

***How to Promote Peace in Sudan***

*In July, when South Sudan was established as the world's newest nation, the world was full of hope for the future of the Sudanese people. But now, less than a year later, the long-term peace and stability of Sudan and South Sudan are at a critical juncture. Sign this letter (<https://secure.crs.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=769>) to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, urging her to ensure that the Administration is engaged in every way possible to prevent a return to war, to end attacks on civilians, and to protect the basic rights of the Sudanese people, including the freedom of movement and access to humanitarian aid.*

***The Lord is Calling***

*Please come for an evening of Discernment and Prayer on Religious Life! There will be a short presentation, a time for prayer, and a time for discussion and questions. The final two sessions are on April 25 with the Order of St. Benedict (OSB) at the Abbey on MLK Blvd. (10510 Buckeye Rd., Cleveland, OH 44104), and on May 30 with the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine (CSA) at Sisters of Charity Motherhouse (5232 Broadview Rd., Richfield, OH 44286). Sessions are from 7pm to 8:30pm. Feel free to join us for any one or both of the final sessions! Please contact Mary Avenoso at 440-943-7630, [mavenoso@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:mavenoso@dioceseofcleveland.org), or Just Come!*

***DSWC***

*A "Caring and Sharing" session for those who are divorced, separated or widowed will be held on Monday, April 23 from 7:30-9pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls. Marlene Maruna, a Licensed Independent Social Worker, will facilitate this session. This event is open at no charge to people of all faiths. For information, please call Frank at 330-801-0527 or Sharon at 330-612-3635.*

***TEEN RETREAT***

*Search, a retreat for high school teens (ages 15-18), helps youth enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and develop a fuller understanding of God and His Church. There are opportunities to meet new friends who are also trying to follow the way of Jesus in today's world. Search is planned, directed and facilitated by other youth! Youth of all faiths are welcomed. (It is a Catholic weekend open to all religious denominations.) Search weekends are held at Camp Christopher, 1930 N. Hametown Rd., Bath, Ohio. The cost is \$70 per person. The next Search is Search #180 on 27-29, April, 2012. To register or for additional information, please contact Jackie Vigneault, Youth and Young Adult Specialist, at 330-379-3636, ext-15 or at [jvigneault@clevelandcatholiccharities.org](mailto:jvigneault@clevelandcatholiccharities.org).*

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***Our Lady of the Elms Events***

*Our Lady of the Elms High School will host 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitation Day, Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm. This is a day for 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls and their parents to experience what high school at the Elms is all about. Students participate in mini-course, attend to fun-filled assemblies, meet other girls their age, and win exciting prizes. Advance registration is required. Please call 330-867-0918 to reserve your place.*

*You are invited! Our Lady of the Elms School, 1375 West Exchange Street in Akron will host a campus-wide Open House on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 12pm to 2:30pm. Students and their families are invited to our beautiful campus for tours and Q&A with faculty and current students. No RSVP is necessary. We are looking forward to seeing you then!*

***Monastic Discernment Weekend***

*The Benedictine Monks of St. Andrew Abbey in Cleveland, OH invite single men, ages 18-45 who seek to know God's Will for their life and vocation, to attend a "Living with Benedict" weekend on May 18-20 (Hospitality). Contact Fr. Finbar, OSB at [finbar@cbhs.net](mailto:finbar@cbhs.net) or 216-721-5300, ext. 273 for information or to register.*

***Tribunal First Step Program 2012***

*Do you want to deepen your knowledge of the Church's teaching on marriage, learn about ministry to the divorced/separated in the Diocese, hear the true facts about the annulment process and how to submit a case, and discover a path to healing after divorce? Join us on Tuesday, April 17 at 7pm at St. Peter Parish, Lorain and on Tuesday, June 12 at 7pm at St. Francis Parish, Gates Mills. (open to all-registration not required) For additional information, please visit [www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal) or call the Tribunal at 216-696-6525/800-869-6525, ext. 4000.*

***Annual Red Mass***

*You are most cordially invited to attend the 2012 Red Mass and Presentation of the Sir Thomas More Award to Mrs. Ann Amer Brennan. The Red Mass (named by the color of the vestments) will have as celebrant, Bishop Richard G. Lennon, Bishop of Cleveland, at 12pm on Tuesday, May 1, at St. Bernard-St. Mary Catholic Church (Broadway and East State Streets, Akron, OH). It is sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and the Akron Bar Association. Please join us after Mass for a light buffet luncheon in the social hall in the lower level of the Church. Free parking available in the University of Akron ("Polsky's") Parking Deck located just south of the church.*

***An Adult Catholic Education Presentation***

*Tuesday, April 24, 7-9pm at St. Michael Church (6540 Brecksville Rd., Independence), Fr. Michael Denk will speak on "Lessons from Rwanda for American Catholics". Questions...call 216-524-1394.*

## Divine Mercy Sunday Bulletin Announcements for April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012

### Touch Our World One Child at a Time

Today, more and more children find themselves homeless. Blessing House, a crisis care center for children in the Cleveland area, provides children a safe and loving environment until they can go home. The Sisters of Notre Dame invite **single women ages 18-35 to volunteer at Blessing House from June 24-June 29**. For information, contact **Sr. Kathleen Hine, SND at 216-486-5555 or email [sndcuvilly@ndec.org](mailto:sndcuvilly@ndec.org)**. Online pre-registration available at [www.sndchardon.org](http://www.sndchardon.org).

