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CHANCERY OFFICE

CHURCH AT HOME COMBINED COLLECTION

The Diocese of Youngstown will be participating in the Church at Home Combined Collection the Weekend of June 5-6, 2021. This important collection provides funding to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the Catholic Communications, and the Catholic University of America/Newman Apostolate. Bulletin announcements are included in this issue of the *Communique*.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

Bishop David Bonnar has made the following clergy appointments:

- Reverend Leo Wehrin, pastor of Holy Trinity, East Liverpool effective June 1.
- Reverend Scott Kopp, Director of Seminarians and pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Vienna, effective June 1.
- Reverend Steven Agostino, Administrator of St. Brendan Parish, Youngstown effective June 1.
- Father Zachary Coulter has been appointed pastor of St. Joseph Randolph, effective June 1, due to the conclusion of Father Thomas Acker's assignment there. Father Coulter will remain pastor of St. Peter of the Fields in Rootstown.
- Father James Korda has been given a special assignment as Administrator of Christ the Good Shepherd Parish in Campbell with the charge of implementing an assessment of the viability of the parish to be completed in one year or less, effective June 1. Father Korda will remain in his position of President to CTNY. In assigning Fr. Korda to this special assignment, Bishop Bonnar has instructed Fr. Korda to implement the regional pastoral plan promulgated by the late Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., in 2019. The plan calls for one worship site in the City of Campbell.
- Father Richard Pentello has been appointed pastor of University Parish Newman Center in Kent, effective June 1, while remaining the pastor of St. Patrick in Kent.

LETTERS OF SUITABILITY

Please note that no priest or deacon may exercise ministry within the Diocese of Youngstown without being granted faculties/permission by the bishop. It is the obligation of the pastor of the parish where ministry or speaking engagement will occur (or other responsible person outside a parish setting) to insure that the visiting cleric has obtained a letter of suitability. Without such a letter, the Diocese, the parish or school and the pastor or president could become legally liable should any wrongdoing occur.

The visiting cleric himself should ask his bishop or religious superior to send a letter of suitability to Bishop Bonnar. Letters of suitability are to be sent from one bishop/superior to another, not directly to a parish, since it is the bishop who is responsible for determining a cleric's suitability for ministry.

If you have any questions, please contact Msgr. John Zuraw, Chancellor

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.

Live Stream from St. Columba Cathedral Transitional Diaconate Mass on Saturday, June 5 at 10:30 a.m. Mass will rebroadcast on ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel on Tuesday, June 8 at 11:00 a.m. & 8:30 p.m.; and, on Thursday, June 10 at 11:00 a.m. & 8:30 p.m.

Live Stream from St. Columba Cathedral Priesthood Ordination Mass on Saturday, June 19 at 10:30 a.m. Mass will rebroadcast on ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel on Tuesday, June 22 at 11:00 a.m. & 8:30 p.m.; and, Thursday, June 24 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: June 6: Bishop David Bonnar in the Bishop’s Corner; June 13: Fr. Jack Lavelle on Life Issues (The Environment); June 20: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with George Garchar, Executive Director of Catholic Charities for Stark and Portage Counties; and, June 27: Fr. Jim Korda talks with Dr. Jim King, Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

Lou Jacquet, from St. Brendan Church, Youngstown, will tell us about the Saints celebrated this month: June 6: Saint Marcellin Champagnat; June 13: St. Anthony of Padua; June 20: St. Aloysius Gonzaga; and, June 27: Ss. Peter and Paul.

The Interview Segment will include: June 6: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Bishop David Bonnar, Part I, With a Father’s Heart; June 13: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Bishop David Bonnar, Part II; June 20: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Bishop David Bonnar, Part III; and, June 27: Fr. Jim Korda interviews Joe Daczko on his book Catholic Bushido.

This month’s Music Segment is from the CD “Simple Truth” by David Kauffman at goodforthesoulmusic.com.

Fr. Ryan Furlong, Parochial Vicar of St. Charles Church in Boardman, will give his reflections on the Sunday Scripture Readings: June 6: Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; June 13: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; June 20: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time; and, June 27: Thirteenth 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 spring 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. First Step for Change 2021

First Step for Change 2021 is being held in parishes Mother’s Day through Father’s Day. “FIRST STEP PACKETS” for each participant were distributed to all participating parishes. If more are needed for your parish, please contact Nikole at 330-744-8451, ext. 323.

