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CHANCERY OFFICE

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, November 15	3:00 p.m.	Regina Coeli, Alliance with St. Ann, Sebring, St. Louis, Louisville and St. Joseph, Maximo @ Regina Coeli, Alliance
Sunday, November 22	4:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation @ St. Columba Cathedral

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION

The Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal will take place in most parishes November 14-15, 2020. The collection will be on November 21-22, 2020. Information packets have been sent to pastors and religious presenters. All religious presenters should have contacted your pastors by now. Kindly do so ASAP if you have not had the opportunity thus far. For further information or materials please contact the Office of Vowed Religious at 330-744-8451 ext. 238.

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*)

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.

2. Radio Programming Wineskins

Wineskins airs every Sunday at 7:30 a.m. on WKBN 570 AM in Youngstown, WRQX 600 AM in Salem at 7:30 a.m., WILB AM Canton 1060/WILB FM 89.5 Youngstown/WILB FM 94.5 Canton at 9:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Listen to *Wineskins* on the diocesan website by going to the “News and Media” bar, then, click on “Wineskins Audio Library.”

The Current Issue Segment will feature: November 1: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Fr. Matt Roehrig, SSP, on the Secular Institutes; November 8: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Fr. Mike Mikstay on Veteran’s Day; November 15: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Pam Jadue on the Early Childhood Learning Center, Part I; November 22: Nikole Baringer talks about Catholic Charities; and, November 29: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Pam Jadue on the Early Childhood Learning Center, Part II.

Lou Jacquet, a member of St. Brendan Church in Youngstown, will tell us about the Saints celebrated this month: November 1: All Souls; November 8: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini; November 15: St. Rose Philippine Duchesne; November 22: St. Catherine of Alexandria; and, November 29: St. Andrew, Apostle.

The Interview Segment will include: November 1: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Fr. Joe Ruggieri on Vocations; November 8: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Daniel Wakefield on AIDS Ministry; November 15: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Sr. Joyce Candidi on the Religious Retirement Appeal; November 22: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Christa Blasko on Catholic Cemeteries; and, November 29: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with newly ordained Deacon Chad Johnson.

This month's Music Segment is from the CD "Behold" by David Kauffman and his music called "Good For the Soul" at goodforthesoulmusic.com.

Deacon Ed Laubacher, permanent deacon from St. Paul Church in North Canton, will give his reflections on the Sunday Scripture Readings: November 1: All Saints; November 8: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time; November 15: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; November 22: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe; and, November 29: First Sunday of Advent.

3. See the newest of CTNY Local Programming on the Internet by linking to doy.org and click "News and Media" bar, then click on "CTNY Gallery." DVD copies of all local productions are available through CTNY for a nominal fee. Please contact us at CTNY at 330-533-2243.
4. For an ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel Schedule for fall/winter 2020-2021, please contact CTNY at 330-533-2243, or visit www.doy.org and go to the "News and Media" bar and click on the ETC-TV schedule.
5. Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/CTNYyoungstown.

CANONICAL SERVICES

Tribunal In-Service Available

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

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

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

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES

1. #GIVINGTUESDAY

#GivingTuesday is quickly becoming one of the largest giving days and one of the most successful social media campaigns all over the world. You can participate and make a difference by visiting our website (www.ccdoy.org) on Tuesday, December 1, 2020. Proceeds from #GIVINGTUESDAY will help support the many programs and services offered by Catholic Charities. You DO make the difference! You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Thank you for your support.

2. Season of Giving

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

- PRAY for those in need in our communities, Diocese and in our country.
- VOLUNTEER your time and talents to various projects and events.
- SEND a gift that gives back this Christmas through our CHRISTMAS GIFTING PROGRAM. You make a gift; we send a customized greeting card to the recipient(s) of your choice along with a handmade ornament. Great gift for family members or friends. Visit www.ccdoy.org for information.
- READ our NEWSLETTER to see what's happening at Catholic Charities.
- FOLLOW us on SOCIAL MEDIA.

DEPARTMENT FOR JUSTICE & CHARITY

1. 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.

2. Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) – Grants Available

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

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

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

Community Grants are also available on a local level. If you feel your organization may qualify for a CCHD funded grant, contact Nikole Baringer at 330-744-8451, ext. 323 or email nbaringer@youngstowndiocese.org.

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. Vocation Director at Your Parish

Diocesan Vocation Director Fr. Scott Kopp is coordinating his calendar for high school and college visits and Masses. If you have a special youth ministry, parish, or vocational event, consider asking him to attend or speak. 330-744-8451 or by email at skopp@youngstowndiocese.org.

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. Pontifical College Josephinum has cancelled their December discernment weekend but are looking at one for the Spring.

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@youngstowndioocese.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 November

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

OFFICE OF VOWED RELIGIOUS

1. World Day of Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life liturgy will be celebrated **at St. Columba Cathedral on Sunday, February 7, 2021** at the **10:30 a.m.** Mass. Be sure to mark your calendars for this annual diocesan celebration of Consecrated Life.

2. New and Returning Religious

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

3. Retirement Fund for Religious

Reminder to pastors and religious presenters: The Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal will take place in most parishes **November 14 - 15**. Some parishes have agreed to hold the Appeal on either October 31 – November 1 or November 7 - 8. In most parishes the collection will be taken the weekend following the Appeal.

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

4. Religious Jubilee Celebration

If it is safe to gather in person, the Diocese of Youngstown plans to celebrate the jubilees of those religious who generously served the people of this diocese on **Saturday, March 20, 2021 at Holy Family** parish in Poland, Ohio. The day would begin at 1:15 p.m. with registration and a social. Ursuline Sister Regina Rogers will be our presenter. In addition we will have a catered dinner, concluding with Holy Mass at 4:30 p.m. and a group photo.

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.

Registration is closed as of October 30, but parishes and schools already registered should be following the timelines, resources, and trainings provided on the #iGiveCatholic website, igivecatholic.org. For more information, contact Luke Politsky at lpolitsky@youngtowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451 x298.

2. Life & Estate Planning Seminars for Parishes

NOW is the time to plan a Life & Estate Planning Seminar. End of life issues and estate planning are discussed in a one-hour 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. Increased Offertory Programs and Capital Campaigns

Contact us TODAY to plan a Parish Increased Offertory Program or Capital Campaign for 2021. For more information, contact Luke Politsky at lpolitsky@youngtowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451 x298.

6. Stewardship Thoughts for parish bulletins are attached.

PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

1. “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

2. Feast of Christ the King – November 22, 2020

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has prepared materials to help educate the faithful about the Solemnity of Christ the King, which the Church celebrates on November 22, 2020, and its connection to religious liberty. More information may be found at: <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/christ-the-king/index.cfm>.

3. March for Life: Together Strong, Life Unites

If you or your parish, school or organization is planning to attend the March for Life in Washington D.C. on Friday, January 29, 2021, here is some important information to consider:

- The March for Life in Washington D.C. is expected to proceed as scheduled on Friday, January 29. For more information go to: <https://marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/>.
- If your parish, school or organization is organizing a bus to attend the March for Life, please be sure to contact Dave Schmidt in the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life at 330-744-8451 ext. 272 or dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.
- The Youth Rally and Mass for Life hosted by the Archdiocese of Washington will be a virtual event this year. (This event has taken place in the Capital One Arena in years past.) The Rally will start at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 29, and Mass is expected to be livestreamed from St. Matthew Cathedral in Washington D.C. at 10:00 a.m. More details will be forthcoming. Go to <https://youthrallyandmassforlife.org/>.
- Students for Life of America, which usually offers a large conference the day after the March for Life, will instead this year they be offering "Stand 4 Life -- A National Pro-life Training and Activism Weekend", January 27-30. Stand 4 Life looks to be a mixture of livestreamed presentations by nationally known speakers together with in-person events held in local communities throughout the nation. For more information go to: <https://www.studentsforlife.org/stand4life/>.
- Georgetown University in Washington D.C., which usually offers their "Cardinal O'Connor Conference" the day after the March for Life will be offering a virtual conference via livestreaming on Saturday, January 30. For more information go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/twenty-second-annual-cardinal-oconnor-conference-on-life-tickets-109593667610>.

For more information on the above items, or other related questions or concerns, contact 330-744-8451 ext. 272 or dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

4. Intercessions for Life and Pro-Life Bulletin Briefs

Recommended intercessions and bulletin briefs for November 2020, prepared by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, may be found at <https://www.respectlife.org/word-of-life> and on the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life page of www.doy.org.

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

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

6. 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.

7. Marriage Preparation Engaged Couple Retreat Day

The diocesan-sponsored one-day marriage preparation retreat days for engaged couples are in the process of being scheduled for 2021. Once the dates are set updated information will be mailed to all priests and deacons in the diocese. For more information contact 330-744-8451, ext.272 or dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1. Catholics Care – Catholics Vote

The Catholic Church calls participation in political life a moral obligation and responsible citizenship a virtue. During these challenging and often confusing times, it is essential to form consciences based on authentic Catholic teaching and avoid information sources that do not reflect what the Church holds true. The Catholic Conference of Ohio Bishops have published a reflection handout appropriate for Parish bulletins. A brief summary of Catholic Social Teaching from the USCCB sheds light on many issues of public policy. Please see the attachments in this issue of Communique, and share with the Parish community.

Visit <https://catechistcafe.weebly.com> for official Catholic teaching from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Catholic Conference of Ohio Bishops, and other resources. Prayerfully prepare to vote, with a properly formed Catholic conscience.

2. 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.

3. Prepare to Welcome, Welcome back, and Welcome Again

With many parish communities experiencing smaller attendance at weekend liturgies, a decline in Inquirers seeking the faith through the RCIA, and less in person adult faith formation and other catechetical formation, our once vibrant communities may seem distant. Now is the time to reflect and plan for a spirited welcome once the dispensation is lifted. Maintaining contact with the households continues to be essential in assuring the parishioners of the community's desire to be with them soon. Please contact the staff of the Office of Religious Education for resources and ideas for parish teams, evangelization committees and RCIA leaders.

4. New Books in the Diocesan Library

Building Faith Brick by Brick II: an Imaginative Way to Explore the Parables with God's People. Church Publishing, 2018. Emily Slichter Given has created more LEGO lesson plans to tell bible stories in a relevant, hands-on way for a broad range of audiences. Children of all ages have reached into the stories of God while also digging deep into enormous bins of little plastic blocks and miniature people. This second book has thirty-two new stories with lesson plans based on Jesus' parables.

Justin and Mia Discover the Treasures of the Mass. Anne-Isabelle Lacassagne and Isabelle Monerrot-Dumaine. Pflaum Publishing, 2020. Justin and Mia step inside a church and meet Father Martin, who invites them to take part in the weekly celebration, saying, "Every Mass is like a treasure hunt." Join Justin and Mia as they eagerly search for the treasure...and make the greatest discovery of all!

The Liminal Papacy of Pope Francis: Moving Toward Global Catholicity. Massimo Faggioli, Ilia Delio, editor. 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.

What, Me Holy? Inspired by *Rejoice and Be Glad* by Pope Francis. Lowney, Chris. Renew International, 2019. Explore the themes of work, faith, and life with this new resource by leadership expert Chris Lowney. In his exhortation *Rejoice and Be Glad*, Pope Francis calls all Catholics to live a life of holiness. But what does holiness mean? How do we answer that call in our work, in our communities, in the day-to-day encounters of our lives? In twelve faith-sharing sessions, featuring down-to-earth, concrete examples, he explores everyday things we already do, and those we can begin doing, to lead us on a journey to holiness. A digital playlist of songs to enhance each prayer at each gathering is available.

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 online diocesan courses that begin in November:

Songs of Advent, General Course, 10 hours credit;
November 23 – December 21, 2020;
Online Facilitator: Sister Therese Anne Rich, OSU

Jesus' Birth in the Gospels, General Course, 6 hours credit;
November 33 – December 21, 2020;
Online Facilitator: Carla Hlavac

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/ForCatechists/Catechist Courses](#) periodically for connections to these learning centers, which also sometimes FREE webinars and mini-courses:

STM Crossroads (Boston College School of Theology and Ministry) has registration open now for these courses running November 25 – December 15:

- People of Hope
- Mary, the Mother of Jesus

VLCFF (Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation) from the University of Dayton has registration open now, closing November 25, for these courses running November 29 - December 19:

- **Advent: A Holy Waiting**
- **On Bended Knee**
- **Pastoral Letter: In the World, Not of the World**
- **Reflections on Faith and Finance**
- **Theological Reflection: Key to Connecting Faith and Life**

The University of Notre Dame Satellite Theological Program (STEP) next courses begin January 4, 2021.

OFFICE OF WORSHIP

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

The Liturgical Directives/Guidelines for the Resumption of Public Mass published in early June 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.

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. 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 with Msgr. Robert Siffrin presiding. 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. Parishes how have potential candidates are asked to send in registration forms as soon as possible.

4. 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. Diocesan Youth Un-Convention 2020

Rather than gathering as a large group this year, every parish is invited to connect around the diocese via social media and using a DYuC Playlist (videos, articles, activities) posted at: <https://dyc2020.weebly.com>

Parishes that have high school groups meeting together can utilize elements for a gathering, or can use them for an online meeting (click on “Youth Ministers” along the top menu on the website for additional resources), or can invite teens to participate independently from home by watching a few videos, reading short articles, and posting to social media (with parental permission.) Contacts for youth ministry will receive an email with further details.

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

3. Virtual Advent Retreat Opportunity on December 1

A number of our parish ministers enjoyed the August “Prayer and Preparation” gathering with Mike Patin as our speaker, I thought I will share another opportunity with him sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry:

“As We Wait in Joyful Hope: An Advent Retreat with Mike Patin”
 Tuesday, December 1, 2020,
 Online live at 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
 (Recording to be posted later)

This is free and open to all interested.

Register at:

<https://nfcym.org/calendar-event/as-we-wait-in-joyful-hope-an-advent-retreat-with-mike-patin/>

ECUMENISM

Lutheran Catholic Covenant 20th Anniversary 2020, October 29

The Northeastern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Youngstown announce the 20th Anniversary of the Lutheran-Catholic Covenant signed October 29, 2000, between Bishop Thomas Tobin and Bishop Marcus Miller. The Covenant confesses the faith shared by Lutherans and Catholics and dedicates them to prayer, study, and action for Christian unity.

The Lutheran Catholic Covenant Commission invites the Lutherans and Catholics of northeastern Ohio to commemorate the anniversary:

- Announce the 20th Anniversary through the bulletin, website, Facebook, or other social media. *See the Suggested Bulletin Announcement.*
- Pray on the Sundays in October/November for Christian unity. *See the Suggested Intercessions.*
- Promote Christian unity with ecumenical groups through works of mercy and justice.
- Use the Advent Resource 2020 B Resources for Discussion and Reflection for personal or group (ecumenical) prayer. *See the Advent Resource 2020 B for Discussion and Reflection.*
- View the Commemorative video produced by CTNY: <https://youtu.be/jQJZPKZi5ZE>.

For more information, visit these websites: Lutheran-Catholic Covenant, www.lccov.weebly.org; NEOS Synod, www.neos-elca.org; Diocese of Youngstown, www.doy.org.

MISCELLANEOUS

CATHOLIC EXPONENT

Publication dates and special sections for the Exponent are as follows: Oct. 30 – Salute to Veterans/Holiday Catering; Nov. 13 – Insurance/Credit Unions/Christmas Gifts; Nov. 27 – Priest Jubilarians/Christmas Gifts. 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 receive 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.

The Exponent is your source for doctrinally sound news stories, features, and commentary, keeping you up to date on local events such as the Rosary Rally as the diocese continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. To subscribe, call 330-744-5251 or email exposubscriptions@youngstowndiocese.org to request subscription information.

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VIRTUAL CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT

Come join the Catholic Men’s Fellowship for a **Catholic Man Night** from the comfort of your own home. The next “Man Night” is on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020 @ 6:30 pm**. We will be presenting the second in the Knights of Columbus “Into the Breach” series. These professionally produced videos focus on various aspects of authentic Catholic manhood. This second video is titled “Brotherhood” and speaks to the need for Catholic men to support other Catholic men in their daily walk with our Lord. For more information please see the flyer in the November Attachments.

VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE VETERANS DAY

St. Francis Spirituality Center Veterans’ Retreat. The format will be different this year, spread over several days (**Saturday, November 7; Sunday November 8 and Wednesday, November 11**). Each day there will be a Zoom call at noon (Eastern time). There will also be an evening Zoom conference at 8 PM Eastern time. Dr. Greg Masiello has sent the following description. Please register by contacting Greg directly (see contact information below). But we’d love to know that you will be participating, so if you would be so kind, copy your registration notice to us as well at peace@franciscanretreats.org. You will also see that he is wondering if we would like a local discussion group. I am open to that as well. Just let me know. And if you have a computer or I-Pad or Smart Phone but have never used Zoom, we here at St. Francis can help you download it and install it so you can participate from the comfort of your home. For more information please see flyer in the November Attachments.

IN MEMORIAM

	<u>November</u>
<i>Rev. George Novak</i>	2/47
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Maurice Casey</i>	2/47
<i>Rev. Conrad Aleckna</i>	3/96
<i>Rev. Joseph Jansen, MSC</i>	4/79
<i>Rev. Gerald Curran</i>	4/08
<i>Rev. Humbert Crescentini</i>	5/59
<i>Rev. Msgr. Edward Kowaleski</i>	6/02
<i>Rev. Msgr. Martin Susko</i>	6/15
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Paul Marceau</i>	10/85
<i>Rev. Joseph Lazur, CPPS</i>	11/84
<i>Rev. John T. Maceka</i>	12/78
<i>Rev. Francis N. Thome</i>	13/58
<i>Rev. Ernest Loperfido</i>	13/15
<i>Rev. Max Krajdzieski</i>	14/43
<i>Rev. Thomas C. Donnelly, OP</i>	15/73
<i>McFADDEN, MOST REV. JAMES A.</i>	16/52
<i>Rev. Anthony Livajusic</i>	16/74
<i>Rev. Edward Wieczorek</i>	16/19
<i>Rev. Thomas G. Mulhearn</i>	17/60
<i>Rev. Regis McCoy, OSB</i>	17/63
<i>Deacon Bartley Dubois</i>	17/05
<i>Rev. Joseph Martin</i>	19/02
<i>Rev. Herbert Buettner, OSB</i>	20/53
<i>Rev. Robert A. Chamberlain</i>	20/95
<i>Brother Paschal Duesman, SSP</i>	20/19
<i>Rev. Jeffrey Mickler, SSP</i>	20/19
<i>Rev. Edward Varble</i>	23/08
<i>Rev. Eugene Omlor, CPPS</i>	24/60
<i>Rev. A.C. Therres, OP</i>	24/62
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward Fasnacht</i>	25/68
<i>Deacon Harold Krause</i>	29/19
<i>Rev. Michael N. Connell, OP</i>	30/57
<i>Deacon Earl Nekirk</i>	30/90
<i>Rev. Msgr. Thomas Kelly</i>	30/10