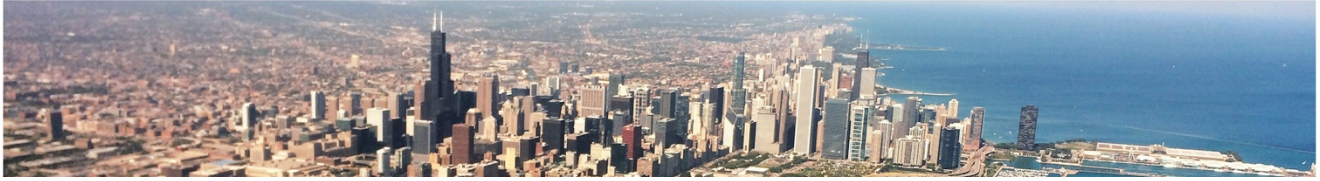




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Resources Available

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.

Religious Brothers Symposium: Saturday, April 4, 2020 at Boston College at the Crowne Plaza-Boston Newton*

The theme for this second gathering of religious brothers is “The sky’s the limit,” and appropriately enough, the keynote presenter will be Brother Guy Consolmagno, SJ, the director of the Vatican Observatory who will discuss “The Prophetic Call of the Brother in the Church.” Invited presenters from around the world will discuss how brothers are living witnesses of the prophetic Gospel call. Small-group sessions in the afternoon will allow for discussion. Cardinal Sean O’Malley, OFM Capuchin, Archbishop of Boston, will celebrate the closing Mass. Registration will open at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, with the program beginning at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided, and the day will conclude with the Eucharistic Liturgy at 5:30 p.m. On Friday, April 3, there will be an optional bus tour to Spencer Abbey. On Sunday, April 5 there will be a breakfast at the Crowne-Plaza-Boston Newton. The Brothers Think Tank will lead a conversation at breakfast discussing what was heard and how best it can be applied. The morning program will end at 11 a.m.

* Note that the hotel will be renovated and changing owners in January and will become a Four Points by Sheraton. Reservations made at the Crowne Plaza will be honored.

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2020 OFR Events

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Celebration of Consecrated Life with Cardinal Cupich,
Our Lady Mother of the Church in Chicago,
Norridge, IL 60656

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Cardinal’s Meeting with Leadership,
St. Rosalie Parish, Harwood Heights

FRIDAY, MAY 1

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Mass/Luncheon for Religious Jubilarians,
St. Priscilla Parish, Chicago

The rate is \$139/night and includes breakfast. Reservations can be made by contacting the hotel at 1.617.969.3010 and using the code CMS. The rate is available April 2–7, 2020. The Brothers Symposium is a program of the Brothers Think Tank, a coalition of organizations and individuals dedicated to supporting and promoting the vocation of Catholic religious brothers.

Register now: religiousbrothers.org/events/symposium
Questions? 301.588.4030 or tsouthard@cmsm.org.

Ministry Opportunities

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

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. The 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.

Database Administrator

The National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC) is looking for a Database Administrator with a strong background in customer relationship management software: Raiser's Edge preferred. This team member will maintain the NRVC member/subscriber/donor database, assist with membership renewal, event and workshop registrations, and prepare event materials. This part-time position of 24 hours weekly at the National Office in Hyde Park (Chicago) includes parking at CTU. For more information and to submit a resume, please email nrvc@nrvc.net.

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 providencesoupkitchen.com

Mission of Our Lady of the Angels

Saturday, February 15: Work day – Help unload/bag food as well as help with construction; **Saturday, March 7:** Mobile pantry; **Saturday, March 21:** Work day; **Sunday, March 22:** Shamrock Shuffle! Run with Team OLA! Also, contact Sister Stephanie if you are interested in participating in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on Sunday, October 11.

Address: Mission of Our Lady of the Angels, 3808 W. Iowa Street, Chicago, IL 60651

Welcome to Brother David Hirt:

Midwest Member Area Liaison for the Religious Formation Conference

Brother David Hirt, Capuchin, is hoping to help all collaborate with the RFC. Please contact him with any questions, concerns or needs one may have. Also, if any events need to be placed in the RFC newsletter, please contact Brother David at brodavid@thecapuchins.org. Cell: 414.242.6171. Address: 3138 N. 2nd Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212. Brother David also has Skype, Zoom, Lifesize and WhatsApp.

Properties/Housing Available

Chatham/Calumet Heights (Pill Hill) Neighborhood

South Side: Quiet, peaceful, safe, clean and 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 and cable ready. In addition, being family friendly, this space is ideal for professional(s) seeking a home away from home while completing research, practicum, residency of internship requirements. 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 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**.

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.

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).

