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CHANCERY OFFICE

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, November 17 4:00p.m. Adult Confirmation, St. Columba Cathedral

ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES COLLECTION

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA collection will be taken the weekend of **November 2-3**. This triennial collection provides the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to men and women of the U. S. Armed Forces wherever they serve and to veterans who are in VA medical centers. Please see bulletin announcements in this month's *Communique* attachments.

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION

The Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal will take place in most parishes November 16-17. The collection will be on **November 23-24**. Information packets have been sent to pastors and religious presenters. All religious presenters should have contacted your pastors by now. Kindly do so ASAP if you have not had the opportunity thus far. For further information or materials please contact the Office of Vowed Religious at 330-744-8451, ext. 237 or 238.

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.

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 dcolucy@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 Mr. Dominic Colucy by mail: 144 W. Wood Street, Youngstown, OH 44503, phone: 330-744-8451 x293; fax: 330-744-5099; or e-mail: dcolucy@youngstowndiocese.org.

CATHOLIC TELEVISION NETWORK OF YOUNGSTOWN (CTNY)

1. Local Programming on the Ecumenical Television Channel:

Live stream ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel at doy.org/Media/ETC-TV Live Stream.

2. Radio Programming Wineskins

Wineskins airs every Sunday at 7:30 a.m. on WKBN 570 AM in Youngstown, WRQX 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: November 3: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Paul Jarzembowski from the First Friday Club; November 10: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Darlene Jones from the St. Vincent de Paul Society; November 17: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Religious Education Consultant, Joan Lawson; and, November 24: Nikole Baringer speaks on behalf of Catholic Charities.

Pam Pasquale, from St. Charles Church in Boardman, will tell us about the Saints celebrated this month: November 3: St. Charles Borromeo; November 10: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini; November 17: Blessed James Alberione; and, November 24: St. Andrew, Apostle.

The Interview Segment will include: November 3: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Detective Delphine Baldwin-Casey on child sexual abuse; November 10: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Bishop George Murry, SJ, on child sexual abuse; November 17: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Msgr. John Zuraw on child sexual abuse; and, November 24: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Detective Delphine Baldwin-Casey on child sexual abuse.

This month’s Music Segment is from the CD “Worship the Lord” by Colleen Heldreth, Hannah Heldreth and Christina Parthemmer.

Fr. Jim Korda, President of CTNY, will give his reflections on the Sunday Scripture Readings: November 3: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time; November 10: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time; November 17: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; and, November 24: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

3. See the newest of CTNY Local Programming on the Internet by linking to doy.org and click “News and Media” bar, then click on “CTNY Gallery.” DVD copies of all local productions are available through CTNY for a nominal fee. Please contact us at CTNY at 330-533-2243.
4. For an ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel Schedule for winter 2019-2020, 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.
5. Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/CTNYyoungstown.

CANONICAL SERVICES

Tribunal In-Service Available

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

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

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

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES

1. #GIVINGTUESDAY

#GivingTuesday is quickly becoming one of the largest giving days and one of the most successful social media campaigns all over the world. You can participate and make a difference by visiting our website (www.ccdoy.org) on Tuesday, December 3, 2019. Proceeds from #GIVINGTUESDAY will help support the many programs and services offered by Catholic Charities. You DO make the difference! You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Thank you for your support.

2. Season of Giving

Shop our seasonal solutions to poverty. Catholic Charities is offering many ways to get involved with Catholic Charities Season of Giving:

- PRAY for those in need in our communities, Diocese and in our country.
- VOLUNTEER your time and talents to various projects and events.
- SEND a gift that gives back this Christmas through our CHRISTMAS GIFTING PROGRAM. You make a gift; we send a customized greeting card to the recipient(s) of your choice.
- READ our NEWSLETTER to see what’s happening at Catholic Charities.
- FOLLOW us on SOCIAL MEDIA.

3. Buy a Bracelet to Support Catholic Charities'

Catholic Charities' bracelets and necklaces will once again be sold this holiday season! The necklaces (on a black cord with a stone cross) and the bracelets—in various designs, sizes and colors - make great gifts for teachers, sitters, neighbors and friends. The cost for products is \$5.00 per item, three for \$12.00 or five for \$18.00. All proceeds will support our Catholic Charities programs and services.

For more information, or to order your bracelet over the phone, contact Nikole Baringer at 330-744-8451, ext. 323.

4. First Step for Change

Catholic Charities' annual First Step for Change campaign should be wrapping up in parishes all over the diocese. Please return all donations to your church by October 31, 2019.

Funds collected help to provide material assistance, such as food, formula, diapers, wipes, and a limited number of cribs and other larger items to low-income pregnant women and families served by Catholic Charities' First Step programs across the diocese.

Thank you so much for your assistance and participation in this most important pro-life project. We hope the “changes” made were positive!

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Nikole Baringer by email (nbaringer@youngstowndiocese.org), or phone at 330-744-8451.

5. Catholics in the Community

Save the date for a wonderful joint service project of the Catholic schools in the Mahoning Valley and Catholic Charities Regional Agency. A large rummage sale will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at Ursuline High School.

6. Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County Celebrates 75 Years

Come celebrate Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County's 75th Anniversary on Saturday, November 16 at the HALO Dinner Dance. All proceeds benefit the HALO Christmas Program. 5:00 pm - 11:00pm at the Andrus Party Center 2259 West Avenue Ashtabula, Ohio 44004. Tickets are \$40.00 per person which includes a buffet dinner open bar with great entertainment by Good Question. Huge basket raffle, sideboards, 50/50 and more! Limited reversed tables available. Tickets are may be purchased at Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County 4200 Park Avenue, 3rd Floor Ashtabula, Ohio 44004. For more information, please call Alice Harden or Jill Valentic at 440-992-2121. Help support the HALO Christmas Program. Thank you!

OFFICE FOR SOCIAL CONCERNS

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) – Grants Available

CCHD is the domestic and anti-poverty program of the bishops of the United States. CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out.

CCHD was created with two goals in mind: to raise money to support self-help projects that address the causes of poverty; and to educate the Catholic community and the general public about poverty, its causes, effects and the rationale for the Church's involvement in working for justice.

CCHD funded programs enable all people to work together for long-range solutions to poverty in the area of social and economic development, housing, health, education and communications.

If you feel your organization may qualify for a CCHD funded grant, contact Nikole Baringer at 330-744-8451, ext. 323 or email nbaringer@youngstowndiocese.org.

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

A huge thank you to all who attended the Masses of Thanksgiving held on September 21 at St. Columba in Youngstown and October 12 at St. Michael in Canton. Your participation in and support of the 2019 Annual Bishop's Appeal is greatly appreciated.

The 2020 Annual Bishop's Appeal will kick off in February of 2020. More information will follow.

CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

1. Vocation Awareness Week

Vocation Awareness Week for this year will be celebrated from Sunday, November 3rd through Saturday, November 9th. 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 for lesson plans. During this week, Eucharistic Adoration for vocations will be prayed throughout the state. Specific parishes and times in our diocese are listed next. Resources have been sent to the priests and secretaries at each parish to help celebrate the week.

2. Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

As the Catholic Church throughout the United States celebrates National Vocation Awareness Week – November 3-9, 2019 Catholic parishes across the State of Ohio will be united as one voice in prayer for an increase in priestly and religious vocations throughout the entire week. Eucharistic Adoration will be offered throughout the Diocese at the following places and dates/times:

Ashtabula

St. Andrew Bobola – Sheffield

Wednesday 11/6 9:30am-12:00pm**Columbiana**

Holy Trinity–St. Aloysius – E. Liverpool

Tues. 11/5 & Thur. 11/7 9:30-10am

Our Lady of Lourdes – East Palestine

Wednesday 11/6 9:00-10:00am

St. Jude – Columbiana

Friday 11/8 9:00-10:00am

St. Paul – Salem

Thurs. 11/7 8:30am – Fri. 11/8 7:45am**Mahoning**

St. Edward – Youngstown

Wednesday 11/6 9:00-10:00am

St. Luke – Boardman

Tuesday 11/5 8:30am-12:00pm

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – Youngstown

24 hour Perpetual Adoration**Portage**

St. Joan of Arc – Streetsboro

Thursday 11/7 2:00-8:00 pm

St. Peter of the Fields – Rootstown

Friday 11/8 9:00am–12:00 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Aurora

Tuesday 11/5 9:30am-12:30pm

St. Patrick – Kent

Tues 11/5 9:00am-6:30pm**Stark**

St. Joseph – Massillon

Friday 11/8 9:00am-1:00pm

Holy Family-St. Clement – Navarre

Thurs. 11/7 9:30am – Fri. 11/8 8:30am

St. Barbara – Massillon

Tuesday 11/5 9:30am-8:00pm

St. Paul – North Canton

Tuesday 11/5 8:15am-5:30pm

OLOPH Chapel – Walsh University

Wednesday 11/6 7:00-8:00pm

St. Mary/St. Benedict – Canton

Friday 11/8 9:00am-12:10pmSt. Joseph – Maximo – **Friday 11/1****Friday 11/1 9:00am-5:00pm****Trumbull**

St. Patrick – Hubbard

Friday 11/8 8:30am-7:00pm

St. Rose – Girard

Wednesday 11/6 9:00-10:00am

Oblate Sisters Motherhouse – Hubbard

Wednesday 11/6 4:00-5:00pm3. **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 Come and See weekend for the fall semester

St. Mary Seminary – Cleveland

- December 6-8, 2019

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. Pastoral Internship Year

In the new academic year (2019-2020), two of our seminarians will be on pastoral internship.

Connor Hetzel	Christ Our Savior, Struthers	Fr. Martin Celuch
Francisco Ogbonna	Our Lady of Peace, Ashtabula	Fr. Ray Thomas

They will serve at their parishes and in other capacities throughout our diocese.

5. Seminary Field Trips

As a new academic year begins, please remember that 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 firsthand 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. The Vocation office may be able to help with transportation costs. For more information or to schedule a tour, please call the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451.

6. 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.

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.

8. Vocation Intercessions and Bulletin Blurbs for November

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

OFFICE OF VOWED RELIGIOUS

1. World Day of Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life liturgy will be celebrated **at St. Columba Cathedral on Sunday, February 2, 2020**. Bishop Murry will celebrate this Mass at **10:30 a.m.** Be sure to mark your calendars for this annual diocesan celebration of Consecrated Life. This will also mark the conclusion of the Year of Consecrated Life.

2. New and Returning Religious

This is a reminder for any religious (involved in ministry, student, or retired) who is new, or has recently returned to the Diocese of Youngstown, and has not yet contacted the Office of Vowed Religious, to kindly do so as soon as possible. Please also note that there are some new requirements for our Child Protection Policy. Please call (330) 744-8451, ext. 238 or e-mail sjcandidi@youngstowndiocese.org

3. Retirement Fund for Religious

Reminder to pastors and religious presenters: The Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal will take place in most parishes **November 16 - 17**. Some parishes have agreed to hold the Appeal on either November 2 - 3 or November 9 - 10. In most parishes the collection will be taken the weekend following the Appeal.

Information packets have been sent to pastors and religious presenters. **All religious presenters should have contacted your pastors by now. Kindly do so ASAP if you have not had the opportunity thus far.** For further information or materials please contact the Office of Vowed Religious at 330-744-8451, ext. 237 or 238. Religious Presenters, please include in your talks that individuals can also donate on line by going to the Diocese of Youngstown website home page. Go to <http://www.doy.org>

4. Visits with Sister Joyce Candidi, OSHJ

If any religious sister, brother, priest or community of religious would like Sister Joyce to schedule a visit with you please call the Office of Vowed Religious at (330) 744-8451, ext. 238 or e-mail sjcandidi@youngstowndiocese.org Visits can take place at any time throughout 2017 or 2018. Religious are welcome to come to Sister Joyce's office at the chancery or Sister will be glad to visit religious at their home or ministry site.

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 power-point presentation. Participants are encouraged to remember their parish, a Catholic school or favorite Catholic cause during the seminar. Reviews of our recent seminars have been "Outstanding." The seminar is FREE! Call for information...330-744-8451 ext. 325.

2. **In-pew offertory envelopes** - Enhance your evangelization and stewardship efforts with custom in-pew offertory envelopes for visitors. Call Luke Politsky...330-744-8451 ext. 298
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.
Look for The Diocese of Youngstown Foundation Annual Report this month.
4. Stewardship Bulletin Inserts Attached

PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
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OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION

1. October Weekend Mass Attendance

Completed forms with the October weekend Mass attendance for each parish of the diocese are due to the Office of Evangelization and Pastoral Planning by **Friday, November 8th**, via USPS, email, or fax. Contact the Office of Evangelization with any questions at (330) 744-8451 ext. 275.

2. Information on the Plan for Pastoral Regions Plan available

Full details of the Plan for Pastoral Regions, including statistical information, all the letters of Bishop Murry, details for each region and a map of the regions, are on the diocesan website, www.doy.org. Click on the Pastoral Planning Process banner or go directly to <https://doy.org/pastoral-planning-process/>. An episode of Spotlight on Pastoral Planning is also available to view. DVD copies of that episode for parish use can be obtained by contacting CTNY. Further information will be posted as it becomes available.

3. Formation for Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship 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. A **basic overview of evangelization** with practical ideas and suggestions is also available for Parish Councils, evangelization teams, or others interested parishioners. 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.

OFFICE OF LAY MINISTRY FORMATION

Winter and Spring Lay Ministry Formation Events – input needed!

