the Girl Scouts that we have been tracking for a number of years now. At the time of this writing, the broadcasts had not revealed any new information that would lead us to any different conclusions about the Girl Scouts. The Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry continues to be in close communication with the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio regarding all allegations, and we systematically follow up on them when we become aware of them. If anything, we have been struck by how patient, cooperative and responsive Girl Scout leadership, local and national, has been regarding concerns that have been raised. The Girl Scouts have developed F.A.Q. sheets that address the various allegations that have been made, which are available through the local Girl Scout Council or may be obtained by contacting the OYYAM. Moreover, the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) has begun to come under scrutiny as well for its support of Girl Scouts. There is an updated position statement from...
the NFCYM that is available on its website for your information: http://www.nfcym.org/documents/Updated_NFCYM_Position_Statement_final201202121.pdf.

In March, the USCCB Subcommittee on Family, Laity, Women and Youth will be discussing Girl Scouts. We will keep you posted on developments. Until further notice we plan to continue to work closely with and support the hundreds of wonderful adult leaders working with young people in the context of Girl Scouting in and through our parishes and schools.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

BEING CATHOLIC:
DISCOVERING OUR FAITH, LIVING OUR FAITH, EXPRESSING OUR FAITH
The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Being Catholic blog is now live and can be found at www.being-catholic.org. We would be very grateful if you would link to the blog on your parish webpage, and promote it on your social media sites and in your bulletins, e-mail newsletters, and other communications. This blog will be an effective tool for evangelization and catechesis. In addition to the blog, we have a Facebook fan page which can be found at www.facebook.com/BeingCatholicCincinnati and a Twitter account that can found at http://twitter.com/BeingRC_Cinci. If you are able, please feel free to grab the RSS feed from the Being Catholic blog and insert it on your own webpage. The url is http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/feed/rss?cat=58. This blog features Catholics from throughout the Archdiocese, and we will be updating it regularly. We all know how effective a blog can be to drawing people to your parish webpage on a regular basis. We also all know how time consuming it can be. This is your opportunity to have all the fresh content of a blog without any of the hassle!

EFFECTIVE PASTORAL LEADERSHIP
IN THE MIDST OF A RAPIDLY CHANGING ENVIRONMENT
Cincinnati Religious Educator’s Association will host the 2012 Pastoral Leadership Conference entitled: Effective Pastoral Leadership In the Midst of a Rapidly Changing Environment on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 9:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Kolping Center, 10235 Mill Road, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Sister Donna Markham, O.P. will be the featured presenter. Sr. Donna Markham is the author of Spiritlinking Leadership: Working Through Resistance to Organizational Change and To Go Where Others Cannot Go: Reflections on Open Placement and the Call to Mission. She will provide practical skills to assess one’s leadership strengths and ‘interactional’ style and their value in effective pastoral leadership. Reservations are required. The cost is $50 for CREA members and their staffs and $60 for non-members, and includes handouts and lunch. For more information and registration please go to, http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/PastoralLeadershipMarch2012.pdf.

WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED... SPANISH EDITION
Included with this mailing is the Spanish edition of Where Two or Three are Gathered prayer aid.
Catholic Charities SWO has a couple of programs in March that could help parishioners with forgiveness and job loss. **Forgiveness: The Gateway to Peace** is a two-hour workshop designed to explore the role of forgiveness in one’s life. The workshop will be held on March 8 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. The fee is $15/person.

**When Life Throws A Curve Ball: Learning to Live with Less** is a three-hour workshop designed for people who are trying to handle the stress and life challenges brought about by the recession and unemployment. The workshop will be held on March 24 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Madisonville Education and Assistance Center. No charge. Contact Sandy Keiser at 513.241.7745 or skeiser@catholiccharitiesswo.org for information on any of these programs.

Catholic Charities **Refugee Resettlement** program is in need of dwelling places for the refugees that we resettle in the Greater Cincinnati area. We are seeking out rental properties and can guarantee rental payments. Please contact Norm Solomon at 513.241.7745 or nsolomon@catholiccharitiesswo.org if you know of any available properties.

