



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. **Help us by providing website links and copy ready information for events rather than PDF attachments. Thank you! (Editor)**

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Religious Formation Conference Life Congress - RFC Congress | Nov 4-7, 2021

Register or get more information at: <https://www.relforcon.org/arise>
Read their message at: <https://conta.cc/2SqfyIQ>

ATTN: Spiritual Directors/Guides, Counselors, Therapists

The Office for Religious Needs Your Help

We are compiling a list of spiritual directors/guides, counselors and therapists to provide this much needed resource for the Archdiocese of Chicago. This online survey is for practitioners to fill out: <https://forms.office.com/r/qWZAMLWZ2G>

Please help us spread the word. We are also looking for non-vowed practitioners. If you know anyone in your place of ministry, from your Associates/"Co-journeers," and other institutions in the Chicago area or beyond, we ask that you forward the above link for them to fill out the online survey.

Archdiocese of Chicago Radio Programs – WNDZ Indiana AM 750 | YouTube

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.

Dare to Love Radio Show hosted by Sr. Lovina Pammit, OSF is now on YouTube! The next show airing on August 5 at 8:00 a.m. features Sr. Christina Fuller, OSF and Sr. Kim Marie Wolf, OSF of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Frankfort, IL (www.fssh.net). Please click “Like” and subscribe to the Catholic Chicago channel to get reminders! Go to:

<https://youtu.be/bDq7PAWOE1c>

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



Mission Matters Live

<https://radiotv.archchicago.org/radio/mission-matters-live>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CatholicChicago>

Hosted by Megan Mio, Mission Matters Live features missionaries near and far. You or someone in your community might have already been a guest. And if you have not been featured and you are interested, contact mmio@archchicago.org.



POSITION AVAILABLE

Coordinator for Campus Ministry in the Archdiocese of San Antonio

Looking for a Religious with missionary zeal, experience in working with young adults, and who is familiar with models of evangelization and discipleship. For job description and information contact Veronica Ybarra Oubre at c: 830.486.5509 email: Veronica.Ybarra@archsa.org

RESOURCES, EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

Renew My Church:

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

National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC.net)



Registration for the Fall Institute is now open at:

<https://nrvc.net/274/publication/4171/article/23654-2021-fall-institute>

If you are the coordinator for your community's vocation ministry, consider becoming a member.

Visit www.nrvc.net now!



Enter the Chaos Program Information

Institute for Communal Contemplation and Dialogue (iccdinstitute.org)

August 26-29, 2021 - Mercy by the Sea | Madison, CT (in person)

Leadership & Life Coaching Certificate Program for Religious Women

A ministry of the Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh | St. Benedict Monastery, 3526 Bakerstown Road | Bakerstown, PA 15007-9726 | Learn more: <https://www.osbpgh.org/leadership-home>

To apply, fill out the online form https://www.osbpgh.org/Leadership_and_Life_Coaching_Application

Please submit payment here: <https://www.osbpgh.org/leadership-program-payment>

Is the 100-Year-Old the New 80-Year-Old?

Free Webinar for NRRO members!

August 10, 2021 | 12:00 noon – 1:00 PM (CDT)

To find out more and register, go to: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/NRRO-Webinar.pdf>

SLI Connect – www.sliconnect.org - FREE Resources

Resources for psychological and spiritual health | Designed for Catholic clergy, religious and lay leaders |

Practical, skills-based courses | Live and on-demand

Free Online Workshop: **Humility in Eucharistic Ministry and Devotion** | Thurs August 19 | 1:00-2:00pm ET
Rev. David Songy, O.F.M.Cap., S.T.D., Psy.D., explores the divine gift of Eucharistic humility.

Illinois Senior Health Services Resources

Our newly updated resource on Medicare in Illinois helps guide seniors through all of the available Medicare plan options and provides a list of helpful community organizations across Illinois that can further support seniors with choosing a plan that meets their financial and medical needs.

You can view the guide here: <https://www.medicareplans.com/illinois/>

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 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

**Save the Date: National Congress on Hispanic Ministry
- April 26-30, 2022**

RAICES y ALAS 2022

The Sept. 2021 event has been postponed to **April 2022**

For information, go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/RaisesYAlas>



Nuns and Nones

“What is this ‘Nuns and Nones’ I keep hearing about,” you might be wondering. We found the website, so you can now explore who this group is and how you can get involved.

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

Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA) – GET INVOLVED

“I want to be involved, but I’m not the Vocation Director!” Or “I wear many hats for my congregation.”

If this is your situation, contact 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 around 80 individual members, and several of us live out of state but are active in Chicago and beyond through remote/online activities. With imagination and passion for helping others respond to God’s call, we continue to be creative in this ministry. CAVA is also the support system for vocation ministers in Chicago and beyond. Interested in finding out how you can get involved? Email

Lpammit@archchicago.org and visit www.vocationscava.org CAVA is a ministry of the Office for Religious in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Institute for Religious Formation – Now In-Person or Online!

