



CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

100 East Eighth Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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*The Lord is Risen... Alleluia! Alleluia!
Easter Blessings!*

CHRIST AT THE CENTER

CHRIST AT THE CENTER OF CATHOLIC YOUTH SPORTS: SUNDAYS, TRIDUUM, AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Since January of 2012, a 50+ person, representative Task Force has been developing an Archdiocesan Charter on Youth Athletics, which is part of the broader Archdiocesan Christ at the Center Initiative. Although the full Charter won't be finished until late spring or summer, the first fruits of this work are being made available here in advance so that parishes, elementary schools, and their athletics organizations can begin to plan for the summer, fall and beyond. Pastors, business managers, and elementary school principals are asked to make this information available to athletics leaders and athletics organizations. The Archdiocesan Task Force on Youth Athletics describes the spirit of these policies in this excerpt from its draft Charter on Archdiocesan Youth Athletics:

Catholic youth athletics will reflect the priority of regular, consistent, and responsible participation in the Church, in her worship, education, community, ministries and service to the world. The Archdiocesan Youth Athletics Charter will include clear and reasonable guidelines affirming the priority of active membership in the Catholic faith community, including Catholic faith formation as well as worship on Sundays, Holy Days, and during liturgical seasons.

Explanation: Preserving the quality of our worship and supporting faith formation in every instance are to outweigh considerations related to athletics. Leagues and athletics organizations should work closely with pastors and parish leaders so as to avoid conflicts, and more importantly to ensure that our young people and their families are actively supported in keeping holy the Sabbath at weekly Sunday Eucharist, and in programs of religious education and youth

ministry. The spirit of this policy is to honor parents and families in their Sunday Sabbath rest and worship by preserving Sunday mornings for family time and Eucharist. We must avoid pulling families and children out of worship or religious education so as to participate in sports, and avoid parking congestion in church parking lots and any other noise or potential distractions during Sunday or Saturday evening Sabbath worship. Based on these principles, the Archbishop of Cincinnati establishes the following policies covering all elementary-age and parish-based high school-age Catholic-sponsored athletics.* (Catholic high schools: see important note below.) Athletics organized out of our parishes and Catholic elementary schools should begin right away to implement the spirit of these policies, although athletics schedules and seasons that are currently under way are not expected to change immediately, as that would constitute a hardship for them. **The policies will go into full effect on August 1, 2013.**

POLICIES ON PARISH-BASED AND ELEMENTARY-AGE ATHLETICS: SUNDAYS, TRIDUUM, AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1. **Sundays:** No scheduling of athletics activities (including games, practices, tournaments, meetings, etc.) at parishes, schools or other facilities, on or off-site, on Sundays before 1:00 p.m., or during regular Saturday afternoon and evening liturgies at Catholic parishes.
2. **Triduum:** No scheduling of athletics activities (including games, practices, tournaments, meetings, etc.) on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday.
3. **Religious education and sacramental preparation:** Athletics activities (including games, practices, tournaments, meetings, etc.) are not to be scheduled when the children involved normally would be attending religious education, sacramental preparation programs and the like. If conflicts occur, programs of religious education, sacramental preparation and the like take precedence. Coaches are expected to support the faith formation of their players, and in no case will children be penalized (e.g., required to sit out all or part of a game) by coaches or athletic leaders for missing a practice or game due to participation in such programs.

(*IMPORTANT: These policies apply ONLY to all elementary-age and parish-based high school-age athletics, and **do not apply to athletics organized by our Catholic high schools**, which are governed by separate policies. Catholic high schools are encouraged to honor the spirit of these policies inasmuch as possible, and work will begin soon in bringing parish and high school expectations into closer alignment.)

Any questions, considerations or concerns regarding these policies or the Charter development process can be directed to Dr. Sean Reynolds, Director, Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, 100 East Eighth St., Cincinnati, OH 45202; 513.421.3131x2740, or sreynolds@catholiccincinnati.org. See the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry section in this issue of Clergy Communications for more information about the Archdiocesan Athletics Initiative.

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

DISTRIBUTION OF OILS

- + Father Todd O. Grogan, Cathedral Deanery, at the Cathedral on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- + Father Timothy Bunch, Saint Andrew Deanery, at Saint Saviour Church on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served.
- + Father Paul Del Staigers, Saint Francis de Sales Deanery, Our Lord Christ the King Church on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.
- + Father Jeffry Kemper, Saint Lawrence Deanery, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Offices on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.
- + Father George Jacquemin, Saint Margaret Mary Deanery, Saint Clare Church on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.
- + Father Lawrence Mierenfeld, Dayton Deanery, Holy Trinity Church, Dayton on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.
- + Father Larry Tharp, Hamilton Deanery, Sacred Heart Church, Fellowship Hall on Thursday, March 28, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.
- + Father William Wagner, Saint Martin Deanery, Saint Thomas More Rectory, Withamsville on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- + Father Thomas Mannebach, Saint Marys Deanery, Holy Redeemer Church, New Bremen on Thursday, March 28, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- + Father Steve Shoup, Sidney Deanery, Saint Michael Parish Office Center, Fort Loramie on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- + Father Dennis Caylor, Springfield Deanery, Saint Raphael Office, 225 East High Street, Springfield on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SERVICES

CHANCERY OFFICE

AN UPDATE ON ARCHBISHOP PILARCZYK

On February 19, 2013, Archbishop Pilarczyk was definitely diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and was prescribed medication to treat the symptoms. Archbishop Pilarczyk asks for your prayers. As regards visitors, it is best to call first. Thanks for your prayers and concern.

