



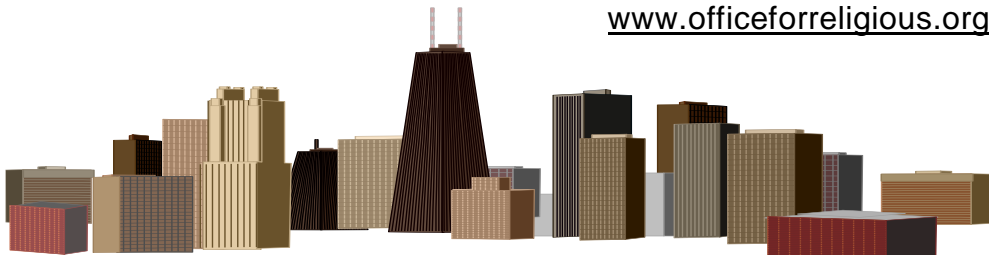
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OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS

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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.

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

2018 OFR Events

SAVE THE DATES!

February 3, 2018

Celebration
of Consecrated Life

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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Religious Formation Conference 2017 Congress *Grace in the Now: The Gospel of Encounter*

As many of you are aware, RFC serves religious institutes of women and men with programs and services for those in the ministry of initial and lifelong formation, and general congregational membership. Congress 2017 will meet November 16-18, 2017 in Milwaukee at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center. For further information: <https://www.relforcon.org/congress-2017>

September 27th Campaign Launch: *Share the Journey* October 7-13 Week of Prayer and Action

Pope Francis is being joined by bishops across the U.S. and around the world in launching a global campaign to support our brothers and sisters who have fled their homes seeking a decent and safe life for their families. This campaign will respond to some of the most desperate of God's children. Through prayers and acts of compassion and support you can help shape conversations and actions to answer the Gospel call to love our neighbors. Website resources are available at: <http://journey.caritas.org>

Seed Funding for New Volunteer Programs

Catholic Volunteer Network invites congregations of women religious to request seed money to initiate volunteer programs of their own.

Congregations that are interested in starting a program, but lack the full resources at this time, may apply for assistance in initiating pilot projects. CVN will work with the congregations to develop sustainable programs, so that the funds are being used effectively for long-term impact.

Considering that start-up programs likely have budgets of approximately \$90,000 (Salary, benefits, and volunteer expenses), congregations may make funding requests up to \$45,000. Congregations may re-apply for funding in future years, as long as the program is moving forward successfully and the amount of funding requested is gradually reduced. The expectation will be that each program will be self-sustaining by the end of the project. CVN will work closely with the religious congregations to ensure satisfactory progress, encouraging improvement where needed. The application deadline is October 20, 2017.

Find the application here: <https://catholicvolunteernetwork.org/funding-opportunities>

Bethany House of Hospitality to Open Fall 2017

In February 2017, twenty women religious from twelve different congregations met to discuss the possibility of opening a residence, similar to Viator House for young men, that would offer housing and supportive services for women 18-22 years of age who have come here as unaccompanied youth immigrants and are aging out of youth detention centers. Within six months, a joint effort of more than thirty congregations of women religious involving leadership, financial support and personnel has made *Bethany House* a reality. For further information, please contact: Patricia Crowley, OSB at 312-909-9968 or patriciaanncrowleyosb@gmail.com

National Catholic Sisters Project (NCSP)

Sisters in the Archdiocese of Chicago: We need your help on the Steering Committee for the implementation of the NCSP initiative in the Archdiocese. If you are interested in planning a "Sisters Awareness" event for your community, helping others host their own event or helping to involve communities and parishes in Chicago, then we need you on our team! **Please contact Sr. Lovina Pammit by September 30** at Lpammit@archchicago.org or call 312-534-5240. For details about NCSP, visit <http://www.vocationscava.org/national-catholic-sisters-project/>

October 13th Evening of Prayer and Fellowship for Religious/Consecrated

The Franciscans of the Eucharist of Chicago are hosting an evening for religious on October 13, 2017 at Mission of Our Lady of the Angels, 3800 W. Iowa in Chicago. The evening includes a holy hour (6pm) followed by evening prayer and dinner. Please **RSVP by October 9** to Sr. Stephanie: olamission@gmail.com (Please include any dietary restrictions with RSVP)

Cardinal's Celebration of Consecrated Life Day – February 3, 2018

Save the date! A planning committee gathered on August 25 to brainstorm ideas for this gathering. If you'd like to be on the planning committee, please contact Sr. Lovina at Lpammit@archchicago.org

Support Vocation Ministry in Chicago: Join CAVA or partner with us!

