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## CHANCERY OFFICE

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY

1. Who needs to be compliant?
  - A. All active clergy, religious, seminarians, and persons in formation are required to be compliant.
  - B. All employees in parishes, schools, and institutions are required to be compliant regardless of their level of contact with children or vulnerable adults.
  - C. Any volunteer who has unsupervised access to a child or vulnerable adult, or who works directly with a child or vulnerable adult, or who is responsible for a child or vulnerable adult on behalf of the Diocese, must be compliant.

### 2. Compliance Requirements

- A. Signed Authorization & Verification and Acknowledgement Form submitted to local Compliance Officer.

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 sign the Authorization & Verification Form and Acknowledgement Form. A signed copy must be submitted to your parish, school, or institution Compliance Officer.

- 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. **Background checks are only valid for five years and must be renewed to maintain compliance.** Any Webcheck location may be used and locations can be found at [www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov).

**Background check requirements and codes** 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 Account and *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 create a VIRTUS account with the Diocese of Youngstown and 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/Vulnerable Adult protection in-service courses from other agencies, employers, dioceses, Scouts, etc., are not valid for compliance in the Diocese of Youngstown.

3. 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.** Visit the Safe Environment page on the [diocesan website](#) to find the Compliance Checklist.

4. Reporting Child/Vulnerable Adult 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.

Visit the Safe Environment page on the [diocesan website](#) to find our most up-to-date *Reporting Requirements and Procedures* in English and Spanish.

## 5. 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](mailto: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](http://doy.org/Media/ETC-TV) Live Stream.**

**Live Stream from St. Columba Cathedral Cardinal Mooney High School Baccalaureate Mass on Thursday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m. Mass will rebroadcast on ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel on Tuesday, June 1 at 11:00 a.m. & 8:30 p.m.**

**Live Stream from St. Columba Cathedral Ursuline High School Baccalaureate Mass on Friday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m. Mass will rebroadcast on ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel on Thursday, June 3 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: May 2: Bishop David Bonnar in the Bishop’s Corner (This is a new series that will air on the First Sunday of each month); May 9: Fr. Jack Lavelle on Life Issues (Women’s Rights, Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking); May 16: Brother Dominic Calabro, SSP, talks about World Day of Communications; May 23: Jill Valentic talks about Catholic Charities in Ashtabula County; and, May 30: Fr. Jim Korda talks with Fr. Michael Mikstay.

Brother Dominic Calabro, SSP, Production Assistant at CTNY, will tell us about the Saints celebrated this month: May 2: Saints Philip and James; May 9: St. Damien of Molokai; May 16: St. Bernardine of Siena; May 23: St. Philip Neri; and, May 30: St. Justin Martyr.

The Interview Segment will include: May 2: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Diana Hancharenko, Part I; May 9: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Diana Hancharenko, Part II; May 16: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Diana Hancharenko, Part III; May 23: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Diana Hancharenko on Young Adult Ministry; and, May 30: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Teresa Yarger, Principal of St. Charles School in Boardman.

This month’s Music Segment is from the CD “Ave Maria, Volume I” a Collection of Marian Songs.

Fr. Matt Humerickhouse, Parochial Vicar of Holy Family Church in Poland and Sacramental Minister at St. Luke Church in Boardman, will give his reflections on the Sunday Scripture Readings: May 2: Fifth Sunday of Easter; May 9: Sixth Sunday of Easter; May 16: Ascension of the Lord; May 23: Pentecost Sunday; and, May 30: Most Holy Trinity.

3. See the newest of CTNY Local Programming on the Internet by linking to [doy.org](http://doy.org) and click “News and Media” bar, then click on “CTNY Gallery.” DVD copies of all local productions are available through CTNY for a nominal fee. Please contact us at CTNY at 330-533-2243.
4. For an ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel Schedule for spring 2021, please contact CTNY at 330-533-2243, or visit [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org) and go to the “News and Media” bar and click on the ETC-TV schedule.
5. Like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/CTNYyoungstown](http://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. First Step for Change 2021 - KICKS OFF IN PARISHES

First Step for Change 2021 will be held Mother’s Day through Father’s Day. We will provide the following information to parishes as a “FIRST STEP PACKET” for each participant:

- NEW “visual” for each family to take
- Improved collection method for First Step Coordinators
- “Support Life” decals for all participants

We are very excited about our rejuvenated campaign. If your parish has not signed up to participate, it is not too late – return the form attached to this issue of The Communique or contact Nikole at 330-744-8451, ext. 323 or email [nbaringer@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:nbaringer@youngstowndiocese.org). See 2021 Bulletin Announcements and Flyer attached to this edition of the Communique. We are looking forward to a successful campaign – thank you for your participation.