LaGrange Park Apartment for Rent

Fully remodeled open floor plan 3-bedroom, 2 full bathroom, 2 kitchen home offers approximately 2,700 square feet of living space including finished basement with washer/dryer. Central heat and air conditioning, resurfaced hardwood floors, stainless steel appliances (including microwave), refrigerator with filtered water/ice and quartz countertops – all these features make this place comfortable and beautiful. Rental comes with a two and a half car garage which will keep the ice off your windshield and a third parking spot in the driveway. Very safe and quiet neighborhood with two sisters living next door who will constantly pray for your well-being! The location is close to downtown LaGrange, public transit, library, grocery store and pharmacy, as well as a movie house which shows recently first-run movies at a much-reduced rate! The facility is “move-in ready”! 1-year renewable lease. Seeking long-term renters. \$2,450/month. Please contact Tim Polk at 815.212.1102 or **tpolk943@gmail.com**. Pictures available upon request.

Potpourri

On Line Discernment Group: The Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA) hosts monthly online vocation discernment groups via ZOOM video conference – one for men and one for women. For more details, visit **vocationscava.org/online-discernment-group/**.

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.

Building a Monastery for the Heart

Author, PBS and NPR contributor and Benediction Oblate Judith Valente will flavor a weekend retreat in the spirit of St. Benedict for those seeking peace and some sacred spaces to savor silence. Experience compline prayer in the magnificent Saint Francis of Assisi Church on the beautiful grounds of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis Convent. Chiara Center, 4875 LaVerna Road in Springfield, Illinois 62707 chiaracenter.org.

Monthly Homicide Vigil

All are welcome to join Chicago Catholic Sisters for monthly homicide vigils to unite together, name those lost to violence, and pray for the end to violence in our city. The purpose of the homicide prayer vigil is to serve as a public witness to the sacredness of life when it has been lost through homicides. The vigils are held on the last Saturday of each month at the site of a homicide. To receive an e-mail notification with the location each month, email Sister Mary Therese at Krugsmt@gmail.com.

Retreat Opportunities for Men

Mayslake Ministries is excited to announce **two** different retreat options for men in 2020. For information visit the website or call 630.852.9000. Mayslake 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 to 8:30 a.m. on **750 AM Radio WNDZ Indiana**. If you miss the live airing of the show, podcast recordings are posted at radiotv.archchicago.org/radio/dare-to-love to stream or download. *Would you like to be our featured guest?* Contact Sister Lovina at Lpammit@archchicago.org.

Reframing Retirement for Mission at the Chicago Theological Union

A month long mini-sabbatical in Chicago for men and women religious and diocesan priests who are discerning and/or transitioning into retirement. The four-week program will run from Friday, May 29 to Friday, June 26. The program will include three weeks of speakers, one to one spiritual direction, daily prayer and mass along with other recreational activities. One week will be reserved for a directed retreat. \$3650 with a non-refundable deposit of \$250. For further information, contact Marian Diaz. This mini-sabbatical is limited to 30 participants so register early to save a place. CTU

Friends of Ben

Bishop Robert Barron recently provided a plug for the cause of Ben Salmon (bensalmon.org) in his syndicated column of January 14, 2020. If you would like more information regarding the cause for this conscientious objector who is buried in Carmel Cemetery in Hillside, Illinois, please contact Deacon Michael McCloskey, 312.573.4444 or email mmccloskey@holynamcathedral.org or call Fr. Bernard Survil at 724.523.0291.

Stories of Spirit and Heart: Conversations with Catholic Sisters

Come celebrate **Catholic Sisters Week** March 8–14 at the Chicago Theological Union (CTU) by joining the conversation with us! This **free** event will offer space to listen to panelists in an atmosphere to encourage sharing in small groups and delicious pizza to sustain table talk. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, March 11 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Denny Center, second floor. Parking is free in the garage next to CTU. Invite a friend to join us! Sponsored by the Center for the Study of Consecrated Life; Communicators for Women Religious; Giving Voice; Institute for Religious Formation; National Religious Vocation Conference; and the Religious Formation Conference.

Spiritual Direction Certificate Program, September – May

(Currently accepting applications) Spiritual Direction is a sacred practice of deeply listening and supporting another as they are present to their own spiritual story. It is a long-standing ministry that is for people of all faith traditions. The Claret Center has offered Spiritual Direction for 30-plus years. The program provides an intense experiential mentoring for those who have completed academic study, have served in ministry or healing professions, and have personal experience with Spiritual Direction. For more information, contact Irma Cruz, Executive Director, The Claret Center 773.643.6259 cruzi@claret.org

2020 Calendared Programs of Interest for Religious

For venues, see the key below.

