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## CHANCERY OFFICE

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY

1. Who needs to be compliant?
  - A. All active clergy, religious, seminarians, and persons in formation are required to be compliant.
  - B. All employees in parishes, schools, and institutions, 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](http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov).

**Background check requirements and codes** are included in this month's Communique attachments. Background checks **must** be sent directly to the Safe Environment Coordinator at the Diocese:

Catholic Diocese of Youngstown  
Attn: Safe Environment Office  
144 West Wood Street  
Youngstown, OH 44503

As of January 20, 2020, background checks completed on or after this date for other agencies, employers, dioceses, etc., are not valid for compliance in the Diocese of Youngstown unless a copy is also sent directly to the Safe Environment Coordinator by BCI&I.

C. VIRTUS Account and *VIRTUS Protecting God's Children* Class

All clergy, religious, seminarians, persons in formation, and employees, and those volunteers who work with children or vulnerable adults, must create a VIRTUS account with the Diocese of Youngstown and complete the *VIRTUS Protecting God's Children* in-service class. Visit the Safe Environment page on the [diocesan website](#) for a schedule of VIRTUS in-service classes and to register in either English or Spanish. **Until the threat of covid-19 has subsided, individuals are permitted to take the VIRTUS course online.**

Child/Vulnerable Adult protection in-service courses from other agencies, employers, dioceses, Scouts, etc., are not valid for compliance in the Diocese of Youngstown.

3. Updating Information

Compliance Officers must submit updates for current and new employees and volunteers as they complete child protection compliance requirements on a Compliance Checklist. **A person is not compliant until the Safe Environment Coordinator receives a Compliance Checklist noting the dates that the requirements were fulfilled.** Visit the Safe Environment page on the [diocesan website](#) to find the Compliance Checklist.

4. Reporting Child/Vulnerable Adult Abuse

If you or someone you know has been abused at any time by a priest, deacon, religious, seminarian, person in formation, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Youngstown, or if you believe that abuse has occurred or is currently occurring, contact civil authorities and also Mr. Dominic Colucy, Safe Environment Coordinator/Victim Assistance Coordinator, (office) 330-744-8451 x293 or (response line) 330-718-1388.

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

## 5. Questions or Concerns

For more information about the Diocese of Youngstown *Safe Environment Policy*, contact by mail: 144 W. Wood Street, Youngstown, OH 44503, phone: 330-744-8451 x293; fax: 330-744-5099; or e-mail: [dcolucy@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dcolucy@youngstowndiocese.org).

### **CATHOLIC TELEVISION NETWORK OF YOUNGSTOWN (CTNY)**

## 1. Local Programming on the Ecumenical Television Channel:

**Live stream ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel at [doy.org/Media/ETC-TV](http://doy.org/Media/ETC-TV) Live Stream.**

## 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: September 5: Bishop David Bonnar in the Bishop’s Corner; September 12: Fr. Jack Lavelle on Life Issues (Education); September 19: Rachel Hrbolich on Catholic Charities; and, September 26: Fr. Jim Korda talks with Jessica Anthony on St. Vincent de Paul.

Sr. Joyce Candidi, OSHJ, Director of the Office of Religious, will tell us about the Saints celebrated this month: September 5: Saint Thomas More; September 12: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; September 19: St. Monica; and, September 26: St. Louis.

The Interview Segment will include: September 5: Fr. Jim Korda interviews Msgr. Jim Kolp, Part II; September 12: Fr. Jim Korda interviews Msgr. Jim Kolp, Part III; September 19: Fr. Jim Korda interviews Rachel Hrbolich, Part I; and, September 26: Fr. Jim Korda interviews Rachel Hrbolich, Part II.

This month’s Music Segment is from the CD “Just Jesus,” by The Kellenberg Memorial High School Choir.

Deacon Paul Lisko, from St. Charles Church in Boardman, will give his reflections on the Sunday Scripture Readings: September 5: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; September 12: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; September 19: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; and, September 26: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

3. See the newest of CTNY Local Programming on the Internet by linking to [doy.org](http://doy.org) and click “News and Media” bar, then click on “CTNY Gallery.” DVD copies of all local productions are available through CTNY for a nominal fee. Please contact us at CTNY at 330-533-2243.

4. For an ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel Schedule for summer/fall 2021, please contact CTNY at 330-533-2243, or visit [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org) and go to the “News and Media” bar and click on the ETC-TV schedule.
5. Like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/CTNYoungstown](http://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 of Ashtabula County

*Volunteers Fair* - Catholic Charities is holding Volunteers Fairs to recruit volunteers to help with Lucille’s Loft, HALO Christmas program and more. If interested, contact Nikole Baringer at 440-992-2121 ext. 7049 or email [nikoleb@doyccac.org](mailto:nikoleb@doyccac.org). Please see the attachment included with this issue of *Communique*.

