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## CHANCERY OFFICE

### CHURCH OVERSEAS COMBINED COLLECTION

The Church Overseas Combined Collection will be held the weekend of January 26, 2020. This four-in-one collections include: Catholic Relief Services, Holy Father/Peter's Pence, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and the Church in Latin America. Please see bulletin announcements for the weekends of January 18-19, January 25-26 and February 1-2 are included in this month's *Communique* attachments.

### LETTERS OF SUITABILITY

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

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

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

### CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Requirements and Procedures for Employees and Volunteers

#### 1. Authorization & Verification; Acknowledgement

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

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

2. Fingerprinting and In-Service

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

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

Any Webcheck location may be used. Background reports are to be sent to the location of service, not to the Diocesan Office. Webcheck locations can be found at [www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov).

3. In-Service Classes

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

4. Updating Information

Administrators must submit updates for employees and volunteers as they complete child protection compliance requirements (either on the Status Report or on a copy of a Compliance Checklist previously submitted); and must submit all information for new employees and volunteers on the Compliance Checklist. For the Compliance Checklist, email [dcolucy@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto: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 Mr. Dominic Colucy, Safe Environment Coordinator/Victim Assistance Coordinator, 330-744-8451 x293.

6. For More Information

For more information about the Diocese of Youngstown Child Protection Policy, contact by mail: 144 W. Wood Street, Youngstown, OH 44503, phone: 330-744-8451 x293; fax: 330-744-5099; or e-mail: [dcolucy@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dcolucy@youngstowndiocese.org).

7. 2020 Background Check Requirements

**Background check requirements** are included in this month's Communique attachments.

## **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](http://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: January 5: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Fr. Jeff Fricker on Music Ministry; January 12: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Bill Barber about Prison Ministry; January 19: Dave Schmidt talks about Marriage and Family Life; and, January 26: Fr. Jim Korda talks with Teresa Yarger about Catholic Schools Week.

Diana Hancharenko, Young Adult Minister at St. Angela Merici Church in Youngstown, will tell us about the Saints celebrated this month: January 5: St. Andre Besseste; January 12: St. Hilary; January 19: Conversion of St. Paul; and, January 26: St. Angela Merici.

The Interview Segment will include: January 5: Fr. Jim Korda and Fr. Jeff Mickler, SSP, talks about the Vatican II document on Bishops; January 12: Fr. Jim Korda and Fr. Jeff Mickler, SSP, talks about the Vatican II document *Nostra Aetate*; January 19: Fr. Jim Korda and Fr. Jeff Mickler, SSP, talks about the Vatican II document on Ecumenism; and, January 26: Fr. Jim Korda and Fr. Jeff Mickler, SSP, talks about the Vatican II document on Religious Liberty.

This month’s Music Segment is from the CD “Choral Music for Ordinary Time” by the World Library Publications at [wlpmusic.com](http://wlpmusic.com).

Deacon Bob Redig, from St. Luke Church in Boardman, will give his reflections on the Sunday Scripture Readings: January 5: Epiphany of the Lord; January 12: Baptism of the Lord; January 19: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time; and, January 26: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

3. See the newest of CTNY Local Programming on the Internet by linking to [doy.org](http://doy.org) and click “News and Media” bar, then click on “CTNY Gallery.” DVD copies of all local productions are available through CTNY for a nominal fee. Please contact us at CTNY at 330-533-2243.
4. For an ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel Schedule for winter 2019-2020, please contact CTNY at 330-533-2243, or visit [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org) and go to the “News and Media” bar and click on the ETC-TV schedule.
5. Like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/CTNYyoungstown](https://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. WARM HEARTS FOR WARM HOMES (Formerly known as Keep the Kids Warm)

This year, in an effort to raise awareness about the breadth of need for utility assistance during the cold winter months, Catholic Charities has renamed “Keep the Kids Warm” to “Warm Hearts for Warm Homes.”

Changing the name and focus allows us to expand our reach beyond families with children to include working poor adults and older adults on fixed incomes, many of whom struggle to keep up with the rising cost of living.

This annual “Warm Hearts for Warm Homes” (WH4WH) campaign will be held the weekend of January 24 – January 26 in parishes across the diocese. Parishes are kindly asked to either take up a special collection, or publish information about WH4WH in their bulletins for those interested in making a donation to this important effort. Schools can also get involved by coordinating a special collection with proceeds supporting WH4WH or collecting socks, hats, gloves or scarves for people coming to Catholic Charities.

More information and bulletin inserts regarding Warm Hearts for Warm Homes (WH4WH) will be mailed to parishes in early January.

For additional information, contact Nikole Baringer at 330-744-8451, ext. 323 or [nbaringer@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:nbaringer@youngstowndiocese.org).

### 2. January is Poverty Awareness Month

Poverty is not having enough money to meet basic needs, including food, clothing and shelter. However, poverty is more—much more—than not having enough money. It is coping with chronic hungry. It is being sick and not being able to see a doctor. It is not knowing how to read or not having a job. Poverty has many faces, and changes all the time.

Each January, the Catholic community takes a stand against poverty. Here are some ways you can help:

- Pray for those who face poverty on a daily basis;
- Visit our updated Dollar Days Wish List at <https://dollaradays.com/ccdo/wishlist.html> to purchase products that our clients need most;
- Contact a Catholic Charities Agency near you and volunteer your time to help;
- Donate your gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves and blankets to Catholic Charities

### 3. First Step for Change

**LAST CALL** – Final call for the 2019 First Step for Change collection! Thank you to all of the parishes who submitted their checks. This important pro-life campaign supports any person experiencing a pregnancy, or their significant others, that they deem a crisis situation. The First Step Program provides information to birth parents needed to help them plan for themselves and their unborn child. Please 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. Thank you for your support of the project!

### 4. First Step to Service

Catholic schools throughout the diocese are participating in Poverty Awareness Month with Catholic Charities through our First Step to Service program. There are worksheets available for all ages. If you are interested in participating or would like these worksheets for your students, please contact Nikole Baringer at 330-744-8451, ext. 323 or email [nbaringer@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:nbaringer@youngstowndiocese.org).

### 4. Catholics in the Community

We hope to see you at the first annual Catholics in the Community rummage sale. This sale is a 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.

## OFFICE FOR SOCIAL CONCERNS

### 1. Bishop's Appeal

#### Clergy Meetings for 2020 Appeal

January 15, 2020	St. Charles, Boardman	1:30pm – 3:00 pm
January 16, 2020	Blessed Sacrament, Warren	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
January 17, 2020	St. Michael, Canton	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Please mark your calendars and remember to RSVP. Thank you.

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

## 2. Community Grants Available

Community Grants are available on through money supported by the local Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection. 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 your organization is working to make our community a better place and/or working towards solutions for poverty, your organization may qualify for a CCHD funded grant. Contact Nikole Baringer at 330-744-8451, ext. 323 or email [nbaringer@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:nbaringer@youngstowndiocese.org) for more information and an application.

## CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

#### 1. Bowling for Vocations

On December 27 from 11 am to 2:30 pm kids in grades 8 to 12 are invited to come to Park Center Lanes in North Canton for a fun day of bowling with our diocesan seminarians and religious serving in our diocese. While there is no cost to attend, each participant is asked to donate either baby food or formula as part of the admission. All donations will be given to the St. Joan Arc Food Cupboard in Canton. Pizza, pop and snacks will be provided. Please RSVP by December 20<sup>th</sup> to Deacon Randy Smith at [rsmith@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:rsmith@youngstowndiocese.org).

#### 2. 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 spring semester

St. Mary Seminary – Cleveland  
 - February 7-9, 2020  
 - April 3-5, 2020

The weekend is open to men 17 to 44 years of age. Register at [clepriesthood.org](http://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.

### 3. 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.

### 4. Seminary Field Trips

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 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 5. 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 discernor for the poster. If you have this information, please email Fr. Chris Luoni at [cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org).

### 6. Vocation Lessons

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

### 7. Vocation Intercessions and Bulletin Blurbs for January

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

## OFFICE OF VOWED RELIGIOUS

### 1. World Day For Consecrated Life

Bishop George V. Murry, S.J. will celebrate the annual diocesan *World Day for Consecrated Life* on **Sunday, February 2, 2020 at St. Columba Cathedral at the 10:30 a.m. liturgy**. All are welcome. Please mark your calendars and join us in celebrating the gift of Consecrated Life to the diocese and the closing of the Year of Consecrated Life.

### 2. Conference/Jubilee Day

This year we will honor our Religious Jubilarians on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at St. Paul's in Salem. Dr. Dan Laginya and Barb Zorn will be our special guest performers. The Social will begin at 1:30 followed by dinner, then the performance. The day will conclude with the Eucharistic Liturgy at 4:30 p.m. Bishop George V. Murry, S.J. will be the main celebrant. Registration forms will arrive shortly. Please mark your calendars.

### 3. Religious Retirement Appeal

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

## DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP

1. Studies indicate that most people address their will or estate plan during the “stay indoor” winter months. **SO 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 in their plan. The seminar is FREE! Call Pat Palombo...330-744-8451 ext. 325.
2. Contact us TODAY to plan an **Increased Offertory Program** or **Capital Campaign** in 2020. Call Luke Politsky...330-744-8451 ext. 298.
3. **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.
4. 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. Call Pat Palombo...330-744-8451 ext. 325.
5. Parishes using online giving see their total offertory giving increase by an average of 9% according to a 2018 study. Call us about best options for online giving. 330-744-8451 ext. 298.
6. Stewardship Bulletin Inserts Attached

## PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

### OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION

1. Conference for Pastoral Planning and Council Development Summit – April 26-29, 2020

The Conference for Pastoral Planning and Council Development is returning to Northeast Ohio for their annual Summit in 2020. The summit theme is “Practicing Pastoral Leadership” and will be at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Parma from the afternoon of Sunday, April 26 through the morning of Wednesday, April 29. Full conference and daily registration options are available and include all meals. The full conference rate includes housing at the retreat center. Presenters include Jack Jezreel, Marti Jewell, Mark Mogilka, and Chris Lowney. For more information and registration options, visit [www.cppcd.org](http://www.cppcd.org).

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](http://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.

### OFFICE OF LAY MINISTRY FORMATION

- Notre Dame University Conference on Co-Responsibility – March 4-6, 2020

The McGrath Institute for Church Life at Notre Dame University will be sponsoring an academic and pastoral conference dedicated to exploring what “co-responsibility” might mean, both for the laity and for the ordained. “Called & Co-Responsible: Exploring Co-Responsibility for the Mission of the Church” will be held at Notre Dame University from March 4-6, 2020. For details on topics, speakers, rates, and housing options, visit <https://mcgrath.nd.edu/conferences/academic-pastoral/called-co-responsible-conference/>.

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

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

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@projrachneo.zohosupport.com](mailto:support@projrachneo.zohosupport.com).

2. Intercessions for Life and Pro-Life Bulletin Briefs

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

3. Marriage Moments & Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

Author and speaker Susan Vogt has graciously provided us with “Marriage Moments” and “Parenting Pointers” for parish bulletins, newsletters, etc. (see the attachments section of this Communique). More information may be found at [www.susanvogt.net](http://www.susanvogt.net).

4. Two Masses for Life Scheduled this January 2020

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 19, at 10:30 a.m. at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist, Canton (627 McKinley Ave NW)
- Sunday, January 26, 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](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org) or 330-744-8451 ext.272.

5. 9 Days for Life: Prayer, Penance, Pilgrimage – January 21-29, 2020

On January 22 our nation marks the 47th 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 Tuesday, January 21 to Wednesday, January 29, 2020. The prayers in this novena address many Respect Life issues – “Precisely because all issues involving human life are interdependent, a society which destroys human life by abortion under the mantle of law unavoidably undermines respect for life in all other contexts.” For more information go to [www.9daysforlife.org](http://www.9daysforlife.org).

6. January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

Additional information and resources may be found at <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/resources/january-22-day-of-prayer-leader-resources.cfm>.

7. 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@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org) if you have not already done so.

Are you or a member of your parish, school or organization interested in attending the March for Life on January 24 2020 in Washington D.C. but unsure how you will be getting there? Again, please contact Dave Schmidt at [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org) or 330-744-8451, ext.272 or go to [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org).

8. Marriage Preparation Engaged Couple Retreat Day

The next diocesan-sponsored one-day marriage preparation retreat day for engaged couples will be held Saturday, February 1, at St. Columba Cathedral Hall, Youngstown. Reservations are required. For more information contact [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org) or 330-744-8451, ext.272.

A complete list of 2020 dates for Engaged Couple Retreats was mailed to priests and deacons at the end of October and may be found at [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org) by clicking on the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life tab under “Ministries.”

9. 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 9, 2020 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](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org).

10. World Marriage Day

Sunday, February 9, 2020 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/>.

