



*Wishing Everyone
a Blessed Thanksgiving*

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

PRIESTLY FORMATION OFFICE

ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION FOR PRIESTS

The Advent Day of Reflection for Priests has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 6, 2017 from 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Transfiguration Center in West Milton, Ohio.

ANTI-PORNOGRAPHY INITIATIVE

In cooperation with various other offices of the Archdiocese, we have arranged for Father Sean Kilcawley of Integrity Restored to give a presentation for priests who are interested in learning more about effective ministry to those addicted to pornography. We have scheduled this event for **Thursday, January 11, 2018 at the Bergamo Center, Dayton**. We will begin at 11:00 a.m., have a presentation followed by a working lunch and will be finished around 2:30 p.m. (This will be a good opportunity to get a basic introduction to this ministry. Father Kilcawley intends to return to the Archdiocese in the last week of June for a 4/day intensive workshop.)

WINTER/SPRING PRIEST RETREAT

The Winter/Spring Retreat for Priests of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati has been scheduled for Monday, February 26 starting at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 12:00 noon on Friday, March 2, 2018 at Maria Stein. Fr. Matthew Summe, LC, will be our speaker.

TEACHING THE FAITH

For priests who would like to try something new in their attempts to catechize the faithful, there is a monthly digital publication, *Teaching the Faith*, by the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars. Back issues are available on their website (<http://catholicscholars.org/TTFlist.php>).

2018 SCHOOL PASTORS' INSTITUTE

The University of Notre Dame is sponsoring two School Pastors' Institutes. The first begins on Monday, June 25, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. and ends on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.; the second begins on Monday, July 16, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. and ends on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. The program includes sessions on the Pastor as Spiritual Leader, the Pastor and Principal Relationship, going from fundraising to development, and welcoming Latino families to Catholic Schools. The Priestly Formation Office has funds to cover the registration fee. If you would like more information, please contact Bishop Joe Binzer at jbinzer@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.263.6601. Thanks.

VOCATION OFFICE

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK – NOVEMBER 5-11, 2017

- **New Website for Vocation Awareness Week materials:** Vianney Vocations, the company that has produced most of our vocation awareness materials and all the Vocation Lessons for Catholic educators over the last few years has launched a new website for National Vocation Awareness Week. Visit: www.vocationawarenessweek.com to look at the many resources available to help your parish celebrate this week!
- **Attention All Teachers/Catechists/Youth Ministers - Vocation Awareness Lesson Plans Available:** Each year, the Vocation Office makes available complete Vocation Awareness lesson plans for teachers of all grade levels, both in Catholic schools and PSR programs. These educational materials can be used anytime throughout the school year. All parishes and schools have access to those materials at www.vocationlessons.com with access code: **CinciVocations513**. You may also supplement the lessons by allowing your students to access materials using the student code: **StFrancis513**. If you cannot use these materials during National Vocation Awareness Week, please make a plan to use them some other time during the 2017-2018 school year.
- **Statewide Holy Hour For Vocations:** The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is celebrating with all of Ohio a Day of Adoration for Vocations on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. All the details about this day of prayer can be found at <http://www.cincinnati.vocations.org/additional-resources/statewide-adoration/>. There you will find a full list of host communities and an interactive map of all the host sites that can be filtered by diocese, deanery or prayer time. All are encouraged to help promote the holy hours nearest to them and to invite all to join in prayer on that day. If you'd like to add your parish as a host community, please contact Wayne Topp at 513.421.3131x2891 or wtopp@catholiccincinnati.org.
- **Bible Reading Novena:** The Serra Club of Cincinnati is hosting nine days of praying for Vocations through a reading of the entire Bible from November 4-12, 2017 at St. James of the Valley in Wyoming. The club is looking for people to join with them in praying for priestly and religious Vocations throughout the nine days. To join in reading or for more

information about the novena visit: www.cincyserravocations.org and click on “Bible Reading Novena” under the “What We Do” tab.

- **Bring the Minor Prophets Basketball Team to Your Parish**

This is a team of seminarians who have fun playing basketball with grade school eighth graders and older young people. Their limited schedule fills quickly, so now is the time to seriously consider the opportunity for young parishioners to associate with the seminarians in a relaxed setting. Your contact is Deacon Scott Perry. Please email him at sperry@seminary.mtsm.org with copy to tmcquillen@athenaeum.edu. Please bring this opportunity to the attention of your school principal and athletic association officers.

MEN’S DISCERNMENT RETREAT COMING IN THE FALL

This year’s men’s priesthood discernment retreat will take place starting in the evening on November 17 and will finish in the afternoon on November 19, 2017 at the Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, OH. If there is a young man in your parish (college age and older) who has expressed interest in the priesthood, please ask him to consider this weekend at no cost to him. It is filled with practical conferences and ample opportunities for silent reflection. Any questions, contact the Vocation Office.

SAVE THE DATE: DINNER FOR YOUNG WOMEN IN DISCERNMENT

Are you a Pastor, a Parish Young Adult Minister, a Campus Minister who knows a young woman you think may have a call to the Consecrated Life? If your answer is yes, consider inviting her and accompanying her to a gathering at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Lebanon on March 14, 2018. This will be an opportunity to meet young women in one of the varied Consecrated Life options present in the Archdiocese, to meet with other young women considering this call and to meet Vocation Ministers. Further details will be available along with how to register. For now, please consider whom you might invite and mark your calendar.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR

- **November 5-11:** Vocation Awareness Week
- **November 8:** Statewide Adoration for Vocations
- **November 17-19:** Men’s Discernment Retreat
- **February 3-4, 2018:** World Day for Consecrated Life
- **April 22, 2018:** World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- **April 28, 2018:** Transitional Diaconate Ordination
- **May 19, 2018:** Priesthood Ordination

Please see the **Bulletin Announcements section** for more information on each of the following:

- November 10-12: Dominican Friars Discernment Retreat
- November 10-12: Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker Discernment Retreat
- November 10-12: Sisters of Providence Discernment Retreat
- November 11-12: Discernment Retreat with Ann Arbor Dominicans
- November 12: Holy Hour for Vocations at the Athenaeum
- November 17-19: Archdiocesan Discernment Retreat for young men

- November 22-26: Come and See Mission Trip with Glenmary Home Missioners
- December 14: Chosen Monthly Holy Hour for Vocations
- December 14-18: Silent Discernment Retreat with Regnum Christi

DEPARTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SERVICES

CHANCERY OFFICE

FRAUDULANT ALERT

An individual using the name of John Modler has been presenting himself as a brother of a religious order. It has come to our attention that he is not a brother and anyone that comes in contact with this person should notify the Chancery Office immediately.

OCTOBER COUNT GRID 2017

Please see that the 2017 October Count forms are completed and returned to the Chancery by **November 10**. Please note that the grid may be completed online at:

http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/octobercount/october_count_form_electronic.pdf.

The password for this online version is printed on the October Count Grid that was mailed with the September 2017 edition of *Clergy Communications*, or may be obtained by contacting Lisa Weber at 513.421.3131x2842 or lweber@catholiccincinnati.org. Thank you.

