



DECEMBER 2019 Newsletter



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

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.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

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

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION: DECEMBER 7/8

The Retirement Fund for Religious provides support for thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your efforts encouraged people of the Archdiocese of Chicago to donate over \$1 million to the 2018 National Retirement Religious Office's Retirement Fund for Religious. The collection for this year will take place shortly after this newsletter is dispersed on the weekend of December 7/8, 2019. ☺

Please remember to keep the intentions of our donors in your prayers as we have promised to do in recognition of their generosity.

ARCHDIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF CONSECRATED LIFE WITH CARDINAL CUPICH

****SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, February 8, 2020****

1 PM – 6 PM (Check-In at 12:30 PM) at
Our Lady Mother of the Church Parish
8747 West Lawrence Avenue
Chicago 60656

773.625.3369 Host: Reverend Andrzej Bartosz, Pastor
MASS at 5 PM with Cardinal Cupich as principal celebrant and presider.
THEME: *The Mission of Reconciliation in the Lives and Ministries of Consecrated Religious*

PRESENTERS: *Father David Kelly-Executive Director of the Precious Blood, Ministry of Reconciliation and Ryan Lents, Archdiocese of Chicago, Director of the Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity and CRS Diocesan Director*
(Registration will begin in December)

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2020 OFR EVENTS



*Saturday, February 8:

“Celebration of
Consecrated Life with
Cardinal Cupich” at Our
Lady Mother of the Church
in Chicago, (Norridge) IL
60656

*Thursday, April 23:
9:30-3 PM

“Cardinal’s Meeting with
Leadership” at St. Rosalie
Parish in Harwood Heights

*Friday, May 1:
11 AM – 2 PM

“Mass/Luncheon for
Religious Jubilarians” at
St. Priscilla Parish in Chicago

You've Got to Have Art!

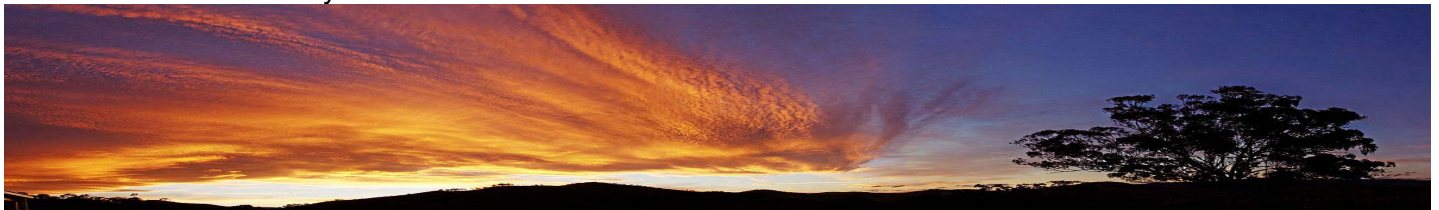
Brother Mark Elder, a Vincentian, an art professor at DePaul University in Chicago, was featured in an article by Mary Wisniewski in the November 4, 2019 edition of the Chicago Tribune. The article was entitled, "Meet the cowboy hat-wearing Catholic brother who creates the murals under the Fullerton 'L' stop."

Not So Holy Fire

The recent fires in Los Angeles threatened 80 retired Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and staff members who live/work adjacent to the campus of Mount St. Mary College. The Los Angeles Fire Department said the sisters, some of whom were on oxygen, were scared but in good spirits as they used portable generators "to shelter in place." The sisters expressed their gratitude to the brave members of the Los Angeles Fire Department and were able to weather the fire storm and pray for the safety of the fire fighters as they continued to battle many fires in the region. The Sisters' situation was featured on KNBC, the local NBC affiliate in the City of Our Lady, Queen of the Angels! (Carol Zimmerman/Catholic News Service, 10/29/2019).

