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Safe Environment Information

A big THANK YOU to our brother priests and transitional deacons and lay administrators who worked hard to complete the requirements for safe environment protocols.

NEW Contact Information for Compliance

Ordained (religious priests and transitional deacons):

Please direct your inquiries and submissions to:

Eileen Lum – Elum@archchicago.org or Kate Blatter – Kblatter@archchicago.org

A reminder that the CANTS 689, CANTS 22A and MRT (Mandated Reporter Training) Certificate are documents that need to be submitted to Site Administrators (including Eileen and Kate for those who are **not** in parishes or schools). Please logon to your Virtus.org account to check if anything is due for completion or needs to be submitted.

NOTE to non-ordained religious – consecrated Sisters and Brothers:

If you are a volunteer at a parish or school, you need to contact the Virtus SITE ADMINISTRATOR at the parish or school to set up or maintain your Virtus account. If you are not connected to a parish or school, there is no need to maintain your Virtus account unless you are a volunteer through the Pastoral Center. If your situation is unique, please contact the OPCY Department:

<https://protect.archchicago.org/about-us/contact-us>

Catholic Sisters Week - March 8 to 14, 2022

There are **more than 100 events and initiatives** listed on the [Catholic Sisters Week Events](#) page, many of which focus on care for Earth. We suggest switching to list view to browse them more easily. Find an online event or an in-person event near you and plan to attend! It isn't too late to list your event or share a video in time for the start of Catholic Sisters Week next Tuesday — don't be left out! [POST YOUR EVENTS HERE!](#)

Religious Brothers Day – May 1, 2022: SAVE the DATE

Visit: <http://www.todaysbrother.com/> | [Religious Brothers Day – Religious Brothers](#) |

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! Sr. Debbie Borneman (NRVC.net) is featured in February and March (Part 1 and 2). 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

RESOURCES | EVENTS | OPPORTUNITIES | ANNOUNCEMENTS

6th National Congress on Hispanic Ministry April 26-30, 2022 in Washington D.C.

RAICES y ALAS 2022

The National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry -NCCHM-, which brings together the main institutions related to the Hispanic Ministry in the United States, is gathering national leaders for the 6th National Catholic Congress Raíces y Alas that will take place in Washington, DC, from April 26 to 30 2022 under the theme:

***Prophetic Voices: Being bridges for a new era
Ser puentes para una nueva época***

For information, go to: <https://ncchm-us.org/>



IPS Scripture School Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: In the Footsteps of Jesus - June 11 – 23, 2022

Visit the website for more information: <https://biblicalresources.online/IPS-ScriptureSchool/>
Registration is NOW available @ (click on the link) <https://biblicalresources.online/IPS-ScriptureSchool/Files/RegForm/index.html>

Renew My Church Updates/Decisions/Groupings

Visit <https://www.renewmychurch.org/decisions/parish-announcements> for latest updates.

For latest news and events in the Archdiocese, visit the **Chicago Catholic** website: <https://www.chicagocatholic.com/>

ATTENTION: Franciscan Sisters Communities and Secular Franciscan Fraternities - Request from the Franciscan Collaborative Group, Chicago Area

We, the *Beyond Ite Vos*, Franciscan Collaborative Group in the Chicago area, are trying to update our contact list, since the celebration of the Transitus back on October 3, 2021. We have the OFM Conv. and OFM Cap. list. We would like to try to connect with all the Franciscan Sisters Communities and Secular Franciscan Fraternities in the area also. Please send me your Community/Congregation email contact at es11tfc@aol.com. Naturally, individual contacts are welcome also.

Blessings to all for a Happy Thanksgiving. Peace and all good things!

Friar Joseph Bayne, OFM Conv.
St. Bonaventure Friary
Postulant Program
6107 Kenmore Avenue
Chicago, IL 60660

Annual Franciscan Federation Conference – June 3 to 6, 2022 - Pittsburgh, PA

For full information and registration, visit <https://franfed.org/annual-federation-conference-2022/>



LLAMADAS A LA COMUNION: Creando Espacios para la Diversidad, la Equidad y la Inclusión. Jueves 30 de junio al domingo 3 de julio de 2022

<https://ahlma.org/project/llamadas-a-la-comunion/>

El tema del Encuentro es “Llamadas a la Comunión: Creando Espacios para la Diversidad, la Equidad y la Inclusión”. Un encuentro que proporcionará la oportunidad para la reflexión, el enriquecimiento personal y el compartir las propias experiencias con las hermanas.

