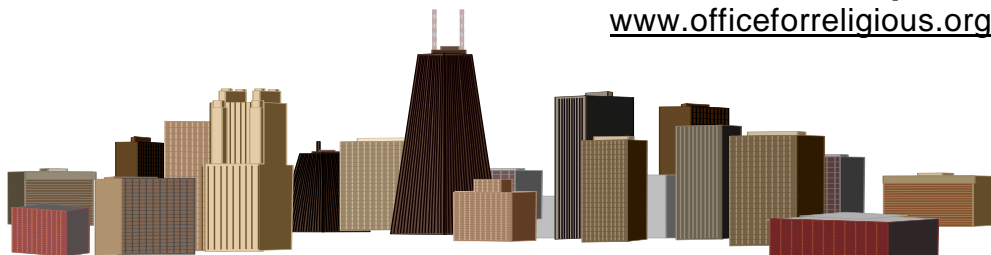




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OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS



DECEMBER 2017 Update
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The Mission of the Office for Religious is to assist the Archbishop in his ministry to religious and other consecrated persons who live and serve in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Office provides pastoral services to them as well as being a vehicle for communication and administrative support. We work to connect the diversity of charisms of consecrated life with the needs of the Archdiocese. The Office also actively promotes a culture of vocations in the Archdiocese through the Coordinator of Religious Vocation Ministries and the activities of the Chicago Area Vocation Association (CAVA).

NOTE: Information about housing, employment and events pertinent to religious should be sent by the 10th of each month to: kmcnulty@archchicago.org for consideration for Update and/or OFR website publication.

2018 OFR Events

February 3, 2018

Celebration of
Consecrated Life

*Queen of All Saints Parish
Chicago, IL
10am-6pm*

May 10, 2018

Cardinal's Meeting with
Leadership of Religious

*St. Giles Parish
Oak Park, IL*

May 26, 2018

Archdiocesan Celebration
of Religious Jubilees

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Celebration of Consecrated Life Day – February 3, 2018

What does it mean for consecrated men and women to be a prophetic witness and presence in the Church and society? How do we respond to this call in the here and now?

Our aim for the day is to discern together what our call is, given today's circumstances, and how to respond and take action. We hope to rediscover the witness of our lives as a ministry – what it means to be a joyful/hopeful presence and to be agents of peace amidst violence and uncertainty.

Location: Queen of All Saints Basilica **Time:** 10:00am - 6:00pm
(including Sunday vigil Mass with Cardinal Cupich presiding at the parish Mass)
*Registration information will be provided at a later date.

National Migration Week Liturgies: January 7-14, 2018

January 7 (5:15pm): In solidarity with immigrants and refugees, the Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity invites you to the *Many Journeys, One Faith* Mass presided by Cardinal Blase Cupich at Holy Name Cathedral.

January 14 (4:00pm): Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants (SBI) invite you to *Share the Journey* Interfaith Prayer Service at St. Viator Church (4170 W. Addison, Chicago): www.sistersandbrothersofimmigrants.com

Advent/Christmas Prayer Resource: The Archdiocesan Office of Parish Vitality and Mission has provided a staff prayer resource, *Meeting Jesus: Making Time to Share Our Faith*, for use from Advent through the 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Though "designed primarily for parish teams, this is an easy, accessible way to engage in intentional, meaningful prayers whenever you gather as a group." This resource is available online in English and Spanish at: <https://pvm.archchicago.org/evangelization/pray>.

