



OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS NEWSLETTER



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Office for Religious Staff Update

Brother Michael Segvich, CFC, of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers, was elected to their Provincial Council and has moved to their New Jersey house. Thank, you, Br. Mike for your service as Coordinator for Retirement Fund for Religious. Farewell and best wishes to you! During this transition time, we welcome Sr. Mary Ann Penner, IHM, of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Sr. Mary Ann will soon take over as the new Coordinator for the Retirement Fund for Religious as soon as the pastoral center offices reopen.

Bishop Robert Casey Named New Vicar General

Cardinal Cupich today announced the appointment of Bishop Robert Casey as vicar general of the Archdiocese of Chicago, effective Sept. 12, 2020. Bishop Casey, episcopal vicar for Vicariate III, will replace Bishop Ronald Hicks who was named the sixth bishop of Joliet by Pope Francis in July. Cardinal Cupich will name an interim vicar for Vicariate III in the near future.

“The Archdiocese of Chicago is blessed to have Bishop Casey succeed his classmate Bishop Hicks as vicar general,” said Cardinal Cupich. “Bishop Casey has served the people of the archdiocese as a pastor and leader in diocesan renewal. His love for our Hispanic faithful is evident in his work of forming priests from Latin America and his co-founding of Taller de José.”

Bishop Casey is a native of Evergreen Park and grew up in Alsip where he attended public elementary schools. He graduated from Marist High School before entering Niles College Seminary, where he received a B.A. in English. Bishop Casey graduated from University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood May 21, 1994.

His first assignment was as associate pastor at St. Ita Parish where he served until 1999.

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Bishop Casey, who is fluent in Spanish, was named associate director of Casa Jesús, a house of discernment for men from Latin America in 1998. In 1999, he became its full-time director. In 2003, he completed a 40-day pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Spain before becoming pastor of Our Lady of Tepeyac Parish in Chicago and in 2008, he co-founded Taller de José, a ministry sponsored by the Congregation of St. Joseph that offers accompaniment to people in need.

He served as pastor of St. Barbara Parish in Brookfield from 2009 to 2016, when he was appointed pastor of St. Bede the Venerable. He also served on the priests' placement board and the priest steering committee for Renew My Church. Bishop Casey was appointed auxiliary bishop by Pope Francis on July 3, 2018 and ordained on Sept. 17, 2018.



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RESOURCES, EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

The Archdiocese continues to offer online Mass.

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

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



Save the date!

RFC Congress | November 4-7, 2021

[Click here for more information](#)

The Cosmic Paschal Mystery, webinar with Sharon Zayac, OP on Wednesday, September 23rd. **Click to register.**

The Vowed Life – Online Course at CTU

Join Sr. Maria Cimperman, RSCJ and audit her The Vowed Life course this fall

Offered by the Catholic Theological Union, Mondays, September 14 - December 14

12 sessions • \$600 audit rate

Choose *your* format

1. Participate via synchronous sessions using Zoom at the scheduled time.
2. Participate on your own schedule by watching recordings of the class.

In this course we will examine key areas of consecrated life today. The vows of poverty, obedience, and celibate chastity are examined in light of their history, theology, and contemporary calls. The call of



community, prayer, and ministry are studied in relationship to the vows. Students will engage these topics in light of charism, contexts, and the call toward interculturality. Ctrl + Click to **Register**. Sr. Maria Cimperman is a Religious of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Her work is at the intersection of moral theology, social ethics and spirituality. She is the author of *Religious Life For Our World: Creating Communities of Hope* (Orbis, 2020), and co-editor of *Engaging Our Diversity: Interculturality and Consecrated Life Today* (Orbis, 2020).

Applications for Sacred Presence Program 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 to download a brochure and application. Send completed applications to Dr. Mary Amore at 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: Seminar 1 and SIF: Seminar 2, September, 2020 – May, 2021. Application link: Jesuitsmidwest.org/SIF-Info.

For information and schedules, contact Father Steve Krupa, SJ; Rita Dollard O'Malley; Mr. Jordan Skarr at umiseminars@jesuits.org.