US Christian Brother to be Beatified

La Salle Christian Brother, James Alfred Miller, will be beatified in Guatemala on December 7, 2019. Brother James was born in Stevens Point, Wisconsin and met the Christian Brothers in high school in 1944. He joined the community and professed his final vows in 1960. He then served in Nicaragua and after several years, returned to the United States. He then moved to Guatemala to teach high school at Huehuetenango and to work at the Indian Center, where young Mayans from rural area studied agriculture. Brother James was martyred on February 13, 1982. The three men who shot him were never identified. He was buried in the parish cemetery in Polonia, Wisconsin. It was the diocese of Huehuetenango which undertook the cause for his beatification. Brother James is the first US-born Christian Brother to be beatified and this event coincides with the 300th anniversary of the De La Salle Christian Brothers.



Brother Studying at Loyola University (Chicago) nominated for Opus Prize

Bannakaroli (Kenya) Brother Charles Nuwagaba, a student at Loyola University of Chicago, has been nominated for a \$1 Million Opus Prize which is awarded each year to a faith-based leader in humanitarian efforts. To read the full article about Brother Charles, please see the article by Michelle Martin in the *Chicago Catholic* November 6, 2019 edition.

New Address for the Religious Brothers Conference (RBC)

The Religious Brothers Conference is now located at 500 North Michigan Avenue in Chicago, 60611. Phone/Fax is 866.339.0371. E-Mail: rbs@todaybrother.com. (Please note that this is a "virtual" office).

Religious Brothers Symposium: Saturday, April 4, 2020 at Boston College at the Crowne Plaza-Boston Newton*

The theme for this second gathering of religious brothers is "The sky's the limit," and appropriately enough, the key note presenter will be Brother Guy Consolmagno, SJ, the director of the Vatican Observatory who will discuss "The Prophetic Call of the Brother in the Church." Invited presenters from around the world will discuss how brothers are living witnesses of the prophetic Gospel call. Small-group sessions in the afternoon will allow for discussion. Cardinal Sean O'Malley, OFM Capuchin, Archbishop of Boston, will celebrate the closing Mass. Registration will open at 8 AM on Saturday, April 4, with the program beginning at 9 AM. Lunch will be provided, and the day will conclude with the Eucharistic Liturgy at 5:30 PM. On Friday, April 3, there will be an optional bus tour to Spencer Abbey. On Sunday, April 5 there will be a breakfast at the Crowne-Plaza-Boston Newton. The Brothers Think Tank will lead a conversation at breakfast discussing what was heard and how best it can be applied. The morning program will end at 11 AM.

*(Note that the hotel will be renovated and changing owners in January and will become a Four Points by Sheraton.... reservations made at the Crowne Plaza will be honored). The rate is \$139/night and includes breakfast. Reservations can be made by contacting the hotel at 1.617.969.3010 and using the code CMS. The rate is available from April 2-7, 2020



The Brothers Symposium is a program of the Brothers Think Tank, a coalition of organizations and individuals dedicated to supporting and promoting the vocation of Catholic religious brothers.

Register now: RELIGIOUSBROTHERS.ORG/EVENTS/SYMPOSIUM

Questions? 301.588.4030 or tsouthard@cmsm.org

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

Administrative Assistant/Programs Coordinator

The Catholic Theological Union (Chicago) *Center for Consecrated Life* is seeking an Administrative Assistant/Programs Coordinator. This is a half-time position and the coordinator would be responsible for the general administration of the Center for the Study of Consecrated Life (CSCL) and would work under the supervision of the Director of the CSCL. Responsibilities include administrative support in the planning and implementation of events, management of website and social media, office organization and other related tasks.

Interested applicants should email their resumes and cover letters to Sharon Fleming at sfleming@ctu.edu. The Center is looking to fill the part-time position as soon as possible. Applications will be accepted until the position is full.

Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation

Saint Stephen Parish in Tinley Park is seeking someone with a passion for the Catholic faith and its evangelization and education. In this newly created full-time position this person will be able to assess the needs of the Parish, envision an overall faith formation program, and develop new approaches and strategies to promote the mission of making Jesus known and loved in every heart. The Director will be responsible for leading a culture change at the parish that builds a parish community committed to the new Evangelization and bringing others to Christ and the Gospel story to the world.

