



# OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS NEWSLETTER



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## Upcoming Events

- April 14–16 **Institute on Religious Life's National Meeting**
- April 30 **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**
- May 1 Religious Brothers Day (**Resources from NRVC.net**)
- May 12 Mass and Holy Hour for Vocations
- July 17–20 RBC's 52nd Assembly

## RESOURCES | EVENTS | OPPORTUNITIES | ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Celebrate Catholic Sisters Week: March 8 – 14

Visit [catholicsistersweek.org/events/](http://catholicsistersweek.org/events/) to see the Events List.

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## THURSDAY, MARCH 9

### LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

A Nun's Life Ministry is teaming up with the National Religious Vocation Conference to present "Let's Talk About It! Asking the Questions, Living into the Answers." This Zoom conversation takes place March 9 at 4 p.m. Pacific/6 p.m. Central/7 p.m. Eastern. [Register here.](#)

**Celebrate Catholic Sisters Week by joining Sister Lovina Wednesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. Central on Facebook Live at [fb.me/e/5L23f18ZS](https://fb.me/e/5L23f18ZS). What is the Franciscan Crown Rosary? "Perfect" or True Joy? Let's learn and pray together.**

The Archdiocese of Chicago Vocation Office is planning a Mass and Holy Hour on **May 12** to pray for an increase in vocations throughout the archdiocese.

Fr. Tim Monahan, Vocation Director, would like to extend an invitation to all religious in the archdiocese to participate in this event. Please share this invitation to friends and family or anyone else you think might be interested in attending.

**Parking information can be found here.**



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You're invited!

## MASS AND HOLY HOUR

Join us with your families as we pray for Vocations and all those who will be ordained.

Date: **May 12, 2023** (Friday before Ordinations)  
Time: **5:30 – 7 p.m.**  
Location: **Holy Name Cathedral**  
735 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60611

Ticket-validated parking is available at One Chicago Square, 14 W. Superior Street. Parking instructions are at the link in this email. Questions? Contact Katie Hazen at [khazen@archchicago.org](mailto:khazen@archchicago.org).

Vocation Office

Please send us the names of your members who are in initial formation, plus any who recently took final vows. You may include members within your region or Province in case you don't have your formation houses in Chicago. **Complete this online submission form by April 28, 2023:**  
[forms.office.com/r/Fm4gqcKGwR](https://forms.office.com/r/Fm4gqcKGwR)

### National Eucharistic Revival

Everyone within the archdiocese is invited to unite in prayer for renewal and revival as we deepen the union with Christ and each other which we experience at Mass, by coming together for **celebrations of exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament led by our auxiliary bishops in each vicariate**. Noted below are the dates and locations. Please refer to the article, "**Local events for National Eucharistic Revival underway**" recently published in *Chicago Catholic*.

#### Vicariate I

March 21 | 7 p.m.  
St. Emily  
1400 E. Central Rd.  
Mt Prospect, IL 60056

#### Vicariate II

March 22 | 7 p.m.  
Holy Child Jesus  
2324 W. Chase Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60645

#### Vicariate III

March 7 | 7 p.m.  
St. Mary of the Angels  
1850 N. Hermitage Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60622

#### Vicariate IV

March 16 | 6:30 p.m.  
Queen of All Nations  
4940 Washington St.  
Hillside, IL 60162

#### Vicariate V

March 10 | 7 p.m.  
Sacred Heart Palos  
8245 W. 111th St.  
Palos Hills, IL 60465

#### Vicariate VI

March 5 | 2 p.m.  
Christ Our Light  
13145 S. Houston Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60633

### Mission OLA Registration for the 2023 Chicago Marathon is open!

Registration for the 2023 Team OLA/Chicago Marathon is OPEN! Please consider running and spread the word to your family/ friends. **More information HERE!** Not a runner, but still want to get involved? Join Team OLA Angels! Sign up to pray for a runner. E-mail Sr. Stephanie [olamission@gmail.com](mailto:olamission@gmail.com)! We really need your prayers. Sr. Stephanie needs a lot of help with publicity. If you can put information about the team at your parish/ other places, please email her at [olamission@gmail.com](mailto:olamission@gmail.com) and she will send you the info! Thank you!