2. Catholic Charities is here to help your parish “spring into service”

In Bishop Bonnar’s first pastoral letter, *Testify to the Light*, he designates SERVICE as a priority, and invites the Catholic faithful in the Diocese of Youngstown to partner with him in creating a Servant Church. To this end, Bishop Bonnar is asking every deanery to conduct a needs assessment process to identify ways in which parish communities and deaneries can reach out to those most in need of the love and compassion we can offer as followers of Christ.

Catholic Charities has developed a Deanery Needs Assessment Process that begins at the parish level and ends with the deanery’s selection of 3-5 priorities to carry forward for action. The Deanery Needs Assessment outline and step-by-step process is available as an addendum to *Testify to the Light* on the diocesan website ([www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org)), and as a link on Catholic Charities’ website ([www.ccdoy.org](http://www.ccdoy.org)).

If you would like assistance from Catholic Charities in developing a local needs assessment process that is right for your parish, please contact Nikole Baringer, Catholic Charities’ Communications Coordinator in the Diocesan Department of Catholic Charities, at 330-744-8451 or [nbaringer@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:nbaringer@youngstowndiocese.org).

3. COVID-19 Vaccine “FAQs” and Flyers from Mercy Health

Mercy Health has developed resources on the COVID-19 vaccine in English and Spanish for you to share with those you encounter in your ministry. Feel free to distribute and/or duplicate the materials, which are attached to this issue of Communique, as needed.

Please contact Rachel Hrbolich, Director of Catholic Charities, with any questions at 330-744-8451, ext. 328 or [rhrbolich@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:rhrbolich@youngstowndiocese.org).

## **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS)**

1. Rice Bowl

Thank you for your participation in CRS Rice Bowl. Your Lenten sacrifices are changes lives in our communities and around the world. If you have not yet returned your Rice Bowl, please turn it into your parish. Please send all CRS Rice Bowl collections to 144 West Wood Street, Youngstown, OH 44503 Attn: CRS Rice Bowl.

## 2. CRS Local Committee

We are looking for individuals interested in forming a local CRS Committee. The goal of the committee is to become champions for our communities by leading the way to a more just and peaceful world. The committee members will work the CRS Diocesan Director on CRS related projects as well as recruit volunteers within their parish communities to work with the poor and vulnerable. Faith. Action. Results. Please consider joining to learn more. Contact Nikole Baringer at 330-744-8451, ext. 323 or email [nbaringer@youngstowndioocese.org](mailto:nbaringer@youngstowndioocese.org).

## 3. Grants Available

CRS Rice Bowl grants are available for projects that help to alleviate poverty and hunger within the Diocese of Youngstown. Rice Bowl grant applications are attached to this issue of the Communique or by contacting Nikole Baringer at 330-744-8451, ext. 323 or [nbaringer@youngstowndioocese.org](mailto:nbaringer@youngstowndioocese.org).

Community grants area available and attached to this issue of the Communique. Community grants are available through the Office of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Youngstown. Community grants are made possible by generous donations to our Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). CCHD was established with two goals in mind: to raise money to support self-help projects that address the cause 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. The Community Grant application is attached to this issue of the Communique or by contacting Nikole Baringer at 330-744-8451, ext. 323 or [nbaringer@youngstowndioocese.org](mailto:nbaringer@youngstowndioocese.org).

## 4. Prison Ministry

### New Ministry Volunteers Needed

St. Maximilian Kolbe Society is a new program in prison ministry formed to provide *spiritual support* to those returning from incarceration and their families. Our mission is that through prayer, sharing of the Gospel and our faith, we bring a message of God's unconditional love and support to the formerly incarcerated and their families.

We will offer the formerly incarcerated the opportunity to come together to pray and share scripture readings in a smaller setting much as they may have been used to during their incarceration. We have chosen Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Patron Saint of Prisoners and Drug addicts as our namesake. He was branded prisoner **16670** at the Auschwitz Concentration Camp where he was martyred, put to death on August 14, 1941, by lethal carbonic acid injection after three weeks of starvation and dehydration. Our program is grounded in the Gospel and Catholic social teachings while being open to all those who want to join us. We will include elements of Worship (e.g. Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, and Open Prayer), Faith Sharing (scripture readings, discussion of saints, topical talks) and Open Sharing of personal challenges and obstacles to reentry. While we are not providing reentry services such as counseling, housing or employment help, we will if requested, share available contact information for reentry organizations that address secular needs.

