



The **2013 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal** will begin with a mailing that many parishioners will receive this month from Bishop Lennon. This year's theme is *We Welcome. We Serve. We Support.* We invite you to support the needy, the marginalized and the vulnerable by prayerfully considering an increase in your support to Catholic Charities. Please pray for the success of this important Appeal. To view the Catholic Charities Prayer, stories of inspiration, and more information visit [www.catholiccommunity.org/2013Appeal](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/2013Appeal).

#### Let Us Pray

That as Catholics, we will welcome and serve all people and support the elderly and the chronically ill, those who are hungry and homeless, disabled children and adults, and families in crisis by making a generous pledge to the **2013 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal** and sharing our faith. We pray to the Lord...

#### Marriage Retreat

Give your spouse the precious gift of your time, affection, and full attention this Valentine's Day! Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend at the **Cambria Suites Hotel** in **Green, OH**, on **February 15-17, 2013**. For more information or to register...**330-305-9963**, [WorldwideME@sbcglobal.net](mailto:WorldwideME@sbcglobal.net), or [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org).

#### Men's Vocation Discernment Weekend

The **Benedictine monks** of **St. Andrew Abbey** in **Cleveland, Ohio** invite **single men** between the ages of **18-45** who are interested in experiencing monastic life to join them for a "Living with Benedict" vocation discernment weekend. There is no cost. Contact **Father Finbar** at **216-721-5300, ext. 273** or at [finbar@cbhs.net](mailto:finbar@cbhs.net). The next weekends are **February 8-10, 2013** (Theme: "A monk's life as a continuous Lent") and **June 14-16, 2013** (Theme: "St. Benedict and St. Therese: the Little Rule and the Little Way.")

#### Open House

**St. Joseph School** announces their **Annual Catholic Schools Week Open House** on **January 27, 2013** from **10:00am - 12:00pm**. Join us for a **pancake breakfast** and **tours of our Blue Ribbon School**. **Registration packets for kindergarten and new students** will be available in the school office. **(330-928-2151)**

#### 40 Days for Life

Christians throughout Northeast Ohio are invited to take part in the **international 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign**. The **Kick-off Rally** is on **February 9** from **2:00pm - 4:00pm** at **St. Hilary's Church (2750 W. Market St., Fairlawn, OH)**. **Prolife speakers** will be the **Fraelichs**. They will inspire you with how they turned a tragedy into a life of love and service. **Light refreshments** to follow. **For more information, please contact Judith** at **330-762-2785** or at [jhovt@rtlofneo.com](mailto:jhovt@rtlofneo.com).

#### Prayer for Life

*Eternal Father, Source of Life,  
strengthen us with your Holy Spirit  
to receive the abundance of life you have promised.*

*Open our hearts to see and desire  
the beauty of your plan for life and love.*

*Make our love generous and self-giving so that we may  
be blessed with joy.*

*Grant us great trust in your mercy.*

*Forgive us for not receiving your gift of life  
and heal us from the effects of the culture of death.*

*Instill in us and all people reverence  
for every human life.*

*Inspire and protect our efforts on behalf of  
those most vulnerable  
especially the unborn, the sick and the elderly.*

*We ask this in the Name of Jesus,  
who by His Cross makes all things new. Amen.*

*Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.*

[www.kofc.org/un/en/prolife/prayerforlife/index.html](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/prolife/prayerforlife/index.html)

#### AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Bishop Richard Lennon will present a *Year of Faith Lecture Series*, consisting of two sessions each month on different Second Vatican Council Documents through November. The sessions will begin immediately following the **12:00pm Mass at the Cathedral on Wednesdays, and will last 20 to 30 minutes**. In January, the Bishop will speak on the document on Divine Revelation. The second lecture is **Wednesday, January 23**. This series is in concert with Pope Benedict's request that there be opportunities for the Faithful to deepen their appreciation and knowledge of Church teachings. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity so that each of us may better "*live our relationship with Jesus Christ.*"

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### **“Answer the Call”**

Men! On Saturday, February 23, 2013, Catholic Men's Fellowship of Northeast Ohio is holding their annual *“Answer the Call”* conference at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School in Cleveland, Ohio. Key speakers include Father Rick Wendell, a well known national speaker from Milwaukee, and Catholic Evangelist, Sean Forrest, a frequent guest on EWTN. This year we will, again offer special break-out sessions for high school and college students. We urge grandfathers and fathers to attend with their grandsons and sons. Discounted prices are available through advance registration for students. The conference begins with a light breakfast at 8:00am and concludes with 4:00pm Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Richard Lennon. Registration includes breakfast, lunch, and all conference programs. To register or for additional information, please call 1-877-208-5585 or visit [www.cmfneo.com](http://www.cmfneo.com).

