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OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS



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 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.

OFR Events

February 3, 2018
Cardinal's Celebration
of Consecrated Life

Queen of All Saints Basilica 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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Cardinal's Celebration of Consecrated Life Day Registration Information

If you plan to attend the February 3, 2018 *Cardinal's Celebration of Consecrated Life Day* and haven't registered yet, please do so by **January 17**th. Follow this link to register online:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdWtD9Itwle6F3m7n3S3qClhR97d8Ubh3J11TpOoV5QvdEFog/viewform

Chicago Faith Congress: Reignite the Journey - February 10th

The Chicago Faith Congress will bring together leaders in religious education, evangelization, marriage and family ministry, youth and young adult ministry, and sacramental preparation from across the Archdiocese of Chicago for an inspiring gathering that will celebrate their extraordinary roles within the Catholic community. Through recognition, faith development, and empowerment, this congress will provide attendees with unprecedented opportunities to collaborate with one another, grow in their faith, and become equipped with knowledge and specific tools that can be used to tackle the ongoing challenges that accompany effective and adaptive parish faith formation. The Congress takes place at Loyola University's Lake Shore Campus, 1032 Sheridan Road. For more information, or to register:

https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/chicago-faith-congress

*Sponsor sign-up: Darius Villalobos: dvillalobos@archchicago.org

*Exhibitor sign-up: Kenneth Velasquez ASAP: kvelasquez@archchicago.org

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - January 18-25, 2018

Early in each new year, the Church enters into the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity." This year's observance, is especially meaningful on account of the October 31 reaffirmation of the covenant between the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Archdiocese of Chicago. It included a commitment to work together to diminish the violence that afflicts our communities. In this effort, praying together is essential. To learn more about prayer services for unity taking place in and around Chicago during this week, visit www.archchicago.org/eia

Resources for parishes and congregations to pray for unity together can be found at: www.qeii.org/week of prayer for christian unity.

NRVC News: "Representatives from the National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC) took part in a gathering in Rome December 1-3 to prepare for the 2018 synod on *Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment*. The gathering, *Vocation Ministry and Consecrated Life: Horizons and Hopes*, brought together more than 800 religious from around the world to confront the challenges of vocation ministry and consider new possibilities, starting with current best practices. The event was sponsored by the Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (CICLSAL).

The conference highlighted many vocation ministry themes familiar to NRVC members, including but not limited to: encountering youth with an openness to where they are, cultivating and showing joy in one's vocation, offering youth a personal experience of Christ, and encouraging a culture of vocations so that all people in the church are involved in vocation ministry."

For more information, visit: https://nrvc.net/publication/7239/article/16143-international-vocation-ministry-conference

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://lcwr.org/media/news/lcwr-executive-director-position-search

Mission Office Director: The Archdiocese of Chicago seeks a full-time Director to educate and inspire Catholics in the Archdiocese to take seriously their baptismal responsibility to be on mission in whatever context they live and work. The Director serves the Church's missionaries from around the world while remaining firmly rooted in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Director is also the coordinator of Pontifical Mission Societies. View full job description and requirements at: http://legacy.archchicago.org/Employment/?id=419

Food Pantry Management Team: St. Irenaeus Catholic Charities seeks part-time candidate with experience in outreach ministry, strong communication skills, basic computer skills, and ability to lift 25 lbs. Bi-lingual or conversational Spanish preferred. Send resume, references and cover letter to Karen Hoogland: irenaeus78@gmail.com

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=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 sglumb@slw.org or call 847-577-5972 or visit http://www.vocationscava.org/hands-on-hearts/

Religious Sisters If you attended the Drury Lane dinner and performance thank you notes for the DeSantis Family should be sent to: Mr. Kyle DeSantis c/o Drury Lane Theatre 100 Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

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Calendared Programs of Interest for Religious

JANUARY 2018

- **Women's Day of Renewal** facilitated by Sharon Devo & Christine Koon
 Tau Center (Wheaton, IL): http://www.taucenter.org/spirituality-programs/current-programs/womens-day-of-renewal-jan-20?mc_cid=5d481ba568&mc_eid=685becdfdb
- 25 Burying the Dead: Extrajudicial Killing in the Philippines and the Catholic Church's Response 6:30-8:30pm at DePaul Student Center Room 314B (Lincoln Park Campus)

 https://events.depaul.edu/event/burying_the_dead_extrajudicial_killings_in_the_philippines_and_the_catholic_churchs_response#.WITMF2aWyM9

