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### **DSWC**

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A "Caring and Sharing" session for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held **Monday, January 23** from 7:30-9pm at **Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls**. **Betty Hack**, an RN, will facilitate this session. She has much experience working with grief groups for both the divorced and widowed. Open at no charge to people of all faiths. **For more information, please call Sue at 330-554-5626.**

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### **Open House**

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**Immaculate Heart of Mary School (2859 Lillis Dr., Cuyahoga Falls)**, where guiding hearts and enlightening minds take place, **will begin their celebration of National Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 29** at the **9:30am Mass**. All are welcome to tour and experience the heart of IHM School. **An open house will be held from 10:30am until 12:30pm** at the school. Guided tours of the school will be available, see a state-of-the-art media center, meet the faculty and staff and enjoy a Science Fair and a tour of the new Martha A. Meadows MakerSpace. **Please call the school office at 330-923-1220 with any questions or for more information.**

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### **Lay Ecclesial Ministry Information Night**

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**If you or someone you know has expressed a sense of being called to lay ministry in the Diocese of Cleveland, the Pastoral Ministry formation and certification process may be of interest to you.** Those certified in the Diocese of Cleveland serve in a variety of leadership roles such as pastoral associates, catechetical leaders and ministers of sacramental preparation, youth ministers, social outreach coordinators, bereavement ministers, music ministers, campus ministers, and ministers of adult faith formation. Certified Lay Ecclesial Ministers work in collaboration with the ordained to serve the needs of parishes and Catholic institutions. **An Information Night for those interested in this Ministry will take place at the Center for Pastoral Leadership from 7-9:30pm, Wednesday, January 18.** For more information, please call the Pastoral Ministry Office at 440-943-7670.

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### **Opportunity for Service**

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**Response 2017, the most comprehensive guide of faith-based service opportunities, is now available.** 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.** Contact Catholic Volunteer Network to receive your free copy/copies of Response 2017 at **800-543-5046** or [info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org](mailto:info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org). You can also visit [www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org](http://www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org).

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### **Enrich Your Faith**

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**For the faithful and faith leaders alike, a new six-part series of 10 minute monthly videos is now available.** Intended to deepen one's faith, the first in the series is entitled "Air" and evokes the invisible, but intimate presence of God who comes to us in the person of the Holy Spirit. **Hosted by Fr. George Smiga**, the series can found at [www.dioceseofcleveland.org](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org).

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### **Retrouvaille Weekend**

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The Retrouvaille program can help put troubled marriages back on track. Program supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland. Open to couples of all faiths. The **next Cleveland Retrouvaille weekend** will be held **1/20-22/17**. Cost is **\$150**. For more info or to register, call **Marce or Liz Gliha in complete confidence at 440-357-6580, or 1-800-470-2230** or visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

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### **Caregivers Support Group Meeting**

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**Adult Day Services is a community-based intervention designed to care for the aging population experiencing cognitive or functional limitations, as well as to address the needs of those at risk of social isolation.** Caregivers receive encouragement and guidance to bolster their own mental health and well-being which increases the likelihood for successful care for their loved one at home. **Held January 25 at 10am at Catholic Charities (812 Biruta Street, Akron 44307).** For more information, please call **330-762-2000**. Free care is available for the older adult while caregivers attend the group meeting.

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### **Renewing the Covenant**

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**This program is designed for engaged couples and those already married but questioning their family planning choices.** There is an **introduction to Theology of the Body** and how we are called to reflect God's love with our bodies. Also discussed are the **basic concepts of Natural Family Planning** and the science behind it. Held **January 29** from **1-2:30pm** in **St. Michael's Room at Holy Angels Parish (18205 Chillicothe Rd., Chagrin Falls, 44023)**. No charge for the program. For more info or to register, contact **TJ and Colleen Manion at 440-552-3187** or at [colleenmanion678@gmail.com](mailto:colleenmanion678@gmail.com).

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### **Northeast Ohio Catholic E-Newsletter**

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**Stay informed with the latest Catholic news from the Diocese of Cleveland.** Subscribe to the Northeast Ohio Catholic e-newsletter, the free, weekly, electronic newsletter of the Diocese of Cleveland. It is delivered to your email inbox every Thursday, sharing timely news about the faith, important local events, articles from Northeast Ohio Catholic magazine and much more. **Visit [www.dioceseofcleveland.org](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org) and click the e-newsletter icon to sign up today!**

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### Catholic Charities

#### Partners in Giving Campaign Thank You!

Thank you to all that have given to our annual Partners in Giving Campaign. Overall, our campaign is at over \$86,500, 15% over goal. As part of that, the Wayside campaign resulted in \$13,630, the most we have ever received. We received \$7,115 in donations and Wayside matched \$6,515. The online Giving Tuesday #wegivecatholic initiative was also a great success. We raised \$9,450 for the agency and Camp in one day and we took the top two prizes for the most donors to any of the Catholic Charities sites.

