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## Congratulations to this year's Jubilarians!



Archdiocesan Religious Jubilarians Celebration Mass (2017)

The June 20 issue of Chicago Catholic lists this year's jubilarians.

Read the article at:

<https://www.chicagocatholic.com/chicagoland/-/article/2021/06/16/thank-you-for-your-serv-12>

**Please send us photos of your jubilarians at: [OFR@archchicago.org](mailto:OFR@archchicago.org) with captions and/or a brief article or a link to your website with the article/feature.**

### 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. The **Dare to Love Radio Show** hosted by Sr. Lovina Pammit, OSF is now on YouTube! An interview with Sr. Kathleen Branham, OSF (new CAVA Board member) and Sr. Marlene Kochert, OSF (Oldenburg Franciscans) Thursday, July 1 at 8:00 a.m. on WNDZ AM Radio 750. On YouTube, the video podcast will premiere on the same date and time at:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL30oeUTJ9xG3wWoA7dy95RNbu\\_BAIfJbP](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL30oeUTJ9xG3wWoA7dy95RNbu_BAIfJbP).

Please click "Like" and subscribe to the Catholic Chicago channel to get reminders!

**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](mailto:Lpammit@archchicago.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](http://www.nrvc.net) now!

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

Register or get more information at: <https://www.relforcon.org/arise>



Enter the Chaos Program Information – Institute for Communal Contemplation and Dialogue ([iccdinstitute.org](http://iccdinstitute.org))

**July 8-11, 2021 - Bon Secours | Marriottsville, MD (in person)**

**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](https://www.osbpgh.org/Leadership_and_Life_Coaching_Application)

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



### 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>



### 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](http://www.congressopassionista2021.eu). There will be simultaneous translations in English, Spanish, and Italian. Livestreaming on YouTube and Facebook: [www.passiochristi.org](http://www.passiochristi.org). (Use your phone camera app on the QR code on the right side of this article to visit the website.)



### 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/>

## COME TO THE TABLE: Conversations on the Vows

July 19th - 23rd (6-8pm Central)

Join us this summer as we explore facets of vowed life through the lens of women religious of different racial and cultural backgrounds. To see the line of speakers and topics please email the contact persons. All conversations will take place on Zoom at 6-8PM Central Time. Zoom link will be provided closer to the event dates. These conversations are open to all Catholic women religious -regardless of age, race, culture or ethnicity preparing for initial or final vows or those who've made these commitments in the past six months. Register by July 15 using this link: <https://forms.gle/8pQEfYfm7B2yVh6E9> Suggested participant donation is \$50. Please do not let financial limitations keep you from participating. Write out and send your checks to: Giving Voice | 5909 Macaw Ave. | El Paso, TX 79924 | Memo Line: Come To The Table. Questions? Contact Mumbi Kigutha CPPS ([mumbikigutha@gmail.com](mailto:mumbikigutha@gmail.com)) or Romina Sapinoso SC ([romina.sapinoso@gmail.com](mailto:romina.sapinoso@gmail.com))

## 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 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)

## Intentional Community

We caught word that a community of sisters and seekers is taking root near where you live! Sr. Julia Walsh, FSPA, an attendee of local meetups (and **prolific writer!**), passed on news of *The Fireplace*, which describes itself as "a refuge for spiritual seekers, artists, and social justice activists," and its search for community members for the 2021-2022 academic year. If you are a woman 21 or older with a passion for spirituality, creativity and social change, you are invited to discern joining The Fireplace for the 2021-2022 academic year. The Fireplace is a contemplative community of hospitality and outreach, in the Kenwood/Hyde Park neighborhood in Chicago. Move in Summer 2021. \$600 minimum monthly room & board. For more information and an application contact [TheFireplaceCommunity@gmail.com](mailto:TheFireplaceCommunity@gmail.com). Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all four spots are filled.

## 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/>

## 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.

## Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA) – GET 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 almost 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](mailto:Lpammit@archchicago.org) and visit [www.vocationscava.org](http://www.vocationscava.org) CAVA is a ministry of the Office for Religious in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

## SLI Connect – [www.sliconnect.org](http://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.

## POSITION AVAILABLE

Position Opening Application Due July 15, 2021. **CLICK HERE** for the complete job description.