*Save the Date* – Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County is hosting our HALO Gala on Saturday, November 6, 2021.

*Financial Literacy* – Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County will host our Financial Literacy Workshop. This is a free “in-person” 1-hour course that will teach those who seek a better understanding about their budget and gain tools to help manage their household finances. Registration is required to participate. Please see the attachment included with this issue of *Communique*.

*Getting Ahead* – Catholic Charities of Ashtabula will begin our FREE 8-week program and commit to Getting Ahead instead of Just Getting By. This course offers the opportunity to learn from one another by sharing experiences, participating in problem solving discussions and exploring ways to strengthen our community and our families while strengthening resources. Please see the attachment included with this issue of *Communique*.

2. Catholic Charities, Diocese of Youngstown Announces Return of Annual Voice of Hope Dinner – Save the Date

We are pleased to announce the return of our Annual Voice of Hope Dinner. This event celebrates the unity and identity of Catholic Charities' Services in the Diocese of Youngstown, and raises funds to support our Basic Needs Assistance program.

The event will be held on Thursday, October 21 at The Grand Resort Ballroom in Warren, Ohio. This year, we are honored to be joined by The Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, who will provide a keynote address. We are also excited to recognize Very Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Siffrin and Mr. George Garchar with Voice of Hope Awards for their dedication, service and support of the ministry of Catholic Charities over the course of their vocations with the Church. The evening will include music, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, delicious food, a wine draw, a 50/50 raffle, a basket raffle, and, most importantly, an opportunity to reconnect with friends from across the diocese.

Tickets are \$75.00 each. Sponsorship opportunities are available. We are also seeking wine donations for our Wine Draw. If you would like additional information, please contact Jennifer Lucarelli at 330-744-8451, ext. 316 or [jlucarelli@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:jlucarelli@youngstowndiocese.org) or visit the website at [www.ccdoy.org](http://www.ccdoy.org).

With your help, we can be a light of hope to others during their darkest times.

3. Catholic Charities Serving Portage and Stark Counties

The Adult Day Services (ADS) facility operated by Catholic Charities Serving Portage and Stark Counties is open and accepting participants on a limited basis. Our ADS offers a safe and secure environment for older adults in need of supervision or assistance with activities of daily living while family caregivers are at work or attending to other responsibilities. We have implemented strict pandemic related protocols to help ensure the health and safety of participants and staff. Our well-maintained facility is located on the St. Joseph Senior Living campus in Louisville.

For more information, please call 330-875-7979 or email [troy.cochran@catholiccharitiesps.org](mailto:troy.cochran@catholiccharitiesps.org).

<b>CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES</b>
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**OFFICE OF CLERGY SERVICES**

## 1. Fifteenth Priests' Convocation

The Fifteenth Priests' Convocation will be held September 7-10, 2021 at the Lodge at Geneva-on-the Lake, Geneva, Ohio. Mr. David Shellenberger, President of St. John Vianney Center will be the keynote presenter. He will continue his exploration of how to best cultivate resiliency in living priestly ministry.

The convocation will also include discussion on the future of the diocese, presentations from diocesan staff, an updated Priests Pictorial Directory, and the Priest Anniversary Celebration honoring our jubilarians from 2020 and 2021.

During the Convocation, parishes will be provided Liturgy of the Word (with Holy Communion) services for Deacons and/or Lay Leaders of Prayer to preside at. The service will be provided by the Office of Worship.

## 2. Priest Anniversary Celebration

On Thursday, September 9, 2021 during the Priest Convocation, Bishop Bonnar will celebrate the Priest Anniversary Celebration for those celebrating Ordination Anniversaries from 2020 and 2021. Priest Jubilarians include:

**2020**

70 Years: Rev. Msgr. James Kolp  
60 Years: Rev. William E. Bantz and Rev. Leo J. Pleban  
50 Years: Rev. Thomas Bishop, Rev. Msgr. Michael Cariglio, Rev. Msgr. James Clarke, Rev. Donald Feicht, Rev. Robert Kaylor, and Rev. Melvin Rusnak  
40 Years: Rev. Richard Murphy, Rev. Msgr. Peter M. Polando, and Rev. Philip Rogers  
25 Years: Rev. Marian Babjak, Rev. David Bridling, Rev. David Misbrener and Rev. Joseph Ruggieri

**2021**

70 Years: Rev. James K. Cavanaugh  
60 Years: Rev. Thomas J. McCarthy  
50 Years: Rev. Michael P. Garvey  
40 Years: Rev. Robert R. Edwards, Rev. William B. Kraynak, Rev. Michael A. Mikstay and Rev. Stephen E. Popovich  
25 Years: Rev. Edward R. Brienz and Rev. Frantisek Katrinak

We offer "Congratulations and Best Wishes" to all those celebrating Ordination Anniversaries!

## OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

### 1. Seminarian Posters and Prayer Cards

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

### 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](mailto:skopp@youngstowndiocese.org).

### 3. Come and See Weekends

Weekend visits to the seminary are reopening this Fall. Dates to be announced soon. Please contact the vocation office to schedule yours: 330-744-8451 or by email at [skopp@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:skopp@youngstowndiocese.org).

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

Please remember all of the seminarians we have currently studying in our diocese. They are all willing and available to come and speak at your parish or school. To schedule one, please contact Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or by email at [skopp@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:skopp@youngstowndiocese.org).

### 5. Seminary Field Trips

Please remember that our diocese has an established relationship with St. Mary Seminary in Cleveland. Because of its close proximity to our diocese, consider taking a day for young men and women to have a field trip to St. Mary's. Children from 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades can find out firsthand what life is like in a seminary. Depending on when your tour is arranged, we hope to have a Youngstown seminarian guide the tour. This is a great opportunity for kids in our Catholic schools, CCD programs and youth ministry programs. Hopefully there will be renewed opportunities for these visits at some point this new school year. For more information or to schedule a tour, please call the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451.

### 6. Vocation Intercessions and Bulletin Blurbs for September

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

### 7. Vocations Social Media

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

## OFFICE OF VOWED RELIGIOUS

### 1. Fall Bishop/Religious Leadership Meeting

The annual fall Bishop/Religious Leadership meeting has been scheduled for **Monday, October 18, 2021**, at the Ursuline Motherhouse. All DCR members, Major Superiors, Councilors, or Representatives are welcome. Further information will be forthcoming.

### 2. Religious Jubilee Celebration

The Diocese of Youngstown will celebrate the jubilees of those religious who generously served the people of this diocese on **Saturday, October 23, 2021**, at Holy Family Parish in Poland, OH. A social begins at 12:45 p.m. followed by dinner, speaker, and Holy Mass at **4:00** p.m.

### 3. Retirement Fund for Religious

For most parishes, the annual Retirement Fund for Religious appeal is scheduled for the weekend of **November 13 – 14, 2021**, with the collection taken the following weekend. All religious are encouraged to speak in behalf of our retired members. If you are willing to be a presenter and have not already done so, kindly contact the Office of Religious, ext. 238.

### 4. World Day for Consecrated Life/Year of Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated **on Sunday, February 6, 2022**, at St. Columba Cathedral at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please mark your calendars.

## DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP

## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP'S APPEAL

### 1. 2021 Annual Bishop's Appeal

Thanks to the diligent work of our clergy and laity, we have attained over 90% of our \$4 million goal, either raised through gifts or pledges of support. 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](mailto:lpolitsky@youngstowndiocese.org) or 330-744-8451 x298.

### 2. 2022 Annual Bishop's Appeal

As we prepare for the 2022 Annual Bishop's Appeal, it is essential that our records be accurate for the mailings sent on behalf of Bishop Bonnar.



We will be using ParishSOFT to manage all Appeal operations starting in 2022. To assist us in maintaining a current and accurate database, all parishes *not* using ParishSOFT should email a list of all registered parishioners to Peggy McMahon at [pmmcMahon@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:pmmcMahon@youngstowndiocese.org). Please refer to the memo that was sent to all parishes not using ParishSOFT in mid-August.

## 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.

Registration is live and open until November 3. Information has been sent to all Pastors, Administrators, Parish Leaders, School Presidents, and Principals, as well as all bookkeepers. For more information, contact Luke Politsky at [lpolitsky@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lpolitsky@youngstowndiocese.org) or 330-744-8451 x298.

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

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

## 1. No Taxpayer Funding of Abortion Campaign

In May Bishop Bonnar sent a letter to all pastors, administrators and parish leaders asking them to broadcast this simple announcement:

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

Please continue to emphasize this message as Congress and the current administration persist in appropriating tax dollars to pay for abortions by taking away the Hyde Amendment. Because 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, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is asking that this simple announcement be published far and wide in parish bulletins, newsletters, radio spots, diocesan newspapers, pastors' columns, etc. 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](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org).