Reworking the Law: Unaccompanied Migrant Children presented by Maria Woltjen 6-7:30pm at the Br. David Darst Center (2834 S. Normal Ave. - Chicago)

FEBRUARY 2018

- 3 Celebration of Consecrated Life Day with Cardinal Cupich 10:00am to 6pm at Queen of All Saints Basilica (Chicago)
- 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)
- 14 Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer

9:15am to 3pm at Redemptorist Retreat Center (Oconomowoc, WI) https://www.redemptoristretreat.org/day-of-prayer

- 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)
- 20-21 Moments of Grace: Learning to Companion Community Members with Dementia Workshop (Sponsored by NRRO)
 San Damiano Retreat (Danville, CA): Registration deadline January 31st

http://www.usccb.org/about/national-religious-retirement-office/resources/upload/Dementia-Workshop.pdf

The Aramaic Words of Jesus Lenten retreat Shem Center (Oak Park, IL): www.shemcenter.org

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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/

- **3-4** When Spirit Meets Spirt/Recognition and the Enneagram Lenten retreat with Miriam Brown, OP Siena Retreat Center (Racine, WI): http://www.sienaretreatcenter.org/events/lent-bonding-recognition
- 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
- 8-14 Celebration of National Catholic Sisters Week: http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org
- **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
- **9-11** *Our Life Journey with the Saints* silent Lenten Retreat 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://lcwr.org/social-justice/ImaginingJustice2018
- 13 Chicago Prayer Service for Catholic Sisters
 5:30pm at Catholic Theological Union (2nd floor): http://chicago.carpediem.cd/events/5543849-chicago-prayer-service-for-catholic-sisters-at-catholic-theological-union-at-chicago/
- **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/

25-29 Holy Week Retreat with Brian Pierce, OP

Siena Retreat Center (Racine, WI): http://www.sienaretreatcenter.org/events/holy-week-retreat

APRIL 2018

6-8 Women's Leadership in the Global Church Conference: Daughters of Wisdom
Sponsored by DePaul University's Center for World Catholicism & Intercultural Theology
DePaul University Lincoln Park Campus (Chicago, IL): https://las.depaul.edu/centers-and-institutes/center-for-world-catholicism-cultural-theology/World-Catholicism-Week/Pages/default.aspx

Shem Center Gala Concert3-5pm at St. Giles McDonough Center (Oak Park, IL)

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

19-22 Listening with the Eyes of the Heart retreat with Paula D'Arcy
Siena Retreat Center (Racine, WI): http://www.sienaretreatcenter.org/events/listening-eyes-heart
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18-20 *Transformation in Times of Uncertainty* with Nancy Sylvester, IHM Siena Retreat Center (Racine, WI): http://www.sienaretreatcenter.org/events/transformation-times-uncertainty

19-20 The Freedom and Power of Letting Go with David Ellzey
9am-4pm at The Well (LaGrange, IL): https://csjthewell.org/courses/the-freedom-and-power-of-letting-go/

3-30 English Pronunciation and Parish Enculturation Course for Priests and Religious
Loyola University Lake Shore Campus (Chicago, IL): www.luc.edu/IPS
(Registration deadline April 1, 2018)

17-22 Directed retreatChiara Center (Springfield, IL): http://www.chiaracenter.org

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

16-24 Life Commitment Program (for those discerning or preparing for perpetual profession of vows) Marillac Center (Leavenworth, KS): www.relforcon.org

20-23 SAVE THE DATE: Religious Brothers Conference Assembly Bolger Center (Potomac, MD)

2018 LATE SPRING & SUMMER PROGRAMS

- 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

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 the formation process) October 12-14 at Catholic Theological Union (Chicago, IL): www.relforcon.org

Parliament of the World's Religions: The Promise of Inclusion & the Power of Love November 1-7, 2018 (Toronto)