OFFICIAL CATHOLIC DIRECTORY (OCD) 2018 UPDATE SHEETS – A NEW ONLINE SYTEM

The National Register Publishing, the company that collects the data for the *Official Catholic Directory*, will be collecting the 2018 data from all parishes and organizations through an **online system** versus the previous system of mailing your completed sheets to the Chancery Office.

Parishes and organizations will receive a US postal mailing from the *The Official Catholic Directory* ® P.J. Kenedy & Sons with brief instructions enclosed and a link to access the system so you can set-up an account and update your listing online. You will receive the same outer envelope that has the “URGENT – OCD Update Request” text on the front. The notifications will go out to the parishes and organizations in early November. Please watch for the mailing!

NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLECTION

As a reminder, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will be taking up a special collection on **Friday, December 8, 2017**, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, to support the work of completing the mosaic of the Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. As with other special collections, please forward the proceeds to the Archdiocesan Finance Office.

OFFICE FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

The dates for this collection are now right around the corner, December 9 and 10. The billboards will be appearing once again in the Cincinnati area and the TV spot will begin appearing

Thanksgiving weekend. If you would like a picture of the billboard for your bulletin, I can email it to you. Contact me at mkerber@catholiccincinnati.org. The TV spot will be on the Office for Consecrated Life webpage at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/religious/rfr/>. If your worship space has the capability of showing media, you may wish to use it to promote this collection or perhaps link to it on your website. Thank you for your support of this, much-needed assistance to women and men religious.

2017 VOCATION POSTER

The poster should have arrived recently, two per parish. Please display it for your parishioners and, if you have a school, your students. Sixty women and men are pictured, approximately half are from parishes within the Archdiocese and the other half are in formation here. Please help make the option of the Consecrated Life visible to your community. Young women and men are responding to God's invitation and this is good news. I have a few extra posters, if somehow you were missed or could use another one, call 421.3131x2865 or email (see above) me.

OFFICE OF THE DIACONATE

DEACON MICHAEL ERB ASSIGNED TO ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA PARISH

At the request of Reverend Peter St. George, pastor, Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr has assigned Deacon Michael Erb to serve at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Montfort Heights. His assignment became effective October 11, 2017. We pray that God will continue to bless Deacon Erb in his ministry to God's Church and the people of St. Ignatius.

SENIOR STATUS DEFERRED

Archbishop Dennis Schnurr has accepted the request of Deacon Charles Jenkins to defer Senior Status. Deacon Jenkins was ordained September 26, 1976. He has served the Archdiocese of Cincinnati as a permanent deacon for forty-one years, all of which have been in service to Our Lady of Victory Parish in Delhi.

Thank you, Deacon Jenkins, for your many years of faithful service to God's Church and His people in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

BACKGROUND CHECK / CHILD PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

All "employees" and "regular volunteers" as defined in the July 1, 2013 *Decree on Child Protection (Decree)* must receive an acceptable background check, and must attend a VIRTUS® Child Awareness Session on the *Decree* before they can have contact with children. **If any employee or regular volunteer has not received an acceptable background check result and / or not attended a VIRTUS® Child Awareness Session on the Decree, that employee or regular volunteer is not approved to have contact with children and may not have contact with children.** In addition, each employee within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati must complete and sign a B.4 Form and send it to the Office of Safe Environment for Protection of Children and Youth before having contact with children.

USCCB ON-SITE AUDIT

Thank you for all your assistance in preparing for the onsite audit the week of September 11. I am proud to say that we passed all compliance items. One of the “Management Comments” concerned the Promise to Protect posters. The posters are essential in ensuring that potential victims are informed of services available to them. The posters are available in English and Spanish on our website for downloading or contact our office for copies.

ON-LINE REFRESHER REQUIRMENT

On-line refresher (1½ hour) is now required to reactivate the suspended account for any individual who has not completed 18 or more monthly bulletins. Individuals who meet this requirement will be identified through the use of the caution button in the VIRTUS database. Local SECs will have to contact Jackie Heinitz or Joe Riede to have the training assigned and the account reactivated. The individual will then have two weeks to complete the training. Once the local SEC has verified that the training is complete, the individual’s monthly bulletins will be reset and that person will not be responsible for past due bulletins. Please remember that the caution designation can only be removed by the Safe Environment Office. Procedures and instructions have been sent to all local SECs. If you have not received this information, please let Jackie know.

ON SITE SPOT AUDITS

The Office of Safe Environment started on-site audits in 2014. These audits focus on ensuring that employees and volunteers are in compliance with the Decree. We utilize various reports from payroll, AVS reports, visitor logs, etc. In conjunction with these audits, we will be starting random audits in September. The purpose of these audits is to ensure that all the volunteers and staff are in compliance. We will start with spot checking athletic events. We will make every effort to notify the local administration and local SEC of our presence. The Pastor or Principal will be notified if individuals are identified who are out of compliance. The coaches will be notified that they cannot have further contact with children and youth until they are in full compliance.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

ANTHEM DATA BREACH SETTLEMENT

Postcards and emails have been received by some employees pertaining to the data breach Anthem had in 2015. A class action was brought against Anthem, the case was settled and approved by the court in late August. As part of the settlement, Anthem has to provide an additional two years of credit monitoring to all impacted participants unless they elect not to be in the “class.” Everyone whom Anthem believes is a class member (i.e., any participant whose information may have been included in the breached data) should have received a notice by the end of October. In order to receive the credit monitoring, individuals must complete and return the postcard that they receive or complete a form online at www.DataBreach-Settlement.com. Additional information on the class action settlement can be found at: <https://anthemdatabreachlitigation.girardgibbs.com/>.

IMPORTANT NOTICE -- THE MEASUREMENT OF HOURS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017 NEEDS TO BE COMPLETE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA)

- The ACA requires that employers measure hours to determine which employees have earned the right to be offered health insurance coverage. The measurement of hours is also required for the IRS form 1094/1095. Business Managers need to have all employees' hours for calendar year 2017 recorded in BAS/My Enroll prior to 12/31/2017. The recording of hours has to be complete so that the data for the Form 1094/1095 can be processed, and forms printed and mailed to employees' homes per IRS regulations.
- The threshold hours in BAS to determine eligibility is an employee that averages 130 or more hours per month over the year ("lookback period").
 - For substitute teachers, assign 8 hours for each day worked, regardless if sub worked a half-day.
 - For teachers that are at the 15 classroom hours, assume an additional one hour per classroom hour to attain the 30 hour/week minimum.
 - If you have an employee that shares a job, for example, teaches part-time and works in the office part-time, always round up on hours.
 - If it is found that an employee is working at multiple locations and his/her hours total more than 130/month, each location will be notified and that employee must be offered health insurance for the stability period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 as long as any employment relationship exists for this employee. The only way that health insurance coverage can be discontinued is if the employee is terminated or resigns. Multiple locations will share in premium expense.
- Detailed instructions for inputting hours in the BAS/MyEnroll system are posted in the BAS Reference Library.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Just a reminder that the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements are due by December 1, 2017. Each year responsible individuals who hold decision making or policy setting positions or who purchase equipment, supplies or other goods, must sign the form.

The Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement can be downloaded at

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Conflict-of-Interest-Disclosure-Statement.pdf>.

