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OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS

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Website: <https://consecrated.life.archchicago.org>

The Mission of the Office for Religious is to assist the Archbishop in his ministry to religious and other consecrated persons who live and serve in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Office provides pastoral services to them as well as being a vehicle for communication and administrative support. We work to connect the diversity of charisms of consecrated life with the needs of the Archdiocese. The Office also actively promotes a culture of vocations in the Archdiocese through the Coordinator of Religious Vocation Ministries and the activities of the Chicago Area Vocation Association (CAVA).

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.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS

Please remember in your prayers and Masses the donors and parishes who attended to this special collection during the second weekend of Advent (December 8-9). As of February 1, this office alone has processed almost \$500,000 in donations for retired religious sisters, brother and priests who are members of religious orders. The date(s) for 2019 for the collection will be December 7-8 (Saturday/Sunday).

DRURY LANE THANK YOU

Those Religious sisters who attended dinner and “Beauty and the Beast” at Drury Lane in Oak Brook on Friday, January 25, might want to write a Thank You note to Mr. Kyle De Santis and the De Santis Family for their most kind gesture. The De Santis Family has been hosting this event for over 50 years! (Address: Drury Lane Theatre 100 Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60681)

OUR LADY OF LORETTO THANK YOU

The Office for Religious would like to thank the Pastor, Father Thomas Cabala, and the Parish of Our Lady of Loretto in Hometown for the gracious hospitality shown to all of those who attended the Consecrated Life Day event on Saturday, January 19.

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.

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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 of
Religious/Consecrated at
Mission of Our Lady of the
Angels at 5:30 PM

June 22, 2019
Archdiocesan Celebration
of Religious Jubilees

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

Mission Educator-Promoter

Maryknoll is seeking a Mission Educator – Promoter to work primarily with the Young Adult Outreach Team and *Discipulos Misioneros* (Hispanic Ministry Outreach) Team and other teams, including outreach to Teacher, Catechist, and Deacon communities, depending on applicant experience and interest. This position will be based in Chicago. <https://maryknollsociety.org/jobs/mission-educator-promoter/>

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](tel:708-996-4624) (w) or sih@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 F.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.

POTPOURRI

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>

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)

February

11, Monday: Women’s Sacred Circle (Second Monday of each month) 7-9 PM. Free Will offering.****

12, Tuesday: Conscious Aging with Michael Jennings, PHD (8 week series on Tuesdays)

9:30 AM – 12 Noon Fee: \$150**** *“Aging invites you to become aware of the sacred circles that shelter your life.”* Anam Cara

13, Wednesday: Group Spiritual Direction (Wednesdays, February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8)

10 AM – 12 Noon Total Fee: \$40**** (Group limited to 6)

15, Friday: La Verna Day of Reflection with Janice Keenan, OSF 9:30 AM – 3 PM Fee: \$50****

Individuals may schedule private days of reflection at any time depending on availability.

15, Friday: Venus Gong Sacred Sound Meditation with Karen Tlusty-Rissman 7-8:30 PM Fee: \$25****

18, Monday: The Gift of Hope: God’s Sufficiency in the Winters of Life with Deb Way

9:30 AM – 12 Noon Fee: \$25****

19, Saturday: Grieving Through the Seasons*

19, Saturday: Situations of Substance Series: What Can We Expect Next?*

20, Wednesday: Mandala Retreat Presenter: Sr. Joellen Price, PBVM 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM Mandala is the Sanskrit Word for circle. Today the word is used for sacred artwork in the form of a circle. As we create

our own mandala we tap into the holiness of deep listening and the world around us. As we reflect on our own mandala we will gain access to the “soul-light”—the divine Spirit within. Fee: \$20**

23, Saturday: Religious Formation Conference Midwest Regional Gathering at Siena Retreat Center 5637 Erie Street in Racine, Wisconsin 53402 at 1 PM

March

1, Friday: First Friday Women’s Series – Praying the Psalms as a Path to Holiness, Sr. Mary Jane Laffan, rc. Program begins at 10 AM followed by Mass at 11:25. Participants who are able to stay are invited to be the Sisters’ guests for lunch. The Chicago Cenacle: <https://cenaclesisters.org/chicago/Retreats-Programs/>

1-3, Friday-Sunday: Spiritual Integration Retreat begins at 7 PM Friday and concludes with the noon meal on Sunday. Presenter: Annette Jo Giarrante Cost: \$225 (includes \$50 non-refundable deposit, overnight accommodations and meals).*

