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CHANCERY OFFICE

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

On August 1, 2020 Monsignor Siffrin promulgated the *Safe Environment Policy for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults*. This new policy replaces our 2008 *Child Protection Policy* and will be effective on November 1, 2020. Over the coming months we will begin to gradually update our procedures. Please watch for communications from your local Compliance Officer and feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns.

All Employees in our parishes, schools, and institutions are now required to be compliant regardless of their level of contact with children or vulnerable adults.

Volunteers who work alone with vulnerable adults, or who regularly minister to vulnerable adults in their homes or at health care facilities, or who are responsible for vulnerable adults on behalf of a parish, school, or institution are now required to be compliant. Please review the *Safe Environment Policy* for more details and contact my office if you have any questions.

1. Compliance Requirements
 - A. *Updated Authorization & Verification and Acknowledgement Forms*

All Clergy, Religious, Seminarians, Persons in Formation, and Employees, and those Volunteers who work with children or vulnerable adults, must review a paper or electronic copy of the *Safe Environment Policy* and **electronically** sign the Authorization & Verification Form and Acknowledgement Form on their VIRTUS account page. (*Coming Soon – September 2020*)

- B. Fingerprinting and Background Checks

All Clergy, Religious, Seminarians, Persons in Formation, and Employees, and those Volunteers who work with children or vulnerable adults, must obtain a BCI or BCI/FBI background check. Any Webcheck location may be used and locations can be found at www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov.

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

Background checks **must** be sent directly to the Safe Environment Coordinator at the Diocese:

Catholic Diocese of Youngstown
Attn: Safe Environment Office
144 West Wood Street
Youngstown, OH 44503

As of January 20, 2020, background checks completed on or after this date for other agencies, employers, dioceses, etc., are not valid for compliance in the Diocese of Youngstown unless a copy is also sent directly to the Safe Environment Coordinator by BCI&I.

C. *VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Class*

All Clergy, Religious, Seminarians, Persons in Formation, and Employees, and those Volunteers who work with children or vulnerable adults, must complete the *VIRTUS Protecting God's Children* in-service class.

Visit the Safe Environment page on the [diocesan website](#) for a schedule of VIRTUS in-service classes and to register in either English or Spanish.

Until the threat of covid-19 has subsided, individuals are permitted to take the VIRTUS course online.

Child protection in-service courses from other agencies, employers, dioceses, Scouts, etc., are not valid for compliance in the Diocese of Youngstown.

2. Updating Information

Compliance Officers must submit updates for current and new employees and volunteers as they complete child protection compliance requirements on a Compliance Checklist. **A person is not compliant until the Safe Environment Coordinator receives a Compliance Checklist noting the dates that the requirements were fulfilled.** For the Compliance Checklist, email dcolucy@youngstowndiocese.org.

3. Reporting Child Abuse

If you or someone you know has been abused at any time by a priest, deacon, religious, seminarian, person in formation, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Youngstown, or if you believe that abuse has occurred or is currently occurring, contact civil authorities and also Mr. Dominic Colucy, Safe Environment Coordinator/Victim Assistance Coordinator, (office) 330-744-8451 x293 or (response line) 330-718-1388.

4. Questions or Concerns

For more information about the Diocese of Youngstown Safe Environment Policy, contact by mail: 144 W. Wood Street, Youngstown, OH 44503, phone: 330-744-8451 x293; fax: 330-744-5099; or e-mail: dcolucy@youngstowndioocese.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](http://doy.org/Media/ETC-TV%20Live%20Stream).

Transitional Deacon Ordination live streamed from St. Columba Cathedral on Saturday, September 12 at 10:30 a.m. through [doy.org/media/Cathedral Live Stream](http://doy.org/media/Cathedral%20Live%20Stream).

Rebroadcast of the Ordination ceremony on ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel on Tuesday, September 15 at 11:00 a.m. & 8:30 p.m.; and, again on Thursday, September 17 at 11:00 a.m. & 8:30 p.m.