As in the past, only Disclosure Statements that have potential conflicts of interest listed must be sent to the Director of Human Resources. All other Disclosure Statements must be kept in a confidential file (at your location) under lock and key.

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

Pursuant to the [Guidelines for Non-Renewal/Reduction in Force](#) and the [Serious Conduct Violations Policy](#), parishes and schools are required to consult with the Department of Human

Resources prior to terminating a parish or school employee as a result of a reduction in force, the non-renewal of a contracted employee (i.e., teacher), or for a serious conduct violation. In addition, we strongly encourage all locations to consult with the Department of Human Resources on any other employment termination of a parish or school employee not covered by the preceding sentence.

Additionally, when there is a separation of employment, the principal/pastor must complete the following worksheets [Termination/Discharge Worksheet](#) and [Unemployment Information Worksheet](#) and submit them to Rob Reid [rreid@catholiccincinnati.org] and Laurie Bush [ltheaker@sbcglobal.net] from T&W Employer Services [Third Party Administrator for Unemployment Compensation Claims].

Lastly, if a parish or school involuntarily terminates an employee, it is important that the parish/school supply the terminated employee the proper paperwork. When a termination occurs, the [Continuation of Coverage Letter](#) and the [Continuation of Coverage Rights](#) should be given to the employee. These documents outline the options available regarding continuation of health care coverage for up to 12 months. When terminating an employee, the Department of Human Resources has a Discharge Letter posted on the website that can be used as a template to outline the reason for the termination, the effective date and how the benefits are affected.

For your convenience, below are the URL addresses for any of the above mentioned links:

- Guidelines for Non-Renewal/Reduction in Force: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Guidelines-for-Non-Renewal-Reduction-in-Force2.pdf>.
- Serious Conduct Violations Policy: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Serious-Conduct-Violations.pdf>.
- Termination/Discharge Worksheet: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Termination-Discharge-Worksheet.pdf>.
- Unemployment Information Worksheet: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/Unemployment-Information-Worksheet.pdf>.
- Continuation of Coverage Letter: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Continuation-Coverage-Election-Notice-2017-2018.pdf>.
- Continuation of Coverage Rights: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Continuation-Coverage-General-Notice-2016-2017.pdf>.

DEPARTMENT OF PASTORAL LIFE AND EVANGELIZATION

OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS

CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULING

Christmas Eve/Day: Sunday, December 24 ~ Monday, December 25, 2017: The Fourth Sunday of Advent will be observed on Saturday evening, December 23, and Sunday morning, December 24, 2017. Christmas is to be observed Sunday evening, December 24 and Monday,

December 25, 2017. There is an obligation to participate at Mass for both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and for Christmas this weekend. Attendance at one Mass does not fulfill both obligations. Parishes might consider schedule adjustments this weekend due to the added Masses for Christmas.

New Year's Eve/Day: Sunday, December 31 ~ Monday, January 1, 2018: The Feast of the Holy Family will be celebrated the weekend of December 30/31, 2017. Monday, January 1, 2018, Mary, the Holy Mother of God, remains a holy day; however the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated in 2018. A Mass scheduled in the evening on Sunday December 31st, in anticipation of the January 1st Holy Day, does not fulfill the Sunday obligation for the Feast of the Holy Family.

Parishes are asked to make a special effort to inform the faithful of these calendar advisories and circumstances pertaining to Christmas and New Year this year.

RITE OF ELECTION

Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion: Sunday, February 18, 2018
Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, Cincinnati will take place at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dayton will take place at 3:30 p.m. only.

- The memo, information document and reservation form for Candidates and Catechumens will be posted on ODWS website at **12:00 Noon on Friday, December 15, 2017.**
- Completed forms are due to the ODWS on **Monday, January 15, 2018.** Names on forms received after this date will not be included in the program. Any changes to a previously submitted form will not be included in the program if received after this date.
- Please let us know if there are any individuals with special needs attending the Rite of Election so we can accommodate them accordingly.

LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

In consultation with the Deans, Archbishop Schnurr is once again asking parishes to schedule the **Light is On for You** on **Tuesday, February 27 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** Please watch for more information and resource materials.

CDWDS – CIRCULAR LETTER TO BISHOPS ON MATTER FOR THE EUCHARIST

In June, at the request of Pope Francis, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a circular letter regarding proper matter for the Eucharist. These norms are a reiteration of previous norms on proper matter for the Eucharist. To read the circular letter, go to:

http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/ccdds/documents/rc_con_ccdds_doc_20170615_lettera-su-pane-vino-eucaristia_en.html.

REVISION OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION HANDBOOK

The handbook for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is currently being revised. Please watch for updates and for programming that will be scheduled for spring 2018.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- **Lex Orandi, Lex Vivendi, Lex Credendi:** Mondays, February 19, 26, March 5, 12 at Church of the Assumption, Mt. Healthy, OH, 7:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. Presenters: Fr. Larry Tensi and Ms. Karen Kane. For more information and registration, go to: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Lex-Orandi-Assumption-2018-Flyer-Registration-Form.pdf>.
- **Lay Leaders of Prayer – RESCHEDULED for Spring 2018!** Thursday, April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17 at St. Francis of Assisi, Centerville. Completion of this workshop qualifies for three hours of catechist certification. For more information and registration, go to: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Lay-Leaders-of-Prayer-2018-Flyer-with-Registration.pdf>.

ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The ODWS annual calendar of events is available at: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Upcoming-events-2017-2018-3.pdf>.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS AND SOURCEBOOKS

The ODWS is taking orders for the LTP *2018 Lector Workbooks* and *Sourcebooks for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays 2018*.

A Workbook of Lectors and Gospel Readers 2018 (Lector Workbooks)

1-4 copies \$11.00 each*

5-49 copies \$10.50 each*

50 + copies \$10.00 each*

Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays 2018 (Sourcebooks)

Single copy \$ 13.50 *

2-4 copies \$ 10.50 each*

5+ copies \$10.00 each*

* The drop shipment fee (to have publications sent directly to your parish) has increased to \$4.00. The cost of your order will include this fee, plus shipping and handling.

Please note that all annual publication orders must be submitted in writing. Simply send an email to Kathy Schmidt at kschmidt@catholiccincinnati.org with your name, parish name and address, and the item(s) and quantity you are ordering.

To see all annual publications for sale, please visit our web site:

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/worship/2018-annual-publications-for-order/>.

ARE YOU RECEIVING THE ODWS E-NEWS?

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

OFFICE FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

NEW BROCHURE FOR ENGAGED COUPLES: PREPARING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Every parish has been mailed the 2018 Archdiocesan Engaged Retreat Schedule along with a new brochure that you may choose to give to your engaged couples. Additional copies of the brochure and schedule can be obtained at no charge by emailing familylife@catholiccincinnati.org.

FULLY ENGAGED TRAINING DVDS

All clergy and marriage preparation couples who were unable to attend a live training event for Fully Engaged (an alternative to FOCCUS), training DVDs are available for use in your parish. Contact Fully Engaged to order training DVDs at: <http://www.getfullyengaged.com/contact/>.

WITNESS TO LOVE ONLINE TRAINING

All clergy or parish leaders who were unable to attend a live training event for Witness to Love may be trained online using the following discount code: **cincy2017**.