Catholic Charities **Caregiver’s Assistance Network** needs retirees and those with prior care giving experience to serve as volunteer support group facilitators for our monthly support groups for caregivers. Please contact Margaret Ianacci at 513.241.7745 or miannaci@catholiccincinnatiswo.org for more information.

**SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE**

**TWO YEARS AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI: MARCH 26 AND 27**

If there is one disaster relief question our office gets asked more than others, it is “How are things in Haiti?” Katy Ryan of the Catholic Relief Services’ Midwest Office recently traveled to Haiti and will share CRS success stories, innovative solutions by the Haitian people and her observations at our 2012 Spring Update for Parish Promoters. Come learn so you can share with your parish! This event is free and open to all. It will also serve as the Archdiocese’s semi-annual CCHD/CRS Parish Promoters gathering, so there will also be updates on the great work being accomplished by agencies in the Archdiocese funded by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

**DAYTON**

Monday, March 26, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Archbishop Pilarczyk Center, 1436 Needmore Road, Dayton, Ohio 45414
For reservations please call 937.224.3026 or email csadayton@catholiccincinnati.org.

**CINCINNATI**

Tuesday, March 27, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Church of the Resurrection, 1619 California Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237
For reservations please call 513.421.3131x2660 or email csa@catholiccincinnati.org.
OPERATION RICE BOWL
Many thanks to the 120 Archdiocesan parishes, schools and universities participating in the 2012 Operation Rice Bowl program. This year’s program, *For I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food*, calls faith communities to participate in Operation Rice Bowl as one way to answer the Gospel call to assist those most in need. Operation Rice Bowl, which is part of Catholic Relief Services, offers for free:
- The rice bowl, with a calendar guide featuring six countries: Madagascar, Vietnam, El Salvador, Zambia, India and the United States
- Posters in English or Spanish
- A Community Guide (English/Spanish)
- Educator’s Guide (English/Spanish)
- Promotional videos (English/Spanish)
- CD Rom of educational and interactive resources for ORB
- A display

Do you know that your participation in Operation Rice Bowl can also help you grow your parish social ministry? Parishes, schools and universities that participate can submit an application for one of two grants for $750. The Archdiocese’s CRS Committee will offer two Challenge Grants to a parish, school or university; 1) participating in the ORB Program for the first time and 2) expanding its ORB efforts. The grant criteria focus on:
- How many different parishioners were involved, such as Youth, adult groups etc.;
- How many participants attended events;
- How much CRS resources are being promoted to other groups;
- How many people will be reached by the future grant-funded project and how many people will be benefiting?

Grants are not given based on the money collected, but rather on the participation of people in various activities. The 2012 Grant application is available online at [www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction). On the left side panel, click on Catholic Relief Services and then on Operation Rice Bowl. For more information, please call Pam Long at the Catholic Social Action Office in Dayton, 937.224.3026.

U.S. DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACEPTIVE MANDATE
Many thanks for the great amount of advocacy that has taken place since late January, calling for the reversal of the HHS mandate and the passage of the Respect for Conscience Rights Act! The Catholic Social Action Office is cosponsoring panel conversations on this issue (see Family Life Office announcement), and we have developed printable letters for ongoing advocacy, which can be downloaded at [The Catholic Telegraph](http://www.thecatholictelegraph.com) website or by contacting us at 513.421.3131x2660.

A WALK FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE ON GOOD FRIDAY
There are many crosses that people throughout the world shoulder in the form of injustices. You are invited to be a part of an ecumenical group that will pray the Stations of the Cross in downtown Dayton on Good Friday, April 6, beginning at noon at the old Courthouse. The walk lasts about two hours. New issues of concern this year include the cost of war on veterans, new developments in the effort to end the death penalty, restorative justice, economic disparity, faithful citizenship and the bus stop situation in Beavercreek. The walk is sponsored by more than 20 churches, faith communities and social justice organizations, including the Catholic Social Action Office in Dayton, Catholic Social Services of Miami Valley, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Sisters of the Precious Blood and the University of Dayton Center for Social Concern.
The walk ends at the river and will be held rain or shine. For more information, please call the Dayton Catholic Social Action Office at 937.224.3026.