GOOD FRIDAY 2013 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.

LENTEN REMINDER – FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Good Friday, March 29, 2013 is a day of abstinence from meat and also a day of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. With regard to Good Friday, the teaching of the Second Vatican Council should be recalled.

Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind (*Constitution on the Liturgy, No. 110*).

The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (canons 97 and 1252).

With regard to the obligatory day listed above, however, there are frequent questions about the degree of seriousness of the matter. The teaching of Pope John Paul II may be simply paraphrased: the obligation to do penance is a serious one; the obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially," the penitential days specified by the Church is also serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard; failure to observe an individual day of penance is not considered serious. People should seek to do more rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the day prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion.

CONFIRMATION AND THE FACULTY TO CONFIRM

The following might be helpful for you regarding Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. For priests who have been granted the faculties of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, these are the instructions for the Faculty to Confirm as found in the *Pagella*, Clerus Cincinnatiensis, Volume 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.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

GET TRAINED AT A LOW COST

The Archdiocese has negotiated an arrangement to help you get computer training and business skill development training at a special low price through New Horizons Computer Learning Centers. Employees of the Archdiocese and of Archdiocesan parishes, offices, and institutions can take classes, either in person or on-line, for a discount of 50%-70% off retail. To see what's available, please visit: <http://www.nhcomputerlearning.com/courses/index.html> and click on "Preferred Client Portal" on the right to find the Archdiocese of Cincinnati logo.

DIACONATE OFFICE

DIACONATE ORDINATION

The ordination of the permanent and transitional deacons will take place at 11:00 a.m. on April 27, 2013 at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church in Dayton. All clergy are invited to attend and vest.

ASSIGNMENT

Deacon Clifton Perryman has been assigned to the Marion Cluster in the St. Marys' Deanery effective February 2, 2013. He has recently returned to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati from the Toledo Diocese.

INFORMATION MEETINGS ABOUT THE DIACONATE

**WHO IS A DEACON?
WHAT DOES A DEACON DO?
WHY DO WE NEED DEACONS?**

You are cordially invited to a meeting of interested men (and wives) to learn more about the role of deacons in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. If you have never attended an information meeting about the diaconate, this meeting will be very helpful as you 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 you to ask any questions which are on your mind in order to help you to better understand the ministry of deacons.

April 18, 2013
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
St. Jude, Bridgetown
Parish Center, Room 3
Parking to the right of church
5924 Bridgetown Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45248

Tuesday, April 23, 2013
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
St. Columban, Loveland
Church Undercroft
894 Oakland Rd.
Loveland, OH 45140

If you plan on attending, please 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 email at deaconoffice@catholiccincinnati.org to let us know so we will be sure to have enough handouts. If you need directions, we will be glad to provide them.

VOCATION OFFICE

ORDINATION DATES FOR 2013

This year's ordination dates are April 27, 2013, for permanent and transitional deacons at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception in Dayton, and May 18, 2013, for priests at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. Please mark your calendars now.

WELCOME WEEKEND AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY

The weekend of March 8 and 9, Mount St. Mary's Seminary opens her doors to men discerning the call to the priesthood for the annual "Welcome Weekend." Providing an opportunity to sample the routine of life at the seminary, including a sample class lecture, prayer times, meals and a chance to talk one on one with a current seminarian, this weekend can help those discerning to see if seminary is the proper next step in their discernment process. For more information, please call or email the Vocation Office at 513.421.3131x2890 or vocations@catholiccincinnati.org.

ANDREW DINNERS – SPRING 2013

Andrew Dinners have been scheduled for the spring for the following dates:

April 4 – **Precious Blood Parish Basement, Chickasaw, OH**
(**Please note:** This was listed as St. John the Baptist, Maria Stein in last month's edition!)

April 10 – St. Margaret of York Parish, Twenty Mile Stand (Loveland)

April 16 – St. Henry Parish, Dayton

The schedule for the evening remains the same: Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00, Presentation of the Priesthood at 6:45, Evening Prayer at 7:30, and Departure at 8:00 p.m. These dinners are a success because of the priests who invite young men from their parishes and/or school assignments to attend with them. Please consider inviting those young men whom you consider to have the traits necessary for the priesthood to attend a local dinner with you. As you make that invitation, it is most successful if you are able to name why you believe he has what it takes to be a priest in today's world. Please call the Vocation Office (513.421.3131x2890) to let us know how many you are bringing from your parish at least a week in advance.

RUN FOR THE CALL

For the second year in a row, the Vocation Office is gathering a team of runners and prayer warriors to raise money for seminarians and awareness for vocations. This year's Run for the Call team will be entering in all the races of the Flying Pig Marathon weekend, May 4-5, 2013. If you are a runner and would like to be part of this great cause, or if you would like to support us through your prayers or monetary donations, please visit <http://runforthecall.wordpress.com> or call Wayne Topp at 513.421.3131x2891. All Run for the Call team members receive a significant discount on race registration costs.

