

**“Fortnight for Freedom”
regarding recent Federal Health Care Mandate
continues through July 4**

Bishop Richard Lennon is inviting everyone to attend a special noon Mass at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist on Independence Day - Wednesday, July 4. Consider reflecting on and discussing what “shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion” means. This phrase, known as the “Establishment Clause,” started out as a prohibition on Congress’ either establishing a national religion or interfering with the established religions of the states. It has since been interpreted to forbid state establishments of religion, to forbid governmental preference (at any level) of one religion over another, and to forbid direct government funding of religion.

Cleveland First Friday Club

The First Friday Club of Cleveland provides a wonderful opportunity for nourishment of mind and spirit. Listen to inspiring and thought provoking speakers as you enjoy a buffet luncheon and the fellowship of friends and colleagues. Join us and invite a friend, relative, colleague or business associate to a First Friday Club program. Meets at The Cleveland City Club, 850 Euclid Ave. in downtown Cleveland on the Thursday before the first Friday of the month. \$20 per person, cash or check accepted. Validated parking in the garage next door is available for \$3. For the schedule of speakers, visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org. Information...call 440-390-0172 or email ffcfcleveland@sbcglobal.net.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Faced with the responsibility of caring for an aging loved one? Overwhelmed or scared? You can find support and caring friendship at the Summit Adult Day Services Caregivers Support Group. The group is free, open to anyone, and will provide care for your loved one at no charge during the time of the meeting. Meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month from 10am - 11:30am at Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County, 812 Biruta St., Akron. For information or to schedule a tour of our day program, call 330-762-2000.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Turn a good marriage into a great marriage through a Marriage Encounter Weekend! Recharge your marriage; give your spouse the gift of yourself and your time. The next weekend is scheduled for July 27-29 at the Springhill Marriott in Solon. For information and reservations, call Ken and Rose Breen at 440-899-9002 or register online at www.wwme.org/new.html.

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

HOLY CROSS AKRON 100 YEAR CELEBRATION

On Saturday, July 7, we will be celebrating Holy Cross Cemeteries-Akron 100 Years. *12pm - Office open house and genealogy searches (no cost today). 12:45pm - Brief statement from Andrej Lah, Director. 1pm - Mass. 2pm - Donuts, refreshments and snow cones served after Mass. 2pm - Clydesdale Horse and Wagon rides around cemetery. 3pm - Conclude.* Join us as we celebrate 100 years of Catholic burial traditions and family heritage. For questions or additional information, please contact Melissa Malone at 216-570-6668 or mmalone@clevelandcatholiccemeteries.org.

“Let the Fire Fall”

The 30th Cleveland Charismatic Conference, will be held on July 20-21 at Magnificat High School in Rocky River (conference opens Friday at 7pm). Guest speakers are Fr. John Gordon, David Mangan and Deacon Dave Pecot. Theme is “Let the Fire Fall”. For registration information, call Sue and Joe Palmieri at 440-774-1191 or visit www.crmweb.org. Advance registration is \$30 (through July 9) and \$35 at the door.

Akron First Friday Club

The First Friday Club speaker for July 13, at the University of Akron Martin Center, 105 Fir Hill, Akron, will be Deacon John Green, Director of Catholic Charities Community Services/Summit County and Deacon at Holy Family Parish in Stow. His topic will be, “Living Deeply in a Shallow World”. The cost of the luncheon program is \$15. Doors open at 11:15am and the program ends promptly at 1pm. Prepaid reservations can be made by sending a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, OH 44307. For additional information, call 330-535-7668 or visit www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org.

Summer River Cruise

Join the OLG-Young at Hearts on Friday, July 27 as they head to Pittsburgh! Spend some time at Station Square shopping complex, then board the Gateway Clipper for a paddlewheel luncheon cruise on the rivers with live entertainment. After cruise, option for guided tour of the area or visit the Rivers Casino. Trip price is \$80. Departing Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (9080 Shepard Rd., Macedonia, OH 44056) at 7:30am and returning about 7pm. Call Mary Rizzo at 330-467-3465. Seating limited. Payment deadline is June 27.

NFP

There are Natural Family Planning classes on June 27, July 18, August 14, and September 12 all at 7pm. Held in Room 1 at Holy Family Church, 3179 Kent Rd., Stow, OH 44224. Contact Leo and Toni Doty at 330-689-0632 or at akdoty@kent.edu with any questions or to register.

