



# OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS NEWSLETTER



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## CAVA Virtual Gathering on August 6, 2020

**Theme/Title:** *Risking Hope: Religious Life as a Narrative of Perseverance and Transformation*

**What:** Virtual gathering (via Zoom) hosted by the Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA)

**Who:** For CAVA Members, Religious Congregation Leaders, Archdiocesan Leaders/Coordinators, Parish Leaders, and others in vocation ministry

**When:** Thursday, August 6 | 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon

**Cost:** Free | Registration required (Zoom link will be sent after registration)

**Presenter:** Sister Deborah Borneman, SS.C.M. from NRVC. There are over 700 diverse religious institutes in the United States in terms of spirituality, charisms, and mission but also in terms of their size, composition, and presence of new members. The diversity of sisters, brothers and priests is one of the hallmarks of religious life today. This presentation will unpack the data from the 2020 NRVC/CARA Study on Recent Vocations by reflecting on how our words and actions promote or inhibit a culture of vocations.

**Click here for the flyer.** Or copy and paste this link: <https://www.vocationscava.org/chicago-archdiocesan-vocation-association-cava-virtual-opening-gathering-august-6-2020/>

Click on the link to register online: <https://bit.ly/2MxaLZr>

## Resources Available

Religious Formation Conference: For women & men; program offerings include *ForMission*; *Life Commitment Program*; *Orientation to Formation*. For more information visit [relforcon.org](https://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 [nrv.net](https://nrv.net).

## Position Available: Coordinator of Annual Collection for Retired Religious

The Office for Religious is seeking a religious to fill this part-time position beginning sometime in the summer of 2020. Our current coordinator, Brother Michael Segvich, will be leaving the office in order to serve full-time on his congregation's province leadership team. If interested, please contact the Vicar for Religious, Sister Joan McGlinchey, at [jmcglinchey@archchicago.org](mailto:jmcglinchey@archchicago.org).

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## Retirement Fund for Religious

Recently, the Archdiocese of Chicago transferred \$769,371.47 to the National Retirement Fund for Religious in Washington, DC. The amount transferred was the total from donations received for the 2019 collection which was officially conducted in December of last year. The official collection weekend for 2020 will be on December 12–13, the Second Sunday of Advent. Please remember the obligation of religious to pray for those who have contributed to us in our time of need.

## SOAR (Support Our Aging Religious) Covid Rapid Response Grant

Religious communities in need due to the COVID-19 pandemic may want to investigate the possibility of a grant through Soar. According to Sister Kathleen Lunsman, the President of SOAR, these grants will focus specifically on congregations with an immediate need that a rapid response grant is likely to address or mitigate; and communities with an average age of 70 or older. Send the contact information of the religious congregation to

**Sister Kathleen Lunsman, IHM**  
**3025 4th Street NE Suite 14**  
**Washington, DC 20017**  
**202.529.7633**  
**info@soar-usa.org**

## Mass Online

The Archdiocese of Chicago offers daily and Sunday Mass online at:  
**radiotv.archchicago.org/television/broadcast-masses**

## Positions Available

### Digital and Print Communications Manager

The Society of Helpers is seeking to fill a full time position that is shared between the Province and its two sponsored ministries: Casa Esperanza and the Circle. The qualified person will focus efforts to utilize social media, our websites and creative videos to enhance our public image and encourage audiences to connect with us through formal relationship or support of our ministries. This position takes responsibility for gathering pertinent and interesting information on the mission and activities of the Society of Helpers, Casa Esperanza and the Circle to engage and inform our audiences internal and external by strategically planning and utilizing different communications mediums – primarily electronic. For more information please contact Sr. Jean Kielty at 773.405.9884 or email at [jeankielty@yahoo.com](mailto:jeankielty@yahoo.com).

### Director of Membership

The NRVC is seeking a part-time (30 hours weekly) director of membership with a strong ministerial background in membership cultivation and engagement. A consecrated member of a religious institute or society of apostolic life is preferred, especially some with significant experience in vocation ministry and with general knowledge of the charisms and missions of U. S. religious institutes. Send resume and letter of interest to Maureen Cetera, NRVC Director of Finance and Operations at [mcetera@nrvc.net](mailto:mcetera@nrvc.net) by July 15. Details about the position are available at [nrvc.net](http://nrvc.net).

## Spiritual Direction Internship 2020–2021

Claret Center in Hyde Park-Chicago is accepting applications for the Spiritual Direction Certificate Program. Contact information: Irma Cruz, Executive Director-Claret Center 773.643.6259 [Cruzi@clret.org](mailto:Cruzi@clret.org)

## APPLICATIONS for Sacred Presence Now Open!

Mayslake Ministries in Downers Grove, Illinois is now accepting applications for the Sacred Presence Class which is a 10-month intensive program for the formation of Spiritual Directors. For more information visit the website at [mayslakeministries.org](http://mayslakeministries.org) to download a brochure and application. Send completed applications to Dr. Mary Amore at [mamaore@mayslakeministries.org](mailto:mamaore@mayslakeministries.org).

