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ACTION REQUIRED

OFFICIAL CATHOLIC DIRECTORY (OCD) ONLINE UPDATES

The 2026 *Official Catholic Directory* (OCD) online portal is open for reviewing and updating by your parish, school, or organization. The instruction email was sent on or about September 22 to the OCD Contact email address that was provided to them last year for your organization. It is imperative that all parishes, schools, and organizations listed in the *Official Catholic Directory* complete the online update for the 2026 edition before the deadline to retain their tax status. **The OCD Contact can also go directly to <https://ocdedits.com/login> to begin updating. The deadline to review, update, and submit is Wednesday, October 29.** Please be sure to SUBMIT your information online when you are finished. You will get a "Thank you" notice if you have submitted correctly. After the deadline the portal will be closed. Questions? Please contact [Lisa Weber](mailto:Lisa.Weber@archdioceseofcincinnati.org) (513.263.3342) in the Chancellor's Office.

OCTOBER COUNT 2025

The annual October Count Tabulation for all churches and institutions where regular weekend Masses are celebrated begins the weekend of Saturday, October 4. As a reminder, all regular scheduled Masses that fulfill the precept should be included as well as all special **Masses that occur between 3:00 p.m. Saturday and midnight Sunday.** Click on <https://catholicaoc.org/submit-october-count> to access the instructions and the online form. Please submit the completed form ONLINE by **Friday, November 7, 2025.** For your convenience, a worksheet is available to help keep track of your weekly count. Questions? Please contact [Diane Thomas](mailto:Diane.Thomas@archdioceseofcincinnati.org) (513.263.6692) in the Pastoral Planning Office.

NATIONAL COLLECTION TO BENEFIT ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES

This collection is to be taken up in every parish in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati at every obligation Mass the weekend of **November 8-9.** Materials will be shipped from Our Sunday Visitor to all parishes about one month prior. If you need additional materials, please email [Marissa Skinner](mailto:Marissa.Skinner@archdioceseofcincinnati.org) at Our Sunday Visitor or visit the Archdiocese for the Military Services [website](http://www.usmilitary.org) for sample bulletin announcements, intercessions, bulletin inserts and more. All collection monies should be forwarded to the archdiocese Finance Office indicating that it is for the Archdiocese for the Military Services. If you have any questions, please contact the [Chancery Office](mailto:Chancery.Office@archdioceseofcincinnati.org) at 513.263.3342.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Just a reminder that the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements are due by December 1, 2025. Each year responsible individuals who hold decision making or policy setting positions or who purchase equipment, supplies, or other goods, must sign the form. All Disclosure Statements must be kept in a confidential file (at your location) under lock and key.

If you have any questions regarding this reminder, please contact [Rob Reid](#) at 513.263.6611.

Please [click](#) for the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement.

TO BE READ - PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR OCTOBER 11/12

(To support the collection for World Mission Weekend, October 18/19. Could be read by the pastor, deacon, parish twinning leader.)

Greetings Fellow Missioners of Christ,

As a deacon and servant for our global church, I have the privilege of inviting you to support our Holy Father's Pontifical Mission Societies next weekend, **October 18 and 19** as we will celebrate World Mission Weekend.

Currently, many of our fellow Catholics in 1,200 mission dioceses are struggling with earthquakes, wars, and destruction of their homes, schools, churches and health facilities. Your donations will also help the education of their future leaders – seminarians, novices, and catechists.

Thank you for your generous gift next weekend that enables God's love and hope to come alive. The archdiocesan Mission Office is most grateful for your support.

PASTORS: THE ANNUAL WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION IS OCT. 18/19

Many of our fellow Catholics in 1,200 mission dioceses are struggling with earthquakes, local conflicts, war, and destruction of church facilities. Consequently, they would very much appreciate your parishioners' support. So please encourage your parishioners to give generously to the Holy Father's Pontifical Mission Societies this October 18 and 19. Parish bulletin, social media, and pulpit announcements at Masses before the collection would be most appreciated!!

- **NOTE! Mission Sunday collection envelopes and a packet from the Pontifical Mission Societies' national office in New York should be in all parishes by now.** You should have posters to display, homily helps, mission petitions, education resources, and more. These resources may also be found on their [website](#).
- **Please MAIL all your donors' envelopes and contributions to: Mission Office, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 100 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.** Feel free to contact [Melonise Knight](#) (513.263.6681) or [Dr. Mike Gable](#) (513.263.6680) for any advice or support.

