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CHANCERY OFFICE

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

Bishop David Bonnar has made the following clergy appointments:

- Reverend Ryan Furlong has been appointed part-time Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, effective July 1. He will continue to serve as parochial vicar at St. Charles, Boardman.
- Reverend John Michael Lavelle, Vicar for Missionary Discipleship, effective July 1 and pastor of St. Michael Parish, Canfield, effective July 1.
- Reverend David Misbrener, Diocesan Curator of Patrimony, effective July 1. He will remain pastor of St. Jude Parish, Columbiana and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, East Palestine.
- Reverend John Jerek, pastor of St. Christine Parish, effective July 1. He will remain pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Youngstown. Bishop Bonnar has also appointed him Diocesan Director of the Permanent Diaconate Formation, effective July 1.
- Reverend Michael Balash, Vicar for Clergy, effective July 1. He will remain pastor of St. William Parish, Champion and Director of the Office of Worship.
- Father Daniel Finnerty has been appointed temporary administrator of St. Mary, Orwell and Sacred Heart, Rock Creek effective July 1 due to the retirement of Father John Madden. It is expected that a new pastor or administrator will be appointed to these parishes by October 1. Father Finnerty remains pastor of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Geneva.
- Monsignor John Zuraw has been appointed pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Niles, effective July 1. He will remain Chancellor and Vicar of Pastoral/Educational Services for the Diocese of Youngstown.
- Father Joseph Ruggieri has been appointed pastor of St. Rose in Girard, effective July 1.

- Father Matthew Zwilling has been assigned parochial vicar of Our Lady of Peace in Ashtabula, effective July 1.
- Mrs. Amy Benedetti-Dike has been appointed pro-temp Parish Leader at Regina Coeli, Alliance and St. Joseph, Maximo, effective July 1.
- Father Patrick Manning has been appointed sacramental minister at Regina Coeli, Alliance and St. Joseph, Maximo, effective July 1. These assignments are temporary and form the first step in finalizing the Regionalization Plan in the diocese.
- Very Rev. Monsignor Lewis Gaetano, V.F., has been appointed Canonical Pastor of St. Ann Parish in Sebring, in addition to his responsibilities as Pastor of Christ the Servant Parish in Canton, Canonical Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Maximo, Canonical Pastor of Regina Coeli Parish in Alliance and his duties as Dean of the Stark East Deanery.
- Reverend Peter Haladej has been appointed Sacramental Minister of St. Ann Parish in Sebring. Fr. Haladej will continue his studies at Walsh University and maintain his residence at St. Mary Parish in Massillon.
- Deacon Gregory Wood has been appointed Parish Leader of St. Ann Parish in Sebring. Deacon Wood's pastoral responsibilities will end June 30, 2021 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Austintown.

With the Transfer of Deacon Gregory Wood from Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Austintown, as canonical pastor Very Reverend Gregory Fedor, V.F. will assume full responsibility of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.

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, including the Diocesan Central Offices, 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.

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.

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: July 4: Bishop David Bonnar in the Bishop’s Corner; July 11: Fr. Jack Lavelle on Life Issues (Abortion); July 18: Nancy Voitius, Executive Director of Catholic Charities for Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull Counties; and, July 25: Fr. Jim Korda talks with Chorbishop Anthony Spinosa on the Antonine Sisters.

Alaina Chepke, from St. Joseph Church in Austintown, will tell us about the Saints celebrated this month: July 4: Saint Maria Goretti; July 11: St. Kateri Tekakwitha; July 18: St. Mary Magdalene; and, July 25: Ss. Martha, Mary and Lazarus.

The Interview Segment will include: July 4: Fr. Jim Korda interviews Joe Daczko, Part II, on Catholic Bushido; July 11: Fr. Jim Korda interviews Joe Daczko, Part III, on Catholic Bushido; July 18: Fr. Jim Korda interviews Bill Lawson, Part I, on the Mahoning Valley Historical Society; and, July 25: Fr. Jim Korda interviews Bill Lawson, Part II, on the Mahoning Valley Historical Society.

This month’s Music Segment is from the CD “Prayer and Plainsong” by Cynthia Clawson.