## Catholic Theological Union

Learn about the various events being hosted by CTU at: <https://ctu.edu/events/>

## 2023 Origins of Franciscan Spirituality Tour Program – A 12-day Study “Tourgrimage”

June 02, 2023 @ 8 a.m. CT – June 13, 2023 @ 5 p.m. CT. Led by Professor Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM. For information, [click here](#).

## Travel to the Holy Land with Catholic Theological Union

You are invited to join Sr. Barbara Reid, OP, President of CTU, on a special tour of the Holy Land from May 29 to June 9, 2023. For information, [click here](#).



## Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA)

**CAVA is the center of support for religious vocation ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago.**

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

*CAVA is a ministry of the Office for Consecrated Life in the Archdiocese of Chicago.*



RFC Congress

November 9–12, 2023

Marriott Chicago O'Hare

[relforcon.org/congress/registration](http://relforcon.org/congress/registration)

## Religious Formation Conference (RFC) [relforcon.org/](http://relforcon.org/)

Workshop:

Living Out Our Call to Live and Serve With and Within Differences, March 25, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. CT  
Presented by Bro. Moises Gutierrez, OFM, PhD. [Click here to register](#).

## Apartment Available

An apartment is available for a woman religious in assisted living at Franciscan Village in Lemont, IL. The Sisters of St. Casimir have 10 Sisters in Assisted Living in a wing on the first floor at Franciscan Village in Lemont. They have been there since 2014. There is one apartment open in that designated area which has a kitchenette, living room, bedroom, and full bathroom. The Sisters in that wing receive 3 meals daily in their dining room and have a small chapel where they can participate in daily Mass live streamed from the Main Chapel, private prayer, divine office. The Sisters of St. Casimir are hoping that there is a Sister from another community who would like to rent the open apartment. For information, please call Christine Weeks at 630.243.3448.

## Safe Environment Information/ VIRTUS/ Compliances for Ordained Priests and Transitional Deacons

Please email your inquiries and submissions to:

[priestcorner@archchicago.org](mailto:priestcorner@archchicago.org)

### 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, school or other organization to set up and 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 (or a member of CAVA Vocations).

If your situation is unique, please contact the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth (OPCY): [protect.archchicago.org/about-us/contact-us](https://protect.archchicago.org/about-us/contact-us)

## POSITIONS OPEN

### Vocations Administrative Assistant and Province Social Media Manager

Dominican Friars, Province of St. Albert the Great 1910 S. Ashland Ave | Chicago, IL 60608

Fulltime hourly, reports to Fr. Samuel Hakeem, O.P., Promoter of Vocations

For a job description, contact: [vocations@opcentral.org](mailto:vocations@opcentral.org)

### President of Sacred Heart–Griffin High School

We're looking for an energetic executive leader ready to make a difference. Our next President will collaborate with faculty, display exemplary communication, be a visionary with passion deeply rooted in academic excellence, offer their expertise in financial and business management, and inspire confidence with stakeholders and the community. And....do all this with kindness, compassion and the love of our Dominican traditions and our academic strategy. To learn more about this opportunity and to view the prospectus, please visit [shg.org/president-search](https://shg.org/president-search). If you have questions or would like to recommend a potential candidate, please send an email to [presidentsearch@shg.org](mailto:presidentsearch@shg.org).

### Communications Director

NETWORK is looking for their next Communications Director. For more information, visit:

[networklobby.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023-Communications-Director-Final.pdf](https://networklobby.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023-Communications-Director-Final.pdf)

### Resource and Education Coordinator – Office of Founded Ministries

The Dominican Sisters of Peace are hiring a Resource and Education Coordinator for their Office of Founded Ministries. [Click here for more information.](#)

## RETREATS and OTHER OFFERINGS

### LIST OF VENUES

For a list of retreat centers, visit our website:

[consecratedlife.archchicago.org/resources/retreat-resources](https://consecratedlife.archchicago.org/resources/retreat-resources)

### THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Registration required: [csjthewell.org/retreats/](https://csjthewell.org/retreats/) Call 708.482.5048

- **To Love Our Sacred, Still Suffering Earth:** May 18–23 Maureen Wild, SC; hybrid
- **Summer Guided:** June 4–9 Pat Bergen, CSJ and The Well Staff; hybrid
- **Gathering the Dreamers:** August 23–27 Kathy Sherman, CSJ; in person only



## CENACLE SISTERS

Find out about their programs and retreat events at:

[hcnaclesisters.org/ministry/retreats-programs/](https://hcnaclesisters.org/ministry/retreats-programs/)

Learn about their Card Ministry at [cenaclesisters.org/prayercards/](https://cenaclesisters.org/prayercards/)

## PORTIUNCULA CENTER FOR PRAYER (Frankfort, IL)

[portforprayer.org/events/categories/programs-retreats/](https://portforprayer.org/events/categories/programs-retreats/) Control + click on live hyperlinks.

- **Becca Stevens: Daily Practices That Love Our Bodies and Change the World** via ZOOM, March 19; 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. [Click here for info.](#)
- **Feast of Pentecost: Seeds of Change and Transformation Coming in the Midst of Wind and Fire** with Mary Ruth Broz, RSM, May 15, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- **Aging Gracefully: Input, Reflection, And Conversation**, May 23, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- **Women's Summer Retreat: Open the Doors of Your Heart**, June 21–25, all day
- **The Spiritual Journey: A Process for Transformation** with Albert Haase OFM, July 7–14, all day

## CARMELITE SPIRITUAL CENTER (Darien, IL) <https://carmelitespiritualcenter.org/>

- **Lenten Program: Remember Me: A Seder Meal** (click for info)  
Fr. Bob Colaresi leads us through this Passover Meal, including a lamb dinner weaving the Jewish roots of our own tradition in a remarkable drama of history, theology, culture and prayer.  
Tuesday, April 4, 5:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m., and Thursday, April 6, 5:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.  
Cost: \$45.00. Registration deadline: March 31, 2023
- **Lenten Program: Good Friday – A Solemn Day of Prayer** (Click for info)  
Friday, April 7, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Cost: \$45.00 (Lunch included). Registration deadline: April 3, 2023
- **St. Thomas Women's Retreat**: Saturday, April 29, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Preached Retreat**: Hope: The Journey to Light, May 28 – June 2, 2023 or June 4 – 9, 2023

## THE PRAIRIE RETREAT – Congregation of the Humility of Mary

[chmiowa.org/retreat](https://chmiowa.org/retreat)

Please visit the website for their full listing.

- March 13 | 6 – 8 p.m. The Seed Book, a Teaching Memoir; Rev. Dr. Carol Vaccariello
- March 23 | 6:30 – 8 p.m. God Does Extraordinary Things Through Ordinary People

## LINDENWOOD RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER (Donaldson, IN)

[lindenwood.org/index.php/sponsored-retreats/](https://lindenwood.org/index.php/sponsored-retreats/) or call Sue Wilhelm at 574.935.1706

Visit their website for in-person events.

## SIENA RETREAT CENTER (Racine, WI) 262.898.2580 | [arrangements@racinedominicans.org](mailto:arrangements@racinedominicans.org)

Visit [sienaretreatcenter.org/retreat-programs](https://sienaretreatcenter.org/retreat-programs) for more listings

- Transformation for Our Times: June 21 & 28, July 12 & 26, And August 2 & 16.  
Facilitator(s): Annette "Jo" Giarrante, Rita Lui, OP. [Click here for info.](#)

## MERCY CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER (St. Louis, MO)

[mercycenterst.org](https://mercycenterst.org)

- Prayer for Peace in Ukraine, March 14
- Sunday Afternoon Poetry with Noeli Lytton, March 19
- Sunday Afternoon Poetry with Noeli Lytton, April 2
- Care for the Caregiver, April 15
- Awaken to the Divine: Contemplative Reflections to Transform Your Spirit, July 5 – 9
- Summer Silent Directed Retreat, August 12 – 17