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CHANCERY OFFICE

CONFIRMATION

Thursday, February 1	7:00 p.m.	St. Michael, Canfield
Saturday, February 10	10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.	St. Charles, Boardman
Sunday, February 11	2:00 p.m.	St. Christine, Youngstown
Saturday, February 24	11:00 a.m.	Combined Confirmation @ St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown
Sunday, February 25	3:00 p.m.	Holy Family, Poland

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Requirements and Procedures for Employees and Volunteers

1. Authorization & Verification; Acknowledgement

All employees and volunteers must receive a copy of the Child Protection Policy and sign the Authorization & Verification Form (p. 35) and the Acknowledgement Form (p. 36).

The signed forms are to be kept on file at the location of service; the date signed is to be noted on the Compliance Checklist and sent to the Chancery. Do not send the signed forms to the Diocesan Office.

2. Fingerprinting and In-Service

Employees and volunteers who work with children, regardless of their level of contact with children, must be fingerprinted and participate in the VIRTUS in-service program.

If an employee or volunteer has attended a child protection in-service for another agency, employer, diocese, Scouts, etc., they must participate in the DOY in-service to be compliant.

Any Webcheck location may be used. Background reports are to be sent to the location of service, not to the Diocesan Office.

3. In-Service Classes

Visit the [diocesan website](#) for a schedule of VIRTUS in-service classes.

4. Updating Information

Administrators must submit updates for employees and volunteers as they complete child protection compliance requirements (either on the Status Report or on a copy of a Compliance Checklist previously submitted); and must submit all information for new employees and volunteers on the Compliance Checklist. For the Compliance Checklist, visit the [diocesan website](#).

5. Reporting Child Abuse

If you or someone you know has been abused at any time by a priest, deacon, religious, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Youngstown, contact civil authorities and also Delphine Casey, Victim Assistance Coordinator, 330-718-1388.

6. For More Information

For more information about the Diocese of Youngstown Child Protection Policy, contact Rev. Msgr. John A. Zuraw by mail: 144 W. Wood Street, Youngstown, OH 44503; phone: 330-744-8451 x292; fax: 330-744-5099; or e-mail: jzuraw@youngstowndiocese.org.

CATHOLIC TELEVISION NETWORK OF YOUNGSTOWN (CTNY)

1. Local Programming on the Ecumenical Television Channel:

CTNY will broadcast the *World Day for Consecrated Life* from St. Columba Cathedral on Monday, February 5 at 10:00 a.m. & 8:00 p.m.; on Wednesday, February 7 at Noon; and, on Friday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m.

“Removing Barriers: A Four-Part Series on Racism” with Bishop George V. Murry, SJ, will broadcast on Monday, February 19 at 11 a.m. & 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday, February 20 at 11 a.m. & 8:30 p.m.; Wednesday, February 21 at 11 a.m. & 8:30 p.m.; and, Thursday, February 22 at 11 a.m. & 8:30 p.m. Other guests include: Adrienne Curry, Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry, Leigh Greene, Rev. Ed Weisheimer, and Fr. Ed Noga. Fr. Jim Korda is the series’ host.

“Spotlight” with Fr. Jim Korda – 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Mondays

“Natural Family Planning” with Tom and Chiquita Seesan on February 12

“WKBN-TV 27 First News” with Stan Boney on February 19

“Catholic-Lutheran Covenant” with Bishop Abraham Allende on February 26

“Sacraments 101” with Fr. Jim Korda – 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays

“Anointing of the Sick” with Fr. Jeff Mickler, SSP on February 7

“Anointing of the Sick” with Fr. Jeff Mickler, SSP on February 14

“Sacraments of Commitment” with Msgr. Jay Clarke on February 21

“Reconciliation” with Fr. Pat Manning on February 28

“Communion of Saints” with Fr. Jim Korda and Fr. John-Michael Lavelle – 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays

“Junipero Serra, Maria Faustina, and Miguel Augustine Pro” on February 1

“Kateri Tekakwitha, Katherine Drexel, and Timothy Giaccardo” on February 8

“Elizabeth of Hungary, Helen, and Maria Goretti” on February 15

“Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Dorothy Day” on February 22

“The Holy Rosary” with Fr. Jim Korda airs Monday thru Friday at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. It also broadcasts on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. following the Mass for Shut-Ins. The special Fatima Rosary broadcasts each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

2. Radio Programming Wineskins

Wineskins airs every Sunday at 7:30 a.m. on WKBN 570 AM in Youngstown, WSOM 600 AM in Salem at 10:00 a.m., WILB AM Canton 1060/WILB FM 89.5 Youngstown/WILB FM 94.5 Canton at 9:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Listen to *Wineskins* on the diocesan website by going to the “News and Media” bar, then, click on “Wineskins Audio Library.”

The Current Issue Segment will feature: February 4: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Sr. Toby Lardie, HM, about the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life; February 11: Dave Schmidt talks about Marriage and Family Life; February 18: Adrienne Curry will talk about Catholic Charities; and, February 25: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Pat Palombo on Stewardship and Development.

