



APRIL 2019 Newsletter



Website: <https://consecratedlife.archchicago.org>

NOTE: Information about housing, employment and events pertinent to religious should be sent by the 8th of each month to: kmcnulty@archchicago.org for consideration for Update and/or OFR website publication.

CAVA VOCATION DISCERNMENT WEEKEND APRIL 26-28, 2019

Please help invite women and men discerners ages 18-40 to this event.

Download the flyer: <https://www.vocationscava.org/vocation-discernment-weekend/>

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS

The Retirement Fund for Religious for the Archdiocese of Chicago recently transferred \$1,019,829.18 to the National Religious Retirement Office in Washington, D.C. This transfer of funds represents the donations garnered from March, 2018 through February, 2019 for this cause. The Chicago Office is grateful for the many donations which were garnered as well as for all of those sisters, brothers and religious order priests who spoke about the fund during the official December collection weekend. Please remember to pray for the intentions of the many donors who support the Religious Retirement Fund.

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.

WAY OF THE CROSS IN DOWNTOWN CHICAGO ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Each year the passion of Christ is followed in the heart of the city of Chicago, where thousands of people carry their cross every day. Through choral music, Gospel passages, reflections, and a silent procession those who process hope to enter more deeply into the events of Good Friday and experience their meaning for today. Those who participate ask to experience the exceptional Presence of Christ as a real answer to the needs of their hearts. Gathering at Daley Plaza (Dearborn and Washington) at 8:30 AM; Introduction at 8:45 AM; The walk begins at 9 AM (approximately 2 miles) with arrival at Holy Name Cathedral (Chicago and State) at 11:40 AM; conclusion is at 12 Noon.

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2019 OFR Events

April 23, 2019

Cardinal's Meeting with
Leadership of Men and
Women Religious at
St. Giles Parish
1025 Columbian
Oak Park 60632

May 17, 2019

Gathering
Religious/Consecrated
at the Mission of Our Lady
of the Angels at 5:30 PM
3808 W. Iowa Street
Chicago 60651

June 22, 2019

Archdiocesan Celebration
of Religious Jubilees
at St. Thomas the Apostle
5472 S. Kimbark
Chicago 60615

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

Executive Director of Catholic Charities in Louisiana

The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux in Louisiana is seeking an Executive Director. If interested, please contact Sister Celeste Cotter, CSJ at ccotter@csjoseph.org and/or 708-310-1292.

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:

<http://www.claretcenter.org/spiritual-direction-internship%e2%80%a8/>

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 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.

Garfield Ridge Neighborhood—Southwest Side: 5309 South Neva Avenue; House/convent has 5 bedrooms; 2.5 baths; large, bright dining room; full finished basement; side drive; 2 car garage. Contact Natalie Jonas at Ngrisco1@comcast.net or Marilyn Heugenrich OSF, Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton, Iowa 52732 at 563-219-5422.

Suites for Rent/Inter-Congregational Housing: Housing available with the Dominican Sisters of Springfield and School Sisters of St. Francis at St. Martin de Porres Convent, located at 9041 South Exchange in Chicago. Convenient access to METRA and I-90/94, I-57 and LSD and CTU; For more information or for a tour of the facility, please contact Sister Judine Hilbing, OP: 708-996-4624 (w) or sjh@marianchs.com

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.

Property for Lease—Lakeview: The St. Alphonsus convent building is available for leasing. The elevator building has 30 bedrooms and a space for chapel use. Religious community preferred. Contact Linda Yi-Condon at 312-534-2053 or lcondon@archchicago.org for information.

Apartment for Rent—Jefferson Park (near Lawrence & Austin): Owner occupied, 2nd floor unit, living room, dining room, eat-in kitchen, 3 BR, 1.5 baths, AC, carpeted and hardwood floors, freshly painted. No smoking. No pets. Street parking only. Convenient to CTA Blue Line and Metra train. Utilities not included. \$1150/month. Please call Nancy Schaefer at 773-805-4499.

