

Young Adult Retreat

Are you experiencing a lot of change in your life? Perhaps this retreat can help you in that journey by offering an opportunity to meet other young adults and reflect on your transitions as they connect with Jesus' journey to resurrection. The "What Next" retreat will be held at **Bethany Retreat Center in Chardon, OH**. It starts on **Saturday, March 25 at 8:30am** and concludes at **noon on Sunday, March 26**. Mass is included in the retreat. The cost is \$45 and includes meals and supplies. Scholarships are available. For additional information or to register, visit www.CharisMinistries.org or contact Sr. Kelley Rush, SND at krush@ndec.org or 440-241-3124.

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 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**.

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? 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** to set up an appointment to visit this program to see if it is the right fit for you!

Chaplain Services at the Prisons and Jails located in the Diocese of Cleveland

If you have a loved one incarcerated in one of the eight counties of the Diocese and would like to have a priest, deacon or one of our lay volunteer ministers visit with them, please call the **Parish Life Office at 800-869-6525 or 216-696-6525 x 3500**. The Diocesan Ministry to the Incarcerated has a presence in the three state prisons, the county jails and the juvenile facilities located within our diocese. We would be glad to have someone visit with them.

Office Administration Position

Right to Life of Northeast Ohio has a position in office administration available. We are looking for someone who is committed to the pro-life cause, has good organizational skills, people skills and some office experience. The candidate should be familiar with Microsoft Office and Quick Books. For more information, contact **Denise Leipold, Executive Director at 330-762-2785**. Resumes may be submitted by email to dleipold@rtlfofneo.com.

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 are available at www.catholiccommunity.org/grants or call 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. Note: though financial need will be considered, it is not the sole factor in award selection. The 2017 scholarship award will be \$1,015. Applications due by May 1 to The Catholic Community Foundation. Written notification to the awardee will be mailed by May 15.

February Fantasy Dinner and Auction

Our Lady of the Elms (1375 W. Market St. in Akron) will be holding its annual **February Fantasy dinner and auction, Saturday, February 25**. The event begins a **6pm at the high school**. For more info or to buy tickets, go to www.theelms.org/february-fantasy.

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille is a three-month program to help couples struggling in their marriages. It has three phases, starting with a weekend experience in which couples learn to re-establish communication and to gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple. Post sessions are held over a period of 12 weeks to further develop and enhance the techniques learned on the weekend. A support group is available offering interaction with other couples who are striving to improve their relationship. **The 2017 weekends are scheduled for April 21-23 and September 8-10, 2017 at the Fairfield Inn & Suites in Beachwood.** For additional information, please visit www.helpourmarriage.com or contact **Marce & Liz Gliha at 3031@retrouvaille.org**.

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

Spring Celebration

The Women's Board of Catholic Charities of Summit County invites you to their Annual Luncheon, Style Show, Silent Auction & Raffle, Thursday, March 2 at 11am at Guy's Party Centre (500 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron). \$20 per person. Make checks payable to Women's Board of CCCS/SC. Send pre-paid reservations by Feb. 17 to Mikey Stewart, 45 Bermont Ave, Munroe Falls OH 44262. Include your name, address, and phone number. Also indicate if you have a seating preference. For more info, visit www.ccdocle.org/summit-county/womens-board/luncheon. Proceeds will benefit the programs of Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County.

Visitation of Mary Parish

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!**

PREP Marriage Skills Workshop

PREP fulfills the Pre-Cana requirement for engaged couples and offers enrichment to married couples. Held Sunday, March 12, 2017 from 8:30am to 4:30pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church (410 Lear Rd., Avon Lake, 44012). Mass at noon. Please register by March 3. \$125 per couple. Also held Saturday, April 29 from 9am to 6:30pm at Holy Martyrs (3100 Old Weymouth Rd., Medina, OH 44256). Mass at 5:30pm. Please register by April 21. Also \$125 per couple. For more information about PREP, call 216-334-2978 or visit www.ccdocle.org/program/prep.

Catholic Radio

AM 1060 and 94.5 FM (Canton vicinity) Catholic Radio - the Living Bread Radio Network on-air pledge drive on Mar 14, 15, and 16 will bring you special programming and an opportunity to pledge your support to keep Catholic radio on the air, on the web, and on your phone as we increase our programming. Have you heard the Catholic Challenge Quiz Show at noon on Saturdays and Sundays? **Call in your pledge to 888-966-2093 or donate on-line at www.livingbreadradio.com.**

2017 First Step Programs Continuing Education Regarding Marriage and Divorce in the Catholic Church

Attempting to pick up the pieces of one's life after the tragedy of divorce is an area that can impact a person's relationship with God and the Church. One of the significant issues that a person faces is their place in the Church. Does the Church still care about me even though I am divorced? Am I allowed to go to Mass? Can I receive communion? How can the Church help me heal? If I decide to marry again, what do I have to do?

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Cleveland offers it's First Step Program to help individuals deal with these questions in order to renew and/or strengthen their relationship with God and the Church. This 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.

Everyone is welcome to:

- Deepen knowledge of the Church's teaching on marriage...*
- Learn about the Church's ministry to the divorced/separated in the Diocese...*
- Hear about the annulment process and how to submit a case...*
- Discover a path to healing after divorce in order to strengthen and/or renew a relationship with God and the Church.*

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. Please visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal for testimonials about the program from past participants.

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.

Note that the Diocese of Cleveland no longer requires any fees for this process. For more info, call the Tribunal at 216-696-6525/800-869-6525, x4000 or visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal.

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