KEEPING CHRIST AT THE CENTER OF YOUR MINISTRY

In the busy-ness of ministry – which may involve meetings, plans, programs, projects, initiatives, and not enough hours in the day – it can be easy to forget the reason for it all. Some parish staffs have reported that an essential tool for keeping Christ at the center of their parish work is an extended period of faith formation at the beginning of every staff meeting. We encourage the use of the Christ at the Center resource (formerly Where Two or Three Are Gathered) included with this and every issue of Clergy Communications as an ideal tool for this. Obviously, faith formation does take time and time can be at a premium. Some staffs find that time by circulating written reports in advance and eliminating oral reports during the staff meeting. We have also heard that the extended faith formation has the practical effect of helping the staff to work together more effectively and efficiently, which is ultimately a time-saver as well. Here is a direct link to the Christ at the Center prayer resource http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/PrayerAid_EasterPentecost2013.pdf.

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

YEAR OF FAITH AND THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST/CORPUS CHRISTI

When Pope Benedict XVI spoke of the reasons for instituting the Year of Faith, he hoped that this time would help the faithful to “intensify the celebration of the faith in the liturgy, especially in the Eucharist, which is the summit towards which the activity of the Church is directed and also the source from which all its power flows” (Porta fidei, n.9).

On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 2, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. (Rome time), Pope Francis will be celebrating a Holy Hour and has asked that churches across the world, as far as possible, celebrate a Holy Hour in union with him. In the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, that means at 11:00 a.m. Many parishes have Masses during that time; however, parishes might consider celebrating a Holy Hour or even an extended period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the last Mass of the morning in union with Pope Francis or at some other time.

Moreover, this is an appropriate day for a procession with the Blessed Sacrament through the streets. On this day (or on a day near this feast), “It is fitting that a Eucharistic
procession begin after the Mass in which the host to be carried in the procession has been consecrated. A procession may also take place, however, at the end of a lengthy period of public adoration.” (HCWEOM, 103)

Additionally, careful preparation and celebration of the Eucharistic liturgy on this day is of great importance. This feast day provides a wonderful opportunity for preaching on the Eucharist and providing catechetical materials on the Eucharist. To that end, the Worship Office is providing on our website a homily text for the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; bulletin inserts highlighting the relationship between the celebration of the Eucharist and Exposition/Adoration and types of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament; and a worship resource for a Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction. Go to: http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/worship/liturgical-prep/year-of-faith-and-the-solemnity-of-the-most-holy-body-and-blood-of-christcorpus-christi/

In union with the Holy Father, Archbishop Schnurr will be celebrating a Holy Hour at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 2, 2013. All are welcome to join in this time of prayer for the Church, the needs of the world, vocations, families, and the needs of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

DEPARTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SERVICES

CHANCERY OFFICE

RECORD SEARCHES
We have been asked to search for the following baptismal records:

Roxanne C. Holland, born 1976; no additional information available.
Ernest Grote, Jr., born December 30, 1946, parents’ names: Ernest Grote, Sr. and Dorothy Metz.

Please search your baptismal register books and if any of the records are located, please contact the Chancery Office at 513.421.3131x2842. Thank you.

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

LOCAL SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATORS (SECs)
If you have not already done so, please advise Jackie Heinitz at jheinitz@catholiccincinnati.org of the (i) name, (ii) title, (iii) phone number, (iv) e-mail address, and (v) last four digits of Social
Security number for the person who will serve as Local Safe Environment Coordinator (“Local SEC”) for your parish, school or institution. All Local SECs are authorized to view the “Administration” tab on their VIRTUS® home pages. This tab allows each Local SEC to view the “Master Report” for his / her Parish, School, Institution, etc.

REQUIREMENT TO BE TRAINED / RE-TRAINED
Everyone in the Archdiocese must be trained / re-trained using VIRTUS® regardless of when any such persons were previously trained using our former training materials. The absolute last deadline for completing all VIRTUS® re-training is June 30, 2014. Please do not wait until this deadline to attend a VIRTUS® Session because there could be far fewer Sessions available during the last several months before the absolute last deadline arrives. To register for a VIRTUS® Child Awareness Session, please go to www.virtus.org (the VIRTUS® Home Page) and choose the yellow “Registration” link in the left hand column. Then choose “Register for a Session” and pick Cincinnati (Archdiocese of Cincinnati) from the drop down box. The registration instructions will then prompt you to set up a user name and password and ask some other questions. You can then sign up for any one of the many currently scheduled VIRTUS® Child Awareness Sessions from all across the Archdiocese. You can also find step-by-step VIRTUS® registration instructions on the Archdiocese website at: http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/Online-registration-instructions.pdf

FINGERPRINT / BACKGROUND CHECK UPDATE
Fingerprinting services may not always be available at the downtown or other Archdiocese of Cincinnati fingerprint locations. Therefore, if you are planning to go downtown or to another fingerprint location to be fingerprinted, please check the Archdiocesan website link for “Protecting Our Children / Archdiocesan Fingerprinting” first. Fingerprint site information is continuously updated to indicate if fingerprinting is or is not available during regularly scheduled times.

FINGERPRINTING OPPORTUNITY
On Wednesday, May 15, 2013, from 5:00 p.m. until finished, we will hold a fingerprinting / background check session for anyone who needs it at St. Mary Parish, 212 South High Street, Hillsboro, OH 45133. All are welcome to attend.

THE CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM
The USCCB is planning another “Fortnight for Freedom” in late June and early July to emphasize the value of our First Amendment right to religious liberty. The first such two-week observance was launched last summer after the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services set Affordable Care Act rules that required most religious institutions to provide contraceptive and abortifacient coverage in insurance programs for their employees. One of the more popular elements of last year’s observance in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati was a yard sign campaign. One thousand signs were distributed to parishes. This year we have arranged for parishes and other institutions within our boundaries to able to buy 24” x 18” corrugated plastic “Preserve Religious Freedom” signs at $4.26 per sign, with a minimum order of 10 required ($42.60.) That price includes stakes and delivery to your address via UPS. The artwork will remain the same as
last year. **Orders must be sent to the sign manufacturer by May 15 and will be delivered in early June.** You can find an order form online at [http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/parish_order_form.pdf](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/parish_order_form.pdf). A Catholic Telegraph staffer will be designated to help you if there are any problems.

**VOCATIONS OFFICE**

**PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION**
On Saturday, May 18, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will ordain Rev. Mr. Jerome Bishop and Rev. Mr. James Romanello to the Sacred Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Please pray for these men in these last few days of their preparation for Orders. Also, consider inviting young men from your parish who might be interested in pursuing the priesthood to attend the ceremony. Congratulations!

