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CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

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ACTION REQUIRED

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION MOVED TO SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

The current COVID-19 pandemic concerns many countries and in many of them preventive measures preclude the normal community celebration of Holy Week. For this reason, Pope Francis has approved the proposal that the Collection for the Holy Land (originally scheduled for Good Friday), for the year 2020, take place on Sunday, September 13, near the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This will be a second collection in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Please send the proceeds to the Archdiocese Finance Office the following week.

OPTIONAL

PERMANENT DEACON INFORMATIONAL EVENINGS

The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is sponsoring a series of Informational Evenings for men who may be discerning a possible call to the Permanent Diaconate. The evenings are designed to provide information about the diaconate, formation, pre-requisites and to answer any questions. Wives are encouraged to attend with their husbands. If our current situation improves and we are able to conduct live meetings, the schedule for these evenings is:

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DIGITAL OFFERINGS FROM THE CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH

Please subscribe, and urge your parishioners to subscribe, to **The Daily Divina**, a beautiful way to start each day focused on praying with God's word, and **The Ember**, a weekly email with relevant, local, and inspiring content that to help keep our Catholic family up to date on news that matters and connect our faith to daily life. Both are free and sent to your email in box. Sign up [here](#).

SPIRIT OF SR. DOROTHY STANG AWARD

High school leaders and teachers as well as pastors are invited to nominate a graduating high school student or a faculty member for this great honor to recognize their efforts of sharing their faith and their work with the poor and the environment. For a nomination form and details, contact [Sr. Eileen Connelly](#) at the Mission Office or phone 513.263.6682. Nomination deadline is April 17.

Pastors will be invited to nominate parishioners for the Sr. Stang award later this year to be awarded around World Mission Sunday October 18.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SENIOR CLERGY LUNCHEON CANCELLED

The Senior Clergy Luncheon that was scheduled for April 21 at the Bergamo Center, Dayton has been cancelled. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Frohmiller at 513.263.6651.

DIACONATE ORDINATION

The Diaconate Ordination for the Archdiocese will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. We have seven men being ordained transitional deacons that day. Please keep them in your prayers.

At this time, it is anticipated that attendance at the ordination will be limited to invited guests. This could change if the “stay in place” order of the State of Ohio has been lifted.

PRIEST ORDINATION

We have three men being ordained priests this year for the Archdiocese. The ordination takes place on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral. Please keep these men in your prayers.

CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING (CBAR)

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations takes place on Sunday, May 3, 2020. Please prayerfully discern how best to promote vocations and a culture of vocations in your parish. For resources to help, please check out this [website](#).

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH: BRINGING THE FAITH HOME

With kids out of school and public Masses and religious education classes temporarily suspended, parents may feel cut off or overwhelmed with how to teach and share the beauty and joy of the Catholic faith. To help with this, the staff of *The Catholic Telegraph* has identified [7 fun resources](#) to help parents and children learn and live their faith at home. Please see bulletin entry.

EMPLOYMENT-RELATED QUESTIONS

During this time of uncertainty in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, if you have any employment-related issues or questions that we can help answer, please feel free to contact: [Rob Reid](#) (513.263-6611), [Meg Paul](#) (513.263-3341) or [Karen Brannon](#) (513.263.3360) in the Department of Human Resources.

SOME EVENTS CANCELED FROM THE CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

- Due to the health crisis and the need to exercise all appropriate caution, we have canceled the **Celebrating Farm Mass & Meal (3/29)** as well as **the remainder of the 'Brewing in the Faith' Lenten series**. If you have any questions, please contact [Becky Kunkler](#).
- The Good Friday Events (**Good Friday Way of the Cross, Cincinnati**) and (**Good Friday Walk for Peace and Justice, Dayton**) have also been canceled. Please check the Catholic Social Action [website](#) this month for online resources that are in development.

SOME EVENTS CANCELED FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHWESTERN OHIO

- **Fr. Francis Gressle Guild Lenten Soup Lunch**
Originally scheduled for Friday, March 27, at Catholic Charities, will be rescheduled for later in the year (TBD).
- **21st Annual Su Casa Awards Dinner**
Originally scheduled for Friday, April 24, at the Cintas Center, will be rescheduled at a later date.

CRS COLLECTION RESOURCES

- [The Archbishop's letter](#) for use in your publicity.
- Electronic versions of [bulletin announcements](#) for the week before, the week of and the week after the collection, [a bulletin insert](#), and a [bulletin cover](#). For more online resources, [click here](#). Please contact [Sara Seligmann](#) (513.546.3143) with any questions.

