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CHANCERY OFFICE

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday will be observed **October 17-18, 2020**. For more bulletin content information please visit www.propfaith.net. This annual collection supports Pontifical Missions Society, Catholic Home Missions and the Black and Indian Missions. Please see flyer included in this month's *Communique* attachments for more information.

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 Rev. Monsignor Robert J. Siffrin, Diocesan Administrator. 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

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@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.

Wedding Anniversary Mass live streamed from St. Columba Cathedral on Sunday, October 18 at 2:00 p.m. at doy.org/media/Cathedral Live Stream.

Jewish 101 is a new series hosted by Rabbi Mark Golub which airs on Tuesdays at 1:30 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.; and, 9:00 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: October 4: Dave Schmidt will talk about Pro-life issues in the Diocese of Youngstown; October 11: Fr. Jim Korda will speak with Nancy Voitius on Catholic Charities; October 18: Fr. Ed Brienz will talk about World Day for Missions; and, October 25: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Mary Ellen Burke on the Catholic Nurses Council.

Barb Zorn, a member of St. Columba Cathedral, will tell us about the Saints celebrated this month: October 4: St. Faustina; October 11: St. Teresa of Avila; October 18: St. Pope John Paul II; and, October 25: Ss. Simon and Jude.

The Interview Segment will include: October 4: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Carla Hlavac on the Media Library; October 11: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Joan Lawson on Adult On-Line Education; October 18: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Fr. Ed Noga about ACTION; and, October 25: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Dr. Tom Sauline on Reformation Sunday.

This month's Music Segment is from the CD "On Eagles Wings" by Michael Crawford.

Fr. Jim Korda will give his reflections on the Sunday Scripture Readings: October 4: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; October 11: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time; October 18: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; and, October 25: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

3. For an ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel Schedule for 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/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. Catholic Charities Respect Life Coloring Contest

It is that time again, pull out your markers, crayons, colored pencils...download or print our coloring page and get busy!

October is Resect Life Month. We hope our coloring page, Fruits of the Spirit, will help remind you that providing love, joy, peace, kindness, patience, faithfulness, gentleness and goodness to others and yourself is promoting the importance of building a culture that cherishes every human life.

Return your colored page to: Catholic Charities, Attn: Coloring Contest, 144 West Wood St, Youngstown, OH 44503. The first 10 pages received will win a contest prize.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ALL COLORING PAGES IS OCTOBER 31, 2020.

2. First Step for Change 2020

Catholic Charities will not take a formal “First Step for Change 2020” collection. Instead, our formal campaign and collection will take place between Mother’s Day through Father’s Day in 2021. We are very excited about presenting our rejuvenated campaign. All information will be mailed to parishes early spring.

If your parish still wishes to take a collection for Catholic Charities this year during Respect Life month (October 2020), or any other month, to help the children and parents served through our First Step Programs, please send your donations directly to the Catholic Charities Agency nearest you (visit www.ccdoy.org/locations).

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Nikole at 330-744-8451, ext. 323 or email nbaringer@youngstowndiocese.org.

3. Catholic Charities Season of Giving 2020 – Coming Soon Season of Giving

Get ready to 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 along with a handmade bracelet, necklace or ornament. Great gift for family members or friends who have everything!
- READ our NEWSLETTER to see what’s happening at Catholic Charities.
- FOLLOW us on SOCIAL MEDIA.

4. Catholic Charities Regional Agency – Christina House – NON EVENT

Please do NOT attend. Do NOT attend any fancy, fundraising dinner, do NOT hire a sitter or buy new clothes. Do NOT attend and kindly respond with a donation to help victims of domestic violence. Your response could save a life.