Our initial meetings will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 6 – 8 PM. at Holy Apostles SS Peter and Paul Church 421 Covington St. in Youngstown. We will maintain appropriate social protocols as required by the Parish. A minimum of two volunteers will always be present. Once we are established and have a sufficient number of trained volunteers, we will open the program up at other parishes.

We are looking for volunteers across the Diocese. There will be a training session for volunteers prior to participating in the program.

For more information contact William Barber, Coordinator for Prison Ministry email at [wbarber@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:wbarber@youngstowndiocese.org) or call 330.744.8451 ext. 327.

## CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

#### 1. Seminarian Posters and Prayer Cards

If you would like additional copies of the 2020-21 Seminarian Posters and Prayer Cards, please contact the vocations office: 330-744-8451 or by email at [skopp@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:skopp@youngstowndiocese.org).

#### 2. Vocation Director at Your Parish / School

Diocesan Vocation Director Fr. Scott Kopp is coordinating his calendar for high school, elementary, and college visits and Masses. With his move this summer to full time vocation work, Fr. Kopp will be more available to participate in your school and youth group life. If you have a special youth ministry, parish, retreat, or vocational event, consider asking him to attend or speak. 330-744-8451 or by email at [skopp@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:skopp@youngstowndiocese.org).

#### 3. Come and See Weekends

As alternate plans for Come and See Weekends, Fr. Kopp has been taking a couple of men at a time to visit the seminary for an overnight visit. Please contact the vocation office to schedule yours: 330-744-8451 or by email at [skopp@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:skopp@youngstowndiocese.org).

#### 4. Seminarian Visits to Your School or Parish

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](mailto:skopp@youngstowndiocese.org).

## 5. Seminary Field Trips

Please remember that our diocese has an established relationship with St. Mary Seminary in Cleveland. Because of its close proximity to our diocese, consider taking a day for young men and women to have a field trip to St. Mary's. Children from 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades can find out firsthand what life is like in a seminary. Depending on when your tour is arranged, we hope to have a Youngstown seminarian guide the tour. This is a great opportunity for kids in our Catholic schools, CCD programs and youth ministry programs.

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.

## 6. Vocation Intercessions and Bulletin Blurbs for May

Attached to the Communiqué are vocation intercessions and bulletin blurbs for the month of May. 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.

## 7. Vocations Social Media

Website: [www.doy.org/vocations](http://www.doy.org/vocations)  
 Facebook: [doyvocations](https://www.facebook.com/doyvocations)

The Facebook page includes weekly video interviews with our current seminarians sharing about their lives and experiences.

# DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP

## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP'S APPEAL

### 2021 Annual Bishop's Appeal

Thanks to the diligent work of the clergy and laity of our diocese, we are nearing 75% of our \$4 million goal either raised through gifts or pledges of support. Please remember that Annual Bishop's Appeal materials are shared digitally *only* with the diocesan email addresses within the [@youngstowndioocese.org](mailto:@youngstowndioocese.org) domain. For help with access to your diocesan email account or more information about the Annual Bishop's Appeal, contact Luke Politsky at [lpolitsky@youngstowndioocese.org](mailto:lpolitsky@youngstowndioocese.org) or 330-744-8451 x298.



## **OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT & STEWARDSHIP**

### 1. NEW One-Time Gift Direct Mail Program

The Office of Development & Stewardship is pleased to offer a NEW program for parishes and schools to solicit one-time gifts through direct mail services to parishioners, donors, and friends. We develop the content (either a letter or a brochure), have them printed, and you tell us who to send them to! For more information, contact Luke Politsky at [lpolitsky@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:lpolitsky@youngstowndiocese.org) or 330-744-8451 x298.

### 2. Life & Estate Planning Seminars

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@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:lpolitsky@youngstowndiocese.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@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:lpolitsky@youngstowndiocese.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, and is restricted to the purpose(s) which the donors establish. For more information, contact Luke Politsky at [lpolitsky@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:lpolitsky@youngstowndiocese.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@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:lpolitsky@youngstowndiocese.org) or 330-744-8451 x298.

### 6. Stewardship Thoughts for parish bulletins are attached.

<b>PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES</b>
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## OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

### 1. New Contact Information for Project Rachel of Northeast Ohio

Project Rachel of Northeast Ohio has a new telephone number – 330-360-0430 – and a website: <https://hopeafterabortionneo.weebly.com/>. Updated materials with the new contact information have been mailed to all priests, deacons, parish leaders, parish ministers and parishes, with more promotional materials to come. Please dispose of any Project Rachel materials that have the “888” number or email from “zohosupport.”

Project Rachel, the Catholic Church’s ministry to those who have been involved in abortion, is a diocesan-based network of specially trained priests, religious, counselors, and lay persons who provide a team response of care for those suffering in the aftermath of abortion. In addition to referring for Sacramental Reconciliation, the ministry provides an integrated network of services, including pastoral counseling, spiritual direction, support groups, retreats and referrals to licensed mental health professionals. Project Rachel of Northeast Ohio is the name under which Project Rachel functions in the Diocese of Youngstown.

For more information contact 330-744-8451 ext.272 or [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org).

### 2. Project Rachel Monthly Announcement

If you are a mother suffering from an abortion decision, know that there is Hope and Healing available. For CONFIDENTIAL help text or call *Project Rachel of Northeast Ohio* at 330-360-0430 or go to <https://hopeafterabortionneo.weebly.com/>.

### 3. Memorial Service for Miscarried or Stillborn Children

If you know someone who has suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage or stillbirth, please invite them to one of the following Memorial Services on Sunday, May 23, in the Chapels at:

- Calvary Cemetery, Youngstown (248 Belle Vista Ave.) at 1:30 p.m.
- Calvary Cemetery, Massillon (3469 Lincoln Way E.) at 5:30 p.m.

Parents, family, grandparents and others are encouraged to attend. Sponsored by the Diocese of Youngstown Office of Worship and Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life. For more information call 330-744-8451. A flyer is included in the attachments section of this Communique.

### 4. Homily Hint for May: Pro-Life and Pro-Family Ponderings

The Sunday Scripture Readings often present opportunities for the homilist to incorporate pro-life or pro-family insights into their overall message. The following “Homily Hint” is a suggestion for doing so:

May 30 – The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17 “*But you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, ‘Abba, Father!’*”

Homily Hint: Just as God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) is a life-giving communion of persons, so also the family (father, mother, child) is called to be a life-giving communion of persons.

## 5. Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

Couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries will be honored at a wedding anniversary celebration at St. Columba Cathedral on Sunday, June 13, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. The celebration includes Mass with Bishop Bonnar, renewal of marriage vows, and a personalized certificate for each couple. A second anniversary celebration will take place at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist Church in Canton on Sunday, October 17, 2021; at 2:00 p.m. Registration information for the June celebration are due by May 13.

As long as COVID-19 concerns persist, the celebration will be open only to the couples celebrating anniversaries, with no other family members or guests present. Also, there will be a limit on the number of couples that can be accommodated in with proper social-distancing. Furthermore, when registering for the Wedding Anniversary Celebration couples may opt not to attend the Mass in person (but participate remotely via live-streaming) and request that their certificate be mailed to them. For more information contact 330-744-8451 ext.272 or [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org).

## 6. No Taxpayer Funding of Abortion Campaign

With the current presidential administration and congress Americans' tax dollars are in real danger of being used to pay for abortion. The Hyde Amendment, which has been credited with saving 2.5 million lives, is now facing the most serious threat to its existence since being enacted forty-five years ago. For instance, the recently passed American Rescue Plan Act was passed without critical protections needed to ensure that billions of taxpayer dollars are used for life-affirming health care and not for abortion.

In response to this the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is asking that this simple announcement to be published far and wide in parish bulletins, newsletters, radio spots, diocesan newspapers, pastors' columns, etc.:

***Keep your tax dollars from going to abortion! [www.notaxpayerabortion.com](http://www.notaxpayerabortion.com)***

There is also a flyer included in the attachments section of this Communique. For more information contact 330-744-8451 ext.272 or [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org).

## 7. FOCCUS Training & Refreshers

Item #3 of the Marriage Preparation Policy of the Diocese of Youngstown calls for "a pre-marriage inventory tool" such as FOCCUS (which is the most widely used in our diocese). FOCCUS is offering facilitator training on their Catholic edition via Zoom on the following dates and times:

- May 8 from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm

- June 10, from Noon to 4:00 pm.

The cost is \$115 per individual (& spouse attends free) and includes one FOCCUS Manual and one

REFOCCUS Manual and shipping.

Similarly, FOCCUS is offering "refresher training" via Zoom for those already certified as facilitators, on the following dates and times:

- May 4 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm

- June 8 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm

The cost is \$39 per individual (& spouse attends free) but does not include manuals.