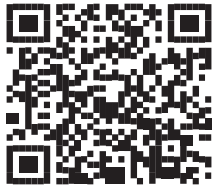
The Institute of Religious Formation at Catholic Theological Union is a nine-month program that prepares women and men religious, appointed by their superiors, to learn the skills and study the components for preparing of new members of their congregations as they begin to live religious life. It is essentially a “train-the-trainer” model for religious formation.

Program components include: • Scripture • Psychology • Theology • Spirituality • Liturgy
Program runs Monday – Thursday, September 7, 2021 - May 26, 2022 | 9:00 AM - noon CST
Sessions are recorded and available for viewing on your schedule

For more information or questions about the program, please contact Tim Crum at tcrum@ctu.edu.

International Theological Congress: The Wisdom of the Cross in a pluralistic World

The Passionists are sponsoring an “International Theological Congress”, September 21 to 24, 2021. As they celebrate the 3rd Centenary of their foundation, this livestreamed event is co-sponsored by the Pontifical Lateran University and has as its theme: “The Wisdom of the Cross in a Pluralistic World”, which will be explored by various scholars from many cultural and academic fields. For more information: www.congressopassionista2021.eu. There will be simultaneous translations in English, Spanish, and Italian. Livestreaming on YouTube and Facebook: www.passiochristi.org. (Use your phone camera app on the QR code on the right side of this article to visit the website.)



Online Certificate in Franciscan Studies

- <https://www.stfrancis.edu/certificate-in-franciscan-studies>

This four-course online certificate program is designed to:

- Provide a unified understanding of the Franciscan Tradition.
- Prepare students to form Franciscan experiences in their personal and professional lives.
- Strengthen students’ relationship with Franciscan history.
- Discover applications to everyday life situations in today’s world.

Spiritual Edge Ep6: Two fearless nuns are determined to help detained immigrants

Sisters Pat Murphy and Joann Persch who live in Chicago are featured in a recent episode of The Spiritual Edge podcast. Visit <https://spiritualedge.org/s1-sacred-steps/sacred-steps-two-fearless-nuns-are-determined-to-help-detained-immigrants> to read the article.

RETREATS and OTHER OFFERINGS

Cenacle Retreat Center: <https://cenaclesisters.org/ministry/retreats-programs/> or 773-528-6300 x 188

-Seeking the Soul of the World: Poetry of Mary Oliver: August 25, 2021, 10am-noon via Zoom. Judith Valente guides us to refresh our spirits, deepen our kinship with creation, and perhaps even answer challenges posed: “What is it you plan to do/ with your one wild and precious life?” Registration \$25.

“Silence & Stillness of the Heart” part of All Things Ignatian Series: September 9, 10am-11:30am via Zoom. Recognize God’s movements in daily life as captured in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Joan McGovern delves into the spiritual tools, which allow us to see God in all things. First retreat centers on the need of Stillness, \$20.

Claret Center - Spiritual Direction Certificate Program

September – May (Currently accepting applications) Spiritual Direction is a sacred practice of deeply listening and supporting another as they are present to their own spiritual story. It is a long-standing ministry that is for people of all faith traditions. The Claret Center (Hyde Park-Chicago) has offered Spiritual Direction for thirty plus years. The program provides an intense experiential mentoring for those who have completed academic study, have served in ministry or healing professions, and have personal experience with Spiritual Direction.

For more information, contact Irma Cruz, Executive Director the Claret Center 773.643.6259

cruzi@claretcenter.org

Portiuncula Center for Prayer - <https://www.portforprayer.org/events/categories/programs-retreats/>

Private retreats and hermitages available. Email: info@portforprayer.org or call (815) 464-3880

- August 4-8 - Silent Directed Retreat in Person
- *September 1 – Group Spiritual Direction
- *September 10 – Private Retreat Day – A Breath of Fresh
- *September 13 – Silver Linings
- *September 14 – Journeying Inward Meditation via Zoom
- *September 19 – Prayer with Fr. James Martin via Zoom
- *September 24 – Venus Gong Sacred Sound Meditation
- *September 25-26 – Women’s Fall Retreat: The Healing Power of Nature
- *October 4 – The Flower of Life: Sacred Geometry
- *October 15 – Powerful Vibrational Sound Meditation
- *October 18 – What is Essential? Living Room Conversation via Zoom
- *October 24 – From Shame to Guilt to Responsibility – Anti-racism with Andrew Lyke via Zoom
- *October 25 – An Introduction to Anam Cara

Mayslake Ministries

- Visions of Faith: How Apparitions of Our Blessed Mother Shaped the Lives of the Faithful
August 21, 2021 - 1:00 pm: Join us for our first in-person Saturday Afternoon Women’s Tea to be held at our new location at Ascension Parish in Oakbrook Terrace. **Click to register.**
- Fall ONLINE CONFERENCE with FR. RONALD ROLHEISER
- Saturday, November 6th, 2021 | 9:00 am– Noon CST | \$30 per person
- Register ONLINE at www.mayslakeministries.org or by phone at 630-852-9000
- EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1ST: \$25