7-10, Thursday-Sunday: National Vocation Discernment Retreat for Hispanic Women Hispanic women (ages 21-40) who are discerning the call to religious life are invited to a national vocation discernment retreat. It will be offered in English and Spanish at the Hilton Airport Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. \$30 Registration Fee (non-refundable) includes retreat, lodging, and meals. For more information contact Sister Marichu Bringas, CCVI escribe@nationalcatholicsistersproject.org or visit the website at www.nationalcatholicsistersproject.org

7-9, Thursday-Saturday: Lessons on Becoming a Better Ally to People of Color Retreat begins at 7 PM on Thursday and concludes at 3 PM on Saturday. Facilitator: Joan Crawford Cost: \$225 (includes \$50 non-refundable deposit, overnight accommodations and meals).*

12, Tuesday: Envisioning Intercultural Ways of Being: Perspectives on Race and Gender

Lecturer: Sr. LaReine-Marie Mosely SND, PhD Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Notre Dame of Maryland University Time: 4 PM at the Catholic Theological Union 5416 South Cornell Avenue Chicago (Complimentary parking in the CTU garage)

12, Tuesday: African American Community Conditions with Kimberly Payne*

8-14, Friday-Thursday: National Catholic Sisters Week contact@nationalcatholicsistersweek.org A celebration of the lives and legacies of Catholic Sisters.

15-16, Friday-Saturday: A Weekend with Bruce Sanguin author of *If Darwin Prayed**

22-24, Friday-Sunday: Lenten Retreat: Practicing Hope, Fr. Dan Hartnett, SJ and Sr. Jenny Joseph, FC. We live in times that appear to threaten our hope. As with any venture, hope needs to be practiced. The goal will be to acquire a vocabulary for cultivating hope as well as an arsenal of practices to sustain us so we can become ministers of hope. **Open to Men and Women.** The Chicago Cenacle:

<https://www.cenaclesisters.org/chicago/Retreats-Programs/>

24, Sunday: Shamrock Shuffle 8K Run to support the Mission of Our Lady of Angels—the outreach to the poor of the Franciscans of the Eucharist of Chicago. -Guaranteed entries to the Bank of America Chicago Marathon -Race weekend accommodations provided. -Sr. Stephanie (2:53 marathoner) will help you with training. Questions? Contact Sr. Stephanie at 773-486-8431; olamission@gmail.com or

<https://missionola.com/marathon.html>

29-30, Friday-Saturday: “Simple Care of a Hopeful Heart” Enhancing Resilience, Compassion, and Personal Well Being Retreat begins at 7 PM, Friday and concludes with the noon meal on Saturday.

Presenter: Dr. Robert Wicks Cost: \$215 (includes \$50 non-refundable deposit, overnight accommodations and meals)*

April

5, Friday: First Friday Women’s Series – Holiness and our Call to Share in God’s Life, Sr. Rose Hoover, rc. Program begins at 10 AM, followed by Mass at 11:25 AM. Participants who are able to stay are invited to be the Sisters’ guests for lunch. The Chicago Cenacle: <https://www.cenaclesisters.org?chicago/Retreats-Programs/>

12-14, Friday-Sunday: Men’s Silent Retreat (Spring): -- Father Doug Leonhardt, SJ Fee: \$295***

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

26-28, 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

May

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

Summer, 2019

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 Oconomowoc, WI 53066-4897

P: 262-567-6900 Fax: 262-567-0134

Email: rrc@redemptoristretreat.org Web: www.redemptoristretreat.org

Tuesday, May 28 – Sunday, June 2 (5 days)

Monday, June 10 – Saturday, June 15 (5 days)

Monday, June 17 – Saturday, June 22 (5 days)

Monday, July 8 – Monday, July 15 (7 days)

Retreat Arrival/Departure: First Day: 3 PM - Arrival/Check-In 5 PM - Welcome/Orientation

5:30 PM – Evening Meal Last Day: 1 PM – Departure

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!

Registration: To register go to www.redemptoristretreat.org or call the retreat center at 262-567-6900

July

15-18, Monday-Thursday: Religious Brothers Conference @ Oblate Renewal Center in San Antonio Texas. For detailed information, go to www.rfcongress2019.com

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)

October

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

*Siena Retreat Center 5637 Erie Street Racine, Wisconsin 53402 www.sienaretreatcenter.org 262-898-2590

**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

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