For more information or to register contact FOCCUS at [foccus@foccusinc.com](mailto:foccus@foccusinc.com) or 877-883-5422. Note: Training is also available in Spanish.

8. Marriage Preparation Engaged Couple Retreat Day

The next diocesan-sponsored one-day marriage preparation retreat day for engaged couples on May 8 at St. Columba Cathedral Hall is already SOLD OUT and the location of the June 5 Engaged Couple Retreat has been moved to Immaculate Heart of Mary, Austintown. Reservations are required. Social distancing protocols will be followed. Registration information may be found at [www.doy.org](http://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](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org) or 330-744-8451, ext.272.

9. Year of St. Joseph

On their website at <https://www.usccb.org/saint-joseph> the USCCB is offering resources, catechetical material, and prayers/devotions to assist in celebrating of the Year of St. Joseph. Be sure to check the page often for new resources and materials throughout the year.

10. Year of the Family – Amoris Laetitia

On March 19, 2021, the Church celebrated the fifth anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis’s apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, on the beauty and joy of love in the family. On this same day, Pope Francis launched the Year of “Amoris Laetitia Family,” which will conclude on June 26, 2022, during the Tenth Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father.

Resources for the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family may be found on the USCCB website at <https://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/year-amoris-laetitia-family> and on a special Vatican website at <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia.html#esortazione-apostolica>.

11. Religious Freedom Week: June 22-29

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops have declare June 22 to 29 Religious Freedom Week again this year. Materials may be found on their website at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>.

12. Intercessions for Life and Pro-Life Bulletin Briefs

Recommended intercessions and bulletin briefs for May 2021, 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](http://www.doy.org).

### 13. Walking with Moms in Need

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. We are encouraged to assess, expand, and communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in need. This nationwide effort entitled “Walking with Moms in Need” 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](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org) or 330-744-8451 ext. 272, or visit [www.walkingwithmoms.com](http://www.walkingwithmoms.com).

### 14. Faith & Family Festival Delayed Until September of 2022

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the Eleventh Annual Faith & Family Festival of the Diocese of Youngstown will not be taking place in September of 2021 but on September 25, of 2022 at Walsh University. The featured presenter will be Fr. Leo Patalinghug, the “cooking priest” from Plating Grace. For more information contact Dave Schmidt at 330-744-8451 ext.272 or [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org).

## **OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### 1. Summer Programming Guidance

The Department of Pastoral and Educational Services issued updated directives on March 5, 2021 to help parishes discern how to best provide programming during the Covid-19 pandemic. Please review the diocesan directives, the CDC guidance, and the safety precautions of your area’s local department of health.

Vacation Bible School in 2020 was creatively implemented at several parishes by the creation of take home kits, boxes, and a variety of remote or online choices. Consider multiple options and for multiple age groups and/or intergenerational, family groups. Adult VBS can take the form of a mini series on a particular theme to appeal to a wide range of persons. Hold a ZOOM Cooking with the Saints or Praying with the Saints, have a scavenger hunt within the parish, or create pilgrimages to outdoor shrines within your county. Tailor make some activities for men over 50 only, women under 50 only, singles only, couples only, and other combinations.

Parishes choosing to hold in person VBS for children, adults, or for multi age groups must be able to fully comply with the CDC, State, and Local health protocols, regular sanitization, and the diocesan directives. It is advisable to design an alternative for home use for persons who prefer that option and if health advisories mandate a change of plans in your county. Our continued caution and care witnesses to promotion of the common good, a Gospel imperative.

2. National Gathering on Christian Initiation 2021

Liturgical Training Publications will provide a virtual conference for those involved with catechumenal ministry this summer.

Implementing the RCIA Adapted for Children

August 4 – 5, 2021 (English) and August 6 – 7, 2021 (Spanish)

This is an excellent opportunity to connect with initiation ministers from around the country, participate in an interactive virtual event led by leaders in RCIA ministry. Registration fee: \$65.00 per person. Additional information: [ngci.org/home/index](http://ngci.org/home/index).

3. Resources to Implement Bishop Bonnar’s First Pastoral Letter

With Bishop Bonnar’s letter, “Testify to the Light” many parishes may embark on new or enhanced efforts in the five areas he has prioritized. The Office of Religious Education/Evangelization has curated a list of resources which may be reviewed on the home page of [www.catechichistcafe.weebly.com](http://www.catechichistcafe.weebly.com). Please feel free to contact the staff of the Office of Religious Education/Evangelization to borrow these and other resources to develop Faith Formation, Evangelization, Pastoral and Catechetical processes. The staff is anxious to help parishes design new initiatives to respond to the needs in a pandemic and post pandemic church community.