Rachel Hrbolich, CEO, Diocese of Youngstown Catholic Charities Corporation and a member of Ss. Mary and Joseph Church in Newton Falls, will tell us about the Saints celebrated this month: February 4: St. Josephine Bakhita; February 11: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; February 18: Chair of Peter; and, February 25: St. Katherine Drexel.

The Interview Segment will include: February 4: Bishop Abraham Allende’s address at the Lutheran-Catholic Covenant commemoration from St. Columba Cathedral on October 29, 2017; February 11: Part One in a three-part series from the television show “Spotlight” featuring Stan Boney from WKBN-TV 27 First News with host Fr. Jim Korda; February 18: Part Two; February 25: and, Part Three.

This month’s Music Segment is from the CD “The Teaching of Christ” by the Kellenberg Memorial High School Choir.

Fr. Matthew Roehrig, SSP, local superior of the Society of St. Paul in Canfield, will give his reflections on the Sunday Scripture Readings: February 4: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; February 11: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; February 18: First Sunday of Lent; and, February 25: Second Sunday of Lent.

3. See the newest of CTNY Local Programming on the Internet by linking to doy.org and click “News and Media” bar, then click on “CTNY Gallery.” DVD copies of all local productions are available through CTNY for a nominal fee. Please contact us at CTNY at 330-533-2243.

4. The weekly *Mass for Shut-Ins* can be viewed by going to the Home Page of the diocesan website www.doy.org and clicking on Mass for Shut Ins, or to the “News and Media” bar and click on “Mass For Shut Ins.” CTNY also produces the weekly Sunday Mass for Shut Ins in Spanish which broadcasts on ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
5. For an ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel Schedule for spring 2018, please contact CTNY at 330-533-2243, or visit www.doy.org and go to the “News and Media” bar and click on the ETC-TV schedule.
6. Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/CTNYoungstown.

CANONICAL SERVICES

Tribunal In-Service Available

The Tribunal staff has made available an ongoing, in-service for pastors, associates, deacons, religious, directors of religious education, religious education coordinators and counselors in order to prepare them in facilitating pleas for nullity for persons within the community whose marriages have broken down and who may be seeking a second union recognized by the Church.

The in-service focuses on preparation of case histories, compilation of documents, witnesses and determining of the appropriate grounds of nullity. Covered also are other types of nullity procedures.

Size of the in-service is in small groups of between 8-12 participants and generally runs approximately two hours. The in-service is offered at either the offices of the Tribunal of the Diocese of Youngstown or at a parish in the Canton area.

Interested parties, who have not already registered or who need a “refresher” should call the Tribunal at (330) 744-8451, ext. 252, to have their names placed on the registrant list. You would then be contacted when there are at least eight registrants for a particular location.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES

1. Catholic Charities Faith & Family Fun Night

Join us on Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 pm for a night of Youngstown Phantoms Hockey! Come be a part of the “holy huddle” and special intermission activities. Tickets are \$14.00 and can be purchased by calling Nikole Kelley 330-744-8451, ext. 323 or by e-mail nkelley@youngstowndiocese.org. We hope to see you at the game.

2. Harriet’s Cupboard

Harriet’s Cupboard is a “taxable item pantry” for individuals and families who come to Catholic Charities for assistance. Providing people with personal care items and other basic necessities can go a long way toward helping a person regain their self-esteem and dignity when they feel hopeless.

Catholic Charities is eager to fill our cupboards with items our clients need most. We will be collecting personal hygiene products and cleaning supplies for clients in need throughout the year. Items are accepted at all Catholic Charities locations. For a complete listing of Catholic Charities' service sites, visit www.ccdoy.org.

Catholic Charities is also seeking monthly sponsors to help fill Harriet's Cupboard. If your parish, school or organization is interested in becoming a sponsor please contact your local Catholic Charities Agency.

Thank you for supporting this important Catholic Charities project!

3. Keep the Kids Warm Campaign Wraps Up

The "Keep the Kids Warm" campaign took place during January, the month also known as "Poverty Awareness Month."

"Keep the Kids Warm" provides utility assistance to working poor families with children who do not qualify for government assistance; families waiting for PIPP (Percentage of Income Payment Plan) Plus to authorize assistance; and families whose HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) benefits have been exhausted.

If you have not made your donation to this important effort, there is still time. You can mail your donation to: Keep the Kids Warm, Catholic Charities, P.O. Box 614, Youngstown, OH 44503 or by visiting our website www.ccdoy.org.

For more information, contact Nikole Kelley at 330-744-8451, ext. 323 or nkelley@youngstowndiocese.org.

4. Catholic Charities Corner

Catholic Charities has added a new feature to the *Communique*. This new section highlights each Catholic Charities Agency as a one page attachment to the *Communique*. We encourage you to use "Catholic Charities Corner" in your parish bulletins.

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

1. 2017 Appeal Updates

As of January 16, 2018 we have received **\$3,842,977** in cash towards our \$4 million dollar goal. These gifts came from **16,783** of our 66,991 registered households. Thank you to all parishes and pastors who supported and promoted this important annual appeal.

For those parishes who exceeded their parish goal in cash collected, a single rebate check will be issued on/around February 15, 2018.