### In Remembrance

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Mass honoring those whose children and mothers have passed away. Each attendee will receive a flower to place on the grave of their loved one or take home. **If you wish to include your loved one's name for the intentions at Mass please call or email Melissa Malone 216-570-6668 or [mmalone@clevelandcatholiccemeteries.org](mailto:mmalone@clevelandcatholiccemeteries.org)**. Mass will begin at 11am. Please call Melissa with any questions and for location for each cemetery.

#### Calvary- Clevelandt

Celebrant: Bishop Lennon  
Arranger: Fr. Tom O'Donnell

#### St. Joseph-Avon

Celebrant: Father Piskura

#### Holy Cross- Brook Park

Celebrant: Fr. Doug Brown

#### Calvary- Lorain

Celebrant: Fr. Hagedorn

#### Holy Cross- Akron

Celebrant: Fr. McGovern

#### Resurrection- Valley City

Celebrant: Fr. Bob Stec

#### All Saints-Northfield

Celebrant: Fr. Bill Karg

#### All Souls- Chardon

Liturgy: Deacon Varga

### Night at the Races

St. Bernard-St. Mary Parish is sponsoring a **Night at the Races** on **Friday, May 4th, 2012** at **Emidio's Banquet Center, 48 E. Bath Road in Cuyahoga Falls**. Tickets are **\$40.00 per person**, which includes dinner, beer, wine and soft drinks. All tickets will be placed in a drawing for a **4-day/3-night stay at Sunset Resorts in Jamaica**. Raffles, silent auctions and sideboards will also be available. **All proceeds go towards the purchase of a pickup truck for the parish, school and hunger programs**. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling **330-784-2278** or at the event.

### Charity Golf Outing!

Come join us for the **36th Annual Callistian Guild Golf Outing on June 7, 2012** at **Briarwood Golf Club in Broadview Heights!** **Register early and receive a discount on your tickets!** The Callistian Guild Fund provides burials for the indigent. A deceased person that has no money or family will receive a proper and dignified funeral and burial. The Fund also benefits babies and children that have passed away and provides them with a free space, burial and memorial. All proceeds are used to provide these services. **For more information or to register please contact Melissa Malone at 216-570-6668 or [mmalone@clevelandcatholiccemeteries.org](mailto:mmalone@clevelandcatholiccemeteries.org)**.

### Women's Fellowship Breakfast

Please join other women of our diocese for the Woman's Fellowship Breakfast on **Saturday, April 21** at **St. Albert the Great in N. Royalton from 8:30 to 10:30am**. **Sr. Mary McCormick, OSU** will speak about "**The Women at the Tomb**". Come to pray, worship, reflect and share. (Donations appreciated) Please **RSVP by April 17**, providing your name, parish, phone number and email address to **Cheryle Koberna (440-327-9747 or [cdkober@windstream.net](mailto:cdkober@windstream.net))** or **Christine Polaczynski (440-843-8032 or [cp612@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cp612@sbcglobal.net))**.

### Rivers Casino

Say hello to Lady Luck at the Rivers Casino with your friends from **OLG-Young at Hearts** on **Tuesday, May 8**. On **Pittsburgh's river front** with great gaming and great spots for dining. Trip price is \$28. Departing **Our Lady of Guadalupe (9080 Shepard Rd. Macedonia, OH 44056)** at **7:30am** and returning about **5:30pm**. Current Casino bonus is \$15 in Free play and a \$5 food coupon. Call **Mary Rizzo at 330-467-3465** for reservations. The last Casino trip sold out and space is limited to one bus, so reserve a spot soon!

### Monte Carlo Night

**J.W. Didado Electric** presents the **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Monte Carlo Night Fundraiser** to benefit **Catholic Charities Community Services/Summit County** on **Friday, April 27, 2012** from **6-11pm** at **Todaro's Party Center, 1820 Akron-Peninsula Rd., Akron, OH 44313**. Tickets are **\$75 per person** and include open bar, complimentary food, \$300 in funny money, Vegas style games, mini reverse raffle, live entertainment, silent auction, and wonderful prizes. Sponsorship opportunities are available. All proceeds support **Catholic Charities Community Services/Summit County's Emergency Assistance, Food Pantry, and Hot Meals** programs. To buy tickets or for information, call **330-762-2961 ext. 220** or visit [www.ccs Summit County.org](http://www.ccs Summit County.org).

### Women's and Marriage's Health

**FAST FACTS #1: Contraceptives may cause an abortion.** Today's contraceptive pills **DO NOT** always prevent ovulation from occurring. Ovulation may occur up to 40% of the time, but the resulting pregnancy is aborted because the baby is unable to implant itself in the uterine wall and does not survive the drug induced hostile environment of the uterus. (Larimore and Stanford, 1999; Kahleborn, 1999). **COME find out more at the NFP (it is not the Rhythm Method) information session on Thursday, May 3, at Holy Family in Stow ([www.holyfamilystow.org](http://www.holyfamilystow.org)) at 7pm** in the Lower Church Hall Rm#1. All are encouraged to educate themselves about the fundamental truths of the human body and Church teaching. For more information, contact **Leo and Toni Doty at [akdoty@kent.edu](mailto:akdoty@kent.edu) or 330-689-0632**.

### For Our Service Men and Women...

**We offer thanks and ask protection for the enlisted men and women of our armed services that they may serve with courage and a love for justice and peace that will enable them to protect our nation and our faith. Amen.**

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