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

- Private Retreats Available. To find a time for your private retreat email arrangements@racinedominicans.org or call (262) 898-2580. Cost: \$54 per overnight with the option of adding meals, \$8 for breakfast, \$13 for the noon meal, \$10 for supper. Visit <https://www.sienaretreatcenter.org/retreat-programs> for more listings
- Painting/Praying with the Icon of St. Francis of Assisi: August 15 to 21, 2021 - Spend the retreat week creating and reflecting on Francis’ icon and his writings and prayers and getting to know his life and times.
- Rebuilding Public Trust through Discourse, September 14
- Nicholas Black Elk: Walking the Good Red Road, October 4
- SoulCollage® Weekend, September 17-19
- Well-Being and Self-Compassion, September 30
- Neuroscience and Well-Being, October 2
- Living in the Mystery: Entrusted with the Gift of LIFE: Tuesdays, September 21, September 28, and October 5, 2021 - 6:30-7:45pm CDT

The WELL Spirituality Center - <https://csjthewell.org/retreats/>

- The Legacy Retreat (on Zoom) Aug.15 to 20, 2021 | FACILITATOR: MARCIA ALLEN, CSJ This retreat invites the retreatant to enter into two central questions: What am I leaving? To whom am I leaving it? During our days together we will attend to the work of aging and old age, using a combination of reflection time and shared wisdom. We are the keepers of the wisdom that it will take for our world and our descendants, our earth and its inhabitants, our friends and families to continue to flourish in their own journeys.
- Hildegard of Bingen Retreat and Spiritual Travelogue (on Zoom)
Retreat, Sept. 18, 1-3 PM (CDT) - Travelogue: SEPT. 19, 1- 2:30 PM | FACILITATOR: MAUREEN WILD, SC. Themes to be touched on during the Saturday retreat include Hildegard’s life and times; her wisdom about plants and healing and greening our Spirit; her visions, music and poetry; her significance for our times. Sunday’s travelogue will be based on Maureen Wild’s recent visit to the region Hildegard called home.
- Bridging the Divides, Tending the Gap: Sept. 24-25
Find out more and register here: <https://one.bidpal.net/bridgingdivides/welcome>
Plenary speakers include Helen Prejean, CSJ, Diane Benscoter, Vernice Solimar, PhD, Maka Aka Najin Black Elk, Katharine Hayhoe, PhD, Arlie Hochschild, PhD, and Cheryllyn Branche.

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LIST OF VENUES

For a list of retreat centers, visit our website:

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

PROPERTIES/HOUSING AVAILABLE

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).

Brookfield—Apartment Available at 4606 Grove Ave in SSND-owned building near I-55. Furnished apartment available with three bedrooms, two baths, living and dining room areas, and a kitchen with appliances. Off street parking, in-building laundry facilities, minimal storage space, heat, garbage pickup, and general building maintenance. Each apartment pays its own electricity costs. The building is not centrally air-conditioned, but each apartment has individual air-conditioning units. Five SSNDs currently live in the building. Sister Anna Marie Zeitner, SSND (773-885-6529) is the contact person.

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.

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

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



McHenry – Home for rent; three-bedroom one bath upstairs. Full basement with bath and washer dryer. 1400 ft.² rent is \$1200 per month. Beautiful property. Contact MICHAEL HEIDEMANN at 815-814-3453 or misceleste1@gmail.com
(More photos will be posted on the OFR website)

Monastery Building and Property Available

The Carmelite Monastery in Concord, New Hampshire, located near a large medical center will be available for a new religious congregation by June 2021. The Carmelite Sisters are relocating to other sites.

The Monastery building can offer: 20 individual cell rooms and several large rooms that can be adapted for other use. The cells can also be reconfigured; a large, beautiful chapel, and large spacious grounds. If you know of any congregation seeking a new location, please refer them to: Sister Claudette Blais at claudetteblais@gmail.com; convent phone: 603-225-5791.

Northlake – Living area available in a parish convent (100 North Lavergne) presently being rented by 4 Sisters of Providence and 1 Holy Cross Sister. Living area includes a bedroom, private bath, and adjoining room. Shared space includes chapel, dining room, kitchen, laundry, and gathering rooms. Rent is \$1,200 monthly and includes utilities and off-street parking. Contact 708 223 8383 for further information.

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 receive updates: <https://missionola.com/>

To volunteer, click here.

Back to school party- August 14

- Back to school party is on August 14!!! We will be distributing school supplies and having a block party!
- Volunteer time is 10 am to 2 pm. 16 and older volunteer rule still in place.
- Please click: [sign up here to volunteer!](#)
- If you would like to donate material goods:
- Individual donations of school supplies via the Amazon wish list
- Do a drive of supplies/ backpacks with your group? E-mail Sr. Stephanie at olamission@gmail.com to organize.
- We also need individually packed chips and individually packed novelty desserts! E-mail Sr. Stephanie at olamission@gmail.com to organize.

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/