2. New for 2018

The 2018 Bishop's Appeal will kick off with announcement weekend in parishes on February 10/11, 2018. The first commitment weekend is scheduled for February 17/18, 2018.

All parish materials will be available for pick-up at one of three scheduled clergy meetings:

Columbiana & Mahoning Counties: St. Joseph Parish - Austintown	Monday, January 29, 2018 @ 2:30pm
Portage & Stark Counties: St. Patrick Parish - Kent	Wednesday, January 31, 2018 @ 2:00pm
Ashtabula & Trumbull Counties: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish - Vienna	Thursday, February 1, 2018 @ 2:00pm

For more information about these meetings please contact Jennifer Lucarelli at 330-744-8451, ext. 316 or Rachel Hrbolich at 330-744-8451, ext. 328.

Please refer to the attachments of this publication for helpful information to use in promoting the Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church, such as bulletin announcements and the Catholic Charities Corner, a new addition to Communique.

3. Software Updates/Other

Although some parishes are now using other software for parish record-keeping, all parishes are still required to use **Raiser's Edge** to update their parishioner registration records on a regular basis for the Bishop's Appeal. Your participation is critical to the success of the appeal. If you need more information on how to do so, please contact Jennifer Lucarelli at 330-744-8451, ext. 316 or jlucarelli@youngstowndiocese.org.

Please visit the website often, and please remember to check your Parish###@youngstowndiocese.org email address for Appeal updates throughout the year. If you are not currently accessing your Diocesan issued email account, please arrange to have it forwarded to an account that is accessed on a daily basis.

On behalf of all those served through your support of the Annual Bishop's Appeal, thank you.

OFFICE OF SOCIAL ACTION

1. CRS Rice Bowl

"Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor."- Pope Francis.

Through **prayer**, we encounter Christ in our lives and in every member of our human family. Through **fasting**, we encounter the obstacles that keep us from loving God and neighbor. Through **almsgiving**, we encounter God's love, and share it with our brothers and sisters in need.

This year's Rice Bowl theme is, "Encounter Lent: Companions on the Journey. CRS invites you, your family and community to journey alongside the Good Samaritan, to reflect on the question: Who is my neighbor? So many of our neighbors are on the move: migrants, refugees, internally displaced persons, travelers. The Good Samaritan- a traveler himself, one on the move, shows us what it means to encounter the stranger, to accompany one in need and become a companion on the journey. This year's featured countries are: Iraq, Nicaragua, Burkino Faso, Haiti and Malawi. For more information on how you can encounter Lent through CRS Rice Bowl contact Adrienne Curry, Social Action Director at 330/744-8451 or acurry@youngstowndiocese.org.

2. Black History Month Mass

The first annual Black History Month Mass will be held Sunday, February 25, 2018 at St. Angela Merici Church, 400 Lincoln Park Drive at 9:30 am. Bishop Murry will be the celebrant and a reception will follow. All are invited!

CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION

1. Weekend Mass Attendance Counts

Please continue to keep an accurate record of weekend Mass attendance and **submit the Mass attendance form monthly**. The completed forms can be faxed to (330) 742-6448, scanned and emailed to pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org, or sent via USPS. This data will be used for planning purposes in the near future and to track the impact of changes. If you need the general form for reporting Mass attendance each month moving forward, please contact Pete Schafer at (330) 744-8451 ext. 275 or pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org.

2. St. Paul St. Evangelization Urban Missionary

St. Paul Street Evangelization is a grassroots, non-profit Catholic evangelization organization, dedicated to responding to the mandate of Jesus to preach the Gospel to all nations by taking our Catholic Faith to the streets. One of the organization's full-time Urban Missionaries, Joanne Fields, is now currently in the Youngstown diocese with the permission of Bishop Murry and is offering free presentations, workshops and evangelization training to any parish. If you would like more information, please contact the Office of Evangelization and Pastoral Planning - (330) 744-8451 ext. 275 or pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org.

3. Parish Consultation and Formation available

The Office of Evangelization and Pastoral Planning is available to assist parishes with evangelization efforts, the pastoral planning process, parish pastoral council formation, and implementation of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for Evangelization. Services offered include consultation, training sessions, and recommended resources. Call or email Pete Schafer to discuss how the Office of Evangelization can support your parish - (330) 744-8451 ext. 275 or pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

1. Come and See Weekend

Come and See weekends allow young men the opportunity to experience what seminary life is like. During these weekends participants have the opportunity to attend classes with seminarians, experience the prayer life, participate in community recreation, and learn how to find their vocation. Following is the final Come and See weekends for the spring semester:

St. Mary Seminary – Cleveland

Men 17 to 44 years of age

Register at clepriesthood.org - go to the Event and Programs tab – Duc In Altum.

February 9-11, 2018

April 6-8, 2018

Pontifical College Josephinum

Junior & seniors in high school/college men

Register at pcj.edu – go to Discernment & Seminary Life – Visit the Josephinum

March 15-17, 2018

If you know of a man who may be interested, please encourage him to register for a weekend.

2. Canton Vocation Day

On March 19th, students from grades 6-8 in Stark and Portage counties are invited to come to St. Michael Parish in Canton for a Vocation Day. The day will allow students to understand more about vocations and how each one is called to follow a particular path in their lives as given by God. Schools in these two counties should have received initial information on the day which is being organized by the Vocation Committee at St. Michaels working with the Office of Vocations. For those schools that may have financial concerns bussing the children to St. Michael's, please call Fr. Chris Luoni at the Vocations office for assistance. More information will be forthcoming soon.

3. Pastoral Internship Year

This academic year (2017-2018), two seminarians that have completed 2nd year Theology are on pastoral internship. They are assigned to the following parishes:

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| • Ryan Furlong | Little Flower Parish | Fr. Leo Wehrlein |
| • Matthew Zwilling | Our Lady of Peace | Fr. Ray Thomas |

These men are available to come to our diocesan schools, religious education programs or youth ministry meetings and help teach about vocations. You may contact them directly at their parish or call the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451.

4. Field Trip for students

Our diocese has an established relationship with St. Mary Seminary in Cleveland. Presently, seven of our men are studying there. Because of its close proximity to our diocese, consider taking a day for young men and women to have a field trip to St. Mary's. Junior high and high school students will get an understanding of the seminary and what the daily life is like. Depending on when your tour is arranged, we hope to have a Youngstown seminarian guide the tour.

This is a great opportunity for kids in our Catholic grade schools, CCD programs and youth ministry programs. For more information or to schedule a tour, please call the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451.

5. YouTube Channel – Buckeye Vocations

The Vocation Directors from the six diocese of the state of Ohio have worked together to create a YouTube channel for vocations. The channel will feature different vocation events and short video clips about vocations from around the state. On YouTube go to Buckeye Vocations and search around to see what is available for your personal viewing or for your classroom setting.

6. Vocation Lessons

Please do not forget to make use of Vocation Lessons for your school, religious education or youth ministry program. It is a vocation curriculum that has lessons and instructions online that you can download and use in your classroom/meeting setting. It is FREE for your use and can be accessed as many times as you want throughout the year. If you do not already have a brochure that contains the access codes, please request one by contacting Fr. Christopher Luoni at the Vocations Office at 330-744-8451 or by email at cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

7. Vocation Intercessions and Bulletin Blurbs for February

Attached to the Communiqué are vocation intercessions and bulletin blurbs for the month of February. Please use these in your bulletins and at Mass to help promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life in your parish community and school.

OFFICE OF VOWED RELIGIOUS

1. World Day for Consecrated Life

Please join Bishop Murry, S.J., several other consecrated persons, and youth open to a religious vocation, on Sunday, February 4, 2018 at St. Columba Cathedral for the annual World Day for Consecrated Life liturgy at 10:30 a.m.

2. Retirement Fund for Religious – RFR

Pastors please note that all Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) returns should be in the Office of Religious by February 23. Any monies received after this date will be credited to next year's appeal. Thank you for your cooperation.

3. Religious Jubilarian/Conference Day

We invite all religious to reserve Saturday March 17, 2018 and to celebrate with religious jubilarians of 25, 50, 60 years, and beyond at Regina Coeli church in Alliance. The day will begin at 1:15 p.m. with a social and dinner. Humility of Mary Sister Jean Tobin Lardie, will speak. The day will conclude with the Eucharistic Liturgy at 4:00 p.m. celebrated by Bishop George Murry, S.J. Brochures and Registration Forms will soon be sent out. Please respond at your earliest convenience.

DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP

1. NOW is the time to plan a **Life & Estate Seminar** for the first quarter of 2018. End of life issues and Estate Planning are discussed in a one-hour presentation. Reviews of our recent seminars have been “Outstanding.” The seminar is FREE! Call for information... 330-744-8451 ext. 325. See flyer attachment!
2. Your parish, Catholic School or Catholic Agency can **Leave A Legacy** for the future by establishing an endowment fund in the **Diocese of Youngstown Foundation**. Call us about the revised policies for creating a perpetual gift...330-744-8451 ext. 325.
3. The Office of Development & Stewardship is working with parishes on **Stewardship of Time and Talent....**Call us for information...330-744-8451 ext. 325.
4. Please remind parishioners aged 70 ½ or older about the Charitable IRA provision available to them for giving to one’s parish or favorite Catholic cause. The following bulletin insert is suggested:

Special tax-free IRA gifts

For those aged 70½ or older, a total of up to \$100,000 a year can be transferred directly from traditional or Roth IRAs to qualified charities such as your parish, a Catholic School, Catholic Charities or your favorite Catholic cause free from federal income tax. Amounts given in this way count toward required IRA minimum withdrawal amounts for the year of the gift. Many Catholics are taking advantage of this provision for their charitable giving. Please contact Mr. Pat Palombo, Diocesan Director of Development & Stewardship, for information and assistance... 330-744-8451 ext. 325 or ppalombo@youngstowndiocese.org.

5. ***Stewardship Bulletin Inserts Attached***

PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

OFFICE OF LAY MINISTRY FORMATION

Basic Formation for Missionary Disciples – Stark County and Ashtabula County

“In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples.”
 - - Pope Francis, *Joy of the Gospel*, 120.