MARTHA DINNER

Young women interested in learning about religious life are invited to join Bishop Binzer at a Martha Dinner, 5:15 to 8:00 p.m., April 8, 2013, at St. Denis Parish, Versailles, OH. Please encourage young women from your parish to make plans to attend. More information will follow later. Mary Yarger, CPPS (myarger@preciousbloodsistersdayton.org or 937.837.3302) is willing to answer questions. This event is being sponsored by the Vocation Ministers of the Greater Cincinnati Area and this Office.

NUN RUN

This event, sponsored by the Vocation Ministers of the Greater Cincinnati Area, is for women 18 to 45 years of age. It will be held April 19 and 20, 2013. What's a Nun Run? It is an opportunity for a woman to satisfy her curiosity in regard to Religious Life, experience community life with Sisters, learn about the various communities of Sisters and pray with Sisters. For a brochure, please contact Sister Marilyn Kerber, SNDdeN at mkerber@catholiccincinnati.org.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING OFFICE

2013-2014 HEALTHCARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open Enrollment for all benefit plans sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is April 15 through April 26, 2013. Please review the following timeline of important events.

March 4 through March 8, 2013 - Administrator packets mailed to location administrators.

March 18 through April 5, 2013 – All employee packets shipped, as soon as prepared, via UPS to each location for distribution to employees.

March 14 through March 22, 2013 - Informational meetings for administrators scheduled as follows:

Thursday March 14, 2013, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Lehman High School, Sidney (old gym)

Friday March 15, 2013, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 (noon)
Athenaeum of Ohio, Cincinnati (Bartlett Center)

Monday March 18, 2013, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 (noon)
Our Lady of Victory Church, Cincinnati (Convocation Center, Main Hall)

Monday March 18, 2013, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
St. John Church, West Chester (Pavilion Hall)

Friday March 22, 2013, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 (noon)
Archdiocese of Cincinnati (Central Office – Conference Room 1A)

Please email Stacey Longbottom at slongbottom@catholiccincinnati.org for meeting reservations.

There will be an open enrollment information session held at the Parish Business Managers Association meeting March 20, 2013 for PMBA members only.

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

WAIVER OF LAY EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN (OLD DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN) PENSION BENEFIT

Several Participants have requested the ability to waive benefits which they have accumulated under the Plan. The purpose of this waiver would be to allow those who are eligible for benefits under the Ohio State Teachers Retirement System (“STRS”) or other similar plans to “purchase” STRS credit for their service with the Archdiocese. As an accommodation to those Participants, and after consultation with legal counsel and a review of the revised Plan document by the Internal Revenue Service, the Plan was amended to permit the waiver of a Participant’s benefit. However, the Archdiocese makes no representation that STRS, or any other retirement plan, will permit purchase of service credit, and each Participant should make certain, before submitting a waiver, that he or she is satisfied that a waiver of benefits is in his or her best interest. A letter was mailed on February 8, 2013 to Inactive Vested Participants in the Lay Employees’ Pension Plan

(old Defined Benefit Plan) informing these Participants that the Plan has been amended to permit the waiver of a Participant's benefit. If you receive any inquiries concerning the issue of waiving pension benefits, please direct the individual to contact Steve Burger at the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Finance Office. Please contact Steve Burger with any questions at 513.421.3131x 2850.

PARISH ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE

Training for the parishes converting their software on April 1 has been completed. The final scheduled entry/conversion date is July 1. Parishes who have not registered for the training sessions need to register as soon as possible. Each parish converting to the new system needs to attend a 2 hour chart of accounts meeting and one full day of software training. The dates for these sessions are as follows:

Chart of Accounts

(Each of these sessions will be from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.)

Wednesday, April 3 at the Central Offices of the Archdiocese, Cincinnati

Thursday, April 4 at the Pilarczyk Center, Dayton

Tuesday, May 7 at the Central Offices of the Archdiocese, Cincinnati

Wednesday, May 8 at the Pilarczyk Center, Dayton

Software Training

(Each session will be from 9:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m.)

We are trying to keep the maximum number of attendees to 20 for these sessions.

This will provide better individual training. The dates for these sessions are:

Tuesday, April 30 at the Central Offices of the Archdiocese, Cincinnati

Wednesday, May 1 at the Central Offices of the Archdiocese, Cincinnati

Thursday, May 2 at St. Susanna, Mason

Friday, May 3 at the Pilarczyk Center, Dayton

Tuesday, May 21 at the Central Offices of the Archdiocese, Cincinnati

Wednesday, May 22 at the Central Offices of the Archdiocese, Cincinnati

Thursday, May 23 at the Pilarczyk Center, Dayton

Friday, May 24 at the Pilarczyk Center, Dayton

Please register as soon as possible by emailing Dan Umberg at dumberg@catholiccincinnati.org or Anne Morrow at Amorrow@catholiccincinnati.org.