We are excited about the ability to have our First Step for Change campaign in parishes this year and pray for its success. *See 2021 Bulletin Announcements and Flyer attached to this edition of the Communique.*

2. Catholic Relief Services - Local Committee Wanted

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. Please consider joining to learn more. Contact Nikole Baringer at 330-744-8451, ext. 323 or email 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.

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.

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 1st and 3rd 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 or call 330.744.8451ext. 327.

See attached flyer for more information.

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.

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. 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 June

Attached to the Communiqué are vocation intercessions and bulletin blurbs for the month of June. 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, ext 238.

DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP'S APPEAL

2021 Annual Bishop's Appeal

Thanks to the diligent work of our clergy and laity, we have attained 80% 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. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Stewardship Thoughts for parish bulletins are attached

PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
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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.

2. Project Rachel Monthly Announcement

If you are a father 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. 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.nottaxpayerabortion.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.

4. Marriage Preparation Engaged Couple Retreat Day

The next diocesan-sponsored one-day marriage preparation retreat days for engaged couples will be held Saturdays June 5 in the parish center at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Austintown and July 31 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.

5. 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:

- 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:

- 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 or 877-883-5422.

Note: Training is also available in Spanish.

6. 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.

7. 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>.

8. Religious Freedom Week: June 22-29

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has declared 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>.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1. Pope Francis Institutes the Ministry of Catechist

On May 10, 2021, Pope Francis issued a Motu Proprio, establishing the Lay Ministry of Catechist. The Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments will soon publish the Rite of Institution for the ministry. This formal acknowledgement of the unique role catechists employ in the evangelizing mission of the Church is an affirmation of the centrality of effective and lifelong formation of believers. Recognition is given to all those called by their Baptism to cooperate in the work of catechesis. Read the entire apostolic letter at http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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. Please review the diocesan directives, the CDC guidance, and the safety precautions of your area's local department of health. As circumstances allow for different approaches, please use discretion in continued care of the parish families.

Parishes choosing to hold in person sessions 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.

7. Loyola University New Orleans offers degrees and certificates in Ministry and Theology Certificates and Degrees in an Extension Program.

A local learning group is forming for this fall. For additional information, contact Joan Lawson in the Department of Religious Education, 330-744-8451 x290, or email jlawson@youngstowndiocese.org.

8. Featured Resources in the Diocesan Library

Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone. James Martin. Harper Collins, 2021. A trusted guide walking beside us as we navigate our unique spiritual paths, Martin lays out the different styles and traditions of prayer throughout Christian history and invites us to experiment and discover which works best to feed our soul and build intimacy with our Creator. Father Martin makes clear there is not one secret formula for praying. But like any relationship, each person can discover the best style for building an intimate relationship with God, regardless of religion or denomination. Prayer, he teaches us, is open and accessible to anyone willing to open their heart.

The Caregiver's Companion: A Christ-Centered Journal to Nourish Your Soul. Debra Kelsey-Davis & Kelly Johnson. Ave Maria Press, 2020. Written by the founders of Nourish for Caregivers—an organization that seeks to improve the health and spiritual wellbeing of caregivers—this beautifully designed, full-color journal is a practical resource with encouraging readings, prayers, and guided journaling to help you draw strength from your faith in a few sacred moments each day. It is a unique resource to remind you to care for yourself as you care for others.

Henri Nouwen and the Art of Living. Freedom: Finding Peace in Anxious Times. Majorie J. Thompson. Creative Communications, 2021. No stranger to anxiety, spiritual master Henri Nouwen wrote genuinely about the search for peace and the quest for freedom from our troubled hearts. Nouwen expresses how our sense of security is often found in temporal things, when it should be grounded in the everlasting. Author Marjorie Thomas follows the lessons Nouwen learned on finding freedom from anxiety helps us to integrate those lessons into a life of deep meaning.

You Are Special. Max Lucado. Crossway Books, 1997. The Pray Me a Story series uses popular children’s books as a springboard for entering into imaginative prayer. Pray Me a Story is designed for use by catechists, religion teachers, parents, grandparents—anyone who prays with children of any age. In the town of Wemmickville there lives a Wemmick named Punchinello. Each day the residents award stickers—gold stars for the talented, smart, and attractive Wemmicks, and gray dots for those who make mistakes or are just plain ordinary. Punchinello, covered in gray dots, begins to feel worthless. Then one day he visits Eli the woodcarver, his creator, and he learns that his worth comes from a different source.