Fr. Thomas Eisweirth, Pastor Emeritus from Blessed Sacrament Church in Warren, will give his reflections on the Sunday Scripture Readings: July 4: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; July 11: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; July 18: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; and, July 25: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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 summer 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/CTNYoungstown.

CANONICAL SERVICES

Tribunal In-Service Available

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

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

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

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES

1. Catholic Charities Community Cupboard

Catholic Charities will launch its **Community Cupboard** campaign on July 18, 2021. This campaign responds to the economic hardships impacting many local families who struggle to keep food on their tables and to pay their utility bills. These same families might receive SNAP (food stamps) benefits to purchase food, but these benefits cannot be used to purchase personal care items or household products.

The personal hygiene, paper, and cleaning products collected during the **Community Cupboard** campaign are distributed by our Catholic Charities agency sites to help restore clients' dignity and self-esteem. *See attached flyer for more information.*

2. First Step for Change Wrap-Up 2021

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we made “changes” to our First Step for Change campaign this year. A survey has been sent out to all parishes looking for feedback on how successful you felt this event was for your parish. We look forward to hearing back from you.

If you have not already, please forward all donations to Catholic Charities, Attn: First Step for Change, 144 West Wood Street, Youngstown, OH 44503. Thank you again and many prayers for a successful campaign.

3. Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County Volunteer Fair

Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County will host a volunteer open house on Monday, August 16 from 12pm to 6pm. Staff will be present to answer questions and provide program information. Light refreshments provided. *See attached flyer for more information.*

4. CRS Rice Bowl 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@youngstowndiocese.org.

5. African American Sunday

African American Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, July 11, 2021 at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue, Ohio. *See the flyer attached to this issue of the Communique for more information.*

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| CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES |
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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.

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 half time vocation work, Fr. Kopp will be more available to participate in your school and youth group life. Fridays especially have been left open for Masses and visits to our schools. 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.

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.

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.

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 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.

6. Vocation Intercessions and Bulletin Blurbs for July

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

Facebook: [doyvocations](https://www.facebook.com/doyvocations)

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

OFFICE OF VOWED RELIGIOUS

1. Bishop/Religious Leadership Meeting

Please mark your calendars. Bishop David Bonnar will meet with Congregational Leaders and/or designated representatives on Monday, October 18, 2021 at the Ursuline Motherhouse in Canfield from 9:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Lunch will be served.

2. Retirement Fund for Religious

The Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal will take place on the weekend of November 13 - 14, 2021. The collection will be taken up the following weekend. Religious and Associates, please consider speaking on behalf of our senior religious.

3. World Day for Consecrated Life

Please mark your calendars. Bishop David Bonnar will celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life on Sunday, February 6, 2022 at St. Columba Cathedral at the 10:30 a.m. liturgy.

4. Religious Jubilee/Conference Day

Please mark your calendars. Bishop David Bonnar will celebrate the jubilees of religious who have served, or are currently serving in the diocese, on Saturday, April 2, 2022. More information on the location and speaker will be forthcoming.

5. Pastoral Visit

If Sister Joyce Candidi has not had an opportunity to visit with any religious within the last year, please feel free to schedule an appointment with her at any time. Sister Joyce is willing to travel to any residence. Contact information: sjcandidi@youngstowndiocese.org or (330) 744-8451, x238.

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| DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP |
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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP'S APPEAL

2021 Annual Bishop's Appeal

Thanks to the diligent work of our clergy and laity, we have attained 86% of our \$4 million goal, either raised through gifts or pledges of support. Follow-up solicitation letters were recently sent to 2018, 2019, and 2020 donors who have not yet responded this year. Promotional videos on what the Bishop's Appeal supports are available on the diocesan YouTube channel and Facebook page.

Please remember that Annual Bishop's Appeal materials are shared digitally *only* with the diocesan email addresses within the @youngstowndiocese.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@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451 x298.

OFFICE OF 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, November 30**.

Last year in our diocese, four parishes and one school raised nearly **\$78,000** total through this initiative. All parishes, schools, and ministries of the diocese will all be called on to participate this year, giving parishioners and donors the ability to make a one-time gift at the beginning of the Holiday Season.

More information will be sent to pastors/administrators/parish leaders and Catholic school leaders – in addition to bookkeepers – this summer. For more information, contact Luke Politsky at lpolitsky@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451 x298.

