

Diocesan Memorandum

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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 15th of this month.

Office of the Bishop

**COLLECTIONS:
BLACK AND
INDIAN MISSION
COLLECTION ---
BUILDING OUR
MISSION TO THE
MISSIONS
MARCH 9-10 2019**

The weekend of March 9-10 is designated for the Annual Collection for the Black and Indian Missions here in the United States. Pope Francis reminds us in *Lumen Fidei* (51), “Faith helps us build our societies in such a way that they can journey towards a future of hope.”

During this weekend which is the first weekend of Lent our parishes will take up the 133rd annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Your support of this collection helps build the Church in our African American and Native American communities from coast to coast, (including our diocese, which received a substantial grant which funded projects here in the Cleveland Diocese) Parish Religious education programs, evangelization projects, youth & young adult outreach efforts and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help us spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet these special needs with a generous contribution. Once again thank you for your continued support.

Any parish who is interested in submitting a grant proposal for an evangelization project, please call the Parish Life Office at 216-696-6525, ext. 3500 for an application and criteria.

COLLECTIONS:
CATHOLIC RELIEF
SERVICES
COLLECTION
31 MARCH 2019

The CRS Collection is one of the twelve national collections established by the bishops of the United States so that, by combining resources, we can more effectively carry out the global mission of the Church. It offers Catholics a convenient opportunity to help more than 100 million people at home and abroad through a charitable contribution during Mass. The CRS Collection supports six Catholic organizations (*Catholic Relief Services; USCCB's Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development; USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services; Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.; USCCB's Secretariat for Cultural Diversity in the Church; and the Holy Father's Relief Fund*) that advance the international social ministry of the Catholic Church.

The CRS Collection is taken up in the Cleveland Diocese on Laetare (or "Rejoice") Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Lent (March 31, 2019).

If you are interested in learning more please contact CRS Diocesan Director Kelly Davis at 440-943-7612 or kdavis@ccdocle.org.

CRS Rice Bowl

CRS Rice Bowl is a faith in action program that provides resources for use in parish and school community settings, with complementary materials for families to foster their faith life at home. Through CRS Rice Bowl, US Catholics respond to Pope Francis's invitation to Share the Journey with members of our human family around the world, and commit our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving to deepening our faith and serving those in need. CRS Rice Bowl contributions support projects that assist the poor both overseas and here in the United States. 75 percent of CRS Rice Bowl contributions are sent to Catholic Relief Services and help fund development projects overseas that help increase and maintain communities' access to food. 25 percent of the contributions fund local poverty and hunger alleviation programs in the Diocese of Cleveland through the Catholic Charities Emergency Hunger and Shelter Fund. CRS Rice Bowl begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019; and ends with Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019.

If you are interested in learning more please contact CRS Diocesan Director Kelly Davis at 440-943-7612 or kdavis@ccdocle.org.

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP

RITE OF ELECTION, SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 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. Liturgies will be at 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Parishes are scheduled at liturgy times based upon district configuration, and do not change from year to year.

More detailed information on registration has been sent out, and should have been received at your parish's diocesan email account. Please check your diocesan email account regularly, so that you do not miss important information.

DIOCESAN EVENING OF CONFESSION, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 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, APRIL 16, 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.

FIRST COMMUNION RESOURCES

The Office for Worship wishes to recommend two excellent resources for parishes preparing First Communion Masses for this Spring:

First Communion Liturgies: Preparing First-Class First Celebrations, by Donna Eschenauer. Liturgical Press: Collegeville, MN, 2014. [LINK](#)

Eschenauer begins with a solid foundation of first principles for liturgy in general, as well as principles for liturgy with children, offers a history of the development of First Communion celebrations, and contextualizes First Communion within the larger unfolding of the Paschal Mystery that is Eucharist. With some valuable thoughts on sacramental preparation and catechesis, Eschenauer then lays out guidelines for crafting special celebrations for First Communions. Well-researched, highly readable, highly recommended.

Guide for Celebrating® First Communion, by Jo-Ann Metzdorff and Paul Turner. Liturgy Training Publications: Chicago, IL, 2015. [LINK](#)

Part of LTP's new liturgical guidebook series, the *Guide for Celebrating® First Communion* is quite helpful and very easy-to-read. It provides a brief historical sketch, and then goes through First Communion liturgies in detail. A Q&A section covers many common issues. Recommended.