## 2. Intercessions for Life and Pro-Life Bulletin Briefs

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

3. Project Rachel Outreach – September Message for Bulletin/Newsletter (Grandparents’ Day):

“My daughter had an abortion...I don’t know what to do.” 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/>.

4. Project Rachel Promotional Materials

Project Rachel is the Church’s outreach to those suffering from an abortion experience. Materials to promote our local Project Rachel ministry may be obtained from the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life (contact [dschmidt@youngstowndioocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndioocese.org) or 330-744-8451 ext.272) and in the attachments section of this Communique.

5. St. Joseph Church, Austintown Offers DivorceCare Support Group Free of Charge

DivorceCare is a 13-week course/discussion group for those who are going through or have gone through a separation or divorce. It addresses the most common issues associated with divorce/separation and promotes powerful healing so that you can move on to build a new life filled with promise and hope. The three components of DivorceCare are 1) inspiring and educational video presentations, 2) supportive and safe group discussions facilitated by trained facilitators who have experienced divorce, and 3) resources for home use. Free and open to all.

DivorceCare will be offered at St. Joseph Church in Austintown for 13 consecutive Mondays, 6:30-8:00 pm beginning on September 13<sup>th</sup> in the Mackin Room in the school building.

Contact Jim Merhaut at [jim@coachingtoconnect.com](mailto:jim@coachingtoconnect.com) to reserve your spot, or visit the St. Joseph website, <http://stjosephaustintown.org/divorcecare/>, for more information and to register online. You may also call 330-792-1919.

6. National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children: September 18

September 18 is the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. For more information, go to [www.abortionmemorials.com](http://www.abortionmemorials.com).

Many parishes and other intuitions throughout the Diocese of Youngstown have memorials to the unborn. Consider holding a memorial service at one of these sites. For more information contact [dschmidt@youngstowndioocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndioocese.org) or 330-744-8451 ext.272.

7. 40 Days for Life in Canton and Warren

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. (Go to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/>).

The Fall 2021 campaign takes place September 22 through October 31. There are two 40 Days for Life campaigns in the Diocese of Youngstown:

- Canton, at 2663 Cleveland Ave. NW, in front of the Planned Parenthood. Contact Linda at 330-826-1885 or [fortydayscanton@gmail.com](mailto:fortydayscanton@gmail.com).
- Warren at 375 North Park Ave., in front of the Planned Parenthood. Contact Mary at 330-372-6147 or [mgoffos@hotmail.com](mailto:mgoffos@hotmail.com).

8. October is Respect Life Month – October 3 is Respect Life Sunday

At the end of August Respect Life Program packets from the USCCB Pro-Life Secretariat and other materials were distributed to parishes. Additional copies may be obtained from the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family life (contact [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org) or 330-744-8451 ext.272) or by going to [www.respectlifeprogram.org](http://www.respectlifeprogram.org)

9. 25th, 40th, 50th and over Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 10th, 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Canton, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th, and over wedding anniversaries in 2021.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with the Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, renewal of marriage vows and a personalized certificate for each couple. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for the couples and their families in the parish hall.

Couples must make advanced reservations for this event by contacting their parish office and obtaining their pastor's signature before September 15th.

10. 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: Every Life Matters from Conception to Natural Death" 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 330-744-8451 ext. 272 or [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org).

## 11. 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:

- 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:

- 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](mailto:foccus@foccusinc.com) or 877-883-5422. Note: Training is also available in Spanish.

## 12. Marriage Preparation Engaged Couple Retreat Day --- Note: Date Change

The next diocesan-sponsored one-day marriage preparation retreat days for engaged couples will be held Saturday November 20 in the social hall at St. Columba Cathedral. (The October date had to be moved to November). Reservations are required. Registration information may be found at [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org); go to the “Ministries” drop-down menu and press on “Pro-Life, Marriage & Family Life.”

Engaged Couple Retreat Dates for 2022 will soon be forthcoming.

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

## 13. 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>.

## 14. 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.

## 15. Faith &amp; 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](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org).

## **OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

## 1. RCIA Training for Diocese of Youngstown

TEAMRCIA will provide an online training opportunity for Pastors and other Pastoral Ministers involved in Initiation Ministry. Co-sponsored by the Office of Religious Education/Evangelization and the Office of Worship, the session will be offered twice to encourage greater participation. Please register as soon as possible to reserve your space. Contact Barbara Walko for the sign in.

### **YOUR PARISH IS THE CURRICULUM**

Presenters: Nick Wagner and Diana Macalintal, TEAMRCIA

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

1:30 – 3:30 pm or

6:00 – 8:00 pm

## 2. Catechetical Sunday 2021

Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated in 2021 on the weekend of September 18 and 19. This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role the each person plays by virtue of their Baptism, in handing on the faith and being an evangelizing witness of the Gospel. Parishes throughout the United States will publicly recognize those persons called in a particular way to serve as catechists, religion teachers, and parents and offer a blessing in appreciation. “Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed” is the theme selected. A commissioning service, prayer intentions, and additional resources may be found at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/evangelization-catechesis/leadership-institute-catechetical-sunday-2021>. With the publication of Pope Francis’ “Antiquum Ministerium, Ancient Ministry,” we acknowledge the formal institution of the Ministry of Catechist with a special gratitude.

Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

This is why the rite of blessing of catechists used on Catechetical Sunday includes an optional blessing of parents and guardians.

### 3. Faith Formation Ministry Year 2021-2022

The Department of Pastoral and Educational Services has updated the Guidance for use during the Pandemic. Your careful implementation is sincerely appreciated.

Programming options for Ministry Year 2021-2022 are to include in person gathered events following all directives as well as online and/or home based options. A balanced approach to gathered and non-gathered formation is recommended, to accomplish the social interaction important for emotional health, and to model our prudence as mature adults caring for everyone's safety. Let's move forward without going backward. We need to continue to respect each family's circumstances and realities, with a continued compassion, and preserving the best practices.

Maintain connections- The Ohio Bishops have reinstated the obligation to participate in Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation, with particular exceptions. It is crucial that we continue the best practices implemented for outreach to the homebound, ill, and those incarcerated, to assure all of the community's care, and support. Persons who are anxious about returning to large group settings, or have other unique circumstances continue to be cherished members of the community. Consider ways to reach out and provide pastoral care and faith formation in a variety of ways.

### 4. New Catechetical and other Pastoral Ministers

The Office of Religious Education/Evangelization strives to support the catechetical and other pastoral ministries of the parish in their parish efforts. We assist those who serve catechetical and other pastoral areas including Pastoral Ministers and Associates, Parish Directors and Coordinators of Religious Education/Evangelization, Parish Directors and Coordinators of Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Campus Ministry, and RCIA leaders. If you have recently employed or named new persons to any of these ministries, please forward their contact information to [bwalko@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:bwalko@youngstowndiocese.org). Their names will be added to our database and invited to formation opportunities intended to enhance their knowledge and skills.

### 5. Annual Day of Prayer and Preparation

The Office of Religious Education/Evangelization and the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry held the Annual Day of Prayer and Preparation for Parish Directors and Coordinators of Religion Education/Evangelization and Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Adult Faith Formation Contacts, Campus Ministers, Small Christian Communities Contacts, and other leaders, in late August. To receive a folder with information for the new year, please contact the office.

### 6. Orientation for New Parish Ministers

The Office of Religious Education/Evangelization and The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry provides quarterly orientation sessions for new Parish Ministers serving Pastoral Ministry, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry and Religious Education. These sessions offer skill building in administrative tasks, diocesan procedures, and ministry enrichment. Invitations are sent to persons whose names have been submitted to the offices.

The first session will be held on Thursday, September 23, 2021 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Columba Hall. Please contact Father Ryan Furlong or Barbara Walko for additional information and to make a reservation.

7. 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 positions are available for employment in ministry year 2021-2022.

8. 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](http://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 the diverse church communities.

9. 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@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:jlawson@youngstowndiocese.org).

10. New Books in the Diocesan Library

God is Not Fair and Other Reasons for Gratitude. Daniel P. Horan, OFM. Franciscan Media, 2016. Author, Franciscan friar, and popular retreat leader Dan Horan puts Christian dilemmas into a new light in this new book of thoughtful reflections. As Paul made clear to the Corinthians two thousand years ago, being a Christian can mean appearing out-of-step at times. This is because a Christian's priorities aren't measured by the culture, but according to the reign of God that Jesus preached and modeled. In this collection of essays, Horan demonstrates that the Christian life is most often focused on the counterintuitive and gratuitous foolishness of God's love revealed in the healing of the broken and brokenhearted, forgiving the unforgivable, and loving the unlovable.

Light of Assisi: The Story of Saint Clare. Margaret Carney, OSF. Franciscan Media, 2021. While weaving together Clare's story and Francis's story, Margaret Carney draws special attention to Clare's significant contribution to the Franciscan world in the many years following Francis's death. Far from merely reflecting Francis's light, Clare had her own charism, "a gift bestowed by the Spirit of the Lord and given to her in a fullness and forcefulness that was hers alone."



