



OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS NEWSLETTER



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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.

Archdiocesan Celebration of Consecrated Life with Cardinal Cupich

Save the Date: Saturday, February 8, 2020
1 p.m. – 6 p.m. (check-in at 12:30 p.m.)

Our Lady Mother of the Church Parish
 8747 West Lawrence Avenue
 Chicago 60656
 773.625.3369 Host: Reverend Andrzej Bartosz, Pastor

Mass: 5 p.m. with Cardinal Cupich as principal celebrant and presider.

Theme: *The Mission of Reconciliation in the Lives and Ministries of Consecrated Religious*

Presenters: Father David Kelly, Executive Director of the Precious Blood, Ministry of Reconciliation; and Ryan Lents, Archdiocese of Chicago, Director of the Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity and CRS Diocesan Director

(Registration will begin in December)

Retirement Fund for Religious

The annual collection took place on December 7 and 8 and the contributions which were realized by the Archdiocese of Chicago are arriving at the Office for Religious steadily now. Please thank your local parish for participating in the event and remember the obligation to acknowledge in prayers and masses those who donated so generously.

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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

Gatherings

Interfaith Prayer Service: *Becoming a Community of Hope*

Sunday, January 12, 4 p.m. at St. Viator Church, 4170 West Addison Avenue, Chicago 60641

Please join Sisters and Brothers of immigrants, at the end of Migration Week, as we reflect on sharing our journey with prayer, song and reflections by members of diverse faiths and populations. Reception at 5 p.m. with light refreshments. Free parking is available north of the church. For more information, please contact: mgosch@viatorians.com or sistersandbrothersofimmigrants.org.

Solidarity in a Franciscan Perspective Presenter: Kenneth Himes, OFM, Professor of Theological Ethics at Boston College

Thursday, January 23, at the Catholic Theological Union, 5416 South Cornell Avenue, Chicago 60615

Parking available in the garage next to CTU. RSVP by January 10 to beyonditevos@gmail.com.

The event is sponsored by the Franciscan Family First Order.

Father Ken Himes, OFM, is a member of the Holy Name Province of the order of Friars Minor and received his Ph.D. in religion and public policy from Duke University. Prior to joining the faculty at Boston College, Fr. Ken taught at Washington Theological Union. He has been a visiting professor at the University of Virginia, Howard University Divinity School, and St. John's University (NY) where he held the Paul McKeever Chair. He has also held several leadership positions within his religious community.

Religious Brothers Symposium

Saturday, April 4, 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. 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@csm.org

Ministry Opportunities

For additional Archdiocesan opportunities visit: 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 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. 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.

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

Properties/Housing Available

McKinley Park Neighborhood

Apartment for rent on the 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 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

Paint Your Soul Retreat: with Mary Southard, CSJ “...Painting is a delightful way to tap into an expression to what is moving within us.” Thursday, January 16 at 9 a.m. until Sunday, January 19 at 3 p.m. at The Well, 11515 West Ogden Avenue in La Grange Park, Illinois. Cost is \$475 for accommodations and meals (\$100 non-refundable reserves a place). The retreat will engage with the energies and images already within a person through painting and storytelling. The retreat is for artists and non-artists alike, but space is limited.

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.

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.

Camino Pilgrimage: May 9–20, 2020

For over a thousand years, pilgrims have made their way across northern Spain to the town of Santiago de Compostela and the shrine of St. James. The pilgrimage will leave from Chicago and fly to Madrid. After a day in Madrid, there will be travel by train to Sarria on the 11th. The walk of the Camino will transpire the 12th–18th for approximately 71 miles (115 km) until the Cathedral and shrine of St. James are reached. There will be a free day in Santiago on the 19th and the flight back to the United States will take place on Friday, May 20. The pilgrimage will wind its way through Galicia which has Celtic origins. The journey will transpire along woodland paths, gravel roads and eucalyptus forests as well as through many small towns and river valleys and up and down gently rolling hills towards Santiago. Cost: \$3,000 which includes airfare from Chicago; transport, accommodations and dinners on the Camino and in Santiago. There is a \$200 non-refundable deposit to secure a place. Final payment is due no later than January 15, 2020. Guides for the pilgrimage are Kathy Brazda, CSJ (walked the entire Camino in 2015) and Marie Hogan, CSJ. There is room for 12 additional “pilgrims.” Questions: contact Kathy Brazda at kbrazda@csjoseph.org or 708.482.6084.

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 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

Peer Retreat Opportunities from Giving Voice—The Voices of Younger Women Religious

For Catholic Sisters in their 20s, 30s, and 40s:

- 20s & 30s Retreat, 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.

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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January

12, Sunday: Interfaith Prayer Service Becoming a Community of Hope, 4 p.m. at St. Viator Church, 4170 W. Addison Ave., Chicago 60641

12–18, Sunday–Saturday: January Weeklong Retreat SRC

13, Monday: Soul Collage PORT

15, Wednesday: Wellness Wednesday SRC

16–19, Thursday–Sunday: Paint Your Soul Retreat Mary Southard, CSJ WELL

18, Saturday: Prayer: The Only Language We Know SRC

17–19, Friday–Sunday: 20s & 30s Retreat for Younger Women Religious in Phoenix, Arizona
giving-voice.org

23, Thursday: Solidarity in a Franciscan Perspective 6 p.m. Dinner; 7 p.m. Evening Prayer and Presentation/Q & A CTU

25, Saturday: Women's Sacred Spa Day—A Time to Simply Be PORT

27, Monday: Visual Faith Journaling PORT

February

2, Sunday: World Day for Consecrated Life

5, Wednesday: Wellness Wednesday SRC

27, Thursday: Drury Lane Show for Religious Sisters – *An American in Paris* in Oak Brook

March

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

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

April

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

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

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

August

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