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—Chatham/Calumet Heights: 3-Bedroom, full bath, living/dining room and kitchen at 9201 S. Blackstone, 2nd Floor Chicago 60619 Contact: Bertha Starks at 773-374-4225 or berthastark@sbcglobal.net Ideal location for professional(s) seeking a home away from home while completing a Practicum, Residency of Internship. \$1,850 and security deposit. Apartment available on July 15, 2019. *Viewing by appointment only.*

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.

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.

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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

St. Benedict-Film Preview: Catholicism *The Pivotal Players* – St. Augustine and St. Benedict: “St. Benedict Trailer” *Many would argue that St. Benedict, the Monk, contributed more to saving western Christian culture than anyone else. Born just before Rome fell, Benedict founded the religious community that would, in time, preserve the best of the old and allow for the emergence of an authentic, Christian way of life.* Watch a preview of the new feature length film on St. Benedict: <https://pivotalplayers.com/Augustine-and-benedict>

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.

Institute on Religious Life—National Meeting – Friday, April 26 – Sunday, April 28 (Weekend of Divine Mercy) at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary. This year’s theme focuses on formation for religious. There will not be a free youth session. All young people who are interested in attending are invited to join as paid registrants. The banquet on Saturday evening will include the bestowal of the *Pro Fidelitate et Virtute* award upon the **Little Sisters of the Poor** who are celebrating 150 years of faithful service in the United States. The special guest of the conference will be the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, **Archbishop Christoph Pierre**, who will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass before the banquet.

Reframing Retirement for Mission: *Sharing Wisdom and Seeking Meaningful Ministry after Retirement*

Friday, June 7 to Friday, July 5: Three weeks of speakers, one to one spiritual direction, daily prayer, mass, and recreational activities. The final week will consist of a directed retreat. The cost for the program is \$3,500 and will include private rooms with bathrooms and all meals.

Retirement need not mean withdrawal from meaningful work on behalf of Christ's mission and ministry, but it does require a realistic, necessary and creative adjustment in how to continue to respond faithfully to the call to bring Christ to others and to our world. For more information, please go to www.ctu.edu/summeratctu or contact Marian Diaz, DMin at 773-371-5436 or email summer@ctu.edu.

Topics will include: Spirituality of aging; Life in transition; Holistic health; General theological and ministerial updating; Creative writing and engaging spirituality.

2019 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)

April

14, Sunday: Little Sisters of the Poor 150th Anniversary in America Open House Sunday from 1 – 5 PM

This event will include a warm welcome by Our Little Sisters and the Residents of our Home; tours by the Little Sisters and historical personalities; live music and a light reception; narrated displays from the Little Sisters' earliest U. S. foundations; a vintage photo slideshow from our Chicago Home's early days; live broadcasting and the 1:45 PM visit of a mystery celebrity from the Chicago Cubs family who has something he wants to show you! (Maybe a relief pitcher who doesn't walk everybody on the opposing team). **Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Mary's Home 2325 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614**

16, Tuesday: Pope Francis's Gaudete et Exultate presented by Dan Horan, OFM, Phd at 1 PM CDT; CTU Webinars are open to everyone at no cost, but registration is required: <https://www.relforcon.org/webinars>

23-25, Tuesday-Thursday: National Catholic Educational Association Convention and Expo at McCormick Place, Chicago. For detailed information: www.ncea.org/convention

26, Friday: Religious Formation Conference Upper Midwest Regional Gathering at Sinsinawa Mound Center 585 County Road Z in Sinsinawa, Wisconsin 53824 at 10 AM – 12 Noon

26, Friday: Song of the Planets Vibrational Meditation with Karen Tlusty-Rissman and Cecily Hunt 7 - 8:30 PM Fee: \$25 @ The Port****

26-28, Friday-Sunday: Divine Mercy Weekend: National Meeting of the Institute on Religious Life at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary! The *Little Sisters of the Poor* will receive the *Pro Fidelitate et Virtute* Award at the evening banquet on Saturday the 27th. The special guest will be the **Apostolic Delegate Nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Pierre**, who grew up in the French Village where Saint Jeanne Jugan Founded the Little Sisters! There will be a **Special Session for Religious Only** on the morning of Friday the 26th. The featured speakers will be **Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB**, and **Fr. Thomas Acklin, OSB**, from St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Their talk will be on "Spiritual Direction" based upon their popular book, *Spiritual Direction: A Guide for Sharing the Father's Love*. On Saturday morning **Sr. Marysia Weber, RSM**, will give two talks entitled "Called from the iGen and Millennial Generation: A Look at Challenges and Opportunities to Form Future Apostles." For more details, please call 847-573- 8975 Monday through Friday through Friday, 9am to 5pm CST or visit www.ReligiousLife.com

