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NOTE: Information about housing, employment and events pertinent to religious should be sent by the 23rd of each month to: kmcnulty@archchicago.org for consideration for Update and/or OFR website publication.

NEWSLETTER “NEWS”

The next newsletter will be the “September 2019” edition and to make the newsletter as timely as possible, it will be distributed as close as possible to the 1st of September. The “Deadline” for information to be included in the September newsletter will be the 23rd of August. Please notify the OFR when items which are run repeatedly (such as facilities for rent) can/should be removed from the Newsletter.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Religious Formation Conference: For women & men; program offerings include *ForMission; Life Commitment Program; Orientation to Formation*. For more information visit www.relforcon.org.

CONGRATULATIONS

CAVA 40TH Anniversary Mass: August 29, 2019—PAST CAVA MEMBERS INVITED!

The Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA) is celebrating its 40th year of service since its inception in August of 1979. If you were a part of CAVA’s founding members or have been a member of CAVA during its 40 years, please contact Sr. Lovina Pammit at lpammit@archchicago.org or call 312-534-5240. Leaders of communities who have been a part of CAVA’s history are also invited, especially if a former CAVA member is not in Chicago.

On August 29, 2019, a Mass will be held followed by a celebratory luncheon honoring all CAVA members, CAVA partners and supporters. An invitation with event details will be sent soon.

Interested in helping promote vocations in Chicago and beyond? Need support as a vocation minister? Visit www.vocationscava.org for more info. Contact Sr. Lovina at lpammit@archchicago.org to sign up!

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2020 OFR EVENTS

*Saturday, February 8:

“Celebration of
Consecrated Life with
Cardinal Cupich”

Site: TBD

*Thursday, April 23:

“Cardinal’s Meeting with
Leadership”

Site: TBD

*Friday, May 1:

“Mass/Luncheon for
Religious Jubilarians”

11 AM – 3 PM

Site: TBD

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

For additional Archdiocesan opportunities visit: <http://legacy.archchicago.org/Employment/>

Executive Director of *Corazon a Corazon*

Corazon a Corazon, a sponsored ministry of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Atlantic Midwest Province, located in Blue Island, Illinois (on the south outskirts of Chicago) is seeking to hire an Executive Director effective July 1, 2019. *Corazon a Corazon*, a small non-profit, volunteer-based program with a focus on serving the Latino community, offers one-on-one ESL classes as well as After School and Summer Enrichment programs for children. The Executive Director, working with two full time and two part time employees, is the public face of *Corazon a Corazon* and is responsible for safeguarding the Mission and the overall management and sustainability of the programs. For more information visit www.corazon-chicago.org or email Chair of the Board at eflores@flyingconcessions.com.

Spiritual Direction Certificate Program: September, 2019 – May, 2020 at Claret Center, 5536 S. Everett, Chicago, Illinois. Application process is now open. For more information: Irma Cruz, Executive Director 773-643-6259 cruzi@claret.org The Claret Center www.claretcenter.org

The Claret Center has offered Spiritual Direction study for thirty plus years. The program provides an intense experiential mentoring for those who have competed academic study, have served in ministry for healing professions, and have personal experience with Spiritual Direction.

Administrative Assistant

The Conventual Franciscans are seeking candidates for a part-time (25 hours a week; Monday-Friday, 12 Noon-5:30 PM) Administrative Assistant in their Provincial Office on the North Side of Chicago. For specific responsibilities and requirements, please contact **Father Michael Zielke OFM** at michaelzielk@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Chicago Shares: Chicago-area non-profit with ties to several faith communities helping homeless or needy with a voucher program; looking for volunteers to help with publicity, especially social media; for information visit [Chicago-shares.org](http://chicago-shares.org). or contact Ron Polaniecki at chicagoshares@gmail.com, or 312-573-4494.

Women's Center: Main office at 5116 N. Cicero Avenue is looking for volunteers to answer phones and other tasks; call Terry Jones at 773-794-4771 or email tjones@gotwc.org.

