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## CHANCERY OFFICE

### 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. Webcheck locations can be found at [www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov).

### 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, email [rsciubba@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:rsciubba@youngstowndiocese.org).

### 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:

**“75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spotlight Edition”** with Fr. Jim Korda – 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Mondays

Fr. Bill Loveless on September 3  
 Wally Dunne on September 10  
 Rick Krivanka on September 17  
 Fr. Bob Bonnot on September 24

**“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: September 2: Dr. Pete Schafer will speak on Evangelization; September 9: Dave Schmidt on Marriage and Family Life; September 16: Adrienne Curry from the Social Action Department; September 23: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Stephen Carattini, Director of Social Concerns for the diocese; and, September 30: Cindee Case will talk about Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

Ron Puhalla, from Holy Family Church in Poland, will tell us about the Saints celebrated this month: September 2: St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta; September 9: St. John Chrysostom; September 16: St. Januarius; September 23: St. Vincent de Paul; and, September 30: St. Terese of the Child Jesus.

The Interview Segment will include: September 2: Fr. Jim Korda interviews Sr. Jerome Corcoran, OSU, in Part One from the television series “75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of Spotlight;” September 9: Part Two; September 16: Part Three; September 23: Fr. Jim Korda interviews Sr. Joyce Candidi, OSHJ, in Part One from the television series “75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of Spotlight;” and, September 30: Part Two.

This month’s Music Segment is from the CD “Sing Your Praise” by the Daughters of St. Paul.

Fr. Larry Frient, Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Church in New Middletown, will give his reflections on the Sunday Scripture Readings: September 2: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time; September 9: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; September 16: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; September 23: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; and, September 30: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

3. Living Bread Radio broadcasts the series “Scripture 101” on Saturday’s at 12:30 p.m. and Sunday’s at 9:30 p.m. WILB broadcasts on AM 1060 in Canton, FM 94.5 in Canton, FM 89.5 in Boardman/Youngstown.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. For an ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel Schedule for fall 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.

7. Like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/CTNYoungstown](http://www.facebook.com/CTNYoungstown).
8. To purchase a DVD copy of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Diocese of Youngstown, including: The History of the Diocese of Youngstown, St. Columba Cathedral Video and Anniversary Minutes. The total price of each DVD is \$10.00. Please contact CTNY at 330-533-2243.

## 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. The Spirit of Giving with Men Who Cook – Stark County

Join Catholic Charities Serving Portage and Stark Counties for an evening of festivities, food, and fun on Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 6:00-9:00 PM at Walsh University.

Come taste the culinary creations of many local “celebrity” chefs! Vote for your favorite dish and help your favorite chef win the coveted People’s Choice Award!

The evening will include a LIVE AUCTION, CASH BAR, 50/50 RAFFLE, & BASKET RAFFLES!

To make reservations or for more information, call (330) 491-0896. Your participation in this event helps to support Catholic Charities’ Stark County programming, including Emergency Assistance, First Step for Family Support, and Adult Day Services.

## 2. Coloring Contest

All entries for the semi-annual Catholic Charities Respect Life Coloring Contest are due by Friday, November 2, 2018. Entries must be signed by a parent or guardian in order to qualify for the random prize drawing. Mail completed entries to Catholic Charities, Attn.: Respect Life Coloring Contest, 144 West Wood St., Youngstown, OH 44503.

The coloring page will be posted to the website soon and is attached to this issue of *the Communique*. For more information contact Nikole Kelley at 330-744-8451, ext. 323. Contest is open to children of all ages.

## 3. Sip & Shop Event – Save the Date

Please join us Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m. at St. Michael Family Life Center, 340 N. Broad St., Canfield, OH.

Create your own hot beverage at our gourmet coffee bar or enjoy a warm bowl of soup and jumpstart your Christmas shopping — all while supporting Catholic Charities and local artisans and vendors.

Some items available for purchase include bath and body products, Christmas cookies, holiday decorations, Fair Trade goods, fresh baked goods, and handmade bracelets. We hope to see you there!

If you are interested in becoming a vendor, sponsor or would like more information, contact Nikole Kelley at 330-744-8451, ext. 323 or email [nkelley@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:nkelley@youngstowndiocese.org).

## **ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL**

### 1. 2018 Appeal Information

As of August 15, 2018 we have received commitments totaling \$3,905,006 (97.62%) towards our \$4 million dollar goal. These gifts came from 17,040 households. To date, we have received \$3,411,815 cash towards our annual goal.

- ❖ We would also like to recognize and welcome the 1,084 brand new supporters who have joined in our mission to serve those in need!

To see your individual parish results please visit [www.ccdoy.org](http://www.ccdoy.org); scroll down to the Bishop's Appeal Logo; click "Learn More" and then scroll down again to find Parish Resources to view the **Parish Progress Summary Report**. This report is updated on a regular basis. Daily updates can also be viewed by accessing your Raiser's Edge account.

## 2. Software Updates/Other

- All parishes are required to use Raiser’s Edge to update their parishioner registration records on a regular basis for the Bishop’s Appeal. Your cooperation is critical to the success of the Appeal. If you need more information on how to do so or if you are not able to do so, please contact Jennifer Lucarelli at 330-744-8451, ext. 316 or [jlucarelli@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:jlucarelli@youngstowndiocese.org).
- The number of registered households we have on file can also be found by viewing your **Parish Progress Summary Report**. If this number does not reconcile with your parish records, please let us know so we can get everything up to date before the next Appeal season begins.
- Please remember to check your [Parish###@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:Parish###@youngstowndiocese.org) email address for Appeal updates throughout the year. All Diocesan and Bishop’s Appeal updates go through this email address system.
  - 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. To do this, please contact Matt Pecchia, ext. 268.

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

## OFFICE OF SOCIAL ACTION

### 1. Building a Culture of Life Ending the Death Penalty: Respect Life Month

Beginning on Respect Life Sunday, the first Sunday in October, our nation’s Catholics will be called to renew their personal commitment to defend ALL human life. Pope Francis recently announced a change in the Catechism, opposing the death penalty “No matter how serious the crime.”

Catholic teaching on the death penalty begins with the recognition that the dignity of the human person applies to everyone. It affirms our commitment to comfort and support victims and their families, to protect society while acknowledging the God-given dignity of every human life, even those who do great harm.

Respect for truly innocent human life can be enhanced by respecting the essential worth of people convicted of capital crimes. Every refusal to kill affirms the dignity of all human life. Please find in the attachments more information on the death penalty designed to assist your parish, school, or community considers the sanctity of all life with regards to the issue of the death penalty. In the words of our bishops, “We seek to help build a culture of life in which our nation will no longer try to teach that killing is wrong by killing those who kill. This cycle of violence diminishes all of us.”

For more information please visit: [www.catholicmobilizing.org](http://www.catholicmobilizing.org).

## 2. Save the Dates

Lit Youngstown Fall Literary Festival Presents Lesley Nneka Arimah, Friday, September 21, 7 pm at St. John Episcopal Church, 323 Wick Avenue.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, Monday, September 17, 2018, 5 pm at St. Dominic Church, 77 E. Lucious, Youngstown.

Laudato Si Conference (Saturday, September 29, 2018)

John Carroll University 9 am to 5 pm, hosted by the Diocese of Cleveland. The cost is \$25. CEU's will be available.

Eighth Annual Nonviolence Parade and Rally Sunday, October 7, 2018 3 pm

Sponsored by: Ohio Nonviolence Week Committee, Mahoning Valley Sojourn to the Past, Youngstown Area Jewish Federation, City of Youngstown, Youngstown City Schools, YSU Office of Student Diversity Programs, YSU Department of Africana Studies, CIRV. For more information contact Penny Wells, 330/788-0545, [pennywells@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pennywells@sbcglobal.net).

15<sup>th</sup> National Black Catholic Men's Conference: "Know Yourself to Share Yourself"

(October 18-21, 2018) The Westin Richmond, 6631 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23230 Register at [www.bowmanfrancisministry.com](http://www.bowmanfrancisministry.com).

Second National Prison Ministry Conference (October 12-13, 2018) "Bridges of Hope

Archbishop Cousins Center 3501 South Lake Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Hosted by: Dismas Ministry, Catholic Mobilizing Network, National St. Vincent DePaul

Death Penalty Event (Sunday, October 28, 2018)

St. Michael Church- Canfield, 300 N. Broad Street, 12:30 pm

## CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

#### 1. New Associate Vocation Director

Congratulations to Fr. Daniel Finnerty who has been appointed by Bishop Murry to serve as an Associate Vocation Director for our diocese. His appointment is effective immediately. Fr. Finnerty will work with Fr. Luoni and Deacon Smith to help increase our vocation presence throughout the diocese. All from the vocation team are available to come to schools, CCD programs, youth, and your parish to speak on vocations.

#### 2. Help Needed

In an effort to keep a current roster of men and women from our diocese who are studying for a religious order (inside or outside of the diocese), your help is needed. If you know of someone in this situation please email their name, order they are studying for and local contact information.

We are hopeful to start a poster similar to our seminarian poster that shows all the men and women from our diocese who are studying for a religious order. To do so, we will need a current photo of each discerner for the poster. If you have this information, please email Fr. Chris Luoni at [cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org)

### 3. Pastoral Internship Year

In the new academic year (2018-2019), four seminarians who have completed 2<sup>nd</sup> year Theology will go on pastoral internship serving at four parishes in our diocese. They are assigned to the following parishes:

- Brook Benedict    Immaculate Conception, Ravenna    Fr. William Kraynak
- Scott Brand        St. Michael's, Canton                      Fr. Don King
- Chad Johnson      St. Rose, Girard                              Msgr. John Zuraw
- Brian Smith        St. Peter/St. John Basilica, Canton      Fr. John Sheridan

### 4. Vocation Awareness Week

Vocation Awareness Week for this year will be celebrated from Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Consider now how you may celebrate this week in your community. This is a great time to teach vocations in the school and religious education setting. Go to [vocationlessons.com](http://vocationlessons.com) for lesson plans. Also, as part of a stateside day of prayer, Eucharistic Adoration will be offered at various parishes throughout the diocese on Wednesday, November 8. Look for the flier that shows places and times. Resources will be sent to the priests as each parish to help celebrate the week.

### 5. Vocation Ministry

Our diocese is working with Rhonda Gruenewald, the author of *Hundredfold, A Guide to Parish Vocation Ministry*, to increase our vocation presence. We are looking to either start or increase vocation ministries in all of our parishes and schools. This can be achieved using the book *Hundredfold* as a resource to make it happen. It is a simple to use resource that provides plenty of no cost to low cost ideas that do not take too much time to implement. A copy of the book is available for all parishes and schools to begin this work. If you do not have the book already, it will be sent soon. Consider who in your community can help create this important ministry.

### 6. 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.

### 7. 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).

8. Vocation Intercessions and Bulletin Blurbs for September

Attached to the Communiqué are vocation intercessions and bulletin blurbs for the month of September. 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. Fall Bishop/Religious Leadership Meeting

The annual fall Bishop/Religious Leadership meeting has been scheduled for Monday, September 24, 2018 at the Ursuline Motherhouse from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All DCR members, Major Superiors, Councilors, or Representatives are welcome. Lunch will be served.

2. Retirement Fund for Religious

For most parishes, the annual Retirement Fund for Religious appeal is scheduled for the weekend of November 17 – 18, 2018, with the collection taken the following weekend. All religious are encouraged to speak in behalf of our retired members. If you are willing to be a presenter and have not already informed the Office of Religious, kindly contact the Office, ext. 237 as soon as possible.

3. World Day for Consecrated Life

Bishop George Murry, S.J. will celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life on Sunday, February 3, 2019, at St. Columba Cathedral at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to join the Bishop for this joint celebration of the solemn closing of the Year for Consecrated Life and the annual World Day for Consecrated Life for the Diocese of Youngstown.

4. Religious Jubilee Celebration

Please mark your calendars. Bishop George Murry, S.J. will celebrate the Jubilees of religious who have, or are currently serving in the diocese, on Saturday, March 30, 2019. More information on the location and speaker will be forthcoming.

### DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP

1. **NOW** is the time to plan a **Life & Estate Seminar**. 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.

- 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 **Mark the Date...September 27, 2018...Diocesan Stewardship Day!** Presented by the Diocesan Stewardship Commission. See flyer attached!
4. Stewardship Bulletin Inserts Attached

## ECUMENISM

### **Catholic-Lutheran Dinner Invitation for September 20, 2018**

The Lutheran-Catholic Covenant Commission invites the Clergy and Professional Lay Ecclesial Ministers of the Diocese of Youngstown and the Rostered Ministers and Lay Leaders of the NEO Synod ELCA and their spouses to a Lutheran-Catholic dinner on Thursday, September 20, 2018, at 5:00 p.m., hosted and given as a gift by Dr. Y. T. and Marilyn Chiu at their home. This is a great opportunity to meet and visit with Lutheran and Catholic ministry friends. Dress is casual.

RSVP to one of the following by September 14 only if you plan to attend:

- Reverend Joseph Witmer: [joewitmer@juno.com](mailto:joewitmer@juno.com) [jwitmer@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:jwitmer@youngstowndiocese.org)
- Pastor Mark Williams: [pastor.mark.htlc@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.mark.htlc@gmail.com)
- Tom Sauline: [tom.sauline@gmail.com](mailto:tom.sauline@gmail.com)

## PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

### **OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION**

1. Anchored in Christ Retreat – St. Joseph, Jefferson – Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

Do you have a desire to deepen your relationship with Christ, but feel anchored down by life's daily demands? As we go about our very busy lives, it is good to take some time to sit back and reflect on our relationship with Jesus and our journey of faith. Join us on for a day-long spiritual retreat, which includes inspiring talks, music, reflection time and Reconciliation. The retreat will be held on **Saturday, October 6th, from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Parish in Jefferson**. Provided is a continental breakfast and lunch, and the retreat will conclude with dinner, following the 4:30 Vigil Mass. Cost is \$30. For more information, view the flyer or [register online](#). Or contact Pete Schafer, Director of the Office of for Evangelization, 330-744-8451, ext. 275. Deadline for registration is October 1st.

2. Unplug and Recharge: Connecting with Christ Retreat – Christ the Servant, Canton – October 27<sup>th</sup>

Are you longing to get away and spend a day in prayer and reflection? The Office of Evangelization is hosting a one-day retreat, **“Unplug and Recharge: Connecting with Christ,” on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at Christ the Servant Parish in Canton.** Included with the \$30 registration is all retreat materials and meals. The retreat will offer time for prayer and reflection, Reconciliation, Mass, and inspiring talks. Registration starts at 8:30am and the retreat lasts until 7:00pm, including the vigil Mass and dinner. For more information, [download the flyer](#), [register online](#) or contact Pete Schafer, Director of the Office of Evangelization, at (330) 744-8451 ext. 275 or [pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org). Deadline for registration is October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

3. 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).

4. Parish Pastoral Council and Evangelization Team Formation - *Living as Missionary Disciples*

**The Office of Evangelization and Pastoral Planning will be offering regional workshops in the fall for Parish Pastoral Councils and Evangelization Teams.** The formation will include an overview of the USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis resource, *Living as Missionary Disciples: A Resource for Evangelization*. There will also be an opportunity to network with members of other parishes and share ideas. The date, time, and location of the gathering in each deanery will be shared with the parishes when finalized. *Living as Missionary Disciples* is [available online](#) through the USCCB website ([usccb.org](http://usccb.org)) by searching “Living as Missionary Disciples.” Printed copies are available through the Office of Evangelization and Pastoral Planning at the reduced rate of \$6.50 per copy.

5. 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 LAY MINISTRY FORMATION

### 1. Foundations in Ministry – Mondays at the Ursuline Center, Canfield

The Office of Lay Ministry Formation will once again offer The Foundations in Ministry Program this fall. Foundations in Ministry helps believers discern and live out their baptismal call of holiness, discipleship, and ministry. This program is open to anyone who is ready to go deeper in their faith journey and further discern God's will in their life. The interactive and inspirational sessions include prayer, reflections on Scripture, theological formation, and discussions, all within the context of a community of learners. Foundations in Ministry sessions begin Monday, September 24th at the Ursuline Center in Canfield and concludes Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. See the [brochure](#) or [website](#) for all session dates and more information, or contact Pete Schafer, Director of the Office of Lay Ministry Formation, at (330) 744-8451 ext. 275. [Online registration is available.](#)

### 2. Foundations in Ministry – Online/Classroom Hybrid – Tuesdays – St. Thomas Aquinas

The Foundations in Ministry Program is now available in an online/classroom hybrid format. The same program that helps believers discern and live out their baptismal call of holiness, discipleship, and ministry is now more accessible. Participants will meet on select Tuesday evenings beginning October 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas Aquinas High School and Middle School in Louisville. For a complete list of dates or to register online, [visit the website](#) or contact Pete Schafer, Director of the Office of Lay Ministry Formation, at (330) 744-8451 ext. 275. As one past participant said, "it's a wonderful opportunity to learn about your faith and church in an environment that is as excited and passionate as you are!"

### 3. Pope Francis: A contemporary witness of faith – St. John School Library, Ashtabula

Since his election to the Papacy, Pope Francis has inspired millions of people through his actions and his words. This three-week course in Ashtabula County on Thursdays, October 18, 25, and November 8 will explore Pope Francis's life and writings. Sessions will be held in the St. John School Library in Ashtabula from 6:30-8:30PM. Through learning, prayer, and discussion, the course will help participants discern more fully how God is calling them to be missionary disciples like Pope Francis. For more information [view the flyer](#), contact the Office of Lay Ministry Formation at (330) 744-8451 ext. 275, [pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org), or [visit the website](#) for [online registration](#).

### 4. Social Justice: The Church's guide to transforming the world – Ursuline Center, Canfield

Jesus taught that the greatest commandment is to love God and to love your neighbor as yourself. We are called to do this as individuals, communities, and societies. By highlighting the lives of the saints throughout the history of the Church, this course will explore the themes of Catholic Social Teaching and help participants discern how they are called to live it out in their daily lives. This five-week course will be held at the Ursuline Center in Canfield on Mondays, October 8, 15, 29 and November 12, 19 from 6:30-8:30PM. For more information, [view the flyer](#), [visit the website](#), [register online](#) or contact the Office of Lay Ministry Formation at (330) 744-8451 ext. 275 or [pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org).

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

### 1. Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life

The U.S. Bishops have issued a nationwide appeal for participation in the Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life. The Novena runs from August 3 to September 28. To participate in the Novena and Call to Prayer initiatives sign up at [www.usccb.org/pray](http://www.usccb.org/pray).

In addition to prayer and fasting, the Bishops are calling on each of us to contact our elected officials on Capitol Hill with timely and important Roe Facts over the 9 weeks of the Novena. To contact your Member of Congress and two Senators with this week's Roe Fact go to

<https://www.humanlifeaction.org/>.

Additional Novena prayer and education materials are accessible at [www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/take-action-now/call-to-prayer/legal-protection-of-human-life.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/take-action-now/call-to-prayer/legal-protection-of-human-life.cfm).

### 2. "Purified" with Jason Evert

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 6:00 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.

### 3. St. Joseph 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 facilitated by trained facilitators who have experienced divorce, and resources for home use.

DivorceCare will be offered at St. Joseph Church in Austintown for 12 consecutive Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm beginning on September 10<sup>th</sup>. You need not be a member of St. Joseph or any church to participate. The sole purpose is to assist you on your journey of healing.

Contact Jim Merhaut at [jim@coachingtoconnect.com](mailto:jim@coachingtoconnect.com) to reserve your spot, or visit the St. Joseph website, <http://stjosephaustintown.org/divorcecare/>, for more information and to register online. You may also call 330-792-1919. Meetings will be held in the Blue Room in the former St. Joseph School building. There is no fee for participation.

4. Presentations on ‘*Humanae Vitae*’ to be Offered at Walsh University

As the Church marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pope Paul VI’s encyclical letter *Humanae Vitae* the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life and Walsh University’s Lifelong Learning Academy are offering the following presentations on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 in the Barrette Business and Community Center at Walsh University:

\* September 12, 2018 – Dr. Donald Wallenfang – “Love Mystical and Mundane: *Humanae Vitae* into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”. Pope Paul VI’s 1968 encyclical on the discernment of fertility in marriage, *Humanae Vitae*, is one of the most unexplored and misunderstood teachings of the Church today. This talk will reveal (1) the cultural context in which the teaching was delivered, (2) the central points of the teaching itself, (3) the series of events leading up to the present form of the document, and (4) the continuity between this teaching and those of more recent popes, including Pope Francis’s *Amoris Laetitia*. We will consider how *Humanae Vitae* is relevant for our 21<sup>st</sup>-century context and how it is related directly to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

\* September 26, 2018 – Dr. Christopher Stroud, MD (Fertility & Midwifery Care Center, Ft. Wayne, IN) – “Pro-life and Pro-contraception: Is there a contradiction?” In an effort to answer that question we will conduct a critical look at several artificial contraceptives and their method of action as described in their FDA approved package inserts. In the process, participants will become experts on both the hormonal regulation of the menstrual cycle as well as the most common forms of artificial contraception.

For more information contact [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org) or 330-744-8451 ext. 272.

5. Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend

One in four women has personally been affected by abortion. There will be a Rachel’s Vineyard post-abortion healing retreat weekend on September 14-16, 2018 in Columbus, OH. This confidential retreat is a small group of others who can say “me too”. The retreat begins Friday afternoon at 3:00 pm and concludes on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm. Each woman has her own room and all meals are included. The retreat includes a time of spiritual connection and personal reflection in a lovely retreat setting. For more information call or text Carolyn at 614-721-2100 or email [CarolynK@PDHC.org](mailto:CarolynK@PDHC.org). For a local connection to this retreat and possible transportation to Columbus contact Christy at 330-206-6250 or [catb@neo.rr.com](mailto:catb@neo.rr.com).

6. Finding Peace Together Support Group

Finding Peace Together is a safe confidential support group with other on the journey of healing after an abortion experience. For details, in confidence call: Samantha Rinehart MA, LPC at 330-257-9445 or Christy Ballor MS Ed at 330-206-6250.



7. Marriage Preparation Engaged Couple Retreat Day

The next diocesan-sponsored one-day marriage preparation retreat days for engaged couples will be held Saturdays, September 15 & November 10 at St. Columba Cathedral Hall, Youngstown. Reservations are required. To view the entire schedule, visit [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org) and click on the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life tab under “Ministries.”

8. Ninth Annual Faith & Family Festival: September 23

A day of fun and fulfillment for families, students and friends will be held on Sunday, September 23, 2018, on the West Quad of the campus of Walsh University at 2020 E. Maple St., North Canton. This free event will begin at 11:00 a.m. with Mass, planned with Bishop Murry, and will feature local and nationally-known musical acts, including, polka artist Matt Schafer, Puerto Rican ensemble Conjunto Riquena, Gospel singer Felicia Landry and Christian rock bands Remedy Drive and Stars Go Dim (featured on radio stations such as 95.5 The FISH and K-Love). In addition, there will be activities for kids and young people, prayer tent, various vendors and exhibitors, confessions and affordable food by Café Augustine. A Cake Baking Contest & Sale will highlight the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Youngstown. For more information go to [www.faithfamilyfest.org](http://www.faithfamilyfest.org) or call 330-744-8451 ext. 272.

9. Cake Baking Contest & Sale at the Faith & Family Festival on September 23

To highlight the 75th Anniversary of the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown, the Faith & Family Festival is hosting a Cake Baking Contest & Sale on Sunday, September 23. The goal is to have 75 cakes to celebrate 75 years of the diocese with the theme “With Pride in the past and Faith in the future.” Individuals or groups are welcome to submit entries either in the Youth/Student Category (up to age 22) or Adult Category (over age 22). Prizes will be awarded for Best Decorated Cake, Most Creative Use of Theme, or People’s Choice. Sponsored by Skyland Pines Banquet Center and Papa Bears/Pizza Oven Restaurants. Entry forms must be submitted by September 14 and may be obtained at [www.faithfamilyfest.org](http://www.faithfamilyfest.org) or by contacting 330-744-8451 ext. 272 or [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org).

10. Vendor & Exhibitor Opportunities at the Faith & Family Festival

The ninth annual Faith and Family Festival of the Diocese of Youngstown will take place on Sunday, September 23, 2018 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm on the Walsh University campus in North Canton. This year’s event will highlight the 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Youngstown and will feature local and nationally-known musical artists throughout the day. The day is designed to be one of faith, fun, and fellowship for families, students, and all members of the community.

Vendor and exhibitor opportunities are available at very affordable rates. Limited number of spaces available. If you would like more information about how you or your organization can participate in this year’s Faith and Family Festival, please contact the vendor area coordinator, Kevin Krabill at [kevinkrabill@gmail.com](mailto:kevinkrabill@gmail.com) or 330-428-3333.

11. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Run for Life

Men & Women United For Life will be holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Run for Life – 5k Fun Run and 1 Mile Walk – on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at Canfield Fairgrounds, 7265 Columbiana-Canfield Rd., Canfield. Proceeds underwrite the programs offered by Men & Women United for Life.

## 12. October Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries may attend a Wedding Anniversary Celebration at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist Church in Canton on Sunday, October 21, at 2:00 p.m. The celebration includes Mass with Bishop Murry, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Registration information was sent to parishes in August.

## 13. Save the Date – Death Penalty Program

The Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life and the Office of Social Action are planning a program to address the Death Penalty on Sunday, October 28, 2018 12:30 p.m. at St. Michael Parish Hall, Canfield (300 N. Broad St.). Watch for more details.

14. Love, Sexuality, Family & Culture: 50 Years Since *Humanae Vitae*

What: A Mini-Conference on the Church’s teaching regarding Love, Sexuality and Family  
 When: Sunday, November 11, 2018 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm  
 Where: Saint Christines Parish Center, 3125 S Schenley Ave, Youngstown, OH  
 Keynote: Love Mystical and Mundane: *Humanae Vitae* in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
 Break-Out Sessions and other details being planned.

This is a reprise of the mini-conference held in April in Portage County.

For more information or to register contact [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org) or 330-744-8451 ext. 272 or go to [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org).

## 15. Project Rachel Outreach – September Message for Bulletin/Newsletter: (Grandparents’ Day)

“My daughter had an abortion...I don’t know what to do.” 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).

## 16. Intercessions for Life and Pro-Life Bulletin Briefs

Recommended intercessions and bulletin briefs for September 2018, prepared by the U.S. 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).



## **OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### 1. Annual Day of Prayer and Preparation: Tuesday August 28

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and The Office of Religious Education co-sponsor the Annual Day of Prayer and Preparation for the new Ministry Year for those engaged in catechetical and other pastoral ministry leadership.

Tuesday August 28, 2018  
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
St. Jude Parish, Columbiana

Invitations have been mailed. Please make reservations by mail, or email, or phone ASAP.

### 2. Catechetical Sunday

Parishes will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on Sunday, September 16, 2018 to express gratitude for all those designated by the Pastor and Catechetical Leader for their Ministry of the Word, in passing on the faith to other adults, youth, and children. The Diocese of Youngstown will use the theme: “With Pride in the Past and Faith in the Future: Celebrating 75 years.” Please use the bulletin announcements included in this issue of Communique!

### 3. Orientation for New Parish Ministers

Persons new or newer to Parish Ministry in Pastoral Ministry, Youth Ministry and Religious Education are invited to the first installment of Orientation 101 on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at the Diocesan Conference Room. Sponsored by the Office of Religious Education and the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Orientation introduces new ministers to diocesan guidelines, policies and procedures, and networking opportunities. Pastors submitting names of new persons have received notice of these quarterly Orientation sessions. Please contact Cindee Case or Barbara Walko for additional information.

### 4. Confirmation Retreats 2018-2019

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and The Office of Religious Education in collaboration with the 75th Anniversary Committee have developed a facilitator packet for Confirmation Retreats to be implemented in all parishes for Ministry Year 2018-2019, and beyond. The Retreat materials were distributed with a walk through at sessions held for confirmation contacts on June 5 and 6, 2018. Persons responsible for Confirmation preparation and unable to participate at one of these sessions are encouraged to contact Cindee Case or Barbara Walko. One complete Retreat guide has been prepared for each parish.

### 5. New Books 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>

33 Mass Lessons and Activities for Children. Mathson, Patricia. Twenty Third Publications, 2018. This practical book is a treasure trove of easy, meaningful, and enjoyable ways to introduce children to each part of the Mass and show them how the Mass connects with daily life. Activities for the classroom are supplemented with a family take-home page, with special recommendations for families with children preparing for First Eucharist. Ideal for religious education programs, Catholic schools, family faith formation programs, and more.

Building Faith Brick by Brick: An Imaginative Way to Explore the Bible with Children. Given, Emily Slichter. Morehouse Education, 2014. Building Faith Brick by Brick offers a culturally relevant, hands-on way to explore faith stories with a broad range of ages. It grew out of one congregation's realization that there was a large group of first-grade boys who needed to engage in a new way of interacting with the biblical story. Knowing how much Lego® bricks continue to be popular with children, the author dug deep into the well of creativity and an enormous bin of little plastic building bricks to meld together a new way of teaching the stories of God. This book offers the methodology as well as thirty Old Testament and twenty-four New Testament stories with lesson plans.

Different Gifts, Same Spirit: Creating an Inclusive Learning Community. Bowman, Peg. Loyola Press, 2018. Different Gifts, Same Spirit contains everything program directors, catechists, and parents need to teach children to practice inclusion in their classrooms as well as in their homes and communities. This 30 page resource includes full-color catechist pages and black & white reproducible student pages.

A Pastor's Toolbox 2: More Management Skills for Parish Leadership. Holmes, Paul A. Leadership Roundtable, 2017. This follow-up volume provides all new information, insights, and practical tools that pastors need to handle the complexities of parish management in the twenty-first century. Sixteen contributors from across the country deliver key content that focuses on promoting excellence and best practices in the areas of management, finances, communications, and human resources development. A Pastor's Toolbox 2 provides: leadership tools for the pastor and his team; help for working with the parish's pastoral and finance councils; intercultural competence and complex pastoring situations; suggestions for time management and effective meetings; human resources, change management, and canon law; tools for parish stewardship, communications, and Catholic schools.

The Vocation of the Catechist: Inspiration and Professional Growth. Twenty Third Publications, 2017. From learning what a catechist is expected to do, through how to keep students engaged and enthusiastic, from deepening one's own faith to imparting a sense of mission to those you teach, there is a wealth of information here that every catechist will find invaluable. There is also a handy glossary of useful terms.

## 6. Lay Ecclesial Ministry

Persons seeking employment opportunities and information regarding qualifications to serve as Parish Directors and Coordinators of Religious Education, and Pastoral Ministry are encouraged to contact Barbara Walko, Office of Religious Education, to learn areas of preparation, qualifications, and positions available.

## 7. New Parish Ministers

Pastors seeking new or additional staff persons in the area of catechesis and other pastoral ministries are encouraged to contact Barbara Walko for assistance in creation of position description, interviewing suitable applicants, and compensation recommendations.

## 8. Religious Education Certification for Catechists and Teachers

Printed Brochures listing new courses available for Ministry Year 2018-2019 have been sent to all Parishes and Catholic Schools. The listing of the Religious Education Certification Opportunities for Catechists and Teachers is also available at Catechist Cafe. Core courses, general courses, parish-sponsored, college/university - hosted, and other regional organizations are included in the list of online and onsite sessions. Visit [catechistcafe.weebly.com](http://catechistcafe.weebly.com), hover on "For Catechists" for "Catechist Courses."

## 9. Online Learning

These online learning centers have late summer/early fall offerings. Contact the Office of Religious Education for information about catechist certification hours for these and other courses, webinars, and other online catechist formation opportunities. Visit Catechist Cafe/For Catechists/Catechist Courses for connections to these learning centers:

- STM Crossroads (Boston College School of Theology and Ministry) has registration open now for September courses.
  - The Best of James Martin, S.J. in "America" (3 weeks begins September 5)
  - Catholic Social Teaching: Living Faith in Our Social Context (5 weeks, begins September 19)
  - The Liturgy Committee (4 weeks, begins September 19)
  - Spirituality Matters (5 weeks, begins September 26)
  - The Old Testament Narrative (5 weeks, begins September 26)
- VLCFF (Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation) from the University of Dayton has registration open September 5 and closing October 17 for courses beginning October 21.
- The University of Notre Dame Satellite Theological Program (STEP) has courses which will begin on October 1.
- Vibrant Faith Institute has programs beginning now:
  - Foundations (Begins September)
  - Family Faith Formation (Begins September 12)
  - Adult Faith Formation (Begins October 10)
  - Intergenerational Faith Formation (Begins October 11)
  - Children & Adolescent Faith Formation (Begins November 14)

## 10. Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown  
 The Georgetown  
 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
<http://www.firstfridayclubofgreateryoungstown.org>  
 For reservations: 330 758 – 0811

Thursday, September 6, 2018  
 Reverend Bob Bonnot, Pastor Emertius  
 Christ Our Savior Parish  
 “What Kind of Priest was Jesus? What  
 Kind of Priest are We?”

**OFFICE OF WORSHIP**

## 1. Liturgical Resources for 2019

The Worship Office is offering the following 2019 Liturgical Resources for purchase:

- 2019 Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons and Weekdays -- \$11.00 any quantity
- 2019 Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Readers -- \$10.00 any quantity
- At Home with the Word -- \$8.00 any quantity
- 2019 Daily Prayer -- \$9.00 any quantity
- 2019 Liturgical Calendars -- \$7.00 poster size
- 2019 Visiting the Sick and Homebound -- \$7.00 any quantity.

These resources have been discounted in price. Order forms have been sent to all parishes and are **due by September 1, 2018**. Additional order forms are available by calling the Office of Worship.  
*Note: Prices include shipping and delivery!*

## 2. Leader of Prayer Formation Series

A new Lay Leader of Prayer Formation Series will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. -- 9:00 p.m. beginning September 19 – November 14, 2018 at Our Lady of the Lake Parish – Saint James, North Jackson. Lay Leaders of Prayer are a great assistance when a priest is not available for Liturgy of the Word, Morning and Evening Prayer, Vigil Services for deceased members of the parish, and Stations of the Cross. Registration forms need to be returned as soon as possible and potential participants must receive their pastor’s endorsement. **The deadline to register is September 1, 2018.**

## 3. Celebration of Confirmation for Adults

Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults on Sunday, November 18, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in Saint Columba Cathedral. This is a special opportunity for parishioners age 18 or older who have not received the sacrament to join with other adults of the diocese. Information and registration/eligibility forms will be mailed in September to all parishes. Candidates are to be prepared in their parishes for this celebration.

## 4. Liturgical Calendar Advisory

December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2018, is on Saturday this coming year. It remains a holy day of obligation even though it is on Saturday. Mass for the holy day may be scheduled on Friday night and Saturday morning. The anticipated Mass on Saturday evening is for Second Sunday of Advent and **does not** fulfill the holy day obligation. There is an obligation to participate at Mass for both the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and for the Second Sunday of Advent. Should a wedding be scheduled on December 8, 2018, the ritual Mass for Matrimony may not be used. The Mass prayers and readings of the day must be used without change.

## 5. Pueri Cantores Choral Festival and Mass for Youth Choirs

Our Diocese will be participating in the 2019 American Federation Pueri Cantores Choral Festival and Mass on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Saint Paul Cathedral in Pittsburgh. This Choral Festival is for Youth Choir members in grades 4-12 and will be serve as our annual Youth Choir Festival in 2019. Parishes with Youth Choirs are encouraged to attend. More information regarding transportation details, registration information, festival repertoire and downloadable music will be forthcoming.

## 6. 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, March 20, 2019. All parishes are asked to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation **either** individually from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. **or** by scheduling your Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service with neighboring parishes on this day. This event will coincide with a similar evening for the Cleveland diocese.

## 7. Rite of Election and the Easter Vigil

Bishop George V. Murry, S.J. will celebrate the Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Call to Continued Conversion of Candidates on the First Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2019 at Saint Columba Cathedral at 1:30 p.m. and at Saint Joseph Church, Canton at 6:00 p.m.

The Easter Vigil in 2019 will be on Saturday, April 20, 2019. 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 April 20, 2019 will be at **8:08 p.m.** and the end of civil twilight will be at **8:36p.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.*

## 8. Low Gluten Hosts

It is important for pastors to make every effort to accommodate and normalize the experience of Holy Communion for the faithful, including those suffering from celiac disease. Canon 912 states, “any baptized person not prohibited by law can and must be admitted to Holy Communion.” In the United States there are four approved distributors of low-gluten hosts known to the USCCB - Secretariat of Divine Worship:

Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration  
31970 State Highway P  
Clyde, MO 64432-8100  
800-223-2772  
[www.BenedictineSisters.org](http://www.BenedictineSisters.org)  
*Gluten Content: 0.01%*

Parish Crossroads  
P.O. Box 84  
Zionsville, IN 46077-0084  
800-510-8842  
[www.ParishCrossroads.com](http://www.ParishCrossroads.com)  
*Gluten Content: 0.016%*

GlutenFreeHosts.com Inc.  
100 Buckley Road  
Liverpool, NY 13088  
800-668-7324  
[www.GlutenFreeHosts.com](http://www.GlutenFreeHosts.com)  
*Gluten Content: 0.002%*

Cavanagh Company  
610 Putnam Pike  
Greenville, RI 02828  
800-635-0568  
[www.CavanaghCo.com](http://www.CavanaghCo.com)  
*Gluten Content: 0.00042%*

Low-gluten hosts can be ordered from the above distributors at a nominal cost. Please consult the USCCB website regarding guidelines and directives to avoid cross-contamination when using low-gluten hosts.

## 9. Liturgical Directory

The Liturgical Directory contains valuable information about Liturgy Committees; liturgical minister formation guidelines; guidelines for the celebration of sacraments; music in liturgical celebrations; and art and architecture directives. The directory can be accessed and downloaded from the diocesan website by clicking on “Worship” under the “Ministries” tab.

## OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

1. Diocese of Youngstown 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Regional Youth Mass (West)

Teens of Portage and Stark Counties are invited to gather in prayer for Mass and a reception

**Sunday, September 30** for 6:30 p.m. Mass at Christ the Servant in Canton

Fliers are available at: <https://youngstownoyyam.weebly.com/recently-shared-fliers.html>

Be sure to arrive at the host Church early for seating, and plan to stay afterwards for a social. Response postcards that were mailed to Pastors, Administrators and Parish Leaders are due by September 20.

2. Cultivating a Culture of Encounter for Adolescents through Evangelization, Catechesis and the Faith Community (Youth Ministry Online Training Course #2)

October 1 – 28: 2A :Fundamentals of Evangelization and Catechesis with Adolescents  
November 5 – 25: 2B: Forming a Consequential Faith in Adolescents

This is a great Youth Ministry Online Training (YMOT) for all catechists and volunteers in middle school and high school, perhaps even for parents who wonder what they could be doing to support their teens faith development!

Still only \$40 per class which includes a book and all online materials.

The insights from fellow students really add to the articles you read and inspire ideas to use at the local level. Come be part of the conversation! This class meets the requirements for the Religious Education area of Adolescent Catechesis. Download the flier and registration form from:

<https://youngstownoyyam.weebly.com/ymot--youth-ministry-online-training.html>

3. 2018 Diocesan Youth Convention on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

As part of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, we will have Jesse Manibusan lead our diocesan youth gathering on **Sunday, November 4** at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Canton.

This day is for all high school aged teens and their Diocesan Child Protection Compliant chaperones. Cost is \$30 per person. We would like to see a delegation from EVERY parish in the diocese, so begin recruiting now, Pastors and Parish Ministers! Consider that it is only \$240 for six teens and two adults to attend as a group, which is an easy fundraiser amount or even one or two donors might offset that cost.

Registration packets should be posted by August 31, and an invitation to support the teens with a program book ad is included with the Communique' attachments this month. The deadline for ads is September 14.

4. NCCYM (National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry) in Tampa this December – Registration now open

Visit <https://www.nccym.info/> for information and registration portal for the December 5 – 8 conference for those in parish, campus and other Catholic ministries with young people in middle school, high school, college and young adult years.

General Session speakers include: Fr. Alejandro López-Cardinale, Bishop Frank Caggiano, Sr. Josephine Garrett, Julianne Stanz, Fr. João Chagas and a panel of U.S. Bishops. Early bird registration is open until August 31 at \$349. There are a variety of hotels in the housing-block. Cindee and Brooke are booked at Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel.

Pre-conferences have been posted for Young Adult Leaders, Youth Leaders, Liturgy teams, Vocations and more (prices vary): <https://www.nccym.info/preconferences/>

## 5. FREE Monthly Webinars for Youth Ministry Leaders

As a diocesan member of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM), you are all invited to participate in free monthly webinars on various topics of concern. Upcoming topics include:

Is Your Parish Ready to Grow Young?  
September 18 at 2:00 PM  
Presenter: Leisa Anslinger

A New Mission in Catholic Youth Ministry  
October 9 at 2:00 p.m.  
Presenter: Rich Curran

Find out more and register (for free) at: <http://www.nfcym.org/webinars/>

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **PRIESTS PILGRIMAGE TO ROME, ASSISI, FLORENCE FOR CANONIZATION OF POPE PAUL VI & ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO:**

The Association of U.S. Catholic Priests (AUSCP) offers priests and others interested an opportunity to witness the canonization of two saints of our time, Pope Paul VI and Oscar Romero. Enjoy a 7-day trip that includes Rome, Assisi and Florence. The trip was organized by Fr. David LaPlante of Milwaukee through Proximo Travel, an agency specializing in pilgrimages for Catholics and other people of faith. Dates are October 11-17. This pilgrimage was endorsed by the AUSCP's June Assembly in Albuquerque. The cost is \$3,399 (including airfare from anywhere in the U.S.). A brochure is available from Bob Bonnot, from AUSCP ([office@uscatholicpriests.org](mailto:office@uscatholicpriests.org)), or from [www.proximotravel.com](http://www.proximotravel.com) at 440-457-7033 here in Ohio or at 855-842-8001, asking for Trip #651.

### **OKTOBERFEST – ST. JOSEPH PARISH, JEFFERSON, OH**

Oktoberfest – September 8, 2018 at St. Joseph Parish, 32 E. Jefferson Street, Jefferson, OH 44047. Bocce tournament, Cornhole tournament, children games, entertainment and much more!! Please see flyer in the September Communique Attachments.

### **FALL FAITH FESTIVAL AT SAINT BRENDAN PARISH**

Join us at 1:30 p.m. on September 9, 2018 in Maxwell Hall for a fun family event!

We will be celebrating the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Saint Brendan Parish with games, refreshments, and a piñata! Grandparents and Veterans will be honored. All ages are welcome! For more information, contact Jeannine Frederick at 330-792-3875 or [dff@atbrendanyo.org](mailto:dff@atbrendanyo.org). (Bulletin Blurb in September Attachments)



<b>MISCELLANEOUS (continued)</b>
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**75TH ANNIVERSARY HISTORICAL PRESENTATION**

Historical Presentation of the Diocese of Youngstown in conjunction with our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The presentation will take place on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at Mother of Sorrows Church at 7:00 p.m. Presenter: Joan Lawson, consultant for Religious Education. Please see flyer in the September Communique attachments.

**75TH ANNIVERSARY HISTORICAL PRESENTATION**

“Women Religious and the Diocese of Youngstown: Gift and Challenge” in conjunction with our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The presentation will take place on Sunday, September 30, 2018 at Holy Trinity Parish at 2:00 p.m. Presenter: Sr. Regina Rogers. Please see flyer in the September Communique Attachments.

**TOLTON – FROM SLAVE TO PRIEST**

Saint Luke Production Presents Tolton From Slave to Priest, performed live by Jim Coleman on Friday, October 5, 2018 at 1:30p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. at Walsh University – Barrette Business & Community Center, 2020 East Maple Street NW, North Canton, OH 44720. Admission: Free-Will Offering. For more information contact Fr. David Misbrener at 330-325-7543. [www.stpeterofthefields.org](http://www.stpeterofthefields.org) Please see flyer in the September Communique Attachments.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN FAITH**

Family and Friends in Faith will be at 1:30 p.m. on October 14, 2018 at Saint Brendan Parish. The focus this year is the Parables of Jesus. We will have a light lunch at 1:30 p.m. From 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., we will split up into groups (Adult English, Adult Spanish, Teens and Children) to learn more about the Parables of Jesus. For more information, contact Jeannine Frederick at 330-792-3875 or [dff@atbrendanyo.org](mailto:dff@atbrendanyo.org). (Bulletin Blurb in September Attachments)

**I WILL BRING YOU HOME**

Blessed Sacrament Church, 3020 Reeves Road N.E., Warren, OH 44483 will host David Haas – I Will Bring You Home, Songs of Prayer, Stories of Faith, Concert and Book Tour on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$10 Pre-sale \$12 at the door, children 12 and under \$5. For more information please see flyer in September Communique Attachments.

**TEA WITH MARY**

Ladies of all ages are cordially invited to Tea With Mary at 1:30 p.m. on October 21, 2018, in Maxwell Hall at Saint Brendan Parish. Enjoy tea and refreshments as we talk about Mary, mother of Jesus. We also have speaker Mary Lou Beers of St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Willowick, who will share her personal story as wife, mother and caregiver. Let’s discover God’s mercy. How do we show mercy to others through our Baptismal call? Remember too that October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. For more information, contact Jeannine Frederick at 330-792-3875 or [dff@atbrendanyo.org](mailto:dff@atbrendanyo.org). (Bulletin Blurb in September Attachments)

IN MEMORIAM
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	<u>September</u>
<i>Rev. Pat Ferraro</i>	2/16
<i>Deacon Edgar Cobett</i>	3/02
<i>Rev. Casimir Grabowski</i>	4/63
<i>Rev. Christopher Lynch, OFM</i>	4/78
<i>Rev. Msgr. Leon Dobosiewicz</i>	4/13
<i>Deacon Terry Coulter</i>	4/16
<i>Rev. Bernard Vacca</i>	6/02
<i>Rev. Ferris J. Petros</i>	8/60
<i>Rev. Arthur Nist</i>	10/09
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Lavell</i>	12/65
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Vitus Franco</i>	13/61
<i>Rev. Camillus Lutkemeier</i>	13/80
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Raymond J. Steiger</i>	13/81
<i>Rev. Sebastian McKay, OSB</i>	14/43
<i>Rev. Wolfgang Frey, OSB</i>	14/83
<i>Rev. Bernard Werner, OP</i>	15/85
<i>Rev. John Carolla, SSP</i>	17/58
<i>Rev. Frederick Gordon, OP</i>	18/74
<i>Rev. Robert Bruce</i>	18/08
<i>Rev. Thomas Ring</i>	19/52
<i>Rev. Msgr. Homer Oliver</i>	19/08
<i>Deacon Thomas Cihon</i>	20/93
<i>Rev. August Coccarelli</i>	21/04
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Norman Kelly</i>	23/90
<i>Rev. Thomas F. Murphy</i>	23/05
<i>Rev. Bernard Shaffer, OP</i>	24/65
<i>Rev. William J. Kennedy</i>	24/71
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trainor</i>	25/56
<i>Rev. Joseph S. Beller</i>	25/98
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. John R. Toole</i>	26/85
<i>+MOST REV. BENEDICT C. FRANZETTA</i>	26/06
<i>Rev. John Murray</i>	27/10
<i>Rev. Paul Tobin</i>	27/15
<i>Rev. William Ring</i>	28/47
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Stephen W. Begalla</i>	29/73
<i>Deacon Eugene Basile</i>	30/99
<i>Deacon Edward Briestensky</i>	30/04