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.

ORDINATION DATES

Bishop Nelson J. Perez is scheduled to ordain men to the Transitional Diaconate on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. He is scheduled to ordain men to the Diaconate on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. He is scheduled to ordain men to the Priesthood on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The three celebrations will take place at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH, JUNE 10, 2019

June 10 – As a reminder, the newly-instituted memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church is celebrated on the day after Pentecost Sunday. In the *Roman Missal* and *Misal Romano*, the Mass formulary is found in # 10B of the Votive Masses, and proper Lectionary readings in English and Spanish are available at www.USCCB.org/motherofthechurch.

CONSECUTIVE SOLEMNITIES, SUMMER 2019

June 23-24 – The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ on Sunday, June 23 is followed the next day by the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. Sunday evening Masses and Evening Prayer are that of *Corpus Christi*, and the vigil Mass and readings of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist are not used in 2019.

June 28-30 – The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 28, is followed by Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles, on June 29. The two solemnities overlap on Friday evening,

but Sacred Heart takes precedence for evening Masses and for Evening Prayer (see *Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, no. 61). Sunday, June 30 is the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; even though the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul has a higher rank than a Sunday in Ordinary Time, the fact that Sunday's celebration is a day of precept means that Masses on Saturday evening, June 29, should be anticipated Masses for Sunday (see the May-June 2016 *Newsletter* for more explanation). As regards the *Liturgy of the Hours*, there is freedom that evening to choose whether to pray Evening Prayer II of Saints Peter and Paul or Evening Prayer I of the Sunday.

**FEAST OF ST.
MARY
MAGDALENE,
JULY 22, 2019**

July 22 – As a reminder, St. Mary Magdalene has been celebrated as a feast since 2016. The Mass is in the Proper of Saints of the *Roman Missal* and *Misal Romano*, except that the *Gloria* is now added. Readings are proper and are found at no. 603 of the *Lectionary for Mass*. (The new Preface for the feast was approved by the USCCB in June 2018 and is awaiting confirmation by the Holy See before it can be implemented.)

Chancery

**DIOCESAN
MEMORANDUM
FEEDBACK**

The format of the Diocesan Memorandum will change as of the April 2019 edition. The new format will remove repetition and introduce other changes to make the Memorandum more readable. New guidelines for submission will be available on the diocesan website.

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.

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.

**PARISH CHOIRS AT
CATHEDRAL -
LENT 2019**

During the season of Lent, four parish choirs from around the Diocese have accepted the invitation to sing at the Cathedral for a 5:30pm Sunday mass. This annual invitation to sing at a Cathedral Sunday Mass is open to all parish choirs in the Diocese. Participating choirs accepting the invitation this Lent are:

Lent II – March 16 Saturday 4:30 - Diocesan Children’s Choir,
Meg Matuska, *coordinator*

Lent III – March 24 St. Noel Parish Choir (*Willoughby Hills*),
Agnieszka Bieniek, *director*

Lent IV – March 31 St. Adalbert Parish Choir (*Berea*),
Jennifer Broeren, *director*

Lent V – April 7 Holy Angels Parish Choir (*Bainbridge*),
Christie Dilisio, *director*

Palm Sunday – April 14 St. Ignatius Parish Schola (*Cleveland*),
Jason Lewis, *director*

**SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION AT
ST. JOHN
CATHEDRAL**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St. John Cathedral on Saturday, 8 June 2019, the Vigil of the Solemnity of Pentecost, at the 4:30 p.m. Mass. If you have candidates who are unable to participate at the Confirmation Ceremony at their own parish, please contact the Cathedral Rectory at 216-771-6666, ext. 4700.

The Cathedral began the practice of celebrating Confirmation many years ago for adult candidates and to assist parishes when a small number of candidates could not be confirmed at their parish as planned because of illness, family travel, or other unexpected events.

- The candidate must meet Diocesan guidelines for age or school grade level.
- The parish staff of the sponsoring parish is to prepare the candidates for the reception of the sacrament.

