



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.**

Religious Formation Conference Life Commitment Program | Compromiso de Vida

English (July 7 to 12): <https://www.relforcon.org/programs/life-commitmentJul-7-12>



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COMPROMISO DE VIDA

25-30 julio, 2021 | Via Zoom



Facilitadoras: Adriana Calzada Vázquez Vela, CCVI & Karina Conrad, CDP

En Español Julio 25 a 30: Compromiso de Vida www.relforcon.org/compromiso-de-vida-rfc
PRESENTADORES Y PRESENTADORAS

Sunday, July 25 - **Bienvenida e Inicio / Welcome and Overview** - **Hnas. Adriana Calzada Vázquez Vela, CCVI and Karina Conrad, CDP**

Monday, July 26 - **Vida Consagrada para el Siglo 21 / Consecrated Life in the 21st Century** - **Hna. Rosalia Meza, VDMF**

Tuesday, July 27 - **Discipulado en Misión / Missionary Discipleship** - **Hna. Gloria Liliana Franco, ODN**

Wednesday, July 28 - **Viviendo los Votos en la Misión / Living the Vows on Mission** - **Hna. Xiomara Méndez-Hernández, OP**

Thursday, July 29 - **La Sombra de la Comunidad / The Shadows of Community** - **Hno. Michael Avila, FSC**

Friday, July 30 - **Día de Integración / Integration Day** - **Hnas. Adriana Calzada Vázquez Vela, CCVI and Karina Conrad, CDP**

Spread the Word on Getting Vaccinated



Please help spread the word and encourage others to get vaccinated. To learn more, visit: <https://www.archchicago.org/coronavirus/covid-vaccine>.

Watch the video here: <https://youtu.be/4PkIKXyKqH8>

Arquidiócesis lanza campaña de concientización para la vacunación contra COVID-19

[https://www.catholicoperiodico.com/es/area-de-chicago/-](https://www.catholicoperiodico.com/es/area-de-chicago/)

</article/2021/02/08/arquidiocesis-lanza-campana-de-concientizacion-para-la-vacunacion-contr-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 “Catholic Chicago” Channel:

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

The **Dare to Love** radio show hosted by Sr. Lovina Pammit, OSF is now on YouTube! An interview with Brother Michael Gosch, CSV airs June 3 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_BAlfJbP. 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 to sign up.

RESOURCES, EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

Renew My Church:

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

Religious Formation Conference Life Congress



Save the date! RFC Congress | Nov 4-7, 2021

Click here for more information

“Together” Information Virtual Session

Register or get more information at:

<https://relforcon.wufoo.com/forms/m1ojwqzx0wssjjg/>

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

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



Enter the Chaos Program Information – Institute for Communal Contemplation and Dialogue (iccdinstitute.org)

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

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

RAICES y ALAS 2021 - September 22-26, 2021– Save the Dates

<https://ncchm-us.org/2020/03/01/raices-y-alas-2021/>The National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry will convene the Raices y Alas 2021 – National Catholic Congress in Hispanic Ministry on Sept. 22-26, 2021 in Washington, DC.



Franciscan Federation Annual Conference: June 11-13, 2021



This conference is for Third Order Franciscans – Regular. All preparatory resources, Q&A and other background materials are available on the site. Visit <https://franfed.org/annual-franciscan-conference-2021/> to register.

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>

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 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

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. 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/>

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

CNA part time position in south suburb of Chicago (Frankfort, IL)

We are searching for a kind and caring Certified Nursing Assistant who would like a part-time position in assisted living at our Motherhouse. * Part-time * Day shift * 32 hours per 2-week pay period * Must be certified

* Non-benefit position * Includes working every other weekend and rotating holidays

* St Francis Woods, 9201 W St Francis Rd, Frankfort, IL 60423 |

* Contact Karen Hannon, Dir. of Nursing, at 815.464.3860 or email Karen.Hannon@fssh.net

RETREATS and OTHER OFFERINGS

Cenacle Retreat Center

“Oh My Soul”: June 16, 2021, 9:30-11 a.m. via Zoom. Although we can't literally sell our soul, we can lose it to things of this world - how do we resist the separation? Presented by Joan McGovern Registration \$20, <https://cenaclesisters.org/ministry/retreats-programs/> or call the Cenacle Sisters 773-528-6300 x 188

Interrupted Presence: June 21, 2021, 7-8:15 p.m. via Zoom. Featuring the writings of young adults in “Stories of Finding God in Times of Trouble” facilitated by Greg Pierce, owner of ACTA Publications. Registration \$10, <https://cenaclesisters.org/ministry/retreats-programs/> or call the Cenacle Sisters 773-528-6300 x 188

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

Mayslake Ministries - Sacred Presence Spiritual Direction Training Program – Starts September

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.

Portiuncula Center for Prayer

<https://www.portforprayer.org/events/categories/programs-retreats/>

- June 23-27 - Women's Summer Retreat: Time to be Looking Up and Spirit -led (in person) – Facilitators: Jacque Schroeder, OSF, a West Peoria Franciscan, retreat leader, currently pastoral associate at Standing Rock Indian Reservation, South Dakota and Janice Keenan, OSF
- 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 or call (815) 464-3880

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
- Silent Directed Retreat I: June 6-12, 2021. This silent retreat offers participants the opportunity to meet daily with a spiritual guide and to gather for morning and evening prayer.
- Spiritualities of East and West: June 27 to July 2, 2021 - Join us for a restful week taken at your own pace. Each day's offering will include optional group meditation/prayer, gentle yoga, creative experience, opportunity to speak with a spiritual guide and more.
- Silent Directed Retreat II: June 20 to 26, 2021 - One-on-one sessions with a spiritual guide, Eucharistic liturgy, and common evening prayer are offered daily during this weeklong retreat.
- 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.
- 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.

LIST OF VENUES

For a list of retreat centers, visit our website:

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

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 and visit www.vocationscava.org

CAVA is a ministry of the Office for Religious in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

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.

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.

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.

Apartment available at 2148 West Foster Avenue, Chicago. 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 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.

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 msceleste1@gmail.com

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.

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 : <https://missionola.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/

**Do you have events or congregational ministries that provide volunteer/service opportunities?
Let us know – email kmcnulty@archchicago.org.**