



# 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](mailto:kmcnulty@archchicago.org) for consideration for the OFR Newsletter and/or website publication.

#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/4PkIKXyKqH8>

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

<https://www.catolicoperiodico.com/es/area-de-chicago/-/article/2021/02/08/arquidiocesis-lanza-campana-de-concientizacion-para-la-vacunacion-contra-covid-19>

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## Archdiocese of Chicago Radio Programs – WNDZ Indiana AM 750

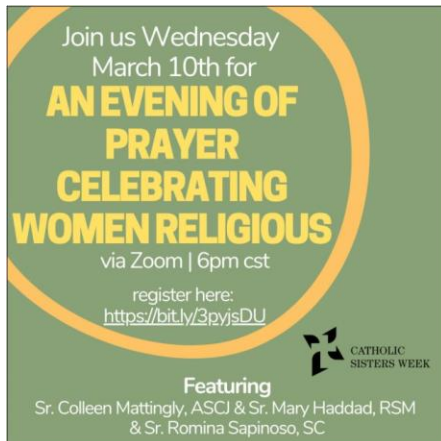
The Office for Radio and TV has a list of shows airing everyday live from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

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

## RESOURCES, EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES



### Evening of Prayer Celebrating Women Religious Online Event for Catholic Sisters Week

March 10 at 6:00 p.m. CST for an evening of prayer celebrating Women Religious! The service will feature prayerful song and reflections by Sisters Mary Haddad, RSM, Colleen Mattingly, ASCJ, and Romina Sapinoso, SC. The event is being sponsored by the Center for the Study of Consecrated Life at Catholic Theological Union, Communicators for Women Religious, Institute of Religious Formation at Catholic Theological Union, Giving Voice, the National Religious Vocation Conference, and the Religious Formation Conference. [Click here to Register for the Event!](#)

### This is Our Story...This is Our Song: Black Catholic Women Religious Standing in the Breach



Celebrate Catholic Sisters Week with NETWORK by honoring the legacy and work of Black Catholic Sisters! We will be joined by Sr. Anita Baird, DHM, who will present on the struggle of racism that Black women religious have faced and the contributions they have made to our nation from 1829 to today. March 11, 2021 06:00 p.m. Central Time. To register, go to: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_rCSgoXP\\_Qee7Z87QDjhWNw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rCSgoXP_Qee7Z87QDjhWNw)



### 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. NCCHM is working in Pastoral de Conjunto with the USCCB's Secretariat for Hispanic Affairs, the V Encuentro, national organizations and leaders to create the program for the national congress, which is expected to gather over 500 national Hispanic ministry leaders. Among other areas, the congress will be focused primarily on the Priority Areas that emerged from the V Encuentro and recommend actions steps and plans that will be presented to the V Encuentro leadership and bishops as part of the national pastoral planning for Hispanic ministry.



### 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)



## A Call to Transformative Love in Religious Life: Stories of Race, Place and Grace – Series 2 - Online Event

THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF CONSECRATED LIFE SERIES

# A Call to Transformative Love in Religious Life: Stories of Race, Place and Grace

Many of you joined us for our November three-part series on The Call to Transformative Love in Religious Life: Stories of Race, Place and Grace. We had over 2,000 people register for the events. Thank you for showing a commitment to dismantling the structures of racism. We invite you to this three-part series, jointly sponsored by the Center for the Study of Consecrated Life and The National Black Sisters' Conference, to continue the conversation about the role of religious life in addressing and dismantling racial injustice. Please join us! Click on the link below to register.

<https://ctu.edu/event/sharing-our-histories-and-our-stories/>

If you have any questions please contact Sr. Maria Cimperman, RSCJ at [mcimperman@ctu.edu](mailto:mcimperman@ctu.edu), Director of the Center for the Study of Consecrated Life.

### March 8 | 6 – 8:00 pm CST: Session I Owning Our History: Race and Racism in the History of the Catholic Church

In this session Rev. Joseph Brown, SJ will explore the legacy of race and racism in the history of the Catholic Church and its implications for religious life today.

**March 15 | 6 – 8:00 pm CST – Session II - Do You Hear What I Hear?** Developing Sensitivity and Appropriate Responsiveness to What One Hears that is Culturally Encoded. In this session Sr. Addie Lorraine Walker, SSND will help us develop the ability to notice microaggressions and the messages

they send.

### March 22 | 6 – 8:00 pm CST – Session III - Where do we go from here?

How will you demonstrate an understanding of what has been shared? What have you learned in these sessions? How can our congregations take ownership in nurturing, supporting and fostering an environment where people of color can thrive in religious life? Sisters Gayle Lwanga, RGS, Anita Baird, DHM, Josita Colbert, SNDdeN and Maria Cimperman, RSCJ will reflect on the above questions and then engage in further conversation with all of us.



Dare to Love

The **Dare to Love** radio show is now on video! An interview with Sr. Maria Cimperman, RSCJ and Sr. Anita Baird, DHM will air this Thursday, March 4, at 8:00 a.m. Visit and subscribe to the Catholic Chicago channel to get reminders!

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

## Catholic Sisters Week March 8 to 14

## 12-Hour Online Prayer Marathon – Premieres March 24, 2021 – Save the Date

Let us pray together!

The Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA) is offering a 12-hour prayer marathon featuring various prayer formats hour by hour from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. witnessing to our common practice of praying as a community. This project also seeks to provide a model of collaboration among members of CAVA representing various congregations and the beauty of our diversity as pray-ers. We ask for your prayers as we work on this project. Schedule, participant list and links will be posted on the CAVA website: [www.vocationscava.org](http://www.vocationscava.org)





**2021 RFC CONGRESS**  
NOVEMBER 4-7 | CHICAGO



**Save the date!**

RFC Congress | Nov 4-7, 2021  
[Click here for more information](#)

### **A New Initiative at The Bernardin Center, Catholic Theological Union**

A Better Kind of Politics: Towards Social and Political Charity is a growing consortium of Roman Catholic institutions in the United States collaborating throughout 2021 on a series of online discussions around topics relating to Pope Francis' call in Fratelli Tutti for a renewal of politics through social and political charity measured by how we treat our neighbors, especially those "lying wounded along the roadside." Visit <https://www.abetterkindofpolitics.org/>

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

Visit [www.franfed.org](http://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**

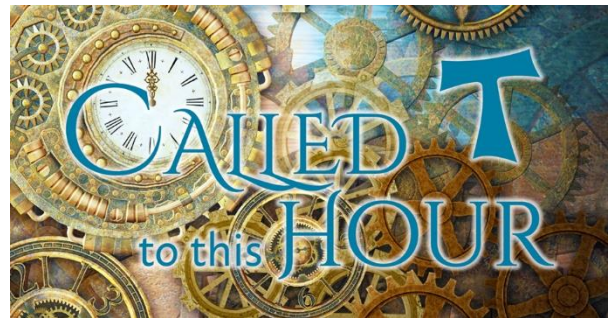
- Commission of Elected Leaders, Commission of Regions and Commission of Charism Services will meet separately and then meet in a joint session

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

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

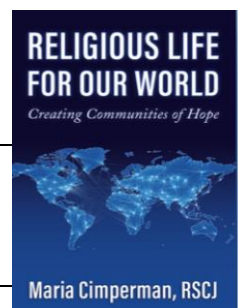
##### **Tuesday, May 25, 4:00-5:30 EST**

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



#### **UISG Presentation of the Book "Religious Life for Our World: Creating Communities of Hope" (Available on Orbis or Amazon)**

Watch on YouTube – English - <https://youtu.be/I0YKMUadlqs>  
with Sr. Maria Cimperman, RSCJ



### **EMPLOYMENT – POSITIONS OPEN**

#### **Program Director Position – Religious Formation Conference**

The Program Director will work with staff and leadership to advance the mission of the Conference. Job responsibilities are outlined in the position description [available here](#). The search will remain open until the position is filled, but preference will be given to applicants whose materials reach the Conference by Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Inquiries about the position can be sent via email to [rfc@relforcon.org](mailto:rfc@relforcon.org). Applicants should submit a (1) cover letter, (2) resume, and (3) list of three references. Materials can be sent by email to [rfc@relforcon.org](mailto:rfc@relforcon.org) or by mail to:

Religious Formation Conference  
5401 S. Cornell Ave, Suite 304  
Chicago, IL 60615

## RETREATS and OTHER OFFERINGS

### Mayslake Ministries

#### 6-part Online Lenten Series (\$60.00): Holy Spirit Healing Workshop presented by Lori Pacer

Monday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. | Feb. 22 & 25, Mar 1, 4, 8, & 11

Register online at [www.mayslakeministries.org](http://www.mayslakeministries.org) or call 630-852-9000

### Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat

Call 563-336-8414 or visit [theprairieretreat.org](http://theprairieretreat.org) for more information and to register

Mar 3, 10, 17 Zoom: Lenten Nights with Barb

Mar 19-20 Pause and Refresh

Mar 5-6 Men Encounter Christ in Prayer

Mar 24 The Heart of Forgiveness

Mar 13 Spring Equinox: Act of Power

Mar 30 No Fear, No Fail Yeast Bread Making

### Portiuncula Center for Prayer [Programs & Retreats – PORTIUNCULA Center for Prayer \(portforprayer.org\)](http://portforprayer.org)

Mar 12 - Private Retreat (on Campus)

Mar 30 - Guided Meditation via Zoom

Mar 15 - Emotions + Resilience = Resilience (in person)

Apr 12 – Ignatian Contemplation

Mar 19 - Dr. Robert Wicks:

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

Riding the Dragon via Zoom

Apr 30 – Private Retreat Day

### Redemptorist Retreat Center

Preached Retreats for Women and Men: <https://www.redemptoristretreat.org/preached-retreats>

March 19-21, 2021 | March 26-28, 2021

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

Mar 24 – Online Series with Paula D'Arcy. 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. central. \$24 each session

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](http://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](mailto:Lpammit@archchicago.org) and visit [www.vocationscava.org](http://www.vocationscava.org)

## PROPERTIES/HOUSING AVAILABLE

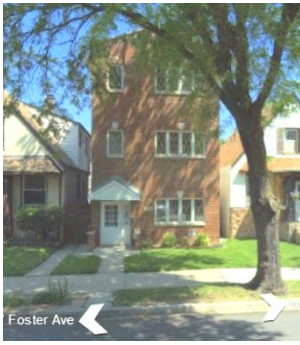
**Oak Park**—St. Catherine of Siena/St. Lucy Parish **Apartment for Rent**. 28 N. Austin Boulevard. Newly renovated apartment includes 2 bedrooms with living room, dining room, kitchen, mud room and parking. \$1,400 per month includes utilities: gas, electricity, and water. Religious Preferred. Conveniently 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 - 5045 South Ellis Avenue**

Call for details - 847-412-1617 or 847-412-1621 |

This classic, traditional house in the historic Kenwood neighborhood welcomes you with an inviting front porch. The three-story, 13 room house has eight bedrooms, 5 ½ bathrooms and a sitting room and elegant vintage features. A sunny screened porch overlooks a tranquil backyard. The wonderful outdoor space is a restful haven in the midst of the city.

**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 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).

**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://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/](https://www.facebook.com/ChicagoHomicideVigils/)