**DIACONATE OFFICE**

**DEACON ORDINATION**

The following men were ordained to the Permanent Diaconate at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church in Dayton on April 27, 2013:

**Deacon Marc A. Alexander:** Our Lady of the Visitation, Cincinnati  
**Deacon Dennis J. Berry:** Good Shepherd, Cincinnati  
**Deacon Michael H. Brock:** St. Columban, Loveland  
**Deacon Dale J. De Brosse:** Precious Blood, Dayton; St. Rita, Dayton; St. Paul, Englewood  
**Deacon Lawrence D. Gronas:** Holy Name, Trenton  
**Deacon Robert W. Gutendorf:** St. Peter, Huber Heights  
**Deacon Ralph M. Gutman:** Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dayton  
**Deacon Henry L. Jacquez:** Holy Trinity, Norwood  
**Deacon William K. LeCain:** St. Luke, Beavercreek  
**Deacon Michael J. Leo:** Holy Trinity, Dayton  
**Deacon Vincent T. Lutz:** St. John the Baptist, Dry Ridge  
**Deacon John T. Lyons:** Holy Family, Middletown  
**Deacon David M. McCray:** St. Peter, Huber Heights  
**Deacon Christopher A. Rauch:** St. Francis of Assisi, Centerville  
**Deacon Kenneth R. Schnurr:** St. John the Baptist, Dry Ridge  
**Deacon William J. Staun:** Holy Trinity, Norwood  
**Deacon David P. Steinwert:** St. Teresa of Avila, Cincinnati  
**Deacon Kenneth R. Stewart:** St. Augustine, Germantown  
**Deacon Louis F. Wong:** St. Susanna, Mason  
**Deacon David E. Zink:** St. Albert the Great, Kettering

Please remember these men and their families in your prayers as they dedicate themselves to the life of diaconal ministry. Congratulations!
ANNIVERSARY
Deacon R. Daniel Murphy will be celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the Diaconate on May 21. Deacon Murphy was ordained in the Diocese of Peoria in Illinois. He and his wife, Pris, moved to Cincinnati in July of 2005, and Deacon Murphy was assigned to St. Veronica Parish in Mt. Carmel, where he continues to serve.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING OFFICE

COMPENSATION PACKAGE FOR WOMEN AND MEN RELIGIOUS
A compensation package for women and men religious who work in the parishes and institutions in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati has been in effect since fiscal year 2000. These employees are eligible for the same benefits as lay employees. Beginning July 1, 2013 the “Other Benefits” that should be sent to the Religious Congregations have been revised to the following:

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Archdiocesan locations may make these payments monthly or quarterly to the congregations for women and men who are employed by parishes or institutions. Worker’s Compensation coverage is provided by the location through the self-funded program. Health care may be provided either by the location or by reimbursement to the religious order. In all cases, effective July 1, 2013, women and men religious will be responsible for a $31.00 monthly contribution to their health care premium. If you have any questions about these benefits, please feel free to contact Barb Walsh in the Finance Office at 513.421.3131x6603.

FLEXIBLE SPENDING (FSA) and DEPENDENT CARE (DC) BENEFIT TIMELINE
A new plan year for the FSA and DC benefits begins July 1, 2013 with participating employees enjoying the simplicity of utilizing the “Benny Card”. Chard Snyder, Inc. is working closely with Paycor and the Finance Office for a smooth implementation. If you have any questions about this benefit, please call Chard Snyder Customer Service at 800.982.7715. Payroll questions should be directed to the Paycor Specialist for your location or Annie Zoz in the Finance Office, 513.421.3131x2853. All Chard Snyder Flexible Spending Account Forms must be mailed or faxed to Kara Valle at Chard Snyder for receipt NO LATER than May 6, 2013. Forms CANNOT be emailed for participant’s privacy protection. If Chard Snyder has not received a participant’s enrollment form by May 6, 2013, the participant will have to wait until July 1, 2014 to enroll.

Any employee terminations or Leave of Absence holds should be faxed immediately to the Finance Office, (513.421.6225) and Chard Snyder, (513.459.9947). Please use the “Change of Status Request Form” located on the Finance Office website.

May 2013 Clergy Communications
Employees who are hired after July 1, 2013 and elect to enroll in the FSA or DC Plans are eligible to begin contributions the first pay period of the month following date of hire. Please send the “2013 Enrollment Form” to Chard Snyder and fax a copy to the Finance Office, 513.421.6225.

Monthly employee payroll deductions will be drafted from the parish or school account on the last business day of each month. Please call Steve Burger, 513.421.3131x2850 or Barb Walsh, 513.421.3131x6603, in the Finance Office with any questions.

PARISH ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE
Some parishes have not signed up for the group training for the July 1 conversion to the new parish software. If no one from your parish has attended a training session, please contact Anne Morrow at amorrow@catholiccincinnati.org as soon as possible. The remaining available training dates are May 7 at the Archdiocesan Central Offices in Cincinnati and May 8 at the Pilarczyk Center in Dayton for the chart of accounts training (approximately 2 hours in the mornings) and May 21 and 22 at the Archdiocese and May 24 at the Pilarczyk Center for the full day software training. The end of the fiscal year is quickly approaching. For those who have converted to the new software and have entered year to date information, we intend to use the system’s reports for the annual report which you prepare for the Archdiocese. Therefore, you will not need to prepare this report as you have in prior years. For those who convert on July 1, 2013, you will need to prepare your report as in prior years.

CONTRIBUTION ACKNOWLEDGMENTS
Although it is a donor’s responsibility to obtain a written acknowledgment, an organization (parish, school, etc.) can assist a donor by providing a timely, written statement containing the following information:

1. Name of organization
2. Amount of cash contribution
3. Description (but not value) of non-cash contribution.
4. Statement that no goods or services were provided by the organization in return for the contribution, if that was the case.
5. Description and good faith estimate of the value of goods or services, if any, that an organization provided in return for the contribution.
6. Statement that goods or services, if any, that an organization provided in return for the contribution consisted entirely of intangible religious benefits, if that was the case.

A separate acknowledgment may be provided for each single contribution of $250 or more, or one acknowledgment, such as an annual summary, may be used to substantiate several single contributions of $250 or more. Separate contributions of less than $250 will not be aggregated. An example of this could be weekly offerings to a donor’s church of less than $250 even though the donor’s annual total contributions are $250 or more. An organization can provide either a paper copy of the acknowledgment to the donor, or an organization can provide the acknowledgment electronically, such as via an e-mail addressed to the donor. Recipient organizations typically send written acknowledgments to donors no later than January 31 of the year following the donation. For the written acknowledgment to be considered contemporaneous with the contribution, a donor must receive the acknowledgment by the earlier of: the date on
which the donor actually files his or her individual federal income tax return for the year of the contribution; or the due date (including extensions) of the return.

**SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM**

All locations will soon be receiving the pre-invoices for the 2013-2014 property and liability insurance premiums. Please review these carefully and report any updates to us by May 31, 2013. Any price adjustments for deletions from the pre-invoices not reported by May 31 will not be adjusted until December 31. We have been striving to keep our costs that we pass along to the parishes as low as possible. One major factor in these costs is the excess insurance premium being charged by our re-insurer. We have been working with them to limit the increase and have had some success. There will be a few changes to the program which will help keep the increase in premiums being charged to a minimum. One significant change is that, for claims paid after June 30, 2013, the deductible for the reimbursement of losses due to employee dishonesty will be increased to $10,000 per year of loss. This amount will be limited to $30,000 total (3 years of losses over $10,000). Because of past claim experience, our premiums will increase despite our efforts to keep costs low. As it stands now, it appears that the increase in premiums will be in the 7 – 8% range. For budgeting purposes, the increase to the parishes will be a function of reinsurance and administrative costs, claims experience, and reinsurance recoveries achieved. Our Central Office has budgeted for an increase of 5 - 7%.

**RETIREMENT SEMINAR PRESENTATION**

A special presentation open to all Archdiocesan employees will be offered on Wednesday, May 29 at 3:30 pm in Kramer Hall at St. Luke Parish, 1440 North Fairfield Road, Beavercreek, Ohio 45432. Presenters will include Theresa Busher, Public Affairs Specialist with the Social Security Administration, and Barbara Walsh, Director of Employee Benefits for the Archdiocese. The topics to be covered will include when and how to apply for Social Security and Medicare, the Archdiocese supplemental medical insurance benefit, applying for Archdiocese of Cincinnati Lay Employee Pension Plan, 403b and 401K distribution options. There will be opportunities to ask questions during and after the presentation. Please call St. Luke Parish at 937.426.1733 to register. This will help us plan for attendance and to make sure we have enough materials on hand to distribute. If there are questions or concerns, please direct them to Barb Walsh in the Finance Office, 513.421.3131x6603.

**FAIR TRADE COFFEE SALES IN PARISHES**

“Fair Trade” is an approach to economic justice that seeks to secure a fair price for the actual producers of a product, safe working conditions, cooperative workplaces, credit and technical assistance, environmental stewardship, and long-term relationships between producers, vendors, and consumers. Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed the promise of this creative approach to “building economic democracy” in his encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate*:

> It is good for people to realize that purchasing is always a moral — and not simply economic — act. Hence the consumer has a specific social responsibility, which goes hand-in-hand with the social responsibility of the enterprise.... [I]t can be helpful to promote new ways of marketing products from deprived areas of the world, so as to guarantee their producers a decent return. (no.66)
For these reasons, Fair Trade has also been adopted as a successful model for international development efforts by Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the U.S. Catholic bishops’ official, global, humanitarian relief organization.

Parishes throughout the Archdiocese have enthusiastically stepped up to the plate to offer Fair Trade products to their parishioners (e.g. coffee, tea, chocolate, and crafts) and, in turn, secure a more dignified life for the producers of these products. In some parishes, these sales occur regularly after Masses, and in others, they just take place at occasional events. In some instances, parishes receive initial guidance from the Catholic Social Action Office and sales include some support for CRS, while other parishes initiate sales entirely on their own and work directly with their selected vendors.

Strongly affirming all these efforts, the Archdiocese Finance and Catholic Social Action Offices would like to share a few expectations regarding Fair Trade product sales to comply with IRS rules and ensure greater consistency throughout the Archdiocese:

1) Certain products, such as coffee, teas, and chocolate, are sold by vendors who have a special partnership with CRS. This partnership means that, through a simple indication from the parish to the vendor that it wishes to support CRS when buying the product, a percentage of the proceeds are donated by the vendor to CRS. As much as possible, we encourage parishes to consider this option. Learn more at www.crsfairtrade.org.

2) Sales should be conducted with scripted guidance from the original product vendor or from CRS. Visit www.crsfairtrade.org for general advice.

3) Sales should be conducted primarily by volunteers. While it is fine for parish staff to provide limited support of this work (such as financial oversight), the primary organizers of the program and sellers of the coffee should be volunteer parishioners.

If you have any specific questions, please contact Tony Stieritz in the Catholic Social Action Office at 513.421.3131x2661 or Pam Long in Dayton at 937.224.3026.

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, Wednesday, May 22 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 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 at mbarnes@fuse.net. A free will offering will take place. This program is sponsored by the Association of Pastoral Associates and Archdiocesan Office of Pastoral Services. Please see the flyer included with this mailing.

The Veteran’s Administration (VA) Medical Center in Cincinnati, Ohio will be hosting a FREE day of training, June 11, 2013, to learn more about the spiritual and community needs of returning Veterans. This event will take place at St. Joseph Church Hall, 745 Ezzard Charles Drive, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Pastors, priests, rabbis, imams, retired chaplains, Veterans Service Organizations’ chaplains, veteran patients and their families, pastoral associates and assistants are welcome. This day will include a free lunch and free resources. It is a good opportunity to learn more about the needs of veterans and how you and your faith community
can help. For more information or to RSVP please contact Chaplain Martin D. Smith-Soucier at 513.475.6307.

**OFFICE OF PRIESTS’ PERSONNEL**

**SENIOR CLERGY LUNCHEON**
The spring/summer senior clergy luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, at Bergamo Center in Dayton. The luncheon begins at 11:45 a.m. More information to follow. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Clarence Heis at 513.421.3131x2656.

**OFFICE OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN CATHOLIC MINISTRY**

It is with great pride that the Office of African American Catholic Ministries on behalf of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati announces the 2013 - 2014 Archbishop Karl J. Alter Scholarship Grant Awards. In 1964, Archbishop Karl J. Alter established the Archbishop Alter Scholarship – a four-year grant - to promote African American Catholic leadership among high school seniors who sought to pursue higher education. It is one of the ways the Archdiocese of Cincinnati assists in developing African American leaders who rise from their communities to affect change in our world. This year’s scholarship recipients have been awarded a four-year grant of $1000.00 per year. The Archbishop Karl J. Alter Scholarship Recipients for 2013 - 2014 are:

**Miss Nichelle Bailey**, the daughter of Charmetra Bailey, will graduate from Purcell Marian High School. Miss Bailey will be attending the University of Cincinnati and will pursue a degree in Early Childhood Education. Miss Bailey is a member of the Mother of Christ Church, Cincinnati.