Christina House, a program of Catholic Charities Regional Agency, offers emergency shelter of victims of domestic violence. Once in shelter care, a case manager works with the victim and helps to access available services in the county. Additional support services include legal advocacy, counseling and transportation. Other services include a 24-hour crisis line, outreach, community awareness and response to hospital calls for rape and sexual assault

Please consider a donation today to help victims of domestic violence. Make checks payable to Catholic Charities and mail to: Catholic Charities, Attn: Nikole Baringer, 144 West Wood Street, Youngstown, OH 44503. OR visit our website www.ccdoy.org.

5. Catholic Charities Regional Agency – Christmas Program

Catholic Charities Regional Agency has amended its Christmas Program to adapt to these times of the pandemic. They will be accepting gift cards to be distributed to families in need as they come in for other services. We prefer gift cards be purchased from Walmart, Target, Giant Eagle or other area grocery stores. The agency will not be doing public sign-ups for families this year.

Clients who wish to sign up for gifts and toys are being referred to the Salvation Army and Project MKC (formerly Making Kids Count).

DEPARTMENT FOR JUSTICE & CHARITY

1. Natural Disasters

The traditional storm season has only just begun and already we have witnessed the devastating impact of Hurricane Laura and the California wildfires. Thousands of homes, businesses and churches have been severely damaged or destroyed and the impacts will be long lasting. We offer our prayers to families who have lost loved ones, homes and businesses.

Please continue to pray for all who are affected by these natural disasters. If you would like to be of assistance in this time of need, please support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA (<https://app.mobilecause.com/e/T4KUYw?vid=bl21w>), the official relief agency of the US Catholic Church. 100% of donations go to relief efforts.

2. Faithful Citizenship

The Catholic bishops of the United States are pleased to offer once again to the Catholic faithful [Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship](#) our teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. This statement represents our guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. We urge our pastors, lay and religious faithful, and all people of good will to use this statement to help form their consciences; to teach those entrusted to their care; to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue; and to shape political choices in the coming election in light of Catholic teaching.

The statement lifts up our dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens with rights and duties as participants in the civil order.

For Faithful Citizenship in Spanish, visit www.doy.org.

If you have questions or concerns, contact Stephen Carattini at scarattini@youngstowndiocese.org.

CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

1. National Vocation Awareness Week

National Vocation Awareness Week is November 1-7, 2020. Consider incorporating ideas from the *Hundredfold* book into your parish, school, or meetings that week. See also the bulletin blurbs and intercessions in the attachments.

Seminarians will be presenting vocations talks on the weekend of October 31/November 1 at various parishes. Priests and deacons may also consider incorporating their own vocation story into the homily that weekend along with All Saints.

2. Please keep our seminarians in prayer throughout the year

- Deacon Chad Johnson / IV Theology / St. Mary's, Cleveland
- Deacon Brian Smith / IV Theology / Josephinum, Columbus
- Connor Hetzel / III Theology / St. Mary's, Cleveland
- Francisco Ogbonna / III Theology / St. Mary's Cleveland
- Brook Benedict / Pastoral Year / Immaculate Conception, Ravenna
- Scott Brand / Pastoral Year / St. Christine, Youngstown
- Robert England / Pastoral Year / St. Mary, Warren
- Garrett Guerrieri / Pastoral Year / Our Lady of Peace, Ashtabula
- John Rovnak / Pastoral Year/ Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Niles
- Frederick Schlueter / Pastoral Year / Assumption, Geneva
- Kevin Bertleff / II Theology / St. Mary, Cleveland
- Michael Silveus / II&III Theology / St. John XXIII, Weston, MA
- William Wainio / II Theology / St. Mary, Cleveland
- Travis Seagraves / I Theology / St. Mary, Cleveland
- Arthur Bodenschatz / College Junior / Borromeo, Cleveland
- John Harwood / College Junior / Borromeo, Cleveland

3. Posters, Bookmarks, and Prayer Cards

We are currently working on the new Seminarian Poster and prayer cards for 2020-21. Our hope is to have it done and distributed by National Vocation Awareness Week, November 1-7.

4. 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.