11. *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 19, 26, March 4, 11, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, with a date in May to be determined, from 6:45 to 9:00 pm at St. Paul Parish, 241 S. Main St., North Canton in North Room A (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](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org) or 330-744-8451 ext.272.

## 12. 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.

## OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### 1. Ethical Trade Shopping all year— Shopping with a Good Conscience!

Christmas shopping may be done with, but there are still great reasons to visit the Ethical Trade experience in the Office of Religious Education. With a wide variety of household gifts, religious articles, jewelry, coffee, spices, there is something for everyone all year round. All purchases have a direct impact on the artisans and growers from Ethical Trade cooperatives throughout the world.

### 2. 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, January 9, 2020  
Very Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin,  
Vicar General Moderator of the Curia  
for Diocese of Youngstown,  
Parish Administrator of St. Edward  
Parish, Youngstown

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, January 14, 2020  
Rose DeRoia,  
Pharmacist  
“Tommy’s Story: A Journey with  
Addiction -- A Chronic, Relapsing  
Disease of the Brain”

### 3. 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>.

Catholicity & Emerging Personhood: a Contemporary Theological Anthropology. Horan, Daniel P. Orbis Books, 2019. An exploration of the meaning and identity of the human person in light of a renewed theology of creation, the ongoing discoveries of evolution and natural sciences, and newly appropriated resources in the theological tradition.

Dear Joan Chittister: Conversations with Women in the Church. Jessie Bazan, Editor. Twenty-Third Publications, 2019. In this groundbreaking book, ten young women active in ministry share their thoughts, aspirations, questions and desires with Sister Joan Chittister, a spiritual master and prophetic visionary who has long encouraged the gifts and voices of those too easily dismissed. The conversations unfold in a series of letters. Each letter writer shares an experience from her life or ministry, and Joan then responds with affirmation and challenge, sharing her wisdom, inspiration and courage with those vitally committed to the church. The result is a powerful message that needs to be read by women and men.

10 Promises of Jesus: Stories and Reflections about Suffering and Joy. Fenelon, Marge Steinhage. Twenty-Third Publications, 2019. This book is a solid dose of hope. Through her own stories and the stories of others who have faced adversity and suffering, Marge Fenelon reminds us that, no matter what, Jesus is always there for us. Jesus understands adversity and suffering because he experienced them himself. And he promised—not once, but repeatedly—that he will turn our sorrow into joy if we but trust and follow him.

When the Disciple Comes of Age: Christian Identity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. O’Murchu, Diarmuid. Orbis Books, 2019. With his trademark exploration of the meaning of “adult faith” in an age marked by new understandings of cosmology, anthropology, quantum physics, and evolution, O’Murchu also includes here reflections on his own spiritual journey. When the Disciple Comes of Age offers an understanding of the Christian message that retains its power precisely by showing how it taps into deep archetypal and symbolic meaning.

#### 4. Religious Education Certification for Catechists and Teachers

A new listing of the Religious Education Certification Opportunities for Catechists and Teachers for winter and spring 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 <https://catechistcafe.weebly.com/catechist-courses.html> (at [catechistcafe.weebly.com](http://catechistcafe.weebly.com), hover on “For Catechists” for “Catechist Courses”).

*These diocesan online courses will begin in the new year:*

*Church History*, GENERAL COURSE, 12 HOURS

January 13 - March 2, 2020

Online facilitator: Joan Lawson. Contact Joan by email for password:

[jlawson@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:jlawson@youngstowndiocese.org) \$28 fee includes book

*Elementary Catechesis*, CORE COURSE, 10 HOURS

January 20 - March 16, 2020

Online facilitator: Marcy Fessler. Contact Marcy by email for password: [marcy-](mailto:marcy-stpatricks@neo.rr.com)

[stpatricks@neo.rr.com](mailto:stpatricks@neo.rr.com)

\$25.00 fee includes book

*Lent Prepare and Share*, GENERAL COURSE, 6 HOURS

January 27 – February 24, 2020

Online facilitator: Carla Hlavac. Contact Carla by email for password:

[chlavac@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:chlavac@youngstowndiocese.org)

\$15.00 fee (no book)

5. Online Learning Centers

These online learning centers have late January 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 and courses:*