The Office of Lay Ministry Formation is planning more formation opportunities around the diocese for the Winter and Spring, including retreats, Scripture courses, and more. **If you would like to be involved in hosting, planning, or presenting a Lay Ministry Formation event, please contact Pete Schafer at (330) 744-8451 ext. 275 or pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org.**

OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

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

Give Thanks for God’s Mercy! He wants to Forgive and Heal after an abortion experience. For CONFIDENTIAL help contact *Project Rachel of N.E. Ohio* at 888-259-4806 or support@projrachneo.zohosupport.com.

2. Intercessions for Life and Pro-Life Bulletin Briefs

Recommended intercessions and bulletin briefs for November 2019, 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. Is Death with Dignity a Real Option?

Tuesday, October 29 - - 6:00 PM at St. Patrick's Church, 313 N. Depeyster St., Kent, OH with presentations by Denise Leipold, Executive Director of Right to Life of Northeast Ohio; Attorney Peter Kratcoski of Williams, Kratcoski & Can; and Fr. Richard Pentello, Pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Kent.

Sunday, November 3 - - 3:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Church Social Hall, 251 W. Spruce St., Ravenna with presentations by Denise Leipold, Executive Director of Right to Life of Northeast Ohio; Dr. Emmanuel Yanelli, Ravenna Primary Care; Attorney Frank Cimino, Ravenna Law Director; and Fr. William Kraynak, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Ravenna.

All are welcome!

4. Christ is Alive (Christus Vivit) Events

The Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life is happy to be co-sponsoring events on Christus Vivit (Christ is Alive), Pope Francis’s Apostolic Exhortation to Young People. More information may be found in the Youth & Young Adult Ministry section of this Communique.

5. Ticket Requests for the Youth Rally and Mass for Life at the National March for Life in D.C.

Each year on the morning of the National March for Life in Washington D.C. the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. hosts a free Youth Rally and Mass for Life that draws tens of thousands of teens from around the nation. It is so popular that tickets are necessary for entry.

This year's event takes place the morning of January 24, 2020. Parishes and schools in the Diocese of Youngstown may request free tickets through the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life. However, Friday, November 8, is the latest that ticket requests may be submitted. For more information contact Dave Schmidt at dschmidt@youngstowndioocese.org or 330-744-8451 ext. 272

6. March for Life, January 24, 2020, Washington, D.C.

Is your parish, school or organization organizing a trip to the March for Life on January 24, 2020 in Washington D.C.? If so, please contact Dave Schmidt at 330-744-8451, ext.272 or dschmidt@youngstowndioocese.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 24 2020 in Washington D.C. but unsure how you will be getting there? Again, please contact Dave Schmidt at dschmidt@youngstowndioocese.org or 330-744-8451, ext.272.

7. How to Protect Yourself and Loved Ones: When Life and Death Decisions Need to be Made

A special program presented by Rita Marker, Executive Director of the Patients Rights Council on Advance Directives, Doctor Prescribed Suicide and to answer your questions about end of life issues and health care decisions.

- Monday, November 11 - - 7:00 p.m. at Little Flower Parish, 2040 Diamond St. NE, Canton.
- Tuesday, November 12 - - 1:00 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc Parish, 4940 Tuscarawas St. W., Canton.

8. Feast of Christ the King – November 24, 2019

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has prepared materials to help educate the faithful about the Solemnity of Christ the King, which the Church celebrates on November 24, 2019, and its connection to religious liberty. Lectionary notes, prayers of the faithful, a bulletin insert, social media graphics and reflections may be found at:

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/christ-the-king/index.cfm>

The bulletin insert has been included in the attachments section of this Communique.

9. 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.

10. Marriage Preparation Engaged Couple Retreat Day

2020 dates for Engaged Couple Retreats are forthcoming.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1. Ministry Day 2019 Thank you!

We offer our sincere appreciation to the many participants who gathered on Saturday, October 19, 2019, at St. Thomas Aquinas High School for Ministry Day 2019. Your enthusiasm truly “Embraced Our Call: A Journey We Share in Hope!”

Thank you to the many presenters who prepared sessions on such a rich diversity of topics, to the exhibitors who showcased their ministries and products, and all who contributed in any way to the success of Ministry Day 2019! Be watchful for a date for Ministry Day 2021 and plan to celebrate!

2. Christus Vivit: November 4 and 5, 2019

The Office of Religious Education is excited to co-sponsor with the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and many other Diocesan Offices the special events celebrating “Christ is Alive!” The 2019 Apostolic Exhortation “Christus Vivit” from Pope Francis invites each of us to heighten our awareness of the young church.