This book will introduce St. Clare of Assisi to those who do not know her and those who wish to know her better. It leads the reader from Clare's birth to her death. While taking account of modern scholarship, Sr. Margaret Carney tells the story of this medieval woman in a way readers today can understand.

Turn to the Lord: An Invitation to Lifelong Conversion. Leonard J. DeLorenzo. Liturgical Press, 2021. God calls each of us to a life of goodness, and our yearnings to become more like God invite us to lifelong practices of conversion. The sacrament of confirmation is a pivotal moment anchoring a Catholic's commitment to God. But do our current sacramental preparation programs really inspire candidates to turn toward the Lord? Leonard J. DeLorenzo demonstrates how preparation for Confirmation can be life-giving for both candidates and those who accompany them.

What Would You Do? 46 Situations for Making Good Choices. Jennifer Moore-Mallinos. Loyola Press, 2020. We make decisions all day, don't we? Do I pick up the dog's poop when I take him for his walk? Should I tell Mom where I really went after school? When I see something wrong happening, what should I do? Making a good choice, doing the right thing, or even knowing right from wrong can be hard! In *What Would You Do?* you can practice making hard decisions and have some fun while we explore some everyday dilemmas! (Ages 5-8).

#### 11. 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:*

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

***Catholic Belief and Tradition***, CORE course, 20 hours  
September 13 - December 20, 2021  
Online facilitator: Sister Joyce Candidi, OSHJ  
\$45 fee includes book

***Finding God in Children's Literature***, GENERAL course, 14 hours  
September 20 - November 8, 2021  
Online facilitator: Nicky Uerling  
\$25 fee

***Catholic Social Teaching: Whats, Whys, & Praxis***, NEW course, 10 hours  
October 25 - December 6, 2021  
Online facilitator: Julie Sutton  
\$25 fee includes book

## 12. **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 October 11.
- **VLCFF (Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation)** from the University of Dayton will offers its next cycle of courses beginning October 10.
- **STM Crossroads (Boston College School of Theology and Ministry)** has registration open now for these courses beginning September 22:
  - Finding a Moral Compass
  - Liturgy Essentials
  - Spirituality Matters

**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. Register now: Social Media Networking meeting on Zoom

Our first diocesan Social Media Networking meetings will take place in September 2021. This will be a time to virtually meet and share ideas with others posting on social media for their parishes, schools, Catholic agencies and offices.

Please select your date/time of choice:

Monday, September 20, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

or

Tuesday, September 21, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

And register to receive the meeting link;

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDI3jK-AJieqAWhk\\_ENgxpIVTMamBJf7VrhH12MyxTifPz0Q/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDI3jK-AJieqAWhk_ENgxpIVTMamBJf7VrhH12MyxTifPz0Q/viewform?usp=sf_link)

(or email [ccase@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:ccase@youngstowndiocese.org) if you need the registration link to be emailed to you (or your designee!))

### 2. 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>

3. Invite your friends/followers to like/follow/connect with our diocesan social media:

THANK YOU for supporting and sharing the diocesan social media sites. It has been exciting to see our numbers rise and engagements increase as more folks interact with the posts.

If you have not already done so, please help us spread the Good News of the Gospel and the good news happening around the diocese; connect your parish/school/institutional social media with ours and invite others as well:

Instagram: "Diocese of Youngstown"

<https://www.instagram.com/diocesefyoungstown/>

Twitter: @DOYoungstown

<https://twitter.com/DOYoungstown>

Facebook: "Catholic Diocese of Youngstown"

<https://www.facebook.com/DOYoungstown>

Pinterest:

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

YouTube: "Catholic Diocese of Youngstown" channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKweSOhoUOePs1qJtGlgxA>

4. Helpful Hint

If you feel the desire to use some “trendy” words and phrases that you hear younger folks using for your social media posts on behalf of your parish, school Catholic agency or office, please ask a trusted teen or young adult what possible meanings there are FIRST. You can also check with the Urban Dictionary (<https://www.urbandictionary.com/>) \*Warning\* it is blunt and to the point, at times crude, so be forewarned, or Slang dictionary (<https://www.dictionary.com/e/slang/>). It is better to be surprised at the meaning BEFORE you post than after!

## **OFFICE OF WORSHIP**

1. 2021 Priest Convocation

The priests of the Diocese will gather September 7-10, 2021 at the Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake for their bi-annual Priest Convocation. During this time, parishes will be provided with daily Liturgy of the Word (with Holy Communion) services from the Office of Worship in which Deacons and/or Lay Leaders of Prayer can preside. Contact the Office of Worship if you have any questions or concerns.