Después de este largo tiempo en que no hemos podido encontrarnos, nos gustaría poder verlas, compartir con ustedes y crear recuerdos que las impulsen a continuar su hermoso ministerio de acompañar a nuestros queridos hermanos necesitados.

CALLLED TO COMMUNION: Creating Spaces for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Thursday, June 30 to Sunday, July 3, 2022 | University of the Incarnate Word – San Antonio, Texas
<https://en.ahlma.org/project/called-to-communion/>

Our “Encuentro” theme for this year is “Called to Communion: Creating Spaces for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.” This will be an encuentro that will provide an opportunity for reflection, personal enrichment and sharing of experiences with each other.

It has been quite some time since we have not been able to meet in person. It would be a joy to see you, share with you and create memories that will encourage us all to continue our ministry of accompanying our dear brothers and sisters in need.

SEEKING THEOLOGICAL UPDATING THIS LENT?

Join CTU for a six-week online program. **March 7 – April 14, 2022**

Mondays – Thursdays, 9-10:30 am Central Time

The Hesburgh Renewal Program is a six-week online program beginning in March 2022 that fosters personal, professional and spiritual renewal through daily, 90-minute lectures featuring renowned CTU faculty and guest speakers. All are welcome, and **sessions are recorded**.

Click here to download the 2022 Presentation Schedule.

National Catholic Leadership Program - Instituto Fe y Vida

Lewis University, Romeoville IL - June 26
– July 2, 2022 | For information, visit:
<https://feyvida.org/en/national-catholic-leadership-program/>



NATIONAL CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM 2022

Pastoral Juvenil • Pastoral Familiar • Pastoral Hispana

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 religious 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 Consecrated Life in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

POSITION OPEN

Director of Pastoral Care & Mission Integration at Mercy Circle

We are seeking a to provide leadership for the development and implementation of a continuum of pastoral care services and programs to residents, families and staff at Mercy Circle in accordance with the Mission of Mercy Circle. This full-time, benefit-eligible leadership role reports to the Executive Director. Visit <https://mercycircle.org/careers/director-of-pastoral-care-and-mission-integration/> for the full information.

Director of the Center for the Study of Consecrated Life

The mission of the Center for the Study of Consecrated Life is to serve as a theological, academic, and pastoral resource for engaging contemporary issues and realities in consecrated life today from a global perspective. The Director is the chief administrator of the CSCL and its operations, who oversees and coordinates all aspects of the work of the center. Guided by the Strategic Plan formulated in 2021, the Director leads the Center in accomplishing its distinctive mission. In collaboration with others, the Director determines the foci and yearly programming for the Center. For the years 2022-2025, the programming is enabled by a grant from the Hilton Foundation entitled Moving Along the Arc: Women Religious as Agents of Reconciliation and Transformative Action toward a More Racially Just Church and World. The CSCL Director serves as Director of the grant and insures its fulfillment. For the full job description, visit: [CSCL-Dir-Position-Description-FINAL-2.28.22.pdf \(netdna-ssl.com\)](#) Applicants should submit a cover letter, current CV, and names and contact information for three references to: csalas@ctu.edu by **March 15, 2022**. Applications from members from racially and ethnically underrepresented groups are encouraged.

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
- Lenten Centering Prayer: Mondays 10am March/April. Facilitated by Jackie Herbach, learn to center through contemplative prayer employing lectio divina and visio divina free
- Lenten Day of Prayer: Charcoal Beginnings - Lenten Journey through the medium of charcoal drawing, no formal drawing/art training required. March 4, 10:00am. Presented by Luciana Duce-Dugan MFA \$45
- Hearts Renewed: Lent is one of transformation, how we receive God's grace. Break free of the bonds of material necessity & say yes to the divine invitation to realign yourself. March 16, 10:30am \$25
- To Serve & Be Served: During the season of Lent, recalling Jesus' 40 days in the desert, we are invited by God to give love away which is at the core of serving another and being served. April 13, 10:30am \$25
- Collage as Mystery: intuitive, creative process of revealing and concealing, until the mysterious result emerges from the layers. April 21, 10am
- Story of Thea Bowman: dream about your own "becoming" through movement and dance. Facilitator Pat Pickett, April 30, 12:30 pm.