ANNUAL PLANNING REPORT

In accord with Beacons of Light Parameter 2, each Family of Parishes shall submit an annual report on their planning activity from the year prior along with a plan for the coming year. This is to be prepared by the Family Leadership Team, signed by the pastor, reviewed by the dean, and ultimately submitted to the Archbishop. The report is due by November 1. Each pastor has received a unique link to their Family's reporting tool; please [contact the Center for Parish Vitality](#) if you have any questions or concerns or need support.

NEW RITUAL BOOK: ORDER OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND OF THEIR PASTORAL CARE

The new English translation of the *Order of the Anointing of the Sick and of their Pastoral Care* and the Spanish translation of the *Ritual de la Unción de los enfermos y de su atención pastoral* **may** be used from February 11, 2026 (memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick) and **must** be used as of April 5, 2026 (Easter Sunday). You can [learn more here](#) and purchase copies at a discount through the [online shop](#) of the Office for Divine Worship & Sacraments.

PLEASE ADD RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS TO YOUR PARISH ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM

Please add the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) as an option for your parish's online giving platform and include a reminder in printed or electronic parish communications. Visit www.retiredreligious.org/materials to access downloadable resources such as bulletin announcements and social media posts. Thank you for supporting our retired religious. Questions? Contact [Maria Reinagel](#) (513.263.6683).

OPTIONAL

SENIOR CLERGY LUNCHEON – SAVE THE DATE

The next Senior Clergy Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at the Bartlett Center, Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology, 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45230. The luncheon begins at 11:45 a.m. Questions? Please contact [Sarah Frohmiller](#) (513.263.6651).

GOSPEL WORKSHOP

The Gospel of Matthew workshop will be given by Fr. Peter Langenkamp, SSL, Instructor of Biblical Studies at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology. It is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 5** and **Monday, November 10**. The November 5 workshop will be held at the Bartlett Center, Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology. The November 10 workshop will be held at Ascension Parish, Kettering. This program is **open to priests, deacons, DREs, OCIA coordinators, catechists, etc.** A brochure will be mailed to parishes. Please share. For information and/or registration, please contact [Sarah Frohmiller](#) (513.263.6651).

ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION – SAVE THE DATE

The Advent Day of Reflection is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at the Transfiguration Center, Ludlow Falls. Reverend David Endres is the presenter. More information to come.

PRIESTS' SPRING RETREAT 2026 – SAVE THE DATE

The Priests Spring Retreat is scheduled for February 2- 6, 2026 at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, Maria Stein, OH. More information to come.

FALL PROGRAMMING INFORMATION FROM ST. MEINARD, INDIANA FOR PRIESTS

If you are interested in any of the programs listed below, please call 812.357.6439 or email smipp@saintmeinrad.edu.

Encore Priest

The Encore Priest Workshop is scheduled for December 1-4. While the workshop is designed for those who are "preparing to retire," we have often had priests recently retired (in the past year or so) attend and participate.

New Pastors

The New Pastors Workshop is scheduled for November 10-14. Please note that priests who have been recently appointed "Administrator" for the first time are also welcome and encouraged to participate.

ANDREW DINNERS FALL 2025

- Our Lady of the Valley (Cincinnati) on Wednesday, October 22
- St. Luke (Beaver Creek) on Tuesday, October 28
- Knights of Columbus Hall (Versailles) on Wednesday, November 5

The Andrew Dinners are meant for high school and college-age men. These events provide an opportunity for young men to learn about the vocation to the priesthood, speak with the vocations director and share a meal together. Please encourage young men in your parish(es) to attend one of these dinners. You are welcome to attend as their parish priest and bring a group of young men. Attendees should [register here](#). Please share the event flyer which is located on our [fb](#) and [insta](#) media pages. Contact [Fr. Michael Willig](#) (513.263.3390) with any questions.

VOCATION NIGHT AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY & SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Wednesday, October 29, 2025. Single men aged 18-35 are invited to come to a Vocation Night at the seminary. The evening includes Mass, dinner, talks, a tour and a social with the seminarians. Doors open at 4:45 p.m. and the evening ends at 8:30 p.m. Attendees should register [here](#). See bulletin insert on page 8.