We are challenged to be attentive to the gifts and talents of our sons and daughters and invite them to service in our parishes, schools, and other Catholic institutions. Their gifts, vision, and leadership skills are desperately needed to fortify our hope! Please register with the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry or on doy.org.

3. Ethical Trade Shopping for Christmas — Shopping with a Good Conscience!

You are invited to make a list, check it twice, then visit the Ethical Trade experience in the Office of Religious Education. With a wide variety of household gifts, religious articles, jewelry, coffee, spices, Christmas ornaments and more, there is something for everyone. All purchases have a direct impact on the artisans and growers from Ethical Trade cooperatives throughout the world.

4. Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown
Avion on the Water
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch
<http://www.firstfridayclubofgreateryoungstown.org>
For reservations: 330-720-4498

Thursday, November 7, 2019
Joan Lawson,
Consultant, Religious Education
Diocese of Youngstown
“Inspiring Saints”

Hamilton Forum
St. Michael the Archangel Church
11:30 a.m.
No reservations needed.

Thursday, November 21, 2019
Rev. Thomas P. Dyer
“The Role of Sports
In American Culture”

Portage County Dinner and Doctrine
The Overlook
Dinner at 6:00 p.m., lecture at 7:00 p.m.
Purchase Tickets at any Portage County parish.

Tuesday, November 12, 2019
Laura Perkins,
Casa San Jose
Emergency Response Organizer
“An Eyewitness Account”

5. New Books from 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>.

Forgiveness: Threshold Bible Study. Binz, Stephen J. Twenty Third Publications, 2019. This six-session Bible study for adults focuses on forgiveness. Human experience and psychological research confirm the teachings of Scripture that practicing forgiveness is good for our health and happiness and that refusing to forgive can bind us in depression, anxiety, and low self-esteem. We may not feel like forgiving, but God calls us to embody pardon and mercy in imitation of the divine forgiveness we have received. Learn the dynamics of forgiveness and how it can bring healing to your personal life, your family, and our church.

Is This All there Is?: ON Resurrection and Eternal Life. Lohfink, Gerhard. Liturgical Press, 2018. Is the Christian hope for resurrection still alive or has it become tired? How can we talk about the Resurrection today? Gerhard Lohfink takes up the question of death and resurrection in this new book. He argues against the dazzling array of today's ideas and expectations and seeks his answers in Scripture, the Christian tradition, and human reason. With his characteristically gentle but clear language, he reveals the power of Christian resurrection, showing it is not about events that lie in the distant future but rather occurrences incomprehensively close to us. They were long since begun and they will embrace us fully in our own death.

Total Parish Development: Understanding, Organizing, and Implementing Your Plan for an Engaged Catholic Community. Donaldson, Frank. Twenty Third Publications, 2019. There are plenty of fund-raising companies that can teach you how to write letters and increase your offertory giving. But after thirty years of working hands-on with parishes and Catholic schools, Frank Donaldson has learned over and over that the greatest challenge we face in our parishes really isn't just raising money. The greatest challenge is setting up a successful Catholic Parish Development system, one that will invite and involve people and move your parish to total parish development—money included. In this enlightening book, Donaldson shows us the way to build that system. He begins with the basics: understanding the difference between development, stewardship, and evangelization. With refreshing honesty and humor, he encourages us to rethink the way we welcome and engage people, and he offers a doable step-by-step organizational planning process—grounded in real parish life and already tested and refined in parishes across the country.

Woman of Worth: Prayers and Reflections for Women Inspired by the Book of Proverbs. Rigney, Melanie. Twenty Third Publications, 2019. These days, women are so busy about so many things that it's easy to lose sight of one's being in the midst of one's doing. Any woman wondering about her worth to her family, to her colleagues, to herself, and to God will find much to rejoice in here. Each chapter takes a verse or two from Proverbs 31 and offers a personal story, a reflection on the verse, a portrait of a woman saint who exemplifies the verse, some questions designed for discussion or contemplation, and a prayer. The clear, affirming message is that God loves you and you ARE a woman of worth, no matter where you find yourself in life.

6. 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.”

<https://catechistcafe.weebly.com/catechist-courses.html>

Registration is available at Catechist Café for these diocesan online courses for late fall/Advent:

- **Advent and Christmas: Prepare and Share K-8**, a General Course with 6 hours credit, November 11 to December 9, 2019; Online Facilitator: Carla Hlavac
- **Four Women Doctors of the Church**, a General Course with 8 hours credit, November 24 - December 23, 2019, Online Facilitator: Sister Therese Ann Rich, OSU

Register in person for this onsite session:

- **The Message of Christmas**, a General Course with 1 hour credit, Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 7:45-9:00 p.m., at St. Agatha Mission, 13523 Washington St at State Route 518, West Point, OH 44492; Onsite Instructor: Fr. Jim Lang

7. 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 School of Theology and Ministry Online program Crossroads, the University of Dayton’s VLCFF, and the University of Notre Dame’s Satellite** online programs are in mid-session now and will offer new sets of courses in January.
- **The Vibrant Faith Institute** offers two specialized programs beginning on November 4: **Children’s Faith Formation: Faith Formation for a New Generation**, and **Personalizing Faith Formation**.

8. NEW Online Bachelor’s Degree in Ministry and Theology from Loyola New Orleans

Are you interested in pursuing a **Master’s Degree in Pastoral Studies or Religious Education** in a local group that will help support you on your ministry journey? If so, the **LIMEX program from Loyola University, New Orleans** is for you! LIMEX learning groups meet weekly at a local site with a facilitator and learn in a small group discussion format, as opposed to the traditional lecture-style learning. We have a few people interested already and are looking for more. Tuition is approximately \$1,056 per course for Graduate students and \$405 for Certificate students. Call Carla Hlavac at 330 744-8451, ext. 296 or email chlavac@youngstowndiocese.org for more information.

9. Library Membership

Did you know that **Diocesan Library Mailing Memberships are available for only \$75.00 per year?** For this low cost, we will mail any requested library books, DVDs, and audiobooks to your staff, teachers, catechists – and all your parishioners! For more information, email Carla Hlavac at chlavac@youngstowndiocese.org.

OFFICE OF WORSHIP

1. Implementation Date for New Order of Baptism of Children, *second edition*

The Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments has confirmed the new *Order of Baptism of Children, second edition* for the dioceses of the United States. Cardinal DiNardo, USCCB President, has indicated that the new *Order of Baptism of Children* may be used beginning on **February 2, 2020**, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and its mandatory use begins **April 12, 2020**, Easter Sunday. From this date forward, no other translation of the rite is to be used in the dioceses of the United States. Approved publishers will soon begin distributing information on the new ritual book and updated baptismal preparation materials and resources. In addition, depending on the scope of change and if necessary, the Office of Worship will also provide formation opportunities on the new *Order of Baptism of Children*.

2. Liturgical Calendar Advisory's

November 2 – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day): The Feast of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) is Saturday, November 2, 2019. Mass celebrated for All Souls Day should be scheduled in the morning. Ritual Masses, including wedding masses, are not permitted this day. The Saturday evening anticipated Mass should be for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception: This year the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, normally December 8, falls on a Sunday. However this year, Sunday, December 8 is to be celebrated as the Second Sunday of Advent. In accordance with no. 5 of the *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, the observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be transferred to Monday, December 9. This is seen as a pastoral concession to observe the Solemnity even though it is impeded liturgically by a higher observance. The obligation to attend Mass remains attached to the day itself (December 8), and therefore does not transfer. As a result, the obligation to attend mass on December 9 for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is dispensed for this year.

3. New Lay Leaders of Prayer

Eighteen new Lay Leaders of Prayer will complete the course of formation and be commissioned on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish – Saint James Church in North. Jackson. Congratulations to our new Lay Leaders of Prayer!

4. Flu Season and Liturgical Celebrations

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

- a. Priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should be especially reminded of the need to practice good hygiene. All Ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to wash their hands using an alcohol based anti-bacterial solution before Mass begins and immediately after Mass.
- b. Pastors should instruct people who feel ill not to receive from the cup.
- c. Those who are sick should stay home, and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- d. All should be encouraged to follow good everyday healthy actions:
 - of covering your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing;
 - avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth after shaking hands or touching any surface;
 - avoid close contact with those who are sick.

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

5. 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 11, 2020. 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.

6. 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 1, 2020 at Saint Columba Cathedral at 1:30 p.m. and at Saint Joseph Church, Canton at 6:00 p.m.

The Easter Vigil: The Easter Vigil will be on Saturday, April 11, 2020. 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 11, 2020 will be at **7:58 p.m.** and the end of civil twilight will be at **8:27 p.m.** Bishop Murry has instituted a universal starting time for the Easter Vigil throughout the diocese of 8:00 p.m. or later. This universal starting time respects the current liturgical guidelines and diocesan policy.

