



September 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 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

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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

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.

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: 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.*

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.

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 at 708.204.6650 or ob2knabe@gmail.com.

Apartment for Rent—Brookfield: 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.

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: 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.

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

POTPOURRI

Religious Life for the 21st Century: Creating Communities of Hope on a Global Scale

As we “read the signs of the times” and seek to respond to them, we will engage key areas of religious life through lenses of scripture, tradition, interdisciplinary studies, and the arts. We will explore our theological and religious imagination, discern key elements of community longed for and needed in the world today; consider hope as it is vital for our time, and examine ethical issues to which consecrated life is called to witness.

Presenter: Maria Cimperman, RSCJ – Director of the Center for Consecrated Life

Location: Catholic Theological Union

5416 South Cornell Avenue

Chicago, Illinois 60615

Mondays from September 9 – December 2 from 1-4:15 PM

Learn more at ctu.edu/academics/courses/

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 @ 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. 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.

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 Exercises of Ignatius Certificate Training Program

September, 2019 – May, 2020 at Holy Family Parish in Chicago or Gesu Parish in Milwaukee. **Applications for Seminar 1 until September 10, 2019.** For information, contact Jordan Skarr, Father Steve Krupa, S. J., or Ms. Rita Dollard-O’Malley: umiseminars@jesuits.org or 773.975.6363. Three annual Ignatian Seminars. Seminar 1: Christian theological/biblical foundations (those with theology background will be given a bye). Seminar 2: Ignatian Spirituality through study of the text of the Exercises; the Ignatian discernment of spirits; listening skills. Seminar 3: Supervised internship in giving the complete Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola. Classes every other week for 15 weeks.

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

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.

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)

September

4, Wednesday: Exploring the Franciscan Way of Life (Wednesdays through May 9, 2020).

Tau Center.

5, 12, 19, 26, Thursday: “Centering Prayer-Exploring Prayer in Recovery” Presenter: Ruth Hoenick
Types of prayer will be explored that allow individuals to simply “be with” a power greater than themselves. *

5, Thursday: Wisdom Writing Circle – Fall Series A four-week series at Tau Center

6-7, Friday-Saturday: Sacred Presence: “A Program for the Formation of Spiritual Directors”
sponsored by Mayslake Ministries

This intensive ten-month program provides men and women with the spiritual formation and necessary skills to answer God’s call to the ministry of Spiritual Direction, while earning a professional certificate in Spiritual Direction. The program is staffed by a team of practicing Mayslake Ministers, Spiritual Directors and affiliates who for decades, have accompanied spiritual seekers on their journey to grow closer to God.

For more information or to apply to this program please contact Dr. Mary Amore at

mamore@mayslakeministries.org or 630.852.9000.

7, Saturday: “Asian Spirituality” “*This Day of reflection will explore various aspects of Asian Spirituality from a Japanese American’s perspective.* Facilitator: Japanese American Sister Joanne Jaruko Doi, MM*

9, Monday: “Come to the Quiet” Presenter: Pat Shea *The way of mercy changes hearts, our own and others. To spread kindness, to extend forgiveness, to listen with non-judgement, to offer help to those in so many kinds of need, this is living the way of mercy.***

9, Monday: Centering Prayer-Experience the Presence of God at Tau Center.

9, Monday: Women’s Sacred Circle****

9, Monday: Meditation and Life Integration This series offers 20-minute minutes of silent meditation and discussion of the book *No Time Like the Present: Finding Love, Freedom, and Joy Right where You Are* by Jack Kornfield*

11, Wednesday: Group Spiritual Direction****

12, Thursday: The National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini Annual Benefit Dinner at the Chicago Yacht Club 400 E. Monroe Street Chicago 60603 6 PM Cocktails 7:30 PM Dinner Tickets \$175.00 per person. *The venue for this year’s dinner will celebrate Mother Cabrini at the anchor to our community. The Chicago Yacht Club embodies our deep admiration for Mother Cabrini and the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, who traveled overseas and worked tirelessly to provide worldwide education, social services and care to immigrant men, women and children.* 773.360.5115 cabrinationalshrine.org

13, Friday: Song of the Planets Vibrational Meditation****

13-15, Friday-Sunday: Contemplation with Francis and Clare Presenter: Sister Kathy Sadler, OSF
*How did Francis and Clare find God in everything? How were they so steeped in God? Come and be still and know God.***

14, Saturday: “Women for Women” *A circle of women’s wisdom and support.* (8 Saturdays: 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 2/8, 3/7, 4/4, 5/16, 6/13). Co-Facilitator: Pat Shutts*

16, Monday: Meister Eckhart—A Mystic Warrior for Our Time****

17, Tuesday: Spirituality Alive--Religious Tradition and Evolutionary Change Presenter: Miriam Brown, OP* (A great way to catch up on some present day thinking in the field of spirituality).