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- Cincinnati West: Thursday, October 23, St. James the Greater Parish, White Oak – **This is a change in location.**

All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end by 8:30 p.m. Please RSVP by email to [Deacon Mark Machuga](#), Director, or call him at 513.263.6641 to reserve your spot. Please see the bulletin entry on page 8.

CULTURE FOR MISSION SERIES – PART 1: DECEMBER 2

Join us for a two-part workshop that will help your Leadership Team, Evangelization Team, and Parish Leaders form an imagination for mission. Each workshop will lead your team through the Process of Evangelization & Discipleship. Participants will leave with a shared language and framework for evangelization and discipleship that will impact every level of your ecclesial culture. [Learn more and register here](#).

THE GIFT OF FERTILITY: MOTHER & DAUGHTER WORKSHOP

The Gift of Fertility: Mother & Daughter Workshop is co-hosted by the Our Lady of Divine Providence Family of Parishes and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The workshop is designed to provide a Catholic context for moms and their daughters ages 10-14 to deepen their bond and learn about God's beautiful plan for growing up. Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at St. Bartholomew Church, 9375 Winton Rd., Cincinnati. [Learn more and register here](#). See bulletin entry on page 9.

ORDER YOUR 2025-26 DIRECTORY & BUYER'S GUIDE

It's time to order your 2025-26 *Archdiocese of Cincinnati Directory & Buyer's Guide* (or guides). Directories are in production now and will be delivered in mid- to late-October. Parish and/or individual [copies can be ordered here](#). Thank you!

NEW SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM FOR PARISH COMMUNICATORS

As announced at last month's Workshop for Parish Communicators, the Communications Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is pleased to provide free of charge a powerful new communications tool for use by all Families of Parishes. [Catholic Social Media](#), from Prenger Solutions Group, is a social media management platform designed specifically for Catholic parishes and dioceses. This tool will enable the Communications Office to share content more efficiently and Families of Parishes to easily schedule and post that content as appropriate to the Family and/or parish social media pages.

To kick this off, there will be four one-hour online training sessions, as follows:

- Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 11:30 AM
- Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 1:00 PM
- Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 2:00 PM
- Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 10:30 AM

If you are involved in creating and/or posting the social media for your parish or Family of Parishes, [please sign up for one of these sessions here](#). Contact archdiocese Social Media Coordinator [Taylor Motley](#) (513.263.3383) with any questions.

NEW IMAGE LIBRARY AVAILABLE FOR PARISH COMMUNICATORS

Over the past few months, the archdiocese Communications Office has built out a Digital Asset Management (DAM) system to house photos and other images using a platform called Canto. Canto serves as a central repository for what is currently over 9,000 photos, graphics, and other visual resources. Access to this platform free of charge will enable Families of Parishes to easily search, download, and use this content in their own communications.

One point person from each Family of Parishes should sign up here: [Canto Point Person List](#). The point person will then be emailed a link at which to register with Canto. **Each Family of Parishes will be assigned one login to be shared among the appropriate individuals in the Family.** Contact archdiocese Photography Coordinator [Mary Fleisher](#) (513.263.6637) with any questions.

ST. GERARD MASS OF HOPE FOR THE BLESSING OF CHILDREN

All married couples, family and friends are invited to the annual St. Gerard Mass of Hope for the Blessing of Children. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, this free event provides an opportunity for prayerful support for married couples experiencing infertility or pregnancy loss. It includes Holy Mass on the feast day of St. Gerard Majella, the patron saint of expectant mothers, followed by a reception with fellowship, delicious hors d'oeuvres and resources. Thursday, October 16, 2025 at St. Batholomew, 9375 Winton Rd., Cincinnati. [Learn more and register here](#) or for more information contact [Dcn. David Ulmer](#) (513.263.3453). See bulletin entry on page 9.

ONE DAY RETREAT FOR WOMEN WHO LOST A CHILD TO ABORTION

Project Rachel is hosting a one-day retreat for women who have lost a child to abortion on **Saturday, November 15 in Cincinnati**. [Click here to download a flyer](#) advertising this retreat. Additional resources for promoting Project Rachel at your parishes can be [found online here](#). See the bulletin entry on page 9 for more details and to share for advertising purposes. (For parish use only: [JPEG of Artwork](#) found online under 'Logos')