Please go to: <https://witnessstolove.org/product/parish-certification-course-license-individual/> and enter the code: **cincy2017** into the coupon code line when checking out. (The discounted cost for an online training will be \$55 instead of \$135). The online training includes three hours of core content and three hours of bonus content. It also includes a digital training manual, email templates, bulletin announcements, personalized follow-up from a parish support leader and all printed materials including the couple's workbook and the mentor handbook.

OFFICE FOR MISSION AND PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

THANKS AND PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR MISSION SUNDAY AND MCP COLLECTIONS

Our fellow Catholics in the 1000+ mission dioceses and missionaries are deeply grateful for your Mission Sunday collection from October 22 and donations to the visiting missionaries who came through the Missionary Co-op Plan (MCP). How do we know they are so grateful? They send us letters, photos, visit our office and invite us to see their village churches, schools, seminaries and convents being built and seminarians, aspirants and catechists being trained in God's word.

So please mail into the Mission Office your Mission Sunday collection and any funds that have been collected this past year or last year to benefit the visiting missionaries through the MCP. Please indicate which year those funds were collected. Thank you so much for your kindness and hospitality to them as many serve in very difficult situations. Send these collection funds to: Mission Office, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 100 E. 8th St. Cincinnati, OH 45202.

ALSO NOTE! If you do NOT wish to receive Mission Sunday envelopes in the future, please email Melonise Knight at mknight@catholiccincinnati.org.

PARISH TWINNING TEAMS ARE URGED TO JOIN US FOR SHARING GATHERINGS

Come to pray, reflect, share and learn more about our efforts to build bridges of faith, solidarity, hope and joy with our partners in the name of Jesus. We will cover such topics as: Risk Management and tips for safer trips, how principles of Catholic Social Teaching can guide our partnerships, and sharing our joys and challenges of twinning. We'll hold our meetings on:

- November 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Cincinnati, hosted by Sue Keefe.
- November 30 at Holy Angels, Dayton, hosted by Debra Sanderman. (For this location only: registration begins at 6:00 p.m., light dinner at 6:15 p.m. and program starts at 7:00 p.m.)

For more information, contact Dr. Mike Gable, Mission Office Director at: mgable@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131x2630.

OFFICE FOR RESPECT LIFE MINISTRIES

MARCH FOR LIFE 2017 YOUTH MASS AND RALLY TICKET REQUESTS DUE

Tickets for the Youth Mass and Rally in Washington, DC, prior to the January March for Life, can now be requested on our website at www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/respect-life-2/m4life/m4life-ticket-request/. Number requests are due by **November 3**, so please make sure your respect life leaders order now if they haven't already.

MARCH FOR LIFE YOUTH AND ADULT TRIPS!

If you want to go on Archdiocesan busses to the January March for Life in Washington, DC, we are organizing a trip designed for high school youth and a family/adult trip as well. The teen trip leaves the evening of **Thursday, January 18** and returns the morning of **Saturday, January 20, 2018**. The adult/family trip leaves in the morning on **Thursday, January 18**, returns in the evening on **Saturday, January 20, 2018**, and includes a tour of the JPPII center. More information on both trips may be found at www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/respect-life-2/m4life/.

ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE ACTION TRAINING (ARLAT)

Please let your youth ministry and respect life leaders know about ARLAT, designed for high school students who have a passion for life issues. The training day has three purposes:

- 1. Identify young leaders with a passion and calling for engagement in respect life matters.*
- 2. Prepare them to serve as informed advocates for the Church's teaching on all life issues.*
- 3. Equip them to fill valuable roles for the Archdiocese, their parish or school.*

As of publication of this newsletter, there may still be time to register for the Dayton training day on November 4. (The Cincinnati training day took place on October 28.) For more information or to register, go to www.catholiccincinnati.org/ARLAT.

RESPECT LIFE FUND

The Respect Life Fund collection was held the weekend of September 30 - October 1. If any parishioners missed that collection, please let them know they can still donate to the fund directly online at www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/respect-life-2/respect-life-fund/. This fund provides much needed support for many local agencies, all right here in this Archdiocese.

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

Each year, the National Night of Prayer for Life takes place from 9:00 p.m. December 8 until 1:00 a.m. December 9. The National Prayer for Life is a pro-life prayer service consisting of exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a full 20 decades of the Rosary, a prayer to St. Michael, silent prayer and hymns. We invite all parishes to consider organizing a local prayer event if they can, using resources provided at Nationalnightofprayerforlife.org. If your parish cannot organize a special event, please invite your parishioners to simply pray a rosary on their own somewhere in that time frame. We have, in the bulletin section, a special bulletin announcement you can use for this, which you are free to adapt to fit your parish situation.

OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

VOCARE

We are delighted to have more than 220 Archdiocesan Parishes and Catholic Schools engaged in Vocare, all who have designated and registered their Vocare Administrator (VA). If you are among those who have not designated a Vocare Administrator, please know your students are not receiving the advantages of the new Catechetical Certification resources. We will be reaching out shortly to encourage you to register and afford your catechists and teachers these online faith formation resources. Please follow the steps below to find out more about the role of the VA and how to designate a person for this very important position.

1. For the qualifications for the Vocare Administrator, go to:
<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/The-Vocare-Administrator-Final-1.pdf>.
2. For the form with which you designate your Vocare Administrator, go to:
<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Appoint-New-Vocare-Administrator.pdf>.
3. Email your form to: VocareSupport@CatholicCincinnati.org.
4. Call with any questions: 513.421.3131x2710.
5. The **Vocare Administrator** may be a staff member, such as your school Principal, Director of Religious Education, Pastoral Associate, or other parish staff. He or she must be comfortable working in a digital environment. Realizing that parish staff are already very busy, if no qualified staff member is available for this task, any qualified volunteer whom you deem appropriate for this ministry is entirely acceptable.
6. If you or your Administrator did not participate in the **online webinar training sessions for Vocare**, please take time to view these practical “how-to” overviews of welcoming, recruiting, and logging in those called to teach the Catholic faith in your Catholic school

and parish religion program. Please encourage your Administrator to do the same if he or she has not already!

- a. For a Youtube video on “How Does Certification in Vocare Work?” go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIFuVe2OVKw>.
- b. For a Youtube video on “What Does the Vocare Administrator Do?” go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMoenwvZ02M>.

OFFICE FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

CONTAGIOUSLY CATHOLIC: ONE ON ONE – THE ART OF ACCOMPANIMENT WORKSHOP

The Church will have to initiate everyone—priests, religious and laity—into this ‘art of accompaniment’ which teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other (cf. Ex 3:5). (Evangelii Gaudium, 169)

The Church has many names for what Pope Francis calls “accompaniment” – apprenticeship, mentoring, and sponsorship. Regardless of the vocabulary that we use, accompaniment is at the heart of evangelization.

One on One Accompaniment is the most universal way to evangelize, even beyond small groups. If you can be best friends with Jesus; if you can make a friend; if you can introduce that friend to Jesus – then you can evangelize! Join us at one of two day-long workshops to learn and practice the art of accompaniment.

Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Youth Room or Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Maria Stein Spiritual Center

The cost is \$15 (includes materials and lunch). Please register at: <https://goo.gl/vvLgp4>.

**This workshop is free of charge for all current Contagiously Catholic Parish Alliance Parishes thanks to the generosity of donors to the [Catholic Ministries Appeal](#).*

CONTAGIOUSLY CATHOLIC: INCREASE

For those involved in Evangelization Ministry – Join us for Contagiously Catholic: Increase. Our goal is simple: Ever increasing communion with Christ. Taking place on **Wednesday, December 13 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity, Coldwater OH.**

Join us for:

- Shared Prayer and Lectio Divina
- Guest Speaker: Rev. Alexander Witt: The role of Liturgy for the Apostolate
- Lunch *recommend \$5 donation
- Adoration

Register at: <https://goo.gl/forms/jAgUUGEAOufpENQt1>.

CINCINNATI MEN'S CONFERENCE: BE A MAN!

Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Taft Theater, Cincinnati

The Cincinnati Men's Conference is back and will be hosted at Cincinnati's gorgeous Taft Theatre! The Catholic Speakers Organization, CMG Booking, and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati have teamed up to bring back America's first Catholic Men's Conference ever organized and produced. Both organizations are more than excited about the spiritual benefit the conference will bring to the greater Cincinnati community. What is equally exciting is the speaker lineup for the event, where some of the most renowned Catholic speakers were honored to join the roster. Everyone is welcome to attend no matter what religious belief or where you are in your journey of faith.

The Theme of the 2018 conference is *"Be A Man! What It Means To Be A True Christian Man In Today's Society"*. The day will be filled with four lectures from four different speakers pertaining to being the best version of a man we can be via true Christian ideals giving us the tools to become the best brother, son, father, spouse, manager or leader to our fellow man. How are we expected to act as good Christian men in today's modern society and what are the non-negotiables for good Christian men trying to be authentic examples of Christ to the rest of the world?

There will also be a very special recognition ceremony honoring the original team of men who created and organized the first Catholic Men's Conference ever. Did you know that Cincinnati was the first city to put on what we know today as a Catholic Men's Conference? Those men will be in attendance and will be recognized for their incredible contributions to the Catholic community and evangelization as a whole.

For more information and to purchase tickets go to: <https://www.cmgbooking.com/cincinnati-mens-conference>.

AMAZING PARISH CONFERENCE

Registration is now open. You can bring more people to Christ and His Church!

Wednesday, April 25 – Friday, April 27, 2018 at the [Hilton Anatole – Dallas, TX](#)

The mission of Amazing Parish is to support pastors and their parish leadership teams as they strive to live Christ's great commission to "Go and make disciples of all nations." This spring they are inviting pastors and their leadership teams to focus on a clear vision for parish leadership and gain the tools they need to implement it.

Learn from business and Church leaders such as Matthew Kelly, Jeff Cavins, Curtis Martin, and Patrick Lencioni how to lead your parish in a way that will bring more souls to Christ!

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has identified the Amazing Parish Conference as one of the best ways for local parishes to begin to implement the Joy of the Gospel in America as envisioned at the USCCB Convocation in July 2017. We highly recommend you attend this practical and inspiring Conference. Please register at <http://amazingparish.org/>. A flyer for the event has also been included with this mailing.

CONTAGIOUSLY CATHOLIC ALLIANCE

A Contagiously Catholic Parish Alliance is a partnership between the parish and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Office of the New Evangelization. With the help of the Evangelical Catholic, we will mentor you to be equipped to implement a strategic process of evangelization.

Who else is doing this?

1. St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Liberty Township
2. Our Lady of Grace Parish, Dayton
3. Queen of Martyrs Parish, Dayton
4. Coldwater Cluster Parishes, Coldwater
5. St. John the Baptist Parish, Dry Ridge
6. St. Patrick Parish, Bellefontaine / St. Mary of the Woods Parish, Russells Point
7. Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Anderson Township

If you are interested, please contact Sean Ater at sater@catholiccincinnati.org. For more information go to www.contagiouslycatholic.com/evangelization-training/parish-alliance/.

SCHOOL OF FAITH: BUILD CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND A CULTURE OF DISCIPLESHIP AT YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The mission of School of Faith will be to provide ongoing doctrinal and spiritual formation for Catholic school teachers in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati through catechetical programs that stress the call to prayer, virtue, and holiness of life. This formation not only benefits the teachers themselves, but also equips them to build a solid Catholic environment in our Catholic schools.

School of Faith is currently ministering in the following schools:

- St. Ignatius Loyola
- St. James, White Oak
- St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Purcell Marian High School
- St. Jude
- Our Lady of the Visitation
- La Salle High School
- St. Margaret of York
- Immaculate Heart of Mary

For more information on School of Faith, go to www.schooloffaith.com or contact John Leyendecker at john@schooloffaith.com.

PROMOTE YOUR EVANGELIZING PARISH EVENT

Do you have an evangelization event or program that you would like to get the word out about? We would like to help through our outreach webpage www.stirintoflame.org. Send us information about the event and we will add it to our “What’s Stirring” calendar. Send your information to Sean Ater at sater@catholiccincinnati.org.

OFFICE FOR YOUTH EVANGELIZATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

AWAKE

In partnership with NET Ministries, the Office for Youth Evangelization and Discipleship is happy to present Awake, a junior high youth rally. Awake seeks to accompany 6th-8th graders through an event that will provide opportunities for fellowship, worship, and encounter. The event is open and accessible to any 6th-8th grader and will feature a meal, entertainment, music, games, small group conversation, a keynote testimony, Eucharistic Adoration, and the opportunity for the youth to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

- Friday, November 10, 2017 from 4:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd, Cincinnati
- Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 4:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at Ascension Parish, Dayton

Visit viacatholic.com/awake for more information.

ENCOUNTER

Gatherings that allow youth ministers to encounter Jesus Christ in Adoration and to invite their teens to pray with them. This event, open to high schoolers, seeks to gather groups of disciples from across the Archdiocese for an evening of worship, a powerful testimony, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and accompaniment. Encounter is a free event. Encounter is taking place on **Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at Chaminade Julianne High School in Dayton** and **Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at The Underground in Cincinnati**. Visit viacatholic.com/encounter for more information.

RENEWAL

Renewal is coming up on **Tuesday, December 5, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Dayton, OH** with Msgr. Frank Lane. Renewal is a day retreat for youth ministers, campus ministers, and volunteers that happens at the end of each semester. In short, it is a chance to rest in the Lord through silent prayer, talks, Mass, Adoration, Confession, and fellowship. Visit viacatholic.com/renewal for more information.

NOVA

In a culture blinded by pornography, if we do not address the porn-issue, we're not actually evangelizing. Join us for a powerful day of presentations by Fr. Sean Kilcawley, Diocesan Director of the Office of Family Life for the Diocese of Lincoln and program director for Integrity Restored, as we dig into the issue of pornography, its deep effects on the human person, what Theology of the Body has to say about it, and approaches and strategies for intervention.

- Tuesday, January 9, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Caserta Center, St. Boniface Parish
- Wednesday, January 10, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Athenaeum of Ohio

Visit viacatholic.com/nova for more information.

