



# CAVA Newsletter Fall 2020

## Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association

*We promote vocation awareness and accompany discerners on their journey.*

### Chicago's STILL Got Sisters

The Fall 2020 "Chicago's Got Sisters" was hosted as an online event on Saturday, October 17 from 3:00-5:00 PM (CST) and included a short talk on discerning God's will, time for prayer & reflection, brief introductions to Religious Sisters from 11 communities and charisms, and breakout room time for Q & A.

### National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) Resources

NVAW November 1-7, 2020

- Video of tips from Religious by NRVC.net  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gkjiBryEjRs&t=45s>
- NRVC.net infographic (English and Spanish) – Click to download: [2020 Study On Recent Vocations](#)
- Explore the lives of women religious: Click to visit site: [Called and Consecrated](#)
- ChicagoPriest.org NVAW resources: Click to visit: [NVAW Chicago Priest](#)

### Upcoming Events

- Oct. 28 to 31, 2020  
NRVC Convocation – Online
- Nov 1-7, 2020  
National Vocation Awareness Week
- Nov. 5  
Women's Online Discernment
- Nov. 1 to 7  
Meet Our Sisters Tour

### Women's Online Discernment Panel Discussion

November 5, 2020

Link for Vocations Online Discussion:

<https://www.poorhandmaids.org/index.php/discussion-link>



### Come Along for the (Virtual) Meet Our Sisters Tour!

Get an insider's view of the life, prayer, and ministry of Catholic Sisters in Illinois. During National Vocation Awareness Week, Nov. 1-7, you can choose from a host of virtual activities ranging from webinars and videos to prayer events and free-flowing conversations with Catholic Sisters about their life of community, prayer and ministry. Learn how you can contribute to a culture of vocations in the church and be inspired by the lives of dedicated Catholic sisters who serve right here in Illinois. Visit <https://c4wr.org/meet-our-sisters-2020/#events> for a schedule of events and registration details or email [MeetOurSistersTour@gmail.com](mailto:MeetOurSistersTour@gmail.com) for more information.

### CONTACT US

Any comments, questions or if you wish to be involved in nurturing a vocation culture in the Archdiocese of Chicago,

you may contact: [lpammit@archchicago.org](mailto:lpammit@archchicago.org) or visit [vocationscava.org](http://vocationscava.org)

# VOCATION VOICES

Each month, we feature a CAVA member, partner in ministry or part of the CAVA family to celebrate those in vocation ministry. Below are recently featured CAVA members.

Sr. Teresa Paul Selamat, O.S.F.



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Sr. Denise Glazik, O.P.



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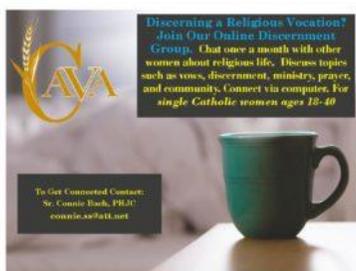
Sr. Jill Laszewski, SSND



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## Online Discernment Groups - Monthly

CAVA offers two online discernment video chat groups – one for women and one for men for single Catholics age 18 – 40 interested in exploring a vocation in consecrated life. Discussion topics include discernment steps, the vows, ministry, prayer, and community life of consecrated women and men. Connect via Zoom video chat.



For the women's online discernment group contact Sr. Connie Bach, PHJC [connie.ss@att.net](mailto:connie.ss@att.net) and visit <https://www.vocationscava.org/online-discernment-group/>

The men's online discernment group continues to meet on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Central. Contact Fr. Steve Dos Santos [vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org](mailto:vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org) to sign up. Visit <https://www.vocationscava.org/online-discernment-group-men/>.



## Vocations CAVA Radio Show "Dare to Love"

The Vocation Awareness radio show "Dare to Love" airs every first Thursday Monthly 8-8:30 a.m. | Channel WNDZ 750-AM – Indiana.