National Catholic Sisters Project (NCSP) Updates:

- ❖ An interactive, online curriculum that will be produced over the next two years by the University of Incarnate Word in San Antonio will be made available to the public through the NCSP. This curriculum will allow young women to learn more about sisters, the first step to considering a vocation. The first unit is now available at: <http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org/curriculum/en/#/?k=xbheej>

- ❖ Congratulations to CAVA member Sr. Maria de Jesus Bringas, CCAVI who is now working with Sr. Ann Oestreich to further the program for Latina women and is currently developing plans for a national “Come and See.”
- ❖ Articles about NCSP:
<https://www.sisterstory.org/story/community-education/chicago-partner-national-catholic-sisters-project>
<http://globalsistersreport.org/news/trends/national-catholic-sisters-week-expands-year-round-outreach-project-49286>

*Details on the NCSP initiative available at: <http://www.vocationscava.org/national-catholic-sisters-project/>

Ministry Opportunities [For additional Archdiocesan opportunities visit <http://legacy.archchicago.org/Employment/>]

Executive Director – Leadership Conference of Women Religious: The LCWR Executive Director provides leadership and direction for the hopes and dreams of the conference including the implementation of the LCWR Call for 2015 – 2022, and is immediately accountable to the LCWR Presidency. Executive experience, a collaborative leadership style and excellent relational skills are essential to the role. For further information, visit: <https://lcsr.org/media/news/lcsr-executive-director-position-search>

Program and Communication Coordinator: The National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC) seeks an experienced professional ministerial leader with a strong background in planning and communications to provide administrative and clerical support to the Director of Member Relations and Services. Part-time position (20 hrs/week) at the NRVC office in Chicago. View https://nrvc.net/home_page for complete job description. Send resumes by January 12, 2018 to: debbiesscm@nrvc.net

Communications Coordinator: *Giving Voice* is seeking a highly qualified, enthusiastic candidate to serve as full-time coordinator and administrative support for the organization and leadership team. Applicants must have an understanding of religious life and the realities and hopes of young sisters. Please send resume and cover letter by **December 23** to S. Sarah Heger: sarah@giving-voice.org
<https://giving-voice.org/news/giving-voice-seeks-new-communications-coordinator>

Communications Coordinator: The Sisters of the Living Word seek a part-time (16 hours/week) communications coordinator, responsible for communications in outreach to the SLW community, constituents and the public. Please send cover letter and resume to Margaret Mei, Director of Mission Advancement: mmei@slw.org

Pastoral Care Services Minister: The School Sisters of St. Francis in Milwaukee seek a Pastoral Care Services Minister. The Pastoral Care Minister facilitates and coordinates the program of pastoral care services to promote an atmosphere of spiritual wholeness and healing for sister residents, family members and staff at Sacred Heart and St. Joseph Convent in Milwaukee. Responsibilities include planning, managing, and developing programs and services which support the spiritual and religious traditions of the School Sisters of St. Francis. To apply for this position contact Regina Sloan-Harmon at rsloan-harmon@sssf.org or 414-384-5229.

Secondary School President/Principal: Rosary High School, a Catholic, college preparatory high school for young women in Aurora, Illinois, is seeking a dynamic administrator to assume the role of President/Principal for the 2018-19 school year. See details and full job description at <http://www.rosaryhs.com/s/1514/social.aspx?sid=1514&gid=1&pgid=379>

JOIN CAVA! – The Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA) invites communities to join in promoting a vocation culture. Click here for more information: <http://www.vocationscava.org/join-us/>

Volunteer Opportunities

Taller de José is looking for women and men religious to serve as volunteer compañeras/os to people who have difficulty finding their way in a complex social system. Compañeras/os listen to clients to assess the services they need and accompany them in the process of finding resources. Volunteers must be proficient in Spanish, have availability during the weekdays, and be physically able to accompany clients via public transportation. Located in Little Village, this is a wonderful ministry experience for people in formation, “retired” religious or anyone who is interested in accompaniment ministry with immigrants. Sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph. For more information contact Anna Mayer at amayer@tallerdejose.org or 773-523-8320 or visit www.tallerdejose.org

HandsON+HeartsIN – Volunteer Outreach Program for single Catholic Women age 18 to 40: This program provides single, Catholic women discerners a mission trip experience to Mississippi with religious women companions. 2018 dates: May 7-11; May 21-25; Aug 20-24; Sept 10-14. To sign up as companion or for more details please contact Sr. Sharon Glumb at sjglumb@slw.org or call 847-577-5972 or visit <http://www.vocationscava.org/hands-on-hearts/>