**Miss Dominique Charron**, the daughter of Monica Charron, will graduate from Mount Notre Dame High School. Miss Charron will be attending The College of Mount St. Joseph and will pursue a degree in Nursing. Miss Charron is a member of St. Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church, Cincinnati.

**Miss Cydney A. Grayer**, the daughter of Ricardo K. Grayer, will graduate from William Mason High School. Miss Grayer will be attending Bowling Green State University and will pursue a degree in Theater Technology and Design. Miss Grayer is a member of the Church of the Resurrection, Bond Hill (Cincinnati.)

**Mr. Kenneth James McNeal**, the son of Jennifer H. McNeal and Kenneth McNeal, will graduate from La Salle High School. Mr. McNeal has been accepted at Capital University and will pursue a degree in Nursing or Education. Mr. McNeal is a member of Saint Clare Parish, College Hill (Cincinnati.)

**Miss Uwarobosa O’Basuyi**, the daughter of Mary and Victor O’Basuyi, will graduate from Springboro High School. Miss O’Basuyi will be attending Bellarmine University and will pursue a degree in Pre-Physical Therapy and Philosophy. Miss O’Basuyi is a member of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, Dayton.
FAMILY AND RESPECT LIFE OFFICE

CHRIST AT THE CENTER HOME EDITION – FAMILY PRAYER AIDE
(Pentecost & Ordinary Time – May 19-June 30, 2013) is an excellent family resource. It can be accessed at http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/evangelization-and-catechesis/. An insert is included with this mailing.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE MINISTERS (NACFLM)
The NACFLM is hosting its annual Conference in St. Louis on July 17 - 20, 2013. The Conference is titled: “Faith and Family in the New Evangelization: From the Heart of the Church to the Heart of the Home.” The Conference brochure has been mailed to all parishes in our diocese and you should receive it soon. A brochure is also available at http://www.nacflm.org. Please provide encouragement to your Priests, Deacons, Diocesan staff and Parish leadership to join us for this important Family Conference.

A MARRIAGE PREPARATION OPTION FOR COUPLES SEPARATED BY DISTANCE
This online program is a unique solution for couples separated by distance. Available on-demand, 24/7/365, it works with anybody’s schedule. It includes professionally-produced videos and interviews, premarital inventory, and 12 months of follow-up learning. Based on the Theology of the Body, decades of marriage prep experience, and solid Catholic teaching, the program has received an imprimatur from the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Call the Family and Respect Life Office at 513.421.3131x2624 if you have questions or visit http://www.catholicmarriageprepclass.com (on the Archdiocese of Chicago website).

SUPPORT FOR PERSONS WITH SAME SEX ATTRACTION
The Family and Respect Life Office (FARLO) does receive calls asking for a group or someone to talk to from the Church concerning same sex attraction. Although the Archdiocese does not have organized groups to refer persons to, we can connect persons to a member of the clergy, a religious, or trained lay person. Persons can call Colleen at 513.421.3131x2624 in Cincinnati, Noreen at 937.222.0227 in Dayton, and Josh at 937.492.4449 in the north. If someone is not there, encourage them to leave a message and someone will get back to them as soon as possible.

MASS FOR LOVED ONES WITH SENSORY DISORDERS (AUTISM)
St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish offers accommodations for Mass for families who have a loved one with sensory or special needs who cannot worship in a large church setting but would like to come back to church as a family and worship in community with the Holy Eucharist in a smaller setting. Mass is simulcast on the "big screen" in our smaller conference room every Sunday at noon. Call 513.777.4322 for more details or e-mail us at includeme@saint-max.org for more information or if your parish would like to start a similar mass offering. They would be happy to meet with you.

CHRIST AT THE CENTER & SUMMIT FOLLOW-THROUGH
Please plan to join us along with other members of your parish and school leadership for our second round of Follow-Through Sessions. Attendance at the Summit or previous follow-through session is not required.
Wednesday, May 29 – 1:00 p.m., Pilarczyk Center, Dayton  
Thursday, May 30 – 7:00 p.m., Northern Region, Location TBA  
Tuesday, June 4 – 1:00 p.m., St. Saviour Church, Blue Ash (Cincinnati)  
Wednesday, June 5 – 1:00 p.m., St. Dominic Church, Delhi (Cincinnati)

These Follow-Through Sessions will include presentations on “Emerging Models for Sacramental Ministry” and “Resourcing with Catholic Charities and Catholic Social Services.” There will also be roundtable discussions on these topics and “Best Practices for Developing Buy-in and Momentum in Your Parish or School” and “Tools for Further Promoting the Domestic Church.” Thank you for choosing to join us for these events. Please know that your participation and collaboration benefits the whole Church. You can register at any time by visiting www.christattthecenter.org.

INTRODUCING FERTILITY AWARENESS
The Family and Respect Life Office will be featuring an article in our monthly e-newsletter on Fertility Awareness. We will cover topics such as understanding your body’s natural cycles, natural methods of family planning, information for teens to middle age, and many other valuable resources will be featured. If you are interested in receiving our monthly e-newsletter, please subscribe here: Farlo E-News.

NEW VISIONS MINISTRY
Is helping those experiencing separation, divorce, or death of a spouse to heal and help cope with the stress of their loss. It gives members an outlet for understanding their emotions and finding ways to grow and eventually restructure their lives which will eventually lead them to a wonderful new place. Meetings are held every Monday (excluding holidays) at 7:00 p.m. at The Community of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8815 East Kemper Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45249. There are currently 50 active members who have become like family. There are no fees to belong and you do not have to be Catholic. For more information, please contact Sandra Smith at keeponmoving6772@aol.com. New Visions will be hosting a “Let the Good Times Roll” Dance with the band The Remains on Saturday, May 18 from 7:00 – 11:30 p.m., at the Community of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church. The cost is $15/person which includes two drink tickets and appetizers. For more information, visit The Community of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church website, call Sandy Smith at 513.563.1868 or email keeponmoving6772@aol.com.

FOCCUS TRAINING
Will be offered Sunday, May 19, 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m. (lunch included) at Corpus Christi Church, New Burlington. The cost is $80/couple. If you would like to register or get more information, please call 513.421.3131x2623 or x2621.

FREE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Finance Workshop will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 (noon) at the Pilarczyk Center, Dayton, Ohio.  
Introduction to Natural Family Planning and the benefits it can bring to you and your spouse will be held on Friday, May 31, 2013, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at St. Gertrude, Cincinnati, Ohio. Please contact the Family and Respect Life Office if you are interested in attending either of these workshops or for more information please go to farlocincinnati@catholiccincinnati.org.
2ND ANNUAL FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM
The Fortnight emphasizes 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. For additional information, please visit: http://www.usccb.org/news/2012/12-212.cfm or http://www.catholiccincinnati.org and click on “Preserve Religious Freedom” in the lower right hand column. To order your “Preserve Religious Freedom” signs, please refer to the article under the Catholic Telegraph section.

CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE
Sunday, June 2, 2013, 3:00 p.m. at the Newport Peace Bell, Newport, Kentucky. 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.

A PASTORAL APPROACH TO VIOLENCE
Wednesday, August 7, 2013. Training on domestic violence for catechists, parish staff, teachers, lay ministers, parish volunteers, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - at Ascension Church, in the Witzman Center, Kettering, Ohio. ECU’s available! For more information, contact Noreen Wendeln at 937.222.0227 or nwendeln@catholiccincinnati.org.

A CATHOLIC APPROACH TO INFERTILITY
A workshop for clergy, medical professionals, and couples struggling with infertility on Saturday, June 8, 2013, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 (noon) at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (7770 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45255). The guest speaker will be Dr. Patrick Yeung, MD, Director, Center for Endometriosis, St. Louis University. Witness couples will share their experiences. Sponsored by Mercy Health Partners, the Family and Respect Life Office, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, and FertilityCare TM Services – Cincinnati. For questions or to RSVP for this event, please contact Sylvia Corson at smcorson@fuse.net or 513.851.1188.

MISSION OFFICE

IF YOUR MISSIONARY HAS NOT CONTACTED YOUR PARISH, CALL THE MISSION OFFICE
Sometimes communications can break down among our MCP (Missionary Co-op Plan) guest speakers, our parishes, and the Mission Office. So let our office know if you are having difficulties. Your parish’s solidarity with our missionaries is most appreciated and needed as they often minister in difficult political, economic, religious, and social conditions. While they are at your parish, invite them to speak to your RCIA, adult, youth, summer Bible school programs or have dinner with your parishioners.

OUTSTANDING MISSION OFFICE DONATIONS
With the fiscal year coming to a close, the Mission Office needs outstanding donations collected at our parishes from World Mission Sunday and MCP. Please do not mix them with other collections. Mail mission collections DIRECTLY and addressed to: Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Mission Office, 100 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202 as they need to be
properly recorded in the Mission Office for the Vatican, Society of the Propagation of the Faith, and for the missionary orders. Please do **not** give MCP collections directly to the visiting missionary.

All missionaries accepted into our MCP know that 10% is taken out by the Mission Office to help those many other missionary organizations and dioceses that could not be accepted into MCP this year. MCP speakers also know that they are to have original letters of suitability in our office file and with them when they arrive to your parish. If you have any questions, please contact Melonise Knight at the Mission Office at 513.421.3131x2631. MANY THANKS!!

**HAVE ANY MASS SPIPENDS?**
Our missioners need them! Please share them with the Mission Office!

**PRIESTLY FORMATION OFFICE**

**FALL CONVOCATION**
**Date Change: Thursday, October 3, 2013.** Topic: “Creating a Culture of Vocations.” More details are forthcoming.

**FALL PRIEST'S RETREAT**
With Msgr. Frank Lane, October 14 - 18, 2013 at the Jesuit Retreat Center, Milford - Monday afternoon to Friday lunch. Msgr. Lane, a priest of the Diocese of Columbus, currently serves our seminary as spiritual director. He led a retreat with us a couple of years ago at Maria Stein, which participants rated highly.

**OTHER RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES**
A number of our priests have assignments (such as teaching) that make our current two retreats a year (February/March and October) unworkable. Also, a number of priests have indicated they would like to try a silent retreat. Of course, priests can make their own retreat arrangements, and the priestly formation office provides $400 for retreats. (Transportation costs can be reimbursed from the “professional reimbursement” account at ones primary assignment.) That said, if any priests of the Archdiocese would like to see a retreat organized for summer, and/or a silent retreat opportunity, please email Father Martin Fox, Director, at MFox@Catholiccincinnati.org, or call him at 513.421.3131x2650.

**WORSHIP OFFICE**

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
Sunday, May 12 is the celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

**YEAR OF FAITH**
**AND THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**
Sunday, June 2 is the day in which we recall the gift of Christ’s own Body and Blood as food for the journey. Please see Archbishop Schnurr’s announcement regarding special plans for this day. Also, resources for parish bulletins, a sample homily, and Holy Hour resource are available
REMINDER
Recently, the Archbishop received a letter from the Papal Nuncio for the United States expressing some concern regarding the proper wine for use at Mass. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* states: “The wine for the celebration of the Eucharist must be from the fruit of the vine (cf. Lk 22:18), natural, unadulterated, that is, without admixture of extraneous substances” (322). While we do not believe that this is a problem in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, please make sure that the bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist follows the prescriptions set forth in the GIRM (cf. 320 – 322).

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

LAUDATE: FORMING YOUTH FOR MUSIC MINISTRY: June 10 - 13, 2013 at Bergamo Center for Christian Living, Dayton, OH. The early-bird registration deadline of May 10, 2013 is approaching quickly. Registration forms and scholarship applications are available on the LAUDATE web page at http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/youth-ministry/services/youthleader/laudate/. Also, be sure to check out the following promotional video from last year’s Laudate participants to see how much they enjoyed it and how it affected their lives! http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=3YJNY28DdFM.

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

MAY, 2013 UPDATE: ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH ATHLETICS INITIATIVE
The third draft of the Archdiocesan Youth Athletics Charter has been reviewed by the Youth Athletics Task Force, as well as Archdiocesan attorneys, risk management and finance leaders. The fourth draft will reflect what we have learned from these further consultations. Please keep this in mind in reviewing the third draft, or in recommending that others review it – it’s not the final version, but it offers a solid view of where we are headed: http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/Charter-3rdDFT-4-20131.pdf.

There is one more scheduled Task Force meeting: June 1, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 (noon), at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Monroe, OH. We anticipate that the Charter will be finalized at the meeting and at that point ready for submission to the Archbishop for approval. Plans for Charter implementation will be presented and further explored at this meeting as well.

More information about the work of the Task Force is available on the Archdiocesan website here:  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, or sreynolds@catholiccincinnati.org.

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

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES
Visit the OYYAM website for details on these upcoming opportunities for young people:

- **IGNITE** is a high-energy, weekend discipleship retreat for youth in grades 7 and 8. Youth will experience Catholicism as a comprehensive way of life—igniting in them the desire to live as disciples and lead their peers for living the faith in their families, schools and activities. **June 7-9, Bergamo Conference Center.**

- **LAUDATE: Forming Youth For Music Ministry!** This popular four-day, three-night workshop features sessions in voice and other instruments used in liturgy. Teens will learn liturgy fundamentals and hear witnesses from those who work in the field. This program is designed for young people who love song, music, and faith, and want to bring them together in a fun community experience during the summer. Mark your calendars for **June 10-13, 2013 at Bergamo Conference Center.** Look for more information on our [website](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org).