For a full Position Description and/or if interested in applying, please send a cover letter and resume to Father Tom Bernas, Pastor, at frtom@ststephentinley.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The following entities in the Chicago area are regularly seeking assistance:

Chicago Shares Ron Polaniecki chicagoshares@gmail.com or 312.573-4494

Women's Center Terry Jones tjones@gotwc.org 773.794.4771

Little Sisters of the Poor: "Volunteer Coordinator" volchicago@littlesistersofthepoor.org 773.935.900, X221

Providence Soup Kitchen: Sister Darlene providence-soupkitchen.com

PROPERTIES/HOUSING AVAILABLE

McKinley Park Neighborhood

Apartment for rent on the 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; electric included. 3-bedroom apartment will be available on July 15, 2019. Conveniently located in Chatham/Calumet Heights. Fully equipped kitchen (stove, refrigerator and microwave) with spacious living and dining room areas. One full bath. Central Air & cable ready. In addition, being family friendly, this space is also ideal for professional(s) seeking a home away from home while completing research, practicum, residency of internship requirements. CTA public transportation is nearby, i. e., Buses for 87th, 95th and #28 Stony Island to Hyde Park, Downtown Chicago and Oak Lawn. Surrounding area has banks, hospitals, retail and grocery stores and St. Katherine Drexel Parish. *Viewing by appointment only*—to set up an appointment, please contact **Bertha F. Starks**—Property Administrator: berthastarks@sbcglobal.net; 773.374.4225 *First and last month rent payable in advance.* are payable in advance.

Oak Park-Apartment for Rent: 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 at 708.204.6650 or ob2knabe@gmail.com.

St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Parish—Apartment for Rent, 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: 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.

Bridgeport—Apartment for Rent: One bedroom on the second floor/front. Non-smoking building; no animals. Central heat and air conditioning. Location: 2950 Keeley Street. Contact: Alice Mesec @ 630.243.7390 or 630.301.0034 (cell).

LaGrange Park—Apartment for Rent: Fully remodeled open floor plan 3-bedroom, 2 full bathroom, 2 kitchen home offers approximately 2,700 square feet of living space including finished basement with washer/dryer. Central heat and air conditioning, resurfaced hardwood floors, stainless steel appliances (including microwave), refrigerator with filtered water/ice and quartz countertops – all these features make this place comfortable and beautiful. Rental comes with a two and a half car garage which will keep the ice off your windshield and a third parking spot in the driveway. Very safe and quiet neighborhood with two sisters living next door who will constantly pray for your well-being! The location is close to downtown LaGrange, public transit, library, grocery store and pharmacy, as well as a movie house which shows recently first-run movies at a much-reduced rate! The facility is “Move in” ready! 1-year renewable lease. Seeking long-term renters. \$2,450/month. Please contact Tim Polk at 815-212-1102 or tpolk943@gmail.com. Pictures available upon request.

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Paint Your Soul Retreat: *with Mary Southard, CSJ...* “Painting is a delightful way to tap into an expression to what is moving within us.” Thursday, January 16 at 9 AM until Sunday, January 19 at 3 PM at The Well, 11515 West Ogden Avenue in La Grange Park, Illinois. Cost is \$475 for accommodations and meals (\$100 non-refundable reserves a place). The retreat will engage with the energies and images already within a person through painting and storytelling. The retreat is for artists and non-artists alike, but space is limited.

On Line Discernment Group:  The Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA) hosts monthly online vocation discernment groups via ZOOM video conference – one for men and one for women. For more details, visit <http://www.vocationscava.org/online-discernment-group/>.

