



MARCH 2019 Newsletter



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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

Since the collection took place on the weekend of December 8-9, 2018, Brother Michael Segvich the Coordinator for the Chicago office of the National Religious Retirement Fund has processed almost \$600,000 dollars in donations. Please remember all donors in prayers and Masses.

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.

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

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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

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 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.

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Nuns and Nones + Kindling Group Present: *A Screening & Discussion with Radical Grace*

Love is blind. Obedience shouldn't be. As part of National Catholic Sisters Week.

Thursday, March 15 from 6-8:30 PM at the Catholic Theological Union, Room 210 5416 South Cornell Avenue Chicago, 60615 www.radicalgracefilm.com www.nunsandnones.org

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>

175th Anniversary: Congratulations to the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis of Springfield, Illinois as they celebrate 175 years as an international congregation!

For more information, visit this link: <http://www.hospitalsisters.org/index.cfm?plD=3643>

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)

March

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

19, Tuesday: Lenten Tuesday with Barb – White Privilege and Racism presented by Barb Arland-Fye 6 PM – 8:30 PM Lenten soup supper and dialogue with local professionals regarding the experience of racism in their lives and how being white has certain privileges. (Free will offering)**

20, Wednesday: History and Ecclesiology of the Sex Abuse Crisis with Massimo Faggioli, PhD at 1 PM CT CTU webinar: free but registration required <https://www.relforcon.org/webinars>

21, Saturday: “Let’s Talk…” Campus Ministers and Vocation Directors: “What are you discussing as you walk along the way?” (The young are constantly called to make decisions that give direction to their lives; they want to be heard, acknowledged and accompanied.) Place: Cardinal Meyer Center 3225 S. Lake Park Avenue Chicago, IL 60616 A shared dialogue among those who minister with young adults in the critical areas of faith and vocational discernment. Cost: It’s free! And, snack, drinks and lunch will be provided courtesy of **CAVA** (Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association) Dialogue will be based upon the 2018 post Synodal Document: *Young People, The Faith and Vocational Discernment* available at www.synod2018.va

To register Lpammit@archchicago.org

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebMt8R5HMO4Ns132HK3cQ_BWh2fYrT0zNpkSs1v9vzXvuD0w/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1

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>

26, Tuesday: Lenten Tuesday with Barb – Living the Experience of Jews Today presented by Barb Arland-Fye 6 PM – 8:30 PM Lenten soup supper. A dialogue with members of the Jewish community as they share their experience in society today when hate crimes are frequent. They will convey the wisdom, compassion, peace and insights into their heritage and life. (Free will offering)**

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)*

31, Sunday: “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” A concert respecting the children of the world presented by the Shem Center for Interfaith Spirituality Annual Gala Concert Time: 3 PM Place: St. Giles Catholic Parish 1101 Colombian Avenue in Oak Park, Illinois Gleason Building, McDonough Hall (Handicap Accessible; parking is available across the street; a reception follows the concert). Please respond by March 18, 2019 shemcenter1993@gmail.com www.shemcenter.org

31, Sunday: A Pathway to Jesus-A Retreat for Young Adults 11 AM – 9 PM at St. Xavier University 3700 West 103rd Street Chicago Adoration/Sacrament of Reconciliation/Eucharist/Person Reflection/Presentations Presented by the Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA)

For further information please contact: Father Harold Fisher, OMI, hfisher@snows.org [Click here for flyer.](#)

April

- 1, Monday: Finding Hope by Working for Justice** with Peggy Quinn, OSF 9 AM – 12 Noon Fee: \$25 @ The Port****
- 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/>
- 8, Monday: The Art of Self-Love** with Karen Signore 9 AM – 12 Noon Fee: \$25 @ The Port****
- 8, Monday: Lenten Taize Prayer** 6:30 PM – 8 PM Free will offering accepted.*
- 12-14, Friday-Sunday: Men's Silent Retreat (Spring):** -- Father Doug Leonhardt, SJ Fee: \$295***
- Holy Week Retreat – The Paschal Journey in the 21st Century with Diarmuid O'Murchu*** See options
- 15, Monday: Walking in Hope While Carrying Our Cross: Contradiction or Consolation** with Janice Keenan, OSF 9 AM – 12 Noon Fee: \$25 @ The Port****
- 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, Religious Brothers Day:** Celebrate with the most forgotten and misunderstood constituency of the Church!
- 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

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

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!

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

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

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