What is a missionary disciple? How is God calling me to live as a missionary disciple? **A spring five-week course on ministry to the greater community will begin in Stark County on Tuesday, April 10th and in Ashtabula County on Thursday, April 12th.** The interactive sessions will include theological formation in various topics of faith, best practices of ministry and evangelization, and hands-on experience in faith-sharing, leading prayer, and other important aspects of being a missionary disciple, all in the context of a prayerful community of faith. **Registration deadline is Friday, April 6th.** Brochures and applications, including online registration, are available at <http://www.doy.org/index.php/diocesan-offices/lay-ministry>. For more information, contact Pete Schafer at (330) 744-8451 ext. 275 or pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org

OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

1. Project Rachel Outreach

Abortion wounds relationships. God's love heals. For CONFIDENTIAL help contact *Project Rachel of N.E. Ohio* at 888-259-4806 or support@projrachneo.zohosupport.com. Promotion materials for Project Rachel are available by contacting 330-744-8451 ext. 272 or dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

2. Marriage Preparation Engaged Couple Retreat Day

The next diocesan-sponsored one-day marriage preparation retreat days for engaged couples will be held Saturdays, February 3, & March 3, 2018 both at St. Columba Cathedral Hall, Youngstown. This experience is ideal for engaged couples and all involved in parish marriage preparation.

Reservations are required. To view the entire schedule for 2018, visit www.doy.org and scroll down to the bottom of the home page.

3. Two Opportunities for Ministry to the Divorced:

I. "The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide" at St. Paul Parish North Canton

The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide will be offered on Wednesday Evenings, February 7, 21, 28, March 7, 14 & 21 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at St. Paul Parish, 241 S. Main St., North Canton in the North Room B (lower level of the Church).

The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide is a DVD-based series with accompanying materials created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. In addition to top Catholic experts on Church teachings, relationships, love, sex, marriage, divorce and annulment, the presentations also feature the personal testimonies of twelve divorced Catholic men and women who share their real-life stories of hope and healing.

No cost. To register or to learn about additional ministry to the divorced contact the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life at dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451 ext.272.

II. Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Offers "DivorceCare" Support Group

DivorceCare is a 12-week course/discussion group for those who are going through or have gone through a separation or divorce. It addresses through education and discussion the most common issues associated with divorce/separation and promotes powerful healing so that you can move on to build a new life filled with promise and hope. The three components of DivorceCare are inspiring and educational video presentations, supportive and safe group discussions, and resources for home use.

DivorceCare will be offered at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Austintown for 12 consecutive Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm beginning on March 5th.

Contact Margie Hynes at ihmmargie@gmail.com to reserve your spot, or visit the IHM website, www.ihm-parish.com/divorce-support for more information and to register online. You may also call 330-793-9988. Divorce Care is sponsored by the IHM Family Healing Team. Church affiliation is not required for participation. Meetings will be held in the IHM Rectory.

4. World Marriage Day

Sunday, February 11, 2018 is World Marriage Day. World Marriage Day occurs each year on the second Sunday of February, obviously intended to occur near the celebration of St. Valentine's Day. The day was originally called "We Believe in Marriage Day" and started in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1981, and was quickly adopted by World Wide Marriage Encounter who is the chief promoter of World Marriage Day. Materials for celebrating World Marriage Day at your parish may be found by going to <http://wmd.wwme.org/>.

5. Annual White Mass for all Health Professionals Including Mental Health Workers

The Annual White Mass – celebrating and recognizing the ministry and work of those in the health professions – will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Columba located at 154 W. Wood St. in Youngstown. Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., will preside. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall. All are welcome. For more information call 330-744-8451 ext.272 or contact dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

6. Innovation Labs coming to the Diocese of Youngstown

The Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life is happy to collaborate with other diocesan offices in bringing Innovation Labs to our diocese on April 25 and 26. More information may be found in the Office of Religious Education's section of this Communique.

7. Please Mark Your Calendars!

Men & Women United For Life, in conjunction with St. Christine Parish and the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life, are proud to present Jason Evert on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 6:30 pm, At St. Christine Church, Youngstown (3165 S. Schenley Ave.). Jason Evert will present "Purified." "Purified" is an event for the entire family, ages 13 and up, which includes Jason's presentation for parents (Parenting for Purity), followed by his chastity talk for teens (Love or Lust?). After the presentations, a time of Eucharistic Adoration with music and prayer is offered, along with the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the distribution of free books and CDs for attendees. This format elevates a basic seminar into an encounter with God, through a life-changing mini-retreat for the family.

Jason and his wife, Crystalina, have spoken about the virtue of chastity on six continents to more than one million people, including World Youth Days in Sydney, Madrid, and Kraków. They are the authors of more than ten books, including *How to Find Your Soulmate without Losing Your Soul* and *Theology of the Body for Teens*. In addition they have received endorsements from Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston and the late Cardinal Francis George of Chicago.

