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From the Chancery:

The Chancery's office hours are 9:45am to 2:30pm (EST - Eastern Standard Time) Tuesday through Friday. Special announcements for the days when the Chancery is closed will be posted in advance.

NOTE: *The Chancery office will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th, in observance of Christmas.*

The Bishop's as well as the Chancery's address, is:
1121 44th Street NE, Canton OH 44714-1297

This includes special deliveries such as
FEDEX, UPS, Express Mail, Overnight Priority Mail and any other packages.

Special Announcements:

From Bishop's desk:

- There will be **special dispensation** from His Grace for Sunday, December 3rd, for the parishes or missions where a festive meal is offered as an organized fundraising event, for Clergy Retirement Fund.

Other Announcements:

- ❖ We have a **new secretary, Psa Gabriela Marginean**, since Mrs. Ann Fosnaught is pregnant and needs more rest and less stress, and she decided to take a break in being employed. Let's wish Psa Gabriela Marginean **"Welcome aboard!"** and keep Mrs. Fosnaught in our prayers. Psa Gabriela Marginean e-mail address is gabim@rcdcanton.org
- ❖ Please note the new, *temporary* Office hours: **Tuesday through Friday 9:45am to 2:30pm (EST - Eastern Standard Time).**

Clergy Convocation 2023

Holy Resurrection Monastery hosted our Eparchial Meeting of the Clergy, this October (10 – 13).

Here is a summary of the session, published on Catholica.ro and on our site, both on English:

<https://files.ecatholic.com/25848/documents/2023/10/Articol%20in%20Catholica.ro%20-%20EN.pdf?t=1698365325000>

and Romanian:

<https://files.ecatholic.com/25848/documents/2023/10/Articol%20in%20Catholica.ro%20-%20RO.pdf?t=1698365325000>

Special Collection: Romanian Martyred Bishops

- The next Special Collection is **Romanian Martyr Bishops**, taken on **December 3rd**, remittance date for parishes on December 15th, 2023: <https://files.ecatholic.com/25848/documents/2023/11/Faithful%2011-9-23%20jmb%20clergy%20retirement%20fund.pdf?t=1701207756000>
- **The above letter is strongly recommended to be printed out and distributed along with the Weekly bulletin. Also, the letter is to be read to the faithful in the church, during the Liturgy on Sunday, December 3rd.**

UNIREA CANTON

❖ **Diocesan Website “Donate” Button Now Fully Functional**

On the top line of menu options of the Romanian Catholic diocesan website, the DONATE option links to a page for contributions to the General Diocesan fund or specifically for UNIREA/Canton Magazine. Donors may select either a one-time donation or a monthly automatic donation using their credit or debit card. Donations are tax deductible as if made directly to a parish. These funds help pay for the expenses of the eparchy/diocese or for design/printing/distribution of our diocesan magazine. Please be generous! Go directly to the page here: <https://romaniancatholic.org/give>

Jack Figel, Editor

Please share with your faithful!

❖ We encourage our clergy to write articles about the events from their parish/mission; (e.g., what was published in ancient times in the old magazine/Canton).

We invite the clergy to expand the invitation to their parishioners: maybe the cleric is not considering himself to be given with the gift of writing, but perhaps someone in his parish/mission has this gift - Let's put him/her to work!

Fr. Iuliu-Vasile Muntean, General Vicar.

❖ For **articles or materials, you may have for publication** in UNIREA, questions or suggestions of improvement to *Unirea/Canton* or *Unirea.org*, don't hesitate to send them to unirea@rcdcanton.org (Jack Figel, editor)

Practical things to remember

- In submitting your **weddings request for permission or dispensations** please remember that **we require at least a 5 month** notice so that we can prepare the necessary papers – should a special case is needed to be handled! We can discuss details over the phone especially when you have problems to solve about a wedding but it's good to talk them well in advance so that we might be able to solve them!
- **Tribunal matters (annulment petitions, etc.)** – check out the Maronite website <http://www.stmaron.org/eparchy/marriage-tribunal/> for forms

and answers to your questions – you need more details call the Tribunal Office. Fr. Marini will help you with all the details you need if you have things that are unclear – call the office number listed in their website.