Properties Available

Property for Rent: Former Scalabrini House of Theology at 5121 S. University Ave, Chicago IL. Close to Catholic Theological Union and Univ. of Chicago. Three story plus finished basement, about 20 bedrooms, chapel, large kitchen, dining room and study area, central air, parking for 12 cars – fully furnished. Ideal housing for religious or social service organization. Contact Fr. Luiz Kendzierski, cs via phone at 708-343-7646 or email sjbprovince@comcast.net

Ongoing Formation Resource: If you are looking for an affordable resource that supports healthy life and ministry for religious, you may want to consider **SLIconnect**, a global education resource of St. Luke Institute. Webinars, videos, in-person workshops and publications are available. An annual fee gives your membership unlimited online access to all content. For further information, contact: www.SLIconnect.org or 502-632-2471.

Calendared Programs of Interest for Religious

DECEMBER 2017

- 17 **Advent Retreat: *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord***
2-4:30pm at St. Scholastica Monastery (Chicago): <https://www.osbchicago.org/programs>
- 17 **Sounds of the Season** concert performed by City Lights Orchestra
7-9pm at Most Holy Redeemer Church (Evergreen Park)
NB: Free concert, but ticket required: 708-636-8686
- 18 **The Shock of Advent** with Pat Bergen, CSJ
7-8:30pm at The Well (LaGrange Park, IL): <https://csjthewell.org/courses/the-shock-of-advent-2/>
- 19 **Homeless Memorial Service** sponsored by Coalition for the Homeless, WISP and *Harmony, Hope and Healing*
6pm at Old St. Pat's (Chicago)

JANUARY 2018

- 5-7 **The Spiritual Exercises: *Who Am I? Where Am I Going? How Do I Get There?***
Men's Silent Retreat presented by Fr. Doug Leonhardt, SJ in partnership with Mayslake Ministries Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House (Barrington, IL):
<http://www.mayslakeministries.org/events/36/the-spiritual-exercises-who-am-i-where-am-i-going-how-do-i-get-there-mens-winter-silent-retreat/>
- 10 **Come to the Quiet: *Listening with the Ear of the Heart*** with Pat Shea
9:30am-3:30pm at The Prairie (Wheatland, IA): <http://www.chmiowa.org/news-and-events/calendar/event/89>
- 14 **March for Life Chicago 2018**
2-4pm at Federal Plaza (50 W. Adams): <http://www.marchforlife-chicago.org/>
- 25 **Mini-Sabbatical Experience** (One or more weeks: January 25-February 27)
The Prairie (Wheatland, IA): <http://www.chmiowa.org/news-and-events/calendar/event/90>

FEBRUARY 2018

- 3 **Institute on Religious Life *Inaugural Gala***
4pm Mass, Reception, Dinner & Entertainment
University of St. Mary of the Lake (Mundelein, IL) Info at 847-573-8975 or <http://religiouslife.com/>
- 10 **Chicago Faith Congress** at Loyola University (Lakeshore campus)
For information and registration <https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/chicago-faith-congress>
To sign up as a sponsor contact Darius Villalobos: dvillalobos@archchicago.org
To sign up as an exhibitor contact Kenneth Velasquez **ASAP:** kvelasquez@archchicago.org
- 15-17 **Training of the Trainer Workshop: *Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers***
HOPE 2018 Mid-Atlantic Congress: <http://www.midatlanticcongress.org/>
The Baltimore Hilton (Baltimore, MD)

MARCH 2018

- 2-3 **Healthy Eating with Holy Intent** Women's retreat with Christine Grano
Sponsored by Mayslake Ministries
Nazareth Retreat House (Batavia, IL)
<http://www.mayslakeministries.org/events/39/healthy-eating-with-holy-intent-a-womens-retreat/>
- 8 **Singing the Liturgy** with Fr. Michael Joncas
7-8:30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral (Davenport, IA): <http://www.chmiowa.org/news-and-events/calendar/event/91>

