



*We Welcome.  
We Serve. We Support.*

This is the final weekend of the in-pew portion of the 2013 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. All who have not received the mailing, or have not had a chance to respond to it, are asked to consider making a generous pledge to support the ministries and services provided by Catholic Charities. If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the in-pew envelope to indicate that you have responded by mail. This is not a "special collection." Rather, the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is the one time during the year that all Catholics are asked to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities in order to serve the needy, the vulnerable, and the marginalized. Over 276,000 people from every suburb and city in Northeast Ohio benefit from their programs and services each year. Please consider a generous gift to the Catholic Charities 2013 Annual Appeal, and please pray for the success of this important Appeal. **For stories of inspiration and more information...[www.catholiccommunity.org/2013Appeal](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/2013Appeal).**

### **Preschool Registration**

**St. Barnabas School** is now accepting registration for our **three and four year old preschool class**. Your child **must be three or four by September 30th to be eligible** for the classes. Please call the school office at **330-467-7921** if you are interested in registering. The **deadline for registration is Monday, March 4**.

## **OPEN HOUSE**

Students and families interested in **Archbishop Hoban High School** are invited to attend an **Open House on Sunday, February 24, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm**. Tour the school, meet our faculty, administrators, and coaches, and learn more about a Holy Cross education. **Hoban's Service and Outreach Fair will also be on Sunday, February 24, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm** for those interested in learning more about Hoban's Service and Outreach programs. Our campus ministers and students will be available to answer questions and discuss the opportunities offered at Hoban. **For more information, call 330-773-6658 or visit [www.hoban.org](http://www.hoban.org).**

### **Pre-Cana Program for Engaged Couples**

**St. Rita Parish** will be holding a **Pre-Cana Day on Saturday, March 9**. This is a one-day marriage preparation program. Attending this program satisfies Diocesan requirements. **Prior registration required; Cost is \$70 per couple**. For more info or to register, contact **Yvette or Paul Bell** at [stiritaprecana@gmail.com](mailto:stiritaprecana@gmail.com) or **330-405-6445**. Call early to guarantee a place.

*See the Church vestibule for information on upcoming events, job openings, registration forms, prayer cards, & more...*

### **Touch a Life...Become a Hospice Volunteer**

Volunteer opportunities at **Hospice of Western Reserve** are diverse. **Our next series of volunteer classes will be on Saturdays, March 2 (8:30am-12:30pm) and March 9 and 16 (8:30am-4:30pm) at Hospice of Western Reserve, 150 Springside Drive, A-100, Fairlawn, OH 44333**. Teen and nonclinical volunteers require attendance at the first class and 4 hours of self study, while clinical volunteers must attend all the classes and 4 hours of self study. Pre-registration is required. **For additional information or to register, please call Mary McGowan at 800-707-8922 ext. 6881**.

### **Young Adults in the City**

Come and volunteer with other **young adults (ages 20-30)** on **Saturday, February 23**. We'll meet at **Ozanam Center at St. Philomena Church in East Cleveland**. They'll be distributing clothing and/or emergency food supplies to the area residents, and could use your help from **10:00am-1:00pm**. **To register, call Laura at 216-228-9516 or email to [2006yaic@gmail.com](mailto:2006yaic@gmail.com)**. Sponsored by the Catholic Charities Youth and Young Adult Ministry & CYO Office in the Diocese of Cleveland.

### **40 Days for Life**

For 40 years abortion has robbed our country of its future, child by precious child. If we do not stand up against this holocaust who will? **Join us in the 40 Days for Life spring campaign by praying, fasting, and witnessing from February 13 - March 24** to the sanctity of human life. **Prayerfully consider spending at least one hour witnessing in front of an abortuary**. Please call **Judith at 330-762-2785** for more information.

### **Bringing America Back to Life**

*The 2013 "Bringing America Back to Life Symposium & Exhibition" will be held March 8-9 at the Embassy Suites in Rockside Independence, OH from 8:00am-9:00pm (Both days; 7:00am registration)! Tickets begin at \$25 per day; discounts for groups available! Don't miss this opportunity! For more info/to register...440-281-1502 or [www.BringingAmericaBackToLife.org](http://www.BringingAmericaBackToLife.org). Some of the many speakers will include **Star Parker** (founder and president of CURE), **Tony Zarrella** (local media celebrity) and, **Shari Rigby** (actress from "October Baby")!*

### **PREP® Relationship Skills Workshop**

**PREP® (Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program) for Engaged and Married Couples on Saturday, February 24, 8:30am-4:30pm** (includes Mass) at **Sacred Heart Parish, 272 Broad St., Wadsworth, 44281**. Fulfills the Pre-Cana requirement. Information or register...**216-334-2978** or go to [www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm/PREP.htm](http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm/PREP.htm).

## ***The Church and the Jewish People***

*Come hear Fr. John Pawlikowski speak on the relation of Catholic Church and the Jewish People on February 28 at 7:00pm at the Center for Pastoral Leadership, (28700 Euclid Ave. Wickliffe, OH 44092). Free and open to all. For more info, call Fr. Joseph Hilinski (440-943-7475).*

## **First Step 2013**

The First Step Programs are open to anyone with no pre-registration. They are offered as a way to reach out to those whose marriage, for whatever reasons or circumstances, is not valid in the Church, and find a way to re-establish full communion in the sacramental life of the Church. Held Tuesday, April 9 at 7pm at St. Peter Parish (3655 Oberlin Ave., Lorain, OH 44053 440-282-9103). For more info...216-696-6525 ext. 4000, [www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal), or see flyers.

## ***Doing for Others***

To receive a copy of *RESPONSE 2013*, call 1-800-543-5046, email [info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org](mailto:info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org), or visit [www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org](http://www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org).

## **DIOCESAN THEOLOGY ON TAP**

On Thursday, February 21, young adults are invited to attend the next Theology on Tap with speaker, Megan Wilson-Reitz. Social begins at 6:00pm. Lecture begins at 7:00pm. Location TBA. Admission is \$5. Complimentary appetizers and cash bar--happy hour until 7:00pm. Please RSVP to Lynette (216-334-1261 x10 or [theotap-cle@hotmail.com](mailto:theotap-cle@hotmail.com)) by February 18. Walk-ins are welcome. Theology on Tap is a discussion series for Catholic young adults and their friends, married and single, in their 20s and 30s. For more information, please visit [www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/yvamy/theology\\_on\\_tap.htm](http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/yvamy/theology_on_tap.htm). Sponsored by Catholic Charities Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office.

## **Tutors**

Seeds of Literacy, a nonprofit Organization offering free, one-to-one tutoring in basic adult education and GED preparation, has a need for more tutors. Tutor training sessions are held Saturdays, February 23, March 23, April 20, May 18, and June 29 all from 9am to 2pm at Seeds Resource Center 3104 West 25<sup>th</sup> St. (corner of West 25<sup>th</sup> and Clark Ave.) Cleveland, OH 44109. To register/more info, contact Alexandria Marshall at 216-661-7950 or [alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org](mailto:alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org), or visit [www.seedsofliteracy.org](http://www.seedsofliteracy.org) or Facebook.

## **Spring Cleaning and Books**

Need a reason to start your spring cleaning? Walsh Jesuit High School will be accepting new and gently used books for their annual book sale. We are accepting fiction, non-fiction, biographies, autobiographies, religion, children's books and cookbooks. Unfortunately, we cannot accept Readers Digest, college textbooks, dictionaries, magazines, CD's, DVD's, or VHS tapes. Collection starts February 1 and runs through March 1, 2013. Books may be dropped off at Walsh Jesuit or arrange for pick-up by calling Melissa Mondy at 330-620-4878. The book sale will take place at Walsh Jesuit on Thursday, March 7th and Friday, March 8th from 8:00am – 4:00pm and Saturday, March 9th from 9:00am – 3:00pm.

## **THE SMART STEPFAMILY**

Come for a multi session video guide to healthy stepfamilies for step-parents by national expert Ron Deal on March 25, April 15, 29, and May 6 at St. Martin of Tours, 1800 Station Rd., Valley City, OH 44280 from 6:00-8:30pm. Cost is \$20 for 7 weeks and includes workbook. New attendees welcome! Call Colene Conley (330-483-3808).

## **Fish Fry**

Visitation of Mary parish (formerly Annunciation) will begin their weekly Lenten fish fries on Friday, February 15 and continue every Friday during Lent, EXCEPT Good Friday. All are invited to the school cafeteria, 88 Kent St., from 4:30-7:00pm. Visitation is continuing with the same famous "Annunciation Fish Fry Recipe" started by the late Dorothy Anderson. Prices include \$9 for adults, \$8.50 for seniors, and \$4 for children through 12 years. Also, Peggy Pokorosky, our "Simply Silver" jewelry lady will be on hand at the fish fries on March 1, March 15, and March 22! The parish receives 20% of the jewelry sales, so be sure to check out Peggy's lovely jewelry on those dates!

## **How to go to Confession**

Pray and reflect on the Scriptures and the teachings of the Church. You may sit facing the priest or kneel behind the screen. Begin your confession with the Sign of the Cross, after the priest greets you, mention when the last time you came to Confession and what you wish to ask God forgiveness for. Listen to what the priest says, accept your penance and pray your act of contrition and respond "Amen" to the prayer of absolution. In response to the words "The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace." you may then say "Thanks be to God."