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Office for Religious Updates

As mentioned in the letter sent by Sister Joan McGlinchey a couple weeks ago, Sister Kathy McNulty's last day at the Pastoral Center was on September 30, 2021. We express our gratitude for her over 10 years of service and wish her well. During this transition we ask for your prayers and your patience as we navigate changes in the office.

For general questions, you may contact

OFR@archchicago.org or email us directly according to the nature of your question. For ordained religious regarding compliances matters (Virtus/Safe Environment record updating), you may email Lpammit@archchicago.org.

Religious Formation Conference - Congress

Nov 4-7, 2021 | ONLINE

Register or get more information at:

<https://www.relforcon.org/arise/registration>



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.



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.



Dare to Love Radio Show hosted by Sr. Lovina Pammit, OSF is now on YouTube! To celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW), the next show airing on November 4 at 8:00 a.m. features CAVA member Sr. Joni Luna, SPSMW, who professed her perpetual vows on August 14. Please click "Like" and subscribe to the Catholic Chicago channel to get reminders! <https://youtu.be/2fmMh9ALTNo>
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

YouTube Dare to Love play list link:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?app=desktop&list=PL30oeUTJ9xG3wWoA7dy95RNbu_BAIfJbP

National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW)

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 7-13, 2021. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation."

<https://nrvc.net/274/publication/4171/article/18685-national-vocation-awareness-week-november-7-13>

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week>



POSITION OPEN

The Wisconsin Religious Collaborative (WRC) is seeking an **Executive Director (ED)**.

The WRC is in search of candidates with a discerning and open mindset, visionary, as well as deeply knowledgeable and experienced in the systems and the inner workings of religious life.

Candidates must be capable of overseeing administration, implementing programs, and updating the strategic plan of WRC.

For details of the application process and the ED position description, please click here:

<https://www.wrcollaborative.org/resources/executive-director-application.cfm>



RESOURCES, EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

Renew My Church:

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

**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>



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.

NRRO Webinar

The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) and the Avila Institute of Gerontology announce our new webinar Remembering, Celebrating, Believing: Viability and Vibrancy in the Wake of the Pandemic, scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, at 1:00 p.m. ET. Two congregational leaders will share how Covid-19 has impacted their members and how their communities are learning both to live in the present and to trust in the future God has planned.

Webinar attendance is free for religious communities and their associates. To sign up, visit the Avila Institute website and enter the code NRRO at checkout. The price will change from \$59 to \$0. (Note: Please do not enter credit card information.)

The next webinar will be Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. ET. Topic: TBA.

https://www.usccb.org/resources/NRRO_Webinar_Registration_Flyer.pdf

RETREATS and OTHER OFFERINGS

Cenacle Sisters - <https://www.cenaclesisters.org/ministry/retreats-programs/>

- Christian Meditation: Tuesdays 7pm with Sr. Anelie Arao. Practicing the meditation form taught by Christian meditation pioneer, Fr. John Main, free
- Autumn Centering Prayer: Nov & Dec Mondays at 10am Facilitated via Zoom by Jackie Herbach, learn to center through contemplative prayer employing lectio divina and visio divina (free)
- Our Great African American Spiritual Guides: Howard Thurman and The Search for the Genuine Within Us: Nov 10, 10am-12noon via Zoom facilitated by Judith Valente \$25.
- Spiritual Exile and Seeds of Promise with John Philip Newell: Nov 20, 11am via Zoom. \$25
- Justice Surging Like Waters: Dec 4, 9am – 12noon Creating & fostering community in shared space among other disciples committed to antiracism \$30

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

November 15 – Imaginative Prayer: Ignatian Contemplation

November 16 – Journeying Inward Meditation via Zoom

November 29 – Private Retreat Day – Unmasking God this Advent

December 6 – Watching and Waiting with Joyful Expectation

January, 2022

January 8 – Reimagining the New Year via Zoom

January 10-14 – Having a Contemplative Stance ‘Stay-Treat’ via Zoom

January 22 – Women’s Sacred Spa Day

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

Visit <https://www.sienaretreatcenter.org/retreat-programs> for more listings

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

November 6: Come and Paint
November 9: Reiki Circle
November 11: Carrying Grief at this Unique Time
November 16: The Evolutionary Edge
November 17: Rewilding the Human Psyche
November 18: More Growing Your Knowing
November 29: Advent: For God's Sake
November 29: Advent At Home Directed Retreat
December 10: Opening to Revolutionary Love

The Prairie Retreat – Congregation of the Humility of Mary - <https://www.chmiowa.org/retreat>

Dec 3 - Dec 5: Advent Retreat: Dwelling Within, Bursting Forth
Dec. 7 - Come to the Quiet
Dec 18 /19 - Celebrate Winter Solstice
Dec 21 - Online: Ecumenical Prayer Service: Winter Solstice
Jan 4 - Online: How to Embrace Fear in Our Life and Discover Hope and Courage! (mornings)
Jan 5 - Online: Enneagram (RSVP by Dec. 29)
Jan 12 - Deep Peace Yin Yoga, Sound Healing & Yogic Sleep
Jan 13 - The Complexities of Caregiving and Self Care: How Can We Manage Both?
Jan 15 - Photography for Beginners
Jan 19 - Come to the Quiet
Jan 19 - Online Meet the Author: The New Return to the Great Mother
Jan 26 - How to Plan you Funeral Service (morning or evening options)

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.

Brookfield, IL – One-bedroom apartment available at 4613 Grove Avenue, Brookfield. Near the intersection of 47th Street and 1st Avenue. Spacious living area, kitchen, bath, and bedroom. Freshly painted and new carpeting. Owner on premises. Building well maintained. Air conditioner in living space. Washer/dryer downstairs. Rent \$870. Two other Sisters live in the building and 5 more in the building next door. There are also Sisters across the street. Contact S. Mary Tomlinson at 773-456-7886 or at mtomlin@msn.com.

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
(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.

Near Westside Large, 1 & 2 bedroom apts. Appliances, heating & Cable Incl., Laundry, & on-site Parking; Non-Smoking, Storage, Fitness Room, Near Public Transportation. McHUGH SENIOR APARTMENTS. 1401 W Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60608. Telephone: 312-733-2436. Since the opening of this building in 2007 religious women & men, who make up about 30% of the residents, meet weekly for shared prayer. To successfully submit an application, please apply in person at the management office with a photo ID on M-F, between 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

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](#).

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/

Care for our Common Home: Compost your way to a healthier environment

According to the Composting Council, if everyone in the United States composted all of their food waste, the impact would be equivalent to removing 7.8 million cars from the road. Watch this [short video](#) or copy and paste to browser - https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=x_jXNS3U9OI to learn more about this impactful way to care for our common home.