4. Pastors Seeking New Personnel

Pastors hoping to hire new or additional Parish Ministers to serve Pastoral Ministry, Religious Education, Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministry are invited to contact Barbara Walko for assistance. The Office will prepare the posting for advertising, assist with screening applicants, recommend position descriptions and compensation. The Office supports academically prepared, personally suitable candidates for consideration.

5. Persons Seeking Positions in Lay Ecclesial Ministry

Persons wondering about serving in a parish as a Pastoral Minister, Director or Coordinator of Religious Education, Evangelization, Youth Ministry or Young Adult Ministry are asked to contact Barbara Walko for assistance. Academic, Administrative, and Personal qualifications will be explored with options to consider for further preparation. The call to serve the Church as a Lay Ecclesial Minister may be discerned, and mentoring is available.

6. Online Learning or Local Learning Group for Ministry and Theology Certificates and Degrees from Loyola University New Orleans

Information sessions concerning the Loyola Institute for Ministry Extension Program of Loyola University New Orleans are scheduled in person on Thursday, May 20, at 4:00 p.m. at St. Michael Church Hall, 300 N. Broad St, Canfield, 44406, and on Zoom, on Wednesday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m., and Tuesday, May 18, at 10:00 a.m. Those interested in a local, part-time, graduate-level program in theology and spirituality from a Catholic university are encouraged to make a reservation to attend one of the information sessions to learn about the program and application procedures.

Plans are to begin a local learning group this fall. Loyola University New Orleans offers master's degrees and certificates in religious education or pastoral studies for those seeking ministry formation or deeper engagement with their faith. Loyola's program is informed by the method of practical theology and includes Ignatian spiritual formation. In addition to gaining a firm foundation in the Catholic biblical and theological tradition, students can focus their studies in Christian spirituality for ministry, pastoral life and administration, youth and young adult ministry, religion and ecology, and marketplace ministry. Loyola's Institute for Ministry is here to help you grow in leadership and faith. Come and join us!

For additional information, or to make a reservation for one of the informational sessions, contact Joan Lawson in the Office of Religious Education/Evangelization, 330-744-8451 x290, or email [jlawson@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:jlawson@youngstowndiocese.org).

## 7. Featured Resources in the Diocesan Library

My Spirit Rejoices: Imagining and Praying the Magnificat with Mary. Marci Alborghetti. Twenty-Third Publications, 2015. Let Marci Alborghetti's unforgettable book transport you back to the hills of Judea, to the home of Elizabeth and Zechariah, as you imagine the visit and prayer of a teenage girl from Nazareth who changes the course of human history. Using historical and biblical background, Alborghetti pieces together a narrative to help you read and pray each verse of the Magnificat as you never have before. You'll begin to see just how fresh and new Mary's Magnificat still is for us today.

Our Lady of Hope: The Soul of the Cathedral of Notre Dame. Patrick Chauvet. Paulist Press, 2021. In an engaging, lively style filled with anecdotes, Monseigneur Chauvet tells of his pastoral mission as rector of Notre Dame, which may be unknown to the general public. He retraces the glorious history of the Cathedral, and reflects on the transmission and adaption of the Gospels, the link between culture and heritage, and the relationship between the arts and the sacred to which he has a great affinity: literature, painting, and music. Finally, beyond the future of the Cathedral, he gives us his vision of the Church of today and tomorrow.

The Catholic Mom's Prayer Companion: A Book of Daily Reflections. Lisa M. Hendey and Sarah A. Reinhard. Ave Maria Press, 2016. In our busyness, we moms often neglect our own prayer lives while seeing to the many needs of our families. This little book is your encouragement that setting aside even a few moments of quiet prayer each day can be one of the very best gifts you can give to your family. Whether you are a new or seasoned mom working in or outside of your home, this inspiring collection of reflections for every day of the year will help you:

- stay in touch with the seasons of the Church year;
- remember Mary's loving presence on her feast days;
- keep company with both new and familiar saints;
- see the spiritual meaning of secular holidays; and
- make you smile with occasions such as Houseplant Appreciation Day and National Popcorn Day.

Enriching Faith: Lessons, Prayers and Activities on Mary. Mary Kathleen Glavich, SND. Twenty-Third Publications, 2016. Help children develop a lifelong love for our Blessed Mother with 32 kid friendly lessons and activities. This easy-to-use resource can help you teach memorably about Mary and invite your learners to deeper reflection and prayer.