### **Catholic Singles**

St. Ladislav Church in Westlake is hosting a speed dating event for all Catholic singles (ages 25-45) Saturday, February 9th at 7:30pm. Come for a fun evening, and meet others who share your faith and values. \$20.00 per person in advance and \$35.00 at the door. All proceeds benefit the WAY Youth Group. To register or for additional information, [ClevelandCatholicSpeedDating@gmail.com](mailto:ClevelandCatholicSpeedDating@gmail.com) or Amanda at 440-835-2300 (Parish Office).

### **Tutors**

Seeds of Literacy, a nonprofit Organization offering free, one-to-one tutoring in basic adult education and GED preparation, has a need for more tutors. Tutor training sessions are held Saturdays, February 23, March 23, April 20, May 18, and June 29 all from 9am to 2pm at Seeds Resource Center 3104 West 25<sup>th</sup> St. (corner of West 25<sup>th</sup> and Clark Ave.) Cleveland, OH 44109. To register/more info, contact Alexandria Marshall at 216-661-7950 or [alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org](mailto:alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org), or visit [www.seedsofliteracy.org](http://www.seedsofliteracy.org) or Facebook.

### **First Step 2013**

*The First Step Programs are open to anyone with no pre-registration. They are offered as 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. Held Tuesday, February 5, at 7pm at St. John Bosco Parish (6480 Pearl Rd., Parma Hts., OH 44130 440-886-3500) and Tuesday, April 9 at 7pm at St. Peter Parish (3655 Oberlin Ave., Lorain, OH 44053 440-282-9103). For more info...216-696-6525 ext. 4000, [www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal), or see flyers.*

### **200 Club**

Visitation of Mary Parish invites you to join their new 200 Club with the first drawing being February 15th. For a yearly donation of \$52.00, you could be one of two \$100.00 winners every month for eight months, plus be an additional \$500.00 winner in March and September! Your ticket(s) must be purchased before February 15th or you will not qualify to be a winner. All tickets must be sold! Ticket sales not limited to Visitation of Mary parishioners. Call 330-376-9227 or 330-535-4141, ext 12 (Jerry) for more information.

### **Incognito**

The Church of the Resurrection, 32001 Cannon Rd., Solon 44139 hosts *Incognito*, a play about identity written and performed by noted Chicago actor Michael Fosberg on Monday, January 28 at 7pm. Chosen by Richard Christiansen of the Chicago Tribune as one of the top theatrical events of the 2001 season, *Incognito* comes to the Church of the Resurrection for one evening. Running only 75 minutes, this riveting, funny, profound work deals with complex social issues such as identity, diversity, family history, adoption and divorce. It is sure to be a powerful event for teenagers and adults. Reservations can be made at 440-248-0980 ext 24. A free-will offering will be taken the night of the performance.

### **THE SMART STEPFAMILY**

Come for a multi session video guide to healthy stepfamilies for step-parents by national expert Ron Deal on Mondays, January 28, February 11, March 25, April 15, 29, and May 6 at St. Martin of Tours, 1800 Station Rd., Valley City, OH 44280 from 6:00-8:30pm. Cost is \$20 for 7 weeks and includes workbook. New attendees welcome! Call Colene Conley (330-483-3808).

### **NFP**

*The next "Why Natural Family Planning?" session will be held January 28, at 7:00pm at Holy Family, Stow in the Lower Church Hall, Rm. 1. You will learn the latest data regarding the health risks of hormonal contraception, the benefits and myths of Natural Family Planning (this is not the rhythm method), the results of a contraceptive mentality since the 1960's, and a brief overview of a Natural Family Planning class: a safe, healthy, effective means of family planning which strengthens marriages. The most common reaction mentioned after the presentation is "Why have we never heard this before?" Open to anyone, and will help you make an informed decision regarding the benefits of Natural Family Planning. Contact Leo & Toni Doty ([akdoty@kent.edu](mailto:akdoty@kent.edu) or 330-689-0632).*

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