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- 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
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February

- 4, Tuesday: Trauma Informed Care Today** Part of the “Situation of Substance Series” facilitated by Tim Grove SRC
- 5, Wednesday: Wellness Wednesday** SRC
- 7, Friday: Seeking the Face of God when I feel Unworthy with Sister Barbara Regan**, rc 10 a.m. – 12 noon Women of all ages welcome. CEN
- 7, Friday: Healing Vibrations with Crystal Singing Bowls** PORT
- 10, Monday: Women’s Sacred Circle** PORT
- 11, Tuesday: National Religious Retirement Office Webinar** at 1 p.m. EST: *The Spiritual Journey of Caregiving: Finding Compassion for Ourselves and Others*. This presentation will explore how to approach caregiving from a spiritual perspective and will offer strategies for avoiding burnout. Presenter: Denise Hess, Executive Director of the Supportive Care Coalition. Visit the Avila Institute website to register.
- 12, Wednesday: Guided Meditation** PORT
- 15, Saturday: The Mystical World of Icons, facilitated by Jim Gill** SRC
- 17, Monday: Guided Meditation** PORT
- 19, Wednesday: Lent: A Prayer for Transformation** 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. (Sister Linda Hatton, sscm) or 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Susan Amann, sscm Director of Spiritual Ministry) NSC
- 21, Friday: Private Retreat at La Verna – Take Time to Ponder** PORT
- 21-23, Friday–Sunday: Lenten Weekend Retreat.** Open to all women who desire to enrich their spiritual growth during the Lenten season NSC
- 24, Monday: We Come to Share Our Story with Fr. Ed Shea, OFM** PORT
- 25, Tuesday: Living Room Conversations – More Curious, Less Furious** PORT
- 27, Thursday: Drury Lane Show for Religious Sisters – An American in Paris** in Oak Brook

28–March 1, Friday-Sunday: Lenten Weekend Retreat NSC

29, Saturday: Day of Reflection with Theodore Richards –This is a time of economic uncertainty, political division, and cultural unraveling. We may not be at the end of the world, but we may be at the end of cosmology. SRC

Lenten Season: Busy Person’s Retreat presented by Kathy Brady-Murfin NSC

February to June: Women for Women: Saturdays once a month join a circle of women’s wisdom and mutual support. Facilitated by Pat Shutts. SRC

March

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Sundays) 3–6 p.m.: Lights, Camera, Faith...is a movie lectionary series designed to help one enter into Lent. A movie will be viewed which creates a dialogue between the movie and the Gospel. Open to both men and women. NSC

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Mondays): Lenten Monday Evenings Retreat This experience is open to both women and men that works itself into one’s busy daily schedule, giving a person an opportunity to deepen a relationship with God during the Lenten season. NSC

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Mondays): Lenten Series based on “The Artist’s Way” with Fr. Michael Jennrich – *Safety and Identity* PORT

6, Friday: Song of Neptune – Gong PORT

11, Wednesday: Stories of Spirit and Heart: Conversations with Catholic Sisters 6–7:30 p.m. at the Denny Center, Catholic Theological Union CTU

13, Friday: Private Retreat at Laverna PORT

8–14, Sunday-Saturday: National Catholic Religious Sisters Week

20–22, Friday-Sunday: Lenten Retreat: *The Blessing and the Consolation Found in Offering Oneself* CEN

20–22, Friday-Sunday: *Building a Monastery of the Heart* in Springfield, Illinois (Chiara Center). See listing in “Potpourri.”

22, Sunday: Shamrock Shuffle Run with team OLA (Our Lady of the Angels) 8K or 2 Mile. Deadline to sign up is March 1 for the shuffle. Email/call Sister Stephanie at olamission@gmail.com or 773.438.8431 with questions or to sign up!

28, Saturday: Taste and See if Siena Retreat Center’s Spiritual Guidance Program is for you. Have you ever thought of becoming a spiritual director, also known as spiritual companion? SRC

26–29, Thursday–Sunday: LCWR New Leader Workshop Conference Center, University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois

April

3, Friday: Drawn Deeper into Mystery with Sister Rose Hoover, rc. 10 a.m. – 12 noon CEN

3-5, Friday-Sunday: Come and See: Monastic Experience Weekend at Our Lady of the Mississippi Abbey in Dubuque, Iowa Open to single women 18–39 vocations@olmabbey.org 563.582.2595, ext. 114
8400 Abbey Hill Lane Dubuque, IA 52003

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

May

1, Friday: National Religious Brothers Day

22–24, Friday–Sunday: Celtic Weekend “A Vision of the Sacred in All Things” with John Philip Newell CEN

29, Friday: Reframing Retirement for Mission and Seeking Meaningful Ministry after Retirement CTU

June

14–19, Sunday–Friday: Silent & Directed Retreats at the Chiara Center in Springfield, Illinois.
chiaracenter.org

26, Friday: Reframing Retirement for Mission and Seeking Meaningful Ministry after Retirement CTU

August

9–13, Sunday–Thursday: Boundless Compassion Conference Retreat in Springfield, Illinois (Chiara Center) chiaracenter.org

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