



Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA)

Summer 2018 Newsletter

www.VocationsCava.org

Member Registration Underway

CAVA has been serving in the Archdiocese of Chicago for almost 40 years since 1979. Rooted in faithful response to our Baptismal call to holiness and in the service of Christ's mission, collaboration has been a part of this association since inception. Over the years, the make up of our members have evolved to accommodate the needs of our members by expanding our membership from strictly vocation ministers to those in leadership, formation, communications personnel, those who serve as resource for vocation awareness and discernment and others who partner with us or support us in various ways. If you wish to be involved and would like to explore how to partner with and/or support CAVA, please contact Lpammit@archchicago.org



New CAVA Advisory Board Member

We welcome Sr. Jean Rhoads, a Sister of the Daughters of Charity as a new CAVA Board member. Get to know Sr. Jean by checking out her Vocation Voices feature: <http://www.vocationscava.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Sr-Jean-Rhoads.pdf>

Vocation Voices

Get to know our CAVA members! Recently featured CAVA members are as follows. Click on each month to follow each links to the feature article: [July – Sr. Gloria Tamayo](#); [August – Fr. Dennis Christz](#).

Online Discernment Groups for Young Adults

CAVA now has online discernment chat groups for both women and for men. These discernment groups are designed for those interested in exploring vocation in consecrated life. Discussion topics include (c'td on p.2)



Events

[Click links to follow site](#)

August 29, 2018
CAVA Opening Gathering (2018-2019)

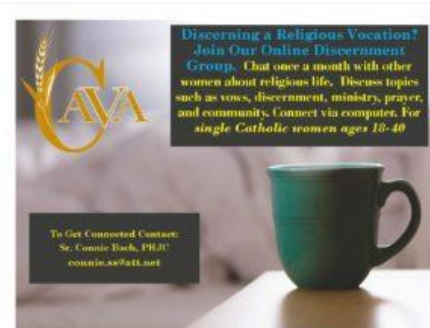
September 20-21
[Catholics on Call Partners Conference](#)

September 28-29
Chicago's Got Sisters

November 1-5, 2018
NRVC Convocation (Buffalo, NY)

January 19, 2019
Consecrated Life Day Celebration with the Cardinal

discernment how tos, the vows, ministry, prayer, and community life. Connect via Zoom conferencing. For single catholic men or women age 18 – 40. Please help invite discerners to this opportunity. Women: Contact Sr. Connie Bach, PHJC connie.ss@att.net Men: Contact Fr. Harold Fisher, OMI at hfisher@snows.org Follow this link for details: <http://www.vocationscava.org/online-discernment-group/>



Hands-ON+Hearts-IN



Please spread the word about this outreach discernment service program to interested single Catholic women age 18 to 40. This program involves a mission trip to Mississippi with religious women companions initiated by the Sisters of the Living Word in collaboration with the Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA) and Sacred Heart Southern Missions. Dates for Fall 2018 are August 20-24 and September 10-14. Contact: Sr. Sharon Glumb, SLW sglumb@slw.org; 847-5775972 ext. 233 (work); 601-291-6738 (cell). For details, go to: <http://www.vocationscava.org/hands-on-hearts/>

Vocations Radio Show “Dare to Love”



Co-hosts Sr. Lovina Francis Pammit, OSF and Sr. Mary Kay Brooks, SSND feature topics on vocation awareness and discernment helps. The June and July shows talked about NRVC’s “10 Questions People Ask About vocation to Religious Life.” In August, Br. Jim McDonald, CFC talked about vocation to religious brothers. Sr. “Dare to Love” airs on the first Thursday of the month from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. Channel 750AM WNDZ Indiana. If you miss the airing of the show, podcast recordings are posted at www.archchicago.org/radiotv/programs.

Young Adult Event - Night Fever: 9:00 p.m. to midnight

Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N State St.

Mark your calendars for Night Fever: Chicago 2018, and join us at Holy Name Cathedral as we conquer the night! <https://nightfeverchicago.org/about-nightfever/upcoming-events/> . For more information, go to: <https://nightfeverchicago.org/2013/11/23/welcome/>

Dates: August 25, 2018, October 6, 2018, December 15, 2018

ACE Vocation Day 2018 - Christ Among Us

By Sister Connie Bach, PHJC

On the Feast of St. Magdalene, seven women gathered with staff of the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) and Sisters from eight different communities to explore and learn about religious life. Mary Magdalene, who was specifically given the first apostolic charge by Jesus himself to announce the news of his resurrection and that Christ is among us, serves as a reminder of our own call by Jesus to explore and live out our baptismal call to serve and witness his love in the world by our very lives.



Mary Pickens, ACE and Sr. Connie Bach, PHJC planned the annual vocation day with women in a collaborative effort between ACE and the Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA). The ACE students had a chance to mingle with Sisters of various types of communities (i.e., cloistered, monastic, missionary, apostolic). They also heard sisters speak about their type of community, the charism of their community, and specific topics such as "Prayer Life", "The Vows," "Community living," "Challenges of Religious Life Today," "Discernment," "What happens Next," and "How to Create a Culture of Vocations" in

their classrooms and schools. There was time for a shared meal, communal prayer, personal reflection, and Sister "speed dating." Several women stayed for dinner with the sisters as well.