Season of Creation



During the anniversary year of Laudato Sí, the Season of Creation starts with the World Day of Prayer for Creation (Click to visit the website world-day-prayer-care-creation) on September 1 and ends on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4. The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action

for our common home. For more information, visit <https://seasonofcreation.org/catholic/>

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/

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 4th Street NE, Suite 14, Washington, DC 20017 Tel. 202.529.7633 | email info@soar-usa.org

Vocation Ministry and Promotion of Consecrated Life

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 - let’s talk!



Check out the latest studies on recent vocations at:

<https://nrvc.net/509/publication/9180-2020-study-on-recent-vocations-to-religious-life>

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 2020 Calendared Programs of Interest for Religious.

POSITION 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.

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 or call (262) 898-2580 to speak to Nikki. Register for 2020/2021 Programs at sienaretreatcenter.org

Mayslake Ministries Fall Program (Tuesdays)

Visit: <https://www.mayslakeministries.org/>

September 22: Fruits and Gifts of a Deeper Prayer Life facilitated by John Holmes and Phil Jackson

September 29: Discovering the Labrynth and Meditative prayer of Taize facilitated by Eugenia Callison

October 6: Meditative Practices facilitated by Bob Frazee

October 13: Lectio Divina facilitated by Bob Frazee

October 20: Ignatian Imaginative Prayer facilitated by Joanne McElroy

October 27: Integrating Meditative Practices in a Modern World facilitated by Fr. Larry Dreffein, OFM

Offerings from the Portiuncula Center for Prayer:

Hearing the Voice of God in Your Life with Fr. Albert Haase, OFM (Live Zoom retreat) - Fee: \$70

Dates/Times: Fri., Sept. 11 (7:00 - 8:00 p.m.) and Sat., Sept. 12 (9:30 - 11:00 a.m., 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.)

God speaks to us each day in the events and people we encounter, as well as in our deepest feelings and most creative thoughts. How do we hear his voice in the nitty-gritty of our daily routines? Father Albert will explore practical ways we can grow in a deeper relationship with God by learning how God speaks in our everyday lives. Based on his bestselling book, *Saying Yes*, this retreat promises to bring new meaning to your relationship with God. Retreat will incorporate presentations, discussion, and Q&A.

Facilitator: **Albert Haase, OFM**, a Franciscan priest, is a popular preacher, teacher, and spiritual director. A former missionary to mainland China, he is the award-winning author of twelve books and presenter on five bestselling DVDs. He has trained spiritual directors for ten years. He is currently chaplain at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton, Texas. **Click here to register.**

An Afternoon with James Martin at the PORT via Zoom (Participation in person or by Zoom)

Date: Sunday, October 18 **Time:** 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. **Fee:** \$25

<https://www.portforprayer.org/events/an-afternoon-with-father-james-martin/>

Opportunity for interactive discussion with Fr. James Martin, S.J. on our current challenging times and how the tenets of Jesuit tradition can help each of us as we struggle to survive and eventually thrive in the midst of continuing uncertainty. Discernment and Ignatian Contemplation mixed with more than a touch of humor promise an afternoon of hope and enlightenment at a time when we all truly need encouragement and the power of shared faith. He will speak for the first portion of the afternoon followed by a Q & A session. His intelligence, eloquence, humor, and passion in defense of the marginalized make him a much sought-after speaker. Music, prayer, and light refreshments. Books available for sale. In-person at the Motherhouse auditorium and by Zoom video conference. More info at [an-afternoon-with-father-james-martin/](https://www.portforprayer.org/events/an-afternoon-with-father-james-martin/)

Offerings from The Well

Living Laudato Si' <https://csjthewell.org/programs/living-laudato-si/>
Tuesdays, Sept. 15, 22, 29 9:30 – 11 AM (CDT)

Brother Sun, Sister Moon – Laudato Si – You and Me! A spiritual ecology contemplative retreat. Friday and Saturday, October 2-3, both days: 10-11 AM, 1-2 PM, and 5-5:15 PM (CDT)
<https://csjthewell.org/programs/brother-sun-sister-moon/>

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

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

NSC: Nazareth Spirituality Center, 717 North Batavia Ave., Batavia, IL 60510 630.879.1296 sscm-usa.org
Mayslake Ministries: 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

PROPERTIES/HOUSING AVAILABLE

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.

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

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. 3 religious sisters live in the building and 3 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 Street. 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.

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.