



OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS NEWSLETTER



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Note: Information about housing, employment and events pertinent to religious should be sent by the 23rd of each month to kmcnulty@archchicago.org for consideration for the OFR Newsletter and/or website publication. **Please provide URL links for events rather than PDF attachments and copy ready info.**



Be part of the National Religious Brothers Day Virtual Gathering on Religious Brothers Day, May 1, 12:30-1:30 p.m. (CDT). We will celebrate the vocation of brother with prayer, reflections by several brothers, and small group conversation.

Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qcO2uqj0uGdd6HjAJegE5064YLSBiEily> to get the Zoom link.

Need resources for RBD? Go to: <http://religiousbrothers.org/events/religious-brothers-day/>

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#LoveThyNeighbor | #IWillDolt4



Since the Vatican deemed COVID-19 vaccines acceptable, the Archdiocese of Chicago encourages everyone to register for a vaccination as soon as possible. Protect yourself, your loved ones and the most vulnerable among us. **Please help spread the word.** To learn more, visit:

<https://www.archchicago.org/coronavirus/covid-vaccine>.

Watch the video here: <https://youtu.be/4PKlXyKqH8>

Arquidiócesis lanza campaña de concientización para la vacunación contra COVID-19
<https://www.catholicoperiodico.com/es/area-de-chicago/-/article/2021/02/08/arquidiocesis-lanza-campana-de-concientizacion-para-la-vacunacion-contra-covid-19>

Archdiocese of Chicago Radio Programs – WNDZ Indiana AM 750

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 the schedule. Radio/TV has also started videotaping the radio broadcasts. Check it out from the ArchChicago YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5TuE9020HY&t=1360s>

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

The **Dare to Love** radio show hosted by Sr. Lovina Pammit is now on video! An interview with Alexian Brothers, Br. Tom Klein, C.F.A. and second year novice Br. Carl Sisolak, will air this Thursday, April 1, at 8:00 a.m. on WNDZ AM Radio 750. For the video, visit and subscribe to the Catholic Chicago channel to get reminders! <https://www.youtube.com/user/CatholicChicago/videos>

RESOURCES, EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

SOAR (Support Our Aging Religious) COVID-19 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 Tel. 202.529.7633 | email info@soar-usa.org

Catholic Theological Union (CTU) Spring Shapiro Lecture

April 19, 2021 @ 7:00 PM CT - April 19, 2021 @ 8:00 PM CT

Dr. Christine Hayes, Weis Professor of Religious Studies in Classical Judaica at Yale

RSVP at <https://ctu.edu/event/spring-shapiro-lecture-2/>

Reframing Retirement for Mission – June 7 to 25, 2021

We invite you to consider our online program, Reframing Retirement for Mission: Sharing Wisdom and Seeking Meaningful Ministry after Retirement. It intends to assist the participants in making the difficult transition from a fully active ministry to retirement, with a special focus on recognizing and living their retirement years as a fruitful period of life with possibilities for personal growth as well as new opportunities for engaging in ministry.

The cost of the online program in 2021 is \$750. Group rates are available as well. To inquire, please contact Jessica Curbis at admissions@ctu.edu

Catholic Extension Sisters on the Frontlines Project

\$1,000 to 1,000 Sisters who use the funds to help an individual or family suffering the adverse effects of the pandemic. If you haven't participated in this opportunity, please visit

<https://www.catholicextension.org/sisters-on-the-frontlines/>

Updates on RENEW MY CHURCH

Visit <https://www.renewmychurch.org/> for updates on the Renew My Church event.

Franciscan Federation Annual Conference: June 11-13, 2021 – Save the Date!

Visit www.franfed.org for more details.

Pre-AFC Moving Forward Virtual Meetings Schedule

Tuesday, May 4, 4:00-5:30 EST

- Official Opening of AFC 2021: Called to this Hour
- Presidential Welcome & Opening
- Introduction of ELFO (Executive Leaders of Franciscan Organizations) and Emergent Group

Tuesday, May 11, 4:00-5:30 EST

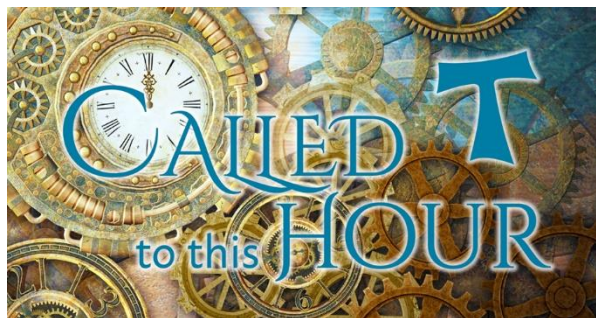
- Commission of Elected Leaders, Commission of Regions and Commission of Charism Services will meet separately and then meet in a joint session

Tuesday, May 18, 4:00-5:30 EST

- Overview of Presentation by Climate Crisis Panel
- Presentation of Possible Re-structuring Recommendations

Tuesday, May 25, 4:00-5:30 EST

- Overview of presentations of our Keynote Speakers, Brian McLaren and Kerry Robinson



Save the date!

RFC Congress | Nov 4-7, 2021

[Click here for more information](#)

Religious Formation Conference Workshop

Preparing for a Future Emerging Out of Chaos - Saturday, April 10th, 2021

Time: 9:30am - 3:30pm central time via Zoom (breaks & time for lunch included)

Facilitator: Nancy Sylvester, IHM

The cost is \$75 for members, \$120 for non-members.

Register at: <https://www.relforcon.org/emerging-chaos>

New Co-Directors for the Intercongregational Collaborative Novitiate

With the assistance of a grant from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, the Conference is excited to announce the hiring of Nancy Gerth, SCN and Corrina Thomas, FSPA as Co-Directors for the new Intercongregational Collaborative Novitiate. These experienced formators will work collaboratively with each other and the Board to launch the new novitiate in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago this fall. Go to: <https://www.relforcon.org/intercongregational-collaborative-novitiate>

“Together” Information Virtual Session

Register or get more information at: <https://relforcon.wufoo.com/forms/m1ojwqzx0wssjig/>

Wednesday, April 14th, 2021, at 7:00pm central time

Wednesday, June 9th, 2021, at 1:00pm central time

ATTENTION RELIGIOUS BROTHERS!

RBC Assembly 2021.

With the technology advances of the past twelve months and the very successful virtual Assemblies of several other national religious organizations in recent weeks, the RBC Board made the decision that our 2021 Assembly will be a virtual event. We are very excited about Assembly 2021 because it is our **50th! Our Golden Jubilee!** We have begun working on the details and you will be hearing more in the months to come. **You will want to put July 12-14, 2021 on your calendar for the Virtual 50th Jubilee RBC Assembly.**

Send us your photos – in action, in prayer, in groups, initial formation members, etc. Help the Archdiocese of Chicago celebrate you during Religious Brothers Day! Send photos with captions/descriptions to Lpammit@archchicago.org by April 15, 2021

Promote your community! Be a guest on “Dare to Love” half hour radio program. Shows are taped prior to the 1st Thursday of the month airing at 8:00 a.m. Interviews are over the phone. Visit <https://radiotv.archchicago.org/radio/dare-to-love> for prior shows. Email Lpammit@archchicago.org to sign up.

Free Webinar: Child Safety and Protection Policies for Religious Institutes and Sponsored Ministries: Why You Need One and Best Practices for Creating or Revising Written Policies

Friday, April 23, 2021 | 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. CST

This one-hour webinar offered by Michael A. Airdo of Kopon Airdo, LLC, and Christopher J. Fusco of the Resource Center for Religious Institutes will provide an overview of child protection policies and will delve into detail regarding: (1) why every religious institution needs to have written child protection policies; (2) how to begin the process of creating a policy; (3) considerations on what each policy should contain; (4) best practices for drafting a written policy; and (5) how to revise existing written policies to bring them into compliance with best practices and current standards.

Register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-hzHhTQPROykvY75fwofYA

RETREATS and OTHER OFFERINGS

Mayslake Ministries

Praying Our Experiences - Presented by Nanci Lukasik-Smith - April 17, 2021 - 1:00 pm

Digital Worship, Spiritual Communion with Fr. Ed Foley - May 4, 2021 - 7:00 pm

Sacred Presence Spiritual Direction Training Program

Applications are now being taken for our 2021-2022 Session for Sacred Presence: A ten-month intensive program for the formation of spiritual directors. Is God calling you to be a spiritual director? Here's a wonderful opportunity to answer God's call to serve others as a spiritual director. We are now taking applications for the 2021-2022 Session of Sacred Presence. Please visit our website at www.mayslakeministries.org for more information or contact Bob Frazee, Program Director or Dr. Mary Amore, Executive Director at 630-852-9000.



Shem Center www.shemcenter.org

Be Alive - a Male Spirit Retreat via Zoom. With retreat guides, Joe Kilikevics and Steve Miller Saturday, April 10, 2021. 10:00am to 2:00 pm, CDT

Please register before April 5, 2021. You will receive a confirmation letter and the Zoom link for the retreat after you register. Give whatever you are able to express your gratitude and to help support Male Spirit work going forward. PayPal or checks in US funds are accepted. Use the Zoom access address below.

