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The Diocesan Memorandum is published monthly as a service to clergy, religious and lay leadership in the Diocese of Cleveland.

The deadline for the next Diocesan Memo is the tenth of this month.

*** The Diocesan Memorandum is now on the WEB for your convenience. Enter the Cleveland Catholic Diocese website anytime at <http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org> and just click on the tab marked "Diocesan Memorandum."*

Office of the Bishop

**COLLECTIONS:
CATHOLIC
UNIVERSITY
19-20 JANUARY
2019**

The Collection for Catholic University will take place the weekend of 19-20 January 2019. The Catholic University of America is unique among universities in the United States – even among Catholic universities. Established by Pope Leo XIII and the U.S. bishops in 1887, it is the national university of the Catholic Church. Through its 12 schools and 23 research centers located in the nation's capital, every year the University provides an education grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition to almost 7,000 students.

Your support of the National Collection will help Catholic University educate the next generation of lay leaders, solve issues within the Church and educate graduates who will leave campus ready to impact the Church, the nation, and the world. We appreciate your generosity.

**LATIN AMERICAN
– EL SALVADOR
26-27 JANUARY
2019**

The Latin American Collection will take place on 26-27 January 2019. This is the only appeal made by the Diocesan Mission Office for the Cleveland Latin American Mission in El Salvador. It is the main support for two diocesan priests who work in the two parishes served by our Mission Office. This appeal also makes a contribution to the Collection for the Church in Latin America that is managed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and benefits projects and the formation of seminarians, religious and lay leaders in 23 countries across Latin America. Please be generous.

Please forward the collection to the Diocesan Mission Office, 1404 East Ninth St. - 3rd Floor, Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1722.

**MASS FOR LIFE,
TUESDAY,
22 JANUARY 2019,
10:00 AM**

Diocese of Cleveland holds annual Mass for Life at Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Jan. 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

The Diocese of Cleveland honors the Church's teaching that every life is cherished, chosen and sent. Each year the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelists celebrates the Mass for Life on 22 January, the anniversary date of Roe v. Wade. Members of all parishes and students from all high schools are encouraged to join in prayer at the special liturgy at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 22 January 2019.

Following Mass, the Rosary for Life will be prayed. In our society, it is easy to see ways that the dignity of human life is disregarded. God creates every person for eternal union with himself and continually invites us to embrace the teaching that every life is chosen.

If schools or parishes have efforts in place that acknowledge the anniversary, please share with the Office for Human Life by emailing pmgerovac@ccdacle.org

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP

**SOLEMNITY OF
MARY, MOTHER
OF GOD, TUESDAY,
1 JANUARY 2019**

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is a holyday of obligation. Vigil Masses for the Solemnity may be celebrated after 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31st (New Year's Eve). Masses celebrating the Solemnity are to be celebrated on Tuesday, January 1st.

**MASS FOR LIFE,
TUESDAY, 22
JANUARY 2019,
10:00 AM**

The diocesan Mass for Life will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 10:00 AM. Please mark your calendars and watch for more details, such as school and parish group registration, in the January Memorandum.

**CANDLEMAS DAY,
SATURDAY,
2 FEBRUARY 2019**

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day) is one of only two liturgical celebrations which call for a procession of the faithful into church carrying lighted candles - the other being the Easter Vigil. The faithful gather outside the church (or for pastoral reasons, inside the church), and after their candles are lit, the priest blesses them:

"O God, source and origin of all light, ...sanctify with your blessing these candles, which we are eager to carry in praise of your name, so that, treading the path of virtue, we may reach that light which never fails."

The Procession follows. (RM, Proper of Saints, February 2)

**FEAST OF ST.
BLASE, SUNDAY,
3 FEBRUARY 2019,
BLESSING OF
THROATS**

"If the blessing [of throats] is conferred during Mass, the blessing follows the homily and general intercessions, or, for pastoral reasons, the prayer of blessing may take the place of the final blessing of the Mass. The blessing may be given by touching the throat of each person with two candles blessed on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (February 2) and which have been joined together in the form of a cross.

If, for pastoral reasons, each individual cannot be blessed in the manner described in no. 1627, for example when great numbers are gathered for the blessing or when the memorial of Saint Blase occurs on a Sunday, a priest or deacon may give the blessing to all assembled by extending hands, without the crossed candles, over the people while saying the prayer of blessing. The blessing may also be given to the sick or the elderly in their homes when they cannot attend the parish celebration." (*Book of Blessings*, 1626-1629)

For Masses on Saturday, February 2 after 4:00 p.m., we suggest the Blessing of Throats may, at the pastor's discretion, take the place of the Final Blessing.

**RITE OF
ELECTION,
SUNDAY,
10 MARCH 2019**

The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion is always held on the First Sunday of Lent in the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 10, 2019. More detailed information on registration and liturgy scheduling will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

**DIOCESAN
EVENING OF
CONFESSION,
WEDNESDAY,
20 MARCH 2019**

The annual diocesan Evening of Confession is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Please see various resources for parishes at <http://www.welcomecatholics.com/>.

**CHRISM MASS,
TUESDAY,
16 APRIL 2019**

Please mark your calendars for the celebration of the Chrism Mass, Tuesday of Holy Week, April 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. At this special liturgy, Bishop Perez will consecrate all the holy oils which will be used in our diocese for the coming year. This is also an opportunity for priests of the diocese to renew themselves in their priestly vocation.

Please be advised that at this year's Chrism Mass, in an effort to be fair and non-partisan, parishioners will not have the opportunity to reserve seating for other parishioners in advance. General seating for the Chrism Mass will be first come, first served.

2019 EASTER VIGIL

"The Easter Vigil, in the holy night when the Lord rose again, is considered the "mother of all holy Vigils," in which the Church, keeping watch, awaits the Resurrection of Christ and celebrates it in the Sacraments. Therefore, the entire celebration of this sacred Vigil must take place at night, so that it both begins after nightfall and ends before the dawn on the Sunday." (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, third edition, # 21*)

In the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, the instruction "after nightfall" is to be interpreted as no earlier than 7:30 p.m.

**LOW-GLUTEN
HOSTS**

As many parishes are preparing for First Communion liturgies, it seems timely to review the Diocesan policy on Low-Gluten hosts.

Low-gluten hosts contain unleavened wheat and water and are free of additives, which conform to the requirements of the *Code of Canon Law* (canon 924, §2). This low gluten content is still enough to obtain the confection of bread for the Eucharist. Many gluten-intolerant persons may be able to consume it, or some portion of it. Such persons, are encouraged to review the gluten content for each specific product, and strongly advised to consult in advance with their physicians.

Gluten-free hosts are invalid matter for the celebration of Mass. [Click here](#) to read the USCCB newsletter regarding this (pg 38).

The contact information for ordering from the four USCCB approved distributors of low-gluten hosts is as follows:

Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration
Altar Breads Department
31970 State Highway P

Clyde, MO 64432-8100
Phone: (800) 223-2772
E-Mail: altarbreads@benedictinesisters.org
Web: www.BenedictineSisters.org
Gluten Content: 0.01%

Parish Crossroads
P.O. Box 84
Zionsville, IN 46077-0084
Phone: (800) 510-8842
E-Mail: admin@parishcrossroads.com
Web: www.ParishCrossroads.com
Gluten Content: 0.016%

GlutenFreeHosts.com Inc.
(A mis-nomer, as they do provide low-gluten hosts that are valid matter for Eucharist. Use caution when placing orders to avoid confusion.)
100 Buckley Road
Liverpool, NY 13088
Phone: (800) 668-7324 ext. 1
E-Mail: info@glutenfreehosts.com
Web: www.GlutenFreeHosts.com
Gluten Content: 0.002%

Cavanagh Company
610 Putnam Pike
Greenville, RI 02828
Phone: (800) 635-0568
Web: www.CavanaghCo.com
Gluten Content: 0.00042%

The common advice given to many Celiac and gluten-intolerant patients is to receive only the Precious Blood at Holy Communion. Additional concerns, however, can emerge when the Precious Blood has been “contaminated” with gluten at the commingling rite. The administration of the Precious Blood, whether under the form of wine or of mustum to persons with these conditions must carefully take into account the need to avoid any mixing of the sacred species at the altar or a communion station.

Low Gluten Hosts: Suggested Procedures

A person with gluten intolerance should keep a supply of low gluten hosts for use as needed. The parish could buy the hosts or the individual could buy hosts directly from one of the three approved suppliers listed above. (Recall that **only hosts from the suppliers listed above are valid matter for the Eucharist**. Low-gluten hosts from other suppliers or No-gluten/Gluten-free hosts are not valid matter for Eucharist.)

- A person with gluten intolerance should speak with the priest before Mass when providing a low gluten host.
- It is recommended that a person with gluten intolerance should use a small pyx in which to place the low gluten host to be consecrated. This will lessen the chance of this host getting mixed in with others.
- The pyx should be brought to the altar when the chalice, paten and other vessels are brought to set up the altar at the Preparation of the Gifts.
- The procedure for coming forward to receive Communion should be worked out with the pastor and/or liturgy staff of the parish.

Chancery

DIOCESAN MEMORANDUM FEEDBACK

The Office of the Chancellor is soliciting feedback regarding the content and format of the Diocesan Memorandum in order to better serve the needs of our readers. Please send comments or suggestions to Ann Marie Perkins (aperkins@dioceseofcleveland.org).

CATHEDRAL of ST JOHN the EVANGELIST

HELEN D. SCHUBERT CONCERTS Winter 2019

Cathedral of St John the Evangelist; 1007 Superior Ave @ E 9th St; Cleveland Ohio 44114

All concerts are FREE, (*no tickets, no reservations*)

Free secure parking: Cathedral garage on Rockwell Ave @ E 9th St

February 8 - Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Aaron Tan, organist

First place recipient – 2018 National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance (NYACOP). Currently studying at the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University, Aaron also serves as Organ Scholar at Church of the Resurrection, NYC.

February 24 - Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Mignarda Ensemble

Donna Stewart & Ron Andrico, with Malina Rauschenfels & José Gotera

BYRD Songs - Motets for solo voice & lute; *a cappella* 4-part Motets; Mass for 4 voices

March 1 - Friday at 7:30 p.m.

West Shore Chorale; John Drotleff, *Director*

MOZART: Vesperae Solennes de Confessore, K339; BERNSTEIN: Chichester Psalms;

CONTE: September Sun - *based on a poem by John Stirling Walker, commissioned in memory of those who perished on September 11, 2001.*

March 15 - Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Sounding Light: *the Chamber Choir of Many Voices...OneSong*

Tom Trenney, Director

MUEHLEISEN: Pietà

A choral reflection on the sorrow and pain of mothers who lose their sons, and the way love, compassion and mercy can heal the voids; juxtaposing the death of Jesus, the son of Mary, the loss of sons in battle, and the losses we experience all too often today, and the importance of healing and forgiveness in our divided world.

Communications

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Each year the last week of January the Diocese of Cleveland, together with dioceses across the country, observes National Catholic Schools Week. As a community, we recognize the value of Catholic education and support educating youth as they reach their full potential while being guided by faith.

Catholic Schools Week 2019 will begin on Sunday, 27 January and is encouraged to be celebrated through Saturday, 2 February 2019.

The week allows pastors, parishioners and entire communities to acknowledge the vital role of school staff and volunteers who are dedicated to this mission. The week-long celebration provides student recognition as they commit to learning about their faith and the skills they need in the 21st century.

The 2019 Catholic Schools Week theme for the Diocese of Cleveland is: Catholic Schools Transform Lives. Catholic Schools are excellent, welcoming and affordable. Parishes and schools are asked to embrace the theme and incorporate it into the daily plans.

Beginning 7 January, diocesan social media, website and e-news platforms will highlight Catholic education around the diocese. The frequency of the communication will increase as Catholic Schools Week approaches and continue throughout the first week of February.

Resources are available for each parish and school community through the Education Office or diocesan communications team. Please contact buehleind@dioceseofcleveland.org

Catholic Community Foundation

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Walk in Faith. Give in Joy. The 2019 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal kicks off in January with the theme “*Walk in Faith. Give in Joy.*” During the week of 14 January, close to 100,000 households will receive a letter from Bishop Perez seeking support for the Annual Appeal and asking each of us “What does it mean to walk in faith and give in joy?” Because of the enduring generosity of donors, Catholic Charities is able to continue to show Christ’s mercy to people who may otherwise be forgotten or discarded.

Due to the increasing number of those in need of assistance, the Appeal Goal for 2019 is \$13.5 million; an increase of \$1 million dollars. Together let us extend the hand of mercy to others.

Parish Appeal: Feb. 9-10. All parishes are asked to conduct the annual Parish Appeal the weekend of Feb. 9-10. We are grateful for the support of our priests and volunteers who faithfully promote the appeal at the parish level and to our loyal parishioners who, through their sacrificial gifts, are changing lives throughout our diocese. Annually, more than \$4 million is raised on this weekend across the diocese. Thank you for all you do to encourage participation.

Parish Kits will arrive in all parishes the week of 21 January. If you have questions or for more information contact Karen Joyce at kjoyce@CatholicCommunity.org or 216-696-6525 x1910.

For updated appeal information, visit the 2019 Annual Appeal website at www.CatholicCommunity.org/2019appeal Monthly email updates will be sent to pastors and volunteers on or about the 10th of each month. Watch your inbox for updates on the progress of the Appeal and how well your parish is doing in meeting its goal.

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE

NO-COST STEWARDSHIP SERIES 2019 WEBCASTS

For the past three years, the Catholic Community Foundation has invested in the popular *Our Sunday Visitor* Stewardship Series webinars, designed to bring education on stewardship topics directly to the leadership of your parish each month. It costs you nothing more than a registration and one hour at the convenience of your schedule to participate. Watch the [Stewardship website](#) for more information. Other parishes benefit greatly, why not yours! Spread the news...

2018 STEWARDSHIP & EVANGELIZATION WORKSHOP NEXT STEPS

The Offices of Stewardship and Evangelization offer sincere gratitude for your joyful participation in the 2018 Workshop: *Living as Missionary Disciples, Six Dimensions to Consider During a Pastoral Planning Process*. Over 150 were in attendance over the two sessions offered, representing over 60 parishes across the diocese. The PowerPoint used by our keynote, Fr. Frank Donio, S.A.C., of the [Catholic Apostolate Center](#), is accessible for use within your own parish leadership discussions. In addition, Terrie Baldwin and Terri Preskar are available to help in any way we can in following up from this session.

2019 STEWARDSHIP NETWORK MEETINGS

A stewardship network has grown within our diocese over the past several years and includes representation from nearly 15 parishes of varied size. We meet on the “third” Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m., and the agenda is developed by the participating members. Come as you can. It’s been a source of encouragement, wisdom, and new ideas, most especially for those responsible for increasing engagement, such as stewardship, advancement/development, and pastoral ministers. All are welcome, parish staff members and lay leaders! Contact [Terri Preskar](#) to learn more.

Finance

HUMAN RESOURCES

OHIO MINIMUM WAGE FOR 2019

Ohio's minimum wage is scheduled to increase from \$8.30 to **\$8.55** per hour for non-tipped employees on **January 1, 2019**. Please download the new poster and display it with your other labor law posters:

http://www.com.ohio.gov/documents/dico_2019MinimumWageposter.pdf

STANDARD MILEAGE RATES FOR 2019

At the time of this printing, the IRS has not yet released the 2019 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical, or moving purposes. By the time you read this however, the rates should be available on the IRS website at: www.irs.gov. The rates will also appear in the February *Memorandum*.

Contact Donna Speagle, Human Resources, at (216) 696-6525, ext. 8760 or dspeagle@dioceseofcleveland.org with any questions.

Clergy and Religious

DIACONATE ASPIRANCY PROGRAM – SEPTEMBER 2019

Inquiry for Diaconate

The Diaconate Formation Office is accepting inquiries for men interested in the diaconate. To be considered, an applicant must be Roman Catholic at least 30 years of age (minimum age for ordination is 35), who is an active member of his parish with the support of his pastor. He must be in good health, of sound moral character, mature faith, regular practice in the sacramental life of the Church and have a sense of vocation to service. If married, he must be in a valid Catholic marriage for a minimum of five years, have the support of his wife and family and be in a strong, stable marriage. If unmarried, he must be willing and able to commit to celibacy. Although an upper age limit for application has not been established for the Cleveland diocese, the expectation is that ordained deacons will have the health and energy to provide a minimum of ten years of ordained ministry to the diocese of Cleveland.

The deadline for inquiries to our Diocesan Diaconate Aspirancy Program, which will begin in September 2019, is 1 March 2019. All those men who are interested in applying to the 2019 program are asked to please write to Deacon David S. Kushner, Director of Diaconate Formation, Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092 by the 1 March 2019 deadline or telephone the Diaconate Formation Office at 440-943-7651.

Parish Life and Development

WORLD DAY FOR IMMIGRANTS, MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Our Diocese will celebrate the World Day for Immigrants, Migrants and Refugees at Our Lady of Peace Church on Sunday, 20 January 2019 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Bishop Martin Amos will be the main celebrant. Every year this event is a very prayerful and joyful celebration of the rich cultural diversity of our diocesan community—we come from many lands, in faith we are one people! All are welcome to join us for this celebration at Our Lady of Peace Church, 12601 Shaker Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44120.

PRESENTATIONS ON THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND IMMIGRATION

Members of the “Welcoming the Stranger” Committee are eager to come to your parish or parish group to do a panel presentation on immigration. This topic is of great concern to all and the reality touches our brothers and sisters who have come here as migrants and refugees seeking safety and life for their families. If you are interested in scheduling a presentation, please call Sister Rita Mary Harwood, SND at 1-216-696-6525, extension 2200.