Blessed Art Thou: Mother, Lady, Mystic, Queen. Michael O'Neill McGrath and Richard N. Fragomeni. World Library Publications, 2004. "Blessed Art Thou: Mother, Lady, Mystic, Queen" features vibrant contemporary art of the Virgin Mary by renowned artist, painter, and author Michael O'Neill McGrath, OSFS, of Washington D.C., along with prayers written by Richard Fragomeni, priest of the diocese of Albany, New York and associate professor of Word and Worship at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Brother Mickey also contributes his own writings and reflection that inspired the creation of each of the individual works in the book. The book is not only a beautiful addition to a library and art collection but one that can be utilized to aid in ones own prayer, imagery and reflection.

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

A listing of the Religious Education Certification ONLINE Opportunities for Catechists and Teachers is available on Catechist Cafe. Core courses, general courses, parish-sponsored, college/university-hosted, and other regional organizations are included in the list of online and onsite sessions. Visit <https://catechistcafe.weebly.com/>, hover on "For Catechists" for "Catechist Courses."

*Registration is available at Catechist Café for these diocesan **online** courses starting soon:*

***Sowing God's Word: Sharing Faith, Nurturing Discipleship***, CORE COURSE, 10 hours

May 10 – June 21, 2021

Online facilitator: Marcy Fessler

\$27 fee includes book

***Introduction to Scripture***, CORE COURSE, 20 hours

June 1 – August 21, 2021

Online facilitator: Marianne Ivany

\$41 fee includes book

#### 9. Online Learning Centers

These online learning centers have Spring offerings. *Contact the Office of Religious Education/Evangelization 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:*

The University of Notre Dame Satellite Theological Program has 9 courses beginning on June 14, including these:

- The Christian Conscience and Ethical Dilemmas: Guidance from the Catholic Tradition
- Ecclesiology
- Faith and Science: The Catholic Approach
- Women and Catholicism in the U.S.



The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation from the University of Dayton has registration open now for 29 courses that begin on May 16, including these:

- Directory for Catechesis 2020: A General Overview
- Images of Mary
- On the Call to Holiness (Gaudete Et Exsultate)
- Pastoral Approach to Culture
- Survey of Catholic Social Teaching

Check Catechist Café/For Catechists/Catechist Courses for FREE online learning opportunities from the National Catholic Partnership on Disability, McGrath Institute for Church Life, Jewish-Christian Dialogue, Catholic publishers, and others.

## **OFFICE OF SOCIAL MEDIA**

1. Survey for parishes, Catholic schools, agencies and offices

Catholic institutions in the Diocese of Youngstown are asked to complete a brief Social Media Profile so that we know what is being currently used around the diocese, and to help network those seeking support in various areas. Please click on the link to complete:

<https://forms.gle/6vCdiSDCXy9Ds4ta7>

This survey link was also emailed to pastors/administrator/parish leaders in April. Thank you to all who have already completed it!

2. Please like/follow/connect with our diocesan social media:

THANKS for supporting and sharing the diocesan social media sites. It has been great seeing more interaction and shares. If you have not already done so, please connect your parish/school/institutional social media with ours and feel free to share with others:

Facebook: "Catholic Diocese of Youngstown"  
<https://www.facebook.com/DOYoungstown>

Twitter: @DOYoungstown  
<https://twitter.com/DOYoungstown>

Instagram: "Diocese of Youngstown"  
<https://www.instagram.com/diocesefyoungstown/>

Pinterest:  
<https://www.pinterest.com/socialmediaminister>

YouTube: "Catholic Diocese of Youngstown" channel  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKwcSOhoUOePs1qJjTGlgxA>

## 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 June 2020 have been updated to reflect improving circumstances of the pandemic. Further updates and revisions to the guidelines/directives will be issued as needed. Parishes are still to follow the directives and mandates issued by the Governor of Ohio or local officials within your jurisdiction.

### 2. Dispensation from the Obligation to attend Sunday Mass during the Pandemic

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. However as more and more social aspects of life approach normalcy along with an increase in people being vaccinated, those who are able should consider returning to worship.