- 9-10 **Roman Catholic Thought and Practice: 50 Years after Vatican II** with Fr. Michael Joncas
The Prairie (Wheatland, IA): <http://www.chmiowa.org/news-and-events/calendar/event/92>
- 9-10 **Chicago's Got Sisters** CAVA event: <http://www.vocationscava.org/chicagos-got-sisters/>
- 9-11 **Silent Lenten Retreat: Our Life Journey with the Saints** with Fr. Robert Flack, SJ
Cenacle Retreat and Conference Center (Chicago): <https://www.cenaclesisters.org/chicago/Retreats-Programs/>
- 11-17 **Icon Retreat: Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles** with Leanne Spacek
The Prairie (Wheatland, IA): <http://www.chmiowa.org/news-and-events/calendar/event/93>
- 12-15 **Imagining Justice: A Learning Lab for Leaders and Justice Providers**
(Sponsored by LCWR)Redemptorist Renewal Center (Tucson, AZ)
<https://lcsr.org/social-justice/ImaginingJustice2018>
- 22-23 **Lenten Reflections** with Fr. James Martin, SJ
7pm at Holy Name cathedral (Chicago)
- 23-25 **From Promise to Resurrection: Walking with Jesus Through His Passion**
Men's Silent Retreat Presented by Fr. David Shields in partnership with Mayslake Ministries
Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House (Barrington, IL):
<http://www.mayslakeministries.org/events/37/from-promise-to-resurrection-walking-with-jesus-through-his-passion/>

APRIL 2018

- 15-18 **2nd Biennial Conference on Human Formation: Intercultural Competencies**
A conference for religious and diocesan leadership, vicars for clergy, formation and vocation personnel sponsored by St. Meinrad Archabbey and Saint Luke Institute.
St. Meinrad Archabbey (St. Meinrad, IN): www.sliconnect.org/conferences

JULY 2018

- 11-13 **Envisioning the Future of Catholic Religious Archives: A Working Conference**
Boston College: http://cara-news.blogspot.com/2017/06/envisioning-future-of-catholic_19.html
For further information, contact Michael Burns: michael.burns.7@bc.edu

2018 SPRING-SUMMER INSTITUTES/PROGRAMS/RETREATS

- **Maryknoll Mission Institute (Maryknoll, NY):** 5-day weekly programs
May 6-July 27: <https://www.maryknollsisters.org/mission-education/mission-institute-classes/>
- **Religious Life: A Spring of Water Welling Up to Eternal Life** with Fr. Donald Willard, CSsR
May 29-June 3; June 11-16; July 9-16 preached retreats for Women Religious and Associates)
Redemptorist Retreat Center (Oconomowoc, WI): <https://www.redemptoristretreat.org/>
- **ForMission** (2-year training program for those preparing for and/or serving in Formation ministry)
May 31-June 8 at Catholic Theological Union (Chicago, IL): www.relforcon.org
Application deadline: April 21, 2018
- **Directed retreat: June 17-22** at Chiara Center (Springfield, IL): <http://www.chiaracenter.org>
- **Life Commitment Program: July 16-24** at Marillac Center (Leavenworth, KS): www.relforcon.org
(serving women and men discerning or preparing for perpetual profession of vows)

LOOKING AHEAD TO FALL 2018...

- **Spiritual Direction Internship Program:** 2-Year Training Program in the Ignatian Tradition
Begins September 2018 at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House (Barrington, IL): www.JesuitRetreat.org
Application deadline: June 1, 2018 to rmcgurn@jesuitretreat.org
- **Orientation to Formation:** for those preparing for, currently serving and/or overseeing formation programs.
October 12-14 at Catholic Theological Union (Chicago, IL): www.relforcon.org



*Wishing you Advent blessings and a joyous Christmas season.
May Christ's light shine in the New Year 2018,
to bring our world much-needed peace!*

- Sisters Joan, Kathy, Lovina and Judith