## Seminars in Ignatian Formation/SIF

### Ignatian Spiritual Exercises and Spiritual Direction Certificate Training Program thru SIF

Seminars in Ignatian Formation (SIF) applications are now being taken for SIF. SIF: Seminar 1 and SIF: Seminar 2, September, 2020 – May, 2021. Application link: [Jesuitsmidwest.org/SIF-Info](https://www.jesuitsmidwest.org/SIF-Info).

SIF commenced in the Fall of 2019 as three annual Ignatian Seminars, running simultaneously, sponsored by the UMI/Midwest Province of Jesuits. Seminar 1: theological-biblical foundations for Christian mission and spiritual direction (those with theology background are given a “bye”). Seminar 2: the principles of spiritual direction; begin study of the text of the Exercises; Ignatian discernment of spirits; contemplative listening skills. Seminar 3: supervised internship giving the complete Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola. Seminar 1: 14 classes, alternating Thursday evening and Saturday morning, every other week, September through early May. Seminar 2: 9 Saturday classes over 9 months, September through early May. Seminar 3: will start in the Fall of 2021. Location of class sessions: Cuneo Mission, Vernon Hills, Illinois (free parking). OR online if restricted by COVID-19. For information and schedules, contact Father Steve Krupa, SJ; Rita Dollard O’Malley; Mr. Jordan Skarr at [umiseminars@jesuits.org](mailto:umiseminars@jesuits.org).

## NRVC Summer Institute

The Summer Institute will be offered via video conferencing using the ZOOM webinar platform. Programs begin on July 7. If interested in participating, contact Sister Deborah Borneman, SS.C.M. at [nrvc.net](mailto:nrvc.net) or [Margyelan@nrvc.net](mailto:Margyelan@nrvc.net) or call 773.363.5454.

## 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 vigils are held on the last Saturday of each month at the site of a homicide. 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. Follow “Chicago Homicide Vigils” on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ChicagoHomicideVigils/](https://www.facebook.com/ChicagoHomicideVigils/)

## PROPERTIES/HOUSING AVAILABLE

Oak Park—Apartment for Rent: 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. A 1,200 square foot apartment with in-unit full washer and dryer. Rent is \$1,600/month for an extended lease. Contact Patricia Knabe at 708.204.6650 or [ob2knabe@gmail.com](mailto:ob2knabe@gmail.com).

Oak Park—St. Catherine of Siena/St. Lucy Parish Apartment for Rent. 28 N. Austin Boulevard. Newly renovated apartment includes 2 bedrooms with living room, dining room, kitchen, mud room and parking. \$1,400 per month includes utilities: gas, electricity and water. Religious preferred. Conveniently located to PACE and CTA Bus stops. One block to Blue Line and Green Line trains. Also: Rectory Suite: 2 suites for priests or brothers only. Rent is \$850 per month including utilities, heated garage and stair lift. Contact Fr. George Omwando at 708.386.8077.

Brookfield—Apartment for Rent: 3 bedroom, 2 baths; first floor. Near 47th and 1st Avenue. Carpeting in one bedroom; hardwood floors in rest of apartment. Three religious sisters live in the building and three others live in the building next door. Building and property are well maintained. Owner is on the premises. Rent is \$1,400/per month. Call S. Mary Tomlinson at 773.456.7886.

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

Jefferson Park—House for Sale (possible rental): 5240 N. Ludlam Avenue, 60630. 3 bed/1 bath; oak floors and maple kitchen with a great layout. 2.5 car garage with a yard and 6-foot fence on all sides. House has light streaming in from the east which creates a peculiar ambience. Basement has a space which was another apartment in past years. The house does need some cosmetic work, mainly floor which need sanding and an exterior paint job. Some work is also needed on the 3rd bedroom and basement apartment. Some new windows will be needed for next winter. The current occupant has lived in this residence for 25 years and the home is dedicated to Our Lady. As is: \$230,000. Contact Julie at [jmccreevy099@gmail.com](mailto:jmccreevy099@gmail.com).

Irving Park/Kilbourn Park—Home for Rent: 3 bed, 2 bath bungalow. Hardwood floors and full basement with 2 car garage. Freshly painted and maintained. Seeking a long-term rental, as previous tenants were there for 10 years. 4150 W. Melrose Avenue. Call or text Nick at 630.776.3909. Rent: \$2,100 per month.

