



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.

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.

Coping with COVID-19

In light of the challenging times in which we are living, the OFR is interested in stories of how our various religious institutes are not only coping with the Coronavirus, but also with what actions might be being taken to assist in alleviating the turmoil caused by this insidious invader. If you would care to share these stories, please forward to the editor of Chicago Catholic, Joyce Duriga at jduriga@archchicago.org.

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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.

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

Mass Online

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

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

Religious Brothers Day: Friday, May 1

This annual celebration brings together all members of the Church to celebrate the life and vocation of the Religious brother, honoring the important role Religious brothers play.

In 2017, Pope Francis expressed his wishes that Religious Brothers Day would allow brothers to share “their prophetic testimony to evangelical fraternity and ecclesial communion,” and that it would “act as a leaven for the renewal of the Church in America and the building up of an ever more just society, respectful of the dignity and aspirations of all God’s children.”

This year, with social distancing as the norm, a special online session will be conducted to celebrate Religious Brothers Day together – virtually. On May 1, brothers and those who support the vocation of brother, are invited to join a short prayer session and discussion on the vocation of brother today. This will be done on Friday, May 1 at 1 p.m. EDT/10 a.m. PDT via ZOOM. Register at

events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/m?oeidk=a07egzczrn969058c56&oseq=&c=&ch=

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Sunday, May 3

The purpose of this day is to “publicly celebrate vocations to ordained ministry and religious life in all its forms.” For resources, including a special prayer for this day, visit: **nrvc.net/publication/5311/article/15674**

The Spring 2020 Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA) Newsletter is now available at: vocationscava.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-Spring-CAVA-Quarterly-Newsletter.pdf

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

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 services and reflections ReligiousBrothers.org

July

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

August

4–6, Tuesday–Thursday: CMSM National Assembly in Buffalo, New York cmsm.org Theme: *Wake up the World: Living Our Prophetic Witness*

11–14, Tuesday–Friday: LCWR Assembly in Dallas, Texas lcwr.org

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.

November

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