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Resources Available

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

National Religious Vocation Conference: For downloadable and video resources, workshops, and research to promote vocations to religious life including VISION Vocation Network, HORIZON Journal and the National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations. For more information visit nrvc.net.

Challenging Times

This newsletter is being created under very different/unusual conditions using an iPad. It lacks most of the usual categories and items. Hopefully, we will return to some sort of normalcy with the edition scheduled for May.

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Easter Greetings

We pray that the presence and peace of Christ will sustain us in this time of crisis.

Happy Easter from *Sister Joan*, *Sister Kathy*, *Sister Lovina*, *Brother Mike* 🙏🌸

The Cardinal's Meeting with Religious Leadership scheduled for Thursday, April 23 at St. Rosalie Parish is postponed until the Fall of 2020.

The annual celebration for Religion Jubilarians is postponed from Friday, May 1 until some time during the Fall of 2020.

A possible source of solace during these difficult times is the monthly newsletter which is created and promulgated by **Joyce Rupp**. To access her April 2020 message in light of COVID-19, go to www.joycerupp.com.

2020 Calendared Programs of Interest for Religious

All events are tentative due to the pandemic

For venues, see the key below.

With the current situation regarding the Coronavirus, please contact the agencies listed below regarding the status of various workshops, retreat, assemblies, etc., which may have been previously listed/promoted in this monthly newsletter.

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 Rd., 60010 847.381.1261
Info@jesuitretreat.org or jesuitretreat.org

PORT: Portiuncula Center for Prayer, 9263 West St. Francis Rd., Frankfort, IL 60423 815.464.3880
info@portforprayer.org portforprayer.org

CTU: Catholic Theological Union, 5401 South Cornell Ave., Chicago 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 Ave., LaGrange Park, IL 60526 708.482.5048
csjthewell.org

NSC: Nazareth Spirituality Center, 717 North Batavia Ave., 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

May

1, Friday: National Religious Brothers Day Virtual Gathering: 1 p.m. EDT/10 a.m. PDT. For more information, e-mail Tom Southard tsouthard@cmsm.org

22, Friday: Consecrated Life Gathering at Mission of Our Lady of the Angels Save the date

July

13–16, Monday–Thursday: 49th Annual Religious Brothers Assembly at the Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in Sierra Madre, California

August

4–6, Tuesday–Thursday: CMSM National Assembly in Buffalo, New York cmsm.org

11–15, Sunday–Thursday: LCWR Assembly in Dallas, Texas

October

30, Friday – Nov 2, Monday: NRVC Convocation 2020 “Focus on Hope”: Focus on Vocation Ministry with keynote speakers Sister Anita Price Baird, D.H.M., and Father Antonio Pernia, S.V.D.

Prayer for Health Care Workers (*U S Catholic Magazine*, April 1, 2020)

May the One who blessed our ancestors
Bless all those who put themselves at risk to care for the sick
Physicians and nurses and orderlies
Technicians and home health aides
EMTs and pharmacists
(And bless especially _____)
Who navigate the unfolding dangers of the world each day.
To tend to those they have sworn to help.
Bless them in their coming home and bless them in their going out.
Ease their fear. Sustain them.
Source of all breath, healer of all beings,
Protect them and restore their hope.
Strengthen them, that they may bring strength;
Keep them in health, that they may bring healing.
Help them know again a time when they can breathe without fear.
Bless the sacred work of their hands.
May this plague pass from among us, speedily and in our days.

—Rabbi Ayelet S. Cohen