

Sacred Steps to Peace/Catholic Divorce Recovery

The Department for Marriage and Family Ministry presents a Catholic Divorce Recovery Program entitled Sacred Steps to Peace. **The Sacred Steps General Meeting is held on the 3rd Friday of each month from 7-8:30pm, with a focus on spiritual healing and growth through education, discussion and reflection on Scriptures and Church teachings.** Optional small group weekly sessions will be guided by a team in a support group format, using prayer, exercises and a workbook as a pathway to divorce recovery. Sacred Steps General Meeting for 14 sessions. **Held at St. Joseph Parish, (12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136). \$25 for the series and includes a workbook.** Participants are welcome to join at any time.

Sacred Steps to Peace for Teens

This program for teens whose families have experienced a divorce, is open to anyone from the ages of 12-17. The purpose of this program is to help teens deal with the effects of divorce, as well as having time together socially. **The group meets every 3rd Friday of the month from 7-8:30pm at St. Joseph Parish, (12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136) in the Holy Family Center, Room 1.** The facilitators are **Carol Petro, MSW** from the Marriage and Family Office, **Deacon Bob Lester** of St. Joseph Parish, and **Deacon Bob Sabol** of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Columbia Station. Participants are welcome to join at any time. **For more info, contact Deacon Bob at the Church Office, 440-238-5555 x110.**

Program Addressing Human Trafficking

*Human Trafficking in Summit County actually exists in places and involves individuals most people would never guess. To address this situation, there will be a **free program sponsored by the Summit County Collaborative Against Human Trafficking on July 29. Held at Our Lady of the Elms High School Commons at 1375 W. Exchange St. Akron from 9am-12pm. A light lunch will be served. Those desiring more training as a volunteer will have a further session from 1-2pm. The morning portion will include **talks by representatives from the FBI, The Rape Crisis Center, the Hotel industry, the county Court, and a survivor of human trafficking. Please call Sr. Barbara Catalano at 330-835-5737 to register by July 24.*****

Volunteers Needed

Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County is in need of volunteers to assist at our Tuesday Dinner at Visitation of Mary Parish, Akron. Volunteers assist with meal prep and in serving hot meats to those in need. Please consider volunteering today. **Complete an application at <http://ccdacle.org/volunteer> or call 330-762-2961 x209 for more information.**

Special Prayer

For Bishop Nelson Perez, the next shepherd of our diocese; for our Apostolic Administrator, Bishop Daniel Thomas; for Bishop-emeritus Richard Lennon; that the Holy Spirit will continue to enlighten and empower them with grace, confidence and hope. We pray to the Lord.

PREP Marriage Skills Workshop

PREP fulfills the Pre-Cana requirement for engaged couples, and offers enrichment to married couples. Held Saturday, August 5, 2017 from 9am-5:30pm at St. Raphael Parish, 525 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village, OH 44140 (4:30pm Mass). \$125 per couple. For more information about PREP, call 216-334-2978. Download registration forms at <http://ccdacle.org/program/prep>.

Camp Christopher September Song Weekend

*Miss your childhood days at summer camp? Never get the chance to go? **August 13-18, adults ages 50+ can return to their youth and enjoy canoe rides, swimming, hiking, hay rides, and campfires while making new friends. Campers are offered daily worship services or they can simply enjoy the solitude of the natural surroundings. Visit www.ccdacle.org/program/camp-christopher-september-song to register or for more information.***

CYO Sports Clinics

The Diocese of Cleveland CYO is sponsoring Sports Clinics this summer in Cheer, Cross Country, Flag Football, Football, Soccer and Volleyball for grade school players and coaches. The goal of the clinics is to prepare athletes to get a head start on the upcoming fall sports seasons and prepare coaches to learn the latest in drills, skills and leadership. Boys and girls can participate in cheer grades 3-8, cross country grades 3-8, flag football grades 1-4, tackle football grades 4-8 and volleyball grades 3-8. Pre-registration is **\$25.** To register or for more info, visit <http://ccdacle.org/cyo/clinics> or call **Vic at 330-379-3636 x16.** Don't miss out on the fun!

Catholic Charities Help Me Grow Program

Pregnant with your first child? Is your first child currently under the age of 6 months old? Have questions or concerns about parenting and child development? **Catholic Charities' Help Me Grow Home Visitation program** provides free services that promote children's growth and development and supports families during the important, early years of a child's life. Call **330-762-7481** or visit www.ccdacle.org/program/help-me-grow-summit-county for more information.

Sharing a Ride to Programs/Events List

Please **call the rectory (330.657.2631)** if you need or would like to share a ride to events listed in the bulletin.

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

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