



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.**

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On Saturday, May 1, 2021, the vocation of religious brother was celebrated with a virtual gathering - prayer, reflections by several brothers, and small group conversation.

Sister Agnette Celebrates 90th Jubilee

Congratulations to Sister Agnette Bengal, Sister of Christian Charity, who is celebrating her 90th jubilee as religious. Sr. Agnette recently turned 107 years old. Joyce Duriga, Editor of Chicago Catholic, wrote an article featuring Sr. Agnette's story on the April 7 edition. To read the entire feature, visit: <https://www.chicagocatholic.com/chicagoland/-/article/2021/04/07/sister-agnette-107-to-celebrate-90-years-of-religious-li-1>



While holding a bowl of ice cream, Sister of Christian Charity Agnette Bengal points out members of her family in photos to her fellow sisters, Sister Anastasia Sanford (left) and Sister Monica Cormier (right) at Sacred Heart Convent in Wilmette. Karen Callaway/Chicago Catholic

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/4PklKXyKqH8>
Arquidiócesis lanza campaña de concientización para la vacunación 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 “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 Sr. Connie Bach, Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, and Mrs. Kathy Brady-Murfin, Vocation Director for the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary, will air on May 6 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/user/CatholicChicago/videos>. 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 Commitment Program | Compromiso de Vida

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

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



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/m1ojwqzx0wssjgg/>

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

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

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.

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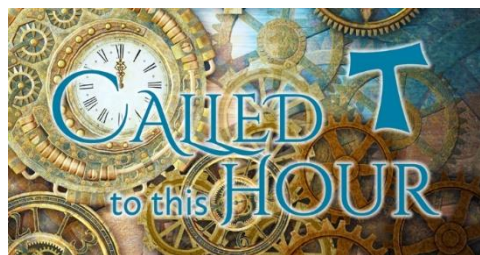


Reframing Retirement for Mission – June 7 to 25, 2021

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

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, 3:00-4:30 p.m. Central
Tuesday, May 11, 3:00-4:30 p.m. Central
Tuesday, May 18, 3:00-4:30 p.m. Central
Tuesday, May 25, 3:00-4:30 p.m. Central

Global Sisters Report: Witness & Grace Conversation

Nuns and Nones, Presented by Annmarie Sanders, IHM, and Brittany Koteles

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 | 3 p.m. Eastern | 2 p.m. Central | 1 p.m. Mountain | 12 p.m. Pacific

An interfaith and intergenerational movement, Nuns and Nones unites Catholic sisters and spiritually-curious millennials in a mutual exchange of creative contemplation, social justice, and community practices. (Some prefer to call it Sisters and Seekers, as not all millennials in the network identify as "none" for their religion.) What began as informal, small-group conversations in late 2016 has flourished into a close-knit and growing movement that engages hundreds of participants across the country in regular, meaningful conversations. While the guiding conversational themes have remained largely unchanged throughout the pandemic, their prescience and relevance amid the rampant anxiety today indicate that the movement is striking a fundamental chord.

Learn more or register: <https://www.globalsistersreport.org/witnessandgraceconversations-051821>

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.**

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS

On behalf of retired religious in the Archdiocese and across the nation, we extend our deepest gratitude to you for your support of the Retirement Fund for Religious collection in December. As of March 31st, parishes and missions in the Archdiocese of Chicago contributed \$550,190.76 to the appeal. The collection this year was different because of the Covid-19 pandemic and economic ramifications that came with this. This is a wonderful tribute to the women and men who have served in your parish or impacted your lives in some way over the years. (Sr. Mary Ann Penner, IHM)



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

May 20-22, 2021 - St. Mary-on-the-Lake | Bellevue, WA | Online Program

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

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

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Position: Executive Director for “A Nun’s Life”

Accountable to: Board of Directors

Apply by: May 15, 2021 to juliebrown@anunslife.org

For full description, go to: <https://files.constantcontact.com/20762bae601/5262f048-9b1a-4c8c-8d1d-69df987dd010.pdf>

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

The RFC invites applications for two full-time positions.

Programs Manager ([click here for position description, PDF document](#))

Operations Manager ([click here for position description, PDF document](#))

These positions will work with current staff and leadership to advance the mission of the Conference. The searches will remain open until the position is filled, but preference will be given to applicants whose materials reach the Conference by Wednesday, May 5th. Applicants should submit a (1) cover letter, (2) resume, and (3) list of three references. Materials can be sent by email to rhc@relforcon.org or by mail.
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5401 S. Cornell Ave, Suite 304
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RETREATS and OTHER OFFERINGS

Mayslake Ministries

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.

Portiuncula Center for Prayer

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

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)
June 23-27 - Women's Summer Retreat: Time to be Looking Up in Person
July 11-16 - Is Your God Too Small? Franciscan Retreat 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

Shem Center www.shemcenter.org

A Gala Zoom Concert, Sunday, May 23, 2021, 3 to 5pm

Shem Center for Interfaith Spirituality presents the music of HILDEGARD of BINGEN 12th century Abbess, mystic and composer who sings of "the greening power of God's creation.

Learn more: <https://shemcenter.org/shem-center-gala-concert/>

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

- SoulCollage@ Day – Friday, May 7 OR Saturday, May 8, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, offered in person; coronavirus protocols in place, registration is limited. Cost: \$55
- Grieving Life as We Know It – Saturday, May 8, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, offered in person; coronavirus protocols in place, registration is limited. Cost: \$55
- America's Internment: Manzanar Pilgrimage – Tuesday, May 11, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, via Zoom. Cost: \$10
- Retirement and Purposeful Aging: What's Next in My Life? – Tuesday, May 18 6:30 PM –
- Thursday, May 20, Noon, offered in person; coronavirus protocols in place, registration is limited. Cost: \$55
- Christian Spirituality and Contemplative Yoga for Women – Saturday, May 22, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, offered in person; coronavirus protocols in place, registration is limited. Cost: \$45
- 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.

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

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).

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.

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.

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

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.**