- The Boston College Crossroads online program is offering these courses that begin in January:
  - Sacraments: The Fabric of Catholic Life*
  - A Catholic View of Today's Families*
  - The Creed: What We Believe*
- The Vibrant Faith Institute program on Adult Faith Formation begins in January.
- The University of Notre Dame Satellite Theological Program has 30 courses beginning January 13, including:
  - Catholic Faith and Tradition for School Teachers*
  - Faith and Science: The Catholic Approach*
  - Liturgy: A Guide for the Perplexed*
  - The American Catholic Experience*
  - The Intercultural Church: Theological Foundations and Pastoral Practices*
- The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation from the University of Dayton has more than 40 courses beginning January 12, including:
  - Advanced Catholic Social Teaching*
  - Images of Jesus*
  - Introduction to Paul's Life and Letters*
  - Reflections on Faith and Finance*
  - Spirituality in Adult Learning*

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

Did you know that Loyola University New Orleans now offers a 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 <https://online.loyno.edu/online-bachelor-of-arts-in-ministry-and-theology/> or email Carla Hlavac, LIMEX liaison, at [chlavac@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:chlavac@youngstowndiocese.org).

## 7. 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](mailto:chlavac@youngstowndiocese.org).

## OFFICE OF WORSHIP

### 1. Save the Date!

Liturgy Day 2020  
Saturday, October 10, 2020  
Keynote Speaker ~ Rev. Ricky Manalo, CSP  
More Details to Follow!

### 2. Sunday of the Word of God – January 26, 2020

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.”

### 3. Rite of Election – March 1, 2020

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. Materials will be mailed to RCIA Team Chairpersons in early January. The deadline to submit the names of Catechumens and Candidates for inclusion in the Rite of Election book is **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2020**. If at all possible, please submit names before the deadline.

4. 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.

5. Easter Vigil – April 11, 2020

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.*

6. 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.

7. Diocesan Youth Choir Festival

The annual Diocesan Youth Choir Festival will be held in conjunction with the 2020 Pueri Cantores Choir Festival at St. Paul Cathedral in Pittsburgh on Saturday, March 21, 2020 for all students (grades 4-12). Rehearsals will be held prior to the festival and transportation to/from Pittsburgh will be provided. For more information contact the Office of Worship.

8. Youngstown Diocese NPM Chapter

A Youngstown Diocese NPM (National Association of Pastoral Musicians) Chapter has recently been formed and is open to all pastoral musicians. The next meeting of the Chapter will be on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Angel Merici Parish – 397 S. Jackson Street, Youngstown. For more information contact Mrs. Libby Saxton, Director of Music, Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Canton, 330-492-3119 or [libby@stmichaelcanton.org](mailto:libby@stmichaelcanton.org).

## 9. 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.

## 10. Save the Date – 2020 Notre Dame Liturgy Week

The McGrath Institute for Church Life will sponsor the 2020 Liturgy Week *“The Liturgical Orientation of Catholic Education,”* June 22-25, 2020 at the University of Notre Dame. Discover how the task of Catholic Education unfolds in the school, parish and family. Explore the role of liturgical prayer in forming young people in Catholic life. Early-bird discounts through April 5, 2020. For more information: [www.mcgrath.nd.edu/liturgyweek](http://www.mcgrath.nd.edu/liturgyweek).

## 11. 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. Eagle of the Cross Nominations open until mid-February

If you know an outstanding high school junior or senior in our diocese, be sure to nominate him/her for the 2020 Eagle of the Cross Awards. Recipients will be honored at a Mass and Banquet on April 29 in Youngstown, and all nominees receive a certificate of acknowledgement.

The form has been posted at:

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

Nominations are **DUE by 3 p.m. ET on Friday, February 14** (please mail by Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>).

2. CMD National Workshop: **Radiate Christ - Forming Youth for Discipleship” on March 3rd**

Register now for this in-service day scheduled for 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at the St. Michael Parish Hall, 300 N. Main Street, Canfield OH 44406. This session which will incorporate Christus Vivit would be great for all adults serving in middle school and high school, parishes and schools.

Session topics include: 1. Proclaiming the Heart of the Gospel to Young People Today, 2. Teaching Youth Discipleship, 3. Radiating Christ - Witnessing Faith. See flier in this month’s attachments.

3. Parish Youth Ministry Report Forms are 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, 2020 for the 2019 year. This form, in addition to providing necessary information to the diocese, can be a useful tool for evaluating your current youth ministry efforts and to plan for the future. Thank you to those who have already submitted the report!

4. 2019 National Catholic Youth Conference – Keep that spirit enkindled!