Little Sisters of the Poor: Seeking volunteers for a variety of needs, seven days a week, at St. Mary's Home, 2325 N. Lakewood Ave., one block west of DePaul University; for information, contact the volunteer coordinator at 773-935-9600, ext. 221 or email volchicago@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

Providence Soup Kitchen: Hours available Monday-Friday, 9:15 AM – 1:30 PM underneath St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Noble Street and Evergreen Avenue, contact Sr. Darlene through the website at www.providence-soupkitchen.com.

PROPERTIES/HOUSING AVAILABLE

McKinley Park Neighborhood—near South Side: Spacious, beautiful, recently remodeled 3-bedroom, 1.5 bath Apartment in a quiet and safe neighborhood. Very large living room with beautiful natural light and ample space/storage. Hardwood floors in living room and three good-size bedrooms. Accessible by Orange Line; #35 bus and #9 Ashland bus. Close to Pilsen and Bridgeport neighborhoods. Serious inquiries only, please! Will require a non-refundable check. \$1500/month plus possible garage parking available around the first of the year. Please call John at 708-479-3978 and leave a message with your name, phone number and mention your interest in rental property.

Chatham/Calumet Heights (Pill Hill) Neighborhood—South Side: Quiet, peaceful, safe, clean & spacious 3-bedroom apartment will be available on July 15, 2019. Fully equipped kitchen (stove, refrigerator and microwave) with spacious living and dining room areas. One full bath; central air and cable ready. This is an ideal location for professional(s) seeking a home away from home while completing a practicum, residency, or

internship. Public transportation is accessible: 87th Street, 95th Street, CTA Bus #28 (Stony Island) to Hyde Park, Downtown Chicago and Oak Lawn. Surrounding area has banks, St. Katherine Drexel Parish, hospitals, retail, restaurants, and grocery stores. *Viewing by appointment only*—to set up an appointment, please contact **Bertha F. Starks**—Property Administrator: berthastarks@sbcglobal.net; 773-374-4225. Deposits and rent are payable in advance.

Property for Rent—Hyde Park: Former Scalabrini House of Theology - 5121 S. University Ave, Chicago IL. Close to CTU & U of C. 3-story plus finished basement, 20 bedrooms, chapel, large kitchen, dining room, study area, fully furnished; central AC, parking for 12 cars. Contact Fr. Giovanni Bizzotto via phone at 708-343-7646 or sjbprovince@comcast.net.

Apartment for Rent—Avondale: Vintage 3-flat; 2nd floor; two BR; living room, sunroom, large kitchen w/new appliances, dining room. No smoking, no pets; near CTA Blue line & St. Wenceslaus Parish. \$1150/month + gas/electric. No laundry. Call Irene at 773-774-2381 or Marcia at 773-583-9296.

Apartment for Rent—Des Plaines: Near I-294 and Touhy. Owned by Sisters of the Living Word; garden apartment, furnished, 2 bed room, living room, eat-in kitchen, full bath, access to shared laundry. Street parking only. No smoking. \$1000 a month, plus utility costs. Call Maria at 847-577-5972, Ext. 227.

Apartment for Rent—Oak Park: 2 Bedroom, 1 bath apartment for rent. A 1200 square foot apartment with in unit full washer and dryer. The rent is \$1600/month for an extended lease. Contact Patricia Knabe is 708-204-6650 or ob2knabe@gmail.com.

Apartment for Rent—Brookfield: 2-bedroom apartment, with a large living space available as of 9/1/19. It is at 4617 Grove Avenue. Owner is on the premises. Building and surroundings are clean and well maintained. Laundry available in building. Apartment is on the second floor. Two sisters live in the building now and there are many sisters living on the block. Call Sister Mary Tomlinson at 773-456-7886.