- **E-mail updates to Psa Gabriela on parishioners** who passed away or moved, so that Psa Gabriela (gabim@rcdcanton.org) can update your Unirea listing and so that we do not send a newsletter that will return to us and we already paid the postage for it!!

From the Finance Office:

- **Please share this the Annual Financial Report with your person who does the Church books!!**
- [Annual45Financial45Report452023451.pdf \(ec-prod-site-cache.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#) - .pdf
- [Annual45Financial45Report452023451.xlsx \(live.com\)](#) – Excel

(section Annual Financial Reports 2023. **They were due by August 31, 2023!!!** The final page with signatures needs to be mailed to the Chancery, but the rest can be emailed to Fr. Ovidiu at ovim@rcdcanton.org.)

For questions contact Fr. Ovidiu Marginean. Thank you for your help to make sure that all finances are in accord with eparchial regulations!

**Economos Very Rev. Ovidiu Marginean
Finance Office**

- **Salary increases to Priests – based on years of priesthood!**

Dear brothers in Christ – just wanted to remind everyone of the policy that is still in use from the Typikon. **Every priest in our Diocese gets a salary increase every 5 years.** The increase is \$50 more to your monthly salary. For all those celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, etc. years of priesthood this year an increase in your salary will take place after you have passed your anniversary date. **Please refer to the Typikon still in use for this rule.** (Pastoral Typikon #103.)

As of December 2023, everyone who was ordained prior to December 1, 2018 will benefit from the increase automatically.

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Office of Child and Youth Protection

- ❖ Post in your church/mission the attached poster, *Report violators*, which is required by Child and Youth protection rules and dispositions:
<https://files.ecatholic.com/25848/documents/2023/10/Translated%20poster%20again%20for%20Julie%202023%20pdf.pdf?t=1698364474000>

There are two posters, one in English, one in Romanian. Please use what you consider appropriate.

Synodality:

Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission (Journey Together)
“Everyone has a part to play....there are no extras”
(Pope Francis to the Faithful of the Diocese of Rome, 9/18/2021)

Dear Clergy and Our People,

Would you read and pray for our Diocese's Synodal process? Thank you so very much! Father Iuliu and Julie Do not hesitate to contact us with any ideas or suggestions. JulieS@rcdcanton.org or Julie's cell: 802-522-0802.

Synod Overview

The Church is called to “renew herself under the action of the Spirit and by listening to the Word”. (Synod Preparatory Document, page 12)“we recall that the purpose of the Synod, and therefore of this consultation, is not to produce documents, but to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bond up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands...” (Synod Preparatory Document, page 40).

Different articulations of Synodality – is the style with which the Church ordinarily lives and expresses its nature through listening to the Word and celebrating the Eucharist, brotherhood of communion and co-responsibility and participation of the whole People of God in its life and mission, on all levels.

“A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, “journeys together:” How is this “journeying together” happening today in our Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our “journeying together”?”

Discussion – Which of the below statements would you like to discuss further?

- Pastors are “authentic guardians, interpreters and witnesses of the faith of the whole Church. This is not democracy of the majority. (Francis, address for the ceremony

commemorating the 50th anniversary of the institution of the Synod of Bishops, 10/17/2015).

- Through Jesus “faith emerges as a valuing of people; their plea is heard, their difficulty helped, their availability appreciated, their dignity is appreciated, their dignity is confirmed by God’s gaze and restored to the community’s recognition”. (*Synod 2021 2023 - Preparatory Document, page20*).
- Can you imagine some type of mission/renewal for your church community over this next year? How are the gifts of the Holy Spirit discerned and organized in your community? (*Everyone has a gift*)

Ideas Our Faithful to Discuss - These are statements from Pope Francis to the Faithful of the Diocese of Rome on 9/18/2021 regarding this Synod. Which statement can you imagine discussing? Why?