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: September 6: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Matt Abramowski on the Villa Maria Educational and Spirituality Center; September 13: Dave Schmidt talks about Family Life; September 20: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with George Garchar on Catholic Charities for Portage and Stark Counties; and, September 27: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Dr. Katie Moran on Fatima Day.

Sr. Joyce Candidi, OSHJ, a member of the Oblate Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Director of the Office for Religious, will tell us about the Saints celebrated this month: September 6: Elizabeth the New Martyr; September 13: James Solomon Russel; September 20: St. Eustace; and, September 27: Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist.

The Interview Segment will include: September 6: Fr. Jim Korda and Fr. Jeff Mickler, SSP, talk about the Vatican II document on Religious Freedom; September 13: Fr. Jim Korda and Fr. Jeff Mickler, SSP, talk about the Vatican II document on Priestly Ministry; September 20: Fr. Jim Korda and Fr. Jeff Mickler, SSP, talk about the Vatican II document on the Missions; and, September 27: Fr. Jim Korda and Fr. Jeff Mickler, SSP, talk about the Vatican II document on the Church in the Modern World.

This month’s Music Segment is from the CD “Be Still,” Good for the Soul Music by David Kauffman at goodforthesoulmusic.com.

Fr. Matt Roehrig, SSP, local superior for the Society of St. Paul in Canfield, will give his reflections on the Sunday Scripture Readings: September 6: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; September 13: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; September 20: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; and, September 27: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

3. For an ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel Schedule for summer/fall 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.
4. Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/CTNYoungstown.

CANONICAL SERVICES

Tribunal In-Service Available

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

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

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

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

CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

1. Posters, Bookmarks, and Prayer Cards

By now, all parishes and schools should have received their new seminarian posters, bookmarks and prayer cards. If you would like additional prayer cards to pass out to parishioners for their intercessory prayer during this time, please contact the Vocations office at 330-744-8451 or by email at skopp@youngstowndiocese.org and these materials will be sent out to you.

2. Come and See Weekends

There are tentative plans for a Come and See Discernment weekend in December at St. Mary Seminary in Cleveland. More details to follow as plans develop.

3. Seminarian Visits to Your School or Parish

As you make plans for the reopening of school in the fall, please remember all of the seminarians we have currently studying in our diocese. They are all willing and available to come and speak at your parish or school. To schedule one, please contact Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or by email at skopp@youngstowndioocese.org.

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 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. Hopefully there will be renewed opportunities for these visits at some point this new school year. 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 discerner for the poster. If you have this information, please email Fr. Scott Kopp at skopp@youngstowndioocese.org.

6. Vocation Intercessions and Bulletin Blurbs for September

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

DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP

1. #iGiveCatholic

#iGiveCatholic is the official Catholic initiative of Giving Tuesday, which is a national day of observance for making gifts to nonprofit organizations. Giving Tuesday is observed every year on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, which this year is **Tuesday, December 1**.

Thanks to the Catholic Extension Society, our diocese received a grant to participate in this program along with nearly 40 other Catholic dioceses across the country.

Parishes, schools, and ministries of the diocese will all be called on to participate, giving parishioners and donors the ability to make a one-time gift at the beginning of the Holiday Season. More information was sent to pastors/administrators/parish leaders and school presidents/principals during the first week of August, and all entity bookkeepers also received an email with the same information on August 13. For more information, contact Luke Politsky at lpolitsky@youngtowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451 x298.

2. Life & Estate Seminars for Parishes

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! For more information, contact Luke Politsky at lpolitsky@youngtowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451 x298.

3. In-Pew Offertory Envelopes

Enhance your evangelization and stewardship efforts with custom in-pew offertory envelopes to welcome visitors and invite them to share their gifts with the parish. For more information, contact Luke Politsky at lpolitsky@youngtowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451 x298.

4. Endowments with the Diocese of Youngstown Foundation

You are invited to *Leave a Legacy* for your parish, Catholic school, or Catholic ministry by establishing a perpetual endowment fund within the Diocese of Youngstown Foundation. The income from these funds is available to the designated parish, school, or ministry quarterly, and is restricted to the purpose(s) which the donors establish. For more information, contact Luke Politsky at lpolitsky@youngtowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451 x298.

