



The **2013 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal** is a year-long initiative to raise vital funds for the daily operating needs of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Cleveland. Money is disbursed to Catholic Charities as it is received to fund vital programs throughout Northeast Ohio for the hungry and the homeless, the elderly and the chronically ill, children and families, and person with disabilities. This year's appeal theme is *We Welcome. We Serve. We Support.* As Pope Francis reminded us so eloquently in his Homily for the Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday 2013: "The Lord will say this clearly: his anointing is meant for the poor, prisoners and the sick, for those who are sorrowing and alone." **Please consider a generous gift to the Catholic Charities 2013 Annual Appeal, and pray for the success of this important Appeal** "...so that the star of hope will shine brightly" for all of God's children.

Tutors

Seeds of Literacy, (www.seedsofliteracy.org) a nonprofit organization offering free tutoring in basic adult education and GED prep, is in need of **more tutors**. Tutor training sessions held **Saturdays, May 18 and June 29** from **9:00am-2:00pm** at **Seeds Resource Center 3104 W. 25th St. Cleveland, OH 44109**. More info/to register...216-661-7950, or alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org.

Lecture

Dr. Scott Hahn will be speaking on "**The Bible, The Eucharist, and the New Evangelization**" at **Holy Family Parish, Stow, Ohio (330-688-6411)**, **Friday May 17, 2013 at 7:00pm**. **Free and open to the public**. A free will offering will be taken to help defray expenses. Singer/songwriter **Carolyn Green** will be performing as well.

IHM Homeschool Conference

The **Immaculate Heart of Mary Cleveland Homeschool and Parent Conference** will be held at **St. Adalbert Parish – Keller Center, 66 Adalbert St., Berea**, on **Friday, June 7 (2:00pm-8:00pm)** and on **Saturday, June 8 (9:30am-3:30pm)**. Confirmed speakers include **Fr. Shenan Boquet, Dr. Catherine Moran, Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Amy Kalscheur, and Mrs. Virginia Seuffert!** **Admission is free and pre-registration is not required**. For additional information...540-636-1946, info@ihmconference.org, or www.ihmconference.org.

Spring in the Country

Join the **OLG Young at Hearts, Tuesday, May 14** for a **guided tour of Chagrin Falls** and **browse the shops**. After a **wedding-style Amish lunch** visit the **Shrine of Mariapoch**. Then to **Burton** for **maple making demo** and a stop at the **Sunrise Farm Market**. Trip is **\$57**. **Departing Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 9080 Shepard Rd., Macedonia, OH 44056 at 9:30am** and **returning about 6:00pm**. For reservations call **330-467-3456**.

50th Anniversary Mass

Is this the golden year that marks when you were married? Then be sure to mark **Sunday, July 28** on your calendar and plan to participate at the **2:30pm Mass** at **St. John The Evangelist Cathedral in Cleveland**. If you were **married in 1963** or are **celebrating other significant anniversaries (55 or over)** or have **missed previous celebrations**, you are **welcome to register and attend the celebration**. **Register by June 24**. Call **330-657-2631** for a form and return them to the parish office. For more info, call **Jane 216-334-2978** or **Ginny 216-334-2972**.

Engaged Encounter Weekends

The next **Engaged Encounter marriage preparation weekend** is **May 17-19** at **St. Leonard Retreat Center in Avon, OH**. For reservations, call **216-556-0424** or www.clevelandencounter.com. "*A wedding is a day—A marriage is a lifetime*"—take the time to prepare well.

For children and adults with disabilities

Our Diocese offers summer programs for children and adults with disabilities. They offer respite, provide life-enhancing activities for children and adults in a Catholic setting, and opportunities to meet new friends, learn new things, and have fun! For more info, or if you have a family member with a developmental disability or know someone who does, call **Dennis McNulty**, Director of Catholic Charities Disability Services, at **216-334-2962** or dmcnulty@clevelandcatholiccharities.org.

First Step 2013

A **First Step Program** will be held **June 13 at 7:00pm** at **St. John Vianney Parish, 7575 Bellflower Rd. Mentor, OH 44060, 440-352-8282**. **Open to all; no pre-registration**. Offered 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 call **216-696-6525 x4000** or email www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal

Coalition with Young Adults (C-YA)

C-YA is a growing Catholic network in Cleveland, Ohio 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. To learn more about C-YA, or opportunities for young adults in Cleveland, Ohio, visit www.cya-cleveland.org. For additional information, please email J.P. Graulty at graulty.jp@gmail.com.

*April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.
For resources...www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection*

The FEST 2013

Plan on attending The FEST on Sunday, August 4 on the grounds of the Center for Pastoral Leadership (home of Borromeo Seminary and Saint Mary Seminary) in Wickliffe. The main stage will feature national Christian artists Casting Crowns, Jamie Grace, For King and Country, and Matt Maher. There will be plenty of activities for the kids along with displays, a mom's relaxation station, and more. The highlight of The FEST is the closing Mass which starts at 8pm followed by a great fireworks display. The FEST is a free family day. For more info and a schedule of events, visit www.theFEST.us or call 440-943-7662.

CO-ED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Young Adults, (ages 18-30), summer is nearly here! Looking for something to do? Any group which can put together a team of 10-14 players including at least 3 females are invited to participate in the 2013 Young Adult Softball Tournament, to be held Sunday, August 25. Event supports Diocesan Theology on Tap. For more info...www.clevelandcvo.org (Click on Young Adult Softball link) or contact Mark Delsander at mxdelsander@clevelandcatholiccharities.org or 216-334-1261 x25. It's always a fun-filled day, so be sure to save the date and join us!!

SVDP Gala

The Cleveland Diocesan Council is hosting its first Gala at St. Basil the Great in Brecksville from 6:30-10pm on May 4, 2013. All are invited to attend and celebrate St. Vincent DePaul with us. We are raising funds for another Ozanam Center somewhere in the area. Tickets for nonvencentians are \$75 and for vencentians \$50 per person. For additional information about ordering tickets or a whole table, please email John Litten, executive director, at jlitten@dioceseofcleveland.org.

Rosary Novena

There will be a 9-day rosary novena at the Philippine American Cultural Center in Parma starting at 6:00pm from May 17-25, and celebratory Mass at St. Columbkille Church on May 26 in recognition of Saint Helena's discovery of the True Cross around 300 AD, and her discovery of the icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa (Jasna Gora). A 1953 relic of the True Cross will be on display for veneration during the novena and Mass. For more information...www.clevelandsantacruz.com. We are looking for individuals and organizations willing to participate in the various days of the novena, with a daily potluck dinner to follow. If interested, please contact Linda or Henry Lagunzad at 216-447-1018 or at 2013santacruz@att.net.

Faith Based Service

Would you like to make a difference in your community, the country, or the world, serve those in need, and work for social justice? With nearly 200 programs and thousands of opportunities, **RESPONSE 2013**, the most comprehensive guide of faith-based service opportunities, is now available for free. Volunteers serve full-time for periods of one week to one year or more across the United States and in more than 100 countries worldwide. Summer and school break opportunities are also available. Our volunteers are from all walks of life – from high school to senior citizens and every stage in between. Positions are available for both single and married volunteers, including those with children. Contact Catholic Volunteer Network to receive your free copy/copies of **RESPONSE 2013**. Please call toll-free at 1-800-543-5046, email info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org, or visit www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

*Saint Michael, the Archangel,
defend us in battle, be our defense against the
wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God,
thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits
who prowl about the world
for the ruin of souls.
Amen.*

Pope Leo XII (1810-1903)