Accommodation—St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Parish, 28 N. Austin Boulevard in Oak Park, IL
Apartment: Newly renovated 2 bedrooms with living room, dining room, kitchen, mud room and parking. Rent: \$\$1,400 Per month including utilities: gas, electricity and water. Religious preferred. Conveniently located to PACE and CTA Bus stops. One block to Blue Line and Green Line. Contact: Fr. George Omwando at 708-386-8077 ALSO, Rectory Suite: 2 suites for priests or brothers only. Rent: \$850 per month including all utilities, heated garage and stair lift. Conveniently located to PACE and CTA Bus stops. One block to Blue Line and Green Line. Contact: Fr. George Omwando at 708-386-8077.

POTPOURRI

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SISTER JEAN! Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, BVM, will celebrate her 100th birthday on Wednesday, August 7th. Sister Jean gained notoriety during the 2018 NCAA basketball tournament as the inspiration behind the Loyola University Basketball men's squad's run to the Final Four. She serves as the chaplain for the team. She became a media darling and has been featured in various media promotions for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Extraordinary Mission Month—World Mission Day: Sunday, October 20, 2019

Pope Francis has released his message for World Mission Sunday. The message is clear: *we all have a shared responsibility to become mission, to go beyond ourselves, and to embody faith, hope and charity so that we may touch others personally as missionary disciples.*

Pope Francis has said the faithful must embrace their “missionary impulse,” USMCA strives to serve all missionaries—lay, religious and ordained—through animation, education, formation and accompaniment.

For additional information, contact Ms. Megan Mio, Mission Appeals & Education Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Chicago. 312-534-3310 WeAreMissionary.org uscma@uscatholicmission.org

US Catholic Mission Association (USCMA) Regional Conference to be held in the Chicago Area in November: According to Megan Mio, Mission Appeals and Education Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Chicago, the focus of the conference is reconciliation and will be held on November 6-7 in the “Windy City.” David Kelly, a Catholic priest of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, will serve as the “reconciliation expert” for the 2019 regional conference. David is the Executive Director of the Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation (PBMR) and works for Kolbe House at Assumption, a Parish-based jail ministry of the Archdiocese of Chicago. He has been trained and certified as a mediator from DePaul University and has received training in the restorative practice of Peacemaking Circles.

This regional meeting is open to all USCMA members. More information, including how to register, is available at www.uscatholicmission.org. Connect with USCMA on Facebook or Twitter.

The United States Catholic Mission Association is a national alliance of individuals and organizations committed to the mission Jesus entrusted to the Church. Through its members and services USMCA animated missionaries, prepares them for mission, accompanies them through the mission, and forms them for leadership.

For USMCA “Happenings” see the Calendar Items.

Spiritual Direction Programs: “Sacred Presence” with Dr. Mary Amore (10-month program) For further information mamore@mayslakeministries.org or 630-852-9000. Mayslake Ministries 718 Ogden Avenue Suite 200 Downers Grove, IL 60515

Vocations Radio Show “Dare to Love” Co-hosts Sr. Lovina Pammit, OSF and Sr. Mary Kay Brooks, SSND feature topics on vocation awareness and discernment aids. “Dare to Love” airs on the first Thursday of the month from 8:00 to 8:30 AM on **Channel 750 AM Radio WNDZ** Indiana. If you miss the live airing of the show, podcast recordings are posted at www.archchicago.org/radiotv/programs to stream or download. *Would you like to be our featured guest?* Contact Sister Lovina at lpammit@archchicago.org.

Praying with Imagination: Sister Joy Clough is a “retired” Sister of Mercy living in the Chicago area who volunteers at a food pantry; in a pastoral outreach to detained immigrants; as a naturalist at local forest preserves; with various Sister of Mercy projects; and as a writer and storyteller. A published author of books and articles, Joy’s gospel-based stories have delighted listeners gathered at retreat centers, in parish halls, at retirement facilities, and in academic settings. To explore possibilities of bringing Joy to your audiences, contact her at joyrsm@comcast.net or call her at 708-388-8248.

