

### Passion and Purpose

St. Francis de Sales Parish, Akron is hosting a **Regional Retreat for Women, March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation, from 9am-3pm.** The theme is "**Living with Passion and Purpose**". There will be inspiring talks, Adoration, confession, and fellowship. The cost is **\$15** (includes light breakfast and lunch). **Registration and more info can be found at [www.stfparish.com](http://www.stfparish.com), or email [therese@stfparish.com](mailto:therese@stfparish.com).** Bring a friend and come for a day to see what delights the Lord has in store for you.

### Young Catholic Professionals (YCP)

*The mission of Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) is to encourage young adults working in various professions to 'Work in Witness for Christ'. As a national organization, YCP membership consists of young adults in their 20s and 30s, single and married, who are highly motivated to achieve personal and professional success while seeking a greater understanding of their Catholic Faith. We also welcome professionals who may not be Catholic, but are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. YCP Cleveland invites young professionals to join us for our upcoming Executive Speaker Series featuring seasoned professionals sharing how they have embraced the Catholic Faith within their careers:*

**Tuesday, March 14 – 6:30-8:30pm**

**Featuring Rich Costello at Magnificat High School  
(20770 Hilliard Blvd, Rocky River, OH 44116)**

**Saturday, March 18 – 9am-12:30pm**

**St. Joseph the Worker Retreat at St. Clarence Parish  
(30106 Lorain Rd. North Olmsted, OH 44070)**

**Tuesday, April 11 – 6:30-8:30pm**

**Featuring Sandra Pianalto at St. Ignatius High  
School Breen Center (2008 W 30<sup>th</sup> St. Cleveland,  
OH 44113)**

For more information, please visit  
[www.ycpcleveland.org](http://www.ycpcleveland.org) or email  
[info@ycpcleveland.org](mailto:info@ycpcleveland.org).

### Demkee Family Scholarship Fund

*The Demkee Family Scholarship Fund of the Catholic Community Foundation provides an annual academic scholarship to a registered parishioner of a Catholic parish in Summit or Wayne County who is presently enrolled at The University of Akron or satellite branch. Scholarship applications available at [www.catholiccommunity.org/grants](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/grants) or by calling Colleen Rigo toll free at 800-869-6525 x4080. Students eligible to apply: are currently accepted to, or enrolled in, as part time or full time students at The University of Akron or any satellite branch of the University; can document a minimum scholastic achievement of 3.0 GPA; and are registered in a Catholic parish in Wayne or Summit County. Though financial need will be considered, it is not the sole factor in award selection. The 2017 scholarship award will be \$1,015. Applications are due by May 1 to The Catholic Community Foundation. Written notification to the awardee will be mailed by May 15.*

### Saturday Program

**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?** 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@ccdoacle.org](mailto:mjscott@ccdoacle.org) to set up an appointment to visit this program to see if it is the right fit for you!

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

## Engaged Encounter

**Catholic Engaged Encounter is a comprehensive weekend of marriage preparation held three times a year at the St. Leonard Retreat Center, 4076 Case Rd., Avon, OH 44011. For more info and to register, visit [www.clevelandencounter.com](http://www.clevelandencounter.com) or call Alex and Lily Fuentes at 216-849-3769. The dates for 2017 are March 17-19, May 19-21 and September 15-17, 2017.**

### Department for Marriage & Family Ministry

Visit [www.ForYourMarriage.org](http://www.ForYourMarriage.org) for the latest news, Catholic teaching and practical helps. Perfect for engaged couples, married couples, parents and young adults. Find and like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/clevelandmarriageandfamily](http://www.facebook.com/clevelandmarriageandfamily)

**K of C 3410 Lenten Fish Frys  
2055 Glenmount Ave., Akron, OH 44319  
330-773-3410  
4:30-7pm  
Every Friday during Lent  
March 17, 24, 31 & April 7 & 14**

### Chance to Win an iPad

Register as new subscriber for the Northeast Ohio Catholic e-newsletter between March 1 and March 31 and be entered into a drawing for a chance to win an iPad Air-2. Visit [www.dioceseofcleveland.org/enewsletter](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/enewsletter) to register. Winners must meet eligibility requirements. Rules and eligibility requirements are available at: [www.dioceseofcleveland.org/enewscontestrules](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/enewscontestrules).

## 2017 First Step Programs Marriage and Divorce in the Catholic Church

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Cleveland's First Step Program is offered to help everyone, especially those who have experienced divorce, learn more about Catholic teaching regarding marriage, divorce, and remarriage. Representatives from the Ministry to the Divorced Office of the Department for Marriage and Family Ministry will also be present to explain the resources they offer to the divorced.

Taking the "first step" is always the most difficult. The First Step Program helps individuals to navigate the path of healing and closure.

*The schedule for the general meetings in 2017 is:*

*Tuesday, March 21, at St. Peter Parish, Lorain, at 7pm.*

*Tuesday, May 16, at St. Mary Parish, Chardon, at 7pm.*

*Tuesday, Sept. 12, at St. Paul Parish, Akron, at 7pm.*

*Tues., Oct. 10, at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick, at 7pm.*

The Diocese of Cleveland no longer requires any fees for this process. For more information, please call the Tribunal at 216-696-6525/800-869-6525, x4000 or visit [www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal).