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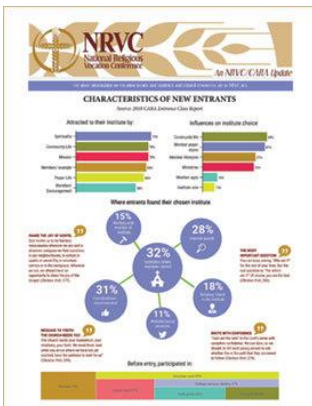
### Welcome, Sister Mary Ann Penner, IHM!



Please extend a warm welcome to Sister Mary Ann Penner, IHM, our new Coordinator for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Sr. Mary Ann is a member of the Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Monroe, Michigan and lives locally in the Chicago area.

NOTE: Due to COVID-19, the Office for Religious staff continues to work from home. You may continue to reach us via email.

### National Vocation Awareness Week November 1 to 7, 2020



National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Observance of Vocation Awareness Week began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for the celebration. It was later moved to Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January. In 2014, after extensive consultation, the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations moved the observance of National Vocation Awareness Week to November to engage Catholic schools and colleges more effectively in this effort.



## NVAW resources from NRVC

### Infographic on the Characteristics of Recent Entrants to Religious Life

New NRVC videos to share on your social media platforms:

[NVAW VIDEO 1](#) | [NVAW VIDEO 2](#) | [NVAW VIDEO 3](#)

NRVC's [VocationNetwork.org](#) offers many **vocation-related resources**, including, articles, videos, prayers, and quizzes on vocation discernment and religious life. Prayer Card for Vocations - View or download the **pdf version** to print out or share.

## RESOURCES, EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

The Archdiocese continues to offer online **Mass**.

Visit: <https://radiotv.archchicago.org/television/broadcast-masses>

### Archdiocese of Chicago Radio Programs

The Office for Radio and TV has a list of shows airing everyday live from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Go to: <https://radiotv.archchicago.org/radio> for schedules:

Black Catholic Initiative

Built on the Rock

Catholic Chicago Week in Review

Catholic Chicago

Catholic Conference Hour

Catholic Schools Today

Dare to Love

Diakonia: A Call to Service

Focus on the Liturgy

Fully Alive

Lifelong Journey

On the Way

Mission Matters Live

Chicago Católico

Voice of Charity

**National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC):** 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](http://nrvc.net).

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

## Study Guide for “Fratelli Tutti” from Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns

On October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis released a new encyclical, [Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship](#). This social encyclical explores building a culture of peace and dialogue in order to work together to care for each other as a human family, especially as we recover from the pandemic. The Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns has created a 6-page study guide for Fratelli Tutti. In this study guide, we offer key points and quotes from each chapter of Fratelli Tutti, along with reflection questions and the two prayers that Pope Francis includes at the end of the encyclical.

**Ctl + Click to download the Fratelli Tutti study guide.**



## 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/)

### **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 Lunsmann, 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 Lunsmann, IHM, 3025 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Suite 14, Washington, DC 20017

Tel. 202.529.7633 | email [info@soar-usa.org](mailto:info@soar-usa.org)

### **Vocation Ministry and Promotion of Consecrated Life**

[www.vocationscava.org](http://www.vocationscava.org)

Over 40 years ago, the Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA) was established in the Archdiocese of Chicago to support vocation directors, discerners, and to promote a culture of vocations. Mindful of current realities in the world, our Church, and congregations, we invite you to consider joining CAVA in its ministry to help seekers recognize and respond to God’s call in their lives, and to bear witness consecrated life.

Watch our **Why CAVA? Video**

Email [Lpammit@archchicago.org](mailto:Lpammit@archchicago.org) - let’s talk!

Check out our Quarterly Newsletter:

<https://www.vocationscava.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2020-FALL-CAVA-Quarterly-Newsletter-1.pdf>



### **EMPLOYMENT – POSITIONS OPEN**

**Siena Retreat Center is seeking a Spiritual Guidance Coordinator**

**Click here for a full job description.**

Siena Retreat Center is accepting applications for the position of Spiritual Guidance Coordinator to oversee the Center’s ministry/practice of spiritual guidance.

A significant part of this position is the collaborative leadership of Siena Retreat Center’s two-year Spiritual Guidance Training Program and its annual Institute for Spiritual Guidance.

Other responsibilities include:

- offering spiritual guidance and supervision;
- coordinating the program offerings related to spiritual guidance and grief support; and
- facilitating retreats, days of reflection, and other programs throughout the year.

This role requires significant experience as a trained spiritual guide and as a leader in spiritual guidance education/formation. Additional qualifications include:

- a master’s degree in spirituality or related field;
- completion of a spiritual guidance training program and supervision training; significant experience in a retreat center, spirituality center, or similar setting;
- skill in leading programs and facilitating retreats;
- commitment to personal and professional self-reflection, learning, and growth;
- a demonstrated appreciation for all aspects of social diversity and evolutionary cosmology;
- and the management of ethical issues as they relate to the position.

The position of Spiritual Guidance Coordinator is a full-time, year-round, salaried position with a broad

and generous benefits package. The Center seeks to fill the position in December of 2020.

### **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).

## **RETREATS and OTHER OFFERINGS**

### **Siena Retreat Center is Open**

Are you missing Siena Retreat Center? We opened on August 1 with special coronavirus protocols in place. It is wonderful to feel the peaceful presence of those private retreatants who have been here. To book your own private retreat, contact [arrangements@racinedominicans.org](mailto:arrangements@racinedominicans.org) or call (262) 898-2580 to speak to Nikki. Register for 2020/2021 Programs at [sienaretreatcenter.org](http://sienaretreatcenter.org)

### **Spiritual Guidance Training Program**

A new group begins in January 2021. This program is available to women and men who sense a call to spiritual guidance ministry and who wish to explore that call, engage in personal spiritual growth, and enhance the knowledge and skills needed. The program meets eight times per year over two years. For more information, **click here** or contact the on-site coordinator, Rita Lui, OP, at (262) 221-7605 or [rlui@racinedominicans.org](mailto:rlui@racinedominicans.org).