CAVA is the Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association whose members cultivate and nurture a culture of vocation and discernment in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Attached with this newsletter is an invitation letter to CAVA membership and our brochure showing why we are passionate about this ministry in the Church. Website: www.vocationscava.org Contact: cava@archchicago.org

Archdiocese of Chicago Immigration Meeting for all Religious with Visas

If you are here on a Visa and/or are contemplating a request for a LPR (green card), you are invited to attend a special session on immigration issues on **Wednesday, October 18th from 10am-noon** at the Quigley Pastoral Center. **RSVP by October 13th** to kmcnulty@archchicago.org and yolaquez@archchicago.org

Ministry Opportunities

Associate Director: The Religious Formation Conference (Chicago, IL) seeks to have this position filled by January 2018. To view job description, application process and timeline, go to: www.relforcon.org. Preference will be given to applications received by October 10, 2017.

Hospital Chaplaincy: The Archdiocese of Chicago is seeking religious priests interested in hospital ministry. Please contact Fr. William Grogan, Vicar for Hospital and Health Affairs, at 312-534-8339 or wpmgrogan@gmail.com

Volunteer Opportunities

Taller de José is looking for religious women and men 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 Women: The Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA) is extending an invitation to non-members (women's communities) to participate in this volunteer outreach program. Participation involves traveling to Mississippi with CAVA vocation ministers and women discerners. Please invite women discerners to consider joining us. This is a collaborative program that provides women discerners a mission trip experience. 2018 dates: May 7-11; May 21-25; Aug 20-24; Sept 10-14. Please contact Sr. Sharon Glumb at sglumb@slw.org or call 847-577-5972 for more information. For promotional materials go to: <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

Office/Meeting Space: Approx. 3,000 sq. ft. available for lease at Sacred Heart Church in Melrose Park; can be separated into 3 areas. Third flr (10 rooms), large basement meeting room, first flr (4 offices); convenient location. Contact: Joe Augelli, Business Mgr at 708-344-0757 or parish@shsparish.org

Apartment for Rent: Spacious 3-BR, completely furnished 2nd floor apartment at 9021 S. Blackstone; 5 minutes from St. Ailbe Church and convenient to CTA; fully equipped kitchen; ideal for spiritual professionals seeking a home-away-from-home. Monthly rent: \$1800 + deposit. For further information contact Bertha Starks: 773-374-4225 or berthastarks@sbcglobal.net

Calendared Programs of Interest for Religious

Midwest Retreat Centers and websites are listed at: <http://www.officeforreligious.org/retreat-resources/>

- **Religious Life for the 21st Century: Creating Communities of Hope on a Global Scale**
Fall Lecture Series with Maria Cimperman, RSCJ, PhD
Mondays through December 4 (7-8pm)
Catholic Theological Union (Chicago): http://www.ctu.edu/lecturefall_2017
- **The Theological Vision of Paul** with Rev. Donald Senior, CP
Wednesdays through December 7 (7-8pm)
Catholic Theological Union (Chicago, IL): <http://www.ctu.edu/academics/event/2017-fall-lecture-series-theological-vision-paul-rev-don-senior-cp-introduction-and?date=2017-09-06>
- **Life and Justice Conference:** <https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/life-justice-conference>
September 16, 2017 (Noon-5pm)
St. John Brebeuf Parish (Niles, IL)
- **2017 Catholics on Call Partner Conference**
September 21-22, 2017
Catholic Theological Union (Chicago, IL)
<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ee9akuty8c855cb6&llr=85i4dcgab>
- **Emerging Issues in Spiritual Direction**
September 26, 2017 (11am-2pm)
The Port (Frankfort, IL): <http://www.portforprayer.org/events/categories/programs-retreats/>
- **Welcoming the Stranger: In a Throwaway Culture, “Turning Away” People?** with Kevin Clarke
September 28, 2017 (6:30-8:30pm)
DePaul University Student Center
2250 N. Sheffield Ave. - #314B
http://events.depaul.edu/event/welcoming_the_stranger#.WbfxF2aWyM9
- **Healing in Mind, Body & Spirit: God’s Loving Desire for Us** with Christine Grano
Women’s Silent Retreat sponsored by Mayslake Ministries
September 29-October 1, 2017
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House (Mundelein, IL): <http://www.mayslakeministries.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/2017-Womens-Retreat-Flyers.pdf>
- **8th Day Center for Justice: Gala of Gratitude**
September 30, 2017 (2-5pm)
Unitarian Church of Evanston
- **Clare of Assisi: Stories of Sanctity for the 21st Century** with Catherine Mooney
Duns Scotus Lecture Series
October 2, 2017 (4pm)
Catholic Theological Union (Chicago, IL): <http://www.sjpcommunications.org/images/uploads/documents/ctu100217.pdf>