Spiritual Direction Program

Dr. Mary Amore presents a 10-month program entitled "Sacred Presence." For further information, contact Dr. Amore at mamore@mayslakeministries.org or call 630.852.9000. Mays Lake Ministries is located at 718 Ogden Avenue, Suite 200 in Downers Grove, Illinois 60515

Interested in World War 1 Resister Ben Salmon?

Father Bernard Survil, who is promoting the cause of Ben Salmon, would like to inform/invite religious in the Chicago area of the opportunity to view a full-length film on the life of Blessed Franz Jagerstatter. The movie is entitled "A Hidden Life" and its producer is a well-known Hollywood icon Terrence Malick. The movie is slated for screening on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at AMC River East 21 near downtown Chicago from 4-7 PM. Later in December, the movie will appear at theatres across the country. There are only 250 seats available for the screening, but registration beforehand will guarantee a free ticket and a seat. Two tickets are permitted. In order to register to see this movie about the World War 2 resister, Franz Jaggerstatter, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-hidden-life-chicago-screening-tickets-83244008069>. Password: AHLCHI. Following the showing, Deacon Michael McCloskey of Holy Name Cathedral and Father Ben are inviting viewers to have supper afterwards at a **nearby** restaurant. **To confirm** for supper, call Deacon McCloskey at 312.573.4444.

Monthly Homicide Vigil

All are welcome to join Chicago Catholic Sisters for monthly homicide vigils to unite together, name those lost to violence, and pray for the end to violence in our city. The purpose of the homicide prayer vigil is to serve as a public witness to the sacredness of life when it has been lost through homicides. The vigils are held on the 1st Saturday of each month at the site of a homicide. To receive an e-mail notification with the location each month, email Sister Mary Therese at Krugsmat@gmail.com.

Retreat Opportunities for Men

Mayslake Ministries is excited to announce TWO different retreat options for men in 2020. For information visit the website or call 630.852.9000. Mayslake Ministries is located at 718 Ogden Avenue, Suite 200 in Downers Grove, Illinois 60515.

Camino Pilgrimage: May 9-20, 2020

For over a thousand years, pilgrims have made their way across northern Spain to the town of Santiago de Compostela and the shrine of St. James. The pilgrimage will leave from Chicago and fly to Madrid. After a day in Madrid, there will be travel by train to Sarria on the 11th; the walk of the Camino will transpire from the 12-18th, for approximately 71 miles (115 kilometers) until the Cathedral and shrine of St. James are reached. There will be a free day in Santiago on the 19th and the flight back to the United States will take place on Friday, May 20th. The pilgrimage will wind its way through Galicia which has Celtic origins. The journey will transpire along woodland paths, gravel roads and Eucalyptus forests as well as through many small towns and river valleys and up and down gently rolling hills towards Santiago.

Cost: \$3,000 which includes airfare from Chicago; transport, accommodations and dinners on the Camino and in Santiago. There is a \$200 non-refundable deposit to secure a place. Final payment is due no later than January 15, 2020. Guides for the pilgrimage are Kathy Brazda, CSJ (walked the entire Camino in 2015) and Marie Hogan, CSJ. There is room for 12 additional "pilgrims." Questions: contact Kathy Brazda at kbrazda@csjoseph.org or 708-482-6084.

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 archchicago.org/radiotv/programs to stream or download. *Would you like to be our featured guest?* Contact Sister Lovina at Lpammit@archchicago.org.

Reframing Retirement for Mission at the Chicago Theological Union

A month long mini-sabbatical in Chicago for men and women religious and diocesan priests who are discerning and/or transitioning into retirement. The four-week program will run from Friday, May 29th to

Friday, June 26th, 2020. The program will include three weeks of speakers, one to one spiritual direction, daily prayer and mass along with other recreational activities. One week will be reserved for a directed retreat. \$3650 with a non-refundable deposit of \$250. For further information, contact Marian Diaz. This mini-sabbatical is limited to 30 participants so register early to save a place. CTU

Peer Retreat Opportunities from *Giving Voice—The Voices of Younger Women Religious*

For Catholic Sisters in their 20s, 30s, and 40s:

*20s & 30s Retreat from January 17-19, 2020 in Phoenix, Arizona

*Spring & Summer Gatherings, 2020 (visit giving-voice.org for upcoming gathering registration and details).