MARRIAGE PREPARATION DOCUMENT TRAINING

All clergy and parish staff involved with marriage preparation are invited to attend the Marriage Preparation Document Training to take place on Tuesday, November 18, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. This free workshop will feature a presentation by the Chancellor, Fr. Jason Williams, on the various prenuptial file forms. Topics include overcoming difficulties obtaining baptismal records, the documents to be included in the nuptial file, convalidations, recording of marriages/files, destination weddings, and marriage preparation as an evangelization opportunity. All are welcome to attend the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption, Springboro and check-in begins at 9:00 a.m. A continental breakfast and hand-outs will be provided to all attendees. Please contact [Adriana Vasquez](#) (513.263.3347) with any questions. [Learn more and register here.](#)

PRISON MINISTRY

The Serenelli Project is creating a new model for prison ministry that helps unite diocesan, re-entry, and parish-based efforts in prison ministry. If you have a county jail, juvenile center, or halfway house near your parish and want to get a core group of your parishioners geared up for ministry to the incarcerated and re-entry, reach out to [Marty Arlinghaus](#) (513.263.6652).

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD LEVEL I FORMATION COURSE

St. Philomena Montessori will be hosting a Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Formation Course for Catechists over four weekends in 2026. This formation will take place at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 9333 St. Rt. 119 W, Anna, OH 45302. Dates for Part 1: January 2-4, 2026 & February 27-March 1, 2026; Part 2: May 15-17, 2026 & August 28-30, 2026. Any layperson, religious sister, brother, deacon, or priest who would like to become a Level I Trained Catechist for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is invited to register and attend. Space is limited. For more information on the training, please visit our website: www.spmohio.org/CGS or contact [Jenny Pleiman](#), CGS Coordinator, via email or call 937.638.2702.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES FOR PROMOTING PRIESTHOOD AND VOCATIONS

- National Vocation Awareness Week: November 2-8, 2025
- Feast of St. Charles Borromeo - Patron of Seminarians: November 4, 2025

AVAILABLE TO PREACH AT YOUR PARISH AND/OR SCHOOL

Fr. Michael Willig wants to preach on vocations in as many parishes and schools as possible each year. Father will take a normal Sunday Mass schedule and any confession times you regularly offer on the weekends. Please call or email [Fr. Michael Willig](#) (513.263.3390) to set up a weekend.

DEACON GRANTED SENIOR STATUS

Deacon Nicholas Jurosic, ordained on April 24, 2004, has been granted Senior Status effective August 28, 2025 from his assignment as a deacon at the Holy Face of Jesus Family of Parishes, Wapakoneta/Fryburg/Botkins/Rhine. Deacon Jurosic retains his faculties as a deacon of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the title deacon.

YOUNG ADULT SACRAMENTAL HUB

The archdiocese Young Adult Evangelization team is hosting Adoration, Mass, and Confessions every other Tuesday night at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains starting at 7:00 p.m. To learn more and to see the full schedule [check the link here](#). See bulletin entry on page 9.

VOCATION POSTER

More than 50 young men and women in our Archdiocese are in formation for consecrated life. Our new Vocation Poster will be mailed in the first week of October to all Families of Parishes. Please display the poster prominently, especially during National Vocation Awareness Week November 2-8, and support vocations to consecrated life through your prayers. If somehow your parish or school was missed, please contact [Maria Reinagel](mailto:Maria.Reinagel@archdioceseofboston.org) (513.263.6683).

ONBOARDING

If you have hired a new business manager or other employee with human resources responsibilities, please notify [Rob Reid](mailto:Rob.Reid@archdioceseofboston.org) (513.263.6611) and he will be happy to come to your location and provide an archdiocesan HR orientation and onboarding. The HR topics covered would include: HR Website Navigation, FMLA and Leaves of Absence, Policies and Procedures, Hiring Issues, Harassment and Discrimination, Termination, HR Best Practices.

Likewise, if you have hired or appointed someone to have overall responsibility for Communications for your Family of Parishes, please notify [Jennifer Schack](mailto:Jennifer.Schack@archdioceseofboston.org) (513.263.6618) so that Jennifer can provide that person with an overview of the resources and collaboration opportunities available.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR 2026

The liturgical calendar for the dioceses of the United States is now available [from the USCCB](https://www.usccb.org/liturgical-calendar).

BICENTENNIAL HYMN: CHRIST OUR LIGHT – CHRISTMASTIDE

Don't forget that our bicentennial hymn, Christ Our Light, commissioned in 2021 and authored by Sr. Genevieve Glen, OSB, is a wonderful text for use during Christmastide and Winter Ordinary Time. It can be easily sung to many familiar 8 7 8 7 D hymn tunes that most congregations will know. A few settings and accompanying materials are available [on the ODWS website](https://www.odws.org/).