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

- PRAYING WITH COLOR - 03/07/2022 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- JOURNEYING INWARD: DEEP RELAXATION GUIDED MEDITATION via Zoom - 03/08 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- GOD IS AT EYE LEVEL: UPPING YOUR SPIRITUAL GAME WITH JAN PHILLIPS via Zoom - 03/12 @10:30 am - 1:00 pm
- MOVING FORWARD ON YOUR JOURNEY - 03/14/2022 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- WOMEN'S SACRED CIRCLE via Zoom - 03/14/2022 - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- PRIVATE RETREAT DAY - WELCOMING A NEW SEASON - 03/21/2022 - 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
- CHAIR YOGA AND SELF-CARE with via Zoom - 03/28/2022 - 10:00 am - 11:30 am
- EASTER JOY AND A SERVANT GOD WITH MICHAEL JENNRICH, OFM - 04/04/2022 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- WOMEN'S SACRED CIRCLE via Zoom - 04/11/2022 - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- JOURNEYING INWARD: DEEP RELAXATION GUIDED MEDITATION via Zoom - 04/12 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- POWERFUL VIBRATIONAL SOUND MEDITATION - 04/22/2022 - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- PRIVATE RETREAT DAY - RELAX AND RENEW - 04/29/2022 - 9:30 am - 4:00

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

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

- Centering Prayer - Thursdays 7:00-8:00 am Central Time via Zoom
- Lenten Series: To Live as Jesus Did Miriam Brown, OP - March 8 and March 22, 2022 - via Zoom 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm CST
- Women for Women Event Series: March 19, May 21, and June 25
- Virtual Winter Series: A Light in Darkness via Zoom: March 23, 2022
- Awakening: A Mindfulness, Prayer, and Meditation Conference – April 1 to 3
- A Contemplative Spring Retreat with Paula D'Arcy - April 21 to April 24, 2022
- Annual Spring Benefit Concert - Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 2:00pm

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

Summer Solstice, Jun 21, 10AM—12 PM Facilitators: Bridget Spurduto and Ellen Wiggins - \$20 per session/\$50 series.

Church of the Wild Retreat: April 22, 2022 - 9:00 am

Boundless Compassion Retreat: May 1, 2022 - 7:00 pm

Paint Your Soul Retreat: May 12, 2022 - 2:00 pm

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

Please visit the website for their listing.

LIST OF VENUES

For a list of retreat centers, visit our website:

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

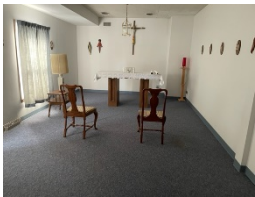
PROPERTIES/HOUSING AVAILABLE

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.

Chicago-Marquette Park Neighborhood: Nativity BVM Parish has available a 2-story convent for lease.



The convent is located at 6804 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago 60629. Building is in excellent condition containing large living room, 2 dining rooms, chapel, private offices, eat in kitchen, large amount of storage, new mechanical system, and 7 2 room suites with private bath on the second floor. For more information or to schedule an on-site visit please contact Bill Carroll

wcarroll@archchicago.org. More photos will be posted on the OFR website.

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. 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

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/

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.

Beyond Bethany project: We are looking for mentors and friends with connections!

A woman's connection with Bethany House continues even after she leaves. The Beyond Bethany project offers continued case management support to young women who are ready to take the next step in their journey toward independence. Over the next few months, we will be developing a mentoring program to support Bethany House women in learning financial, cultural and wellness skills necessary to thrive in their new life. We are looking for women whose experience and availability would allow them to become mentors to our women. Training for mentors will be provided.

We are also looking for persons with rental properties willing to give our young women a chance to demonstrate their responsibility and develop a credit history. The need may not be immediate, but we are looking for persons we can contact when we have women who are ready--or who will let us know when they have a property available that might be appropriate for one or even two young women together.

Gift cards are always welcome for groceries or the women's personal needs. We frequently shop at Local Market Foods, Costco and Jewel. The women appreciate the opportunity for personalized selection at Ross, Amazon or Target.

Visit <http://bethanyhouseofhospitality.com/how-you-can-participate/> to donate or get involved.

Do you want to see your collaborative social justice ministry listed here? Email ofr@archchicago.org