PRISON MINISTRY

The Diocesan Ministry to the Incarcerated needs your help! We have been distributing zip-lock bags filled with one of each of the following items to the men and women who are incarcerated and indigent. These items can be purchased through the prison commissary, but many inmates do not have funds to do so. We are out of supplies! Would you help us by collecting some of these items? Thank you for your support.

- Shampoo (travel size or up to 5 oz.)
- Conditioner (travel size or up to 5 oz.)
- Soap--regular size or travel size bars
- Body wash - (travel size or up to 5 oz.)
- Lotion - (travel size or up to 5 oz.)
- Packets of tissues (Kleenex or like product that usually are in packaging of 8 or 10 and cost \$1.00 at the dollar stores.)

- white socks (completely white or may have gray toes) for men and women

At the completion of your collection, please call Paula Moscovic at 216-696-6525, ext. 3500. If someone is able to bring these items to our Cathedral Square building at 1404 East Ninth Street, Cleveland, Paula would be happy to meet your car with a cart so that you will not have to park. Abundant thanks to you for your kindness and compassion.

LEAF MINISTRY

Family Support Groups: LEAF Ministry—Listening, Encouraging and Assisting Families of the Incarcerated. **LEAF Ministry** is an initiative of the Catholic Ministry to the Incarcerated. It is dedicated to serving the special needs families face when a loved one is incarcerated. So many families experience isolation, shame, guilt, and an overwhelming sense of being alone. This ministry has been formed to be of support to these families. Groups meet monthly offering an opportunity to those who come to listen and share community, network and learn from others who understand their situation, challenges, fears and emotions. All are welcome to participate irrespective of faith affiliation. Child care is provided. If you are interested in additional information please call the Parish Life Office at 1-800-869-6525 or 216-696-6525x 3500 or see the ministry website at www.leafministry.org.

Cuyahoga County

Parish meeting room which is on the lower level of the coach house

Communion of Saints Parish

2175 Coventry Road

Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118

216-321-0024

Usually meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month.

Mary, Queen of Peace

4423 Pearl Road

Cleveland, Ohio 44109

216-749-2323

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month

The January meeting will be held on in the Lower Church on the **23 of January 2019.**

St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima

6800 Lexington Avenue

Cleveland, Ohio 44103

216-391-1655

Please call the above number for more information

St. Ladislav

2345 Bassett Road

Westlake, Ohio 44145

440-835-2300

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month

Please call the above number for more information.

St. Malachi

2459 Washington Avenue

Cleveland, Ohio 44113

216-861-5343

Please call for additional information

Geauga County

Holy Angels

18205 Chillicothe Road

Bainbridge, Ohio 44023

440-708-0000

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, 20 December 2018**

Lake County

St. Noel Parish

35200 Chardon Road

Willoughby, Ohio 44094

440-946-0887

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of the month

Lorain County

Sacred Heart Chapel (Spanish) presently meeting with
St. Ladislav)

4301 Pearl Avenue

Lorain, Ohio 44055

440-277-7231

Meets at 7:00 p.m. with St. Ladislav in Westlake on the
second Wednesday of the month

Medina County

N.B.: Medina Parishes Meeting – Meeting Location

Medina County LEAF Ministry has changed their meeting location to the Medina County Jail at 555 Independence Drive, Medina, OH 44256.

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month.

Summit County

Coming in future

Wayne County

Coming in the future

Ashland County

Coming in the future

Other groups will be beginning as they are needed. If your parish feels there is a need in your area, please contact Sister Rita Mary. For additional information please call 216-696-6525, ext. 3500 or visit the website at www.leafministry.org.

**CHAPLAIN
SERVICES AT THE
PRISONS AND
JAILS LOCATED IN
THE DIOCESE OF
CLEVELAND**

If you have a loved one incarcerated in one of the eight counties of the Diocese and would like to have a priest, deacon or one of our lay volunteer ministers visit with them, please call the Parish Life Office at 800-869-6525 or 216-696-6525 x3500. The Diocesan Ministry to the Incarcerated has a presence in the three state prisons, the county jails and the juvenile facilities located within our diocese. If you have a loved one in one of these institutions, we would be glad to have someone visit with them.

**THE GAY AND LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY OF THE
CLEVELAND CATHOLIC DIOCESE**

The Body of Christ in the Diocese of Cleveland is called to reverence each person as a unique reflection of God's presence in our midst.

