Prayer for Pope Francis I

Dear Lord,

We rejoice in the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Francis I. What a wonderful gift you have bestowed upon us in this courageous leader!

We thank you for your continued guidance of our Most Holy Church, and we pray you continue to extend your blessings to our Church Fathers and all your faithful.

We ask that you be with Francis now, as he embarks on a great undertaking, shepherding, stewarding, and renewing the flock.

We pledge to you, our Lord, our most true and humble obedience to your will through our Holy Father who guides and fosters us through these turbulent times.

Amen.

www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=3296



Holy Week & Easter with EWTN

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or from the majestic Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. **Program details at <u>www.ewtn.com</u>**. Just click the "Channelfinder" icon on their website to find out how to tune in!

Tutors

Seeds of Literacy, a nonprofit Organization offering free, tutoring in basic adult education and GED preparation, has a need for more tutors. Tutor training sessions are held Saturdays, March 23, April 20, May 18, and June 29 all from 9:00am to 2:00pm at Seeds Resource Center 3104 West 25th St. (corner of West 25th and Clark Ave.) Cleveland, OH 44109. To register or for more information, please contact Alexandria Marshall at alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org, 216-661-7950, or visit www.seedsofliteracy.org.

PREP® Relationship Skills Workshop

PREP® (Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program) for engaged and married couples will be held Sunday, April 7 from 8:30am-4:30pm (includes Mass) at St. Noel Parish, 35200 Chardon Rd., Willoughby, OH 44094. PREP fulfills the Pre-Cana requirement. \$95 per couple. For more info...216-334-2978. Register online at www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm/PREP.htm.

DSWC

A "Caring and Sharing" session for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held Monday, March 25 from 7:30-9:00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls. Marlene Maruna, a Licensed Independent Social Worker, will facilitate this session. Open at no charge to people of all faiths. For more info, call Frank at 330-801-0527 or Sharon at 330-612-3635.

For Men

Men are you interested in learning more about your faith and growing closer to Christ? Then come join us, Saturday April 20, for a faith filled One Day Renewal! Sponsored by the Men's Christ Renews His Parish Group. Men of all ages welcome! For additional information, please contact Chris Aguilar at 440-339-0369 or chrisjaguilar@yahoo.com.

Young Adults in the City

The Young Adult in the City team is volunteering at the facility of the Cleveland Foodbank to sort/repack food on Tuesday, April 23rd from 6:00 – 8:00pm. If you'd like to join, register as early as possible. We can accommodate up to 15 people. To register or for more information, please contact Laura Whitkofski at 2006yaic@gmail.com, or call 216-228-9516.

Coalition with Young Adults (C-YA)

C-YA is a growing Catholic network in Cleveland, committed to serving with and for young adults in their twenties and thirties. The network is intended to bring together young adults and people from parishes, religious communities, diocesan offices and other organizations. Together we share an intentional commitment to better understand, engage and support young adults, to reveal a Church that is relevant and inspiring to young adults, and to support young adults in making connections between the Catholic faith and a lived vocation in every life. To learn more about C-YA, or opportunities for young adults in Cleveland, visit www.cya-cleveland.org. For additional information, please email J.P. Graulty at graulty.ip@gmail.com.

SEARCH

Search retreat weekends are for high school teens (ages 15-18) interested in experiencing the Catholic faith in a dynamic way. All youth are welcome. (Catholic weekend open to all religious denominations.) Held at Camp Christopher, 1930 N. Hametown Rd., Bath, OH. \$70 per person. Next weekend is Search #182 on April 19-21. To register/more info...Jackie Vigneault, Youth & Young Adult Specialist, at 330-379-3636 ext. 15 or at jvigneault@clevelandcatholiccharities.org.

Please mark your calendars for the **50th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Sunday, April 21st, 2013**. This year's theme is, "Vocations as a sign of hope founded in faith." For more information on vocations, visit www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations.

Being a Deacon

Might you have a calling to the Permanent Diaconate? Join the Knights of Columbus as they host a free informational night with Deacon David Kushner, Associate Director Diaconate Formation Program in the Diocese of Cleveland. Program held Sunday, April 28, between 6:30–8:00pm in Zwisler Hall at St. Sebastian Parish, Akron OH. Event details and registration available at www.akronkofc.org/programs/diaconate.