**CONSIDER A “SALT AND LIGHT” CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM FOR YOUR PARISH**

“Salt and Light” is a program designed for adult Catholics to facilitate the integration of the Church’s social mission into the life of the parish. The program, consisting of five two and a half hour sessions, focuses on Catholic social teaching, prayer, and skill development for social justice ministry. The cost is $25 per participant. Priority will be given to host parish parishioners; if participants from other parishes are interested, we request that two or more come from any particular parish, so that participants can work together in developing social ministry in their own parishes. For more information about the program, contact the Social Action Office in Cincinnati at 513.421.3131x2660 or email csa@catholiccincinnati.org or the Regional Social Action Office in Dayton at 937.224.3026 or email csadayton@catholiccincinnati.org.

**DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP**

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**

FEEDING, TEACHING, HEALING: SHARING IN THE WORK OF GOD

**2012 CMA**

Thank you for your leadership of the 2012 CMA in your parish. Please use the resources found in the Parish Procedure Guide and on the Web at CatholicAppeal.info to promote the appeal. Please contact Brian Doyle at brian@catholicappeal.info or 513.578.9212 if you have any questions or need additional support.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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Please be sure to follow the procedures found in the Parish Procedure Guide on page 50 for processing all CMA gifts collected at your parish. Thank you for your timely processing to assist us in thanking and receipting our generous donors. Email updates with important information about the CMA will continue to be sent to all pastors. Parish staff and parish volunteers interested in receiving email notifications can contact Michael Vanderburgh at michael@catholicappeal.info to be added to the distribution list.

**CHANGES TO PARISH MAILING LISTS**

It is never too late or too early to send in changes, additions, and deletions! Please send them, when they occur to changescincinnati@letterconcepts.com or carolynd@letterconcepts.com. Thank you!

**2012 PILGRIMAGE WITH ARCHBISHOP SCHNURR**

Archbishop Schnurr will be leading a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of Portugal, Spain, and France September 14 - 24, 2012. Space is limited. For more information, visit [www.2012pilgrimage.com](http://www.2012pilgrimage.com). Special rates apply to reservations received by April 1, 2012.
ATHENAEUM OF OHIO/MOUNT ST. MARY’S SEMINARY OF THE WEST
The Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon is receiving the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award from The Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount St. Mary’s Seminary. Bishop Conlon will be at the Athenaeum to receive the award on Wednesday, April 11. He will celebrate Mass at the Chapel of St. Gregory the Great at 5:25 p.m. followed by a social and dinner with the resident priests and seminarians. Any priest who would like to attend is welcome. Please call Jan Hagedorn at 513.231.2223 no later than Wednesday, April 4, to make a reservation.

Please submit articles for the April Clergy Communications before March 23, 2012
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
REPORTING ABUSE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI - If you know someone who has been abused at any time by an agent of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (priest, deacon, employee or volunteer), the Archdiocese urges you to contact Sandy Keiser, LISW, the Victims’ Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, at 513.263.6623 as well as the victim’s secular legal authorities.

Welcome Weekend at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary
On March 9 and 10, 2012, Mount St. Mary’s Seminary once again opens her doors to men, college age and older, interested in the diocesan priesthood for our annual “Welcome Weekend.” The weekend gives men a chance to experience a glimpse of seminary life to help answer whether this might be the next step where God is calling them in their life. The weekend begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 9 and concludes by 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 10 and includes time for prayer and Mass, a sample class lecture, one on one time with current seminarians, and a chance to meet the formation faculty to help in the discernment process. To register, call Fr. Kyle Schnippel in the Vocation Office at 513.421.3131x2890.

Cast Your Nets – North
*Cast Your Nets* is once again coming to the northern part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati! The event will run from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 25, 2012 at Sacred Heart Parish, McCartyville. There is a $5.00 registration fee, made through your parish through your youth minister. The event will feature guest speaker Courtney Brown, Theology of the Body Education Coordinator at Ruah Woods in Cincinnati and Mass with Bishop Joseph Binzer. For more information, contact Wayne Topp at 513.421.3131x2891.