**FAMILY SUPPORT
GROUPS**

Holy Spirit Parish in Avon Lake.

(440) 933-3777

Usually meets the first Sunday of each month.

Please call the parish for additional details.

St. John Vianney Parish, Mentor

(440) 943-3445

Meeting is usually on the second Sunday of each month

Please call the parish for additional details.

**PARISH
OUTREACH
GROUPS**

Parish outreach groups exist to provide a place of support, affirmation and spiritual guidance to gay and lesbian Catholics.

Blessed Trinity, Cleveland (Westside)

Facilitator: Rev. Douglas Koesel (216) 671-5890

(usually meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month from 7:00-9:00 p.m.)

Gesu Parish, University Heights (Eastside)

(216) 932-0617 - Please call parish for details.

St. Mary Parish, Hudson Group

Our St. Mary Family Support Group will meet the fourth Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel. The goal of this ministry is not to attempt to alter any person's sexual orientation; rather, it is our goal to support all persons in their quest for wholeness and holiness. This group is opened to gay and lesbian persons and their family members. Any questions, please contact Lori Joseph at ljoseph@stmaryhudson.ccf or at 330-653-8118, ext. 233. St. Mary Parish in Hudson is located at 340 N. Main Street.

INTERFAITH

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 (18 January – 25 January, especially in the Sunday Liturgy 20 January 2019)

Please make use of the resources for intercessions as well as information about the Week of Prayer for Christian unity found at <https://geii.org>

**CHRISTIAN UNITY
PROGRAM AND
PRAYER
SERVICES:**

Thursday, **24 January 2019** at 7:00 p.m. at
St. Basil Church, 8700 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville, OH 44141

Friday, **25 January 2019**, at 1:30 p.m. at
The Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe,
OH 44092

Dr. Daniel Olsen, Director of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs,
Archdiocese of Chicago

**“The Gifts and Challenges of Inter-church Marriage for
Christian Unity.”**

For further information please call Fr. Joseph Hilinski, Interfaith
Director, at 216-696-6525 ext. 5110

EVANGELIZATION OFFICE

***FREE OPT-IN
SUBSCRIPTION TO
FORMED.ORG FOR
ALL PARISHES IN
THE DIOCESE OF
CLEVELAND
SAVE THE DATES
1 FEBRUARY 2019
AND 22 FEBRUARY
2019***

FORMED.org is an online platform for faith formation for people of all ages. Online resources of videos, podcasts, and e-books are included on FORMED.org. Thanks to the Rooted in Faith – Forward in Hope Evangelization Funds, in 2019, pastors of parishes will be able to opt into a free FORMED.org subscription that will begin on Easter Day, 2 April 2019 for all of your parishioners. An informational webinar will be held on Friday, 1 February 2019 and an evening training in Spanish will be held on Thursday, 21 February and an all day training will be held in English on Friday, 22 February 2019. More information about a free FORMED subscription for your parish see www.dioceseofcleveland.org/evangelization.

***EVENING OF
CONFESSION
PREPARATION
AND RESOURCES***

For parishes preparing for this year's Evening of Confession on 20 March 2019, please know the parish resources will be available online once again at www.welcomecatholics.com under the parish resources tab. We are in the process of creating a new promotional video and audio which will begin airing 2 weeks before the event.

***EVANGELIZATION
AND MISSIONARY
DISCIPLESHIP
PROGRAM AND
RESOURCE
INFORMATION***

To find out about more or have a conversation about any aspect of evangelization or missionary discipleship such as getting started, the latest approaches, pastoral planning for evangelization, programs, resources or processes for your parish community please check out the evangelization website at www.dioceseofcleveland.org/evangelization or contact Terrie Baldwin in Office of Evangelization for any additional questions or support at (216) 696-6525 or (800) 869-6525, ext. 2540 or tbaldwin@dioceseofcleveland.org.

To sign up to be on the mass e-mail list for the Office of Evangelization, go to the front page of the evangelization website and [click on newsletter sign up](#).