- **CREDO: Do This In Memory Of Me:** Credo is a Eucharist-centered retreat and discipleship experience that gives young people an opportunity to grow in relationship with Christ. Always based on one of the four pillars of the Catechism, this year’s theme is Sacraments. **June 25-27 at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein.** [Learn More.](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org)

- **Rooted In The Vine** is a powerful retreat experience for youth on the Catholic themes of justice and service, full of fun and eye-opening opportunities that will challenge them to see from others’ perspectives and grow in love of God and neighbor. **July 14-19 at Cincinnati St. Vincent de Paul.** [Learn more.](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org)

- **Catholic Youth Summer Camp (CYSC)** is a high adventure camp that engages 6-8 graders in the sacramental life, mission, and work of the Catholic Church and challenges young people to embrace their baptismal call by living lives of holiness. **August 11 - 16, Woodland Lakes Christian Camp, Amelia.** [Learn more.](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org)

PLANNING FOR THE FALL AND BEYOND

- **Schedule a NET Retreat for the Fall, Winter or Spring:** NET (National Evangelization Team) Ministries offers super-charged, peer-led retreats for youth in grades 7 through 12. NET team members are authentic and powerful Catholic witnesses to Christ. Schedule a NET retreat to help your young people grow in commitment to Jesus Christ, the Church, and your parish or school. Dates for Fall 2013 are booking fast but many more are available in Winter/Spring 2014. To book a NET retreat, call Andrea Parker in our Dayton Office at 937.223.1001x5051, or for more information, go to our [website](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org).

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website: www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/youth-ministry/services/netministries.

- **Credo: When Did I See You?** will begin on Saturday morning (so as to avoid conflicts with Friday night football games) and will focus on morality and Christian living, the third pillar of the Catechism, “Life in Christ.” **October 12 & 13, Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller High School.**

- **The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)** is an exciting, 3-day experience for teens that includes keynotes, workshops, liturgy, prayer and worship, exhibits and special activities. With about 25,000 in attendance, it is also by far the largest Catholic youth gathering in the U.S. **November 20 - 24, Indianapolis. Learn more.**

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

Congratulations to the Catholic High School Senior Class of 2013! This year, almost 3,200 students will graduate from high schools throughout the Archdiocese. Over 99% will attend college.

MIAMI VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL APPRECIATION BANQUET
All priests and religious are welcome to attend the annual Miami Valley Catholic School Appreciation Banquet. At this banquet, we will honor the exceptional and hard-working teachers, pastors, administrators, and staff members of our Catholic schools throughout the Dayton and Northern Regions. The banquet will take place on Tuesday, May 7 at the Presidential Banquet Center in Kettering. For more details, or to RSVP, please contact the Dayton schools office at 937.223.5151x5001 or jmaschinot@catholiccincinnati.org. The banquet for the Cincinnati area took place in the month of April.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUMMIT
The University of Dayton will be hosting a Catholic Education Summit on July 12, 2013. The focus of the Summit will be Urban Catholic School Education. The Summit will include interactive sessions from prominent speakers and researchers from across the country. All members of the clergy, teachers, catechists, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend. Virtual attendance is also possible for those who do not wish to travel to UD. For more information please visit: www.udayton.edu/education/cce/catholic_education_summit/index.php.
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.

NCEA IFG: ACRE EDITION AVAILABLE: FALL 2013
The NCEA ACRE (Assessment of Catechesis/Religious Education) is currently undergoing a two-year revision process in which about 30 percent of items will be replaced. The revision began in 2011 and the new faith assessment tool will debut September 2013. ACRE was last revised in 2001, and that edition is still in use today. The revision of NCEA’s popular religious education assessment for students in Catholic schools and parish religious education programs will be known as NCEA Information for Growth: Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education. We will refer to it in its shorter form as NCEA IFG: ACRE edition. Below are some important things for parents, guardians, teachers, parish catechetical leaders, principals, and diocesan leaders to know about the revision:

- Please plan now to put into your 2013-14 budget the cost of new assessment booklets. For NCEA members, booklets will cost $1.20 each, the same price as now. For non-members, the cost of booklets is $1.55 each. Costs will remain the same for all revised assessment materials, including booklets, answer sheets and shipping. Answer sheets are $2.75 for NCEA members and $3.50 for non-members. The cost of scoring and generating reports is built into the price of the answer sheets. The same answer sheets will be used for the new NCEA IFG: ACRE edition assessment tool that are now being used for the current NCEA ACRE (2001 edition).
- The ability to pre-order materials for the new NCEA IFG: ACRE edition will not be available until July 1, 2013. PLEASE DO NOT PLACE ORDERS FOR THE NEW ASSESSMENT UNTIL THEN. Orders will be shipped beginning in August 2013.
- NCEA and CA&L understand that budgets can be tight and that some schools and parishes that use the assessments for two or three grades may have difficulty in affording new booklets for all levels in one year. Accordingly, the 2013-14 school year (from September 2013 through June 2014) will be a transitional year, where CA&L will score both the old (2001) and revised (2013) assessment tools. Beginning July 1, 2014, only the revised assessment tool will be available and scored. We urge schools and parishes to plan now to adopt the revised assessment in 2013 in at least one level.
- NOTE: Booklets for the current ACRE (2001 edition) will only be sold through June 30, 2013, for those few institutions planning to delay the use of the new assessment tool for a year.
- The preferred method for ordering both the ACRE and the NCEA IFG: ACRE edition materials is by going to CA&L’s website (http://ncea.caltesting.org/). A credit card is not required to order materials online – an invoice can be sent. CA&L will also process orders received by mail and fax.
- For the cognitive section of the revised assessment, the number of domains, or areas of questioning in core faith concepts, will change from eight domains to six domains. These six domains will match the six tasks of catechesis found in both the General Directory for Catechesis and the National Directory for Catechesis. The six domains are: 1) Knowledge of the Faith; 2) Liturgical Life; 3) Moral Formation; 4) Prayer; 5) Communal Life and 6) Missionary Spirit.
ACRE Level 2 and ACRE Level 3 (for eighth- or ninth-graders and eleventh- or twelfth-graders respectively) will align fully with the USCCB document, *Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework for the Development of Catechetical Materials for Young People of High School Age*. The current version already addresses more than 80% of the major areas of the Framework.

The revision will maintain developmentally appropriate expectations of cognitive and affective maturation across the lifespan, so that rigor increases from fifth-grade through twelfth-grade.

The administration and interpretation manuals will be rewritten to make them more practical and user-friendly. The interpretation manual will include tips for aligning 2001-edition results with 2013-edition results. An updated training video will also be produced in the next year or two.