- Registration must be made by the pastor, administrator, or parish life coordinator; not by the candidate.
- Registration forms, and a Catholic Certificate of Baptism, should be submitted to the Cathedral no later than 31 May 2019.

Catholic Community Foundation

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Walk in Faith. Give in Joy. The 2019 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is in full swing and gifts are being processed. The goal this year is \$13.5 million – a \$1 million increase over last year in response to meeting the growing needs in northeast Ohio. A special thanks to parishes across the diocese for conducting the annual parish in-pew appeal weekend last month. This one weekend will raise more than \$3.7 million towards this goal. We could not do it without the support of the pastors, staff and volunteers.

Parishes are asked to send their envelopes and completed transmittal form via UPS/FEDEX to: **Agilis/Catholic Community Foundation, 2381 Crossroads Blvd, Albert Lea, MN 56007**

Continue to thank your parishioners for their support of the appeal with a message in your bulletin, on your website, and e-newsletters. Please be sure to share the impact of Catholic Charities and the appeal with your social media followers by sharing and retweeting Facebook and Twitter posts from the Catholic Community Foundation.

Look for the monthly email to pastors, staff and volunteer with updates on how the appeal and you parish specifically is progressing towards meeting its goal. This email will be on or around the 10th of each month.

Visit www.CatholicCommunity.org/2019Appeal to view the video or read the stories of those impacted by gifts to the appeal; to donate online visit www.catholiccommunity.org/donate.

Contact Karen Joyce, 216-696-6525 x1910 or kjoyce@catholiccommunity.org or Sarah Yantek at x1049 or syantek@catholiccommunity.org with questions or for additional information.

**TABOR FUND
GRANT AWARDS**

Applications for **Tabor Fund Grant Awards** are now available for the 2019A cycle. Awards are intended to provide an opportunity for ministers to refresh and/or re-energize their spirituality, faith, mind and/or physical well-being, as part of fostering personal development and improving their ministry. Awards will be made in the following categories: Education and Formation, Sabbaticals and Retreats.

Any bona fide employees (paid or volunteer), lay, and religious who work in any recognized ministry within the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland; this includes parishes, religious orders, recognized ministries and offices of the Diocese. While priests cannot receive individual awards, they may participate in Education and Formation initiatives/retreats for their parishes or schools.

The application deadline for the Tabor Fund Grant Awards Program is 15 March.

You may access the application and guidelines by visiting www.catholiccommunity.org/grants. Questions may be directed to Colleen Rigo at 216.696.6525 x4080 or crigo@catholiccommunity.org.

**THE LAWYERS
GUILD OF THE
CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF
CLEVELAND**

The **Annual Lenten Reflection** for Lawyers Guild members will be held on Wednesday, 10 March beginning with 5:10 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral followed by a light supper and reflection with Bishop Perez. The event is free to all members and a guest. For more information visit www.catholiccommunity.org/lawyers or contact Colleen Rigo 216-696-6525 x4080, crigo@catholiccommunity.org.

The Lawyers Guild is accepting **nominations for the 2019 St. Thomas More Award** to be presented to at the Red Mass on 18 October 2019. Nomination forms are available online at www.catholiccommunity.org/lawyers. The following criteria will be considered by the Lawyers' Guild Executive Committee when determining this year's award recipient: 1) Foster spiritual growth and fellowship throughout the legal community; 2) Enhance appreciation for and observance of high ethical standards in the practice of law; 3) Encourage attentiveness among lawyers to legal and societal issues that affect morality, justice, and faith; 4) Exemplifies the qualities of St. Thomas More; 5) Any other outstanding qualities or examples of service to the community and/or legal profession.

Applications for the **2019 Marty Galvin Scholarship** are available to current and incoming Catholic High School students through the Digital Academy. The scholarship will be awarded at the Red Mass on 18 October. For more information visit www.catholiccommunity.org/lawyers or contact Colleen Rigo 216-696-6525 x4080, crigo@catholiccommunity.org.

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE

2019 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP WEBCAST SERIES

The Impact of Church Offertory

Presented by Joanie Lewis

12 March Learn how fostering true, proportional, and sacrificial giving in your parishes creates true stewards and intentional disciples. The use of offertory tools, annual plans, and focusing on the mission of the church can transform your parish from one that seems needy to one that works from abundance!