The closing prayer and ritual centered on Parker Palmer's call to "Let Your Life Speak," and reminded us that we must "listen for what (our life) intends to do with us...We must let (our) lives tell (us) what truths (we) embody, what values (we represent). Further, we recalled that "Vocation is not a goal to be achieved but a *gift* to be received." The day together ended with the beautiful song by David Haas, signed by Lori Richards, friend of Sr. Connie's, reminding us that we are called to be the body, hands, feet, eyes, voice, heart, touch care, hope, strength and joy of "Christ Among Us," no matter our vocation.

National Catholic Sisters Project (NCSP) Updates

NCSP has a new website nationalcatholicsistersproject.org. New curriculum units have been added and the curriculum has been named: "[Called & Consecrated: Exploring Women's Religious Life.](#)"

SAVE the DATE: Please help invite Hispanic/Latina women ages 21 to 40 to a national bilingual discernment retreat – March 7-10, 2019. More details to come.

Plan your own NCSW event. Follow this link for more information:

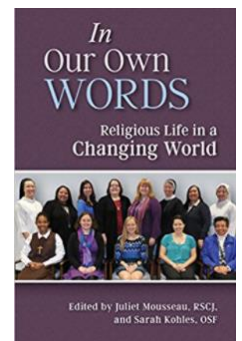
<http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org/get-involved.php> NCSW in a box (pre-packaged kits for those with little time to spare): <https://www.sisterstory.org/story/community-education/ncsw-box>

Order NCSW T-shirts: NEW this year! Two different designs are available: [Design 1](#) [Design 2](#)

If you have an NCSW awareness event or activity, please let Sr. Lovina know at Lpammit@archchicago.org or submit your event at <http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org/create-event.php>

Recommended Book: In Our Own Words

Born out of Giving Voice sisters' current writings about religious life as it is lived in today's reality, **In Our Own Words**, is a collection of essays by a diverse group of sisters, focusing on vows and community life, individual identity and congregational charisms, and leadership among younger members leading into the future. Through a collaborative process of prayer and conversation, the topics for the book emerged as the writers met and discerned their experiences, and hopes for the future of religious life. In *In Our Own Words* is edited by Juliet Mousseau, RSCJ, and Sarah Kohles, OSF. To order: <https://giving-voice.org/news/get-your-copy-our-own-words-book-giving-voice-sisters>



St. Katharina Kasper Canonization Pilgrimage to Rome and Germany

By Sr. Connie Bach, PHJC

Rome, Italy / Oct 11, 2018 - Oct 18, 2018

Germany / October 18 – 23, 2018

St. Katharina Kasper was born May 26, 1820 in Dernbach, Germany. Throughout her life, St. Katharina Kasper helped others in ordinary ways and attracted other young girls by her example of service. Together St. Katharina Kasper and four other women formed the religious community, the Poor

Handmaids of Jesus Christ when they pronounced the public vows of poverty, chastity and obedience on August 15, 1851. Their ministry continued throughout Germany and spread to England, the United States in 1868, the Netherlands, India, Mexico, Brazil, Kenya and Nigeria.

St. Katharina Kasper, known in religious life, as Mother Mary, died on February 2, 1898. Her good works and following the life of Christ caused the Catholic Church to name her Blessed Katharina Kasper on April 16, 1978. We are excited to celebrate her Canonization, along with 5 other holy men and women, on October 14, 2018, including Pope Paul VI and Oscar Romero! We will also celebrate in Wirges, Germany where Katharina was baptized just outside of Dernbach where she was born and lived all of her life. Also,

congratulations to the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ on the Vatican's approval of a second miracle that paves the way for the canonization of their foundress, Bl. Maria Caterina Kasper! For more information go to:

<https://generalate.phjc.org/index.php/en/sainthood>

Sunday August 19, 2018 - Coming Home to Celebrate 150 Years in America

Eucharistic Liturgy celebrated by Bishop Kevin Rhoades Ancilla Domini Chapel – 10:00 am Central (RSVP to Sr. Connie connie.ss@att.net)

Light buffet / presentations - Cana Hall | For the flyer, [click here](#).



Featuring CAVA's Jubilarians

Sister Kathleen McClelland, RSM, 60-year Jubilarian

Entered: September 8, 1958 - Chicago, Illinois

Current Ministry: Vocation Minister

Motto: Jesus

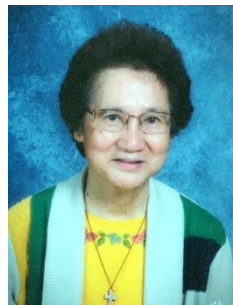
This 60th Jubilee is a fitting time to reflect on my life. I entered the Sisters of Mercy after high school, not really expecting to stay. I'm glad God laughed at my plans because my life has been fulfilling beyond anything I could have imagined.