REGISTRATION:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0pdeyvqDMuHtdP41_iYePsCWDssd3qIZAt

**Portiuncula Center for Prayer [Programs & Retreats – PORTIUNCULA Center for Prayer](#)
(portforprayer.org)**

Apr 12 – Ignatian Contemplation

Apr 24 – Sr. Helen Prejean – River of Fire via Zoom

Apr 30 – Private Retreat Day

May 10 - Who's at the Door? A Reflection from Our Lives Today – Facilitated by Avis Clendenden

May 25 - Taking Care of Yourself: Using Chair and Meditation Practices to Create Well-being (via Zoom)

Siena Retreat Center Contact (262) 898-2580 | arrangements@racinedominicans.org

Exploring Prayer in Twelve Step Recovery Series - Wednesdays, April 7, 14, and 21, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, via Zoom.

Women for Women – Saturday, April 10, 9:30 AM – Noon, via Zoom.

Self-Portrait as Meditation: A Buddhist Approach – Sunday, April 11, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, offered in person; coronavirus protocols in place, registration is limited

Spring Retreat with Paula D'Arcy – Friday, April 16, 6:30 – 7:30 PM and Saturday, April 17, 9:00 AM – Noon, via Zoom.

Sara Thomsen in Concert – Sunday, April 18, 2:00 PM, via livestream.

“House of the Spirit” A Creative Writing Retreat – Saturday, April 24, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, offered in person; coronavirus protocols in place, registration is limited.

Working for Racial Justice in Solidarity with the Black Community – Day Workshop - Wednesday, April 28, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, via Zoom. Overnight Workshop – Thursday, April 29 through Saturday, May 1st, via Zoom.

Visit <https://www.sienaretreatcenter.org/retreat-programs> for more listings.

St. Francis Spirituality Center, 200 St. Francis Avenue, Tiffin, OH 44883, 419.443.1485

Visit www.franciscanretreats.org for upcoming events.

LIST OF VENUES

For a list of retreat centers, visit our website:

<https://consecratedlife.archchicago.org/resources/retreat-resources>

Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA) – JOIN US!

Full time vocation ministers are rare nowadays. Most of our members wear other “hats.” Being a member of CAVA means you don’t have to do it on your own – we do it TOGETHER. We currently have 40 communities represented in our membership and almost 80 individual members, and several live out of state but are active through remote/online activities. With imagination and passion for helping others respond to God’s call, we continue to be creative in this ministry. Interested in finding out how you can get involved?

Email Lpammit@archchicago.org and visit www.vocationscava.org

Celebrate Earth Day – April 22

Watch The Universe Story: A Virtual Cosmic Prayer Walk at https://youtu.be/wKaK_SkI4NQ

Don't forget to subscribe to our Vocations CAVA channel and like our videos.

PROPERTIES/HOUSING AVAILABLE

Little Village - 2nd floor walkup newly remodeled **2-bedroom apt.** for rent. Bus stop commercial corner, access to pink and orange line el, private entrance, camera monitored, heat and central air cond. with tenant control. Gas & lights separate. Large kitchen with pantry, living & dining room, lots of sunshine with new windows surrounding apt. in every room. Hardwood floors. Street parking. Grocery store across the street, walking distance to 26th St shopping district one block away. Ten minutes from Loop by car, near medical district and UIC. Library, fire dept. one block away with numerous restaurants. Nearby parishes Our Lady of Tepeyac and St. Agnes of Bohemia. Landlord on premise, contact Joan, 773-808-8098, or email: joanmwchicago@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.

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.

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



Bridgeport—Apartment for Rent: Clean 1-bedroom on the 2nd floor. Non-smoking building; no animals. Central heat, air conditioning, laundry at 2950 S. Keeley Street, Chicago, IL 60608. Contact Alice Mesec at 630.243.7390 or 630.301.0034 (cell). 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 or 443-519-8167.

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.

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 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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION

Bethany House of Hospitality – Opportunity to Help

Bethany House of Hospitality offers housing and support services to young immigrant women as they journey to independence. Since October 2017 Bethany House of Hospitality has housed more than 49 women and 9 children from Central America, Africa, and the Middle East. The average length of stay has been 6 months. Visit <http://bethanyhouseofhospitality.com/how-you-can-participate/> to donate or get involved.

Mission of Our Lady of the Angels – Opportunity to Help

Click on the link to visit the website : [Mission of Our Lady of the Angels \(missionola.com\)](http://missionofourladyoftheangels.com)

Laudato Si' Gardens Initiative

Do you see a need for green space and environmental education in your neighborhood? Climate change is an existential threat to God's creation. Your Catholic community can step up and take action today with your parish's own Laudato Si' Garden! Find out if Laudato Si' Gardens are perfect for your community by taking [this survey](#) (ctrl+click on the live link). Start your journey towards Laudato Si' today.



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/