*Giving Voice's National Gathering Summer, 2021 *More information online at giving-voice.org*

2019/20 Calendared Programs of Interest for Religious

(For venues with multiple listings, see the "key" at the end of the listings. Please proceed to the end of the Calendared Programs and match the number of asterisks with the venue to access the contact information)

December

1, Sunday, 8, 15, 22: Lights, Camera, Faith...a movie lectionary series designed to help us enter ADVENT. We will view a movie story that creates a dialogue between the movie and the Gospel. Open to both women and men. Presenter: Sister Myra Lambert, sscm NSC

2, Monday: Living Room Conversations—Immigration with Janice Keenan, OSF and Rita Travis
The Port

2, Monday, 9, 16, 23: Advent Monday Evenings Retreat...four Monday evening of presentation and reflection on the Advent Scriptures. Open to both women and men who desire to enrich their spiritual growth during the Advent Season. Presenter: Kathy Brady-Murfin NSC

5, Thursday: CAVA Members Advent Reflection and Christmas Celebration

6, Friday: "Is God a Someone or Something to Me?" Sr. Marguerite Gautreau, r.c. CEN

6-8, Friday-Sunday: An AIDBHINT: Advent Journey with Dr. Michael Jennings The Port

6-8, Friday-Sunday: Advent Weekend Retreat Sponsored by the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary NZS

7-8, Saturday-Sunday: Annual Collection for retired sisters, brothers and priests who are members of religious orders.

7, Saturday: Advent Solemn Vespers with Chicago Chorale MHC

8, Sunday: Holiday Extravaganza and Sneak Peek at The Well Spirituality Center 2 PM WELL

13, Friday: Healing Vibrations with Crystal Singing Bowls with Christy Guyer The Port

16, Monday: Guided Meditation Session The Port

18, Wednesday: Rorate Caeli Mass (by candlelight) at 6:35 AM MHC

18, Wednesday: Advent Webinar: Advent: The Incarnation of Love with Sister Marcelline Koch, OP at 2 PM CST sponsored by the Religious Formation Conference (For registration information contact Connie Schoen, Op at cschoen@relforcon.org).

23, Monday: Rorate Caeli Mass (by candlelight) at 6:35 AM MHC

24, Tuesday: Christmas Eve: First Vespers of Christmas at 5:15 PM/Mass at 8 PM MHC

25, Wednesday: Christmas Day: Mass at 6:35 AM/10 AM; Vespers at 5:15 PM MHC

31, Tuesday: New Year's Eve: Solemn Vespers for Mary, Mother of God (with the monks and Schola Laudis) at 5:15 PM MHC

31, Tuesday: New Year's Eve Overnight Retreat: 7:30 PM CEN

Welcoming the New Year "My Hand in God's Hand/My Heart in the Heart of God" Sr. Rose Hoover, r.c.

January, 2020

1, Wednesday: New Year's Day: Solemnity of Mary, Mother Of God – Mass at 10 AM and Vespers at 5:15 PM MHC

13, Monday: Soul Collage The Port

16-19, Thursday-Sunday: Paint Your Soul Retreat Mary Southard, CSJ WELL

17-19, Friday-Sunday: 20s & 30s Retreat for Younger Women Religious in Phoenix, Arizona
giving-voice.org

25, Saturday: Women's Sacred Spa Day—A Time to Simply Be The Port

27, Monday: Visual Faith Journaling The Port

February 


2, Sunday: World Day for Consecrated Life 

March 

8-14, Sunday-Saturday: National Catholic Religious Sisters Week 

20-22, Friday-Sunday: Lenten Retreat: "The Blessing and the Consolation Found in Offering Oneself" CEN