### 3. Upcoming Summer Liturgical Formation Opportunities

~44th National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) Convention *“Christ: Broken - Shared, - Sent.”* July 27-30, 2021 in New Orleans, Louisiana (in-person) or virtual. For more information: [www.npm.org](http://www.npm.org)

~LTP 2021 National Gathering on Christian Initiation – Summer Virtual Workshops: *“Implementing the RCIA Adapted for Children”* August 4-5, 2021. For more information go to: <https://ngci.org/home/index>

~McGrath Institute for Church Life – Notre Dame Center for Liturgy Virtual Summer Liturgy Series: *“Will They Come Back After COVID?: Disaffiliation, Affiliation and the Liturgy.”* For more information go to: <https://mcgrath.nd.edu/conferences/summer-institute/liturgy-week/>

### 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. National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) 2021

The NFCYM has decided to move forward with plans for the November 18 – 20, 2021 NCYC in Indianapolis. Theme: Ablaze.

There will be two VIRTUAL options available. The in-person event will have limited capacity. Visit the NCYC website at: <https://nfcym.org/featured-events/ncyc/> to learn more.

2. Alternate assistance for May and June

Cindee Case will be on sick leave May and June, and it is unclear when the next director might begin, so if you have any questions in the meantime, consider checking the office webpages of resources at:

<https://youngstownoyyam.weebly.com/>

If you have questions about Child Protection, especially in preparing for youth conferences or mission trips, please contact Dominic Colucy in the Safe Environments Office.

For questions regarding COVID-19 protocols and adapting programming, please contact Chancellor Msgr. John Zuraw or Barbara Walko in the Office of Religious Education.

For questions regarding resources, contact the Office of Religious Education staff.

3. Eagle of the Cross Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who made this year's unique celebration a joy-filled one for the 21 recipients, their families and friends. Congratulations, again, to the recipients!

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

#### Virtual Catholic Man Night

*Does it seem that the older we get, the more frequently we suffer; men typically don't tell anyone. It's not manly to complain. Just shut up and move on. Does anyone really care? Have you ever heard of "Redemptive suffering"?*

Join the Catholic Men's Fellowship for another "*virtual*" **Catholic Man Night** to discuss this painful topic. The next "Man Night" is on **WEDNESDAY, May 5, 2021 @ 7:00 pm**. We will be presenting the next session in the Knights of Columbus "Into the Breach" series. These professionally produced videos focus on various aspects of authentic Catholic manhood. This next video is titled "*Suffering*". If we cannot avoid suffering, we might as well use it.

The Man Night will be a "Zoom meeting" and last about an hour. Go to our website **CMFDOY.org** for the link to the meeting. You can attend via computer or phone; with or without video. See you on Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

<b>MISCELLANEOUS (continued)</b>
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**PART TIME DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST- BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH, WARREN**

Responsibilities include weekend Masses, holy day Masses, weekly school Mass, additional liturgies/services on occasion, weekly music selection plans, weekly choir/cantor rehearsal, availability for funerals and weddings. Position requires knowledge of Catholic Liturgy, proficiency on organ and piano, prior experience as church musician. Part time. Please forward resume to Fr. Cicero at [ccicero@warrencatholic.org](mailto:ccicero@warrencatholic.org)

**CATHOLIC EXPONENT**

Publication dates and special sections for the Exponent are as follows: April 30 – Priest Jubilarians/Summer Fun, Travel & Pilgrimage; May 14 – Wedding & Marriage; and May 28 – Seniors-living 50+/Ads for grads.

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, Monday or even Tuesday rather than 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 informative, reliable, and doctrinally sound news stories, features, and commentary – keeping you up to date on local events such as the installation and blessing of the Homeless Jesus sculpture funded by Father Shori upon his passing.

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<i>Rev. Msgr. John J. Daum</i>	2/06
<i>Rev. Stewart Platt</i>	2/16
<i>Rev. Walter Pax, CPPS</i>	3/60
<i>Rev. Daniel Venglarik</i>	3/07
<i>Rev. John Baverso, OP</i>	7/60
<i>Rev. J. Jerome Hickey</i>	7/90
<i>Rev. John F. Roach</i>	6/87
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<i>Rev. Thomas Grotenrath, CPPS</i>	9/54
<i>Rev. Philip P. Conley</i>	9/00
<i>Rev. Quintin Helline</i>	12/81
<i>Rev. J. Francis Dietz</i>	13/44
<i>Rev. Joseph Iati</i>	13/86
<i>Rev. James O'Brien</i>	13/13
<i>Deacon Louis Centric</i>	14/04
<i>Rev. Thomas Fogarty, S.S.P.</i>	14/17
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<i>Rev. Tarcisius Kukla, OFM</i>	18/48
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<i>Rev. Coleman J. Hynes</i>	23/53
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