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, April 9 at 7:00pm at St. Peter Parish, 3655 Oberlin Ave., Lorain, OH 44053, 440-282-9103 and Tuesday, June 13 at 7:00pm at St. John Vianney Parish, 7575 Bellflower Rd. Mentor, OH 44060, 440-352-8282. More info...call 216-696-6525 ext. 4000, or visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal.

Living in Love

Register for "Living in Love" married couples workshop on April 13-14 at St. Paul's Church, North Canton. Be reminded of everything you find attractive and lovable about your spouse and marriage. \$125 per couple, includes breakfast, lunch, and romantic dinner. Mail check payable WWME with your names, address, email, phone number(s) in c/o Mrs. Pat Milam, 1378 Stonington Rd. NW, North Canton, OH 44720. Email questions to donnadanne@yahoo.com.

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille ("hope for troubled marriages") is a weekend and six follow-up sessions for couples struggling in their marriage. Next weekend held at the Hilton Hotel in Beachwood, OH on April 5-7. More info/to register...www.helpourmarriage.org, 330-665-3506, or cleveland@retrouvaille.org.

IHM Mustang Race

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish School, Cuyahoga Falls will be hosting it's Inaugural 5k Race/1mile Fun Run/Walk, Saturday, April 20. Registration/Donations can be submitted at www.ihm5k.org. Proceeds will help upgrade the school's computer/technology lab.

Concert at St. Stanislaus

The Shrine of St. Stanislaus Church will host a concert on Sunday, April 14 at 3:00pm, featuring a premier performance of a cantata written by Michelle Margaret Benjamin Walker, daughter of Christine Strnad Walker and composed by John R. Petrone Ph.D. Also, under the direction of Dr. J.D. Goddard, Mozart's Requiem with soloists Joanne Uniatowski, Alto, Marian Vogel, Soprano, J.R. Fralick, Tenor, and Brian Johnson, Baritone, and the Chargin Valley Choral Union, the Akron Master Singers and Orchestra. Free admission. See flyer in the Church vestibule for more information.

Springtime in Southern Ohio

Join the OLG-Young at Hearts on Tuesday, April 16 for a tour of Reeves Mansion in Dover with a catered Amish lunch on-site. Tour 1873 Dennison Depot Museum which served as a canteen during WWI and WWII. Then to Warther Carving Museum with amazing carvings. Trip price is \$66. Departing Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (9080 Shepard Rd., Macedonia, OH 44056) at 8:00am and returning at about 6:30pm. Call Mary Rizzo at 330-467-3465 for reservations.

House of Zoe Charity Event

Saturday, April 6 at 6:00pm, House of Zoe will hold a Charity event at Tangiers Restaurant (532 W. Market St. Akron, OH 44303) to support aged out foster children. Music by Larry Alltop Classic Gold Band. Beer, wine, and appetizers. Single ticket \$30, Couple ticket \$50, Children \$20. Children 12 and under are free. All proceeds will help the House of Zoe Charity. Come support the young people of Summit County with this worthwhile cause. Questions... Marty at 330-352-4248.

THE SMART STEPFAMILY

Come for a multi session video guide to healthy stepfamilies for step-parents with Ron Deal on 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. \$20 for 7 weeks and includes workbook. New attendees welcome! Call Colene Conley at 330-483-3808.

Marriages of Grace

On Sunday, April 20, 1:00 – 10:00pm at Doubletree by Hilton (6200 Quarry Lane, Independence, Ohio 44131), Father Joe Koopman of St. Mary Seminary will direct a day of enrichment for married couples along with Dr. Ray Guarendi, nationally known speaker and author. Includes Mass and dinner. Cost is \$80 per couple. Please contact Bill and Tanis Merimee at MarriageRenewal@gmail.com or 440-570-1523. Visit www.ForYourMarriage.org for practical helps perfect for engaged couples, married couples, parents, young adults, Catholic teaching, and latest news.