April 

4, Saturday: Religious Brothers Symposium at Boston College "The Sky's the Limit" 

May 

1, Friday: National Religious Brothers Day 

22-24, Friday-Sunday: Celtic Weekend "A Vision of the Sacred in All Things" with John Philip Newell CEN

SRC: Siena Retreat Center 5637 Erie Street Racine, Wisconsin 53402 sienaretreatcenter.org
262.898.2590

BJRH: Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House, Barrington, Illinois 420 W. County Line Road 60010
847.381.1261 Infojesuitretreat.org or jesuitretreat.org

The Port: Portiuncula Center for Prayer 9263 West St. Francis Road Frankfort, IL 60423 815.464.3880
info@portforprayer.org portforprayer.org

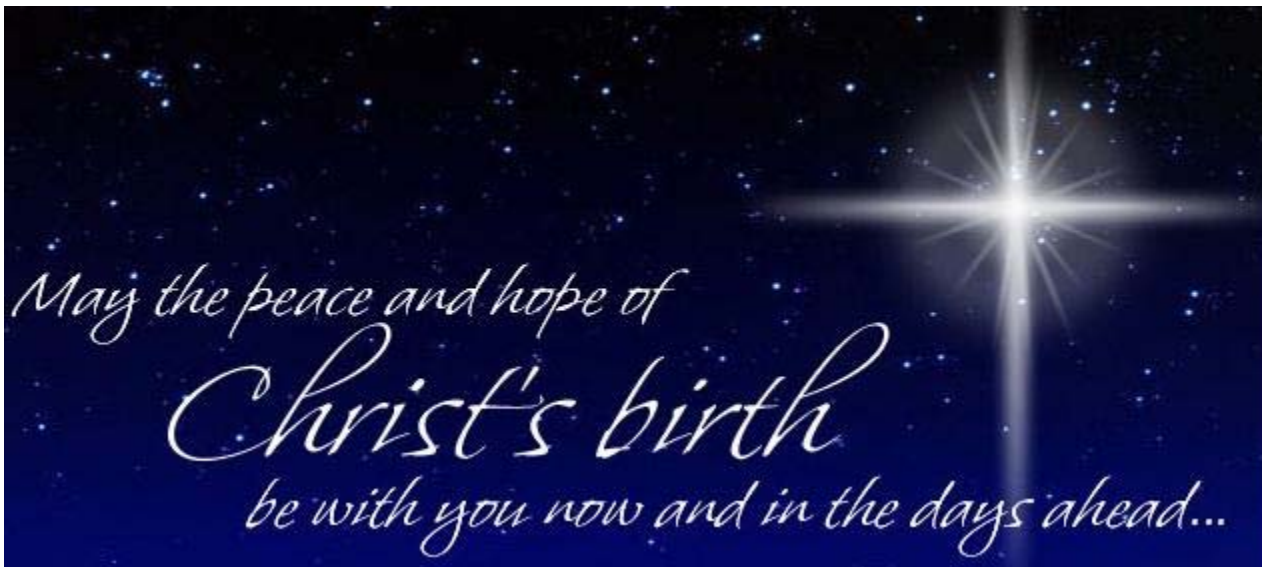
CTU: Catholic Theological Union 5401 South Cornell Avenue 60615 ctu.edu 773.371.5400

CEN: The Cenacle 513 W. Fullerton Chicago 773.528.6300
cenaclesisters.org/chicago/retreats.programs

WELL: The Well Spirituality Center 1515 West Ogden Avenue LaGrange Park, IL 60526 708.482.5048
csjthewell.org

NSC: Nazareth Spirituality Center 717 North Batavia Avenue Batavia, IL 60510 630.879.1296 (Linda Isleib)
sscm-usa.org

MHC: Monastery of the Holy Cross 3100 S. Aberdeen Avenue 773.927.7424 chicagomonk.org



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Office for Religious of the Archdiocese of Chicago: Sister Joan, Sister Kathy, Sister Lovina, Brother Mike