RISK INSPECTION REPORTS

All locations **must** participate in the self-inspection process. Forms for self-inspections are available on the Finance Office website. Completed forms are due in the GBS office by May 31, 2013 and should be mailed to: Mr. Paul Kenkel, Gallagher Bassett Services, 4555 Lake Forest Drive, Suite 650, Cincinnati, OH 45242. Locations which submit completed forms by this deadline will receive a credit of \$100 on the 2013-2014 Property and Liability invoice. Please contact Barb Walsh in the Finance Office at 513.421.3131x6603 if there are any questions. Thanks for your help with this important work.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI WELLNESS PROGRAM

The Finance Office would like to thank everyone who made the Wellness Initiative so successful this past year. Our partners at TriHealth and Anthem provided professionalism in the organization and execution of the programs of Biometric Screenings and Health Risk Assessments. The Wellness Champions at each location were extremely helpful in the organization and execution of the screening process. We are especially grateful to all employees who enthusiastically participated in this initiative last year. We are pleased to announce the locations and Wellness Champion Contest winners for the largest participation percentage increase over the previous year. Our congratulations to the following:

Large Location Winner – AOC Central Offices – Teresa Phillips

Medium Location Winner – St. Gabriel School – Joe Epplen

Small Location Winner – St. Michael Parish, Ripley – Susan Caproni

Natalie Dragovich from TriHealth is beginning the 2013 campaign soon. If your location has a new Wellness Champion, please contact Natalie at 513.977.0002. If there are any questions regarding this or other benefit programs, please feel free to call Barb Walsh in the Finance Office at 513.421.3131x6603.

PASTORAL SERVICES

Reverend William Jarema, Founder/International Director of Mercy Center for Healing the Whole Person, will speak at the Spring Gathering of Lay Ecclesial Ministers on Wednesday, May 22, at Our Lady of Sorrows, Monroe, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Religious educators, pastoral associates, youth ministers, musicians, business managers, development directors, deacons, and priests are welcome. For registration and more information, please contact Marti Barnes mbarnes@fuse.net. Must register by May 20. A free will offering will take place. This program is sponsored by the Association of Pastoral Associates and the Archdiocesan Department of Pastoral Services.

FAMILY AND RESPECT LIFE OFFICE

THE OFFICE OF FAMILY AND RESPECT LIFE HAS A NEW FACEBOOK PAGE AND NEW PAGES DEDICATED EXCLUSIVELY TO LOCAL NEWLYWEDS!

With interactive tools, videos, entertaining articles, and exclusive events, it is great way to bring daily support and encouragement to the recently married couples of your parish. Learn more at www.facebook.com/aocnewlyweds, or by visiting www.aocnewlyweds.org.

USCCB ACTION CENTER

Keep current on urgent legislative issues. Persons can sign up to receive action alerts by email at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/take-action-now/capwiz/index.cfm>.

FOCCUS TRAINING

Saturday, April 6, 2013, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Church, Troy, Ohio. Call the Family and Respect Life Office at 513.421.3131x2621 to register. Cost: \$80.00/couple.

FREE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Introduction to Natural Family Planning – Saturday, March 16, 2013 – Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Montezuma, Ohio, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 (noon.)

Finance – Monday, April 8, 2013 – St. Vivian Parish (Ursuline Hall), Cincinnati, Ohio, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Introduction to Natural Family Planning – Saturday, April 20, 2013 – Pilarczyk Center (Stang Room), Dayton, Ohio, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 (noon.)

Understanding the Sacrament of Marriage – Saturday, April 27, 2013 – Holy Angels Parish, Sidney, Ohio, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 (noon.)

RUN FOR THE CALL

Is an initiative of the Vocation Office and the Family and Respect Life Office to raise vocational awareness amongst all the young people of the Archdiocese while simultaneously raising funds to help cover the secondary and emergency expense of the young men of the seminary. The primary way we do this is through participation in the **Run For the Call Racing Team at the Flying Pig Races in May**, but we also conduct team training runs and a Run-A-Thon in the month of April. For more information on how you can get involved, please visit us at www.runforthecall.wordpress.com.

GOLDEN JUBILEE 2013 MASS CELEBRATIONS

Please submit your number of scrolls and invitations needed to the Family and Respect Life Office so that we can fill your requests in a timely manner. The Dayton mass will be Saturday, April 6, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. and will be held at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church; Reverend Larry Mierenfeld will be the presider. The Cincinnati mass is Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. and will be held at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains; Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will be the presider.

SAVE THE DATE! CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE

Sunday, June 2, 2013, 3:00 p.m. – Newport Peace Bell, Newport, KY. Please join hundreds of pro-lifers from the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area to support the protection of human life with a peaceful walk across the Purple People Bridge. Visit [Cross the Bridge for Life 2013](#) for more details.

SAVE THE DATE! - A PASTORAL APPROACH TO VIOLENCE

Wednesday, August 7, 2013 - Training on Domestic Violence for catechists, parish staff, teachers, lay ministers, parish volunteers, etc.; 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at the Church of the Ascension, in the Witzman Center, Kettering, Ohio. ECU's available! For more information, contact Noreen Wendeln at 937.222.0227 or nwendeln@catholiccincinnati.org.

SAVE THE DATE! 2ND FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

The end of June and the beginning of July 2013 are being planned. This Fortnight would emphasize faith and marriage in a particular way in the face of the potential Supreme Court rulings during this time. The Fortnight would also emphasize the need for conscience protection in light of the August 1, 2013 deadline for religious organizations to comply with the HHS mandate, as well as religious freedom concerns in other areas, such as immigration, adoption, and humanitarian services. Please visit: <http://www.usccb.org/news/2012/12-212.cfm> for details.

CHRIST AT THE CENTER... HOME EDITION

Easter – March 31 – May 12, 2013 is an excellent family resource. Access this prayer aide through: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/family/resources/>. It is also included with this mailing as an insert.