Recognizing, Understanding, and Navigating the Spirituality of Grief

Presented by Jeannie Ewing

9 April Grief author and speaker Jeannie Ewing will explain the six spiritual principles of grief to help deepen your understanding of the complex dimensions of grief, and offer suggestions how to best accompany others who are suffering.

Embracing Youth and Young Adults

Presented by Leisa Anslinger

14 May It's time to think about embracing youth and young adults differently, employing 'outside the box' ideas to showcase the authentic beauty of our faith. Expect to break down stereotypes, while also offering ten easy to implement, impactful ideas for embracing youth and young adults.

LEGACY GIVING

Many parishioners recognize the significance of the parish in their lives of faith and welcome the opportunity to consider including a gift to their parish in their estate plan. Whether your parish approach is to communicate the idea of a legacy gift through subtle messaging or adopt a more proactive approach, we have excellent resources to support your needs. Start the conversation today by contacting [Terri Preskar](#) or [Sandy Lucas](#).

TAX-WISE GIFTING FROM YOUR IRA

If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to reduce your taxable income this year with a gift made directly from your IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Your accountant or IRA administrator can help you understand how the IRA Charitable Rollover works and the particular steps you can take to lower your taxes and help PARISH NAME.

Questions? Contact XXX in our parish office at (XXX) XXX-XXXX or via email at _____. You can also learn more by visiting www.catholiccommunity.org/irarollover or contacting Sandy Lucas of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x1640 or slucas@catholiccommunity.org

Finance

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

WELLNESS INCENTIVES AND WORKING SPOUSE VERIFICATION FORMS

Wellness Incentives are continuing for the 2019-2020 plan year. The Annual Physical and Tobacco Attestation Form applies to all participants and spouses who are covered under our medical plan. Employees with a spouse covered under the medical plan with no current surcharge are to confirm their status by completing the Working Spouse Verification Form.

A mailing was sent to all parishes and schools in early February. The forms were included in the mailing and can also be found on the Employee Benefits website at www.MyDocBenefits.com Please remind your employees on our health plans that the forms must be returned to the Benefits Office **NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2018**.

Please contact the Employee Benefits Office, at (216) 696-6525, ext. 5040 or hbo@dioceseofcleveland.org with any questions.

Parish Life and Development

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.

GRANT APPLICATIONS AND AWARDS

Application forms for grants from the **National African American and Native American Commission are available now in the Parish Life Office**. If your parish, school or institution has Evangelization Projects for which you are seeking funding, please request an application form. The criteria for the projects are the following:

- initiated and carried out through a Catholic Institution
- innovative and creative approaches to evangelization
- collaborative efforts - e.g., several parishes, parish and school, parish and other groups, diocesan offices and parish communities.
- outreach to inactive, alienated and people with no church affiliation

If funding for a salary is included in the proposal, the amount should be one quarter or less of the salary. No funding is provided for benefits. The Grant Review Board has requested that the source covering the cost of salaries and benefits for the project be listed on the grant application.

Applications must be returned to the Parish Life Office by **April 1, 2019**. All proposals will be considered by the Grant Review Board. Grants to our diocese from the National Commission will be announced in the February of 2020.

For an application or if you have any questions, please call the Parish Life Office at 216-696-6525 or 1-800-869-6525, ext. 3500. An application form is also included in the Diocesan Memo as an attachment. Please feel free to answer the application questions using your own format.

We are happy to report that the following projects have been funded for the year 2019:

St. Aloysius-St. Agatha Parish

Sharing Glad Tidings
Opening the Doors
Celebrating Our History
Senior Evangelization Luncheon

Holy Spirit Parish:

Evangelization Outreach - Operation Good News
Strangers No More
Holy Spirit Adult Bible Study
Lenten Revival

St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima Parish:

Men's Bible Study
SAOLF Marriage Retreat
Call the Black Catholic Servant of God

Office of Ministry to African American Catholics:

Diocesan Gospel Choir
2019 Thea Awards
Youth Alive in Christ
Evangelization and Social Media

Other Parishes:

Bible Study - Communion of Saints Parish

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 4th 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 March meeting will be held on in the Lower Church on the **27 of March, 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, 21 February 2019**

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 x 3500. 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.

OFFICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Thank you for all that you do to help keep kids safe throughout the Diocese! The Protection of Children and Youth is an ongoing process. In order to remain compliant with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* and our own diocesan policies, it is helpful to send out reminders from time to time on our requirements. Please remember the following items. It is imperative that all clergy, employees and volunteers are active in the VIRTUS database. An active VIRTUS account will indicate completion of a VIRTUS training session, and the completion of at least 24 monthly training bulletins recorded. A current background check, not older than 5 years, needs to be on file and recorded. Any individual who has a background check on file that is 5 years or older is required to run a background check through Selection.com. The Selection.com link is accessible through the individual's VIRTUS account. The background checks processed through Selection.com are stored on Fastrax, a secure database. We are currently in the process of contacting all locations to verify utilization of the Selection.com process for their employees and volunteers as well as verifying that each location has a local Fastrax and VIRTUS database administrator. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to Sharon Minson (x1157) or Debbie Morris (x1158), and we will be happy to assist. sminson@dioceseofcleveland.org or dmorris@dioceseofcleveland.org

OFFICE OF HISPANIC MINISTRY

ADULT FORMATION CLASS

Date: 16 March 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
CENTER FOR PASTORAL LEADERSHIP
28700 Euclid Ave, Wickliffe, OH 44092

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: Tuesday, 12 March 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* URSULINE COLLEGE OFFERING TUITION DISCOUNTS AND MORAL THEOLOGY COURSE AT AKRON LOCATION**

Ursuline College Department of Theology and Pastoral Studies will pilot a course offering in the southern region of our diocese this spring. The course, Moral Theology: Economics of the Body of Christ (2 credit hour course), will take place as follows:

DATES: March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17

TIMES: 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.

LOCATION: St. Vincent – St. Mary High School, 15 North Maple Street, Akron, Ohio 44303

COST: \$540 for credit; \$120 per course - Life-long learner (Non-degree seeking)

REGISTRATION: www.ursuline.edu/pastoral

Ursuline College has a letter and flyers explaining options for discounts and information about their certificate program and Moral Theology course. Please see the attached PDFs:

- Letter to all Catholic employees about the Ursuline College discounts.

- Flyer about the Catholic employee discount for the Masters in Educational Administration or Theology and Pastoral Studies.
- Flyer about the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry.
- Flyer about Moral Theology course.

The Lay Ecclesial Ministry Office will offer \$100 scholarships. Contact the Lay Ecclesial Ministry Office, layecclesialministry@dioceseofcleveland.org or 440-943-7670 for details and application information.

***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: **1 March 2019 or 5 April 2019**. These meetings are at the **Center for Pastoral Leadership from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** 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.

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, 3 May 2019, 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. “Lay Ecclesial Ministry Benefit” at the Center for Pastoral Leadership (please see attached flyer). **\$25.00 per person** (includes appetizers, dinner, beer, wine, pop and dessert). **Please call the Lay Ecclesial Ministry office at 440-943-7670 for registration information.**

Friday & Saturday July 26-27, 2019: Annual Lay Ecclesial Ministry Office Retreat: “Ministering with a Compassionate Heart” with Maureen Dowd, BA and a Certified Lay Ecclesial Minister at the Loyola Retreat House in Clinton. Accompanying with heartfelt compassion takes a great deal of prayer and reflection so that we can ultimately love with the heart of Jesus. We will reflect on ideas from Joyce Rupp’s book *Boundless Compassion - Creating a Way of Life* as well as other resources. This retreat affords us the opportunity to get away in prayer, and re-center our

hearts, our ministry and our lives. Open to all lay ministers in the Diocese. The \$110 cost covers three meals on Saturday, a single room, and all materials. . **Please call the Lay Ecclesial Ministry office at 440-943-7670 for registration information.**

Catholic Charities Corporation

DISABILITY SERVICES & MINISTRIES

**DIOCESAN
SUMMER
PROGRAMS FOR
CHILDREN AND
ADULTS WITH
DISABILITIES
OFFER RESPITE
AND SERVICES
FOR YOUR
FAMILIES**

Since 1966 our Diocese has offered summer programs for children and adults with disabilities. Since that time, the options have greatly expanded. Parishes have often viewed these programs as a ministry they can offer their families who have children with disabilities. The summer programs offer respite for families and provide life-enhancing programs in a Catholic setting.