Position Title: Leadership Collaborative Director  
Position Type: FLSA exempt position; full-time, paid position  
Focus: Religious Life/Leadership Development  
Location: Remote work environment considered  
Starting Date: November 1, 2021  
Send Resume: Joan Gallagher, CSJ [gallagherj@csjbrentwood.org](mailto:gallagherj@csjbrentwood.org)

About the Leadership Collaborative (ct'd on next page)

The Leadership Collaborative (LC) is comprised of a network of people from a variety of congregations, representatives from LCWR and RFC, and growing partners among other organizations with interest and support for the ongoing leadership development and viability in religious life. For nearly ten years the LC has offered programs, processes, experiences, and connections for women religious, their associates and ministry partners that fosters personal transformation that serves the mission and vision of their commitments toward re-imagining and shaping the future of religious life and association for the sake of the world.

## RETREATS and OTHER OFFERINGS

**Cenacle Retreat Center:** <https://cenaclesisters.org/ministry/retreats-programs/> or 773-528-6300 x 188  
-“Independent Freedom”: July 1 2021, 9:30-11 a.m. via Zoom. Real freedom comes from God. Through Scripture and Sacred Sharing, we look at ways Jesus sets us free if we have the faith to believe. By Joan McGovern Registration \$20.

-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](mailto:cruzi@claretcenter.org)

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

- July 11-16 - Fr. Richard Kaley, a Conventual Franciscan, will offer "Is Your God Too Small?" Sunday evening July 11 - Friday, July 16 at noon (Central time). Includes am and pm conferences, daily Mass and an opportunity for reconciliation as well as lovely grounds and delicious meals – open to ALL – in person.
- August 4-8 - Silent Directed Retreat in Person
- Aug 20 - Sacred Sounds Gong Bath with Richard Rudis (in person)
- Private retreats and hermitages available. Email: [info@portforprayer.org](mailto:info@portforprayer.org) or call (815) 464-3880

## Mayslake Ministries – 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](http://www.mayslakeministries.org) or Or by phone at 630-852-9000
- EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1ST: \$25

## Siena Retreat Center Contact (262) 898-2580 | [arrangements@racinedominicans.org](mailto:arrangements@racinedominicans.org)

- Private Retreats Available. To find a time for your private retreat email [arrangements@racinedominicans.org](mailto: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
- Rising Strong as Spiritual Practice™ - July 9 to 11, 2021 This retreat is based on the research of Brené Brown, PhD. It will encourage and guide participants to explore Wholehearted Living™ and to learn its effect on who we are and how we experience our own spirituality.
- Contemplative Retreat for Women 2021 - July 11 to July 17, 2021. This retreat has a waiting list. Please call 262-898-2590 to be added to the list.
- 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.

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

- FOREST BATHING - Salt Creek Nature Preserve - *IN PERSON*  
SATURDAY, JULY 17, 9 - 10:30 AM (CDT) - FACILITATOR: MARIE ZUBINSKI  
Spending time intentionally outdoors has scientifically proven benefits lasting up to a month after a walk, such as: boosted immune system functioning, reduced blood pressure and heart rate, increased energy. In this forest therapy session, we will walk slowly, take deep breaths, and mindfully move through the landscape, remembering that we are a part of nature, fundamentally related to all other beings
- BOUNDLESS COMPASSION RETREAT *ON ZOOM* - SUNDAY, JULY 18 - FRIDAY, JULY 23  
FACILITATOR: MARY DEAN PFAHLER, SND Compassion can change a heart, change a life, and change a world. Discover the seeds of compassion planted across the spectrum of faith traditions and found in insights from theology, spirituality, science, sociology, and psychology. Inspired by a book by Joyce Rupp, this retreat will feature presentations, quiet reflection, small group break-out sessions, media resources, and communal prayer.
- THE LEGACY RETREAT - *ON ZOOM* - SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 - FRIDAY, AUGUST 20  
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: SATURDAY, SEPT. 18, 1-3 PM (CDT) - TRAVELOGUE: SUNDAY, 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. find out more/register

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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 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).

**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](mailto:joanmwchicago@gmail.com)



**McHenry** – Home for rent; three bedroom one bath upstairs. Full basement with bath and washer dryer. 1400 ft.<sup>2</sup> rent is \$1200 per month. Beautiful property. Contact MICHAEL HEIDEMANN at 815-814-3453 or [mscelest1@gmail.com](mailto:mscelest1@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](mailto:claudetteblais@gmail.com); convent phone: 603-225-5791.

**Northlake** – Living area available in a parish convent 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.](#)

### **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/](http://www.facebook.com/ChicagoHomicideVigils/)