OFFICE OF HISPANIC MINISTRY

ADULT FORMATION CLASS

Date: 1 January 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
CENTER FOR PASTORAL LEADERSHIP
28700 Euclid Ave, Wickliffe, OH 44092

MARRIAGE RETREAT

Date: 26 January 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ST. MARY CHURCH

242 N State St, Painesville, OH 44077

For more information about these classes, please call the Office of Hispanic Ministry

Contact to: Misael Mayorga 216-696 6525 ext. 4300

mmayorga@dioceseofcleveland.org

THE LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY OFFICE

LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY INFORMATION NIGHT AND ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS

We are offering an Information Night for all those interested in the Diocesan Certification Process for Lay Ecclesial Ministers:

Information Night: 16 January 2019. This meeting will take place at the Center for Pastoral Leadership from **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** **Please RSVP to attend or if you would like additional information, please call 440-943-7670. The Office is now accepting Applications year round. See information flyer.**

***NEW* LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY “VISIT FORMATION NIGHTS”**

To learn more about the *formation piece of becoming a Certified Lay Ecclesial Minister*, please consider joining us on any of the following Friday evenings: **4 January 2019, 1 February 2019 or 1 March 2019.** These meetings are at the Center for Pastoral Leadership from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. **Please RSVP by calling (440) 943-7670. See information flyer.**

What is required for admission to the process for Diocesan Lay Ecclesial Ministry Certification? A candidate for entrance to the formation program should: possess an attitude of collaboration and relate well with others; evidence leadership qualities and experience in training/motivating others; have the ability to study theology in a consistent and demanding way; make formation for ministry a priority; possess a commitment to share in the mission of the Church; have respect for the authority of the Church and a desire to work for, with and in the name of the Church. ***Do you know anyone who has these characteristics and has expressed an interest in diocesan certification?*** Please extend an invitation to them to participate in the Information Night session.

Catholic Charities Corporation

MARRIAGE & FAMILY MINISTRY

WEBSITE and FACEBOOK

Visit our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page for a complete listing of all programs and dates. For more information, call 216-334-2978.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

Family gospel insights and intercessions for each Sunday are included in the Family Perspectives and General Intercessions flyer for the month of February 2019 (published a month in advance).

COUPLE MINISTRY TRAINING – WINTER 2019

Couple Ministers are volunteer married couples selected by their parish and trained by the diocese to assist in marriage preparation and enrichment. They meet with engaged or married couples and provide a living witness of Christian Marriage. Invite some of your married couples to be trained! More information including online registration is available on our website:

<http://ccdogle.org/program/couple-ministry-training>. Clergy should nominate couples and submit names.

Date & Time- Wednesdays 1/9- 2/6, 7-9:30pm (Prepare-Enrich Jan 23rd & 30th)

Place: St. Paschal Baylon, 5384 Wilson Mills Road, Highland Heights, OH 44143

Cost: \$125 per couple.

Contact: Bill Boomer – whboomer@ccdogle.org or call 216-334-2971.

PREPARE-ENRICH TRAININGS – WINTER 2019

For Priests & deacon who have not yet been trained or would like a refresher course.

Date & Time: Two Wednesdays, Jan. 23 and 30, 2019 from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. (both required)

Place: St. Paschal Baylon, 5384 Wilson Mills Road, Highland Heights, OH 44143

Cost: \$175 for new trainee. \$25 for refresher course.

Date & Time: Two Saturdays, Feb. 16 and 23, 2019, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (both required)

Place: Center for Pastoral Leadership

Cost: \$175 for new trainee. \$25 for refresher course.

Registration for both: Call Bill Boomer 216-334-2971 or email whboomer@ccdogle.org

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Resources and class listings are available on the [website](#). Natural Family Planning brochures are available in .pdf to offer to your couples preparing for marriage. This is one more way to encourage couples to investigate the benefits of NFP.

NFP TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTE

The Marriage and Family Office will be hosting a Natural Family Planning Teacher Training this spring. Consider sponsoring an NFP practicing couples to become a teaching couple. NFP Teachers can strengthen parish ministries through Pre-Cana, RCIA, Baptism Preparation, or offering Women's health programs. A couple who practices NFP have a solid understanding of the vocation of marriage and their commitment to each other and to the Church.

Date & Time: Saturdays, February 9 and 23, March 9 and 30, and April 13. 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Place: St. Augustine Manor 7911 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Cost: \$295 for new trainee

Registration: Kathy Patton, NFP Coordinator, at 216-334-2973 or kapatton@ccdoble.org for further information or to register.