The camping opportunities include Catholic Charities Disability Services' Camp Happiness Program in Wickliffe & Parma; Augustine Rainbow Camp of St. Augustine Church in Cleveland; and the SumFun Program and Camp Christopher in Summit County. Together, these programs allow our Diocese to offer diverse summer programs. The locations are in Cuyahoga, Lake & Summit Counties, but children & adults are welcome from all of our eight counties.

Working together, these programs can offer your parish exciting opportunities for persons with various levels of disabilities to meet new friends, learn new things and just have fun!

Contact Lauren Mailey, Program Administrator of Catholic Charities Disability Services, for more information 216-334-2963 or mmailey@ccdoble.org

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 April 2019 (published a month in advance).

**PREP MARRIAGE
SKILLS
WORKSHOP FOR
MARRIED
COUPLES**

PREP offers enrichment to married couples. For more information and to register, visit our website. For questions, contact Katie at 216-334-2978 or [www.klgalicic@ccdogle.org](mailto:klgalicic@ccdogle.org).

Date & Time: Saturday, April 13, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
(5:30 p.m. Mass)

Place: Holy Martyrs, 3100 Old Weymouth Rd., Medina, OH 44256

Cost: \$125 per couple.

Website: <http://ccdogle.org/program/prep>

**CANA II -
REMARRIAGE
PREPARATION**

A marriage preparation series for couples, in which one or both have been married before, or one or both will become a stepparent. Includes *Active Parenting for Stepfamilies* series (scheduled on an as-needed basis).

Date & Time: Saturday, March 23, 2019, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
(includes 4:30 p.m. Mass)

Place: St. Joseph Parish, 12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136

Cost: \$125 per couple.

Website & Registration: <http://ccdogle.org/program/cana-ii>

For more information, contact Carol (216) 334- 2975, clpetro@ccdogle.org, or Katie (216) 334-2978, klgalicic@ccdogle.org.

**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 event 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!

**MARRIAGES OF
GRACE**

[Marriages of Grace](http://www.marriagesofgrace.org) offers their “*Joyfully Married: Witness to Love*” daylong conference retreat on **Saturday, March 2, 2019**. Founded by couples in North East Ohio, their mission focuses on “enriching and strengthening Catholic Couples”. This year’s retreat features a keynote address by Fr. Ryan Mann and Mass celebration by Bishop Perez. Registration and additional information is available on their website <http://www.marriagesofgrace.org/Events>.

**WEEKEND TO
REMEMBER**

Family Life presents [Weekend to Remember](https://www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember/) believes “the happiest couples are those who commit to learning skills that help them weather difficult seasons and deal confidently with relationship challenges”. They offer two weekends in North East Ohio this spring, **March 8-10** and **March 22-24**. Find registration, discounts, and more information on their website, <https://www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember/>.

**MINISTRY OF
CONSOLATION /
PARISH
BEREAVEMENT
MINISTRY-
2019 SPRING
TRAINING**

This training provides the training and tools needed to create a Ministry of Consolation /Bereavement program in the context of parish life. This course is for those who are ministering to the bereaved in parish and diocesan settings. *Trainings in the Akron area of the diocese are typically scheduled every other year so please take advantage of this opportunity!*

Dates & Time: Thursdays, April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2019; 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. *Attendance at all sessions is mandatory.*

Location: St. Francis de Sales Parish, 4019 Manchester Rd. Akron, OH 44319

Cost: \$125.00 per participant

For more information, please contact Jason Lewis at jrlewis@ccdacle.org or call 216-334-2974. Online Registration coming soon!

**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.

Working the Steps Women’s Support Group - First Thursday of every month

Date & Time: March, 3/7 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph Parish, 12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136.

Monthly Meetings- Third Friday of every month

Date & Time: March, 3/15 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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

**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.

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.

