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- *Making sure that the hungry and homeless receive food and shelter as well as job readiness programs and transitional services.*
- *Providing skilled care that focuses on the emotional, social and spiritual needs of the elderly and chronically ill.*
- *Helping families in crisis gain strength through counseling and emergency services, providing food, clothing and baby formula.*
- *Assisting disabled children and adults with social and recreational activities, life skills training and in-home personal care.*

Many parishioners received letters in January, inviting their support of the Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider a pledge of support to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland as it continues the mission of Jesus by responding to those in need. We invite you to view the Catholic Charities Prayer, stories of inspiration and more info at www.catholiccommunity.org/2014Appeal.

Summaries 2013

Requests for donation summaries may be placed in the collection basket with your name, address, phone number, email, and envelope number.

5k and 1 Mile

Immaculate Heart of Mary School will host its 2nd 5k/1 mile at 9:00am on April 12. Come attend this family friendly event while promoting a healthy life style. Whether you walk or run the 5k/1 mile, it is great exercise! The proceeds for this event will help support phase 2 of technology lab upgrades for the school. Early registration through April is \$25 and can be done at www.ihm5k.org.

Meet-up Site for Young Adults

Northeast Ohio Catholic Young Adults www.meetup.com/Northeast-Ohio-Catholic-Young-Adults is a great way to connect with other young adults and find out what is going on in Northeast Ohio. For more info, call 330-217-1064 or email groundsforfaith@yahoo.com.

2014 First Step Programs

Attempting to pick up the pieces of one's life after the tragedy of divorce is complex and demanding. One of the significant issues that a person faces is their place in the Church. The Church's teachings on marriage, divorce, and remarriage are often misunderstood. This program is offered to help everyone, especially those who have experienced divorce, learn more about Catholic teaching in these areas. 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, and 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. The schedule for the general meetings in 2014 is: Tuesday, February 25, at St. Therese Parish, Garfield Heights, at 7:00pm; Tuesday, March 25, at St. Peter Parish, Lorain, at 7:00pm; Thursday, May 15, at St. John Vianney Parish, Mentor, at 7:00pm; Tuesday, September 23, at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick, at 7:00pm; Tuesday, October 14, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Cuyahoga Falls, at 7:00pm. For testimonials about the program from past participants, please visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal or for more information, call the Tribunal at 216-696-6525/800-869-6525 x4000.

Christ Child Society Benefit

Let the Good Times Roll to benefit the Christ Child Society of Akron on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at St. George Fellowship Center 3204 Ridgewood Rd., Akron. Silent Auction and Cocktails at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm. Grand Prize - \$2,500. Only 175 raffle tickets being sold. Plus \$2 and \$5 Side Boards, 50/50 Raffle, and much more! Tables of 8 people. 1 Raffle Ticket + 2 Dinners = \$135; 1 Raffle Ticket + 1 Dinner = \$100; 1 Raffle Ticket only \$65; 1 Dinner only \$45. If you would like tickets, please call Lisa DiSabato-Moore at 330-697-7536. Look for your invitation and RSVP cards in the mail. Contact Anne Burris at 330-670-6268 or Debbie Breyley at 330-606-6840.

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

Pre-Cana Day

St. Rita Parish will hold a **PreCana Day, Saturday, March 8**. This one-day marriage preparation program satisfies Diocesan requirements. Prior registration is required. Cost is **\$70.00 per couple**. For additional information or to register, please call Megan Janzig at 216-406-1878 or email StRitaPrecana@gmail.com. Please call early to guarantee a place.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Do you know that **more than 1,500,000 couples in over 92 countries** have experienced a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? They found something worth passing on. Held **March 7 - 9, June 27-29, and October 10-12** located at **Clarion Inn, Hudson, Ohio**. For more information, call Terri or Steve 440-834-0939 or visit www.wwme.org.

Cana II – Remarriage & Stepfamily Prep

The Cana II Process addresses the unique issues of remarriage and stepfamilies. The preparation includes a **Saturday**, and **three additional evening sessions** for stepparents of children under 18. Held at **St. Basil the Great Parish, 8700 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141** on **Saturday, March 8** from **8:30am - 6:00pm**. **Active Parenting for Stepfamilies, Thursday, March 13, 20, and 27** from **6:30pm – 9:00pm** at **St. Joseph Parish, Strongsville**. **\$95 Cana II/\$125 (with Active Parenting)**. For more info, call Carol Petro at 216-334-2975. For registration forms...Jane at 216-334-2978 or www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm.

Tickets Still Available

Tickets are still available for Visitation of Mary (Annunciation) 200 Club thru February 20th! First drawing is **Friday, February 21st** at Visitation rectory. For only \$52, you get two chances every month for 8 months (Feb thru Sept) to win \$100, plus in March and again in September, you also have a chance to win \$500! For info/tickets, call Jerry at 330-376-9227 or 330-535-4141 x12. It's a good deal!

Faith Service

For free copies of **RESPONSE 2014**, (a guide to faith-based service opportunities), call **1-800-543-5046**, email info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org, or visit www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org.

PREP®

PREP® (Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program) for Engaged and Married Couples. Fulfills the Pre-Cana requirement. Held **Sunday, February 16** from **8:30am – 4:30pm (Noon Mass)** at **Holy Spirit Parish, 410 Lear Road, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012**. Also held **Sunday, April 6** from **8:30am – 4:30pm** at **Sacred Heart Parish, 272 Broad Street, Wadsworth, Ohio 44281 (11:30 Mass)**. **\$95.00 per couple**. For more info, call 216-334-2978. Registration forms can be found at www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm/PREP.htm.

Celtic Celebration

The Women's Board of Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County invites you to join us at our **Annual Luncheon, Style Show, Silent Auction, and Raffle**. Held **Thursday, March 6** at **11:00am**, at **Guy's Party Centre, 500 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron**. **\$20 per person**. Make checks payable to Women's Board of CCCS/SC. **Pre-paid reservations should be sent by February 27** to **Mikey Stewart, 45 Bermont Ave., Munroe Falls, OH 44262**. Include your **name, address, and phone number**. Please indicate if you have a seating preference. Proceeds will benefit the programs of Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County.

Sacred Art of Living & Dying: Understanding Spiritual Pain(Unit 1)

This program is co-sponsored by the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma, and the Department for Marriage and Family Ministry, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland. **This workshop is the first of four study units** in which participants learn about the rich cultural history and clinically sound practices for detecting and alleviating spiritual and emotional distress at the end of life. Proven results for patients include reduced anxiety, an improved quality of living and more effective pain management. Caregivers learn valuable models for addressing death anxiety as the most critical issue for the dying person. **Held May 23 - 24 (All day event both days)** at the **Byzantine Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 1900 Carlton Road, Parma, Ohio 44134**. **Cost and registration is \$350**. Register at www.sacredartofliving.org or 514-383-4179. For more info, contact Jason Lewis at 216-334-2974 or at jrlewis@clevelandcatholiccharities.org.

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