## 2. 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. **Deadline to place an order is September 24, 2021.**

## 3. Opening Mass for Synod

On April 24, 2021, Pope Francis approved a new synodal program for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops entitled, “*For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission.*” The path toward the celebration of the Synod comprises of three phases between October 2021 and October 2023, a diocesan phase, a continental phase and finally a conclusive phase at the level of the Universal Church.

To emphasize that this synodal path is a shared journey, the Holy Father will celebrate the opening of the Synod at the Vatican on October 9-10, 2021. The following Sunday, October 17, 2021, Pope Francis has asked that each diocese celebrate the opening of the Synod.

Bishop Bonnar will celebrate an Opening Mass for the Synod on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Saint Columba Cathedral. All are invited to attend and more details will be forthcoming.

## 4. Society for Catholic Liturgy Conference

The Society for Catholic Liturgy will hold its annual Conference at the University of Notre Dame, September 23-25, 2021. Learn more about this conference and register at: <http://liturgysociety.org/annual-conference>.

The July 16, 2021 *Motu proprio, Traditionis custodes*, makes the conference theme all the more significant for scholarly discussion, *That They May Be One: Liturgical Reconciliation*, with its purpose of reflection and presentations on the relationship between the use of the reformed liturgical books and those prior to 1970. The intended aim of the conference proceedings is to promote a deeper unity among all the members of the Church in the single Sacrifice of Christ celebrated in different ways.

## 5. Low Gluten Hosts

In light of the continued suspension of the Precious Blood being distributed at Communion time, it is important for pastors to make every effort to accommodate and normalize the experience of Holy Communion for the faithful, including those suffering from celiac disease. Canon 912 states, “any baptized person not prohibited by law can and must be admitted to Holy Communion.”

In the United States there are four approved distributors of low-gluten hosts known to the USCCB - Secretariat of Divine Worship:

Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration  
31970 State Highway P  
Clyde, MO 64432-8100  
800-223-2772  
[www.BenedictineSisters.org](http://www.BenedictineSisters.org)  
*Gluten Content: 0.01%*

Parish Crossroads  
P.O. Box 84  
Zionsville, IN 46077-0084  
800-510-8842  
[www.ParishCrossroads.com](http://www.ParishCrossroads.com)  
*Gluten Content: 0.016%*

GlutenFreeHosts.com Inc.  
100 Buckley Road  
Liverpool, NY 13088  
800-668-7324  
[www.GlutenFreeHosts.com](http://www.GlutenFreeHosts.com)

Cavanagh Company  
610 Putnam Pike  
Greenville, RI 02828  
800-635-0568  
[www.CavanaghCo.com](http://www.CavanaghCo.com)

*Gluten Content: 0.002%*

*Gluten Content: 0.00042%*

Low-gluten hosts can be ordered from the above distributors at a nominal cost. Please consult the USCCB website regarding guidelines and directives to avoid cross-contamination when using low-gluten hosts.

## 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. Young Adult Meet and Greet

The first youth and young adult meet and greet for youth ministers and young adult ministers was held on August 12, at St. Charles Borromeo Parish. Look for more meet and greets throughout the diocese in the coming months.

### 1. Young Adult Bonfire

Young Adult Bonfire will be held at Warren Blessed Sacrament on Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup> in the evening. All young adults welcome!

### 3. Young Adult Programs

There are several young adult programs that are starting up in the fall of 2021, please contact Fr. Ryan Furlong for more information at [rfurlong@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:rfurlong@youngstowndiocese.org)

4. Youth Service Project

Plans are under way for a youth service project at Calvary cemetery this November. It will focus on the Octave of All Souls Day, Please contact Fr. Furlongs for more information at [rfurlong@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:rfurlong@youngstowndiocese.org)

5. Catholic High School Chaplain Event Planning

Fr. Furlong would like to visit all Catholic High Schools and work in unison with the Chaplains on any ideas for the upcoming school year that they may have.

6. Stay tuned for coming parish and diocesan wide events.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### CATHOLIC EXPONENT

Publication dates and special sections for the Exponent are as follows: Sept. 3 – Church Vocations; Sept. 17 – Death & Grieving; Oct. 1 – Respect Life/Breast Cancer Awareness. 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 have been known to 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 Catholic high school football and back to school information, as well as the news of the Church across the country and around the globe.