5. Stewardship Thoughts for parish bulletins are attached.

PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

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

(Note: September 13 is “Grandparents Day.” Many grandparents are impacted by abortion.)
 “My daughter had an abortion...I don’t know what to do.” There is Hope and Healing available.
 For CONFIDENTIAL help contact *Project Rachel of N.E. Ohio* at 888-259-4806 or support@projrachneo.zohosupport.com.

2. Intercessions for Life and Pro-Life Bulletin Briefs

Recommended intercessions and bulletin briefs for September 2020, 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. Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be “islands of mercy in the midst of a sea of indifference.” Everyone in a parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need.

This year, as the Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of *Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life)* by Pope St. John Paul II, we are invited to assess, expand, and communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in need. This nationwide effort entitled “Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service” is sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

To learn more about how your parish can take part in this effort contact our diocesan Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family at dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451 ext. 272, or visit www.walkingwithmoms.com.

4. National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children: September 12

For the last seven years, the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children has taken place on the second Saturday of September – this year on September 12. For more information, go to www.abortionmemorials.com.

Many parishes and other intuitions throughout the Diocese of Youngstown have memorials to the unborn. Consider holding a memorial service at one of these sites. For more information contact dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451 ext.272.

5. Marriage Preparation Engaged Couple Retreat Day

The next diocesan-sponsored one-day marriage preparation retreat days for engaged couples will be held Saturdays, September 19 and October 24 at St. Columba Cathedral Hall, Youngstown. Reservations are required. Social distancing protocols will be followed. Registration information may be found at www.doy.org; go to the “Ministries” drop-down menu and press on “Pro-Life, Marriage & Family Life.”

For more information on these, and other opportunities for marriage preparation formation, contact dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451, ext.272.

6. 40 Days for Life in Canton and Youngstown

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. (Go to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/>). The Fall 2020 campaign takes place September 23 through November 1. There are two 40 Days for Life campaigns in the Diocese of Youngstown:

- Canton, at 2663 Cleveland Ave. NW, in front of the Planned Parenthood. Contact Linda at 330-826-1885 or fortydayscanton@gmail.com.
- Youngstown at 77 E. Midlothian Blvd, in front of the Planned Parenthood. Contact Don and Mary at 330-372-6147 or mgoffos@hotmail.com.

7. Faith & Family Festival canceled for 2020, but 2021 date set

The Eleventh Annual Faith & Family Festival of the Diocese of Youngstown will not be taking place in September of 2020 but on September 26, of 2021 at Walsh University. The featured presenter will be Fr. Leo Patalinghug, the “cooking priest” from Plating Grace. For more information contact Dave Schmidt at dschmidt@youngstowndioocese.org or 330-744-8451 ext.272.

8. October is Respect Life Month – October 4 is Respect Life Sunday

At the end of August Respect Life Program packets from the USCCB Pro-Life Secretariat and other materials were distributed to parishes. Additional copies may be obtained from the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family life (contact 330-744-8451 ext.272 or dschmidt@youngstowndioocese.org) or by going to www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/index.cfm.

9. Life Chain

Since the 1980’s many communities have held a Life Chain whereby people concerned for the lives of unborn children stand along a busy street in their town for about an hour while praying and holding signs with pro-life messages. Life Chains have been known to take place in many towns throughout the Diocese of Youngstown, including Alliance, Boardman/ Youngstown, Canton, Garrettsville, Ravenna, and Warren. This year’s Life Chains will take place on Sunday, October 4. For details go to www.lifechain.net.

10. Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship; Catholics Care. Catholics Vote. Learn about the Issues.

