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A Panel of Lay Ecclesial Ministers

Patricia Batchman, **Renée Barber, Logan Feldkamp,**
and **Melissa Keegan**

January 10, 2020

Patricia Batchman, is the Director of the Lay Ecclesial Ministry Office for the Diocese of Cleveland. Certified through the Diocesan Certification Process in 2006, and graduate of St. Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology in 2008, she has also served as Youth & Young Adult Ministry Leader for Akron CYO & Community Services, Youth Minister and Pastoral Associate at Holy Martyrs Church, Director of Religious Education at St. Ambrose, and Pastoral Associate at St. Patrick, Thompson.

Renée Barber, is currently the Pastoral Associate at Ss. Robert and William Parish in Euclid. Her call to ministry began as a volunteer at St. Ignatius of Antioch Church. After working as a dental hygienist, she realized that she felt most energized when serving at the parish. Encouraged by parish staff and parishioners, she applied to the diocesan program in fall 1996 and was certified in 1999. Renee has also served at St. Ann Church in Cleveland Heights, and Communion of Saints Parish.

Logan Feldkamp currently serves as the Pastoral Minister at St. Christopher Parish in Rocky River. Logan holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies and is pursuing a Master's Degree in Theological and Pastoral Studies from Ursuline College. He is a first-year formation candidate in the Lay Ecclesial Ministry Certification program offered by the Diocese of Cleveland.

Melissa Keegan is in her 37th year of ministry at Immaculate Conception in Akron as Pastoral Associate. She was certified by Bishop Anthony Pilla in 2000. She is also active in the diocese facilitating training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Joyfully Gifted Retreats, and serving as Chairperson for the North/South Summit District.

The First Friday Club will meet January 10, 2020 at The Tangier Event Center, 532 W. Market Street, Akron OH 44303. The cost of the luncheon is $20.00 Doors open at 11:00 AM; the program begins at noon, and ends promptly at 1:00 PM. Reservations can be made by calling 330-535-7668; by sending a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, Ohio 44307; or online at www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org.

SUNDAY SUPPORT

Grief Support Meeting

You are graciously invited to join us for an hour
of sharing, listening, learning, and healing along your grief journey.

Reservations are appreciated but not required.
Please RSVP to rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

3:00 PM

St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon
Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron
Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park
Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland
All Saints Cemetery, Northfield
All Souls Cemetery, Chardon

2020 MEETING DATES

JAN 19	APR 19	JUL 19	OCT 18
FEB 16	MAY 17	AUG 16	NOV 15
MAR 15	JUN 28	SEP 20	DEC 20

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COUPLE MINISTRY TRAINING Winter 2020

Preparation for parish ministry with engaged couples including remarriage

Session 1: Wednesday, 1/22/20
Overview of Training—Sacrament of Marriage, Theology of Marriage; Family Perspective
(William H. Boomer, M.A.)

Session 2: Wednesday, 1/29/20
Interfaith Marriage Guidelines
(Rev. Joseph Hilinski)
Natural Family Planning
(Kathy Patton)

Session 3: Wednesday, 2/5/20
Prepare/Enrich Training - Part I
(William H. Boomer, M.A.)

Session 4: Wednesday, 2/12/20
Prepare/Enrich Training - Part II
(William H. Boomer, M.A.)

Session 5: Wednesday, 2/19/20
Religious Practice of Young Adults; Successful Marriage Research, Working with Engaged Couples and Cohabitation.
(Michael Pavlak, Ph.D.)
Implementing Couple Ministry in your parish- Best Practices

Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

Couple Ministry is:

...a training program designed to assist parishes in developing a marriage preparation program that gives individual attention to every engaged couple.

...a style of marriage instruction that enables any parish to have its own resource for marriage preparation, even if there are only a few weddings a year. Parishes with many marriages annually can prepare a team of married couples for this ministry. This has the added advantage of offering team support at the parish level.

...A continuing education opportunity for those couples who are giving Pre-Cana presentations or involved in other kinds of marriage preparation, such as small group instruction.

Parish sponsorship is required. This is a parish-centered ministry in which the minister couple works closely with the pastoral staff in preparing engaged couples for marriage.

Cost: $125.00 per couple (new couples)
Time: Wednesdays, 7:00—9:30 p.m.
Dates: Jan 22 & 29, Feb 5, 12 & 19, 2020
Location: St. Hilary Parish
2750 West Market St.
Fairlawn, OH 44433

Register Online:
www.dioceseofcleveland.org/prepare-enrich

Lay Ecclesial Ministry Day Retreat

"Trinity and Mutual Indwelling"

with Sister Lisa Marie Belz, OSU, MA, MS, Ph.D.

This retreat will explore themes related to the Trinity in the light of Scripture, the Christian mystical tradition, and Catholic Social Teaching. Spiritual masters as diverse as Hildegard of Bingen, Julian of Norwich, Meister Eckart, Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, Teilhard de Chardin, Thomas Merton, Oscar Romero, and Dorothy Day will be our companions as we reflect on who is God for us, what is this Cosmos of which we are a member, who are we created to be, and what is the nature of the communion for which the Trinity creates us. All of these questions will be explored in the light of the pressing needs of our time.

Friday, February 21, 2020 8:30am – 3:00pm
Center for Pastoral Leadership
28700 Wickliffe Avenue, Euclid, OH 44092

Cost: $20.00 and one canned/boxed food item for the St. Gabriel Parish Food Bank. This cost covers meals and materials. Scholarships will be available for those in need. Registration deadline**:** **February 12, 2020.**

Sister Lisa Marie Belz, OSU, is an Ursuline Sister of Cleveland. A popular speaker and lecturer, Sister Lisa Marie gives talks, conferences, and retreats in both Spanish and English, locally, nationally, and internationally, on topics related to Scripture, Women in Early Christianity, Women in Scripture, Christian Spirituality, Christian Mysticism, and Social Justice. She holds a Ph.D. in Theology (Scripture) from Loyola University Chicago, a Master's in Theological Studies (Hebrew Bible) from the University of Notre Dame, and a Master's in Pastoral Ministry (Hispanic Ministry) from Boston College. Sister Lisa Marie is an assistant professor of Biblical Studies at St. Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology. In addition to her experience as an educator, Sr. Lisa Marie served on the Cleveland Latin American Mission Team in El Salvador. She brings her experience of the developing world to her work as a scholar, teacher, writer, speaker and retreat director.

To register visit the following link:
https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/events/events/2020/02/21/lay-ecclesial-ministry-retreat-trinity-and-mutual-indwelling

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