Tutor Volunteers

Seeds of Literacy, a nonprofit organization offering free, one-to-one tutoring in basic adult education and GED preparation, has an urgent need for more tutors. Volunteer tutors offer encouragement and support, and help students develop confidence and positive attitudes about learning. Upcoming tutor training sessions are on Saturday, July 14, Saturday, August 11, Saturday, September 15, and Saturday, October 13 all from 9am to 2pm. Training sessions held at Seeds Resource Center 3104 West 25th St. (corner of West 25th and Clark Ave.) Cleveland, OH 44109. For more information or to register, contact Alexandria Marshall at 216-661-7950 or alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org. Visit us at www.seedsofliteracy.org or on Facebook!

Upcoming Charity Golf Outings

Come and visit Fr. John Ostrowski at the 9th Annual Charity Golf Outing for El Salvador Missions “NINE, WINE & DINE” on Friday, July 20, 2012, (5pm shotgun) at Gleneagles Golf Course in Twinsburg. \$50 per person – hole sponsorships available (Includes Golf, cart, wine tasting at each hole, dinner & beverages). Dinner w/no golf options available! For additional information or to register, please contact Joyce at jdcolovas@aol.com or 440-552-9008.

Golf Fans...interested in attending the Bridgestone Invitational and also helping the poor? The St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Diocese of Cleveland has partnered with the Bridgestone Invitational to benefit from the sale of grounds tickets, August 1-5 at Firestone Country Club in Akron. You get a ticket for more than half off (a \$45 ticket for \$20) and 75% of your purchase benefits the four SVDP Diocesan food pantries/clothing distribution centers (Ozanam Centers). The Akron Ozanam Center is located at Visitation of Mary (former Annunciation) Church, 87 Broad St. What an easy way to raise money and have fun! Kids can go with you for free. The order form is on our website (www.svdpcle.org). You can go to www.buytfc.com and use the St. Vincent de Paul promo code “COLLAR”. Help the SVDP and share this event/opportunity with your, family and friends!

Furniture Needed

Have furniture that is in good condition that you don't need anymore? Redecorating? Cleaning out relative's home? Moving? The Cleveland Furniture Bank will pick up your unwanted furniture, give you a tax deductible receipt, and provide the furniture to a needy family in Northeast Ohio. If you have furniture to donate, they will also pick up clothing, household goods, kitchenware, small and large appliances, and more at the same time. To arrange a home pick up, call 216-459-2265, ext. 101 or go to www.clevelandfurniturebank.org.

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CO-ED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Young Adults, ages 18-30, looking for something to do? Any parish, organization or group which can put together a team of 10-14 players including at least 3 females are invited to participate in the 2012 Young Adult Softball Tournament, to be held Sunday, August 26 at James Day Park (formerly Nike Park) in Parma. Team check-in begins at 10:30am. Games begin at 11:30am. \$8 donation/player. Proceeds will help support Diocesan Theology on Tap. Team Registration Deadline: Thursday, August 16. For additional information, visit www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/vyam-cvo/ contact Mark Delsander at 216-334-1261 x25, or at mxdelsander@clevelandcatholiccharities.org. It's always a fun-filled day that brings out everyone's competitive best, so be sure to save the date and join us!!

Faith and Family Resources

Excellent resources, tips, and information are available for parents online at <http://foryourmarriage.org/parenting-family/> including How to Take Young Children to Mass, Balancing Family and Work and Caring for Children While Caring for Aging Parents.

Vocation Discernment Weekend for Men

The Benedictine monks of St. Andrew Abbey in Cleveland, Ohio invite single men between the ages of 18 and 45, who are interested in experiencing monastic life, to join them for a “Living with Benedict” vocation discernment weekend on August 10-12, 2012 (Theme: Begone Satan!). There is no cost. Contact Fr. Finbar at 216-721-5300, ext. 273 or at finbar@cbhs.net.

Choose Life

What have we done to our children by legalizing abortion and championing it? The daily abortions stories, polls, editorials, and stories showing how the “abortion rights” movement is faring—all this has drummed into our children's heads the idea that human life is not special, is not sanctified, is not a life formed by God but a fertilized ovum that makes demands and can be removed. Peggy Noonan, “Abortion's Children, New York Times, 1/22/98.

We pray...

For a growth in understanding among all people that human life begins at conception. Amen.

Weekly Occupation Prayer Intention

We pray for those who work as fishers and fishing vessel operators, that they respond fully to the call of our baptism and accept the grace to remain open to God's call to serve Him and mankind in and through their daily work. Amen.