- **First Friday Women's Series: *Contemplatives for Our Times***
October 6, 2017 (10am-Noon)
Cenacle Retreat and Conference Center (Chicago): <https://www.cenaclesisters.org/chicago/Retreats-Programs/>
- ***Spiritual Direction: Signposts on our Spiritual Journey*** with Bishop Robert Morneau
Sponsored by Mayslake Ministries
October 7, 2017 (9:00 am-Noon)
St. John Neuman (St. Charles, IL)
<http://www.mayslakeministries.org/events/32/spiritual-direction-sign-posts-on-our-pilgrim-journey-fall-conference-with-bishop-robert-mourneau/>
- ***Care of the Earth: An Interfaith Celebration***
October 8, 2017 (2-4:30pm)
The Port (Frankfort, IL): <http://www.portforprayer.org/events/categories/programs-retreats/>
- ***Anam Cara I*** (Five-week program facilitated by Michael Jennings, PhD)
Mondays: October 9 – November 6, 2017 (12:30-3pm)
The Port (Frankfort, IL): <http://www.portforprayer.org/events/categories/programs-retreats/>
- ***Calligraphy as Prayerful Meditation***
October 14, 2017 (9am-Noon)
Cenacle Retreat and Conference Center (Chicago): <https://www.cenaclesisters.org/chicago/Retreats-Programs/>
- ***To Redeem the Soul of America: Martin Luther King's Vision and Its Challenge to American Catholics***
October 24, 2017 (7pm)
Dominican University Siena Center (River Forest): <http://events.dom.edu/mlks-vision>
- **Women's Retreat: *Autumn Delights*** facilitated by Janice Keenan, OSF, Karen Tlusty-Rissman and Cecily Hunt
October 28-29, 2017
The Port (Frankfort, IL): <http://www.portforprayer.org/events/categories/programs-retreats/>
- **Women's Retreat: *Encountering Jesus Today*** with Fr. Edward Schmidt, SJ
November 3-5, 2017
Cenacle Retreat and Conference Center (Chicago): <https://www.cenaclesisters.org/chicago/Retreats-Programs/>
- ***Seven Sacred Pauses: Living Mindfully Through the Hours*** with Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB & Velma Frye
November 10-12, 2017
Siena Retreat Center: <http://www.sienaretreatcenter.org/events/%E2%80%9Cseven-sacred-pauses-living-mindfully-through-hours>
- ***Faith, Spirituality and Caregiving*** by Rev. Myles Sheehan, SJ, MD
November 14, 2017 (7pm)
Dominican University Siena Center (River Forest): <http://events.dom.edu/faith-spirituality-caregiving>
- **Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service**
November 22, 2017 (12-1pm)
First United Methodist Church
77 W. Washington (Chicago IL)
- **Congress on Vocational Ministry in Rome**
December 1-3, 2017 at the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolum (Rome, Italy):
<http://www.congregazionevitaconsacrata.va/content/vitaconsacrata/it/eventi/convegno-sulla-pastorale-vocazionale/inglese.html>
- ***The World Will Be Saved by Beauty: Reflections from Dorothy Day's Granddaughter***
December 7, 2017 (7pm)
Dominican University Siena Center (River Forest): <http://events.dom.edu/world-saved-by-beauty>
- ***Come into Solitude: A Winter Sabbatical for Sisters***
January 25-February 27, 2018 (**Registration deadline:** October 1, 2017)
Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat (Wheatland, IA)
<http://www.chmiowa.org/news-and-events/calendar/event/84>
- ***Imagining Justice: A Learning Lab for Leaders and Justice Providers*** (Sponsored by LCWR)
March 12-15, 2018
Redemptorist Renewal Center (Tucson, AZ): <https://lcwr.org/social-justice/ImaginingJustice2018>