8. Intercessions for Life and Pro-Life Bulletin Briefs

Recommended intercessions and bulletin briefs for February 2018, prepared by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities may be found at <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/word-of-life/index.cfm> and on the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life page of www.doy.org.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1. Innovation Labs coming to the Diocese of Youngstown

Pastors, Deacons, Parish Ministers serving Pastoral Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Religious Education please mark your calendars for April 25 and 26, 2018, for an opportunity to reimagine the way formation is offered at your parish. Whole staffs are encouraged to participate together and will plan together a new innovative process for the parish! Sponsoring offices include: Continuing Education of Priests, Family, Marriage and Pro Life, Pastoral Planning and Evangelization, Permanent Diaconate, Religious Education, and Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Facilitated by John Roberto, well known for lifelong learning and new approaches to faith formation, two labs are scheduled. Parishes may choose one of both for optimal engagement.

Wednesday, April 25, 2018: “Digitally Enhanced and Connected Faith Formation.”

St. Michael the Archangel, Canton

Thursday, April 26, 2018 “Families at the Center of Faith Formation”

St. Patrick Parish, Youngstown

2. Religious Education Certification

Catholic school teachers and parish catechists and other ministers may acquire hours toward Religious Education Certification by participating in a wide variety of opportunities in our diocese, parishes, and other institutions. For a selection of online and on site options, please visit doy.org for Adult Faith Formation Opportunities. As additional courses and events are made known to us, they are added to the listing at catechistcafe.weebly.com. Check out the many choices available for all interested adults, regardless if certification hours are needed. All Catholics are encouraged to be lifelong learners on the journey of faith.

3. Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown

The Georgetown

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

<http://www.firstfridayclubofgreteryoungstown.org>

For reservations: 330 758 – 0811

Thursday, February 1, 2018

Most Reverend George V. Murry, S.J.

Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown

“The Church”

Hamilton Forum Series

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Fannon Center

Luncheon Presentation – 11:30 a.m.

For reservations: 330-649-1231

Thursday, February 15, 2018

William Lambert

Deacon, St. Paul Parish North Canton

“Offering Hope in Dark Place”

4. New Books at the Diocesan Library:

Books for Lent at the Office of Religious Education Media Library:

Please visit us anytime between 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, or by appointment. You can access the collection 24/7 at <https://doylelib.follettdestiny.com>.

The Ascent of the Mountain of God. Hays, Edward. Forest of Peace Publishing, 1994. Seemingly touching the heavens, the mountain is a universal symbol for the presence of God. Cloud-covering peaks are places of pilgrimage because they are the sites of awe-inspiring encounters with God. This book leads you along the 40 steps of a Lenten pilgrimage. It is a manual for holy mountain climbing.

Easter Bunny's Amazing Day. Carol Benoist and Cathy Gilmore, Liguori, 2012. Meet the Risen Jesus with an amazing bunny--and his amazing tale. Children will learn Jesus' friendship and comfort through the eyes of a timid bunny rabbit that experiences the love and joy that Jesus brings first hand.

The Last Words of Jesus: A Meditation on Love and Suffering. Horan, Daniel P. Franciscan Media, 2013. The words Jesus spoke on the cross are a time-honored source of meditation. The author asks us to look at our lives through the lens of Jesus' suffering and death, and extend our love not just to our friends and family, but to those most in need.

Lent with St. Francis: Daily Reflections. Houdek, Diane M. Franciscan Media, 2013. Take a fresh look at Lent with St. Francis as your guide. For each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, this book offers: a prayer from St. Francis, the lectionary readings, a quote from Scripture, a story of St. Francis, a reflection tying the life of Francis to the theme of the Gospel.

Lent and Easter Wisdom from St. Vincent DePaul. Rybolt, John E. Liguori, 2012. John Rybolt, CM, matches passages from St. Vincent's meditative writings with seasonal reflections and prayers. Through the Apostle of Charity's words and thoughts, we are led to a greater love for all, especially the poor. Let St. Vincent's wisdom inspire you to free yourself of the burdens and temptations of this world, so that you, too, may be ready to serve. Each entry includes a quote from St. Vincent, a scripture verse, a prayer, and an action.

OFFICE OF WORSHIP

1. Rite of Election -- February 18, 2018

Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., will celebrate the Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Call to Continued Conversion of the Candidates on the First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2018, at Saint Columba Cathedral at 1:30 p.m. and at Saint Joseph Church, Canton, at 6:00 p.m.

2. The Light is On For You ~ An Evening of Reconciliation

“The Light is On for You” ~ An Evening of Reconciliation” will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. All parishes are asked to schedule the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this time. This event will coincide with a similar evening for the Cleveland and Pittsburgh dioceses.

3. Confirmation of Baptized Catholics at the Easter Vigil

Priests are reminded that the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults gives them the faculty to confirm catechumens and candidates at the Easter Vigil. However, if there are persons who are baptized Catholic and completing their initiation at the Easter Vigil, the pastor must request permission of Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., to confirm them. A letter of request stating the names of only those individuals who were **baptized Catholic** and who will be confirmed at the Easter Vigil should be sent to the Bishop’s Office as soon as possible.

4. Chrism Mass -- March 27, 2018

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.** at Saint Columba Cathedral. Information letters and details will be sent in the coming weeks.

