



An Invitation to... Year of Consecrated Life *For the Weekend of November 15/16*



"Evangelical radicalness is not only for religious: it is demanded of all. But religious follow the Lord in a special way, in a prophetic way. It is this witness that I expect of you. Religious should be men and women who are able to wake the world up."

Pope Francis

Pope Francis has announced the Year of Consecrated Life to begin in November 2014 and we are all invited to participate. In making the announcement for the Year of Consecrated Life, it was explained the first objective would be to "make a grateful remembrance of the recent past," the second objective "to embrace the future with hope" and the third "living the present with passion." This passion, speaks of "being in love, of true friendship, of profound communion."

In the Diocese of Cleveland we will be celebrating along with the universal church with a variety of activities including an opening liturgy, to be celebrated with Bishop Richard Lennon at 7:00 pm in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland on November 21, 2014 and recognition of the opening of the Year of Consecrated Life in parishes at Mass the weekend of November 22nd and 23rd with the distribution of prayer cards for everyone.

We are all invited to participate in the Year of Consecrated Life as it will have an evangelical focus, helping us to realize "the beauty of following Christ" in the various types of religious vocations.

Throughout the year there will be opportunities for us to come together in prayer and participation with religious communities. The website, www.churchvocations.com will be used as the cornerstone of information and an opportunity for deeper communication for those who have an interest in religious life.

A video production will introduce the heart of consecrated life in the Diocese of Cleveland to facilitate encounters and build relationships with men and women religious and will be available in February 2015 when we will celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life.

Presentations at Mass in parishes by consecrated religious in April and May will help educate and update the faithful about their way of life in present times.

Pilgrimages to congregational homes and ministry centers for religious are being planned from June through September 2015. This will be an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our spiritual journeys and to provide an opportunity to connect with religious communities.

Let us join together in prayer and celebration as we prepare for the Year of Consecrated Life.

Northeast Ohio Theology on Tap

Held **November 20**, at **Winks (25800 Central Pkwy., Beachwood, OH 44122)** at **6pm (Social at 7pm)**. The speaker will be **Sean Robinson**, Diocese of Columbus. **Cost is \$5**. Northeast Ohio Theology on Tap is a discussion series for Catholic young adults and their friends, married and single, in their 20s and 30s. For more info, contact Mark Delsander (**216-334-1261 x25/mxdelsander@clevelandcatholiccharities.org**) or visit **www.ccdocle.org/program/diocesan-theology-on-tap**.

Cancer Spirituality Group

This group is for those on the cancer journey, those who are facing the diagnosis of cancer at the present time or who have faced the diagnosis in the past, and those who are interested in exploring and talking about the cancer experience in the context of spirituality. **All are welcome!** Held the **second and fourth Thursday of every month** at **St. Matthew Rectory, 2603 Benton St., Akron, OH**. Co-facilitated by cancer survivors Pat Flaherty and Linda Herold. For more info...Pat Flaherty (**330-628-5725** or **everhiker@sbcglobal.net**).

How Will You Respond?

Response 2015, the most comprehensive **guide of faith-based service opportunities**, is now available for free. There are volunteer opportunities for everyone. **Contact Catholic Volunteer Network at 1-800-543-5046** or **info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org** to receive your free copy/copies of Response 2015. Visit **www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org** for more info.

Hoban Happenings

Archbishop Hoban High School invites all **7th and 8th grade students** and their families to join us for an **Open House, Wednesday, November 19** from **6-8pm**. Tour the school, meet the faculty, staff, students, coaches and alumni and learn more about a Holy Cross education.

St. Mary Preschool

St. Mary Preschool is a ministry of St. Mary Parish in Hudson. **We are celebrating 25 years of teaching the "Fundamentals of Faith and Learning" to young children ages 3, 4 and 5**. We have morning and afternoon classes for three year old children on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For our older preschoolers we offer morning and afternoon classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays as well as an additional fourth day enrichment class on either Tuesday or Thursday. These classes offer a well-balanced preparation for kindergarten and a wonderful introduction to our Catholic faith. **Openings are available**. For more info, contact **Linda Sucheski (lsucheski@stmaryhudson.cc** or **330-653-8118 x237)**.

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

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A **"Caring and Sharing"** session for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held **Monday, November 24** from **7:30-9:00pm** at **Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls**. **Marlene Maruna**, a Licensed Independent Social Worker, will facilitate this session. Open at no charge to people of all faiths. **For more information, call Frank at 330-801-0527 or Sharon at 330-612-3635**.

St. Monica Christmas Craft Fair

Come **November 29, 2014**, (always the Saturday after Thanksgiving!) from **9:00am-3:00pm** at the **St. Monica Christmas Craft Fair**. Browse 100 tables of unique hand-crafted items, plus your favorite business vendors. Win at our 50/50 and Craft Raffles. Enjoy delicious food in our Cafe. **A limited number of tables are still available**. **Call Regina 216-661-6616**.

Coping with the Holiday

The holidays are special times that come filled with family traditions and memories. For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, they may be especially difficult. Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, along with Ciriello & Carr Funeral Homes, are happy to offer the **"Companions on a Journey: Coping with the Holidays - Thanksgiving" program, Tuesday, November 18** from **7:00-9:00pm** in the **McIntyre Room of the Parish Community Center**. All are welcome! **For additional information, please contact Deacon Will Yoho at wjyoho9@sbcglobal.net or 330-620-0992**.

CANDY CANE JUNCTION CRAFT SHOW

Don't miss the **6th Annual Candy Cane Junction Craft Show and Lunch** sponsored by **Visitation of Mary (Annunciation) Parish, Saturday, November 22** at the **school cafeteria (on parish grounds), 88 Kent St. in East Akron** from **9am to 3pm**. A perfect place to do some Christmas shopping! Start the day with coffee and donuts and then later enjoy a delicious lunch! Perhaps you will be the luck winner of this years beautiful ivory afghan, handmade by DeDe Gilbride, to be raffled off that day or a winner of one of the great gifts on the Chinese Auction. Don't miss the Bake Sale featuring delicious nut rolls and other "delectable delights". Gift donations for the Chinese Auction are still being gratefully accepted. **For more information, call the rectory at 330-535-4141 x12**.