

Volunteers Needed

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." The Ozanam Center in Akron does that and more but we need your help. Mother of Sorrows agreed to be responsible for sending volunteers to the Center approximately every 6 weeks. We have been doing that for 5 years but now we find ourselves in need of some more volunteers. If you could commit to helping for just a few hours on a Saturday we think you would enjoy it and come back again. Please pray about this and if you are able, please call Cathie or Jim Perusek at 330-467-5762. Our next date is Saturday, September 22, 2012.

Education Opportunity

Hospice of the Western Reserve will have a seven-class volunteer education series at 150 Springside Drive, A-100, Fairlawn, Ohio 44333 on Thursdays: October 4-November 15 from 6-9pm. Teen and some other types of volunteering require attending only the first three classes. Teen specific classes are available. There will be a three-hour mentoring class about eight weeks after the last class. Info/registration...call Joan Ibbett (330-800-2245).

Tutor Volunteers

Seeds of Literacy, a nonprofit organization offering free, one-to-one tutoring in basic adult education and GED preparation (www.seedsofliteracy.org), has an urgent need for tutors. Tutor training sessions are from 9am to 2pm on September 15th, and October 13th at Seeds Resource Center, 3104 West 25th Street Cleveland, Ohio 44109. For additional information or to register, please contact Alexandria Marshall at 216-661-7950 or at alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org.

20's and 30's

Young Adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to volunteer at the campus of Nativity Manor, a Catholic Charities Housing site for seniors, September 29 from 10am-1pm. Volunteer for yard work or interior cleaning. Meet other young adults and spend a few hours providing TLC for this facility. To register, please email 2006yaic@gmail.com or call Laura at 216-228-9516.

Into the Light Walk

Walk to raise money to help end untreated depression and to help prevent suicide on September 30 at 6pm at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo (3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland, OH 44109). SPEA's (Suicide Prevention Education Alliance) walk is the only suicide prevention walk to fund services in Northeast Ohio. 100% of the funds raised at the walk remain in Northeast Ohio. Raise \$100 or more to receive a Lifesaver T-shirt at the walk! For more information, to register, donate, or to start or join a team, go to www.intothelightwalk.org, call 216-464-3471, or email mneveu@speaohio.org.

A Night at the Museum

Join Lou Maglio from Fox 8 News for A Night at the Museum Saturday, October 6th from 6pm to 10pm at 12905 Madison Ave. Lakewood, OH 44107. Tickets \$75 in advance or \$85 at the door; charge tickets by phone or order. \$50 of ticket price is tax deductible. Valet Parking, Appetizers by Italian Creations, Wine & Beer included, Silent Auctions & Raffles, Tours of the Museum throughout the evening. Event benefits the Museum of Divine Statues. For more information, call 216-228-9950 or visit www.museumofdivinestatues.org.

Medication Safety Program

Join us for a free two-part Family Life Education series to learn about the medications you take and possible negative interactions you may not be aware of. Program features a talk by Dr. Tim Brown, Pharmacotherapy Specialist at Akron General Center for Family Medicine on Thursday, September 20, and individual medication reviews with expert pharmacists on Thursday, October 4. Both events are from 11:30am-1:30pm at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, (300 E. Tallmadge Ave., Akron) in McKeever Hall. Lunch provided. Call 330-762-2961 ext. 225 to RSVP. Sponsored by Akron General, Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County, and United Way of Summit County.

First Step 2012

The final sessions of The First Step Program in 2012 are on Tuesday, September 18 at 7pm at Holy Spirit Parish, 4341 East 131st St., Garfield Hts., OH 44105 (216-581-0981) and on Tuesday, October 2 at 7pm at Blessed Trinity Parish, 300 E. Tallmadge Ave., Akron, OH 44310 (330-376-5144). Open to all - no pre-registration. The program is offered to all who want information on the Catholic Church's teaching on marriage and annulments. Also a way to reach out to those whose marriage, for whatever reasons or circumstances, is not valid in the Church, and find a way to re-establish full communion in the sacramental life of the Church. For more information, please call 216-696-6525, ext. 4000, or visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal.

Career Fair

The Akron Urban League (www.akronurbanleague.org) will host the Annual Diversity Career Fair on Wednesday, September 12 from 10am to 3pm at 440 Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron, OH 44307. Candidates who attend are asked to dress in professional dress attire and bring copies of their resume. Concurrent to the fair, the Akron Urban League will host job-search workshops featuring topics such as "Eliminating Barriers to Employment", "Let's Take a Look at Your Resume" (resume evaluation), "Job Search Skills: Do You Have Them?" and "Facing Job Search with a Criminal Background". More information...call 330-434-3101.