## RETREATS

**(All of the following programs are conducted by *The Well*. For more information, including registration 708.482.5048 or [csjthewell.org](http://csjthewell.org))**

### **Retreat with Pat Bergen, CSJ; Maria Hill, CSJ; Diane Pfahler, SND; Bridget Sperduto**

July 13, Monday – July 17, Friday Cost: \$150 Online Directed

*If your soul has been desiring a time of quiet and reflection, give yourself the gift of five days of “away time” during this Pandemic, in the safety of your home. With a retreat opening session at 9AM Monday, group sessions every evening at 7PM and daily meetings with your spiritual director to fit your schedule, this retreat offers flexibility for people who are retired, working, taking care of children, and/or in a different time zone.*

### **Retreat with Kathy Sherman, CSJ**

July 13, Monday – July 17, Friday Cost: \$150/\$200 (in Combination with Online Directed Retreat)

*Begin each morning and afternoon on ZOOM with Kathy Sherman, CSJ, and other retreatants, with a short reflection and a song. The rest of your day is for contemplating how God’s song...how love’s song is being sung through you and your life. Regroup in the evening, to gather the graces of the day and share insights.*

### **Retreat with Mark Burrows**

August 3, Monday – August 7, Friday Cost: \$150 Online

*During this retreat, participants will develop simple practices of attentiveness that encourage us not simple to reduce ourselves to “managing,” but to go further in thriving. For in the midst of all the uncertainties facing us lies a greater certainty, one rooted in the deep and inviolable beauty of this life.*

### **Practicing Wonder in a Time of Pandemic with Mark Burrows (Or, How Our “Sixth Sense” might still save us)**

August 5, Wednesday Cost: Free Will Offering (suggested range \$5-\$15) Online

*This talk is an invitation to learn again how to hone our “sixth sense,” the capacity to wonder, in this mid-retreat reflection, Mark Burrows will share in condensed form some of his learnings and teachings on this “sixth sense.”*

## 2020 Calendared Programs of Interest to Religious

(All events are tentative due to the pandemic)

**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](http://sienaretreatcenter.org)  
262.898.2590

PORT: Portiuncula Center for Prayer, 9263 West St. Francis Rd., Frankfort, IL 60423 815.464.3880  
[info@portforprayer.org](mailto:info@portforprayer.org) [portforprayer.org](http://portforprayer.org)

CTU: Catholic Theological Union, 5401 South Cornell Ave., Chicago 60615 [ctu.edu](http://ctu.edu) 773.371.5400

CEN: The Cenacle, 513 W. Fullerton, Chicago 773.528.6300  
[cenaclesisters.org/chicago/Retreats\\_Programs](http://cenaclesisters.org/chicago/Retreats_Programs)

WELL: The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 West Ogden Ave., LaGrange Park, IL 60526 708.482.5048  
[csjthewell.org](http://csjthewell.org)

NSC: Nazareth Spirituality Center, 717 North Batavia Ave., Batavia, IL 60510 630.879.1296 (Linda Isleib)  
[sscm-usa.org](http://sscm-usa.org)

MHC: Monastery of the Holy Cross, 3100 S. Aberdeen Avenue 773.927.7424

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### July

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

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### August

**4–5, Tuesday–Wednesday CMSM National Assembly ONLINE** Afternoons (Eastern Daylight Time) Contact: Susan Gibbs at 301.588.4030. **\*\***(Wake Up the World will be conducted NEXT Summer from August 3–5 in Kansas City, Missouri).

**6, Thursday** CAVA Virtual Gathering via Zoom. Presentation “Risking Hope: Religious Life as a Narrative of Perseverance and Transformation” by Sr. Debbie Borneman, SS.C.M.

**12–14, Wednesday–Friday, LCWR National Convention ONLINE** 4 Hours a day. Registration information will be forthcoming.

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### 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.

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### November

**1–7, Sunday–Saturday: National Vocation Awareness Week**

**NOTE: The next Newsletter from the Office for Religious will be dated September 1, 2020. Please submit items requested for inclusion by August 23, 2020.**

**A Prayer for these Trying Times by Leslie Dwight**

*U. S. Catholic Magazine, June 24, 2020*

*What if 2020 isn't cancelled?*

*What if 2020 is the year we've been waiting for?*

*A year so uncomfortable, so painful, so scary, so raw –*

*That it finally **forces** us to grow.*

*A year that screams so loud, finally awakening us*

*From our ignorant slumber.*

*A year we finally accept the need for change.*

*Declare change. Work for change. Become the change.*

*A year we finally band together, instead of*

*pushing each other further apart.*

*2020 isn't cancelled, but rather the most important year of them all.*