26-28, Friday-Sunday: Vocation Discernment Weekend Meet Religious men and women from different communities and see how they live, pray and celebrate. Have a mission experience! Reflect on your life choices or learn how to help others with theirs! All men and women curious about religious life are welcome. NO COST! For more information: E Mail: called@myclaret.org or call 312-320-8870 [Click here for flyer.](#) Sponsored by the Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA)

May

1, Wednesday: Religious Brothers Day: Celebrate with the most forgotten and misunderstood constituency of the Church! <https://www.vocationscava.org/religious-brothers-day/>

4, Saturday: Open House at Claret Center 5536 S. Everett Chicago 60637 1-4 PM *Come and See what we do! Our mission is to help people become whole in mind, body and spirit through Psychotherapy, Spiritual*

Direction and Body-Centered Therapies. For information, contact, **Irma Cruz**, Executive Director of The Claret Center 773-643-6529 or www.claretcenter.org

3-5, Friday-Sunday: World Catholicism Week 2019 Put Away Your Sword: Gospel Nonviolence in a Violent World In 2017, on the 50th Anniversary of the Vatican's first World Day of Peace message, Pope Francis issued the groundbreaking statement, "Nonviolence: A Style of Politics for Peace." It was perhaps the Vatican's first official statement on active nonviolence, and it raises a number of important questions for the world Church: *Is God nonviolent, and does God want us to renounce violence as well? In a violent world, does nonviolence work?* Keynote speakers are **Mauro Garofalo**, head of the International Relations for the Community of Saint Egidio, and **Robert Emmet Meagher**, author of *Killing from the Inside Out: Moral Injury and Just War*. Joining them to explore Gospel nonviolence are more than a dozen speakers from around the world: Lebanon, Kenya, Colombia, India, Brazil, Italy, Croatia, the United States and the Philippines.

Presented by the Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology (CWCIT) at DePaul University 2320 N. Kenmore Ave. SAC 570 Chicago, IL 60614 cwit@depaul.edu <http://cwcit.depaul.edu>

4, Saturday: Claret Center Open House Come see what we do—what services we offer to become whole in body, mind and spirit: *Psychotherapy, Spiritual Direction, Acupuncture, Cranial-Sacral Massage, Therapeutic Massage* Time: 1-4 PM Location: 5536 S. Everett Chicago Refreshments and Sample Sessions will be available!

13, Monday: Gentle Yoga from the Chair and Self-Care Workshop with Nadine Kelly, MD 9 AM – 12 Noon Fee: \$25 @ The Port****

17, Friday: Hide and Seek: The Art of Knowing God with Karen Skalitzky (Designed for Spiritual Directors, Chaplains and Deacons) Time: 10 AM – 2 PM Fee: \$30 @ The Port****

20, Monday: Blossoming and Unfolding – Celebrating Your True Beauty with Karen Tlusty-Rissman and Cecily Hunt Time: 9 AM – 12 Noon Fee: \$25 @ The Port****

May 30 (Thursday) – June 7 (Friday): ForMission Class at the Catholic Theological Union – ForMission is a two-year theory and skills developmental program for vowed religious, women and men, engaged in the ministry of initial formation. The theme of this residential session will be *Spirituality for Apostolic Religious Life*. Contact Connie Schoen, OP at cschoen@relforcon.org or 773-675-8362

June

10-14: Monday-Friday: Religious Life and the Pope Francis Effect with Sr. Maria Cimperman, RSCJ @ Catholic Theological Union (Chicago) www.ctu.edu/summer@ctu or contact Marian Diaz, DMin at 773-371-5436