RENEWING THE COVENANT

A 90-minute presentation titled *Renewing the Covenant* is available to any parish that would like to offer a more comprehensive information session on Natural Family Planning. This is a new presentation from the Marriage and Family Office. **This presentation has now been adapted to be presented within a Pre-Cana Day. If you have a NFP couple who is presenting at your Pre-Cana and they would like this presentation, we could train them and give them a copy of the presentation. You can also call to schedule someone to come and give the presentation for you.** RTC aims to help couples to deepen their understanding of Saint John Paul II's *Theology of the Body* and Natural Family Planning. The presentation explores the following two questions: "Why do you want to marry?" and "How are you going to thrive in your marriage?" To help answer these questions, we introduce *Theology of the Body*, so that couples can learn more of how God calls us to reflect love with our bodies. Additionally, we share the basic concepts of Natural family planning and the science behind it. The goal behind this presentation is to help couples truly understand the "why" behind our Church teaching and to not just see things as a list of rules. For more information, please call Kathy Patton, NFP Coordinator at 216-334-2973 or email kapatton@ccdoble.org.

**SACRED STEPS TO
PEACE / Catholic
Divorce Recovery**

The Department for Marriage and Family Ministry presents a Catholic Divorce Recovery Program entitled *Sacred Steps to Peace*. The program has a focus on spiritual healing and growth through education, discussion and reflection on Scriptures and Church teachings. A team in a support group format will guide optional small group sessions weekly, using prayer, exercises and a workbook as a pathway to divorce recovery.

Monthly Meetings- Third Friday of every month

Date & Time: January, 1/18 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph Parish, 12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136, in the Bethlehem Room.

**PARISH PRE-CANA
DAYS**

Our website at <https://ccdogle.org/program/pre-cana> lists marriage preparation options for engaged couples who are marrying for the first time. Please visit our website if you are looking for a Pre-Cana program in the Diocese. Additionally, if you are a parish wanting to advertise your Pre-Cana on our website, please follow this link <https://ccdogle.wufoo.com/forms/precana-event-submission-form/>, or contact Katie Galicic (216) 334-2978, klgalicic@ccdogle.org. We request that you submit information for the web site a minimum of *two weeks* prior to when you would like to see it up and running. We appreciate your advanced planning with this!

**WORLD WIDE
MARRIAGE
ENCOUNTER**

[World Wide Marriage Encounter](#) offers weekends to bring a husband and wife closer together. Get away from the distractions of everyday life and focus on each other and how to improve your marriage. The next weekend is **January 18-20, 2019 in Highland Heights (day program only, non-residential) and February 15-17, 2019 in Hartville**. For more information on these weekends click at the link above, or go to www.greatmarriagesohio.org or call 330-305-9963.

RETROUVAILLE

Retrouvaille is a three-month program to help couples struggling in their marriages. It has three phases, starting with a weekend experience in which couples learn to re-establish communication and to gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple. Post sessions are held over a period of 12 weeks to further develop and enhance the techniques learned on the weekend. A support group is available offering interaction with other couples who are striving to improve their relationship. The 2019 weekends are January 25-27, March 22-24 and September 27-29. For more information go to their website www.helpourmarriage.com for [registration](#) or email Marce & Liz Gliha at 3031@retrouvaille.org

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

2019 CCHD LOCAL GRANT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The 2019 Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Local Grant applications, including the Local Youth and Young Adult Grant and the Local Community Grant are now available. The local grants include awards of up to \$5,000. We are also accepting nominations for the Fr. David Fallon awards, which include awards of up to \$500.

CCHD grants are awarded to parishes and organizations that are working to empower people who are poor and low-income to build better communities and alleviate poverty while promoting the values of Catholic Social Teaching. These groups work to change social structures and policies which undermine life and dignity, especially for the poor and powerless.

Any organization within the Diocese of Cleveland that complies with the CCHD application criteria and guidelines may apply. Organizations do not have to be Catholic or affiliated with the Catholic Church but must be in union with all CCHD criteria and guidelines.

All applications are due by Friday, 29 March 2019.
[Grant Applications and timelines can be found here.](#)

For more information contact Ann Clark, CCHD Diocesan Director, amclark@ccdacle.org, 216-939-3841.

Miscellaneous

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT – 3rd SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH – JAN 20TH

Please join us for an hour of learning and healing along your grief journey. Our Grief Support leaders are certified as Ministers of Consolation by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc. Our Catholic-based support can be supplemental to your existing support groups. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3:00 p.m., except on holidays, then we meet the 4th Sunday. **The next Support Group is Sunday, January 20th** at St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon (temporary trailer office); Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron (office); and Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park (office).

The topic for January will be: “Grief’s Gentle Journey: One Foot in Front of the Other”

No registration is required; Just come and join us. For more information, visit our website <https://www.cleceem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx> or contact Rhonda at 216.930.4866 rabrams@cleceem.org.