Pope Francis Names Women as Full Members of Congregation for Religious: (From Catholic New York—Cindy Wooden): Pope Francis named six superiors of women’s religious orders, a consecrated laywoman and the superior of the De La Salle Christian Brothers to be full members of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life--Societies of Apostolic Life. Previously, the members had all been men; cardinals, a few bishops and several priests who were superiors of large religious orders of men. On July 8, Pope Francis named as members Sisters Kathleen Appler, the U. S. born superior of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul; Yvonne Reungoat, superior of the Salesian Sisters; Francois Massy, superior of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Mary; Luigia Coccia, superior of the Comboni Sisters; Simona Brambilla, superior of the Consolata Missionary Sisters; Rita Calvo Sanz, superior of the Company of Mary Our Lady; and Olga Krizova, general president of the Volunteers of Don Bosco, a group of consecrated laypeople.

Also, Brother Robert I. Schieler, the U. S. born superior of the De La Salle Christian Brothers was named a full member along with the priests who are superiors general of the Jesuits, Discalced Carmelites, Augustinians, Scalabrinians, Capuchins and the abbot president of the Subiaco Cassinese Benedictine Congregation

The new members announced by the Vatican also include five bishops and four cardinals.

2019/20 Calendared Programs of Interest for Religious

(Venues with multiple listings have one, two, three or four asterisk(s) after the particular program. Please proceed to the end of the Calendared Programs and match the number of asterisks with the venue to access the contact information)

SUMMER

To Walk Humbly with Our God (Retreat for Women Religious) Presented by Fr. Jim White, C.Ss.R. at the Redemptorist Retreat Center 1800 North Timber Trail Lane in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin 53066-4897 Phone: 2262-567-6900 Fax: 262-567-0134 Various topics and dates. Further information: rrc@redemptoristretreat.org or www.redemptoristretreat.org

The retreat will consist of presentations, daily Eucharist, opportunity for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick, great meals, and plenty of time for private prayer and rest!

CTU Workshops: Throughout June/July/August: Register online at ctu.edu/summer institute. For questions or concerns please contact Marian Diaz at summer@ctu.edu or 773-371-5436.

August

3, Saturday: Life-Changers: The Gospel According to Hildegard and Julian of Norwich

A Retreat Experience Presenter: Mark Burrows *Mark Burrows is a faculty member at the Protestant University of Applied Sciences in Bachum, Germany. Profoundly interested in literature, and above all poetry in the spiritual quest, he is drawn to medieval mystics and their enduring questions related to human "being."* Both Hildegard and Julian gave voice to a vision of church and society that challenged stifling ideas and opened windows to encounter God and the self differently.

Time: 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM Cost \$75 (includes lunch) The Well Spirituality Center 1151 West Ogden LaGrange Park, IL 60526 Register online at csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048

4, Sunday – 9, Friday: Encountering Clare of Assisi: Her Inspiring Wisdom for Today's Challenges

A Conference Retreat featuring Sr. Kathleen Warren, OSF who will lift Saint Clare from obscurity as Francis' "little plant" and into the light of new study that celebrates her courage as the first woman to have her own rule accepted by the church as well as her mystical practice of gazing into the face of Christ.

Location: Chiara Center 4875 LaVerna Road Springfield, IL 62707 www.chiaracenter.org

5-9, Monday-Friday: August mission trip to Appalachia (USMCA) Meet and learn from those local grass roots activists who work to restore the health of God's creation. For more information, contact Paul Bork at 716-796-8919 or pbork@mayknoll.org

6-8, Tuesday-Thursday: CMSM (Conference of Major Superiors of Men) National Assembly in San Antonio, Texas

8, Thursday – 11, Sunday: Singing in the Hildegarden a Weekend for Women

Presenter: Susan Lincoln 7 PM, Thursday – Noon meal on Sunday \$410 includes \$50 non-refundable deposit, accommodations and meals. *

