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## CHANCERY OFFICE

### CHURCH OVERSEAS COMBINED COLLECTION

The Church Overseas Combined Collection will be held the weekend of January 28, 2018. This four-in-one collections include: Catholic Relief Services, Holy Father/Peter's Pence, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and the Church in Latin America. Please see bulletin announcements for the weekends of January 20-21, January 27-28 and February 3-4 are included in this month's *Communique* attachments.

### LETTERS OF SUITABILITY

Please note that no priest or deacon may exercise ministry within the Diocese of Youngstown without being granted faculties/permission by the bishop. It is the obligation of the pastor of the parish where ministry or speaking engagement will occur (or other responsible person outside a parish setting) to insure that the visiting cleric has obtained a letter of suitability. Without such a letter, the Diocese, the parish or school and the pastor or president could become legally liable should any wrongdoing occur.

The visiting cleric himself should ask his bishop or religious superior to send a letter of suitability to Bishop Murry. Letters of suitability are to be sent from one bishop/superior to another, not directly to a parish, since it is the bishop who is responsible for determining a cleric's suitability for ministry.

If you have any questions, please contact Msgr. John Zuraw, Chancellor

### 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](mailto:jzuraw@youngstowndiocese.org).

## **CATHOLIC TELEVISION NETWORK OF YOUNGSTOWN (CTNY)**

1. Local Programming on the Ecumenical Television Channel:

Fourth Annual Nostra Aetate Lecture Series: “A Virtual Reality Tour of the Holocaust Museum,” with Tim Crain, PhD. on January 16 at 11:00 a.m. & 8:30 p.m.

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

“Islam” with Dr. Gabriel Said Reynolds on January 8

“Sports and Faith” with Dana Balash from WFMJ-TV 21 on January 15

“Human Trafficking” with Kitty Sherer and Jim Knight on January 22

“75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Youngstown” with Msgr. John Zuraw on January 29

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

“Confirmation” with Fr. Pat Manning on January 3

“Baptism” with Fr. John Sheridan on January 10

“Eucharist” with Fr. John Sheridan on January 17

“Holy Orders: Priest” with Fr. John Sheridan on January 24

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

“Damien de Veuster, Marianne Cope and Rita Cascia” on January 4

“Fra Angelica, Anthony of Padua and Nicholas” on January 11

“Josephine Bakhita, Sharbel Makhluf and Padre Pio” on January 18

“Juan Diego, Peter Claver and John Neumann” on January 25

**“The Best of CTNY”** with Fr. Jim Korda – 11:00 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays

“Scripture 101: Philippians” with Fr. Jack Lavelle on January 2

“Scripture 101: Jude” with Fr. Jack Lavelle on January 9

“Scripture 101: Romans” with Fr. John Sheridan on January 16

“Scripture 101: Philemon” with Fr. John Sheridan on January 23

“Scripture 101: I, II & III John” with Fr. John Sheridan on January 30

**“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: January 7: Dave Schmidt talks about Marriage and Family Life; January 14: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Fr. Joe Witmer on the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; January 21: Rachel Hrbolich talks about Catholic Charities; and, January 28: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Mark Oles, President of Cardinal Mooney High School.

Diana Hancharenko, Youth Minister Coordinator and Young Adult Minister from St. Angela Merici Church in Youngstown, will tell us about the Saints celebrated this month: January 7: St. Margaret Bourgeoys; January 14: St. Anthony of Egypt; January 21: Conversion of St. Paul; and, January 28: St. Blaise.

The Interview Segment will include: January 7: Part One in a three-part series from the television show “Spotlight” featuring Tom and Chiquita Seesan on “Natural Family Planning” with host Fr. Jim Korda; January 14: Part Two; January 21: Part Three; and, January 28: Fr. Jim Korda interviews Fritz Schleuter, Principal of St. Thomas Aquinas in Louisville.

This month’s Music Segment is from the CD “Comfort My People” by Monica Brown.

Fr. Jack Lavelle, pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Niles, will give his reflections on the Sunday Scripture Readings: January 7: The Epiphany of the Lord; January 14: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time; January 21: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; and, January 28: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

3. See the newest of CTNY Local Programming on the Internet by linking to [doy.org](http://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](http://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 winter 2017-2018, please contact CTNY at 330-533-2243, or visit [www.doy.org](http://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/CTNYyoungstown](http://www.facebook.com/CTNYyoungstown).

## 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 Regional Agency to host “Taste of Trumbull”

Catholic Charities Regional Agency to host “Taste of Trumbull” on Friday, January 26, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at John F. Kennedy School Upper Campus, 2550 Central Parkway SE, Warren, OH. Please come and enjoy food, prizes and friends! Food will consist of a sampling of the Best of Trumbull Counties restaurants, churches and specialty shops! Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Call 330-744-3320 to reserve your ticket. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. All proceeds benefit the Emergency Housing Assistance program at Catholic Charities Regional Agency. Catholic Charities Regional Agency is also offering a special raffle: a two year lease on a Chevy Cruze donated by Diane Sauer Chevrolet - applicable rules apply and can be found on our website at [www.ccdoy.org](http://www.ccdoy.org). Raffle tickets are \$20.00 each and a limit of 500 tickets will be sold so call 330-744-3320 to buy yours today! Thank you for your support.

### 2. Harriet’s Cupboard: Help and Hope in the New Year

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 wants to help our clients bring in the New Year with new items from Harriet’s Cupboard. We are eager to fill our cupboard with items our clients need most. We will be collecting personal hygiene products and cleaning supplies for clients in need. Items are accepted at all Catholic Charities locations. For a complete listing of Catholic Charities’ service sites, visit [www.ccdoy.org](http://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. Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County’s Men Who Cook

Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County will be hosting its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Men Who Cook event on Saturday, January 27, 2018. Call 440-992-2121 or email [info@doyccac.org](mailto:info@doyccac.org) for more information.

#### 4. Keep the Kids Warm Campaign kicks off during Poverty Awareness Month

The “Keep the Kids Warm” campaign will take place during January, the month also known as “Poverty Awareness Month.”

Approximately 43% of the households in the Diocese of Youngstown have difficulty affording life’s basic necessities. Poverty Awareness Month draws attention to those who live below the federal poverty level, as well as those who are working but are unable to keep up with the cost of living.

“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.

Parishes of the diocese are kindly asked to either take up a special collection, or publish information about Keep the Kids Warm in their bulletins for those interested in making a donation to this important effort. Schools can also get involved with this event or other Poverty Awareness activities. Promotional information regarding Keep the Kids Warm and Poverty Awareness Month are attached to this issue of *Communique*. For more information, contact Nikole Kelley at 330-744-8451, ext. 323 or [nkelley@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:nkelley@youngstowndiocese.org).

#### 5. 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**

As of December 12, 2017 we have received commitments totaling \$3,855,588 towards our \$4 million dollar goal. These gifts came from 16,735 donors. To date, we have received \$3,694,558 cash towards our annual goal. To see your individual parish results, please visit [www.ccdoy.org](http://www.ccdoy.org), click on the Bishop’s Appeal Logo, and then view the **Parish Progress Report**. This report is updated on a regular basis. Daily updates can also be viewed by accessing your Raiser’s Edge account.

All parishes are required to use **Raiser’s Edge** to update their parishioner registration records on a regular basis for the Bishop’s Appeal. If you need more information on how to access Raiser’s Edge, please contact Jennifer Lucarelli at 330-744-8451, ext. 316 or [jlucarelli@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:jlucarelli@youngstowndiocese.org). Please remember, passwords expire every 90 days. If your account remains inactive for a period of more than 6 months, the system will delete your account.

Visit the website often, and please remember to check your [Parish###@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:Parish###@youngstowndiocese.org) email addresses for Appeal updates directly from Father Lavelle!

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

## **OFFICE OF SOCIAL ACTION**

### 1. Church Overseas Combined Collection (January 27-28)

Parishes throughout the Diocese of Youngstown will be participating in the Church Overseas Combined Collection the weekend of January 27-28, 2018. This collection supports the following church agencies and their on-going work in long-term development, education, leadership training and other social and pastoral ministries: The Church in Latin America, Catholic Relief Services

(CRS), Holy Father/Peter's Pence, and the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. By combining these four separate collections into one, the diocese reduces the number of second collections that would typically be taken during the first half of the year.

The collection for the Church in Latin America supports pastoral programs in Latin America and the Caribbean. Projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Funding is limited to programmatic expenses and excludes building construction except in cases of emergency.

The collection for Catholic Relief Services provides funding for Catholic Relief Services; the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees; relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.

The collection for Holy Father/Peter's Pence enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world- those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. It likewise provides the faithful with a tangible opportunity to not only empower the weak, defenseless and voiceless, but also sustain those who suffer.

The collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe provides aid to through bishops' conferences of Central and Eastern Europe and the ex-Soviet Union to meet the needs of rebuilding the Church. It focuses on training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral and catechetical centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and evangelization through Catholic media.

### 2. Catholic Social Ministry Gathering

The 2018 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering will be held on February 3-6, 2018 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. It is organized by the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development in collaboration with four other USCCB departments and 16 national Catholic organizations. This central gathering of Catholic social ministry leaders in the U.S. annually brings together hundreds of participants whose faith inspires them to respond to pressing current domestic and global challenges relating to poverty, war, injustice and the promotion of human life and dignity.

Each year the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering provides an excellent opportunity for Catholic leaders to connect, learn, pray and advocate! For more information, go to:  
[www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/catholic-social-ministry-gathering](http://www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/catholic-social-ministry-gathering).

3. Poverty Awareness Month (January)

During Poverty Awareness Month, join the U.S. Bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the Catholic Community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor! In addition to a calendar, longer daily reflections are also available. All of these are also in Spanish. You can also sign up to have the daily reflections emailed to you during the month of January. To sign up or to download the calendar, go to <http://www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/poverty-education/poverty-awareness-month.cfm>.

4. National Migration Week January 7-14, 2018

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has been celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week, *Many Journeys, One Family*, draws attention to the fact that each of our families have a migrations tory, some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another.

Unfortunately, in our contemporary culture we often fail to encounter migrants as persons, and instead look at them as unknown others, if we even notice them at all. We do not take the time to engage migrants in a meaningful way, as fellow children of God, but remain aloof to their presence and suspicious or fearful of them. During this National Migration Week, let us take the opportunity to engage migrants as community members, neighbors, and friends. For more information, go to [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org).

5. Save the Date: Black History Month Mass: Sunday, February 25, 2018 at St. Angela Merici, 400 Lincoln Park Drive, 9:30 Mass. Bishop Murry will be the celebrant. 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](mailto: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](mailto:pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org).



## 2. 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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. Pastoral Internship Year

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

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| • Ryan Furlong     | Little Flower Parish | Fr. Leo Wehrlin |
| • 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.

### 3. Seminary Field Trip

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.

4. 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.

5. 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](mailto:cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org).

6. Vocation Intercessions and Bulletin Blurbs for January

Attached to the Communiqué are vocation intercessions and bulletin blurbs for the month of January. 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

Bishop George V. Murry, S.J. will celebrate the annual diocesan *World Day for Consecrated Life* on **Sunday, February 4, 2018 at St. Columba Cathedral at the 10:30 a.m. liturgy**. All are welcome. Please mark your calendars and join us in celebrating the gift of Consecrated Life to the diocese and the closing of the Year of Consecrated Life.

2. Conference/Jubilee Day

This year we will honor our Religious Jubilarians on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Regina Coeli in Alliance. Humility of Mary Sister and Major Superior, Jean Tobin Lardie will be the speaker. Dinner will begin at 2:00 p.m. with the presentation at 2:45 p.m. The day will conclude with the Eucharistic Liturgy at 4:00 p.m. Bishop George V. Murry, S.J. will be the main celebrant. Registration forms will arrive shortly. Please mark your calendars.

### 3. Religious Retirement Appeal

On behalf of all the retired religious throughout our diocese and nation the Office of Vowed Religious wants to thank the pastors and parishioners in the diocese for their wonderful cooperation and continued generosity to the Religious Retirement Appeal. We also want to thank the religious presenters who spoke in behalf of our elderly religious. Many presenters spoke on more than one weekend.

## DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP

1. Studies show that people are most responsive to estate planning and end of life issues in January, February and March. 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](mailto:ppalombo@youngstowndiocese.org).

***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 winter five-week course on ministry to people on the margins of our parishes will begin in Stark County on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> and in Ashtabula County on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.** 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. 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](mailto:pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org).

## **OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE**

### 1. Project Rachel Outreach

After 45 years of legalized abortion, millions of women, men, families and friends are hurting from their regret. There is Hope and Healing available. For CONFIDENTIAL help contact *Project Rachel of N.E. Ohio* at 888-259-4806 or [support@projrachneo.zohosupport.com](mailto:support@projrachneo.zohosupport.com). Promotion materials for Project Rachel are available by contacting 330-744-8451 ext. 272 or [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org).

### 2. Two Masses for Life Scheduled this January 2018

Each year in January we recall the infamous Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade* that effectively legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States. Our diocese hosts two Masses for Life as a prayerful reminder that we “must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence.” Bishop Murry will preside at the Masses for Life on:

- Saturday, January 13, at 11:00 am at St. Paul Parish, North Canton (241 S. Main St.), and
- Sunday, January 21, at 4:00 pm at St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown (154 W. Wood St.).

Each Mass for Life will be followed by a reception. All are welcome – no reservations needed. For more information call 330-744-8451 ext.272 or contact [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org).

### 3. 9 Days for Life: Prayer, Penance, Pilgrimage

On January 22 our nation marks the 43rd anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal throughout the United States. Each year the US Catholic Bishops call for nine days of prayer for life during the days surrounding this tragic decision.

Thousands of Catholics across the country will join together in prayer for a culture of life from Thursday, January 18 to Friday, January 26, 2018. The prayers in this novena address many Respect Life issues – “Precisely because all issues involving human life are interdependent, a society which destroys human life by abortion under the mantle of law unavoidably undermines respect for life in all other contexts.” For more information go to [www.9daysforlife.org](http://www.9daysforlife.org).

4. March for Life, January 19, 2018, Washington, D.C.

Is your parish, school or organization organizing a trip to the March for Life on January 19, 2018 in Washington D.C.? If so, please contact Dave Schmidt at 330-744-8451, ext.272 or [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org) if you have not already done so.

Are you or a member of your parish, school or organization interested in attending the March for Life on January 19, 2018 in Washington D.C. but unsure how you will be getting there? Again, please contact Dave Schmidt at [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org) or 330-744-8451, ext.272.

5. Divorce Ministry Programs Being Scheduled

The Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life is in the process of scheduling Divorce Ministry groups at various locations in the diocese. Would your parish consider hosting such a group? Do you know parishioners who might be proficient at facilitating such a group? For more information contact 330-744-8451 ext. 272 or [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org).

6. 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](http://www.doy.org) and scroll down to the bottom of the home page.

7. World Marriage Day

Sunday, February 1, 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/>.

8. 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](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org).

9. Intercessions for Life and Pro-Life Bulletin Briefs

Recommended intercessions and bulletin briefs for January 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](http://www.doy.org).

10. 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, 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.

## 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](http://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](http://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.  
 For reservations: 330 758 – 0811  
<http://www.firstfridayclubofgreateryoungstown.org>

Thursday, January 4, 2018  
 Sister Regina Rogers OSU  
 Ursuline High School  
 With a Student Panel from Area  
 Catholic High Schools  
 “Catholic Education: Past, Present  
 and Future”

## 4. New Books at the Diocesan Library:

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

Hanging Onto Hope: Reflections and Prayers for Finding “Good” in an Imperfect World. Svoboda, Melannie. Twenty Third Publications, 2017. A flower growing through a crack in the sidewalk...two small sparrows perched on a roof...seed catalogs in February... Our world is yearning for signs of hope, and with images like these, Melannie Svoboda helps us open our hearts to hope, even in the darkest of times.

Here, she explores the relationships between hope and faith, love, courage, prayer, pain, and sorrow. She also offers short prayers and questions for personal reflection or group sharing. This beautiful, touching book is perfect for prayerful meditation.

Overplayed: A Parent’s Guide to Sanity in the World of Youth Sports. David King and Margot Starbuck. Herald Press, 2016. Should I sign up our seven-year-old son for the travel team? What should we do about our daughter's Sunday morning games? Am I the only one longing for a sane balance between children's sports, family time, and church commitments? King, athletic director at a Christian university, and Starbuck, an award-winning author and speaker, investigate seven myths about what's best for young athletes. Discover with them what it means to not be conformed to the patterns of the youth sports world. Listen in as they talk to other parents, pastors, and coaches about the peril and promise of children's sports.

Rediscovering the Art of Dying: How Jesus' Experience and our Stories Reveal a New Vision of Compassionate Care. Kenny, Nuala. Twenty Third Publications, 2017. Drawing on the passion of Christ, Sr. Nuala Kenny reflects on the inevitable questions we all face regarding health, illness, suffering, and dying. She provides a profound spiritual and biblical reflection by linking Jesus’ own experience of suffering and death with real-life stories about patients in today’s world. This book is for anyone undergoing or reflecting on illness, suffering, and dying. It is also for families, friends, and caregivers who accompany the sick, dependent, and dying. It is sure to guide attitudes, practical decisions, and actions that are central concerns in serious illness and dying, while clearing up misunderstandings that often accompany periods of stress.

Tied in Knots: Finding Peace in Today’s World. Willits, Greg. Our Sunday Visitor, 2017. From snarls in the workplace to hitches on the home front, most of us find ourselves shaking our heads thinking: Is there any way to untangle this mess I call life?



Greg Willits, Catholic author, husband, and father, has experienced his share of knots, and he's here to assure you that there's no tangle you can't undo — provided you have the right tools. Greg becomes your friend and companion in this endeavor, sharing his own experiences and those of others, as well as Scripture and Catholic teaching, walking alongside you as you begin to untie the knots in your life.

## OFFICE OF WORSHIP

### 1. Rite of Election

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. Materials have been mailed to all RCIA Team Chairpersons. The deadline to submit names of Catechumens and Candidates for inclusion in the Rite of Election book is **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018**. If at all possible, please submit names before the deadline.

### 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. More information and publicity materials will be mailed soon.

### 3. 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.*

### 4. 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. Youth Ministers Epiphany Party 2018: Friday, January 5

Adults who serve in youth ministries are invited to gather with peers from around the diocese of an evening of fun, food, and fellowship at Cindee's house on Friday, January 5, 6 – 9 p.m.. White Elephant Gift Exchange is optional, but a lot of fun (who knows what treasure you may get in return?!?!?!)

RSVP to <ccase@youngstowndiocese.org> with your name (and spouse/fiancé/significant other name) and what snack or dessert you would like to share, and you will receive the address and directions in response. Or, you can complete the online Reservation Form at: <https://youngstownoyyam.weebly.com/youth-ministers-gatherings.html>

### 2. Eagle of the Cross Nomination now being accepted!

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 Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>). January is the perfect time, however, to complete and return nominations!

### 3. Parish Youth Ministry Report Forms 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. CMD National Workshop: **Accompanying Youth on their Journey of Faith and Vocation** on Thursday, March 1, 2018

<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>
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**CAFÉ AUGUSTINE**

There are great things happening at Café Augustine!! We continue to give hope to our young individuals, assisting them in learning basic life skills and giving them real world work experience. The Café currently has two great promotions being offered. Fliers are attached for both of them. In addition, we are excited to announce that in the near future, we will be offering “The Luncheonette” at the East Side Library. This will include value meals for 99¢. Customers will have the opportunity to ‘Grab ’n Go’ with their food selections. Watch future Communiqués for more information.

*“Your purchase makes a difference in the lives of our students! Please join us in our Outreach Ministry!”*  
–Fr. Edward Brienz

<b>IN MEMORIAM</b>
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	<u>January</u>
<i>Rev. Thomas C. McNally</i>	1/00
<i>Rev. Joseph A. Malik</i>	2/96
<i>Rev. Werner E. Hackert</i>	4/62
<i>Rev. Joseph A. Feicht</i>	4/65
<i>Rev. Edward D. Novotny, CPPS</i>	4/71
<i>Deacon Thomas Rohr</i>	4/10
<i>Rev. Richard Maro</i>	5/92
<i>Deacon Michael Roberts Jr.</i>	5/17
<i>Rev. Patrick Mahar, OP</i>	6/52
<i>Rev. Daniel Crowley, OP</i>	6/97
<i>Rev. Msgr. Breen Malone</i>	8/86
<i>Rev. William E. Degan</i>	9/61
<i>Rev. John Sargent</i>	9/05
<i>Rev. Joseph Gallagher</i>	10/46
<i>Rev. John J. Murphy, OP</i>	10/59
<i>Rev. Francis J. Bogacz</i>	12/78
<i>Rev. Sergius Kafka, OFM</i>	12/82
<i>Deacon Enrique Santiago</i>	12/16
<i>Rev. Gottlieb J. Pawlewicz</i>	13/65
<i>Rev. Warren Braun</i>	14/97
<i>Rev. Herbert J. Cook</i>	15/66
<i>Rev. Msgr. William P. Maxwell</i>	15/85
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Davidson</i>	16/52
<i>Rev. William O'Neil</i>	16/97
<i>Rev. John Sudock</i>	17/65
<i>Rev. Paul A. Bagley, OP</i>	18/62
<i>Rev. Paul J. Buchholz</i>	18/64
<i>Rev. John Andrecic</i>	21/96
<i>Rev. Aloysius C. Sutter</i>	22/65
<i>Rev. Henry J. Cibulka</i>	22/74
<i>Rev. John S. Bialek</i>	23/57
<i>Rev. John P. Gallagher</i>	23/74
<i>Rev. Ignatious Staniszewski, SSP</i>	24/15
<i>Deacon Stephen Pytlik</i>	25/95
<i>Rev. Leo A. Dempsey</i>	26/60
<i>Rev. George J. Rourke, OP</i>	27/65
<i>Rev. John Gardner</i>	29/81
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Stephen Kocis</i>	30/52
<i>Rev. Herbert Maximillian, CPPS</i>	30/67
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. William S. Nash</i>	31/65