HHS Affordable Care Act: A Panel Presentation with Q & A
All are welcome to attend one of two presentations on the HHS Affordable Care Act. Each event will include presentations from a panel of experts in the areas of moral theology, Catholic social teaching, civil law and its impact on religious institutions, and the Church’s teachings on human sexuality. Plan to join us on March 6, 2012 at Ascension Parish in Kettering, OH or March 8, 2012 at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Liberty Township, OH. Both events are from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. For more information contact Colleen Gerke in the Family and Respect Life Office, Sean Ater in the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis or Tony Stieritz in the Catholic Social Action Office at 513.421.3131 or at www.catholiccincinnati.org.

Running for the Call, Chasing Vocation
The Office of Family and Respect Life is very pleased to be co-sponsoring “Run for the Call” with the Office of Vocations. This is an opportunity for both families and single people to come together to both celebrate their own vocations and raise funds to support seminarians during times of need. Join us on May 5 and 6 at the Flying Pig Races in downtown Cincinnati. More information and registration is available at Run for the Call.

Facebook - Polling for information on Mondays
We encourage you to take a look at our Family and Respect Life Facebook Polls that come out every Monday morning. Find out how people have answered questions like, “About which life issue do you need to become better informed?” or “Which family member has had the greatest impact on your faith?” Visit our page to also take each new poll yourself. Find us on Facebook at Family and Respect Life Office Facebook.

CANA II
Please utilize the Archdiocese’s CANA II Program! This archdiocesan-wide marriage preparation program has replaced the second marriage tract that was traditionally part of Cincinnati’s Pre-CANA
program and the second marriage programs that have been offered in Dayton and Sidney. It is a WONDERFUL program made up of “Team Couples” who are living in successful “Second Marriages” and is designed specifically for engaged couples when one or both have been previously married. You can find the CANA II brochure with a registration form by visiting: http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/CANA-II-2012.pdf. Online registration is also available at http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/pre-cana-cana-ii-registration. If you have any questions about the CANA II Marriage Preparation Program call the Family and Respect Life Office at 937.222.0227x5027.

Golden Jubilee 2012 – The Cincinnati Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 12, 2012, 1:00 p.m., at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral with the Most Reverend Joseph R. Binzer, Auxiliary Bishop, presiding. The Dayton Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 14, 2012, 2:00 p.m., at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dayton, with Reverend Lawrence Mierenfeld presiding. Please contact your parish for more information.

The Beginning Experience Weekend program helps grieving single-again persons emerge from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning, and move into the future with renewed hope. If you are interested learning more about the program, please call 513.684.1196 or email BECincinnati@fuse.net. Program dates are March 16-18, 2012, held at the Bergamo Center, Dayton or October 19-21, 2012, held at the Comboni Missionaries Center, Cincinnati.

Project Rachel Retreat – March 9 – 12, 2012, held at the Bergamo Center, Dayton, Ohio. Take the first step toward healing by calling 513.784.0531, a confidential phone line.

To be printed March 10-11
Legends about St. Patrick abound and details of his life are uncertain, but history agrees that he was humble and courageous in winning most of Ireland for Christ. This prayer that is attributed to him can be a wonderful blessing of each family member:

Christ shield me this day: Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me, Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me.

To be printed March 17-18
The Family and Respect Life Office invite you to pray this Litany of St. Joseph, in commemoration of his Feast Day on March 19:

Joseph, model of husbands, Faithful in times of uncertainty and strong in adversity, Pray for us. Joseph, model for fathers, Firm in teaching and patient in mentoring Jesus, Pray for us. Joseph, patron of workers, Dedicated to using your gifts and praising God in the work of your hands,Pray for us. Joseph, patron of a happy death, Entering eternity in the presence of Jesus and the arms of Mary, Pray for us. Joseph, man of prayer, Familiar with the scriptures and trusting in God’s plan for us, Pray for us. Joseph, humble servant of God, Dedicated to the care of your home and family, Pray for us. Loving God, thank you for the life and powerful intercession of your servant, Joseph. May we who reap the benefits of his love for Jesus and Mary imitate the steadfast love for home and family. May his example bring us ever closer to Jesus, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. AMEN

2012 PILGRIMAGE WITH ARCHBISHOP SCHNURR
You are welcome to join Archbishop Schnurr on a special pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of Portugal, Spain, and France September 14 - 24, 2012. Go to 2012prigrimage.com for the complete itinerary and a reservation form. A special discount applies to reservations received by April 1, 2012.