5. Easter Vigil – March 31, 2018

The Easter Vigil in 2018 will be on Saturday, March 31, 2018. The *Roman Missal* states that, “*the entire celebration of the Easter Vigil must take place during the night, so that it begins after nightfall...*” Furthermore, the Priest Policy Handbook states that the Easter Vigil “*is not to take place at the time of the ordinary anticipated Mass for Sunday,*” (cf. Faculties and Permissions, Section V, pg. 10). In the Diocese of Youngstown, sunset on March 31, 2018 will be at **7:47 p.m.** and the end of civil twilight will be at **8:13p.m.** Therefore the Vigil should not begin before 8:00 p.m. to insure darkness and is recommended to begin at 8:30 p.m. *Because daylight savings time now begins each year in early March, the recommended start time of Easter Vigil, will never be before 8 p.m. Parishes are therefore encouraged to begin the yearly practice of not scheduling the Easter Vigil before 8 p.m.*

6. Flu Season and Liturgical Celebrations

During flu season parishes may receive requests from parishioners to make changes to liturgical celebrations in order to prevent the spread of the flu and other viruses. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, in consultation with the Center for Disease Control, recommends that the following measures be taken in the celebration of the liturgy:

- a. Priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should be especially reminded of the need to practice good hygiene. All Ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to wash their hands using an alcohol based anti-bacterial solution before Mass begins and immediately after Mass.
- b. Pastors should instruct people who feel ill not to receive from the cup.

- c. Those who are sick should stay home, and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- d. All should be encouraged to follow good everyday healthy actions:
 - of covering your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing;
 - avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth after shaking hands or touching any surface;
 - avoid close contact with those who are sick.

At the present time, the Bishop's Committee on Divine Worship of USCCB has not issued directives considering any changes, adaptations or restrictions of options in the celebration of the Liturgy.

OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

1. Eagle of the Cross Nomination Deadline fast approaching!

If you know an outstanding high school junior or senior in our diocese, be sure to nominate him/her for the 2018 Eagle of the Cross Awards. Recipients will be honored at a Mass and Banquet on April 18 in Youngstown, and all nominees receive a certificate of acknowledgement. The form has been posted at:

<http://youngstownoyyam.weebly.com/eagle-of-cross-awards.html>

Nominations are **DUE by 3 p.m. ET on Friday, February 16** (please mail by Valentine's Day February 14th).

Thanks to all the nominators who have already submitted!

2. CMD National Workshop: **Accompanying Youth on their Journey of Faith and Vocation** – Register today!

Register NOW for this Thursday, March 1, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. workshop at the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall in Ravenna. Information and registration link is on:

<https://youngstownoyyam.weebly.com/cmd-workshop.html>

3. Parish Youth Ministry Report Forms Were Due January 31

Parish Coordinators/Directors for Youth Ministry are reminded to complete and submit the annual Parish Youth Ministry Report posted at <http://youngstownoyyam.weebly.com/key-forms.html> by January 31, 2018 for the 2017 year. This form, in addition to providing necessary information to the diocese, can be a useful tool for evaluating your current youth ministry efforts and to plan for the future.

Thank you to those who have already submitted the report!

4. Orientation 301 on February 22

Join the staff from the diocesan offices of Religious Education and Youth and Young Adult Ministry to discuss “Developing and Evaluating Parish Programs” over lunch, noon – 2 p.m. on February 22 at the diocesan central offices. More information has been posted at: <https://youngstownoyyam.weebly.com/the-orientation-series.html>

5. Innovation Labs coming to the Diocese of Youngstown

Whole staffs (along with other key leaders) are encouraged to participate together to reimagine the way formation is offered at your parish and will plan together a new innovative process for the parish! Pick one or both:

Wednesday, April 25, 2018: “Digitally Enhanced and Connected Faith Formation.”
@ St. Michael the Archangel, Canton

Thursday, April 26, 2018 “Family Centered Faith Formation”
@ St. Patrick Parish, Youngstown

Sponsoring offices include: Continuing Education of Priests, Family, Marriage and Pro Life, Pastoral Planning and Evangelization, Permanent Diaconate, Religious Education, and Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Facilitator will be John Roberto, well known for lifelong learning and new approaches to faith formation. Registration will open in early 2018.

ECUMENISM

LENT 2018 LUTHERAN CATHOLIC SCRIPTURAL PRAYER FOR SUNDAY READINGS

The Lutheran-Catholic Covenant Commission invites Catholics and Lutherans to observe Lent together with Scriptural Prayer: *The Gift of Lent 2018, Resources for Discussion and Reflection*. These resources are good for group or personal prayer with the readings for the first four Sundays of Lent Cycle B. See the attachment to this newsletter for a copy ready edition. For more information, visit the Lutheran-Catholic Covenant website, www.lccovenant.weebly.com.