17, Tuesday: The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr, OFM (8-week program) ****

19, Thursday – 22, Sunday: New Program – First Time Advertised!

See the Stars: Sleeping Bear Dunes Adventure/Retreat

Put your phones away, forget your cares, and join us on our very first adventure/retreat in “the most beautiful place in America” (per Good Morning America). As lovers of the Universe Story, we love Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in Michigan for its dark skies, breathtaking views, and wildness – not to mention its cherry pies! Facilitators: Mary Fishman, Diane Pfhaler, Bridget Spertudo

Register online at cajthewell.org or 708.482.5048

19, Thursday: USCMA Online Membership Meeting At 2 PM EDT, Sister Nancy Schramm OFM, new President of the United States Catholic Mission Association will conduct the annual online membership meeting which will review the “state of the association” and outline future directions.

20-22, Friday-Sunday: “Women’s Retreat in Spanish/Retiro in Espanol” “De Mujer a Mujer”

Presenter: Gabriela Caballero-Moersfelder El retiro esta agendado de tal manera que haya tiempo para la reflexion personal y oracion.*

21, Saturday: Grieving Through the Seasons/Grief Retreat Day *A day-long spiritual retreat for adults grieving the death of a loved one, friend or co-worker.* *

21, Saturday: Harvesting the Bounty and Beauty of Our Lives: Basket Weaving Day

Craft your own beautiful and useful gift while reflecting on your life. *

21, Saturday: “Creating Communities of Welcome: *What would You have us do?*”

Co-sponsored by Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants and Catholic Theological Union

Registration: 8:30 AM Program 9 AM – 1 PM

Panelists: U. S. Representative Jan Schakowsky of the Illinois 9th Congressional District

Theologian Carmen M. Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union

Attorney Irekere Picon, Illinois Business Immigration Coalition

Suggested donation: \$25 Free parking at CTU to register: ctu.edu

22, Sunday: “Hesburgh” Documentary Screening at 3 PM

Special Guest: Reverend Kevin Sandberg, CSC, PhD, Executive Director, the Center for Social Concerns at the University of Notre Dame

Location: The James and Catherine Denny Center at Catholic Theological Union 5416 South Cornell Chicago (Complimentary parking available in the CTU garage).

Eucharist at 2 PM *Celebrant* Reverend Robin Ryan

22, Sunday: Pilgrimage to the Baha’I House of Worship

This day pilgrimage will offer the opportunity to learn about the Baha’I faith tradition and be inspired by its art, architecture and music. *

23, Monday: Living Room Conversations—Communicating with Care****

27, Friday: Day of Reflection****

27-29, Friday-Sunday: “Spirituality and the Arts” Presenter: Pat Shea

*Artists and non-artists are invited to a weekend of renewal. There will be time for rest and re-creation through reflection, personal and shared prayer experiences, individual creative time, and time to embrace the peace and beauty of the prairie.***

27-29, Friday-Sunday: SoulCollage™ Weekend: The theme for the weekend retreat is *Coming to Clarity.*

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30, Monday: A Spirituality of Ripening—Gleaning Lessons and Blessings of Harvest****

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****

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: Richard Rohr—Live Videoconference****

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

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

26, Saturday: Women’s Retreat—Wabi-Sabii—Finding Beauty in the Ordinary****

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****

28, Monday: Guided Meditation Session****

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****

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****

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

18, Monday: Life on the Brink—Holding the Center in the Midst of the Whirlwind****

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

December

2, Monday: Living Room Conversations—Immigration****

6-8, Friday-Sunday: An Aid hint: Advent Journey****

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—Christy Guyer****

16, Monday: Guided Meditation Session****

January, 2020

13, Monday: Soul Collage****

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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