5. Seminarian Visits to Your School or Parish

As you make plans for the reopening of school in the fall or when things hopefully reopen fully in the Spring, 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@youngstowndiocese.org.

6. 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.

7. Vocation Intercessions and Bulletin Blurbs for October

Attached to the Communiqué are vocation intercessions and bulletin blurbs for the month of October. 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@youngstowndiocese.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. 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.

2. 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@youngtowndiocese.org) or by going to www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/index.cfm.

3. 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 Boardman/ Youngstown, Canton, Garrettsville, Ravenna, and Warren. Many of this year's Life Chains will take place on Sunday, October 4, but some have been delayed until November 1, due to COVID-19. For details go to www.lifechain.net.

4. 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.

5. Intercessions for Life and Pro-Life Bulletin Briefs

Recommended intercessions and bulletin briefs for October 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.

6. Project Rachel Outreach – October Message for Bulletin/Newsletter/Website:

Do you know someone suffering after abortion? 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.

7. "You are Mine" Private, Directed Retreat for Healing and Hope After Abortion

Women suffering after abortion are invited to begin their healing journey by scheduling an individual retreat at Bethesda House of Mercy during the months of October and November. Confession will be available. Social distancing and other guidelines due to Covid-19 will be followed. For more information, contact The Community of Jesus, the Living Mercy at 1-800-482-4100 or email at BethesdaHouse@aol.com

8. Marriage Preparation Engaged Couple Retreat Day

The next diocesan-sponsored one-day marriage preparation retreat day for engaged couples will be held Saturday, 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

9. 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.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1. Civilized Catholic Consciences

“Civilize it” is a theme encouraged by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as we approach the general election in November. It is aimed at promoting healthy and helpful conversations among communities, with those we share common values, and those we do not, to demonstrate the respect and compassion the Gospel demands.

Pope Francis stated “We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear; a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern.” Mature Catholic adults work towards the common good through respectful dialogue, a willingness to listen to another’s perspective, and a commitment to upholding Catholic Social Teaching preserving human life and dignity. For more guidance on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, see www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship.org. The Catholic Conference of Ohio has resources developed by the Ohio Bishops at www.ohiocathconf.org, and the Office of Religious education has additional materials suitable for use in Adult Faith Formation, Small Christian Communities or bulletin inserts at www.catechistcafe.weebly.com.

2. The New Directory for Catechesis

The Universal Church has a New Directory for Catechesis calling all who embrace the faith to pass on the faith through the mission of evangelization and catechesis. As in the previous General Directory for Catechesis, the new release offers an emphasis on the intimate connection between evangelization and catechesis, urging catechists, catechetical leaders and other pastoral workers to infuse the work of the Gospel with renewed zeal. The formation of adults is again highlighted as the priority for catechesis and evangelization in the parish community. The Office of Religious Education continues to provide quality faith formation resources through the Library, and through online courses aimed at deepening faith knowledge, spirituality and practice.

For assistance in developing adult faith formation opportunities in the parish, please contact the staff of the Office of Religious Education.

3. Confirmation for Practicing Catholic Adults

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2020, during the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Columba Cathedral. This is a special opportunity for parishioners (age 18 or older) who have not received the sacrament to join with other adults of the diocese. It is the responsibility of the parish staff/team to ensure that candidates are prepared and eligible to receive the sacrament by: verifying baptism; marital status; Confirmation preparation; and eligibility of sponsors. Sponsors must be confirmed, practicing Catholics and may not be a parent of the candidate.

Confirmation preparation is to be completed at the parish level. Please contact the Office of Religious Education for additional guidance.

4. New Books in the Diocesan Library

The Liminal Papacy of Pope Francis: Moving Toward Global Catholicity. Faggioli, Massimo. Orbis Books, 2020. A historical analysis of the ways in which Francis's papacy is unusual and thus open to greater possibilities than many of his predecessors.

Christian Socialism: an Informal History. Cort, John C. Orbis Books, 2020. This full-scale study of Christian socialism, from the beginnings of the Jewish-Christian tradition through the present day, argues that socialism, per se, is basically Christian.

The Our Father: a New Reading. Lohfink, Gerhard. Liturgical Press, 2019. Gerhard Lohfink breaks open its strange phrases like "hallowed be thy name," its off-putting language like "Father" and "kingdom," and its apparently harsh demands like forgive us as we have forgiven those who hurt us-all to shed light on Jesus' original words and their meaning. By probing what the prayer meant for Jesus and his first disciples in their world Lohfink calls us to allow the Our Father to break open our own minds and hearts to its infinite invitation and challenge for our time and for all ages.

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 colors of these psalms lead you into prayer and closer to God through your relationship to the divine, to yourself, to others and to creation.

Thea Bowman: Faithful and Free. Nutt, Maurice J. Liturgical Press, 2019. Sister Thea Bowman is one of the most inspiring figures in American Catholic history. This granddaughter of slaves became Catholic on her own initiative at the age of nine. As a Franciscan sister, she lived a wide-ranging ministry of joy, music, and justice. Drawing on careful research and the insights of people who were close to her, Nutt explores her personality, her passion, her mission, and her prayer. He captures Thea Bowman as she was: an unapologetically African American woman, a religious sister who deeply loved God and the people to whom she ministered through teaching, preaching, and singing, and who embraced the blessing of her ancestry, the wisdom of the "old folks," and a passion for justice and equality for all God's children.

5. Religious Education Certification for Catechists and Teachers

A listing of the Religious Education Certification ONLINE Opportunities for Catechists and Teachers is available at Catechist Café or at your parish in a printed postcard available from your DRE or parish minister. Visit catechistcafe.weebly.com, hover on “For Catechists” for “Catechist Courses.” <https://catechistcafe.weebly.com/catechist-courses.html>

6. Registration is available at Catechist Café for these diocesan **on-line** courses in October

Sowing God's Word: Sharing Faith, Nurturing Discipleship, CORE COURSE, 10 hours credit;
October 12 - November 18, 2020; Online
Online Facilitator: Marcy Fessler
Email: marcy-stpatricks@neo.rr.com for password

Living Catholic Morality, GENERAL COURSE, 12 hours credit;
October 12 - November 23, 2020;
Online Facilitator: Father Ken Miller
Email: kmiller@youngstowndiocese.org

Living the Sacraments; GENERAL COURSE, 12 hours credit;
October 12 - November 23, 2020;
Online Facilitator: Joan Lawson
Email: jlawson@youngstowndiocese.org

7. Online Learning Centers

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

STM Crossroads (Boston College School of Theology and Ministry) has registration open now for courses beginning October 7 and October 21, including:

- Ignatian Spirituality
- Old Testament Narratives
- The Gospel of Mark
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VLCFF (Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation) from the University of Dayton has registration open now, closing October 14, for courses beginning October 18, including:

- Echoes of Racism, Whispers of Healing
- Prayer and Worship with Adolescents
- Praying with Children

The University of Notre Dame Satellite Theological Program (STEP) has registration open now for courses which will begin on October 5 and October 12, including:

- American Catholicism Since Vatican II: The Challenges of Change
- The Doctrine of Salvation in Jesus Christ
- The Theology of the Mass

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;
- 2021 Visiting the Sick and Homebound – \$7.00

Prices include shipping and delivery!

Order forms have been sent to all parishes. ***DEADLINE EXTENDED to September 30, 2020.***

4. Cecilia Project Reboot and Accepting NEW Candidates

The Cecilia Project was developed in response to the growing concern to encourage, recruit, and train qualified people to become pastoral musicians in parishes and institutions. The Music Committee of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission created the Cecilia Project to meet this need by providing a competent training program and experience for potential musicians to become qualified music ministers.

Due to the suspension of activities last year a Cecilia Project Reboot is currently underway. A Cecilia Project 2.0 Study Day will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2020, at Saint Columba Hall beginning at 12:00noon and concluding with attending 4:00 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral.

Current and NEW participants are invited to participate and restart a two-year formation program in liturgy and music. Safe distancing and proper safe environment protocols will be in place. This is a unique opportunity to identify young potential musicians and offer them the advantage to further their musical education and talent **at no cost**. A Cecilia Project Interest Form is attached for potential candidates. The endorsement of the pastor/parish leader is needed and interest forms should be returned as soon as possible.

5. Celebration of Confirmation for Adults

The Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults will be celebrated on Sunday, November 22, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. in Saint Columba Cathedral. This is a special opportunity for parishioners age 18 or older who have not received the sacrament to join with other adults of the diocese. Information and registration/eligibility forms have been mailed to all parishes. Candidates are to be prepared in their parishes for this celebration.

6. 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. Next Virtual Youth Ministers Gathering on Thursday, November 12

All adult Coordinators for Youth Ministry are invited to prayer and discussion with fellow youth ministers on Thursday, November 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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

2. Stay Connected with the OY&YAM via Social Media

A. Invite young adults (ages 20s and 30s) to connect 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:

@cindeenyongstown

On Pinterest:

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

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

“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 was included in the attachments of the September Communique and can be online at:

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS

USCCB ADVISORY

The Conference has been advised by the Archdiocese of Newark of its concerns regarding on Hygord Amédée, who recently presented himself to Bishop Manuel Cruz of Newark claiming to be a priest of the “Old Catholic Church” and seeking to become a Roman Catholic. Associated, obviously “doctored”, correspondence subsequently provided to the Office of the Chancellor of the Archdiocese by the “Primate and Archbishop of the Old Catholic Church in North America”, located in Orlando, also makes it clear that Mr. Amédée is also seeking a ministry position of some sort. Further, the Diocese of Orlando has advised the Archdiocese of Newark that Mr. Amédée was not incardinated in that diocese.

It would appear that the subject individual is likely the same person, under the name of Amédée Hygord, as to whom the Apostolic Nunciature previously asked the Conference to advise our membership. This was the subject of our Memorandum to All Bishops dated May 24, 2018, Subject: Mr. Amédée Hygord. The Nunciature advised that Mr. Hygord was falsely claiming to be a priest in good standing.

Those needing further information should contact Sr. Donna Ciangio, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Newark, at (973) 497-4005.

USCCB ADVISORY

The Diocese of Rockford has advised the Conference of its concerns regarding Fr. Michael Black. Since 2015 and continuing to the present, the priestly ministry of Father Michael G. Black, a priest of the Diocese of Rockford, has been restricted. The Diocese of Rockford has learned that Father Black has engaged in prohibited ministry in other dioceses in the United States. Because of his restricted ministry, Father Black requires permission of the Bishop, the Vicar General, or the Vicar for Clergy of the Diocese of Rockford in order to lawfully exercise priestly ministry outside the Diocese of Rockford.

For further information, please contact the Vicar for Clergy of the Diocese of Rockford, Rev. Msgr. Stephen J. Knox at (818) 399-4300.

5th ANNUAL OUR LADY OF FATIMA PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

Please join us for the 5th Annual Greater Youngstown Area Our Lady of Fatima Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, **October 10, 2020**. Beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica with the Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and veneration of the Pilgrim Virgin Icon of Our Lady of Fatima. At 12:00 p.m. a public recitation of the Rosary and Eucharistic Procession from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica to St. Columba Cathedral and public Mass at 1:00 p.m. at St. Columba Cathedral. Please see attached flyer in this month’s *Communique* attachments for more information.

MISCELLANEOUS (continued)**CATHOLIC EXPONENT**

Publication dates and special sections for the Exponent are as follows: Sept. 18 – Respect Life; Oct. 2 – Death & Grieving/Breast Cancer Awareness; Oct. 16 – Church Vocations. 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 that everyone will have the information in a timely manner.

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