#### Extraordinary Mission Men's Conference

A conference for men featuring author **John Wood** and musical guest **Cassandra Acree** will be held **Saturday, January 28** at **St. Matthew Parish (2580 Berne St., Akron)**. The Conference begins at **8:30am** with breakfast and concludes at **5pm** with dinner for all men and their families. There will be inspiring talks, powerful music, fellowship, Eucharistic Adoration, and an opportunity for confession. Open to **men 18+**. Registration is **\$10** and can be made by calling the Parish Office at **330-733-9944**.

#### Visitation of Mary Parish Invites You

Visitation of Mary Parish (formerly Annunciation) invites you to join their **200 Club for 2017!** Start the new year the right way by becoming a part of this great opportunity. Starting in February, 2017, through September, 2017, for a yearly donation of only \$52, you could be one of two \$100 winners every month for eight months PLUS be an additional \$500 winner in March, 2017 and in September, 2017. The first drawing is February 17, 2017. Drawings are at Visitation of Mary rectory office on a monthly basis - 3rd Friday of each month. Locations for the \$500 drawings to be announced. **For more details, call Jerry at 330-592-4155 or 330-535-4141 x12 (Your \$52 must be paid before the February 17 drawing). Remember, only 200 tickets are sold. Don't miss out! These tickets sell fast!**

#### Activities Demo Day

Towards the end of January, Catholic Charities Disability Services will be hosting an **Activities Demo Day!** This Demo Day will **introduce participants to fun adapted activities like Tai Chi, Jazzercise and Music Enhancement!** And the Demo Day is **free!** If there is interest in continuing with these adapted activities, a schedule will be set up. **This is open to everyone, with or without disabilities.** The whole family can participate! The activities will be held at **OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland, OH)**. Call **216-334-2962** or email **Marilyn Scott at [mjscott@ccdocle.org](mailto:mjscott@ccdocle.org)** to be notified as to the exact date of the **Activities Demo Day!**

### Camp Christopher

**Summer Registration Opens January 24<sup>th</sup>!**  
Visit [www.campchris.org](http://www.campchris.org) for more information.

#### Magnificat

**Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth Chapter of Magnificat**, a women's ministry modeled after the Visitation, invites you to our Breakfast, **Saturday, February 18** at **Walsh University, Barrette Center, 2020 E. Maple St., North Canton, OH**. Join us in a special time of fellowship and sharing. **April Merzweiler** will be the guest speaker. **Cost is \$18.** Make checks payable to "Magnificat of Stark County" and send to **Debby Bentivegna, 5575 East Blvd. NW, Canton, OH 44718**. Seating is limited. Plan on getting your reservations early! **Reservations cannot be accepted after February 11.** Open seating. **Doors open at 8:30am with Breakfast at 9am. Optional Mass at 8am in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel at Walsh University.** For more information, call **Shirley DeOrio at 614-620-3169**.

#### Education Program for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

**Do you know an adult, age 21 and over, with a cognitive disability who is looking to further their education, meet new friends, go on fun field trips and more?** Maybe the Saturday Program is what you are looking for? For 28 years, the CAEP has provided educational and social skill building for adults with developmental disabilities. Participants enhance their skills in math, reading and history. They also work on the computer, make arts & crafts and have fun making friends, watching movies and having holiday parties! Participants also learn about their local community by going on field trips. The **Saturday program** meets at **OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland, OH)** from **September - May**. Call **216-334-2962** or email **Marilyn Scott at [mjscott@ccdocle.org](mailto:mjscott@ccdocle.org)** to set up an appointment to visit this program to see if it is the right fit for you!

#### YCN

**"Your Community News"** is where residents of Township and Peninsula have shared information for over 25 years. Visit [www.ycn-online.net](http://www.ycn-online.net).

#### Circle the City with Love

The **Dominican Sisters of Peace** will be participating in the **Circle the City with Love program, 1/15/2017**, from **3-3:30pm**, in the **Chapel of the Akron Motherhouse, Our Lady of the Elms**. We will be praying for our country as we prepare for a change in government. All are welcome to join us in prayer in our Chapel or from home.

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