In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic bishops lift up various issues of different moral weight and urgency. Some issues they mention include: addressing abortion, euthanasia, racism, the use of the death penalty and imprudent resort to war; protecting the fundamental understanding of marriage as the life-long and faithful union of one man and one woman; achieving comprehensive immigration reform; caring for our common home; helping families and children overcome poverty; providing healthcare while respecting human life, human dignity and religious freedom; and establishing and complying with moral limits on the use of military force. Learn more about these issues and others at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

11. Wedding Anniversary Celebration

There will be a Wedding Anniversary Celebration for couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries at St. Columba Cathedral on Sunday, October 18, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. The celebration includes Mass with Monsignor Siffrin, renewal of marriage vows, and a personalized certificate for each couple. Registration information was sent to parishes in August.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, this year the celebration will be open only to the couples celebrating anniversaries, with no other family members or guests present, and there will be no reception afterward. Also, there will be a limit on the number of couples that can be accommodated in the Cathedral with proper social-distancing. However, when registering for the Wedding Anniversary Celebration couples may opt not to attend the Mass and have their certificate be mailed to them. Plans are in the works to have the Mass live-streamed through the diocesan website (www.doy.org). For more information contact 330-744-8451 ext.272 or dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

12. Memorial Service for Miscarried and Stillborn Children being reschedule

The Memorial Services for Miscarried and Stillborn Children that were to take place in May are being rescheduled for Sunday, November 8, 2020 at 2:00 pm in the Chapels at:

- Calvary Cemetery, Massillon (3469 Lincoln Way E.), or
- Calvary Cemetery, Youngstown (248 Belle Vista Ave.)

A flyer and bulletin announcement will be forthcoming. For more information contact 330-744-8451 ext.272 or dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1. Catechetical Sunday: September 20, 2020

All parishes in the United States recognize and affirm those who are called to the Ministry of the Word in sharing the faith with other adults, youth, and children. A commissioning service may be found at www.usccb.org/resources/20202-commissioning-service-English.pdf for parish use.

Pastors are encouraged to publicly acknowledge the catechists and teachers for the parish and school, those who facilitate adult faith formation, and RCIA leaders. As these devoted stewards of the faith learn new opportunities to engage the various learning groups, a special blessing will be greatly appreciated.

Include Parents! Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. This is why the rite of blessing of catechists used on Catechetical Sunday includes an optional blessing of parents and guardians.

2. Parish Catechesis an “Essential” Work of the Church

All parishes are expected to provide catechesis for adults, youth and children in all times, and is ever more “essential” during these times. Doing nothing is not an option. For planning and visioning with creative opportunities please visit <https://catechistcafe.weebly.com> for a step by step design process. Pastors, catechetical and other pastoral leaders are invited to contact the staff of the Office of Religious Education for assistance in appropriate plans to meet the individual circumstances of the parish. Planning for RCIA, sacramental preparation, small Christian communities, and catechesis for young people may look different in the coming months, but will be very effective and respond to essential needs of the people of God! Thank you for the tremendous outreach for spiritual, pastoral and catechetical care.

3. New Books in the Diocesan Library

The Joy of Keeping the Faith: Thriving in the Church after RCIA. Skinner, Christine Way. Twenty Third Publications, 2020. After RCIA, what’s next? This book is the answer. Here Christine Way Skinner explores a wide variety of approaches in which new Catholics can find just the right way of practicing their faith—one that fits their own personality, culture and context. Included here are testimonials and practical suggestions at the end of each chapter that help guide the reader into a deeper life in community with the Catholic tradition.

Reupholstered Psalms: Ancient Songs Sung New. Kennedy, Greg. Twenty Third Publications, 2020. In Reupholstered Psalms, Greg Kennedy offers us 50 psalms “sung new” that speak to our current experience: consumerism, terrorism, climate change, forced migration, the extinction of species, intolerance... and the list goes on. The substance and structure – the bones – of the original works remain, but the outer appearance has been transformed. May the new styles, textures and colours of these psalms lead you into prayer and closer to God through your relationship to the divine, to yourself, to others and to creation.

