Hi Everyone,

The monthly statistics for the Fr. Hilkert Ozanam Center for the month of May, 2015 follow:

Food Pantry

Total number of people served was 1468 Total number of households served was 439 Total number of children served was 654 Total number of seniors served was 107

Clothing Bank
Total number of families served was 217
Articles of clothing given away: 1824

Furniture Bank
Total number of clients served was 46
Couches given away: 16
Armchairs given away: 17
Mattresses/box springs: 28
Dressers given away: 8
Misc. given away: 86
New cribs given away: 1

A busy month, especially in the furniture bank. This month in furniture was the busiest since August of 2013. Just shows us that the need never ends. Thanks for all you do.

Jim and Cathie Perusek

Catholic Renewal Ministries' Conference

All are invited to attend Catholic Renewal Ministries' 33rd Annual Conference to be held July 17 and 18 at Magnificat High School in Rocky River. Guest speakers will be Lloyd and Nancy Greenhaw and Fr. John Gordon, and local clergy Bishop Roger Gries and Fr. Damian Ference. This year's theme is "Father Make Us One". The conference opens on Friday at 7pm. Contact Shirley or Tom Fumich at 440-327-1226 for registration information or visit www.crmweb.org. Advance registration through July 8 is \$30, and at the door \$35. Come experience the healing power and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

NFP

Natural Family Planning classes will be held at Holy Family Parish in Stow beginning June 24, from 7-9pm. Classes give all the resources necessary to easily, simply, and successfully practice NFP in your marriage. The classes are great for both married and engaged couples seeking to lead a more natural, healthy lifestyle and for those seeking to bring their relationship in accord with the Church's divine teaching on contraception. NFP is perfect for all couples, including those having problems getting pregnant and also for those who wish to postpone pregnancy. Set these dates aside: 6/24, 7/15, 8/5, 9/2. For additional information, or to register, please call Leo and Toni Doty at 330-689-0632.

Outreach Groups

The following outreach groups exist to provide a place of support, affirmation and spiritual guidance to gay and lesbian Catholics...

Blessed Trinity, Cleveland (Westside)

Facilitator: Rev. Douglas Koesel (216-671-5890) (usually meets monthly on the second Tuesday from 7:00-9:00pm).

Gesu Parish, University Heights (Eastside) Facilitator: Rev. Lorn Snow, S.J. (216-932-0617).

For more info, call the Diocesan Parish Life Office at 216-696-6525 or 1-800-869-6525, x3500.

"A Final Gift"

Come join us for "A Final Gift" workshop and presentation. A funeral/cemetery burial can be the third largest expense most families will have to pay for in their lifetime. This educational workshop/seminar focuses on what you need to know so you are not caught in a situation of being misinformed and possibly overspending and what can be done to gain peace of mind. Everyone who attends receives a Catholic Personal Planning Guide. Peace of mind is a precious gift. This workshop is free (registration is appreciated). Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Visit www.clecem.org for all dates and locations. Call the Cemetery office at 330-467-7951 x5 to register.

Listening, Encouraging, & Assisting Families

Is yours a family who, because of the incarceration of a loved one, experience isolation, shame, guilt, and an overwhelming sense of being alone? The LEAF Ministry has been formed to be of support to you and your family. Groups meet monthly offering an opportunity to those who come to listen and share community, network and learn from others who understand their situation, challenges, fears and emotions. All are welcome to participate irrespective of faith affiliation. For more info and to verify the schedules, call the Parish Life Office (1-800-869-6525 or 216-696-6525 x3500) or visit www.leafministry.org. No pre-registration necessary.

WorldWide Marriage Encounter

The person you have chosen to love for a lifetime deserves the very best. Say "I love you" by taking time for the two of you at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Held June 26-28 at the Clarion Hotel in Hudson. For more info or to register...330-305-9963, LGrieshammer@gmail.com or www.WWME.org.

Hoban Summer Enrichment Camps

Archbishop Hoban High School will be offering summer enrichment camps for students entering 7th and 8th grades. One-week camps will be available in Photography, Steel Drum, Choral, Robotics, Rocket Science and Forensics. Visit www.hoban.org or call 330-849-2149 for more info or to register.

Hoban Summer Athletic Camps

Archbishop Hoban High School will be offering summer athletic camps for students. Camps will be available in baseball, basketball, bowling, cheerleading, football, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, volleyball and wrestling. Visit www.hoban.org or call 330-773-9107 for more information or to register for a camp.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held Sunday, July 26 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Mass will be celebrated at 2:30pm and Bishop Richard Lennon will be the principal celebrant. Reservations are now being accepted for couples married 50 years (married in 1965). Couples who are celebrating other significant anniversaries (55 or over) or have missed previous celebrations are welcome to register and attend. Seating is limited in the Cathedral. The number of guests will be determined by the seating capacity and total number registered. To register, fill out a registration form found in the Church vestibule and place it in the collection basket at a weekend Mass or call the Church Office at 330-657-2631.

El Salvador Vision Trip

The El Salvador Mission Committee is a diverse group of people based at St. Sebastian Parish who are interested in making a long-term positive impact in the country of El Salvador. The group is also committed to continuing to build meaningful relationships between the people of the Diocese of Cleveland and the people of El Salvador through various ways, one of which is a yearly trip, coming up this July. Contact Jason Nehez at 440-497-7883 or salvadormission@gmail.com if you are interested in being involved or going on the trip.

Visit <u>www.ForYourMarriage.org</u> for the latest news, Catholic teaching and practical helps. Especially for engaged couples, married couples, parents and young adults.

Employment for Persons with Disabilities

Know someone with a disability who wants to work? Catholic Charities Employment and Training Services provides supported employment services that are designed to assist people with a wide range of cognitive and physical disabilities to become self-reliant and independent in the community. Services range from vocational counseling, basic computer classes, job readiness training and job development. If you are a business owner in Cuyahoga County, consider the value of hiring persons with disabilities. Persons with disabilities have many talents that could be a benefit to your business. We encourage employers who are members of our Diocese to be open to the possibilities! For more information, call 216-426-9870 x13 or email tingram@ccdocle.org.

2015 First Step Programs

The Church's teachings on marriage, divorce, and remarriage are often misunderstood. The First Step Program is offered to help everyone, especially those who have experienced divorce, learn more about Catholic teaching in these areas. Representatives from the Ministry to the Divorced Office of the Department for Marriage and Family Ministry will also be present to explain their ministry to those who are divorced.

Everyone is welcome to:

Deepen their knowledge
of the Church's teaching on marriage...
Learn about the Church's ministry
to the divorced/separated in the Diocese...
Hear the true facts about the annulment process
and how to submit a case...
Discover a path to healing after divorce.

In any endeavor, taking the "first step" is always the most difficult. The First Step Program helps individuals to navigate the path of healing and closure, of which the annulment process is an important aspect.

2015 General Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, September 15, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Cuyahoga Falls, at 7pm

Tuesday, October 13, at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick, at 7pm

Note that the Diocese of Cleveland no longer requires any fees for this process. For more info and testimonials about the program from past participants, call the Tribunal at 216-696-6525/800-869-6525, x4000 or visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal.