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CHANCERY OFFICE

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, December 2	3:00 p.m.	Regina Coeli, St. Joseph, Alliance, St. Ann, Sebring St. Joseph, Maximo @ Regina Coeli
Sunday, December 9	12:00 p.m.	St. Robert, Cortland

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.

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.

5. Reporting Child Abuse

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

6. For More Information

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

[CATHOLIC TELEVISION NETWORK OF YOUNGSTOWN \(CTNY\)](#)

1. CTNY, Catholic Television Network of Youngstown, has announced the Live Streaming of ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel. Watch regular scheduled programming, including all local productions from the CTNY Studios in Canfield and St. Columba Cathedral, on your mobile device, computer or iPad, by going to the **Media** menu at doy.org, and click on **ETC-TV Live Streaming**. ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel started in 1983 initially broadcasting for one hour a day, and in 1986 expanded to the nation's first 24-hour, seven-day-a-week, ecumenical cable television channel. ETC-TV serves Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania and is a collaborative effort of Christian denominations and the Jewish Community. The primary purpose is to communicate the word of God who calls, nurtures and unites us all. This collaboration maintains its ecumenical spirit and purpose, in cooperation with the Catholic Telecommunications Network of the Diocese of Youngstown (CTNY). For a copy of the ETC-TV schedule, call CTNY at 330-533-2243 or go to the **CTNY** page at doy.org. For more information, please contact Fr. James Korda, President of CTNY.

2. Local Programming on the Ecumenical Television Channel:

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

Fr. George Balasko on December 3

Sr. Jerome Corcoran, OSU (Part 1) on December 10

Sr. Jerome Corcoran, OSU (Part 2) on December 17

“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.

3. Radio Programming Wineskins

Wineskins airs every Sunday at 7:30 a.m. on WKBN 570 AM in Youngstown, WSOM 600 AM in Salem at 7:30 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: December 2: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Pat Palombo on Stewardship; December 9: Dave Schmidt talks about Marriage and Family Life; December 16: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Sr. M. Madeleine Iskandar, A.S. and Sr. Dolly Azzi, A.S. about Antonine Village; December 23: Steve Carattini speaks about Social Concerns; and, December 30: Pete Schafer talks about Evangelization.

Lou Jacquet, from St. Brendan Church in Youngstown, will tell us about the Saints celebrated this month: December 2: St. Nicholas; December 9: Our Lady of Guadalupe; December 16: St. Peter Canisius; December 23: St. Stephen; and, December 30: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

The Interview Segment will include: December 2: Fr. Jim Korda interviews Joe McKarns in Part Two from the television series “75th Anniversary Edition of Spotlight;” December 9: Part Three; December 16: Fr. Jim Korda interviews Msgr. Robert Siffrin in Part One from the television series “75th Anniversary Edition of Spotlight;” December 23: Part Two; and, December 30: Part Three.

This month’s Music Segment is from the CD “A Kellenberg Memorial Christmas” by the Kellenberg Memorial High School Choir.

Fr. Bill Loveless, pastor of St. Brendan Church in Youngstown, will give his reflections on the Sunday Scripture Readings: December 2: First Sunday of Advent; December 9: Second Sunday of Advent; December 16: Third Sunday of Advent; December 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent; and, December 30: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

4. Living Bread Radio broadcasts the series “Scripture 101” on Saturday’s at 12:30 p.m. and Sunday’s at 6:30 p.m. WILB broadcasts on AM 1060 in Canton, FM 94.5 in Canton, FM 89.5 in Boardman/Youngstown.
5. See the newest of CTNY Local Programming on the Internet by linking to doy.org and click “News and Media” bar, then click on “CTNY Gallery.” DVD copies of all local productions are available through CTNY for a nominal fee. Please contact us at CTNY at 330-533-2243.
6. The weekly *Mass for Shut-Ins* can be viewed by going to the Home Page of the diocesan website www.doy.org and clicking on Mass for Shut Ins, or to the “News and Media” bar and click on “Mass For Shut Ins.” CTNY also produces the weekly Sunday Mass for Shut Ins in Spanish which broadcasts on ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

7. For an ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel Schedule for fall/winter 2018-2019, please contact CTNY at 330-533-2243, or visit www.doy.org and go to the “News and Media” bar and click on the ETC-TV schedule.
8. Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/CTNYoungstown.

CANONICAL SERVICES

Tribunal In-Service Available

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

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

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

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES

1. Catholic Charities Celebrates the “Season of Giving”

Looking to make an end-of-year gift to an organization that provides help and creates hope for thousands of people each year? Consider Catholic Charities! We offer programs that couple direct assistance with budgeting to help families create a path to greater self-sufficiency. We help low-income expectant parents with the items they need to welcome a new baby to the world. We extend compassionate care to older adults through a variety of services that meet local needs. And we serve all people who qualify for our services—regardless of their faith—as resources allow.

Visit www.ccdoy.org to learn more about us, and to make a tax-deductible gift to help us serve your neighbors in need.

2. It's Time for Christmas Gifting

Catholic Charities' Christmas Gifting Project is a great way to support the work of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Youngstown, while giving a gift that has real meaning. All you have to do is make a donation in any dollar amount, and we will send a personalized, customized greeting card to the recipient(s) of your choice, acknowledging your gift in their honor (but not mentioning the specific dollar amount).

See the flyer included with this issue of Communique for more information, or visit our website www.ccdoy.org to make your gift online.

Hurry! All donations must be received by December 14, 2018 in order for your gift acknowledgement to be sent before Christmas.

3. First Step for Change Wrap-Up

Catholic Charities' 2018 First Step for Change campaign ended October 31. If you have not already done so, please collect all bottles from your parishioners, count the money collected, and send one check to Catholic Charities, 144 West Wood Street, Youngstown, Ohio 44503. Be sure to make your check payable to "Catholic Charities" and write "First Step for Change" in the check's memo line.

If you do not have the staff or volunteer resources to count the change collected, you may drop off your money at any Catholic Charities location in the diocese (see www.ccdoy.org for a complete list of service sites). To make other arrangements, contact Nikole Baringer at 330-744-8451, ext. 323 or nkelley@youngstowndioocese.org.

4. Poverty Awareness Month / Keep the Kids Warm to Take Place in January

January is poverty awareness month. Living in poverty means swallowing your pride when you are asked why you just don't move to a better apartment, or get your kid's teeth fixed, or a hundred other things that cost money you just don't have. It is a feeling of hopelessness; because people who have better lives are convinced you did something to deserve your poverty.

It also means getting assistance with clothing, food, shelter and other basic needs.

Heat during the winter season is one of those needs. Last year, Catholic Charities impacted 5,733 people through its utility assistance efforts across the Diocese of Youngstown. This urgent need for heat and utility assistance continues to rise.

Keep the Kids Warm helps Catholic Charities provide direct utility assistance to families with children. Catholic Charities Keep the Kids Warm campaign will take place in January along with Poverty Awareness Month. Schools participating in Poverty Awareness month activities will receive their information by December 19, 2018. Information for Keep the Kids Warm will be sent out to parishes in early January. If you have any questions, please contact Nikole Baringer at 330-744-8451, ext. 323 or nkelley@youngstowndioocese.org.

Please support the Keep the Kids Warm collection this year.

5. Harriet's Cupboard: Helping Clients Keep Warm this Winter

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 motivation when they feel hopeless.

During the month of December, Harriet's Cupboard is collecting blankets, hats, gloves, (new) socks and personal hygiene items. Items are accepted at all Catholic Charities locations. For a complete listing of Catholic Charities' service sites, visit www.ccdoy.org.

Thank you for supporting this important Catholic Charities project!

6. Catholic Charities Regional Agency to host Second Annual Taste of Trumbull

Catholic Charities Regional Agency will hold its Taste of Trumbull on Friday, January 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the JFK High School in Warren. Tickets are \$15. Vendors and Baskets for the raffle are still being sought for anyone interested in participating or donating. We are still seeking event sponsors as well. Please see the attached Sponsorship Sheet.

7. Catholic Charities Regional Agency to coordinate Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

Catholic Charities Regional Agency, in partnership with United Way of Mahoning Valley, will be coordinating the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. Volunteers are needed to assist with simple tax preparation using an online program. Training will be provided. If you are interested in volunteering between February and April, please contact Roxann Sebest at United Way at 330-746-8494, or call Catholic Charities Regional Agency at 330-744-3320 for information.

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

1. 2018 Appeal Information

As of November 15, 2018 we have received commitments totaling \$3,969,632 (99.24%) towards our \$4 million dollar goal. These gifts came from 17,354 households, which is equal to a 26.26% household participation rate.

- ❖ We would also like to recognize and welcome the 1,097 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; 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.
- 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 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. Catholic Campaign for Human Development Creating on the Margins 2019 Contest Theme: “A Time to Heal Racism”

The Creating on the Margins contest is a tool for schools and parishes to engage young people in the Gospel call of Luke 4:18 to bring good news to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. Through the contest, youth will learn about the efforts of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) to address the root causes of poverty in the United States. CCHD is the domestic anti-poverty program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. You can learn more about CCHD at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Through participation in the contest, students in grades 7-12 can explore U.S. poverty and related issues such as racial justice, affordable housing, hunger, or migration in the context of their faith. They will also learn what empowered people, who are low-income, are doing in their communities to make positive changes. Recognizing this connection with local anti-poverty efforts is vital to creating meaningful understanding of poverty and engaging youth in actions to address it. Guided by what they have learned, youth utilize their own creative skills to educate peers, family, friends and others about the root causes of poverty, racism or another important issue highlighted in this year’s theme.

The contest is designed to be used across disciplines. Entries are evaluated on two components: the creativity of the work and the essay answers submitted with the work to demonstrate an understanding of how we are called to respond as disciples of Jesus to address poverty in our communities.

The artwork can be done in any medium (for example: video, PowerPoint, short story, painting poetry, drama, song, or photography). The work must be an original and must illustrate the 2019 annual theme, “A Time to Heal Racism.” The 2019 theme was selected to coincide with the pastoral letter against racism that is anticipated from the USCCB in Fall 2018.

A national grand prize of \$500 will be awarded to a single entry, along with a \$500 matching grant to a CCHD funded group working to fight poverty, plus a trip to a national awards event for the winner. One prize *per grade level category* (7-9 and 10-12) will be awarded for national second (\$375) and third (\$250) place winners, along with matching grants.

Important: The local deadline is for entries is March 1st and can be sent to Adrienne Curry, Social Action Director, 144 West Wood Street, Youngstown, OH 44503. Contest rules can be found at: www.usccb.org/youthcontest. Contest materials are also available in Spanish at: www.usccb.org/concurso-juuvenil.

2. Catholic Social Ministry Gathering- Saturday, February 1-Tuesday, February 5 Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC

The Catholic Social Ministry Gathering is organized by the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development in collaboration with seven other USCCB departments and 15 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!

Connect with social ministry colleagues from across the United States. Share best practices, plan for emerging needs and identify areas for cooperation. Learn the broader context of Catholic social ministry. Get informed on domestic and global challenges to human life and dignity, justice and peace. Bring your experience and perspective of your diocese, organization and faith community. Pray together to renew our vision for mission. Wonderful liturgies will mark our gathering. Advocate for policies to protect and support people suffering poverty and injustice. In this defining experience of the Gathering, our meetings and prayer flows directly to Capitol Hill, where as one faith community we bring our concerns and proposals to defend and empower the most vulnerable. Continue this effort after the Gathering through district visits with members of Congress in your own community. To register, and for more information go to www.catholicsocialministrygathering.org.

3. Save the Date: Sunday, January 20, 2019 MLK Worship @ Elizabeth Baptist Church, 3:30pm.

MLK Workshop, 1st Presbyterian Church 9 am, Monday January 21, 2019

CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

1. Discernment Retreat

Men (18 and older) who would like to find out more about the calling God has for their life, are invited to attend a discernment retreat the weekend of December 14-16th. The retreat will begin on Friday evening at 6:00 pm and conclude on Sunday at noon and will be held at Villa Maria Retreat Center in Villa Maria, PA. Men will have the opportunity for prayer – personal and communal – discussions with men who are actively discerning – informational conferences and time to speak with our seminarians about their discernment. There is no cost to attend. For more information call the Vocations Office at 330-744-8451 or email Fr. Christopher Luoni at cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org. To register, go to: youngstownvocations.org

2. Bowling for Vocations

Again this year, the Vocations office will hold Bowling for Vocations On Thursday, December 27th from 11 am to 2:30 pm. All 8th through 12th graders are invited to come to Park Center Lanes in North Canton for an afternoon of bowling with our seminarians. It will be a fun day that will give our kids some entertainment and an opportunity to interact with our seminarians. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Each kid who attends is asked to bring single serve snack bag items to be donated to Matthew 22. This is a non-profit organization run by several churches in the Canton area. They take bag lunches out to the homeless to help feed and care for them. For questions or more information on this event, please email Deacon Randy Smith at rsmith@youngstowndiocese.org or contact the Vocations Office at 330-744-8451.

3. Come and See Weekends

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 last Come and See weekends for the fall semester

St. Mary Seminary – Cleveland
- November 30 – December 2

The weekend is open to men 17 to 44 years of age. Register at clepriesthood.org - go to the Discernment and Discovery tab.

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

4. Help Needed

In an effort to keep a current roster of men and women from our diocese that 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

5. Vocation Awareness Week

Thank you to all who helped promote vocations throughout the diocese during Vocation Awareness Week, which was held the first week in November. If you have suggestions on how we can celebrate this week in a more productive way, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Christopher Luoni at 330-744-8451 or by email at cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

6. Seminary Field Trips

Our diocese has an established relationship with St. Mary Seminary in Cleveland. 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. Children from 6th thru 12th grades can find out first hand what life is like in a seminary. 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 schools, CCD programs and youth ministry programs. For more information or to schedule a tour, please call the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451.

7. Pastoral Internship Year

For this academic year (2018-2019), four seminarians have completed 2nd year Theology and are on pastoral internship serving at four parishes in our diocese. They are assigned to the following parishes:

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| • 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 |

8. 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.

9. YouTube Channel – Buckeye Vocations

The Vocation Directors from the six dioceses 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.

10. 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.

11. Vocation Intercessions and Bulletin Blurbs for December

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

OFFICE OF VOWED RELIGIOUS

1. World Day for Consecrated Life

Please mark your calendars. On Sunday, February 3, 2019, Bishop George V. Murry, S.J. will celebrate the gift of religious life at St. Columba Cathedral, at the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. All religious who have or are currently living and or working in the diocese are encouraged to attend. Parishes are encouraged to send representatives of youth and adults to join in the celebration.

2. Retirement Fund for Religious

On behalf of the 31,000 retired religious nationwide, thank you to all who participated in the Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal. Special thanks to pastors who graciously conducted the Appeal in your parishes, to the Religious presenters who spoke with conviction and genuine concern, and to all who listened and generously responded to this pressing need in the Church. May God abundantly bless each of you. – The RFR Committee

3. Religious Returning or New to the Diocese

If you know of any religious sisters, brothers, or priests, who are new or returning to the diocese, and are living, working, or studying within the diocese, kindly ask them to contact this office at (330) 744-8451, ext. 238 or 237.

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 Parishes are scheduling 2019 *Increased Offertory Programs* and *Capital Campaigns* NOW! Call Pat or Luke today for information....330-744-8451 ext. 298 or 325
- 3 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.
- 4 Please remind parishioners aged 70 ½ or older about the Charitable IRA provision available to them for giving to one’s parish or favorite Catholic cause. The following bulletin insert is suggested:

Special tax-free IRA gifts

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

5. Stewardship Bulletin Inserts Attached

PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION

1. October Weekend Mass Attendance Counts

Thank you to all Pastors and parish leaders who have sent in their October 2018 Weekly Mass Attendance Count Form. If you have not done so, please submit the completed form ASAP via fax to (330) 742-6448, scan and email to pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org, or in the mail. Contact the Office of Evangelization and Pastoral Planning if you need a copy of the form. While parishes are encouraged to continue keeping counts for planning purposes, parishes will only be asked to submit the counts to the diocese every October.

2. Workshops available to be presented at parishes upon request

The Office of Evangelization and Pastoral Planning has conducted several regional workshops recently that can be adapted for individual parish groups. **“Missionary Discipleship in Parish Ministry”** helps parishioners active in ministry to understand the call to evangelization and to think of their ministry in terms of missionary discipleship. **“Preparing and Practicing My Faith Story”** helps parishioners reflect on their faith journey within the context of prayer and gives them the tools to articulate and share their faith story with others. To schedule one of these at your parish or to learn more about other workshops, please contact Pete Schafer at (330) 744-8451 ext. 275 or pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org.

3. Parish Consultation and Formation available

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

OFFICE OF LAY MINISTRY FORMATION

Collaborators needed for a retreat in the Youngstown area in 2019

The Office of Lay Ministry Formation is seeking priests and parish ministers in the greater Youngstown area who would like to work together to hold a regional retreat for adult parishioners in 2019. In the past two years, parish ministers in Ashtabula and Stark counties have worked together to provide wonderful retreat opportunities in their respective areas. It would be great to offer something in the Youngstown area next year. If you are interested, please contact Pete Schafer at (330) 744-8451 ext. 275 or pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org. We will begin planning in the New Year.

OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

1. Project Rachel Outreach – December Message for Bulletin/Newsletter:

Jesus came for all of us and knows our pain. There is Hope and Healing from abortion. For CONFIDENTIAL help contact *Project Rachel of N.E. Ohio* at 888-259-4806 or support@projrachneozohosupport.com.

2. Intercessions for Life and Pro-Life Bulletin Briefs

Recommended intercessions and bulletin briefs for December 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.

3. Two Masses for Life Scheduled this January 2019

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:

- Sunday, January 13, at Noon at St. Paul Parish, North Canton (241 S. Main St.), and
- Sunday, January 20, at 4:00 pm at St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown (154 W. Wood St.).

Each Mass for Life will include a Blessing of Children in the Womb and will be followed by a reception. All are welcome – no reservations needed. For more information contact dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451 ext.272.

4. 9 Days for Life: Prayer, Penance, Pilgrimage

On January 22 our nation marks the 46th 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 leading up to the anniversary of this tragic decision. Thousands of Catholics across the country will join together in prayer for a culture of life from Monday, January 14 to Tuesday, January 22, 2019. 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.

5. March for Life, January 18, 2019, Washington, D.C.

Is your parish, school or organization organizing a trip to the March for Life on January 18, 2019 in Washington D.C.? If so, please contact Dave Schmidt at 330-744-8451, ext.272 or 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 18 2019 in Washington D.C. but unsure how you will be getting there? Again, please contact Dave Schmidt at dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451, ext.272.

6. Marriage Preparation Engaged Couple Retreat Day

The next diocesan-sponsored one-day marriage preparation retreat days for engaged couples will be held Saturday, February 2, 2019 at St. Columba Cathedral Hall, Youngstown. Reservations are required.

To view the entire 2019 schedule, visit www.doy.org and click on the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life tab under “Ministries.”

7. 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 Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 10:30 a.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.

8. World Marriage Day

Sunday, February 10, 2019 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/>.

9. *The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide* at St. Paul Parish North Canton

The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide will be offered on Wednesday Evenings, February 20, 27, March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15 & 29 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at St. Paul Parish, 241 S. Main St., North Canton in the North Room (lower level of the Church).

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

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

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1. Gift Giving With A Conscience: The Joy of Giving!

The Office of Religious Education has an Ethical Trade Shop open for your experience of finely crafted handmade items, coffee, hot chocolate, spices, jewelry, and other items. Visit anytime the Diocese is open, and select gifts for yourself or for gifting others, that make a difference is sustaining a better quality of life for the farmers who grow and harvest, and the artisans who create. CRS SERRV, Equal Exchange, and Holy Land Handicrafts are the cooperatives from which selections are chosen. Searching for unique gifts for those on your shopping list is so much more enjoyable, and meaningful, when the purchase makes an investment in global solidarity.

2. NEW Online Bachelor's Degree in Ministry and Theology from Loyola New Orleans

Did you know that Loyola University New Orleans now offers a NEW Bachelor's Degree in Ministry and Theology totally online? The program requires two or more years of full-time work or volunteer experience for admission, allows students to transfer up to 90 credit hours of coursework from accredited colleges and universities, and requires 120 credits for completion. To learn more, visit <http://2018bulletin.loyno.edu/undergraduate/ministry-and-theology> or email Carla Hlavac, LIMEX liaison, at chlavac@youngstowndiocese.org.

3. Religious Education Certification for Catechists and Teachers

A listing of the Religious Education Certification Opportunities for Catechists and Teachers is 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, hover on “For Catechists” for “Catechist Courses.”

Registration is available at Catechist Café for these diocesan online courses for the new year:

A Survey of Catholic Spiritualities, GENERAL COURSE

10 HOURS January 13-February 24, 2019

Online instructor: Nicky Uerling.

Contact Nicky by email to register: nuerling@stmichaelcanfield.org

\$15 fee

Your Life with the Saints, GENERAL COURSE

20 HOURS January 14 - March 11, 2019

Online instructor: Carla Hlavac

Contact Carla by email to register: chlavac@youngstowndiocese.org

\$40.00 fee includes book

Elementary Catechesis, CORE COURSE

10 HOURS January 21-March 4, 2019

Online Instructor: Marcy Fessler

Contact Marcy by email to register: marcy-stpatricks@neo.rr.com

\$25.00 fee includes book

4. Online Learning Centers

These online learning centers have late fall/Advent 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 CatechistCafe/For Catechists/Catechist Courses for connections to these learning centers:

- The Boston College Crossroads online program is offering these courses that begin in January:
 - Creed: What We Believe
 - Sacraments In Catholic Life
 - At The Heart Of Parenting
 - Online Book Club: Prayer - Our Deepest Longing
- The Vibrant Faith Institute program on Family Faith Formation begins in January.
- The University of Notre Dame Satellite Theological Program has these courses beginning January 14:

Catholic Faith and Tradition for School Teachers

Christian Doctrine for Catechists II

Core Course: Introduction to the Catholic Faith
 Ecclesiology
 Faith and Science: The Catholic Approach
 High and Late Middle Ages
 Jesus Christ: Yesterday and Today
 Liturgy: A Guide for the Perplexed
 The American Catholic Experience
 The Gospel of John: The Book of Glory
 The Intercultural Church: Theological Foundations and Pastoral Practices
 The Old Testament: The Prophets
 The Papacy

- The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation from the University of Dayton has more than 40 courses beginning in January.

5. Advent and Christmas DVDs at the Diocesan 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>.

Looking for Advent and Christmas DVDs? The Diocesan Library has many videos for children including Advent with St. Nicholas, The Angels' Advent Lesson, The Christmas Bunny, The Crippled Lamb, Martin the Heavenly Tree and more! Call 330 744-8451 ext. 297 or email library@youngstowndiocese.org to borrow.

6. Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown
 Avion on the Water
 6:00 p.m. Dinner
<http://www.firstfridayclubofgreateryoungstown.org>
 For reservations: 330 758 – 0811

Wednesday, December 5, 2018
 John Allen, Editor of CRUX Senior Vatican Analyst for CNN
 “Francis after 5”

Hamilton Forum Series
 St. Michael the Archangel Parish
 Fannon Center
 11:30 a.m. Luncheon
 330-649-1231

Thursday, February 21, 2019
 Sister Regina Rogers OSU
 “Women Religious and the Diocese of Youngstown: Gift and Challenge”

Portage County Dinner and Doctrine
 The Overlook
 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 Purchase tickets at any Portage Deanery Parish

Tuesday, January 15, 2019
 Tom Sauline
 St. Joseph Parish
 “United in Jesus”

OFFICE OF WORSHIP

1. New Lay Leaders of Prayer

Congratulations to the twenty-two new Lay Leaders of Prayer who recently completed their formation and were commissioned on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish – Saint James Church in North Jackson.

2. Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Saturday, December 8, 2018

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2018, is on Saturday this 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.

3. 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.

4. Rite of Election

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. Information regarding the submission of names of catechumens and candidates will be sent in early January.

5. Easter Vigil – April 20, 2019

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 **8:36 p.m.** **Therefore the Vigil is not to begin before 8:00 p.m. to insure darkness and is recommended to begin at 8:30 p.m.** *Because daylight savings time begins in early March, the recommended start time of Easter Vigil, will never be before 8 p.m. Parishes are therefore encouraged to begin the yearly practice of not scheduling the Easter Vigil before 8 p.m.*

6. Pueri Cantores Choral Festival and Mass for Youth Choirs

Our Diocese will participate 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.

7. 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.

9. Consultation on the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Committee on Divine Worship has begun the preparation of a new English edition of the RCIA. The title has been changed to the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* to better reflect that the book contains many rites which are celebrated as a person journeys toward full initiation. As each of the former sacramental books of rites are revised, they have been renamed an *Order*. In preparation for this revision *The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA)* conducted a survey that looked at how the statutes were being implemented. Another consultation was done by the *Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC)* that contained suggestions for improving the National Statutes. The National Statutes, which appear as Appendix III at the very end of the RCIA book, are the laws that govern the way the RCIA is to be done in the United States. With the results of these consultations the Secretariat of Divine Worship would like to hear from you about your experiences with the **process of the RCIA** and in particular **with the ritual book** and the **National Statutes**:

- What have you found helpful and effective?
- What difficulties have you encountered?
- What changes would you recommend?
- Do you have other feedback concerning the RCIA (book and/or process)?

In your reply, please tell a little bit about yourself:

- How have you been involved in RCIA ministry?
- In what capacity and for how long?
- Have you gone through the RCIA process yourself?
- What was your experience like?

Through December 31, 2018, responses can be e-mailed to RCIA@usccb.org or sent by regular mail to: USCCB – Divine Worship, 3211 Fourth Street, NE, Washington, DC @0017, ATTN: RCIA Consultation.

10. Save the Date – National Gathering on Christian Initiation

A conference for Catechumenal Ministers and Pastoral Leaders entitled, “*The Year-Round Catechumenate*,” will be held July 2-3, 2019 in Chicago, Illinois. Sponsored by Liturgy Training Publications, this gathering will explore how to implement and sustain a year-round catechumenal process in your parish. For more information: www.NGCI.org.

11. Virtual Workshops ~ Liturgical Educational and Formation Opportunities

- a. The Essentials of Catholic Liturgy ~ Foundational Course for Pastoral, Liturgical and Music Ministers. Liturgy Training Publications, in partnership with the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) has developed a new series of virtual training courses: *The Essentials of Catholic Liturgy*. These courses will offer instruction and formation in the fundamentals of Catholic liturgy and the essential liturgical documents for music directors, liturgy committee members and those new to parish staffs. For more information, schedules and course descriptions visit www.TEOCL.org.
- b. LTP Virtual Workshops for Liturgical Ministers: Utilizing an interactive platform, *Virtual Workshops*, engage participants in 90 minutes of training, dialogue and prayer. Participants are invited to interact with the presenter and one another in discussion, offer insights from personal experiences, and discuss strategies for increased engagement in ministry. Each series: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Series; Lector Series; Liturgist and Liturgy Committee Series; contains three individual workshops for \$10.00 each or all three for \$25.00. For more information: www.ltp.org/virtualworkshops.

12. Liturgical Advisory – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) 2019

The Feast of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) in 2019 is Saturday, November 2, 2019. Ritual Masses are not permitted this day. Priests are advised that wedding masses cannot be scheduled this day.

13. 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. THANKS to all that made DYC’18 a great day!

Fun, prayerful, insightful, awesome, joyful and great were a few of the words that were used to describe the 2018 Diocesan Youth Convention (DYC’18) on Sunday, November 4th.... Now we just hope that the sessions with OCP Recording artist Jesse Manibusan and Bishop George V. Murry, S.J. along with the prayer experiences and community building provided enthusiasm that travelled back to the parishes and schools with the teens!

Participants are reminded to visit the DYC Follow Up website:

<https://youngstowndyc.weebly.com/>

To complete the online evaluation form, post comments, and look through information related to the displays, speakers and other activities of the day.

Thanks to St. Michael the Archangel parish and pastor Fr. Don King for hosting us. Thanks to Jeff Fricker and the House Band for the music. Thanks for St. Thomas Aquinas High School Junior Luke May for serving as emcee. Thanks to Jesse and Bishop Murry for the great General Sessions. Thanks to Fr. Scott Kopp for leading prayer, and for his brother priests Lang, Luoni and Kraszewski for sharing the day with us. Thanks to the seminarians that assisted in so many ways throughout the day (and congratulations again to Frederick, John and Garrett on being installed as Acolytes!) Thanks to our donors and supporters. Thank you to Peter Watry for being on hand in case we needed First Aid (and gratefully, we did not!) Thanks to all the Group Leaders and Chaperones as well as the teens that took the time to participate! And, thanks most of all to DYC’18 Planning Team that worked for months to make the event possible: Bob Barto (Holy Trinity, East Liverpool), Maria Crookston (St. John School, Ashtabula), Marcy Fessler (St. Patrick, Youngstown), Jeff Fricker (St. Michael, Canton), Cara Lipinski (St. Joseph, Massillon), Rose Naegeli-Marsi (St. Joseph, Canton), Ashley Quinn (St. Michael, Canton), and Deacon Randy Smith (St. Joseph, Massillon; Vocations Office).

The Delegates came from:

Assumption, Geneva

Blessed Sacrament, Warren

Holy Family, Navarre

Holy Trinity, East Liverpool

Immaculate Conception Ravenna

Kent Newman Center University Parish

St. Anthony/All Saints, Canton
 St. Charles, Boardman
 St. Jude, Columbiana
 St. Columba, Youngstown
 St. James, Waynesburg
 St. Joan of Arc, Streetsboro
 St. John School, Ashtabula
 St. John the Evangelist, Summitville
 St. Joseph, Massillon
 St. Joseph, Canton
 St. Michael the Archangel, Canton
 St. Patrick, Hubbard
 St. Patrick, Kent
 St. Patrick, Youngstown
 St. Paul, Salem
 St. Peter of the Fields, Rootstown
 St. William, Warren

2. NCCYM (National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry)

Please keep the 9 delegates from the Diocese of Youngstown in your prayers that they will have their commitment to ministry renewed and that they bring the enthusiasm of the conference back to Northeast Ohio to share! Visit <https://www.nccym.info/> for information on this December 5 – 8 conference in Tampa, FL for those in parish, campus and other Catholic ministries with young people in middle school, high school, college and young adult years.

3. Youth Ministers Epiphany Party Friday, January 4

Adults serving in youth ministries are invited to gather with peers from around the diocese of an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship at Cindee's house on Friday, January 4, 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. RSVP online at:

<https://youngstownoyyam.weebly.com/youth-ministers-gatherings.html>

or via email to <ccase@youngstowndiocese.org> with your name and what snack or dessert you would like to share (optional), and you will receive the address and directions in response. White Elephant Gift Exchange is optional, but a lot of fun (who knows what treasure you may get in return?!?!?!)

4. Nominations for the 2019 Eagle of the Cross Awards now being accepted

If you know an outstanding high school junior or senior in our diocese, be sure to nominate him/her for the 2019 Eagle of the Cross Awards. Recipients will be honored at a Mass and Banquet on April 30 in Youngstown, and all nominees receive a certificate of acknowledgment.

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 15** (please mail by Feb. 13th). But now is the perfect time to complete and return nominations!

5. 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, 2019 for the 2018 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!

6. CMD National Workshop: “Connecting Families to Sacramental Ministries for Children and Youth” set for February 26th

Save the date for this in-service day! Tentatively scheduled for 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Look for further details in the January Communique’.

ECUMENICAL

Catholic-Lutheran Advent 2018 Scripture Reflections

The Lutheran-Catholic Covenant Commission invites Catholics and Lutherans to use the Advent Reflections 2018 for personal or group prayer. See the attachments for a copy-ready edition of this ecumenical resource for praying the Sunday Readings Advent Cycle C. NEOS Lutheran Churches outside the geographical boundaries of the Diocese of Youngstown are welcome to use this resource.

MISCELLANEOUS

LESSONS AND CAROLS

St. Jude Parish, 180 Seventh Street, Columbiana presents a special service of Lessons and Carols on December 9th at 4:30 p.m. This service will include the beautiful music of Advent and Christmas performed by soloists, choir and instrumentalists. The children of the 3rd grade CCD will also depict the Christmas Story. Refreshments will be served after the service in the hall. There is no charge for this program but a free will offering will be taken to help defray expenses. Please see flyer in December Attachments.

SAVE THE DATE

2019 Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference
 Rise Up O Men of God, March 23rd, 2019
 St. Thomas Aquinas HS, Louisville, OH
 Keynote speaker is Fr. Dwight Longenecker
www.cmfdoy.org

MISCELLANEOUS (continued)

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, CANTON HAS SEVERAL PRIE-DIEU (KNEELERS) AVAILABLE

For more information please call the rectory office at 330-453-2526.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

All clergy, employees and families are invited to the Solemn Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast on Wednesday December 12th, 2018 at St. Columba Cathedral at 6:00pm. Music for the Mass will be provided by the St. Cecilia Mariachi Band from Painesville, Ohio.

After Mass there will be a reception in St. Columba Hall with Mariachi, piñata, food and prizes for children wearing the best cultural outfits related to this holy day. Please see bulletin announcement in the December Attachments.

IN MEMORIAM

	<u>December</u>
Rev. William Shipe	1/04
Rev. Joseph R. Lucas	2/95
Rev. William J. McLaughlin, OP	3/58
Deacon George Mastrovich	4/03
Rev. Joseph Czaja	5/14
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Gordon G. Gutman	6/98
Rev. A. Patrick Dempster	7/97
Rev. Clement Falter, CPPS	8/42
Rev. Valentine Fleckenstein, CPPS	10/61
Rev. John J. Pallante	10/71
Rev. John Lyons	10/11
Rev. Richard Reis	12/98
Rev. Bartley J. Kennedy	13/91
Rev. Matthew Herttna	13/06
Rev. George R. Bobal	14/51
Rev. Cyril M. Stolarik	14/90
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Andrew A. Prokop	15/95
Rev. Paul Hill, MSC	16/02
Rev. William J. Keefe	17/45
Rt. Rev. Msgr. James Eischen	17/53
Rev. J. Robert Coleman	17/86
Rev. Charles Crumbley	17/16
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Alfred J. Heinrich	18/64
Rev. Theodore T. Coward	18/87
Rev. Francis J. Palm	19/54
Rev. Robert J. Novotny	19/92
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Anthony P. Boeff	20/73
Rev. Robert Brengartner	21/99
Rev. Joseph Raible, CPPS	22/96
Deacon Robert Rapp	23/15
Rev. Austin W. Scully	25/53
Deacon Thomas Shay	25/10
Rev. Ernest Smith	26/53
Rev. Patrick O'Leary	26/10
Rev. Edgar R. Landy, OP	27/47
Rev. Joseph R. Bennett	27/85
Deacon David Beil	27/13
Rt. Rev. Msgr. John H. Lenz	28/59
Rt. Rev. Msgr. John L. Bardon	29/70
Rev. Edward J. Dierker	29/91
Rev. Maron Abi-Nader	29/96
Rev. Gabriel Takacs, OFM	30/73
Rev. Daniel Higgins, sP	30/82
Rev. Albert Klein	30/01
Rev. William J. Fitzgerald	31/85
Rev. William Ellis, MSC	31/95