MISCELLANEOUS

ANNUAL SCOUT RELIGIOUS AWARDS AND EMBLEMS CEREMONY

The Annual Scout Religious awards and emblems ceremony will be held on Saturday April 28 at 10:00 AM at St. Columba Cathedral with Bishop George Murry, S.J. presiding. These are the awards that many of our Scouts, girls and boys, have earned after many months of preparing for them. Everyone is welcome. Clergy are invited to bring an alb and sit in the sanctuary. This is not a Mass but a prayer service.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Theology on Tap is a program that reaches out to young adults who want to explore the role of faith in their daily lives. Please see flyer in this month’s attachments.

MISCELLANEOUS (continued)

HELP WANTED

Help wanted - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Warren, Ohio has a job opening for a part-time maintenance person. Ideal candidate will have some knowledge of electrical, heating and plumbing. Work includes lawn maintenance, general clean up and snow removal. Must have own transportation to work. The Parish has two church sites and must be able to drive to both if needed. Please send resume to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Attn: Maintenance, [2532 Burton St. SE, Warren, OH 44484](mailto:2532.Burton.St.SE.Warren.OH.44484).

DIVINE LOVE YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

A day of reflection for those between the ages of 21-39

Saturday, March 3, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
St. Angela Merici Parish
397 S. Jackson Street
Youngstown, OH 44506

Advanced Registration is required. Please see Flyer and Registration Form in this month's attachments. For more information contact Diana Hancharenko at 330-747-6080 or dhancharenko@youngstowndiocese.org.

“VALUED, VALID, VIBRANT: EXPERIENCE JOY WITH THE URSULINES”

Attention single Catholic women ages 25 to 35: Join the Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown for this wonderful event from 5 p.m. Thurs., March 8 until noon Sun., March 11. You'll be in a relaxed atmosphere with like-minded women. We'll help you determine how the Holy Spirit is moving in your life and how you're being called to live the Gospel, including ways you can connect your desire to live your faith with service opportunities within our vibrant ministries. You'll experience Mass, prayer and reflection. You'll spend time with our dynamic Sisters and visit our valued service sites, where you'll interact with those we serve. Labyrinth and nature walks, swimming, journaling and an art experience are all planned. You'll also learn more about strong history of the Ursulines, what vowed religious life offers for the modern woman and why becoming a nun is still a valid option. Call Sister Norma Raupple at [330-261-4729](tel:330-261-4729) to save your place. Space is limited.

6TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE

6th Annual Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference will be held on March 3, 2018 at St. Thomas Aquinas High School. For more information, please see letter from Bishop George V. Murry, S.J. in this month's attachments.

TETÉLESTAI COMING TO HUBBARD ST. PATRICK CHURCH – LENT 2018

The long-running musical passion play *Tetélestai* will be coming to St. Patrick Church, 225 N. Main St., Hubbard - March 16, 17, and 18, 2018. Please see flyer in this month's attachments.

IN MEMORIAM

	<u>February</u>
<i>Rev. John Spitale</i>	1/07
<i>Rev. Robert J. O'Dea</i>	2/85
<i>Deacon Albert Jaskiewicz</i>	3/03
<i>Rev. David Menegay</i>	3/17
<i>Rev. Peter Hyland</i>	5/49
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Ralph C. Kotheimer</i>	5/69
<i>Rev. Msgr. Michael Ronik</i>	5/16
<i>Rev. Robert Flynn</i>	6/01
<i>Rev. Albert DePascale, CPPS</i>	6/01
<i>Rev. Joseph Dervan</i>	8/60
<i>Rev. Stephen Horvath</i>	8/10
<i>Rev. Leo H. Collins</i>	10/54
<i>Rev. John Schmidt</i>	10/03
<i>Rev. Hippolyt Deesy</i>	12/64
<i>Rev. Bernard Hawkins, MSC</i>	13/95
<i>Rev. William Petrunak</i>	13/10
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Leo Schlindwein</i>	14/65
<i>Rev. Msgr. Branimir Radetic</i>	15/03
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Alfred Manning</i>	17/54
<i>Rev. Edward P. Franko</i>	17/67
<i>Rev. Msgr. Cyril A. Adamko</i>	17/14
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. John G. Hamrak</i>	18/65
<i>Rev. Berthold Schuh, MSC</i>	18/82
<i>Rev. Joseph G. Beene</i>	18/92
<i>Rev. Leo Vogt, CPPS</i>	19/53
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael Tondra</i>	19/68
<i>Rev. Martin Matulik</i>	19/98
<i>Deacon Russell Brode</i>	19/16
<i>Rev. John L. Maurer</i>	20/62
<i>Rev. Thomas M. Spisak</i>	20/03
<i>Rev. Joseph Bresnyak</i>	21/58
<i>Very Rev. Robert G. Moorhead</i>	22/59
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter Martin</i>	22/77
<i>Rev. William Witt</i>	22/11
<i>Rev. John P. Cunningham</i>	23/89
<i>Deacon Robert Rapp</i>	23/15
<i>Rev. Donovan Mulert, MSC</i>	24/00
<i>Rev. John T. McFarland</i>	25/61
<i>Rev. Hugh F. Gallagher</i>	25/88
<i>Rev. Paul Gubser</i>	25/06
<i>Rev. Bonaventure A. Babik</i>	27/86
<i>Rev. Leo Horner</i>	28/86