See the church's vestibule for items posted on the bulletin board, registration forms, prayer cards, and more...

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Remember the long talks, fun, laughter, and closeness when you were dating? You can experience that intimacy again by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend! Endorsed by the Catholic Church for over 40 years. The next weekend in this area is October 19-21 at the Cambria Suites in Green, OH. Info/registration...330-305-9963, WorldwideME@sbcglobal.net, or www.WWME.org.

Relationship Skills Workshop

PREP® (Prevention & Relationship Enhancement Program) for Engaged and Married Couples, held September 22 from 9am–6:30pm (5:30 Mass) at Holy Martyrs Parish, 3100 S. Weymouth Rd., Medina, OH 44256. PREP fulfills Pre-Cana requirement and also excellent for married couples to enhance their marriage. For more details please call 216-334-2978. Register at www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm/PREP.htm.

Faith, Prayer, and Remembrance

You are invited to visit one of your Catholic Cemeteries on Sunday, November 4, for a day of Faith, Prayer, and Remembrance. Come for Mass at 3pm. If you would like to have a loved one remembered at Mass, email your intentions to mmalone@clevelandcatholiccemeteries.org. Please include your loved ones name and the cemetery in which they are buried. More information...visit www.clevelandcatholiccemeteries.org.

Remaining Faithful

Separated or divorced Catholics can continue to fulfill their marriage mission - to sanctify themselves and their spouse. Abbot Clement Zelesnik, O.S.B, will guide us along the seven stages of the never-ending process. "The Gift of Self, A Spiritual Companion for Separated and Divorced Faithful to the Sacrament of Marriage" is the program manual. Meets the fourth Thursday of each month from 7-8:30pm at Church of Assumption, Lower Rectory, (9183 Broadview Rd. Broadview Hts.) To RSVP for September 27, or October 25, contact Isabel at 216-521-0210 or mcphili@yahoo.com.

Teen Retreat

High school teens (ages 15-18) who are interested in experiencing the Catholic faith in a dynamic way are invited to make a Search Weekend. Youth of all faiths are welcome. Search is planned, directed and facilitated by other youth! There are opportunities to meet new friends who are also trying to follow the way of Jesus in today's world. \$70/person. Next Search (Search #181) held November 9-11 at Camp Christopher in Bath, OH. Visit www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/vyam-cyo for registration materials. Questions? Contact Jackie Vigneault, Youth & Young Adult Specialist, at 330-379-3636 x15 or jvigneault@clevelandcatholiccharities.org.

Pre-Cana Day

St. Rita Parish will be holding a Pre-Cana Day (one-day marriage preparation program) on Saturday, October 6th, 2012. Attending this program will satisfy Diocesan requirements. Prior registration is required; cost is \$65.00 per couple. For additional information or to register for the program, please contact Yvette or Paul Bell at 330-405-6445 or at stritchprecana@gmail.com. Please call early to guarantee a place.

Healing Retreat

Women who are suffering after an abortion are invited to a private healing retreat at Jesuit Retreat House in Parma, October 19-21. We invite them to come experience the mercies of the Lord through the sacraments, prayer and Scripture. For more information, contact The Community of Jesus, the Living Mercy at 1-800-482-4100 or email at BethesdaHouse@aol.com.

Walk of Hope

Here is a wonderful opportunity for you to both assist in supporting the ministerial needs of persons with disabilities while affirming the dignity of human life. The 35th Annual Walk of Hope will be held Saturday, October 13 at OLA/St. Joseph Center, 2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland in the Historic Tremont neighborhood. Registration begins at 8:30am; the Walk is at 9am; there will be a Raffle at 10:30am; and then a Special Walk around Lincoln Park at 11am. For additional information, please contact Marilyn Scott (216-334-2963 or mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org), Dennis McNulty (216-334-2962 or dmcnulty@clevelandcatholiccharities.org) or visit www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability.

Successful Step-parenting Skills

Stepfamilies are unique. Many step-parents unwittingly make mistakes by following their parenting instincts. Discover insights and powerful parenting skills to help you and your stepfamily thrive, not just survive. Held on September 18, 25 and October 2 from 6:30 to 9pm at St. Joseph Parish, 12700 Pearl Road, Strongsville, OH 44136. Cost is \$30. To register or for more information, please call Carol Petro at 216-334-2975.

Weekly Prayer for Occupations

We pray for all those in education, training, library, and museum occupations, that they may persevere in hope, trusting in God's faithfulness to them as they search for ways to give deeper meaning to their lives and the lives of those whom they seek to educate.

Amen.