2. Increased Offertory Programs

Contact us TODAY to plan a Parish Increased Offertory Program for Fall 2021. A limited number of parishes can be accommodated this year, so please start planning early! For more information, contact Luke Politsky at lpolitsky@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451 x298.

3. One-Time Gift Direct Mail Program

Parishes and schools can 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 or 330-744-8451 x298.

4. 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 or 330-744-8451 x298.

5. 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 or 330-744-8451 x298.

6. Diocese of Youngstown Foundation 2020 Annual Reports

The 2020 annual report of the Diocese of Youngstown Foundation is available on the diocesan website and in print by contacting Luke Politsky at lpolitsky@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451 x298.

7. 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 or 330-744-8451 x298.

8. Stewardship Thoughts for parish bulletins are attached.

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| PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES |
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OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

1. No Taxpayer Funding of Abortion Campaign

On Friday, May 28, President Biden proposed a national budget that would take away the Hyde Amendment. This means that 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.

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

There are also flyers included in the attachments section of this Communique. For more information contact 330-744-8451 ext.272 or dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

2. Project Rachel Outreach – July Message for Bulletin/Newsletter:

Find True Freedom! Do you need freedom from the heartache of an abortion? God's mercy offers release from the bonds of regret. 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. World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly – July 25

Pope Francis has decided to institute the Church-wide celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Starting this year, it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

The theme chosen by the Holy Father for the day is "I am with you always" (cf. Mt 28:20) and intends to express the closeness of the Lord and the Church to the life of each elderly person, especially in this difficult time of pandemic.

"I am with you always" is also a promise of closeness and hope that young and old can express each other. In fact, not only grandchildren and young people are called to make themselves present in the lives of the elderly, but also the elderly and grandparents have an evangelizing mission, of proclamation, of prayer and of generating young people to the faith.

4. Natural Family Planning Awareness Week: July 25-31

July 25-31 is Natural Family Planning Awareness Week: a national education campaign of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops to celebrate God's design for married love and the gift of life and to raise awareness of Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods. The theme of this year's observance is "To have, to hold, to honor: Supporting God's gifts of love."

The dates of NFP Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) and the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of Mary, the Blessed Mother. A bulletin announcement and poster are included in the attachments for this Communique. Additional resources may be found at <https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/national-nfp-awareness-week>.

5. Marriage Preparation Engaged Couple Retreat Day

The next diocesan-sponsored one-day marriage preparation retreat days for engaged couples will be held Saturdays July 31 and August 28 in the social hall at St. Columba Cathedral. Reservations are required. Social distancing protocols will be followed. Registration information may be found at www.doy.org; go to the "Ministries" drop-down menu and press on "Pro-Life, Marriage & Family Life."

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

6. Regional Respect Life Meetings:

The Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life has scheduled regional meetings for members of parish respect life groups and individuals involved in any pro-life ministry. Three regional meetings will take place from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on:

- Tuesday, August 10 at St. Michael Parish, Canfield (300 N. Broad St.) upstairs in the Social Hall, which is on the south side of the church building.
- Thursday, August 12 at St. Paul Parish, North Canton (241 S. Main St.) in the Social Hall downstairs from the church.
- Monday, August 16 at St. Thomas the Apostle, Vienna (4453 Warren-Sharon Rd.) in the Parish Center.

In addition, there will be two "virtual" meetings via Zoom on Wednesday, August 18, at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Reservations must be made for the virtual meetings. For more information contact 330-744-8451 ext. 272 or dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

7. FOCCUS Training & Refreshers

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:

- August 19, from Noon to 4:00 pm.
- September 16, from Noon to 4:00 pm.
- October 2, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm.
- November 4, 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:

- August 17, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.
- September 14, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.
- September 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.
- November 2, 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 or 877-883-5422.

Note: Training is also available in Spanish.

8. Intercessions for Life and Pro-Life Bulletin Briefs

Recommended intercessions and bulletin briefs for July 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.

9. Mark Your Calendars: “Blessed One” with Bishop Bonnar

On Sunday, October 10, 6:30 p.m. at St. Christine Church, Youngstown (3165 S. Schenley Ave.) Bishop Bonnar will be a speaker at the “Blessed One” event presented by Men & Women United for Life and co-sponsored by the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life. Other speakers include Rev. Walter Moss, author of “Why I Am a Black Pro-Life Pastor” and Tia Ciferno, director of Bella Women’s Center, Warren. A reception will follow in the Parish Center, including information displays from various local pro-life organizations. All adults and teens are encouraged to attend, including youth groups and other parish or school organizations. For more information contact Judy Welsh at 330-718-7746 or Dave Schmidt at 330-744-8451 ext. 272 or dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

10. 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.

11. Year of the Family – Amoris Laetitia

In March, on the fifth anniversary of the publication of his apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, on the beauty and joy of love in the family, Pope Francis launched the Year of “Amoris Laetitia Family, which will conclude on June 26, 2022, during the Tenth Meeting of Families in Rome. 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>.

12. 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 or 330-744-8451 ext. 272, or visit www.walkingwithmoms.com.

13. Faith & Family Festival Delayed Until September of 2022

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the Eleventh Annual Faith & Family Festival of the Diocese of Youngstown was cancelled for 2021 but is scheduled for 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.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1. 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. Several fulltime positions are available for employment in ministry year 2021-2022.

2. 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.

3. 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, and participate in an interactive virtual event led by leaders in RCIA ministry.

Registration fee: \$65.00 per person. Additional information: ngci.org/home/index.

4. 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.catechistcafe.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.

5. Summer Offerings and Autumn Registrations

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. As circumstances allow for different approaches, please use discretion in continued care of the parish families.

Parishes should plan to hold in person sessions for children, youth, adults, and for multi age groups for the new ministry year. 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.

6. It's not too late to look into LIMEX!

Loyola University New Orleans offers degrees and certificates in Ministry and Theology Certificates and Degrees in an Extension Program. Plans are to begin a local learning group this fall. For additional information, contact Joan Lawson in the Department of Religious Education, 330-744-8451 x290, or email jlawson@youngstowndioocese.org.

7. Summer reading recommendations from the library

Lord of the World. Robert Hugh Benson. Ave Maria Press, 2016. In an airplane news conference on his return from the Philippines in January 2015, Pope Francis mentioned Robert Hugh Benson's *Lord of the World*. It wasn't the first time the Holy Father praised the book. This 1907 futuristic narrative has been hailed as the finest work of this unsung, but influential author and son of the Archbishop of Canterbury whose conversion to Catholicism rocked the Church of England in 1903. The compelling book includes a new introduction, a biography of Benson, and a theological reflection. "I advise you to read it."--Pope Francis on *Lord of the World*.

Between Heaven and Mirth. James Martin, SJ. HarperCollins Publishers, 2011. Martin shares how you can strike a healthy balance between spirituality and daily life and live as a joyful believer. In *Between Heaven and Mirth*, he uses scriptural passages, the lives of the saints, the spiritual teachings of other traditions, and his own personal reflections to show us why joy is the inevitable result of faith, because a healthy spirituality and a healthy sense of humor go hand-in-hand with God's great plan for humankind.

The Screwtape Letters. C.S. Lewis. Simon & Schuster, 1996. Screwtape is an experienced devil. His nephew Wormwood is just beginning his demonic career and has been assigned to secure the damnation of a young man who has just become a Christian. In this humorous exchange, C. S. Lewis delves into moral questions about good v. evil, temptation, repentance, and grace. Through this wonderful tale, the reader emerges with a better knowledge of what it means to live a good, honest life.

The Faith. Pope Benedict XVI. Our Sunday Visitor, 2013. Be inspired by 21 carefully chosen selections from the Holy Father's extensive teachings on the Faith, arranged topically according to the words of the Apostles' Creed, the fundamental tenets of our Catholic Faith. Both Catholics and others interested in our Faith will benefit from Pope Benedict's thoughtful and personal reflections on these key doctrines.

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:*

The Joy of the Gospel, GENERAL course, 12 hours
August 2 – September 13, 2021
Online facilitator: Joan Lawson
\$15 fee

Elementary Catechesis, CORE course, 10 hours
 August 23 – September 27, 2021
 Online facilitator: Marcy Fessler
 \$25 fee includes book

9. Online Learning Centers

These online learning centers have June 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 <https://catechistcafe.weebly.com/catechist-courses.html> for connections to these learning centers:*

The next online term of the **University of Notre Dame Satellite Theological Program** begins August 30, and includes these:

- The Synoptic Gospels
- History of Christianity: The First Five Centuries
- The Liturgical Year
- The Old Testament I

VLCCF (Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation) from the University of Dayton offers courses running July 4 – August 7, including:

- Conscience
- Disabilities in Parish Life: An Overview
- Emotional Intelligence and Its Impact on Faith Formation
- Introduction to Prayer

STM Crossroads (Boston College School of Theology and Ministry) has registration open now for these courses beginning August 4:

- The Gospel of John
- Saint Mary Magdala

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. “Share” your social media special events with the diocese

IF your parish, school or Catholic agency recently held a special event that you would like shared with the diocese, you can tag us at the media addresses below or email the image and text information to ccase@youngstowndiocese.org. Please only tag/share names of those with whom you have received permission, If you have a brief video, please place it into a shared Google Drive. Thank you. Keep sharing the Good News!

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

THANK YOU for supporting and sharing the diocesan social media sites. 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>

3. On-going 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!

OFFICE OF WORSHIP

1. Obligation to Attend Sunday and Holy Day Mass Reinstated

The general obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days was reinstated by the Bishops of Ohio on June 5-6, 2021. Those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is compromised or ill, are exempt from attending Mass on Sunday and Holy Days as well as those who have *significant* fear or anxiety of contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons. These should observe the Lord's Day and are encouraged to spend time in prayer on Sunday meditating on the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection.

2. Revised Directives and Guidance for Sunday and Holy Day Mass

With the reinstatement of the general obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days along with the removal of most restrictions in the State of Ohio, the Office of Worship has provided revised Directives and Guidance for Public Liturgy. The Directives and Guidance can be found on the diocesan website: www.doy.org.

Every effort should be made to return Sunday/weekday worship to a style that promotes the full, active, and conscious participation of all in attendance as called for by the liturgy and expected by the People of God while maintaining a reasonably safe and comfortable environment. To that end, all restrictions have been rescinded with the exception of offering the Sign of Peace and reception of the Precious Blood. The Sign of Peace may be offered with a simply bow and words of peace to those nearby. The current environment suggests that reintroducing the reception of the Precious Blood from the chalice by the assembly at this time is not prudent.

It is hoped, in the near future and with improving circumstances, an appropriate and proper reintroduction of the Sign of Peace and the reception of the Precious Blood by the faithful will be possible.

3. Liturgical Resources for 2022

The Office of Worship is offering the following 2022 Liturgical Resources for purchase:

- 2022 Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Readers;
- 2022 Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons and Weekdays;
- 2022 At Home with the Word;
- 2022 Daily Prayer;
- 2022 Liturgical Calendars;
- 2022 Visiting the Sick and Homebound.

These resources are available at discounted prices and include free shipping and handling through the Office of Worship. Information and order forms will be sent in early July.

4. 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

~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/>

5. Displaying of Flags in Catholic Churches (*from the USCCB website*)

There are no specific regulations governing the display of flags in Roman Catholic Churches. Neither the Code of Canon Law, nor liturgical books of the Roman rite comment on this practice. As a result, the question of whether and how to display the American flag in church is left to the judgment of the diocesan bishop, who in turn often delegates this to the discretion of the pastor. The Bishop's Committee on Divine Worship encourages that the American flag not be placed within the sanctuary itself, in order to reserve that space for the altar, ambo, presidential chair and tabernacle. Instead, the suggestion is made that the American flag be placed outside the sanctuary, or in the vestibule along with a book of prayer requests

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. New Director for the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry Appointed

Bishop David Bonnar has appointed Reverend Ryan Furlong as part-time Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, effective July 1, 2021. He will continue to serve as parochial vicar at St. Charles parish, Boardman. His responsibilities will be to direct and implement the Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry programs and provide resources to support parishes in the area of youth ministries and young adult ministries.

2. National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) 2021 – Wait List or Virtual Options

The National Catholic Youth Conference, or NCYC, will take place November 18 – 20, 2021 in Indianapolis. Theme: Ablaze. There are two VIRTUAL options currently available. The in-person event tickets have SOLD OUT. You can sign up on the waiting list should more space be made available. To learn more, please visit the NCYC website at: <https://nfcym.org/featured-events/ncyc/>

3. Thank you, Cindee Case, for over 19 years of dedicated service

The Diocese thanks Cindee Case for over 19 years of dedicated service to youth ministries and young adult ministries. Cindee worked to continue many of the good services offered by her predecessors, such as the Eagle of the Cross Awards, Youth Ministers Gatherings and Diocesan Youth Conventions (DYC), she expanded the preparation for the diocesan delegation to the National Catholic Youth Conferences (NCYC) and she added new elements like the Youth Ministry Online Training, LEAD Retreats (young adults trained to offer Confirmation and youth retreats), and annual young adult ministry leader networking meetings. She accompanied pilgrims to World Youth Day events in Toronto (2002), Cologne (2005) and Krakow (2016). Cindee led many parish trainings and consultations, presented at parish, deanery, diocesan and national workshops/conferences, and assisted countless ministers in using newer technologies (i.e. Zoom, ConferenceCall.com, social media, etc.) We wish her well in the Social Media Minister position.

4. From the desk of Fr. Ryan Furlong

Hello, I am excited and honored to be the new part-time director for youth ministry and young adult ministry for the diocese of Youngstown. I will be beginning my ministry July 1. I am eager to work with priests, laity, and all church ministers as we walk the journey of faith together, and minister to youth and young adults. I am putting together thoughts and plans for the future, and I look forward to your collaboration with me. I am here to learn from all of you. If you would like to reach me, you can by phone, 330-758-2325, or email, rfurlong@youngstowndioces.org

God bless,

Fr. Ryan Furlong
Associate Pastor, St. Charles Borromeo Parish
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

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| MISCELLANEOUS |
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CATHOLIC EXPONENT

Publication dates and special sections for the Exponent are as follows: June 25 – Banking & Investments; July 9 – Health Care/One Day Trips; July 23 – Careers & College Guide.

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 parish festivals, as well as the news of the Church across the country and around the globe.

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CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Free Catholic Man Night via ZOOM on Wednesday, July 28 starting at 7 pm and lasts about an hour. Link to attend will be sent 3 days prior to the event or go to CMFDOY.org for details.

This will be the 11th session in the Knights of Columbus "Into the Breach" series. These professionally produced videos focus on various aspects of authentic Catholic manhood. This video presentation is titled "Evangelization". How and why to share your Catholic faith.

SAVE THE DATE - Catholic Men's Conference at St Thomas HS on September 18, 2021

For more information please see flyer included in this month's *Communique* attachments

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services of the Diocese of Youngstown will be offering The Chaplet of Divine Mercy Prayer Service in the chapels of our 4 Cemeteries at 3:00 every Friday at alternating locations.

First Friday of the month at Calvary Cemetery Chapel in Youngstown.

Second Friday of the month at Resurrection Cemetery Chapel in Austintown.

Third Friday of the month at All Souls Cemetery Chapel in Cortland.

Fourth Friday of the month at Calvary Cemetery Chapel in Massillon.

Please see flyer included in this month's *Communique* attachments for more information.

ST. JOSEPH IN MANTUA TO HOST OX ROAST FAIR

Last year was a tough year for all of us, but we made it. St. Joseph Church in Mantua is hitting the ground running with the Ox Roast Fair, which is being held on **July 16th, 17th & 18th**. They'll have a few changes this year and maybe some last minute changes as the Diocese of Youngstown and the Governor of Ohio progress through this pandemic. At this time they're able to have their fair, as all other communities. All recommended guidelines will be followed. Health and safety are their biggest concern.