NCYC Group Leaders are reminded to do what you can to keep that enthusiasm from the conference going with the teens and chaperones by helping them deepen their faith and step forward in leadership wherever possible at your parish/school!

If looking at pictures will help, remember that many have been posted on the office Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Youth-and-Young-Adult-Ministry-Diocese-of-Youngstown-155428204509463/?ref=settings>

## ECUMENISM

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2020

The Lutheran-Catholic Covenant Commission invites Catholic and Lutheran churches to commemorate together the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020: *They Showed Us Unusual Kindness (Acts 28:2)*, January 18-25. For celebration resources, visit the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute website, [www.geii.org](http://www.geii.org). For Christian unity celebrations throughout the year, visit the Lutheran Catholic Covenant website, [www.lccovenant.weebly.com](http://www.lccovenant.weebly.com). For more ecumenical information, visit the USCCB Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs website, [www.usccb.org/seia](http://www.usccb.org/seia). NEOS Lutheran Churches outside the geographical boundaries of the Diocese of Youngstown are welcome to use these resources.

**MISCELLANEOUS****CATHOLIC EXPONENT**

Publication dates and special sections for the Exponent are as follows: December 27, Caring for Creation (Pets); January 10, Wedding & Marriage/Finance and Investment; and January 24, Seniors – Living 50+/Catholic Schools Week. The normal deadline for each issue is 12 days before the publication date. We try to get late information into the issue, but are sometimes limited by lack of available space.

Due to mail delivery schedules, some of our subscribers get their papers on Saturday or even Monday, instead of Friday. If you have a big event planned for the weekend the paper is published, we recommend submitting items for publication in the previous issue so everyone will have the information in a timely manner. Please see flyer in this month's attachments for a copy of this information.

**CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE**

Please see this month's attachments for Suggested Parish Bulletin Announcements for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference.

<b>IN MEMORIAM</b>
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	<i>January</i>
<i>Rev. Thomas C. McNally</i>	1/00
<i>Rev. Joseph A. Malik</i>	2/96
<i>Rev. Werner E. Hackert</i>	4/62
<i>Rev. Joseph A. Feicht</i>	4/65
<i>Rev. Edward D. Novotny, CPPS</i>	4/71
<i>Deacon Thomas Rohr</i>	4/10
<i>Rev. Richard Maro</i>	5/92
<i>Deacon Michael Roberts Jr.</i>	5/17
<i>Rev. Patrick Mahar, OP</i>	6/52
<i>Rev. Daniel Crowley, OP</i>	6/97
<i>Rev. Msgr. Breen Malone</i>	8/86
<i>Rev. William E. Degan</i>	9/61
<i>Rev. John Sargent</i>	9/05
<i>Rev. Joseph Gallagher</i>	10/46
<i>Rev. John J. Murphy, OP</i>	10/59
<i>Rev. Francis J. Bogacz</i>	12/78
<i>Rev. Sergius Kafka, OFM</i>	12/82
<i>Deacon Enrique Santiago</i>	12/16
<i>Rev. Daniel Kulesa</i>	12/19
<i>Rev. Gottlieb J. Pawlewicz</i>	13/65
<i>Rev. Warren Braun</i>	14/97
<i>Rev. Herbert J. Cook</i>	15/66
<i>Rev. Msgr. William P. Maxwell</i>	15/85
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Davidson</i>	16/52
<i>Rev. William O'Neil</i>	16/97
<i>Rev. John Sudock</i>	17/65
<i>Rev. Paul A. Bagley, OP</i>	18/62
<i>Rev. Paul J. Buchholz</i>	18/64
<i>Rev. John Andrecic</i>	21/96
<i>Rev. Aloysius C. Sutter</i>	22/65
<i>Rev. Henry J. Cibulka</i>	22/74
<i>Rev. John S. Bialek</i>	23/57
<i>Rev. John P. Gallagher</i>	23/74
<i>Rev. Ignatious Staniszewski, SSP</i>	24/15
<i>Deacon Stephen Pytlik</i>	25/95
<i>Rev. Leo A. Dempsey</i>	26/60
<i>Rev. George J. Rourke, OP</i>	27/65
<i>Rev. John Gardner</i>	29/81
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Stephen Kocis</i>	30/52
<i>Rev. Herbert Maximillian, CPPS</i>	30/67
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. William S. Nash</i>	31/65