### **Mayslake Ministries**

Fall 2020 Conference Online Event - Father Ronald Rolheiser Presents:  
"Living with less Fear in Our Lives: Trusting in a Wise, Prodigal, and Fully Empathic God"  
November 7, 2020 | 9:00 am – Noon | Tickets \$20 PER PERSON  
This virtual event is expected to sell out. Please register now to hold your reservation.  
You will receive an email with a secure password and instructions on how to join this virtual event.  
Register here: <https://www.mayslakeministries.org/events/fall-conference/>

### **Offerings from The Well**

<https://csjthewell.org/offerings/>

Standing on the Evolutionary Edge - November 19, 2020 @ 10:00 am  
Growing Your Knowing – Advanced November 19, 2020 @ 1:00 pm  
Moving Through Grief - November 21, 2020 @ 12:00 pm  
Advent At Home Retreat - November 30, 2020 @ 7:00 pm  
Reflecting on Advent - November 30, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

### **Portiuncula Center for Prayer Offerings**

[www.portforprayer.org](http://www.portforprayer.org)

Anger, Loss and Grief in the Time of Corona - Online - 11/16/2020 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Where are you? What are you looking for?  
– An Online Advent Reflection - 12/07/2020 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Open the Door of your heart – “Stay-treat” Online - 01/11/2021 - 01/15/2021 - All Day  
Soul Collage - 01/18/2021 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Winter Wellness – Women’s Spa Day - 01/23/2021 - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Online Guided Meditation - 01/25/2021 - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat** - 2664 145th Avenue - Wheatland, IA

More info and to register on-line at <https://www.chmiowa.org/news-and-events/calendar> or call 563-336-8414.

November 10, 9:30am-3:30pm | Tues, December 8 9:30am – 3:30pm

Free Online: Come to the Quiet: Blessing of the North | Pat Shea

November 17, 10:00am-11:30am or 6:30pm-8:00pm

Free Online: Circle of Life Series: Autumn | Sr Linda Greenwood, OSF

December 1 & 8, 6:30pm-8:00pm | Free Online: Mary & Me:

Integrating Mary's Magnificent | Sr Linda Greenwood

### **St. Francis Spirituality Center**

<https://franciscanretreats.org/retreats/>

November 7, 8 and 11, 2020 Assisi Virtual Pilgrimage for Veterans – (In partnership with Franciscan Pilgrimage Program) <https://franciscanretreats.org/virtual-pilgrimage-for-veterans/>  
Free but registration required.

December 1, 8, 15 & 22 - Advent Prayer: Waiting in Joyful Hope by Zoom

December 12 - A Virtual Oasis Day Mini-Retreat - A Mother's Love: Her hopes and fears for her child...then and now

December 21 - Virtual Winter Solstice Celebration by Zoom

### **Redemptorist Retreat Center**

Preached Retreats for Women and Men: <https://www.redemptoristretreat.org/preached-retreats>

November 13-15, 2020 | February 5 & 13 | March 19-21, 2021 | March 26-28, 2021

## **LIST OF VENUES**

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)

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)

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

Mayslake Ministries: [mayslakeministries.org/](http://mayslakeministries.org/)

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

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

## **PROPERTIES/HOUSING AVAILABLE**

**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.



Apartment available at 2148 West Foster Avenue, Chicago. This is an SSND-owned building with a furnished three-bedroom apartment on the third floor. The location is near bus routes, elevated train, expressways, Churches, stores, etc. Separate indoor entrance via 32 carpeted stairs with a double railing. Carpeted with 3 bedrooms, a large living room with skylights, a full bath, a second bath with a shower off the rear bedroom, large kitchen with a tiled floor and appliance, separate heating, hot water, central air conditioning and washer and dryer. A small back porch off the kitchen provides stairs to the rear yard and the parking area where there is space behind the building to park one car. Street parking. No attic or basement; limited storage. Equipped with a security system. Interested Sisters should contact Sr. Jane Forni, SSND, at [jforni@amssnd.org](mailto:jforni@amssnd.org) or 443-519-8167.

**Oak Park--Apartment for Rent:** 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. A 1200 square foot apartment with in unit full washer and dryer. Rent is \$1600/month for an extended lease. Contact Patricia Knabe at 708.204.6650 or [ob2knabe@gmail.com](mailto:ob2knabe@gmail.com).

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



**House for Rent - 5045 South Ellis Avenue**  
Call for details - 847-412-1617 or 847-412-1621 |

This classic, traditional house in the historic Kenwood neighborhood welcomes you with an inviting front porch. The three-story, 13 room house has eight bedrooms, 5 ½ bathrooms and a sitting room and elegant vintage features. A sunny screened porch over looks a tranquil backyard. The wonderful outdoor space is a restful haven in the midst of the city.

**House for Rent:** St Mary of the Lake Parish, 4216 N. Sheridan Rd. Chicago. Delightful 4 bedroom / 2 bathroom home situated on 2 floors + finished basement | parking available | close to CTA bus stops and Red Line transit (Irving Park). Contact Pastor Manuel Dorantes 773 280 7700

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 ten years. 4150 W. Melrose Avenue. Call or text Nick at 630.776.3909. Rent: \$2,100 per month.