CRS RICE BOWL DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In times of upheaval our faith is an anchor. During Lent, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving strengthen us for the challenges ahead and bring us closer to God. Please remember that [CRS Rice Bowl](#) offers online prayers and reflections that families, schools, and parishes can use to support Lenten spirituality and reflection in the home. As always, your involvement in CRS Rice Bowl this Lenten season provides for those in great need and your compassion is very much appreciated. Please look out for forthcoming instructions on how to turn in your Rice Bowls after Easter during this crisis. Blessings to you all!

CIVILIZEIT 2020

We invite you to model love for neighbor by pledging to [CivilizeIt](#) and commit to civility, clarity, and compassion this election year. If you're interested in hosting an event about CivilizeIt and Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, please contact [Andrew Musgrave](#).

CENTURY FARM AWARD APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 20

Catholic Rural Life (North) is seeking families who have farmed the same land for 100 years or more and are eligible for the award. Winners will be recognized at the Rural Urban Farm Mass (7/16/20). For more information, [click here](#).

MISSIONARY CO-OP PLAN (MCP)

Has your MCP representative contacted you yet for a speaking date at your parish this summer? The Mission Office suggests the weekends of June 6-7 or June 27-28 when some of the new mission speakers will need to take a weekend workshop with the Mission Office to improve their spoken appeals. For questions and further information, email or phone our MCP Co-ordinator, [Melonise Knight](#) (513.263.6681). Thanks for caring for the many needs of our global missionary church!

ONLINE MARRIAGE PREPARATION

The March 21 session of Genesis, the Archdiocesan Pre-Cana Retreat, was cancelled. Couples were given the option to reschedule to a later date or complete this portion of their marriage preparation [online](#). Please accept a certificate of completion from CatholicMarriagePrep.com as fulfilling the Pre-Cana portion of marriage preparation.

NEW DIGITAL EVANGELIZATION RESOURCE WEBPAGE

The Office for Evangelization and Discipleship has created a *Digital Evangelization Resource* webpage aimed at helping parish leaders and catechists particularly during this unprecedented time. We hope these resources, which will be divided into categories for Directors of Religious Education, Youth Ministry and Adult Catechetical Formation, will enable you to continue to support your catechists and parish families. To find the webpage, click [here](#).

CONTACTING THE STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT

Due to precautions being taken to slow the spread of the Coronavirus, many of our staff members are working remotely.

For items relating to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA), call 513.263.3345 and leave a message and a staff member will return your call as soon as possible. You can also send an email to [Matt Reinkemeyer](#).

For items relating to the *One Faith, One Hope, One Love Campaign*, call 513.263.6615 and leave a message and a staff member will return your call as soon as possible. You can also send an email to CCF@1faith1hope1love.org.

If your parish would like any assistance with stewardship and development related items, such as online giving, email [David Kissell](#), Director of the Stewardship Department, or call 513. 578.9212. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding!

9 MONTHS IN THE WOMB WITH CHRIST

In this time of difficulty, as we focus on social distancing, it has become a struggle to connect with others. We have begun to focus on lifting our voices together in prayer. [*Nine Months with Christ in the Womb*](#) is a wonderful opportunity to do just that. From **March 25 to December 25, 2020**, we are encouraging **EVERYONE** to join us in participation of this Respect Life Prayer Campaign. Promoting a consistent ethic of life, this campaign reflects on Christ's fetal development as well as a variety of other life issues such as immigration, death penalty, care for the elderly, concern for the disabled, etc. There are short, prayerful, weekly reflections, as well as a monthly page-long reflection that ties a Gospel story in with other human dignity issues. We are also asking everyone to **pray daily our special prayer to Christ in the womb**. Check out our [website](#) for more information.

BULLETIN ENTRIES

(Please run on April 26, May 3, May 10, May 17)

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CAREGIVER NEWS - On March 13, 2020, Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio decided to suspend face to face support groups and educational presentations for caregivers, considering the vulnerability of the people they care for and the importance of caregivers keeping healthy during this time. Instead, we will be doing check in support phone calls in lieu of in person meetings until further notice. If you know of a caregiver who needs encouragement and support, please tell them about our Caregiver Assistance Network and have them call Angie Homoele at 513.672.3834 or visit <https://www.ccswoh.org/services/seniors/caregivers/>.

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MINISTRY TO SURVIVORS OF ABUSE (REPORTING) - The Archdiocese of Cincinnati regards child abuse in all its forms as gravely sinful and criminal. Anyone who knows of or suspects child abuse by a legitimate member of the clergy or hierarchy, employee, or volunteer of the Archdiocese should first report the abuse to the appropriate secular legal authority and then to Ms. Teresa Maley, Coordinator of Ministry to Survivors of Abuse of the Archdiocese, at 513.263.6623 or 1.800.686.2724 ext. 6623.

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