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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 December 2 show featured John Siyumbu, MM (Maryknoll). Our January 2022 guest is Sr. Belinda Monahan, OSB (Benedictines of Chicago and CAVA member). 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

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

World Day for Consecrated Life, February 2 (Presentation of the Lord)



Celebrated in parishes Feb. 5-6, 2022

World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated on February 2nd however, it is observed in parishes on the Sunday after February 2nd. In 2022, this day will be celebrated in parishes February 5-6, 2022.

NRVC Resources: World Day for Consecrated Life, February 2 | NRVC
<https://nrvc.net/274/publication/4171/article/10041-world-day-for-consecrated-life-february-2>

Free Webinar – January 19, 2022 - “Building a Communications Office”

Do you have the right resources to support your congregation’s communications needs? This panel presentation offers experiences from communicators in a one-person office, in a multi-person department, and those serving several sites across different cultures. Each will address key challenges, what works well, and how to grow the communications function to best serve the congregation’s needs. This session is the latest in a series of webinars presented by the Communicators for Women Religious (CWR) in collaboration with the International Union of Superiors General (UISG). UISG is a worldwide, canonically approved organization of superiors general of institutes of Catholic women religious. Based in Rome, UISG offers regular programs, meetings and publications to assist members in their development as leaders of religious congregations. This webinar will be recorded and made available on the UISG YouTube channel.

For more details, visit: <https://c4wr.org/webinar-building-a-communications-office/>

Catholic Sisters Week is just over EIGHT WEEKS AWAY! March 8 to 14, 2022

It’s time to plan and list your event for the [Catholic Sisters Week](#). Get creative with in-person or virtual events! Among many virtual possibilities: Zoom conversations and conferences, Instagram takeovers, livestream event on Facebook, virtual tours, book discussions, interview, photo galleries. No matter your plan, be sure to post it at [Catholic Sisters Week](#).

- If it’s a special page on your website, getting people there is AN EVENT.
- If it’s part of your congregation’s *Laudato Si’* initiatives (see below), it’s AN EVENT.
- If it’s a drive-by greeting or a special display in building windows, it’s AN EVENT.

[POST YOUR EVENTS HERE!](#)

Emerging In Chaos - January 20-23, 2022

A virtual event sponsored by the Leadership Collaborative and the North American Conference of Associates and Religious (NACAR) Visit: <https://nacar.org/event-4528888>



Save the Date: National Congress on Hispanic Ministry - April 26-30, 2022

RAICES y ALAS 2022

For information, go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/RaisesYAlas>



Message from AHLMA (RFC and AHLMA Collaboration)

Estimadas Hermanas.

Las invitamos a un webinar virtual sobre el proceso Sinodal. Este webinar con el Dr. Rafael Luciani, PhD, un laico venezolano, es una colaboración de la Asociación de Hermanas Latinas Misioneras en América (AHLMA) y la *Religious Formation Conference* (Conferencia de Formación Religiosa). Se llevará a cabo el martes 11 de enero de 1:00-2:00pm hora central/2:00-3:00pm hora del este.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Am_tBrsiRy2ocV_fjCD-4A .Por favor, compartan esta invitación. Con su ayuda, la invitación podría llegar a muchas más Hermanas y a sus respectivos institutos y superiores, así como a las organizaciones asociadas.

Gracias por su tiempo y atención. Estaré orando por ustedes y por el ministerio que se les ha confiado.

Hello Sisters,

We invite you to a webinar on the Synodal process. A collaboration of the Religious Formation Conference and the *Asociación de Hermanas Latinas Misioneras en América* (AHLMA), this webinar with Dr. Rafael Luciani, PhD, a Venezuelan layman, will take place on Tuesday, January 11th from 1:00-2:00pm central time/2:00-3:00pm eastern time. https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Am_tBrsiRy2ocV_fjCD-4A

Feel free to share this invitation. With your help, this invitation could reach so many more Sisters and partner organizations.

Thank you for your time and attention and be assured of my prayers for you and the ministry entrusted to you.

Con gratitud,

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AHLMA- Asoc. Hnas. Latinas Misioneras en America

<https://ahlma.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>

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.

Books and An Organ, Anyone?

If anyone or any religious community is interested, we have a full library of spiritual, biblical, mission and related books that was used for initial formation until the program moved to Waukegan a few years ago. They have their own spiritual library there. We would be very happy to give these to any individuals or religious communities who would like any or all of these books. We have lists of the books and boxes for packing. People can come anytime, if we know beforehand. We live at 2020 W. Morse Avenue, Chicago and our house phone is 773-274-8199. (Answering service out of order.) We also have a small Wurlizer organ that is not being used. (Small enough to go in a pick-up truck.)

POSITION OPEN

SXU Campus Ministry Director Position – Please Spread the Word

Saint Xavier University in Chicago is in need of a new Campus Ministry Director. If it does not apply to you, could you please help spread the word to your communities and places of ministry? Thank you! The link to the position description is below:

<https://www.schooljobs.com/careers/sxuedu/jobs/3295471/director-of-campus-ministry?fbclid=IwAR3M5dM5l2a7YRzO8zQA9m1oTKOodOHLfqqDzS4Y2S-yTYd94gyCSNaaA88>

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: Monday Jan 10, 2022 @ 10am Facilitated via Zoom by Jackie Herbach, learn to center through contemplative prayer employing lectio divina and visio divina free
- Writing Your Spiritual Autobiography: “Your Infinitely Rich Life”: Jan 12, 2022, 1 pm facilitated by Dr. Deborah Lee Prescott \$30
- ‘Is What I am Doing Agreeable to God?’ The Inspiring Lives of Three Catholics in Nazi Germany Jan 26, 2022, 10 am facilitated by Dr. Deborah Lee Prescott \$20

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

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

January 30 – Thomas Merton and the Spirituality of Racial Justice with Fr. Dan HORAN, OFM via Zoom

February 8 – Journeying Inward: Deep Relaxation Guided Meditation (via Zoom) with Emily Hunt

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

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

SoulCollage® Thursday, January 13, 2022, 9:00am—3:00pm CST

Resting in the Dark...Emerging in the Light - Saturday, January 15, 2022, 9:00am-5:00pm CST

Contemplative Yoga Retreat for Women- Saturday, January 15, 2022, 9:00am—3:00pm CST

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

THE EVOLUTIONARY EDGE: Five Tuesdays, Jan 18—May 17, 10—11:30 AM Facilitator: Bridget Sperduto - \$20/session.

SEE NO STRANGER: Ten Mondays, Jan 24—Apr 4, 10—11:30 AM Facilitators: Colleen Gorman and Bridget Sperduto - \$150.

STILLNESS OF WINTER: ALMOST FEBRUARY: Jan 27, 7—8:15 PM Facilitator: Barbara Mahany - \$15

WILD BELONGINGS: Feast of St. Brigid, Feb 1, 10AM—12 PM Spring Equinox, Sunday, Mar 20, 2—4 PM

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

RE-EMERGING IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD: First Thursdays, Feb 3—May 5, 10—11:30 AM Facilitator: Bridget Sperduto - \$15/session.

THE INTEGRAL COMMUNITY: Feb 22, 10 AM—12 PM | Facilitator: Pat Bombard, BVM, PhD - \$25.

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

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 your 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 mseleste1@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

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/