13-16, Tuesday-Friday: LCWR (Leadership Conference of Women Religious) Assembly in Scottsdale, Arizona

17, Saturday: Comboni Fest (USCMA) In Chicago....an evening of celebration and worship. Comboni Fest starts with a beautiful outdoor Mass held on the grounds of the Mission Center. Father David Bosnsack will celebrate his 25th anniversary with us and shares stories from his missions in Africa. For more information contact 708-354-1999 or visit www.combonimissionaries.org

September

6-7, Friday-Saturday: Sacred Presence: "A Program for the Formation of Spiritual Directors" sponsored by Mayslake Ministries

This intensive ten-month program provides men and women with the spiritual formation and necessary skills to answer God's call to the ministry of Spiritual Direction, while earning a professional certificate in Spiritual Direction. The program is staffed by a team of practicing Mayslake Ministers, Spiritual Directors and affiliates who for decades, have accompanied spiritual seekers on their journey to grow closer to God.

For more information or to apply to this program please contact Dr. Mary Amore at mamore@mayslakeministries.org or 630-852-9000.

12, Thursday: The National Shrine of Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini Annual Benefit Dinner at the Chicago Yacht Club 400 E. Monroe Street Chicago 60603 6 PM Cocktails 7:30 PM Dinner Tickets \$175.00 per person. *The venue for this year's dinner will celebrate Mother Cabrini at the anchor to our community. The Chicago Yacht Club embodies our deep admiration for Mother Cabrini and the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, who traveled overseas and worked tirelessly to provide worldwide education, social services and care to immigrant men, women and children.* 773-360-5115 www.cabrinationalshrine.org

19, Thursday – 22, Sunday: New Program – First Time Advertised!

See the Stars: *Sleeping Bear Dunes* Adventure/Retreat

Put your phones away, forget your cares, and join us on our very first adventure/retreat in “the most beautiful place in America” (per Good Morning America). As lovers of the Universe Story, we love Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in Michigan for its dark skies, breathtaking views, and wildness – not to mention its cherry pies! Facilitators: Mary Fishman, Diane Pfhaler, Bridget Spertudo

Register online at cajthewell.org or 708-482-5048

19, Thursday: USCMA Online Membership Meeting At 2 PM EDT, Sister Nancy Schramm OFM, new President of the United States Catholic Mission Association will conduct the annual online membership meeting which will review the “state of the association” and outline future directions.

21, Wednesday: “Creating Communities of Welcome: What would You have us do?”

Co-sponsored by Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants and Catholic Theological Union

Registration: 8:30 AM Program 9 AM – 1 PM

Panelists: U. S. Representative Jan Schakowsky of the Illinois 9th Congressional District

Theologian Carmen M. Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union

Attorney Irekere Picon, Illinois Business Immigration Coalition

Suggested donation: \$25 Free parking at CTU

To register: www.ctu.edu

October

20, Sunday: World Mission Day (see article in “Potpourri”)

24-27, Thursday-Sunday: Religious Formation Conference 2019 Conference in Louisville, Kentucky

For more information go to www.rfcongress2019.com

27, Sunday: Post-Congress Workshop – “Prophets of Joy for a Church and World in Crisis: Art and Stories” Presenter: Mickey McGrath, OSFS, MFA www.relforcon.org

November, 2019

6-7, Wednesday-Thursday: United States Catholic Mission Association (see item in “Potpourri”)

April, 2020

4, Saturday: Religious Brothers Symposium at Boston College

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**Sisters of Humility 820 West Central Park Avenue Wheatland, Iowa 52804 www.chmiowa.org 563-336-8114

***Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House, Barrington, Illinois 420 W. County Line Road 60010 847-381-1261 Infojesuitretreat.org or www.jesuitretreat.org

****Portiuncula Center for Prayer 9263 West St. Francis Road Frankfort, IL 60423 815-464-3880 info@portforprayer.org www.portforprayer.org