Go to <https://radiotv.archchicago.org/radio/dare-to-love>



## Other Events

### Advent Retreat

The Gifts of Visitation: Spiritual Encounters with Mary and Elizabeth - Virtual Vocation Advent Retreat  
November 29, December 6, 13 & 20 - 2:00-3:00pm Central on ZOOM. For more info and to register, visit <http://www.poorhandmaids.org> or contact Peggy Gurnsey 219-962-8626 or Sr. Connie Bach 574-340-6409



### Sisters of Providence VIRTUAL Come and See retreat

Is God nudging you toward a life caring for people on the margins? We invite you to experience some of the life and mission of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, from the comfort and safety of your home. Come see if serving with us would fill the longing in your heart. Our first ever VIRTUAL Come and See weekend is **Oct. 23-24, 2020**. Meet our sisters. Listen. Pray. Explore your calling. Learn more and sign up at [ComeandSee.SistersofProvidence.org](http://ComeandSee.SistersofProvidence.org) or contact Sister Joni at 361-500-9505 or [jluna@spsmw.org](mailto:jluna@spsmw.org)

### Fall Gospel Film Series - Sunday Evenings - 10/18, 11/15

This series is designed to help us appreciate the Gospel stories. Each session takes a popular movie story and creates a dialogue between the movie and the Gospel using prayer, reflection and sharing.

Join us for this ZOOM event 10/18 and 11/15, 3:00-6:00 PM

Facilitator: Myra Lambert, SSCM, Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

For more information contact: Linda Isleib, 630-879-1296, [lindai220@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lindai220@sbcglobal.net)

### Virtual 3-Day Retreat – Listen|See|Respond

[https://springfieldop.org/listen\\_see\\_respond/](https://springfieldop.org/listen_see_respond/)

Contact Sr. Denise at [sglazik@spdom.org](mailto:sglazik@spdom.org) for more information.

## Society of the Divine Word Celebrates 125 Years of Presence in North America

For 125 years, the Society of the Divine Word has served the marginalized in North America. A new online exhibit, "Empowered by the Word," marks the anniversary. We congratulate our SVD confreres and thank them for their faithful service! For details on this celebration, visit <https://www.divineword.org/missionary-order-celebrates-125-years-in-north-america/>

## Resources at Your Fingertips

Archdiocese of Chicago Mass Online: <https://radiotv.archchicago.org/television/broadcast-masses>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/archchicago/>

YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CatholicChicago/videos>

### Helpful Tips While Working at Home from the Catholic Apostolate Center

[https://www.catholicapostolatecenter.org/uploads/9/2/4/6/9246931/work\\_from\\_home\\_tips.pdf](https://www.catholicapostolatecenter.org/uploads/9/2/4/6/9246931/work_from_home_tips.pdf)

Like our Facebook page! <https://www.facebook.com/VocationsCAVA/>.

**Vatican News:** Messages from the Pope and latest news from the Vatican.

Visit <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

**Called and Consecrated** Called and Consecrated is a free, bilingual, online curriculum that tells the story of Catholic Sisters in the United States and beyond. Each unit includes prayer resources, original content, original videos, links to additional online resources, and more. Each unit also includes pre- and post-lesson notes for teachers and catechists. Called and Consecrated was created as part of the National Catholic Sisters Project and funded by a grant from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. [calledandconsecrated.org/](http://calledandconsecrated.org/)

## Get Involved - Join CAVA as a Member or Partner in Ministry

We need your help in supporting this ministry. Watch our Video, "Why CAVA?"

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7K\\_RVZXrLk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7K_RVZXrLk)

If you are passionate about nurturing a vocation culture, accompanying discerners or willing to collaborate with others, consider becoming a member of CAVA. We welcome sharing your ideas, energy, expertise and enthusiasm for vowed/consecrated life.

## What We Offer

CAVA promotes vocation awareness (recognizing God's voice in our life) through school and parish events, campus retreats, discernment weekends, and monthly online discernment groups. We also publish quarterly newsletters that provide what's going on in the vocation ministry scene. Our website provides various resources for vocation ministers, schools, parishes, students and seekers. [www.vocationscava.org](http://www.vocationscava.org)

## OUR PURPOSE

Faithful to Christ's call to discipleship, CAVA encourages others to respond to this invitation:

- by the witness of our own lives,
- by providing opportunities for young people to learn about various vocation choices including ordained, vowed/consecrated, married, or single life.
- by assisting seekers/discerners as they explore how God is calling them in their lives.

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