NET MINISTRIES UPDATES

- NET Ministries has hired a new staff member, please welcome Karisa Palacios!

- There are plenty of open dates for NET Retreats this school year! Please Contact Abbie Kohler at Abbiek@netusa.org 651.450.6833x202. The dates available are:

2017	2018
11/22 - 11/26	1/5 - 1/19
12/3 - 12/7	2/4 - 2/6
	4/16 - 4/30
	5/1 - 5/7

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SERVICES

It is hard to believe the Catholic Education Foundation is gearing up for the 2018-2019 school year! Allocations for 2017-2018 scholarships were mailed to pastors at the end of September. We encourage you to share the amount received with your parish, as this program is truly the fruits of the labor of many. A total of \$2,000,000 will again be allocated for 2018-2019 tuition assistance, with \$460,000 of that amount flowing to high schools. January 31, 2018 will be the cutoff date for the first round of elementary student applications and, if needed, a second application period will run through February. Marketing for the elementary school program will begin in December and will continue through February, if needed. Bulletin announcements will also be provided through Clergy Communications, starting in December.

Please remember there is an **Emergency Tuition Assistance Fund** for elementary schools. This **anonymous** fund provides a one-time only award of up to \$1,000.00 per student. Applications (requested by the principal) are available through the Catholic Schools Office. The parent should never know the source of the assistance. Examples of qualifying emergencies are loss of home due to fire/flood, health issues, job loss, etc. Secondly, there is a **Relocation Fund** for new families moving into the Archdiocese. This is a needs-based fund for students K-12 and the family completes an application through the school, as well as submitting their financial information to FACTS. Principals should have access to the application forms for both funds. Please contact Vince Woodall with questions at 513.421.3131x2719.

Thank you to all of you who worked so diligently to make this foundation a reality for our families and their children!

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHWESTERN OHIO

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR FOR FRIENDSHIP

Join Catholic Charities and the Church of the Resurrection in marking the First World Day of the Poor by sharing Friendship & Food starting at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 15 in front of the church's food pantry in Bond Hill. Volunteers are needed to set up at 9:30 a.m. and donations of donuts are encouraged as we expect to feed about 100 pantry visitors. Pope Francis has encouraged us to make real gestures of mercy, and "if there are poor people where we live who

seek protection and assistance, let us draw close to them: it will be a favorable moment to encounter the God we seek." RSVP by November 13 at 513.672.3702.

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

Income Tax Assistance volunteers needed to prepare tax returns for immigrants and refugees. Training provided. Volunteers certified through an IRS test. In addition to tax preparers, volunteers are also needed to serve as greeters, language interpreters and site coordinators. Contact: Nate Johnson, Refugee Resettlement Volunteer Coordinator, at njohnson@ccswoh.org or 513.672.3715. For more information go to: www.ccswoh.org/how-to-get-involved/volunteer/.

WHITE MASS

The Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio & The Order of Malta present their 13th annual White Mass. It will be held on **Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, 325 West Eighth St. 45202. Archbishop Schnurr will preside with a reception immediately following in the Undercroft.

SU CASA HISPANIC MINISTRY

Catholic Charities is seeking Virtus-trained volunteers for our upcoming fall education session of ESL and GED classes. We are looking for teachers and childcare help for Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings, starting October 24.

Everyone is invited to join us on Saturdays for Intercambio, a Spanish-English language exchange, and beginner Spanish classes! For more information, please call Brett Hamm at 513.672.3772.

CAREGIVING WORKSHOPS

- **“Caregiving and the Holidays: Enjoying a Joyful Season”** will be presented Wednesday, November 15, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist in Harrison, 509 Harrison Ave, 45030 in the Rectory Meeting Room. Come receive support with the challenges of caregiving during the holidays and gain practical tips for having a joyful holiday season. Caregivers will receive encouragement in their struggle to cope with stress and tips for brightening the holidays, dealing with holiday blues and caring for themselves during this even busier than usual time.
- **“What is Life Care Planning?”** will be presented by Dennison Keller, Esq. on Thursday, November 16, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Guadalupe Room, 7820 Beechmont Ave, 45255. This presentation will help you understand the elder care continuum, the traditional role of an elder law attorney and the Life Care Planning model for quality of life and care. Caregivers will learn about the three "must have" documents, the difference between healthcare Power of Attorney and Living Will and the ins and outs of Guardianship. Discover how pieces of the elder care puzzle fit together in the Life Care Plan Model and how to advocate for yourself and your loved ones.

- **“Depression in Older Adults”** will be presented by Amy Caldwell, UPLIFT on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Woodlands of Middletown, 3000 McGee Ave, 45044 in the 2nd Floor Activity room. Come learn the signs, symptoms and treatment options available for depression in older adults. Receive information and support for depression during all seasons, but especially during the upcoming holidays. Restore hope – help is here!

Programs are free, but space is limited, please RSVP to Angie at 513.869.4483 or to ahomoelle@ccswoh.org. Sponsored by the Caregiver Assistance Network, a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio funded through the Council on Aging.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

JOINT PRAYER SERVICE IN COMMEMORATION OF THE REFORMATION: NOVEMBER 5

The Lutheran World Federation and The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity have jointly developed a Common Prayer to mark the 500 years of the Reformation in 2017. Last October, Pope Francis joined with Lutheran leaders in Lund, Sweden to share in this prayer of thanksgiving, repentance and commitment to common witness. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati and ELCA Southern Ohio Synod invite all to follow in their footsteps to mourn the division, share our joy in the Gospel and pray for greater unity in Jesus Christ.

Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Binzer and ELCA Southern Ohio Synod Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt will join together for a prayer service on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Epiphany Lutheran Church (6430 Far Hills Ave., Centerville). Music will be performed by the choirs of Epiphany Lutheran and St. Francis of Assisi Churches.

LOOKING MORE AT WHITE PRIVILEGE

A reflection on white privilege and violence in our communities will continue on Saturday, November 11, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Sisters of the Precious Blood’s Salem Heights, 4500 Denlinger Road, Dayton. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. The Anti-Racism/Anti-Discrimination Task Force of Weavers of Justice and the Precious Blood Sisters are gathering a diverse audience for these conversations with a goal of deepening our understanding, solidarity and peace with all our brothers and sisters. Registration can be made at plong@catholiccincinnati.org or by calling 937.224.3026x5018.

CCHD COLLECTION TO TAKE PLACE ON THE FIRST ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, NOVEMBER 19!

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the U.S. Catholic Bishops’ effort to end the cycle of poverty in America by funding organizations that help people help themselves. We are excited to share that, starting this year, Pope Francis has instituted a new tradition for our Church which coincides with CCHD Collection Weekend: a World Day of the Poor (November 19). In his appeal this year, Archbishop Dennis Schnurr urges us to embrace this day through a robust participation in CCHD and sustained encounters with the poor. “Through our contributions to CCHD on the World Day of the Poor, and our engagement with the poor all year round” the Archbishop writes, “may we more fully understand the deepest truths of the Gospel.”

This year, Appeal Weekend is November 11-12, and Collection Weekend is November 18-19. By far, the most effective way for parishioners to understand how their contributions are being used is for them to hear from one of our funded agencies themselves. Each year, we pair up CCHD-funded agencies with parishes to offer brief appeals during the appropriate announcement times during weekend Masses. If your parish might be interested, please contact Catholic Social Action as soon as possible at 513.421.3131x2660, and we will be happy to facilitate arrangements.

