

### ***In Your Charity***

*Please remember in your prayers Katherine Cool, cousin of parishioner Diane (Charles) Griffiths. May Catherine and all our beloved deceased live forever in the joy of the Resurrection and may their family and friends be granted consolation. Amen.*

### **Employment for Persons with Disabilities**

**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, please call 216-426-9870 x13 or email [tingram@ccdacle.org](mailto:tingram@ccdacle.org).

### ***“A Final Gift”***

*Come join us for “A Final Gift” workshop and presentation. 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. Attendees receive a Catholic Personal Planning Guide. Workshop is free (registration is appreciated). Light snacks and refreshments provided. Held Saturday July 18 from 1-2pm at Holy Cross Cemetery (100 E. Waterloo Rd. Akron, Ohio). Visit [www.clecem.org](http://www.clecem.org) for all dates and locations. Call the Cemetery office at 330-724-1297 x7 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](http://www.leafministry.org). No pre-registration necessary.

*Please check the vestibule for more information on upcoming events, registration forms, prayer cards, and notices.*

### **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.

### **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". Conference opens Friday at 7pm. Call Shirley or Tom Fumich at 440-327-1226 for registration info or visit [www.crmweb.org](http://www.crmweb.org). Advance registration through July 8 is \$30; \$35 at door. Come experience the healing power and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

### **SUMMER PROGRAMS**

Did you know that our Diocese offers summer programs for children and adults with disabilities? There are many options! These programs are ministries to families who have children with disabilities. The summer programs offer respite and provide life-enhancing activities for children and adults in a Catholic setting. They are a great way to meet new friends, learn new things and just have fun! If you have a family member with a developmental disability or know someone who does, contact Dennis McNulty, Director of Catholic Charities Disability Services, at 216-334-2962 or at [dmcnulty@ccdacle.org](mailto:dmcnulty@ccdacle.org).

### **Tired of Repairing Your Old Vehicle?**

Donate it to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your used car can become food, medicine and rent for the poor in our community. And when you donate your late model car, truck or boat to SVDP Cleveland, not only will you receive a tax deduction to the fullest extent of the law, you'll be free from the troubles of insuring, licensing, repairing and selling your vehicle. We'll even provide free towing within 24 hours. It's quick and easy to donate! Please call 800-322-8284 today or donate at [www.svdpusa.com](http://www.svdpusa.com).

## **Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty**

**O God our Creator,  
from your provident hand we have received  
our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.  
You have called us as your people and given us  
the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God,  
and your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,  
you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world,  
bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel  
to every corner of society.**

**We ask you to bless us  
in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.  
Give us the strength of mind and heart  
to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;  
give us courage in making our voices heard  
on behalf of the rights of your Church  
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.**

**Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,  
a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters  
gathered in your Church  
in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,  
so that, with every trial withstood  
and every danger overcome—  
for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,  
and all who come after us—  
this great land will always be "one nation, under God,  
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**