9. 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 17 – June 21, 2021

Online facilitator: Marcy Fessler

\$27 fee includes book

Introduction to Scripture, CORE COURSE, 20 hours

June 1 – August 31, 2021

Online facilitator: Marianne Ivany

\$41 fee includes book

Jesus the Healer, GENERAL COURSE, 10 hours

June 7 – July 19, 2021

Online facilitator: Carla Hlavac

\$25 fee includes book

Preparing Hearts & Minds, GENERAL COURSE, 12 hours

June 7 – July 26, 2021

Online facilitator: Joan Lawson

\$25 fee includes book

10. 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 University of Notre Dame Satellite Theological Program has 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.

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. Obligation to Attend Sunday and Holy Day Mass Reinstated

In light of improving circumstances, a reduction in infections, and more people being vaccinated, the Bishops of Ohio have decided that the general obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days is to be reinstated 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. An appropriate way to do this is through viewing a broadcast of Sunday Mass.

NOTE: Mass that is broadcast through various media, including live-stream, is not intended as an alternative nor does it fulfill the obligation for persons who are able to gather for a Sunday celebration and other Holy Days. They are intended for the sick, homebound, imprisoned etc. who are unable to attend Mass in person.

2. 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/>

3. 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

4. Liturgical Resources for 2022

The Office of Worship will offer the following 2022 Liturgical Resources for order and purchase: 2022 Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons and Weekdays; 2022 Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Readers; At Home with the Word; 2022 Daily Prayer; 2022 Liturgical Calendars and 2022 Visiting the Sick and Homebound. These resources will be available at a discounted price and includes free shipping and handling through the Office of Worship. Information and order forms will be mailed in mid-summer

5. Liturgical Directory

The Liturgical Directory contains valuable information about Liturgy Committees; liturgical minister formation guidelines; guidelines for the celebration of sacraments; music in liturgical celebrations; and art and architecture directives. The directory can be accessed and downloaded from the diocesan website by clicking on “Worship” under the “Ministries” tab.

OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

1. 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 EXPONENT

Publication dates and special sections for the Exponent are as follows: May 28 – Seniors-living 50+/Ads for Grads; June 11 – Women in Business/Summer Fun, Travel & Pilgrimage; and June 25 – Banking & Investments.

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.

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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.

IN MEMORIAM

	<u>June</u>
<i>Rev. Joseph J. Elias</i>	1/62
<i>Rev. Thomas D. O'Shaughnessy</i>	3/66
<i>Rev. George Duritsa</i>	4/09
<i>Rev. Anthony Battes</i>	5/51
<i>+MOST REV. GEORGE V. MURRY, S.J.</i>	5/20
<i>Rev. Jeffrey Volzer</i>	6/94
<i>Rev. Gregory Scholz, OP</i>	9/46
<i>Rev. Thomas P. Gallagher</i>	11/59
<i>Rev. Matthew Shelton</i>	11/09
<i>Deacon Nicholas Boccieri</i>	11/11
<i>Rev. John A. Stefanic</i>	12/48
<i>Rev. Msgr. John H. DeMarinis</i>	12/11
<i>Rev. John J. Reichert, OP</i>	13/87
<i>Rev. Vincent Scharff</i>	13/93
<i>Rev. Alphonse A. Konarski</i>	14/61
<i>Rev. Frederick J. Bertram</i>	17/56
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<i>Rev. George Popovich</i>	18/09
<i>Rev. John C. Welsch</i>	21/01
<i>Rev. Anthony Lang</i>	22/68
<i>Rev. Paul J. Dehnke</i>	23/73
<i>Rev. Michael Smar</i>	26/17
<i>Rev. Kenneth Beznoska, MSC</i>	27/96
<i>Rev. Alexander Krupa, OFM</i>	27/02
<i>Rev. Emil S. Kalafut</i>	28/66
<i>Rev. James G. Joyce, OP</i>	28/79
<i>Rev. Henry C. Gallagher</i>	28/90
<i>Rev. James Johnson</i>	29/20
<i>Rev. Henry Post, CPPS</i>	30/67
<i>Rev. John C. Rath</i>	30/07

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