MISSION OFFICE

2013 MISSIONARY CO-OP PLAN ASSIGNMENTS EN ROUTE

The Mission Office has sent all assignments for the MCP 2013 (Missionary Co-op Plan). Please let us know if you have not received them. On behalf of missionary orders and dioceses, we are grateful to our pastors for accepting these MCP assignments as it allows our parishioners to honor and support the spread of God's Good News globally!

2012 MISSION SUNDAY AND MCP

There are still a few parishes that have not yet sent in Mission Sunday and MCP collections from 2012. Our missionaries depend on these funds to run schools, orphanages, and to spread the Gospel. If your parish has not yet sent in the MCP and Mission Sunday collections from last year, please do so today. If you are unsure if your parish has mailed in these donations, please call Melonise Knight at 513.421.3131x2631.

PASTORS, PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR CHURCH BULLETIN

Want to add meaning to Lenten journey with the Lord? Make a sacrifice for our 1000 mission dioceses in Africa and Asia working to share our Catholic faith among their own struggling people. Thousands of Catholic clinics, orphanages, schools, convents, and seminaries would appreciate your Lenten donation. The Mission Office of the Archdiocese asks that you mail your donation to: The Pontifical Mission Societies, 70 West 36th Street, 8th Floor, New York, NY, 10018. Also, gifts may be charged by calling, toll free 1.800.431.2222. Thank you!

FOR LENT, INVITE PSR AND SCHOOL STUDENTS TO SUPPORT THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION (MCA)

The MCA is a Pontifical Mission Society that focuses entirely on children helping children in mission dioceses around the world. For the past 160 years, MCA has offered teachers and young Catholics educational materials with opportunities to grow in faith through sacrifice and service to others. Watch for the MCA National Prayer Week in March! Have your DRE or principal contact our local MCA coordinator, Teresa Phillips, for materials and ideas for Lent or year round at 513.421.3131x2632 or mission@catholiccincinnati.org. Also visit: Onefamilyinmission.org.

HOLY FATHER'S MISSION INTENTIONS

March 2013: That bishops, priests and deacons may be tireless proclaimers of the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

PRIESTLY FORMATION OFFICE

FALL CONVOCATION

Save the date: **October 1, 2013** at Incarnation Parish. Details to follow.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION FOR PRIESTS

Wednesday March 13, 2013 at the Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal with Father Vincent Tobin, OSB. Topic: "Out of Egypt: With Moses from the Nile to the Jordan." We will begin at 10:30 a.m., have time for confessions at 2:00 p.m., after which we are free to go. As a past participant said of Father Tobin, he "is a wonderful mixture of theologian, monk, and brother in the Lord." Some sleeping rooms are available for those who wish to come in the day before (reservations for this must be made directly with the Center.)

NEWER CLERGY OVERNIGHT

March 17 – 18, 2013—at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary for last four ordination classes. Attendees: please contact me with any questions or topics of special interest, 513.421.3131x2650.

PRIEST ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Save the date: Monday, May 6, 2013, at Bergamo as before, with Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m.

OFFICE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MINISTRIES

ARCHBISHOP KARL J. ALTER SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

In 1964, as the Archbishop of Cincinnati, Archbishop Alter established the Archbishop Alter Scholarship Grant to promote African-American Catholic leaders. The Alter Scholarship Grant continues to assist graduating senior high school students in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati who are African-American/African and Catholic to attend a college or university. The Scholarship is a four-year renewable grant (paid twice a year.) Scholarship candidates, graduating high school seniors, are urged to attend a four-year college/university. Scholarship candidates who choose to attend a two-year college or university will be considered. For a copy of the application, please visit: www.catholiccincinnati.org/africanamericanministries or call Rev. Mr. Royce Winters, Director at 513.421.3131x2640. **Application Deadline: April 11, 2013.**

WORSHIP OFFICE

ELECTION OF A NEW POPE

During the time of the conclave, parishes are encouraged to pray for the Church as the Cardinals elect a new pontiff. Parishes may celebrate a "Mass for Various Needs and

Occasions: Election of a New Pope” on any Lenten weekday. (Archbishop Schnurr has given blanket permission to celebrate this Mass, but only one time in a given parish and only on a day when the rubrics allow.) It is always appropriate to include an intercession for the Election of a New Pope whenever Mass is celebrated. Other forms of prayer are strongly encouraged: Holy Hour, Exposition, Rosary, school children offering prayers – one Our Father, one Hail Mary, one Glory Be, Liturgy of the Hours, and any other way a parish might see fit to pray during this important time in the Church’s history. For more information, please visit: <http://www.usccb.org/about/leadership/holy-see/pope-benedict-xvi/upload/Pope-Resignation-Resources.pdf>.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Because the **Solemnity of the Annunciation** falls during Holy Week, the feast day has been moved to Monday, April 8, 2013. See the *Ordo* for further information.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

A Lenten Penance Service has been posted on the Worship Office website. Please go to www.catholiccincinnati.org/worship and click onto Liturgical Prep.

TIME FOR THE EASTER VIGIL

The *General Norms for the Liturgical Year* state that the Easter Vigil is to be held after nightfall. Sunset for Saturday, March 30 is calculated to be at 8:00 p.m. with nightfall occurring one half hour after sunset. **Therefore, the Easter Vigil may not begin before 8:30 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 (*virii 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.