- Once the church stops (as journeying has since the first Apostles), she is no longer Church, but a lovely pious association, for she keeps the Holy Spirit in a cage.
- Gustav Mahler once stated that fidelity to tradition does not consist in worshipping ashes but in keeping a fire burning.
- We need to keep the doors and windows of the Church wide open. Go out and meet them, let them question you, let their questions become your questions...do not be afraid to engage in dialogue and even to be taken aback by what you hear, for this is the dialogue of salvation.
- Journey together: trust in the Spirit. Do you feel like you are part of one great people which has received God’s promises for a future in which all are invited to partake of the banquet God has prepared for every people (Isiah 25:6)?
- Being God’s people is not a privilege, but a gift that we receive not for ourselves, but for everyone. The Holy Spirit in His freedom knows no boundaries or tests of admission.

It seems good to the Holy Spirit and us....

Let our prayer be...“Holy Spirit, soul of my soul, I adore Thee. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen and comfort me.

Tell me what I ought to do and order me to it. I promise to submit to anything that you require from me,

And to accept everything that Thou allowest to happen to me. Just show me what Thy will is.” By Cardinal Mercier

Julie SHOCKSNIDER Child Protection Office Director
and Safe Environment Coordinator

During the month of December we celebrate two important feast:

- ❖ **December 25 – Nativity of our Lord. Christmas (Crăciunul)**
- ❖ **December 26 - December 26 – Synaxis of the Mother of God.**

*The Chancery Team in Canton wishes you all a Merry
Christmas, filled with joy and graces,
and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!*



A “To do” List:

- ❖ Send in **events list** via e-mail for **January 2024 by December 20, 2023.**

ovim@rcdcanton.org , or viorelb@rcdcanton.org

These events should be: organized special events, weddings, births, baptisms, funerals, parastas/paneidas, commemorations, graduations, anniversaries, as well as other **events from your parishes or missions**, as such: hram, festivals, special gatherings, fundraising events, exhibits, concerts, etc.

- ❖ Reminder: **it is a must to send in the weekly bulletins**, either in a soft copy (to Psa Gabriela Marginean, gabim@rcdcanton.org), either printed, in the regular mail.

Here is a list of the parishes that **did not** send in the bulletins:

- ❖ Saint Helena Romanian Catholic Church – Cleveland
- ❖ Ss. Peter and Paul Church – Chicago
- ❖ St. Mary Church – Dearborn

- ❖ St. John the Baptist Church – Detroit
- ❖ St. Joseph Mission – Boston
- ❖ St. Mary Mission – New York
- ❖ The Nativity of the Mother of God Mission – Montreal.

Anniversaries and birthdays in December:

Happy Birthday: Psa. Adina Maria Titonea – December 1
 Happy Birthday: Rev. Gheorghe Suta – December 3
 Happy Birthday: Rev. Hieromonk Maximos Davies – December 5
 Happy Birthday: Rev. Radu Nicolae Titonea – December 8
 Happy Birthday: P-sa Liliana Jude – December 8
 Happy Birthday: Fr. Deacon Paul Crawford – December 20
 Happy Anniversary – Rev. Fr. Sergiu and Psa. Ritta Cornea – December 23

May God bless you with many more to come!!!!

If I missed someone from our clergy or spouses' birthdays, please get back to me so that I may make the necessary adjustments or corrections! Thank you!

Fr. Deacon Viorel Bădiceanu

Clergy Memorials for December:

Please keep our deceased clergy in your prayers this month.

Rev. Dr. Ioan Vanca	December 6, 1931
Rev. Fr. John T. Filip	December 7, 2000
Rev. Fr. John Joseph Skala	December 14, 2003
Rev. Msgr. Carol Capros	December 28, 1995
Rev. Konstantin Kenneth Brown	December 30, 2010

May their memory be eternal!