STAY UP TO DATE ON BEACONS OF LIGHT

Parish leaders can stay up to date on all things related to Beacons of Light by subscribing to [Parish Vitality](https://www.parishvitality.org/), the digital news email of the Center for Parish Vitality.

2025 CMA UPDATE

Congratulations and thank you! Pledges to the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) have now exceeded the \$6.9 million. As of September 24, just over \$6.99 million has been pledged to the appeal from 19,639 households. Of the amount pledged, \$6.5 million has been received in pledge contributions.

Updated totals for the CMA, including parish progress, and all resources can be found at: <https://resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/stewardship-and-giving/cma-resources>. Use the password "cma2007".

CMA 2026 – SAVE-THE-DATES

- **Announcement Weekend:** January 17 & 18, 2026
- **Commitment Weekend:** January 31 & February 1, 2026

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION SGO PROGRAM

DONORS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN OHIO TAX CREDIT

The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (CEF) is certified by Ohio as a scholarship-granting organization (SGO). Ohio taxpayers who donate to SGOs may be able to claim a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable tax credit on their state income tax return for up to \$750 per donor (up to \$1,500 if married and filing jointly). **Donations to the CEF-SGO can be designated to benefit a specific school(s).**

Learn more at CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO.

Reminder, when promoting this program, please encourage families to consult their tax advisor to see if this is right for them. If you need help promoting the program or if you have questions, please contact [David Kissell](mailto:David.Kissell@cef-sgo.org) or call (513.263.3381).

BULLETIN ENTRIES

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"COME AND SEE" LIVE-IN WEEKEND AT THE JOSEPHINUM COLLEGE SEMINARY, NOVEMBER 6 – 9 - Young men (high school and college students) interested in learning more about college seminary and the priesthood in general are invited to a live-in weekend at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus. There is no cost for the registrant. Those interested should contact Fr. Michael Willig for registration information: vocations@catholicaoc.org.

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(Please put in the weekend bulletin for October 25-26)

RETIREMENT FUND RELIGIOUS - Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous December 6 and 7.

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TRIPLE P DISCUSSION GROUPS - Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) discussion groups, facilitated by staff of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio Family Development Services, offer tips and suggestions for dealing with children's problem behavior. After viewing short video clips of parents successfully dealing with issues, participants share thoughts with the other parents in the group. The groups meet via Zoom two Thursdays a month. To learn the topics or to register, go to <https://forms.office.com/r/x5kj5tHSjg>.

FOOD FOR ALL - Nutritious, affordable food is not readily available to every person in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Hunger exists in our communities. Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio travels to where hunger is located in Adams, Brown, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton and Highland Counties. Interested in reducing hunger and food insecurity, volunteering at a mobile pantry or learning more about hunger in our area? Call April Hoak, Food for All coordinator, at 513.672.3720 or email ahoak@ccswoh.org.

DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION: NOVEMBER 15 - Have you or someone you know suffered from the loss of a child to abortion? We invite any woman who has experienced this loss to join us for a one-day retreat in the Cincinnati area on **Saturday, November 15**. This event offers women a safe and confidential space to share their experience, reflect on their past, and offer their future to Christ who makes all things new. A trained priest, counselor, and post abortive volunteer will be present to accompany participants along the journey of healing. Exact location and event details will be shared after completing the registration process. You can register for this retreat by calling 513.784.0531, emailing ProjectRachel@catholicaoc.org, or by going to ProjectRachelOhio.org. All communications are kept in strict confidentiality.

FORMATION & TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION -

Are you interested in becoming an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion to serve at Mass or to the sick, hospitalized, or homebound? Formation and training will be offered by the archdiocese in the coming months in Cincinnati, Dayton, and online. Learn more and sign up at www.catholicaoc.org/worship.

(Please put in the weekend bulletin for October 11-12)

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18-19 - For next weekend's World Mission Sunday collection, **October 18-19**, please support our sisters and brothers in 1,200 mission dioceses worldwide through the Holy Father's Pontifical Mission Societies. Many are struggling with earthquakes, armed conflicts, and destruction of church facilities. Your support also helps to educate seminarians, novices, and catechists as well as to maintain hospitals, clinics, and schools to build their self-sustainability.