18, Tuesday – Thursday, 20: The Thin Veil with Michael Jennings, PHD. From Tuesday the 18th @ 12 Non (Lunch) until Thursday, 20th @ 12 Noon Fee: \$25 @ The Port****

23, Sunday – 29, Saturday: Opening to the Light with Paula D'Arcy 5:30 PM (Dinner) on Sunday the 23rd until Saturday June 29th at 12 Noon (Brunch). Registration at 3 PM. Fee: \$575 includes all meals, room, retreat. Commuter: \$350 (opening dinner, program, daily lunches, closing brunch). @ The Port****

27, Thursday – 30, Sunday: Giving Voice-Any Sisters under 50 are invited to the National Gathering in St. Louis, Missouri. For more information, contact Sr. Adriana Calzada adriana@giving-voice.org. Check out the website, too.

Summer, 2019

June/July/August: Numerous Programs at Siena Retreat Center in Racine, Wisconsin For more information see contact under *

June 7-July 5: Reframing Retirement for Mission: Sharing wisdom and seeking meaningful ministry after retirement at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago: A month-long mini-sabbatical in Chicago for men and women religious and diocesan priests who are discerning and/or transitioning into retirement. (For registration information see item for June 10-14).

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, WI 53066-4897

P: 262-567-6900 Fax: 262-567-0134 Various topics and dates.

Email: rrc@redemptoristretreat.org Web: 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!

June/July/August: It is not too early to register for a summer retreat! Check for information at the Siena Retreat Center in Racine, Wisconsin*

July

9-17, Tuesday-(following) Wednesday: Life Commitment Program (LCP): *An 8-day program that provides an opportunity for Catholic religious women and men to contemplate and reflect on their call to embrace a life-time commitment to consecrated life.* Marillac Spirituality Center in Leavenworth, Kansas (arrive July 9 and depart July 17). Deadline for application and \$100 deposit: May 10, 2019 Final payment due: June 7, 2019 Contact information: RFC Program Director, Connie Schoen, OP by email: cschoen@relforcon.org or 773-675-8362

15-18, Monday-Thursday: Religious Brothers Conference @ Oblate Renewal Center in San Antonio Texas. For detailed information, go to www.rfcongress2019.com or call **Presenter:** Brother Armand Alcanzar, FSC *“Rebooting Our Mission: Youth in Dialogue with the Brothers”* Registration Fee is \$675 and includes single occupancy room, meals. Snacks, beverages, and banquet. Optional field trip to San Antonio’s River Walk: \$25.00 (dinner on your own). Check in at 1 PM on Monday, July 15 and the assembly will begin at 5 PM with introductions, dinner and a social. The assembly will conclude on Thursday, July 18 at Noon.

July 29, Monday – August 3, Saturday: Private-Together Retreat for Women *A private silent retreat for women/religious and lay (with the daily option of common prayer)* Facilitator: Sr. Jean Hinderer, CSA Redemptorist Retreat Center in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin (see the contact information in the “To Walk Humbly with God...” posting for Summer, 2019

August

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.*

October

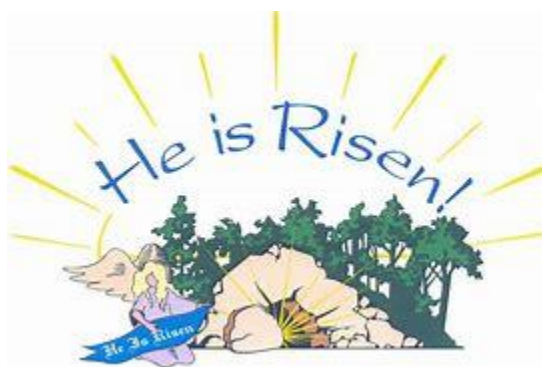
24-27, Thursday-Sunday: Religious Formation Conference 2019 Conference in Louisville, Kentucky
For more information go to www.rfcongress2019.com

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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 630-852-9000 or www.mayslakeministires.org

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info@portforprayer.org www.portforprayer.org



“Jesus is not here; he has been raised.” Luke 24:6

Happy Easter from the Office for Religious—Archdiocese of Chicago