The 57th Ox Roast Fair has plenty of fun to keep the whole family entertained including: a wide variety of Fair food favorites; live entertainment in three locations; Friday night fireworks; Saturday morning 5K Run/Walk & 1M Fun Walk; Sunday Blessing of the Bikes; an assortment of rides, games, contests & giveaways; over \$20,000.00 in main raffle prizes & hourly progressive drawings each day plus several specialty raffles, souvenir T-shirts & mugs; tractor, truck & semi pulls; trade booths; casino games with instant bingo; security; handicap accessibility; clean grounds and much, much more! The Parish Community of St. Joseph's at 11045 St. Joseph Blvd. is located in Mantua Twp. off Pioneer Trail approximately 1/4 mi. west of St. Rt. 44, south of St. Rt. 82, just north of Mantua Village (accessible from U.S. Rt. 422 just 7 miles north or Ohio Turnpike Exit 193 just 2 miles south). ***You won't want to miss St. Joseph's Ox Roast Fair ~ Not Your Typical Church Festival!*** For more information, please check out St. Joseph's website www.stjosephmantua.com/ox-roast-fair, find them on Facebook (St. Joseph's Ox Roast Fair), or contact the parish office at 330-274-2253 or parishoffice@stjosephmantua.com.

MISCELLANEOUS (continued)

ST. PATRICK CHURCH - - 63rd ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL

St. Patrick Church, 225 N. Main Street, Hubbard, OH 44425. 63rd Annual Parish Festival.
August 5-8, 2021. Admission is FREE. Parish-made food, Rides, Games and Grand Prize Raffle
For more information please see flyer included in this month's *Communique* attachments.

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION SHRINE

Diocese of Youngstown 34th Annual Pilgrimage
The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation
Carey, Ohio

Day of Prayer for Vocations & Religious Life

Reverend Msgr. Michael Cariglio, Spiritual Director

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Cost: \$30 per person

Lunch Options: Bring Your Own Brown Bag Lunch *or*

Pre-Order SUBWAY BOXED LUNCH

Please call 330-744-8451 ext. 252 for more information

Departing from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica, Youngstown at 6:00 A.M.

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| <i>Rev. Joseph Palermo</i> | 3/79 |
| <i>Rev. Michael Coan</i> | 4/46 |
| <i>Rev. Paul J. Sikora</i> | 5/44 |
| <i>Rev. William E. Martin</i> | 6/66 |
| <i>Deacon John F. Carney</i> | 7/17 |
| <i>Rev. Walter P. Alger, OP</i> | 9/84 |
| <i>Rev. Edward Goodwin</i> | 10/47 |
| <i>Rev. Aloysius J. Rzendarski</i> | 10/78 |
| <i>Rev. Sylvan Laszlo, OFM</i> | 10/87 |
| <i>Rev. Ignatius J. Piotrowski</i> | 15/57 |
| <i>Rev. Joseph Petsche</i> | 18/44 |
| <i>Rev. Adolph J. Bernas</i> | 19/79 |
| <i>Rev. Regis Heuschkel, O.P.</i> | 19/17 |
| <i>Deacon Felipe Colon</i> | 20/05 |
| <i>Rev. Joseph C. Pino, OP</i> | 21/58 |
| <i>Rev. Anthony M. Bachowski</i> | 21/87 |
| <i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Galganski</i> | 22/92 |
| <i>Rev. Sylvester Hartman, CPPS</i> | 23/53 |
| <i>Rev. Henry R. Lileas</i> | 23/84 |
| <i>Rev. Kevin L. Fete</i> | 23/06 |
| <i>Rev. Anthony T. Chenevey</i> | 23/13 |
| <i>Rev. Andrew A. Crehan</i> | 24/64 |
| <i>Rev. Msgr. Lawrence C. Fye</i> | 25/09 |
| <i>Rev. Sylvester Kaminski</i> | 26/03 |
| <i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Murphy</i> | 26/67 |
| <i>Deacon Edward Hawkins</i> | 27/19 |
| <i>Rev. Allen M. Simpson</i> | 28/68 |
| <i>Rev. Clement Stopka, OCD</i> | 28/80 |
| <i>Rev. Lawrence Biro, OFM</i> | 29/46 |
| <i>Rev. William D. Moriarty, OP</i> | 29/90 |
| <i>Rev. Otto Brachman, CPPS</i> | 30/64 |
| <i>Rev. John F. Behan, OP</i> | 30/52 |
| <i>Rev. Fred C. Nachtigal</i> | 30/05 |
| <i>Rev. Francis A. Fox, OP</i> | 31/54 |

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