



October 2019 Newsletter



Website: <https://consecrated.life.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 the weekend of December 7/8, 2019.

Please consider sharing *your* gifts on behalf of the RFR:

- **Ask to speak at your parish masses or contact Br. Michael Segvich, CFC at 312-534-8234 to find a parish in need of a speaker.**
- **Encourage others to contribute**
- **Consider participating on the Archdiocesan Radio show promoting the collection (if interested, see the contact in the first "dot" point).**
- **Pray regularly in gratitude for the generosity of our supporters.**

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

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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
St. Priscilla Parish
6949 West Addison
Chicago, 60634-3705

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. He 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—near South Side—Apartment for Rent: 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. *Apartment available October 1, 2019, thru November 1, 2019.* 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.

Brookfield—Apartment for Rent: 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.

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).

POTPOURRI

Asian Slavery in the Americas: Franciscanism, Race, and Identity in the Asian American Experience

The movements of Asian slaves between the 16th and 19th century is not well-known. Examining the history brings to mind new questions about the earliest presence of Asians in North America, the Franciscans' struggle with colonialism, and the effects of race on theological discourse. Answering these questions will also provide a better understanding of the Asian American Catholic experience. This presentation will use a "theology of place" in order to provide a background to discuss these intersecting elements.

Presenter: Linh Hoang, OFM – Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Siena College

Location: Catholic Theological Union (see address above)

Tuesday, October 1 @ 4 PM

For more information about this event, contact Edward Foley, Capuchin, Duns Scotus Professor of Spirituality at foley@ctu.edu

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." The United States Catholic Mission Association 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. Registration at wearemissionary.org. Or call 312.534.3310 or mmio@archchicago.org.

Global Mission Mass and Celebration on Sunday, October 27, 2019

Cardinal Cupich wishes to recognize and celebrate all those in the Archdiocese of Chicago who support and engage in missionary efforts beyond our national borders. For that reason, the Mission Office is preparing to host all groups, parishes, schools, colleges, universities, religious congregations, organizations, and individuals involved in global mission. The Mass and Celebration will take place at St. Ferdinand Parish located at 5900 West Barry Avenue in Chicago (60634) at 5 PM. Registration (coming soon) at wearemissionary.org. To learn more about this event contact Megan Mio at 312.534.3310 or mmio@archchicago.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. Facilitator will be Sister Pat Bergen, CSJ. Pat just completed 18 years in leadership (7 as leader of the Sisters of St. Joseph of La Grange and 11 in the Congregation of St. Joseph; a union of 7 congregations of St. Joseph).

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 "Calendar" Items.

Early bird cost for the program is just \$250 which covers all meeting expenses, 3 meals and a single room.

The regional meeting is open to all. It is designed by missionaries, mission leaders, and pastoral leaders. A flyer and registration form are on the USCMA Webpage.

Tau Center Offerings: Sponsored by the Wheaton Franciscan has a list of programs for its "New Season." The Tau Center is located at 26W171 Roosevelt Road in Wheaton, Illinois 60187. Programs will be listed in the "Calendared" section of this newsletter. For more information and retreat details, access the website at taucenter.org.

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

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.

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.

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

COKIE ROBERTS 1943-2019

Ms. Roberts was a long-time friend of many women religious and in more recent years a great supporter of LCWR. She collaborated in many ways with the conference. Sister Annmarie Sanders, IHM, Communications Director for the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, issued the following statement on behalf of the organization: "...the Leadership Conference of Women Religious grieves the death of journalist Cokie Roberts. We stand as witnesses to what has been reported worldwide about her

professional expertise, as well as her unfailing kindness and generosity. Our organization, as well as many of the women religious we represent, has deeply appreciated all that she brought to the world she served.”

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)

October

1-4, Tuesday-Friday: National Conference: Resource Center for Religious Institutes @ Hyatt Regency in Dallas, Texas To register: www.trcri.org/nc19 If help is needed for the registration process, contact **Sabrina Hidalgo** shidalgo@trcri.org or 301.589.8143.

4, Friday: Healing Vibrations with Crystal Singing Bowls—Christy Guyer****

7, Monday: Gentle Yoga from the Chair and Self-Care Workshop with Dr. Nadine Kelly****

11-13, Friday-Sunday: “Come and See” Monastic Experience Weekend at Our Lady of the Mississippi Abbey in Dubuque Iowa *Open to single Catholic women ages 18-39* vocations@olmabbey.org or 563.582.2595, ext. 114

13, Sunday: An Afternoon with Richard Rohr—Live Videoconference****

18, Friday: The Theology of Rest—Transforming Compassion Fatigue with Karen Skalitzky****

19, Saturday: Solemn Vespers at the Monastery of the Holy Cross Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:15 PM at 3111 S. Aberdeen Street Chicago 60608

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

26, Saturday: Women’s Retreat—Wabi-Sabii—Finding Beauty in the Ordinary with Arlene Ashack, IBVM, Karen Hurley Kuchar, and Janice Keenan, OSF****

27, Sunday: Global Mission Mass and Celebration (see article in “Potpourri”)

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

28, Monday: Long Have I Waited for Your Coming Home—Jesus’ Close Encounters with Women in the Gospels with Father Ed Shea, OFM****

28, Monday: Guided Meditation Session with Amanda Clark Reed****

30, Wednesday: Sister Helen Prejean: Talk/Book Signing/Reception featuring her new book entitled *River of Fire-My Spiritual Journey*. Place: The Well Spirituality Center at 1515 West Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park, Illinois from 7-9 PM. To register on line, go to csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048 or pay at the door. Cost: \$25 *Books will be available for purchase!*

November

1, Friday: Day of Reflection****

2, Saturday: Thanksgiving Food Drive and Indoor Labyrinth Walk with Dr. Michael Jennings****

2, Saturday: Fall Conference featuring Fr. Ronald Rolheiser sponsored by Mayslake Ministries

9 AM – 12 Noon at the Marriot Naperville Hotel located at 718 Ogden Avenue in Downers Grove, IL 60515 Registration: \$65 per person. *This event will sell out, so please register soon!* 630.852.9000

Mayslakeministries.org

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

11, Monday: Living with Intention with Amanda Clark Reed****

15, Friday: Sacred Sounds Gong Bath with Richard Rudis****

18, Monday: Life on the Brink—Holding the Center in the Midst of the Whirlwind with Dr. Avis Clendenen****

21-24, Thursday-Sunday: National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana

22, Friday: Solemn Vespers at the Monastery of the Holy Cross Feast of Saint Cecilia
7 PM at 3111 S. Aberdeen Chicago 60608

December

- 2, Monday: Living Room Conversations—Immigration with Janice Keenan, OSF and Rita Travis******
6-8, Friday-Sunday: An AIDBHINT: Advent Journey with Dr. Michael Jennings****
12-13, Saturday-Sunday: Annual Collection for retired sisters, brothers and priests who are members of religious orders.
13, Friday: Healing Vibrations with Crystal Singing Bowls with Christy Guyer****
16, Monday: Guided Meditation Session****

January, 2020

- 13, Monday: Soul Collage******
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****
27, Monday: Visual Faith Journaling****

March

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

April

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

May

- 1, Friday: National Religious Brothers Day**

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