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE – NEW EDITION....NOW AVAILABLE!!

The cost of the booklets are \$3.50 each, or \$3.25 for orders of 25 or more, plus shipping. To order, please contact the Worship Office 513.421.3131x6609 or email worship@catholiccincinnati.org.

ARE YOU RECEIVING THE WORSHIP OFFICE E-NEWS?

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 day retreat-like experience is being offered at **St. Charles Borromeo, Kettering on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. April 9, 16, 23, 30, and May 7, 2013.** Parishes can take advantage of registration discounts. This program is especially well-suited for neophytes and newly received Catholics and may be a wonderful opportunity for them to do mystagogy on the Eucharist. For more information and registration please visit www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/worship/ and scroll down to the event.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK – This workshop is designed for Extraordinary Ministers who take Holy Communion to the sick. The workshop will assist participants in understanding the emotional and spiritual needs of the sick and elderly and how best to serve their needs. The workshop will be taking place on **March 12 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe, Liberty Twp., March 12 from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. at St. Vivian, Cincinnati, March 13 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, Botkins, and March 13 from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi, Centerville.** For more information and registration please visit <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Pastoral-Care-brochure2012.pdf> .

LAUDATE: FORMING YOUTH FOR MUSIC MINISTRY – June 10 - 13, 2013 at Bergamo Center for Christian Living, Dayton, OH. The early-bird registration deadline is May 10, 2013. Registration forms and scholarship applications are available on the LAUDATE web page at: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/youth-ministry/services/youthleader/laudate/>

For more information go to our web site at www.catholiccincinnati.org/worship. You may also contact Karen Kane or Lisa Weber at 513.421.3131 (ext. 2670/6609).

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>

MARCH, 2013 UPDATE: ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH ATHLETICS INITIATIVE

Important: Pastors, parish and school leaders are asked to keep their athletics leadership posted and up-to-date with developments regarding the Youth Athletics Initiative.

The Archbishop has decided to establish in advance of the finalization of the overall Charter three important policies on youth athletics on Sundays, during the Triduum, and during parish religious education. See the Christ at the Center section of this issue of Clergy Communications for the policies and a detailed explanation of the thinking behind them.

After more than a year's worth of work, the various discrete parts that have been in development by subcommittees of the Task Force are being assembled into a single draft that is under review by Task Force members and Archdiocesan leaders. The current draft includes the following sections:

Section One: Mission, Goals, and Guiding Principles

Section Two: How This Charter Works

Section Three: Structure of the Youth Athletics Commission

Section Four: Children in Catholic Athletics

Section Five: Leagues Serving Catholic Parishes and Schools

Section Six: Parish or School Athletics Organizations

Section Seven: Financial, Legal, Liability, and Insurance Matters

Section Eight: Grievances and Appeals

Appendix A. Technology and Communications

The Charter will lay the foundation for an entirely new way of doing elementary-age and parish-based youth athletics here in the Archdiocese. It would be wise for parish staff members to keep their athletics leaders up-to-date with developments. All meetings, minutes and deliberations have been open to the public so no one will be taken by surprise when things begin to change. Implementation is anticipated in the fall of 2013. There are two more scheduled meetings of the Task Force: **March 16 and June 1**, both Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 (noon), at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Monroe. All meetings are open to the public. It is our plan that by June 1 the Task Force will have arrived at a final version for submission to the Archbishop. In the meantime, Archbishop Schnurr is being kept well-informed on progress. More information about the work of the Task Force is available on the Archdiocesan website by visiting <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ayatf/>, and the Youth Athletics Initiative is also

accessible via Facebook. Any questions or concerns may be directed to Dr. Sean Reynolds, Director, Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, [513.421.3131x2740](tel:513.421.3131x2740), or sreynolds@catholiccincinnati.org.

CHRIST AT THE CENTER CONSULTATIONS & STRONG CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Parishes and schools interested in scheduling Strong Catholic Families presentations for parents should contact the designated regional CATC consultation contact, which you can find here: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/catc/consultations/strategy/>.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE

VISION FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

As of February 27, we have posted a comprehensive six-month update of the implementation of “*Lighting the Way: A Vision for Catholic Schools.*” All members of the clergy are encouraged to visit the education page of the Archdiocesan website to learn how our Vision is being implemented. So far, we are making excellent progress in assuring a strong, high quality, authentically Catholic school education to the children of the Archdiocese. The six-month report can be viewed at www.catholiccincinnati.org/education (select “Lighting the Way”).

SCHOOL FINANCIAL VITALITY METRICS

Are being mailed to school pastors during the month of March. These metrics portray how our Catholic schools are performing in such areas as finances, enrollment, demographic trends, and operations. Please look over your metric carefully. If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Morse in the Catholic Schools Office at 513.421.3131x2722.

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

CHRIST AT THE CENTER...

Please see the infusion bulletin for Easter – Pentecost Sunday, March 31, 2013 – May 19, 2013, inserted with this mailing. The **Spanish** edition is also included with this mailing.

SAVE THE DATE: CATECHETICAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2013

This conference will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at the Presidential Banquet Center in Kettering, Ohio with Reverend Frank DeSiano, CSP as the keynote speaker. An insert is included with this mailing.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHWESTERN OHIO

Catholic Charities is expanding its outreach for its Mental Health Services. We would like to provide our services directly at parishes or at a centralized location (if multiple parishes are involved). If parishes would like to inquire into how to offer these services to their parishioners, please call Sharon Sowders at 513.489.8898.