I was in the first band to make perpetual profession in the new habit. After professing our vows, instead of prostrating to symbolize our death to the world, we turned to the altar with arms extended back and said: "Here I am, Lord, do with me what you will...." And then we faced the people with arms extended backward and said: "Here I am to serve the People of God...." I've tried to live those words.



My life has included a wonderful family, true friends, supportive sisters to live with, good people to minister with and with whom to share this journey, rich experiences, good health and Jesus at my side. I have been extremely blessed.

Thank you to all who have been a part of my life.



Sister Gloria Tamayo, M.M. from Cavite, Philippines is celebrating her 50th Jubilee this year. Born in Kawit, Cavite, Philippines, Sister Gloria Tamayo grew up in the mountains of Baguio City, where she graduated from St. Louis University. She taught at La Salette School in Santiago, Isabella before joining Maryknoll in 1968.

Assigned to Hawaii in 1969, she spent more than two decades in mission in the Pacific. As a Montessori teacher, she was head teacher for kindergarten while also teaching other grade levels. After this ministry she was called to serve as chaplain for the Filipino Catholic Community and worked as assistant to the Director of Filipino Ministries in Honolulu. She later served as a pastoral associate at St. Anthony parish in Puuhale, Honolulu, Hawaii. She was a member of the Central Pacific Regional Governing Board.

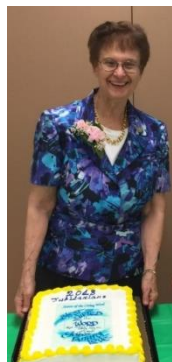
She worked in six parishes on the windward side of Oahu in basic ecclesial communities among the Filipino people, responsible for the spiritual formation of lay leaders. Her pastoral work varied depending on the needs of the communities. She also served on the Central Pacific admissions team, as well as the Honolulu Vocation promotion team “Called by Name” program. She was a member of the Justice and Peace Commission of the Diocese of Honolulu.

In the 80’s, she served on the congregational admissions team in Chicago, assisting women as they discerned their vocation. “My hope is that young people will be true to their own questions, by being true to themselves,” she said. Later she also served with the Promotion Development Team in the Midwest.

Sister Gloria also spent a short time in Bolivia, taking advantage of the opportunity to study basic Spanish. She enjoyed her connections with the Language Institute and the Filipino community and spent some time with the rural poor in Santa Cruz.

In 2002, she became a member of her community’s Eastern U.S. Region and once again did pastoral work in Chicago. She was the vice-principal at St. Thomas School while also teaching pre-K. She then moved to the South side of Chicago where she was a pre-kindergarten teacher at St. John de la Salle School.

Sister Gloria currently serves as vocation minister as part of a team for the Maryknoll Sisters, and is an active member of CAVA.



Sister Sharon Glumb, SLW is celebrating her 50th Jubilee this year. A Chicago native, Sr. Sharon has served as a teacher, director of Religious Education, campus minister and congregational leader. Sr. Sharon served in the past as associate director of the Archdiocese of Chicago Vocations Office. Until recently, she has been living in Holly Springs, Mississippi while promoting the “Hands-ON+Hearts-IN” service outreach initiative for women discerners to religious life.

Here's her journey story:

As I was growing up in the Chicago area, I attended Catholic schools and first met Sisters who served as my teachers. While they taught me about many things, I was most deeply affected by the way they encouraged me to develop my talents, so that I might contribute something positive to the world.

I chose to become a Sister so that I could offer that same kind of encouragement and challenge to other young people. Initially I entered the Sisters of Christian Charity, but I knew that God was drawing me toward the Sisters of the Living Word when this new Community was formed in 1975. I professed my final vows two years later.

During my early years in ministry I served in the Chicago area, teaching 7th graders in Catholic schools, directing a religious education program in a suburban parish and devoting a couple of years to campus ministry. Eventually, the Community asked me to direct our efforts in inviting other women to join us. So in the 1980's I served as vocation director for the Community and later for the Archdiocese of Chicago as well.

While my ministry in Chicago was fulfilling, the call to a more missionary form of life brought me to Mississippi in 1992. For ten years I served as campus minister at three small colleges in Jackson, MS, where I served Catholic students and encouraged them to grow into contributing young adult members of the Church. In a state that is only 3% Catholic, the faith-related struggles of college students are very real. So, my main priority was to provide an environment where they might grow in faith.

From 2000 till 2006, while continuing part time in campus ministry in the south, I once again directed the Community's new membership efforts. Following that, I returned to full time campus ministry, where I served three college / university communities in the Memphis Diocese until 2013.

At that time, I was elected to serve in Congregational Leadership for the Sisters of the Living Word for a five-year term, 2013-2018. I was re-elected in 2018 for a second five-year term.

While in leadership, I applied to the Catholic Volunteer Network for a grant to begin a service –discernment program for women interested in religious life through the initiative "From Service to Sisterhood." The program, called "Hands -ON – Hearts-IN" is just completing its pilot stage past 18 months. So far, one woman has participated, in May 2017.

Any comments, questions or if you wish to be involved, you may contact:
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