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 **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

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 **April 26-28, 2019 in Solon**. For more information on these weekends go to www.greatmarriagesohio.org or call 330-305-9963.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY AND CYO OFFICE

**“CIVIL
DISCOURSE: HOW
TO HAVE
DIFFICULT
CONVERSATIONS.”
SUNDAY, MARCH 3,
MAGNIFICAT
HIGH SCHOOL**

Celebrate **National Catholic Sisters Week 2019** on Sunday, March 3 with an event titled, "Civil Discourse: How to Have Difficult Conversations." In these times of challenging rhetoric, gather together for discussion and contemplative prayer along with a keynote by Sister Janet Mock CSJ. All are welcome from 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at Magnificat High School in Rocky River. [Download Flyer](#) This event is free, and refreshments will be provided. Please register online at www.NCSW2019.eventbrite.com. For more information, please contact: Mark Delsander at 216-334-1261 x25 or mxdelsander@ccdogle.org.

**YOUTH /YOUNG
ADULT NIGHT AT
2019
COLLABORATIVE
CATHOLIC
REVIVAL,
FRIDAY, MARCH 8:**

The 2019 Collaborative Catholic Revival will be held, March 6-8, 2019 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 4341 E. 131st Street, Garfield Hts., Ohio 44105 at 7:00 p.m.. The theme of the revival is “Joy in the Midst of it All”. Revivalist – Fr. Roy A. Lee, PhD, is an adjunct professor at the University of St. Leo and teaches homiletics for the Archdiocese of Atlanta. He serves as a supply priest in the Archdiocese. He is also involved in homeless ministry, street ministry and jail ministry in the Atlanta area. Our youth will lead the community in hospitality, prayer, music and movement on Youth/Young Adult Night. The night features a Collaborative Catholic Revival Youth Choir as well as a Collaborative Catholic Revival Youth Liturgical Dance ensemble. Participation in the night is open to all youth & young adults in the diocese. Visit <https://ccdogle.org/events/2019-annual-collaborative-lenten-revival> for more information. Anyone wanting to participate (reader, usher, dancer, or singer) can contact Mark Delsander, Youth & Young Adult Ministry and CYO Office, 216-334-1261 x25 or mxdelsander@ccdogle.org.

**APRIL 5-7, 2019
SEARCH
WEEKEND, CAMP
CHRISTOPHER**

SEARCH is a retreat for high school teens (ages 15-18) who are interested in experiencing the Catholic faith in a dynamic way. SEARCH helps youth enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and develop a fuller understanding of God and His Church. The weekend encourages young people to assume an active role in the Church. There are opportunities to meet new friends who are also trying to follow the way of Jesus in today’s world. SEARCH is planned, directed and facilitated by other youth! Youth of all faiths are welcomed. (It is a Catholic weekend open to all religious denominations.) Cost: \$80.00 per person. For

[Registration and Medical information forms and Parent Volunteer sheet](#), visit <http://ccdogle.org/program/search>. Register by Monday, March 25 in order to get t-shirt size requested. For more information, please contact: Jackie Vigneault, Youth & Young Adult Specialist, 330-379-3636 ext-15 or jvigneault@ccdogle.org.

**SAVE THE DATE! –
SUNDAY 28 APRIL
2019 – ANNUAL
BOY SCOUT
COURT OF HONOR
MASS, ST. JOHN
CATHEDRAL**

This annual event hosted by the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting is for all Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius XII, Pope Paul VI, and Good Shepherd, Bronze Pelican and St. George awardees and their families and friends. Liturgy is at 2:30 p.m. The Presider is Rev. John Pfeifer, Diocesan Scout Chaplain. Social immediately following. FREE parking in the Cathedral Garage. For more information, please visit <https://ccdogle.org/program/dccs> or contact: Mark Delsander at 216-334-1261 x25 or mxdelsander@ccdogle.org.

**SAVE THE DATE! –
44th ANNUAL
GIRLS' RELIGIOUS
PROGRAMS MASS,
SUNDAY, OCTOBER
20, 2019 ST. JOHN
CATHEDRAL**

A Catholic Sunday Liturgy for Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls and their families. Presider: The Most Reverend Roger Gries; Homilist: Rev. Bob Stec; Mass at 2:30 p.m.; Social following the Mass. Mass help needed. FREE parking in the Cathedral Garage. For more information, please visit <https://ccdogle.org/program/grp> or contact: Mark Delsander at 216-334-1261 x25 or mxdelsander@ccdogle.org.