Thank you for your generous gift that enables God's love and hope to come alive. If you wish more information about supporting missionary work or about becoming a missionary yourself, please visit the website for Archdiocese of Cincinnati Mission Office: <https://catholicaoc.org/offices/mission-and-pontifical-mission-societies>.

MULTICULTURAL WORLD MISSION MASS - Archbishop Casey welcomes all to a Multicultural World Mission Mass on Saturday, October 18, 5:00 p.m. at St. Susanna Church, 616 Reading Rd., Mason. Stay for dinner and entertainment.

JOIN ENGLISH CLASSES AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES! - The next ESOL English classes start October 20, 2025. Interested students should register by completing the form at the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/mCP1VHQTrZ>. We offer morning classes on Mondays and Wednesdays and evening classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, both in-person and virtual modalities. Please refer questions to EducationServices@ccswoh.org or call 513.672.3750.

(Please use the Spanish version if needed)

ÚNASE A LAS CLASES DE INGLÉS EN CARIDADES CATÓLICAS - El próximo curso comienza el 20 de octubre. Estudiantes interesados deben inscribirse rellenando el formulario en el siguiente enlace: <https://forms.office.com/r/mCP1VHQTrZ>. Se ofrecen clases por la mañana los lunes y miércoles o por la tarde los martes y jueves, de manera presencial en 7162 Reading Road o virtualmente desde su computadora. Si tiene alguna pregunta, contacte al Equipo Educativo al 513.672.3750 o a EducationServices@ccswoh.org. ¡Esperamos verle en clase!

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Bring hope to those in need by volunteering with our Caregiver Assistance Network programs for as little as a couple of hours a month or as often as a few hours a week. Caregivers need support and encouragement – but who takes care of the caregiver? If you have ever been a caregiver for a friend or family member, or have worked in a caregiving profession, we need your expertise! Enrich your life as well as the lives of others by mentoring current caregivers, co-facilitating caregiver support groups, co-leading Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes, or helping people living with dementia participate in our weekly Creative Connections program. All volunteers will receive training and support. For more information, please contact Angie Homoelle at 513.869.4483 or email can@ccswoh.org. The Caregiver Assistance Network is a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio, funded in part through the Council on Aging.

PILGRIMAGES OF HOPE FOR CREATION - Join Catholic communities across the U.S. in participating in a local pilgrimage! This is a sacred opportunity to pray for the grace to encounter Christ in Creation and renew our relationships with God, the Earth, and one another. Of the four local pilgrimages planned, there is one more pilgrimage remaining on Saturday, October 4 beginning at Mount Saint John in Beavercreek, OH. Come join us and observe how God works through us and through all Creation.

For more information, contact Jillian Foster at jfoster@catholicaoc.org (937.281.4124) or visit this webpage for more details: <https://tinyurl.com/2j5bmf4w>.

LAUDATO SI' CONFERENCE: CREATING A HOPE-FILLED FUTURE TOGETHER - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 – At Xavier University, enjoy a day of connection, education, and creating a more hopeful future for our earth. During this Jubilee of Hope, this conference is to connect all the wonderful people, parishes, and organizations who have a passion for the environment and the stewardship of it. For more information, contact Jillian Foster at jfoster@catholicaoc.org (937.281.4124) or visit the following webpage for more details: <https://tinyurl.com/3tdse7ef>.

“RELIGION AND THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL EXPERIMENT”: LECTURE BY RICHARD GARNETT, J.D., UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME - November 12, 2025, 7:30 p.m. at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology, Bartlett Center (6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45230). Free and open to the public.

Protecting religious freedom is critical for democratic order and the constitutional rule of law. It is essential that the principles of religious freedom inherent in the First Amendment be respected and defended for a fair, free, and civil society. In his lecture, Professor Garnett will outline the history of religious liberty in America and discuss some recent and upcoming religious-freedom cases before the United States Supreme Court.

MINISTRY TO SURVIVORS OF ABUSE (REPORTING) - The Archdiocese of Cincinnati regards child abuse in all its forms as gravely sinful and criminal. Anyone who knows of or suspects child abuse by a legitimate member of the clergy or hierarchy, employee, or volunteer of the archdiocese should first report the abuse to the appropriate secular legal authority and then to Ms. Teresa Maley, Coordinator of Ministry to Survivors of Abuse of the Archdiocese, at 513.263.6623 or 1.800.686.2724 ext. 6623.



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