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### THE COVID19 MEMORIAL SERVICE WITH BISHOP DAVID BONNAR

Bishop David Bonnar will lead a prayer service to remember all of the lives lost to the Covid19 Pandemic with a dedication and blessing of a memorial bench on October 24 at Calvary Cemetery, 248 S. Belle Vista Avenue, Youngstown, OH. The doors will open at 1pm and the service starts at 2pm, wreaths will be presented in recognition of First Responders and Essential Workers with the Honor Guard presentation and blessed palm crosses that will be available to everyone in attendance.

### HELP WANTED

A custodian for St. Jude Church and Hall. Duties will be general cleaning of classrooms, offices, hall, kitchen, bathrooms, and hallway. Also included will be general maintenance and care for the grounds, such as cleaning the walkways, some lawn mowing, etc. Please contact Mary Burkey or Fr. David at St. Jude 330-482-2351.

<b>MISCELLANEOUS (continued)</b>
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**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.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY**

Please join Bishop Bonnar for the 6th Annual Greater Youngstown Area Our Lady of Fatima Public Square Rosary Rally to be held Saturday, October 16, 2021 at St. Columba Cathedral.

The rally begins with Mass celebrated at St. Columba at 10:30 AM followed by a Eucharistic Procession at 11:20 AM. Parish representatives are welcome to carry their parish banner or a statue of their patron saint in procession. The faithful may either walk the route or follow in their vehicles. All are invited to attend.

At the conclusion of the procession, the Rosary shall be recited at Noon at St. Columba to coincide with other rallies that occur around our Country.

Priests and deacons are welcome to attend. Please bring alb and stole if you wish to concelebrate the Mass.

**CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

The Catholic Men's Fellowship of the Diocese of Youngstown have announced the return their annual conference; ***"Letting go of Fear – Embracing Faith"***. The Most Reverend Bishop David Bonnar & Dr. **Ray Guarendi will be their keynote speakers. The conference will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at St Thomas Aquinas high school in Louisville, Ohio.**

This year the conference will begin with **registration at 8 am and close with Mass at noon** with Bishop Bonnar. Covid – 19 protocols will be practiced.

Come join the men of the Diocese hear Bishop Bonnar speak on *"Letting go of fear and embracing Faith"*. Dr. Ray will speak on *"The logic of being Catholic"*. Exposition, Reconciliation and the rosary are included in this half-day event.

Register online at [CMFDOY.org](http://CMFDOY.org)

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

IN MEMORIAM
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	<u>September</u>
<i>Rev. Pat Ferraro</i>	2/16
<i>Deacon Edgar Cobett</i>	3/02
<i>Rev. Casimir Grabowski</i>	4/63
<i>Rev. Christopher Lynch, OFM</i>	4/78
<i>Rev. Msgr. Leon Dobosiewicz</i>	4/13
<i>Deacon Terry Coulter</i>	4/16
<i>Rev. Bernard Vacca</i>	6/02
<i>Rev. Ferris J. Petros</i>	8/60
<i>Rev. Arthur Nist</i>	10/09
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Lavell</i>	12/65
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Vitus Franco</i>	13/61
<i>Rev. Camillus Lutkemeier</i>	13/80
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Raymond J. Steiger</i>	13/81
<i>Rev. Sebastian McKay, OSB</i>	14/43
<i>Rev. Wolfgang Frey, OSB</i>	14/83
<i>Rev. Bernard Werner, OP</i>	15/85
<i>Rev. John Carolla, SSP</i>	17/58
<i>Rev. Frederick Gordon, OP</i>	18/74
<i>Rev. Robert Bruce</i>	18/08
<i>Ring, Rev. Thomas</i>	19/52
<i>Rev. Msgr. Homer Oliver</i>	19/08
<i>Deacon Thomas Cihon</i>	20/93
<i>Rev. August Coccarelli</i>	21/04
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Norman Kelly</i>	23/90
<i>Rev. Thomas F. Murphy</i>	23/05
<i>Rev. Bernard Shaffer, OP</i>	24/65
<i>Rev. William J. Kennedy</i>	24/71
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trainor</i>	25/56
<i>Rev. Joseph S. Beller</i>	25/98
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. John R. Toole</i>	26/85
<i>+MOST REV. BENEDICT C. FRANZETTA</i>	26/06
<i>Rev. John Murray</i>	27/10
<i>Rev. Paul Tobin</i>	27/15
<i>Rev. Msgr. Dezso Torok</i>	27/19
<i>Rev. William Ring</i>	28/47
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Stephen W. Begalla</i>	29/73
<i>Deacon Eugene Basile</i>	30/98
<i>Deacon Edward Briestensky</i>	30/04