Living and Learning with Jesus: Reflections, Activities, and Prayers for Forming Joyful Disciples. Mathson, Patricia. Twenty Third Publications, 2020. From praise parades and Scripture pantomimes to kindness trees and fingerprint hearts, these creative, interactive ideas can help children explore Jesus’ presence in their lives and follow his call to love as he loves. With gospel reflections, prayer starters for children to finish in their own words, and complete prayers to say together, each learning experience is perfect for ages 5-8, and for adapting to other ages and grade levels.

The Sacred In-Between: Spiritual Wisdom for Life’s Every Moment. Chittister, Joan. Twenty Third Publications, 2020. “Life is not meant to be perfect,” says Joan Chittister. “It is meant to be perfectly capable of challenging us to be everything we are meant to be.” In The Sacred In-Between, Sister Joan sifts through these challenges and offers us wisdom, hope, and inspiration for living full and happy lives.

Drawing on the wisdom of many great spiritual masters and writers, she helps us deepen our awareness of God's love—and live that love in all the joys, failures, misunderstandings, and questions we encounter each day.

4. 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 sessions. A new series of courses will be published online this month. Visit <https://catechistcafe.weebly.com/catechist-courses.html>

5. Registration is available at Catechist Café for these diocesan **on-line** courses in September:

Elementary Catechesis, CORE COURSE, 10 hours

August 25-September 30, 2020

Online Facilitator: Marcy Fessler

Register online, then contact marcy-stpatricks@neo.rr.com for password.

Registration Fee: \$26.00 (includes book)

Catholic Belief & Tradition, CORE COURSE, 20 hours

September 14 - December 21, 2020

Online Facilitator: Sister Joyce Candidi, OSHJ

Email sjcandidi@youngstowndiocese.org for password

Registration fee: \$45.00 (includes book)

Celebrating the Blessed Virgin Mary Through the Year, GENERAL COURSE, 3 hours

September 14 - October 5, 2020

Online Facilitator: Joan Lawson

Register online, then contact jlawson@youngstowndiocese.org for password.

Registration fee: \$15.00

Celebrating Catholic Customs and Traditions, GENERAL COURSE, 10 hours

September 21- November 9, 2020

Online Facilitator: Carla Hlavac

Register online, then contact chlavac@youngstowndiocese.org for password.

Registration fee: \$25.00 (includes book)

Coming online in October:

Sowing God's Word (CORE course), with Marcy Fessler

Living Catholic Morality (GENERAL course), with Rev. Ken Miller

Living the Sacraments (GENERAL course), with Joan Lawson

6. Online Catholic University Learning

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 <https://catechistcafe.weebly.com/catechist-courses.html> for connections to these learning centers:

STM Crossroads (Boston College School of Theology and Ministry) has registration open now for this class that begins on September 25:

The Liturgy Committee

OFFICE OF WORSHIP

1. Liturgical Directives for the Celebration of Mass during the Pandemic

The Liturgical Directives/Guidelines published in May for the Resumption of Public Mass remain in effect. Updates and revisions to the guidelines/directives will be issued as needed. Parishes are to follow any new directives and mandates issued by the Governor of Ohio or local officials within your jurisdiction. The wearing of face coverings for all liturgical ministers and especially during the distribution of Holy Communion is required for the time being.

2. Dispensation from the Obligation to attend Sunday Mass

The Catholic faithful who reside in the Diocese of Youngstown and all other Catholics in the diocese and especially those who are sick, or at high risk of becoming sick continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice. The Easter Duty obligation is extended for a period of one year from the end of the Easter Season 2020.

3. Liturgical Resources for 2021

The Office of Worship is offering the following 2021 Liturgical Resources for purchase:

NOTE: PRICES ARE THE SAME AS LAST YEAR!!

- 2021 Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Readers – \$9.25;
- 2021 Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons and Weekdays – \$11.50;
- 2021 At Home with the Word – \$7.00;
- 2021 Daily Prayer – \$8.50;
- 2021 Liturgical Calendars – \$6.00;
- 2020 Visiting the Sick and Homebound – \$7.00.

Prices include shipping and delivery!

Order forms have been sent to all parishes. The deadline to place orders is September 15, 2020.

4. Leader of Prayer Formation Series

After thoughtful consideration, the Lay Leader of Prayer Formation Series will not be held this year. The sessions will resume in September 2021.

5. 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. Virtual Youth Ministers Gathering on Wednesday, September 9

All adult Coordinators for Youth Ministry are invited to prayer and discussion with fellow youth ministers on Wednesday, September 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Please RSVP to Cindee at ccase@youngstowndiocese.org to receive the log-on information, for the virtual meeting which can be done on your computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone.

2. DYC – Diocesan Youth Convention – Would a Virtual event be of benefit?

Sunday, November 1st was penciled in for the 2020 DYC; however, due to concerns not only about gathering a large number of people, but also transporting minors to a site safely, we will NOT have an in-person Diocesan Youth Convention.

But, this month, the OY&YAM will be surveying Coordinators for Youth Ministry to consider if an online offering would be of benefit. So, CYMs, be sure to check your email and participate in the discussion (and join the September 9th call mentioned above if you are able).

3. Virtual Young Adult Ministers (YAM) Gathering on Wednesday, September 23

All adult Coordinators for Young Adult Ministries (that is those in their 20s and 30s) are invited to prayer and discussion with fellow youth adult ministers on Wednesday, September 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Please RSVP to Cindee at ccase@youngstowndiocese.org to receive the log-on information, for the virtual meeting which can be done on your computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone.

4. The Stay Connected with the OY&YAM via Social Media
- A. For young adults (ages 20s and 30s) on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/Youth-and-Young-Adult-Ministry-Diocese-of-Youngstown-155428204509463>
- B. For Coordinators/Directors of Youth Ministry on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/89462880376>
- C. For everyone to follow along with news from the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and related topics:

On Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Youth-and-Young-Adult-Ministry-Diocese-of-Youngstown-155428204509463>

On Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/YoungInYtown>

On Instagram:

@cindeenyoungstown

On Pinterest:

<https://www.pinterest.com/youngstownyouth>

5. Reminder to Coordinators of Youth Ministry – Planning Considerations document

The office emailed a six-page Youth Ministry Planning Considerations back on July 29 to assist with thinking-through a variety of event settings for our due-diligence in arranging for as safe an environment as possible. This planning guide has also been posted at:

<https://youngstownoyam.weebly.com/ym-during-pandemic.html>

6. Reminder: Holy Fire Great Lakes – Middle School Event will NOT be held in 2020

The dynamic one-day faith event for middle school youth (grades 6-8) originally scheduled for October 11 at the Stroh Center at Bowling Green State University has been CANCELLED for 2020, but plans are underway for fall 2021. Stay tuned for information next spring.

7. NFCYM Virtual Symposium on September 1

“MOMENTUM - The Accompaniment Symposium” - Focused on ways to evangelize through accompaniment in our current reality. They will be addressing 3 themes, Accompaniment - Evangelization - Practical Strategies with opportunity for breakouts with theoretical and practical components to each.

September 1, 2020, 1:00 - 4:30 pm ET

Tickets \$35, NFCYM Members get \$10 OFF, use code SYMP2020 at checkout

Available at: <https://nfcym.org/events/momentum/>

8. “Fostering a Vision for Catholic Youth Ministry” (YMOT Course 1)

“Fostering a Vision for Catholic Youth Ministry” is the next Youth Ministry Online Training (Course 1) being offered this fall. The flier and registration form can be found in the Attachments of this Communique’ and also online at:

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

Module 1A: Fundamentals of Catholic Youth Ministry

This class is perfect for anyone new to youth ministry, volunteers and team members ready to learn more about the fundamentals and as a refresher for experienced youth ministers. Cost \$40.

Begins the week of September 21, active coursework through October 18

Assignments due by October 26

Module 1B: Advancing the Vision of Catholic Youth Ministry

Prerequisite of Module 1A (or previous program M1 and M2). Cost \$40.

Active coursework begins the week of October 26 through November 15

Assignments due by November 23

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