COPING SKILLS FOR CHILDREN IN TIMES OF CRISIS

Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the American Red Cross, 2111 Dana Avenue, Cincinnati. **No charge.** Whether it's a school shooting, a weather related disaster, or a family crisis, children relate to these experiences in a variety of ways. This one session program will assist parents in learning how to help their children through the many feelings and questions they may have.

BEYOND DRIVING WITH DIGNITY / PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP

(**Caregiver Assistance Network**) Tuesday, March 12, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary Parish, S. Main Street & First Street, Franklin. **No charge.** Focuses on how to approach the delicate subject of when it's time for a senior to let someone else do the driving. Focused on those with Parkinson's, but relevant to every spouse or adult child of a senior.

BETTER THAN YELLING

Thursday, March 14, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at St. Vincent Ferrer Church (Hamilton Hall), 7754 Montgomery Road, Kenwood. \$15/person. Focuses on ways for parents to effectively communicate with their children that encourages cooperation and positive family connections.

FACING THE LONG-TERM CARE DECISION

(**Caregiver Assistance Network**) Wednesday, March 20, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at MariElder Senior Center, 6923 Madisonville Road, Mariemont. **No charge.** Focuses on the issues relating to the very difficult long-term care decision.

MEDICARE FRAUD & IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION FORUM

Wednesday, March 20, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Maple Knoll Village, 11100 Springfield Pike, Springdale. **No charge.** Experts from the Ohio Attorney General's Office, the FBI, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Officer of Inspector General Health & Human Services, the Social Security Administration and other organizations will discuss how to fight Medicare Fraud and Identity Theft for seniors. Presented by WMKV, Pro Seniors, SMP, and Catholic Charities' Caregiver Assistance Network.

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

FEATURING SR. MARILYN LACEY, RSM OF MERCY BEYOND BORDERS

For more detailed information, please refer to the article under the Catholic Social Action Office.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

PARISHES FOR LIFE: UPDATED BROCHURES NOW AVAILABLE!

The Catholic Social Action, Family and Respect Life, and African-American Catholic Ministries Offices, with support from the St. Andrew-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Social Action Leadership Team, have updated our Parishes for Life brochures with additional crisis pregnancy center information. In recent years, these brochures have been distributed by parish teams to fellow parishioners, in schools, in nearby public venues, and even in front of abortion clinics. Limited numbers of brochures can be made available to requesting parish groups. If you are interested, please contact the Catholic Social Action Office at 513.421.3131x2660.

ADVOCATES FOR JUSTICE CONGRESS

The Advocates for Justice Greater Cincinnati Parish Collaborative Congress for 2013 will take place on:

Tuesday, March 5, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Catholic Church - West End (745 Ezzard Charles Drive)
Fr. Rivers Hall in the church basement

This is a joyful opportunity for parishioners throughout the region to come together around our commitment to promote Catholic Social Teaching. The gathering at which representative delegations from Catholic parishes and religious communities are invited to vote on which specific social justice issues we will work on in common throughout the year. Issues over the past several years have included immigration reform, criminal justice and jobs, Parishes for Life, Darfur, and abolition of the death penalty.

LOCAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Are you familiar with an organization that is empowering low-income families to tackle the root causes of poverty? If so, the organization may be eligible to apply for a local Catholic Campaign for Human Development grant. To find out more, access the application form, and view lists of organizations currently receiving local CCHD funds, please go to www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction and click on the CCHD links on the side menu or contact the Catholic Social Action Office at 513.421.3131x2660. Applications should be postmarked by March 18.

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS: A STORY OF GOD ARRIVING IN STRANGERS

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is bringing in Sr. Marilyn Lacey, a Sister of Mercy, who has stood with the poor and displaced for over 30 years. This unsung hero of compassion will speak of her life experiences with refugees and migrants. Sister Lacey is founder and Executive Director of **Mercy Beyond Borders**, a nonprofit partnering with displaced women and girls in South Sudan and in Haiti to alleviate their extreme poverty. **No charge.** Please join us on March 20, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary (Heritage Hall), 7820 Beechmont Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45255. The event is co-sponsored by the Archdiocesan Catholic Social Action Office and Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio Refugee Resettlement Program. For more information, please contact Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish at 513.388.4466.

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, March 29, beginning at noon at the old Courthouse at Third and Main Streets. The walk lasts about two hours. The walk's attendees will reflect on a number of new issues this year, including Medicaid expansion, the Circle of Protection for the Poor and Vulnerable, the 50th anniversary of Pope John XXIII's *Pacem in Terris*, and the challenges to peace in Syria and Mali. The walk is sponsored by more than 25 churches, faith communities and social justice organizations, including the Catholic Social Action Office in Dayton, Sisters of the Precious Blood, and the University of Dayton's 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.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PACEM IN TERRIS EVENT: APRIL 18

During the Year of Faith, we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of Pope John XXIII's landmark encyclical, *Pacem in Terris (Peace on Earth)* on April 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cintas Center at Xavier University. Mr. John Carr, who recently retired after more than 20 years as Executive Director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Justice, Peace and Human Development Department, will present on the powerful message of life, dignity, and peace found in *Pacem in Terris*. He will emphasize its relevance for our times as well as its promotion throughout the papacy of Pope Benedict XVI.

LENTEN SPEAKER ON BURKINA FASO AND MALI

Pam Long, Regional Director of the Catholic Social Action Office and CRS Diocesan Director, visited Burkina Faso and Mali in 2011. She can speak to your parish or school about the good humanitarian work that CRS is doing in those two countries on behalf of the U.S. Catholic community. This can be a great personal connection for your parish with a featured country in this year's CRS Rice Bowl Program.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL

In this year's program, *For Lent, For Life*, the Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl calls faiths communities to pray, fast, learn and give as one way to answer the Gospel call to assist those most in need. CRS Rice Bowl includes a 2013 Lenten Spiritual Guide featuring Burkina Faso, East Timor, Lesotho, the Dominican Republic, Pakistan, and the United States. Religious educators also are using a CD Rom of educational and interactive resources for Rice Bowl. New this year is CRS Rice Bowl for Small Faith-Sharing Groups. CRS Rice Bowls should be collected no later than April 5. Checks should be sent to the Finance Office, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 100 East Eighth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 by June 15. Please note in the memo line that the check is for CRS Rice Bowl.

CRS RICE BOWL CHALLENGE GRANT

In 2013 the Archdiocese's CRS Committee again will offer two Challenge Grants of \$750 each to a parish which is participating in the CRS Rice Bowl Program for the first time and to a parish which is expanding its CRS Rice Bowl efforts. 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 benefitting?

The 2013 Challenge Grant application is available at www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction. For more information, please call Pam Long at the Catholic Social Action Office in Dayton, 937.224.3026.

CRS RICE BOWL ALSO HELPS AT HOME!

Did you know that 25 percent of the money raised each year through CRS Rice Bowl stays in the Archdiocese and is used to support programs focused on hunger and poverty? This year mini-grants are given to the following agencies:

Caring Kitchen, Urbana	HomeFull, Dayton
St. Vincent de Paul Society, Dayton	Mercy Franciscan at St. Raphael, Hamilton
St. Vincent de Paul Society, Cincinnati	Hope Emergency Center, Lynchburg
Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cincinnati	

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

The Catholic Relief Services Collection will be taken up April 13 and 14. The Appeal weekend will be April 6 and 7. Please turn in the collection **by June 15**, so that the money collected this year can be used this year. Please submit your collection to the Archdiocesan Finance Office, 100 East Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. **Please note on the memo line that the money is for the Catholic Relief Services Collection.** The Finance Office writes only one check at the end of June for this collection. Money not submitted by then will not be sent to CRS for another year. The Collection funds six Catholic agencies that protect families by providing basic humanitarian aid and life-skills training to those in need, protecting poor families all over the world, advocating for policies that strengthen families abroad, and resettling and welcoming refugees forced from their homes. This year’s campaign theme is *How Will You Help Jesus in Disguise?*

**Please submit articles for the April *Clergy Communications* before March 20, 2013.
Thank You.**

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

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.

REPORTING FINANCIAL MISCONDUCT - In a spirit of good stewardship, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati has instituted a financial misconduct hotline to allow employees, volunteers, vendors and other interested parties to report what they believe to be financial misconduct at any level – parish, deanery or archdiocese. As an additional safeguard, the hotline is administered by an independent third-party company, EthicsPoint. You may report a concern on this hotline either by calling one of EthicsPoint's trained specialists at 1.888.389.0381 or by visiting the website www.ethicspoint.com. There is also a link on the Archdiocesan website, www.CatholicCincinnati.org, under Ministries and Offices > Finance Office > "To Report Financial Misconduct." (on menu on left-hand side of page) > "File a Report" (at top of page).

MARTHA DINNER - Women (high school age women and through the age of 45) interested in learning about religious life today are invited to join Bishop Joseph Binzer at a Martha Dinner, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., April 8, 2013, at St. Denis Parish in Versailles, OH. The evening will include prayer, reflections by Bishop Binzer, a PowerPoint presentation on discernment, a meal and the opportunity to meet women religious. For more information and to register contact Mary Yarger, C.P.P.S. at vocations@cppsadmin.org or 937.837.3302). This event is being sponsored by the Vocation Ministers of the Greater Cincinnati Area and the Archdiocesan Vocation Office.

(To be included during the weekend of March 9 - 10.)

VISION FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - Last August, the Archdiocese released "Lighting the Way: A Vision for Catholic Schools." This Vision provided a clear plan for the future of the 114 Catholic schools of the Archdiocese. We have now reached the six-month mark of implementing our Vision. As a result, the Archdiocese has released a six-month update that describes the progress on the Vision. We are working hard to ensure a strong, high quality, authentically Catholic school education for the children of the Archdiocese. For more information, please visit the Education page of the Archdiocesan website: www.catholiccincinnati.org/education (select "Lighting the Way").

ARCHDIOCESE PILGRIMAGE SOCIETY - Join Fr. Benedict O'Cinnsealaigh, rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, on a 12-day pilgrimage to Ireland July 1 - 12, 2013, with the Companions of St. James, the pilgrimage society of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati established by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr in 2012. The Companions of St. James fosters faith formation in the spirit of the New Evangelization through international pilgrimages by parishioners from across the Archdiocese. For more information, visit www.2013pilgrimage.com or call Michael Vanderburgh at 513.257.6266.