In addition, to help you communicate the local significance of this mission, every parish has been sent:

- A letter to all Catholics from Archbishop Dennis Schnurr supporting the collection, which can be used as a bulletin insert;
- A report on the many successes of all our CCHD groups in the Archdiocese last year, “YOUR Dollars Are Making Change!” (another great bulletin insert.); and
- A sample bulletin/website announcement for Appeal and Collection Weekends as well as an “e-list” of the CCHD resources which are available electronically.

These materials and more can also be accessed on the CCHD page of our website at www.CatholicCincinnati.org/SocialAction.

As a reminder, this is a mandatory collection which all parishes are expected to take up. Two-thirds of the funds from the collection will be combined with the funds from the collections across the nation for distribution to organizations around the country, including in our own Archdiocese. The remaining one-third will be reserved for allocation by the Archdiocesan CCHD Committee. A small portion supports the Black and Indian Mission Fund, poverty awareness education, and administrative processing of these funds. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about CCHD or any of the funded groups active in our Archdiocese, please do not hesitate to contact Catholic Social Action at 513-421-3131x2660.

Thank you for embracing the World Day of the Poor through CCHD and all else your parish does to promote human life and dignity from conception until natural death, especially for the most poor and vulnerable.

SUPPORT A PATHWAY FOR “DREAMers:” HAVE YOUR PARISH OR SCHOOL DO A LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGN THIS FALL!

On September 27, 2017, Pope Francis launched a two-year campaign of solidarity with migrants, called “Share the Journey”. In response, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is joining with all the Roman Catholic dioceses of Ohio as well as other Catholic, faith-based and community partners to urge Congress to pass the DREAM Act or similar legislation protecting young immigrants. Approximately 800,000 youth have received protection through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program since its inception by Executive Order in 2012. While DACA provided no legal status, it did provide recipients with a temporary reprieve from deportation and employment authorization for legal work opportunities in the United States. In September, the Trump Administration announced that it would terminate DACA in March 2018. Thereafter, DACA youth will be at risk of deportation from the U.S. – the only country many have ever really known. The U.S. bishops believe that it is Congress’ job to legislate before this

deadline a permanent fix for DACA youth, who were brought to the United States through no choice of their own and who continue to have no viable path to regularize their status.

We are calling on the Catholic faithful and all people of good will to urge Congress to help these young immigrants through passage of the DREAM Act (S.1615/H.R.3440) or similar legislation before March 2018. Across Ohio, we will be generating 10,000 letters to our U.S. Senators and Representatives from Ohio (representing about 4,400 DACA recipients and 5,100 renewals since the program began in 2012) urging their support for this legislation. Parishes and schools are encouraged to undertake a letter-writing campaign for this cause. We will be collecting letters between now and December 18 (International Migrants Day). To learn more and participate, please contact Catholic Social Action at 513.421.3131x2660 or csa@catholiccincinnati.org in Cincinnati or 937.224.3026 in Dayton.

ANNUAL SALE TRANSFORMS TO ETHICAL TRADE SALE

Over 100 new items along with perennial favorites, like rich chocolate, will be available at this year's Ethical Fair Trade Sale.

Sponsored by the Catholic Social Action Office in partnership with Weavers of Justice, the sale will be Saturday, December 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at UD's River Campus, 1700 S. Patterson Blvd., across from the Carillon Tower.

Catholic Relief Services Ethical Fair Trade brings Catholics closer to their faith through education, advocacy and access to ethically produced products of the highest standards. CRS' vetting process employs the principles of the world's leading fair trade organizations and goes a step further to ensure these companies' business practices are not in conflict with Catholic social teaching.

For more information contact Pam Long at 937.224.3026x5018 or plong@catholiccincinnati.org.

DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP

CMA STATISTICS & PARISH PROGRESS

Totals for this year's CMA, including parish progress, continue to be available at www.CatholicAppeal.info under the "Info for Parish Staff" link – **the password to access this section is: cma2007.**

2018 CMA – REGIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOPS

The Regional Training Workshops for the 2018 CMA will be taking place in late November / early December. These workshops are for pastors, parish staff, CMA chairs, and anyone helping with the CMA. Each workshop is identical to the others. Dates, times, and locations are listed below:

Tuesday, November 28, 2017 (Dayton & Northern Area)

- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. St. Peter Parish, Huber Heights
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Holy Redeemer, New Bremen

Thursday, November 30, 2017 (Cincinnati Area)

- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. All Saints, Kenwood
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Parish, Monfort Heights

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 (Middletown/Monroe Area)

- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Our Lady of Sorrows, Monroe

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2018 CMA – KEY WEEKENDS

Announcement Weekend – January 20/21, 2018

Commitment Weekend – February 3/4, 2018

For more information or for questions, contact David Kissell at 513.421-3131x2881 or email david@CatholicAppeal.info.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Support the Holy Hour for vocations to the priesthood at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. Research shows that prayer plays a critical role in a man's decision to become a priest. And where you find growing seminaries – you also find steadfast prayer by the faithful. **What can YOU do to promote the priesthood? Pray!**

Come to a Holy Hour for vocations to the priesthood at 5:00 p.m., Sunday, November 12, in the Chapel of St. Gregory the Great at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, located on the Athenaeum campus in Cincinnati at 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45230. Phone: 513.231.2223 or visit the Athenaeum website at www.athenaeum.edu.

**Please submit articles for the December *Clergy Communications* by November 17, 2017.
Thank You.**

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Website: www.CatholicCincinnati.org. Email: Communications@CatholicCincinnati.org

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

MINISTRY TO SURVIVORS OF ABUSE (REPORTING) - The Archdiocese of Cincinnati regards child abuse in all its forms as a serious matter. If you are or have been abused by an employee or volunteer of the Archdiocese, or are aware of abuse currently taking place, please contact Mr. Brian Spears, Coordinator of Ministry to Survivors of Abuse, at 513.263.6623, or 1.800.686.2724x6623. **This is a confidential, dedicated line to accept calls related to child abuse by employees or volunteers.** In addition, be sure to notify the survivor's secular legal authorities.

REPORTING FINANCIAL MISCONDUCT - In the spirit of good stewardship, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati has instituted a financial misconduct hotline to enable 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).

NOVEMBER 10-12: DOMINICAN FRIARS DISCERNMENT WEEKEND - Single Catholic men ages 18-35 are invited to attend a discernment retreat with the Dominican Friars of the Eastern Province at their novitiate in Washington, DC. To RSVP or to learn more contact Fr. Benedict Croell, OP at 202.642.3597 or vocations@dominicanfriars.org.

NOVEMBER 10-12: SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER DISCERNMENT WEEKEND - The Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker invite young women to come to a weekend of discernment and prayer with their community on November 10-12. To learn more about the retreat or to sign up contact Sr. Patricia Jean, SJW at sjwvocations@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER 10-12: SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND – The Sisters of Providence of Saint-Mary-of-the-Woods are offering a Come and See Weekend for all single, Catholic women ages 18-42. To learn more about the retreat or to sign up visit www.comeandsee.sistersofprovidence.org or contact Sister Editha Ben at 812.230.4771 or eben@spsmw.org.

NOVEMBER 11-12: DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN - The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist are hosting a Vocation Discernment Retreat for young women, ages 16-33, in Ann Arbor, Michigan on November 11-12. The retreat features Eucharistic Adoration, conferences and talks, and fun with the Sisters! Register online at www.sistersofmary.org.

NOVEMBER 12: HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY - The seminarians at the Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West on Beechmont Ave. in Cincinnati will be leading a holy hour for vocations on Sunday, November 12 starting at 5:00pm. The holy hour will be followed by an opportunity to socialize with the seminarians. All are invited!

NOVEMBER 17-19: DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN - The Vocation Office is hosting a retreat for men college age and older discerning God's will for their lives. The retreat is free to all participants and includes all food and lodging for the weekend at the Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center. The retreat, which is led by Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, the Archdiocesan Vocation Director, will include ample time for silent prayer and reflection in addition to conferences on discernment. For more information or to register please visit: www.cincinnati vocations.org and click on Events.

NOVEMBER 22-26: COME AND SEE RETREAT WITH GLENMARY HOME MISSIONERS - Men ages 15-19 are invited to visit with Glenmary priests and brothers, travel to a nearby mission, and share in community prayer and reflection. They will also have the opportunity to meet other men who are discerning their call. For more details or to register call 513.881.7411 or email vocations@glenmary.org.

DECEMBER 14: CHOSEN: MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS - CHOSEN: Monthly Holy Hour for those discerning a Vocation or praying for Vocations is taking place on December 14, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood OH. Sponsored by the Archdiocese Vocations Office and the Children of Mary. Chosen: Every 2nd Thursday of the Month. Come and bring a friend!

DECEMBER 14-18: REGNUM CHRISTI SILENT VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT - Young women are invited to a discernment retreat led by the Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi in Atlanta, GA. For more information about the retreat or to sign up contact arolwes@regnumchristi.net or visit them on Facebook, YouTube or at www.consecratedwomen.org.

PROJECT RACHEL - Project Rachel is a ministry of the Archdiocese that serves anyone who has experienced a loss of a child due to abortion. There are a variety of ways persons can engage in this ministry for healing from a recent loss or a loss that occurred decades ago: one-on-one conversation with a peer, consultation with a priest (we can accommodate a need for consulting in Spanish), a day of reflection for anyone who has experienced loss (mother, grandparent, father, sibling, friend, etc.) support groups and retreats for mothers who lost their child due to abortion. Contact Noreen Wendeln at nwendeln@catholiccincinnati.org or call the Project Rachel Help Line at 513.784.0531 for information. All conversations and email are confidential.

RESPECT LIFE FUND - The Respect Life Fund collection was held the weekend of September 30 - October 1. This collection helps raise funds for many local pregnancy centers and other organizations that support life from conception to natural death, right here in this Archdiocese. If you missed the opportunity to give at that collection, please know you may still donate directly to the fund by mail or even online payment. Just go to www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/respect-life-2/respect-life-fund/ for information. Also check out our new video on where this money goes on the website.

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE - Each year, the National Night of Prayer for Life takes place from 9:00 p.m. December 8 until 1:00 a.m. December 9, bridging the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe

(patroness of the unborn). The National Prayer for Life is one means of responding to Our Lady's call to pray the Rosary for peace, which includes leading our nation away from a culture of death and toward respect for all life from conception until natural death. If you are able, please join this national effort by praying the Rosary (a full 20 decades if you are able), sometime between 9:00 p.m. Friday, December 8 and 1:00 a.m. Saturday, December 9. Learn more at www.Nationalnightofprayerforlife.org.

THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT - A TICKET TO THE CINCINNATI MEN'S CONFERENCE - ATTENTION moms, grandmothers, wives and girlfriends! A ticket to The Cincinnati Men's Conference on **Saturday, April 28th, 2018** at the Taft Theatre makes this year's perfect Christmas gift. A Faith-filled day where men from all over will enjoy Catholic inspiration and spiritual growth. **Featured Speakers:** 1) Fr. Mitch Pacwa of EWTN 2) Fr. Larry Richards, Founder of Reason For Hope Foundation 3) Coach Gerry Faust, former head football coach of Moeller High School and the University of Notre Dame. 4) Most Reverend Archbishop Dennis Schnurr as the main celebrant 5) A surprise 5th speaker to be announced. Get complete information on the conference and purchase tickets at www.CincinnatiMensConference.com/. The event is presented by CMG Booking (the Catholic Speakers Organization) and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

JOINT PRAYER SERVICE IN COMMEMORATION OF THE REFORMATION: NOVEMBER 5 - The Lutheran World Federation and The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity have jointly developed a Common Prayer to mark the 500 years of the Reformation in 2017. Last October, Pope Francis joined with Lutheran leaders in Lund, Sweden to share in this prayer of thanksgiving, repentance and commitment to common witness. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati and ELCA Southern Ohio Synod invite all to follow in their footsteps to mourn the division, share our joy in the Gospel and pray for greater unity in Jesus Christ.

Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Binzer and ELCA Southern Ohio Synod Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt will join together for a prayer service on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Epiphany Lutheran Church (6430 Far Hills Ave., Centerville). Music will be performed by the choirs of Epiphany Lutheran and St. Francis of Assisi Churches.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD)

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY ON COLLECTION WEEK: NOVEMBER 18-19, 2017 (WORLD DAY OF THE POOR) - On November 19, Pope Francis is instituting a World Day of the Poor, the same weekend as our annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), the national, anti-poverty campaign of the U.S. bishops. CCHD has been an immeasurable blessing for thousands in our Archdiocese over the years. Just this past year, the agencies funded by CCHD have empowered nearly 2,000 low-income people to break the cycle of poverty through such feats as finding jobs, responsibly reentering society after prison, educating youth, and securing decent housing and public services for their communities. Archbishop Dennis Schnurr appeals to the faithful this year: "Through our contributions to CCHD on the World Day of the Poor, and our engagement with the poor all year round, may we more fully understand the deepest truths of the Gospel." Please prayerfully and generously consider how you will give on Collection Weekend, November 18-19. Your dollars are making

real change! Visit www.usccb.org/cchd to learn more. Also check out the Archdiocesan CCHD website for more local information: www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction.

ANNUAL SALE TRANSFORMS TO ETHICAL TRADE SALE

Over 100 new items along with perennial favorites, like rich chocolate, will be available at this year's Ethical Fair Trade Sale. Sponsored by the Catholic Social Action Office in partnership with Weavers of Justice, the sale will be Saturday, December 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at UD's River Campus, 1700 S. Patterson Blvd., across from the Carillon Tower. Catholic Relief Services Ethical Fair Trade brings Catholics closer to their faith through education, advocacy and access to ethically produced products of the highest standards. CRS' vetting process employs the principles of the world's leading fair trade organizations and goes a step further to ensure these companies' business practices are not in conflict with Catholic social teaching. For more information contact Pam Long at 937.224.3026x5018 or pplong@catholiccincinnati.org.