A Spanish-language version of the revised assessment tool will be available, as it is now.

Information for Growth (IFG), NCEA’s assessment tool for adults, is not affected by the ACRE revision process. It was revised in 2006 and costs $6.50/per person for NCEA members and $8.25 for non-members. It is a great tool to help teachers, catechists, parents and other adults understand their own level of religious knowledge.

An online version of an ACRE-type student assessment tool is still a few years away. IFG for adults is available online now.

The ordering, processing and generating of reports will continue to be done through Computerized Assessments & Learning (CA&L), located in Lawrence, Kansas.

NCEA Religious Education Department staff will continue to be available for support.

To learn more about the newly revised assessment tool, please visit NCEA’s website: [http://www.ncea.org/news/pressrelease/article.asp?article_id=467](http://www.ncea.org/news/pressrelease/article.asp?article_id=467). You may contact Sean Ater with questions or concerns at 513.421.3131x2733.

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHWESTERN OHIO**

**NEW WEBSITE**
Catholic Charities has redeveloped and re-launched its website. It also has a new domain address – [www.ccswoh.org](http://www.ccswoh.org).

**REFUGEE SERVICES ESOL VOLUNTEERS**
Catholic Charities is in need of volunteers to help with its English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes that are a part of the agency’s Refugee Resettlement Program. Volunteers do not need to know a language other than English. These refugees are men, women and children fleeing third-world war, poverty and persecution. They are brought by the U.S. Government to the United States to live in Cincinnati; and are served by the Catholic Charities Refugee Program. English is the main key to establishing a beachhead for life in America; and the ESOL Program serves as many as 60 students a day with one full-time ESOL Lead Teacher, aided by a corps of volunteers. If you know someone who can volunteer to provide a few hours a month, or a week, or a day, to aid in the continuation of this vital program, please contact Mike Dutle, Catholic Charities Volunteer Coordinator at 513.241.7745 or [mdutle@ccswoh.org](mailto:mdutle@ccswoh.org).

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MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH
It’s a time to erase the stigma of mental illness and encourage individuals, couples, and families to seek help if: 1) their symptoms cause significant distress; 2) their problems are affecting major areas of their life; or 3) their problems are putting them at risk of divorce, job loss, school expulsion or other potential losses. As one of our region’s largest providers of mental health services, Catholic Charities knows that at some point everyone can benefit from talking to a professional counselor. Every day our counselors (Spanish speaking available) help adults and children learn to cope with a myriad of problems that prevent a rich, rewarding and happy life. This month we encourage anyone who thinks counseling may be helpful, to make an appointment with a licensed professional counselor. Just as physical problems typically are covered by private insurance, so too are emotional problems. Counseling at Catholic Charities is covered by most health insurance carriers, including the Archdiocese and Medicaid. Funding from the United Way of Greater Cincinnati provides for a sliding fee scale for non-insured clients. Anyone, regardless of age, faith or ability to pay, is encouraged to call 513.385.9600 if they think counseling may be helpful.

PARENTING & LIFE ISSUES WORKSHOPS
(contact Sandy Keiser at 513.241.7745 or skeiser@ccswoh.org)
- **Life Issues Workshop** – “How are You Doing: Dealing with Life after the Disaster” – May 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rivervalley Community Center, 30 Wells Street, Moscow, Ohio. It is a program for children, adults and teens. The workshop focuses on the one-year anniversary of the tornado that went through Northern Kentucky and Clermont County and will be presented by Sandy Keiser, LISW-S and the Mental Health Services counselors of Catholic Charities. Refreshments and child care will be provided. There is no fee.
- **Parenting Workshop** – “Parents, Kids & Boundaries” – May 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, Fairfield, 3050 Mack Road. Fee is $15/person. Learn what you can do to establish clear boundaries and limits in your family.

PARENTING EDUCATION CLASS
(contact Pam Mortensen at 513.863.6129 or pmortensen@ccswoh.org)
- **Parents of School Age Children (6-12 years)** at Holy Family Church, Middletown. Each class is from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. There is no fee for Butler County residents and a fee of $60/individual and $80/couple for non-residents. It is an 8-week program (May 7-July 2) for at-risk parents and parents trying to learn new parenting skills.

CAREGIVER ASSISTANCE NETWORK WORKSHOPS
(contact Margaret Iannaci at 513.929.4483 or miannaci@ccswoh.org)
- **Everyone Needs Support: The Need to Talk (St. Mary, Franklin)** – May 14 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary, 115 S. Main Street, Franklin, Ohio 45005. Learn the true value of caregiver support groups. No fee.
- **Everyone Needs Support: The Need to Talk (Hyde Park)** – May 15 at 2:00 p.m. at the Marjorie P. Lee Retirement Community, Hyde Park, 3550 Shaw Avenue.
- **Everyone Needs Support: The Need to Talk (St. Susanna, Mason)** – May 28 at 7:00 a.m. at St. Susanna (Schuh Center), 616 Reading Road, Mason, Ohio 45040.
- **Everyone Needs Support: The Need to Talk (St. Michael, Sharonville)** – May 30 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael, 11144 Spinner Street, Sharonville, Ohio 45241.
SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

COMMENORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PACEM IN TERRIS (PEACE ON EARTH)
The Archdiocese and other local organizations organized a powerful celebration of this timeless message of Blessed John XXIII on April 18 at Xavier University’s Cintas Center. The day consisted of a gathering of over 300 students and 40 teachers from high schools throughout the Archdiocese, welcomed by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr and Xavier President Fr. Michael Graham. In the evening, Mr. John Carr, who recently retired as the Executive Director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development, offered an energizing reflection on living out Peace on Earth in our times. Articles and photos of these events can be viewed at The Catholic Telegraph and at www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction. The commemoration can continue in parishes through the JustFaith Ministries’ 12-week module for small faith groups, “JustPeacemaking: The Challenge and Promise of Nonviolence for Our Time.” This transformative program has already been well received in several parishes, and it can be run by one or two parishioners or staff who will receive complete guidance for facilitations from JustFaith Ministries. The program has been updated to reflect both the 50th anniversary of Pacem in Terris and Pope Benedict XVI’s final World Day of Peace Message, “Blessed Are the Peacemakers.” Please contact the Archdiocese Catholic Social Action Office for more information at 513.421.3131 x2660 or csa@catholiccincinnati.org.

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO STATEWIDE ADVOCACY
The Ohio Catholic bishops are encouraging advocacy around a variety of issues related to the state’s 2014-15 biennial budget. These include:

Protecting Human Life;
Supporting Expanded Health Care;
Prioritizing the Poor and Vulnerable;
Promoting Fair Tax Policies; and
Supporting Families who Choose Catholic Schools

To download action alerts on these items and learn more, please visit www.ohiocathconf.org.

JOIN THE JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS POSTCARD CAMPAIGN!
Archbishop Dennis Schnurr has made an appeal to all parishes to consider hosting educational events on the Church’s regarding migration and to conduct a postcard advocacy campaign. We know that there are many details and improvements to what has been introduced in the U.S. Senate to be worked out. Still, now may be the time to achieve this long sought-for dream to restore order to a broken system and respect the human dignity of those who have fled poverty and danger to protect themselves and their families. The U.S. Catholic bishops are continuing their strong call for a comprehensive reform that provides:

- A path to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented in the nation;
- The protection and enhancement of the family-based immigration system, including the reduction in backlogs and shortening of waiting times for husbands and wives and their families;
- A program which allows low-skilled workers to enter and work in the United States legally and safely and includes appropriate wage and worker protections;
- The restoration of due process protections for immigrants removed by the 1996 Illegal Immigrant Responsibility Act; and
- Policies which address root causes, or push factors, or irregular migration, such as persecution and the absence of living wage jobs in sending communities.

The Catholic Social Action Office is collecting thousands of postcards articulating the Church’s position from parishes throughout the Archdiocese to deliver them personally to local legislators. If you are interested in obtaining some for a parish group or a parish-wide campaign, or if you would like to host an educational event on Church teaching and migration, please contact Dave Scharfenberger at 513.421.3131x2611.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION
Please turn in the Catholic Relief Services 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 E. 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 the 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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL
Checks for CRS Rice Bowl should be sent to the Finance Office, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 100 E. 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. The deadline for submitting a CRS Rice Bowl Challenge Grant is Friday, May 31. For more information, please call Pam Long at the Catholic Social Action Office in Dayton, 937.224.3026.

ANNUAL FARM MASS 2013
Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will celebrate the 2013 Farm Mass for the people of St. Marys and Sidney Deaneries on Thursday, June 20, at 7:00 p.m. at Ryan and Krista Schmitmeyer’s Farm, 6504 State Route 242, Versailles, OH 45380. Century Farm Awards will be presented during Mass. People are asked to bring lawn chairs. The Mass will be outdoors or under roof if it rains. A dessert reception will take place after the Mass. The Farm Mass is an annual tradition of The Catholic Rural Life Conference of the two deaneries. For more information, please contact Pam
Long, Regional Director, Catholic Social Action Office, 937.224.3026, or by email plong@catholiccincinnati.org.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**SAVE THE DATE!**
The 49th Annual Melchisedech Open will be held on **Monday, August 5, 2013** at the PipeStone Golf Club in Miamisburg, OH. All priests and permanent deacons of the Archdiocese are invited. Further information will appear in *Clergy Communications* in subsequent months.

**DONATION OF CLEANING CARTS**
A generous donor has approached the Archdiocese with a donation of nearly-new Rubbermaid cleaning carts, to any parish or school that would like them. If interested, please email Michael Vanderburgh in the Stewardship Department at Michael@CatholicAppeal.info.

Please submit articles for the June *Clergy Communications* before May 23, 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).

MASS FOR LOVED ONES WITH SENSORY DISORDERS - If you have a loved one with sensory or special needs who cannot worship in a large church setting but you would like to come back to church as a family and worship in community with the Holy Eucharist in a smaller setting...PLEASE JOIN US at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish (5720 Hamilton-Mason Road, Liberty Township, OH 45011.) Call 513.777.4322 for more details or e-mail us at includeme@saint-max.org. Mass is simulcast on the "big screen" in our smaller conference room every Sunday at noon. The Holy Eucharist is brought to the room. Loved ones are able and encouraged to be comfortable - they can pace, sing, fidget, use our pillows. We worship together, pray together, sing together, hear the Word, share the sign of peace, and participate in Holy Communion together---as Jesus smiles upon us. Or if your parish would like to start a similar mass offering, we would be happy to meet with you. There are many different gifts, but it is always the same Spirit; there are many different ways of serving, but it is always the same Lord. There are many different forms of activity, but in everybody it is the same God who is at work in them all (1st Corinthians 12:4-6). Come worship and share your God-given gifts with other families who understand.

NEW VISIONS - A Good Shepherd ministry for those who are divorced, separated or widowed will be hosting “Let the Good Times Roll” Dance with the band The Remains on Saturday, May 18 from 7:00 – 11:30 p.m., at the Community of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church. The cost is $15/person which includes two drink tickets and appetizers. For more details, visit The Community of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church, call Sandy Smith at 513.563.1868 or email keeponmoving6772@aol.com.

NEW VISIONS MINISTRY is helping those experiencing separation, divorce, or death of a spouse to heal and help cope with the stress of their loss. It gives members an outlet for understanding their emotions and finding ways to grow and eventually restructure their lives which will eventually lead them to a wonderful new place. Meetings are held every Monday (excluding holidays) at 7:00 p.m. at The Community of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8815 East Kemper Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45249. There are currently 50 active members who
have become like family. There are no fees to belong and you do not have to be Catholic. For more information please contact: Sandra Smith at keeponmoving6772@aol.com.

**To be printed June 15-16, 2013 for the occasion of Father’s Day** - Beloved God, we thank you for giving us Dad and for the many ways he shows us your fatherly care. On this, his special day, we ask you to bless him with your peace and joy. Give him the strength and understanding he needs to care for us as a family. Help us to appreciate more all he does for us and to show him how much we love him. Amen.

**FREE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES** - Finance Workshop will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 (noon) at the Pilarczyk Center, Dayton, Ohio. **Introduction to Natural Family Planning** and the benefits and can bring to you and your spouse will be held on Friday, May 31, 2013 at 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at St. Gertrude, Cincinnati, Ohio. Please contact the Family and Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese if you are interested in attending either of these workshops or for more information at farlocincinnati@catholiccincinnati.org.

**CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE** – Sunday, June 2, 2013, 3:00 p.m. – Newport Peace Bell, Newport, Kentucky. 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.

**A CATHOLIC APPROACH TO INFERTILITY** - Saturday, June 8, 2013, 8:30 – noon at Immaculate Heart of Mary (7770 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45255) A workshop for clergy, medical professionals, and couples struggling with infertility with guest speaker, Dr. Patrick Yeung, MD, Director, Center for Endometriosis, St Louis University. Witness couples will share their experiences. Sponsored by: Mercy Health Partners, The Family and Respect Life Office, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, and FertilityCare TM Services – Cincinnati. For questions or to RSVP for this event contact Sylvia Corson at smcorson@fuse.net or 513.851.1188.