Furthermore it makes the Easter Vigil distinctive from the ordinary anticipated Mass for Sunday and alleviates any confusion among parishes. **Therefore the Easter Vigil is not to begin before 8:00 p.m.** *Please note that because daylight savings time begins each year in early March, the recommended start time of Easter Vigil will never be before 8 p.m.*

7. Pope Francis announces “Sunday of the Word of God”

On September 30, 2019, a Motu proprio (“of his own initiative”) Apostolic Letter “*Aperuit illis*” was issued by Pope Francis establishing that “*the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.*” Recalling the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church, Pope Francis says he wrote this Apostolic Letter in response to requests from the faithful around the world to celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God. This is more than a temporal coincidence, he explains: the celebration has “ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity”. Pope Francis invites local communities to find ways to “mark this Sunday with a certain solemnity”. He suggests that the sacred text be enthroned “in order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God’s Word”. In highlighting the proclamation of the Word of the Lord, it would be appropriate “to emphasize in the homily the honor that it is due,” writes the Pope. “Pastors can also find ways of giving a Bible, or one of its books, to the entire assembly as a way of showing the importance of learning how to read, appreciate and pray daily with Sacred Scripture”. The Pope concludes his Apostolic Letter by defining what he describes as “the great challenge before us in life: to listen to Sacred Scripture and then to practice mercy.” God’s Word, writes Pope Francis, “has the power to open our eyes and to enable us to renounce a stifling and barren individualism and instead to embark on a new path of sharing and solidarity”. The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time will be the weekend of January 25-26, 2020. Other ideas for celebrating the “Sunday of the Word of God” will be forthcoming.

8. 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. “You are the “NOW” of God! (Pope Francis’ New Exhortation on Ministry with Youth and Young Adults – and Why It Should Matter to You, Too)” – Dinner and Presentation

Monday, November 4th
Starting at 6 p.m. with prayer and dinner
@ St. Joan of Arc Parish, Streetsboro

Following the three-year process of the Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Exhortation entitled *Christus Vivit*.

It is addressed to all young people (especially those ages 16 – 30) and adults for minister with and for the teens and young adults. Come learn more about it with the Unites States Conference of Catholic Bishops staffer for Youth and Young Adult Activities, Paul Jarzembowski. (Preregistration required.) See the “*CHRISTUS VIVIT*/CHRIST IS ALIVE! brochure in the attachments of this Communique’.

2. Journeying Together: The New Framework for the Church’s Ministry with Youth and Young Adults – In-Service Day

Tuesday, November 5th
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
@ St. Joan of Arc Parish, Streetsboro

An in-service day for all parish leaders, ministers and clergy to break-open the document *Christus Vivit* and explore the implications for our faith communities. This includes those in youth ministry, campus ministry, young adult ministry, religious education, adult faith formation, as well as pastors, principals, theology teachers, pastoral associates, liturgy directors, pastoral care coordinators, etc. Paul Jarzembowski, Youth and Young Adult Activities, Unites States Conference of Catholic Bishops will facilitate the day. (Preregistration required.) See the “*CHRISTUS VIVIT*/CHRIST IS ALIVE! brochure in the attachments of this Communique’.

3. The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry has copies of the Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit* available for purchase at \$10 flat-rate. Contact Cindee, ccase@youngstowndiocese.org or (330) 744-8451, ext. 280 to purchase. It can also be purchased at the USCCB (\$11.95 plus shipping) and it can be read online (and therefore linked on your website and social media sites) at: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20190325_christus-vivit.html

4. Free Webinars for Continuing Education

With the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, we are proud to offer quality webinars with experts from around the country on topics of keen interest to adults serving in youth ministries (and often young adult ministries as well.) To register for the upcoming sessions (and view recordings from past webinars), please visit: <http://nfcym.org/webinars>

Next webinar: Get Families Talking about Relationships, Sex, and Safety
Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 2:00 pm ET

Presented by Dr. Kathie Amidei and Sister Kieran Sawyer
Parents want to have meaningful conversations about important topics, but they don’t always know how to do that. By harnessing the power of parental love, we can encourage them to guide their children in matters of life, faith, and morals. Help the families of your parish to have these critical conversations in healthy and effective ways. How can you engage parents in discussions with their children that they would not have on their own? How do we help them to start early, building the small steps of trust children need so that they will discuss important issues with their parents when they reach their teens? Join us as we explore, “how to get families talking!”

5. NCYC Group Leader Reminders:

A. NCYC Send-Off Meeting and Mass - for all taking part in the pilgrimage

Sunday, November 3
1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
@ St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown

Group Leaders: Please bring Form G for each participant with you for each youth attending, eat lunch before coming and RSVP with your numbers by October 30, ccase@youngstowndiocese.org

B. Please arrange transportation for your members to your bus pick up/drop off site so that you arrive on time for departure.

Pray for our 109 delegates as they Journey to Indianapolis, November 21 -24. May they return to our parishes and schools truly understanding that they are “Blessed, Broken, Given” as missionary disciples!

MISCELLANEOUS

USCCB ADVISORY

The Archdiocese of the Military Services has advised the Conference of its concerns regarding Alphonsus Ihouma. The Archdiocese relates that Mr. Ihouma had been a Catholic Chaplain at the VA Medical Center in Battle Creek, Michigan, but has accepted endorsement by a group not in communion with the Catholic Church, and that this separates him from communion with the Catholic Church. Mr. Ihouma is described as continuing to be Chief of the Chaplain Service at that VA medical center, but the Archdiocese is concerned that the Conference membership be aware of his inability to function as a Catholic priest. If further information is needed contact should be made with the Office of the Archbishop, Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, at (202) 719-3600.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PASTORAL MUSICIANS (NPM) YOUNGSTOWN CHAPTER

A local NPM Chapter has been established for the Diocese of Youngstown for all pastoral musicians. The first meeting will be on Monday, November 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Regina Coeli Church, 633 Fernwood Blvd. Alliance, Ohio. For more information contact: Libby Saxton at 330-492-3119 ext. 215 or libby@stmichaelcanton.org.

CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT

The Catholic Men's Fellowship (CMF) of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Uniontown in conjunction with CMF Diocese of Youngstown will sponsor a "Catholic Man Night" on Friday, **November 29, 2019** from 6:00 - 8:45 pm, and will be held in the social hall at Holy Spirit. All men of the diocese are welcome. Catholic Man Night helps 21st century men develop and use their Catholic faith in their daily lives, presented in a way that makes sense to men. Dr. Joseph Torma, who teaches a wide range of courses in Theology at Walsh University, will be our featured speaker. Please RSVP to Ed Herman 330-354-4911 or Mark Violand 330-807-2255 or mvioland2@neo.rr.com, no later than Monday, November 25th.

AN AFTERNOON WITH MARY

A celebration in honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. -4:30 p.m. at St. Brendan Parish, 2800 Oakwood Ave., Youngstown is hosting *An Afternoon with Mary*. Please see flyer in this month's attachments.

GIA COMPREHENSIVE GATHER HYMNAL

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Vienna is upgrading their music books and now have available to anyone who wants/needs the green GIA Comprehensive Gather Hymnal. The books, which contain the readings, are just \$1 each. Call the parish office at 330-394-2461 for placing your order or for more information.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Saint Joseph Parish, Austintown is currently looking for a Director of Music Ministry. The position is part-time. Interested parties should contact the Parish Office, 4545 New Road, Austintown, 330-792-1919 for details and a job description.

IN MEMORIAM

	<i>November</i>
<i>Rev. George Novak</i>	2/47
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Maurice Casey</i>	2/47
<i>Rev. Conrad Aleckna</i>	3/96
<i>Rev. Joseph Jansen, MSC</i>	4/79
<i>Rev. Gerald Curran</i>	4/08
<i>Rev. Humbert Crescentini</i>	5/59
<i>Rev. Msgr. Edward Kowaleski</i>	6/02
<i>Rev. Msgr. Martin Susko</i>	6/15
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Paul Marceau</i>	10/85
<i>Rev. Joseph Lazur, CPPS</i>	11/84
<i>Rev. John T. Maceka</i>	12/78
<i>Rev. Francis N. Thome</i>	13/58
<i>Rev. Ernest Loperfido</i>	13/15
<i>Rev. Max Krajdzieski</i>	14/43
<i>Rev. Thomas C. Donnelly, OP</i>	15/73
<i>McFADDEN, MOST REV. JAMES A.</i>	16/52
<i>Rev. Anthony Livajusic</i>	16/74
<i>Rev. Thomas G. Mulhearn</i>	17/60
<i>Rev. Regis McCoy, OSB</i>	17/63
<i>Deacon Bartley Dubois</i>	17/05
<i>Rev. Joseph Martin</i>	19/02
<i>Rev. Herbert Buettner, OSB</i>	20/53
<i>Rev. Robert A. Chamberlain</i>	20/95
<i>Rev. Edward Varble</i>	23/08
<i>Rev. Eugene Omlor, CPPS</i>	24/60
<i>Rev. A.C. Therres, OP</i>	24/62
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward Fasnacht</i>	25/68
<i>Rev. Michael N. Connell, OP</i>	30/57
<i>Deacon Earl Nekirk</i>	30/90
<i>Rev. Msgr. Thomas Kelly</i>	30/10