**SAVE THE DATE!
NOVEMBER 21-23,
2019 –NATIONAL
CATHOLIC YOUTH
CONFERENCE:
BLESSED *
BROKEN * GIVEN,
INDIANAPOLIS, IN**

This is an opportunity to experience the larger Catholic Church with 23, 000 other high school Catholics. Past teen participants have shared that they were encouraged in their faith knowing that they are not alone as a committed Catholic teen. More information coming regarding registration process, housing, transportation, payment plan, promotional ideas, fundraising ideas, etc. Individual cost is \$499 which includes housing, breakfast, transportation, conference registration fee, trading items, diocesan t-shirt and more. Payments of \$100 each are due in May, July, and Sept. We leave Thursday morning (Nov. 21st) around 8:00 a.m. and return on Sunday (Nov. 24th) afternoon. Spread the word!! Download [NCYC 2019 Save the Date Flyer](#). For promo material, visit: www.ncyc.info. In the past we have taken 300 young people from our diocese. Please pray about taking your teens. A parish group registration is coordinated by the Youth Minister/designated leader. The Youth/Young Adult Ministry Office will coordinate the diocesan group (CLE delegation) registration. Diocesan Contact: Jackie Vigneault, 330-379-3636 x15 or jvigneault@clevelandcatholiccharities.org.

Miscellaneous

COAR PEACE MISSION ANNUAL BENEFIT

For 39 years, COAR, the Community Oscar A. Romero, has been a refuge for children in need in El Salvador. It is the oldest organization in the world named for St. Romero.

Join us to celebrate! This year we honor 20 NEOH high schools and colleges including: Padua Franciscan, Beaumont School, St. Edward, St. Ignatius, Trinity, Gilmour Academy, Saint Joseph Academy, Villa Angela-St. Joseph, Archbishop Hoban, Magnificat, Notre Dame Cathedral Latin, John Carroll University, their Spanish teachers and over 14,000 students who build solidarity in the spirit of St. Romero by translating sponsorship letters between vulnerable children in El Salvador and their sponsors around the world.

Date & Time: NEW!! Saturday, March 23, 2019, 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass - 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Heavy hors d'oeuvres & Cocktails

Place: Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Mass in Resurrection Chapel & Reception in the Founder's Room

Cost: \$75 per Person, Sponsorship opportunities available, please check the website or phone 440-943-7615

If you cannot attend but wish to make a donation please send your contribution, payable to "COAR" at:
COAR Peace Mission, 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092
Or visit our website: www.coarpeacemission.org

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Do you know someone who was raised Catholic but does not come to church anymore? Or someone who currently feels indifferent or is separated from the Church? If so, please let them know about the 9th CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME series that is beginning March 4 at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Wooster.

This long running program, initially set up by Sally Mews, involves six weekly gatherings that are facilitated by a team of volunteers who understand and commit to providing a confidential, safe place for exploration and consideration of the challenges and concerns associated with an individual's personal Faith journey and spiritual life. Starting Monday, March 4, each 90 minute session will begin at

7 pm and is held in the Parish Hall of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, 527 Beall Avenue, Wooster. For more information, send an email to mkayblum@sssnet.com or call Kathy at 330-234-6937.

Bulletin Editors - Please call Cheryl at 330-264-8824 for bulletin additional insert text and image materials.

**DIOCESAN-WIDE
RETREAT DAY
FOR WOMEN**

The Third Annual Diocesan-wide Retreat Day for Women is Saturday April 6th at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Akron from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Speakers include Fr. Jacob Bearer, Margarita Selig and Therese Holderbaum. This year's theme is ***Intimacy With God Through Prayer***. For more details and to register, visit stfparish.com and click on the Women's Retreat link.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

**MONTHLY GRIEF
SUPPORT – 3rd
SUNDAY OF EVERY
MONTH – MAR 17TH**

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, March 17th** at St. Joseph

Cemetery, Avon (temporary trailer office); Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron (office); and Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park (office).

The topic for March will be: "He Knows ..."

No registration is required; Just come and join us. For more information, visit our website

<https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx> or contact Rhonda at 216.930.4866 rabrums@clecem.org.