

## January 2017 CAVA UPDATE

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We have a LOT of things happening – please read this update all the way through!

### **THANK YOU**

Many thanks to all CAVA folks who came to the December 13 Advent Reflection/Christmas Celebration and especially for those who helped in many different ways. We had the opportunity to gather, ponder, pray, have a festive meal and enjoy some fun and games together. May the joy we experienced together become part of what we are called to share with the world!

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### **Archdiocesan Celebration of Consecrated Life – Jan 29, 2017 – INVITE & REGISTRATION LINK**

*CAVA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE!*

On December 15, the Office for Religious December Update was sent to the various local communities of consecrated men and women in Chicago. This included the invitation to the consecrated Life Day on January 29. In case you did not receive the update from your local contact, I am including the invitation with this CAVA Update as an attachment. Also, below is the **online registration:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeXuTqxjQPWsQwsnKAriNtF4m28T3bO4-4ERgq4vWmbKoPbPA/viewform?c=0&w=1>

The theme of the day is “Promoting A Culture of Vocations: Deepening Our theology of Vocation Applied to Our Current Reality” with Fr. Steve Bevans, SVD as presenter with Pablo Padilla and Sr. Belinda Monahan as responders.

Given this theme, I encourage you as Vocation Ministers to participate in this gathering. I also ask that you encourage your new members and those in formation AND perhaps even your Communicators to attend.

We will have opportunities for group process after the presentation as well as a chance to promote events. There will be two or more long tables set up for materials (CAVA events and other collaborative initiatives).

## HELP NEEDED on January 29

If you are interested in helping, please email [cava@archchicago.org](mailto:cava@archchicago.org) to let Sr. Lovina know. I am currently making a list of those in formation and new members so you will be working with them. Here are ways you can help:

1. Set up – we need to place signs in different locations (parking spot for the Cardinal, arrows showing where the Restrooms are, Registration, etc.)
2. Take Down/Clean Up – Collect all signs from the different locations and collect left over materials from the tables, collect leftover food and store in containers or plastic storage bags and clean up the food tables.
3. Help set up and/or replenish coffee/tea/water service and food.

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## **CAVA Education Day on Monday, April 3, 2017 (Save the Date!)**

*Vocation Ministry: Tricks of the Trade*

Full Day: 9:30-2:30. Mass is on your own. Includes light breakfast and lunch.  
**Free to CAVA members.** Further details on offerings forthcoming!

Location:

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, 310 N River Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60016

9:30-10:00 Welcome and Prayer

10:00-12:00 Workshop

12:00-1:00 Lunch and conversations

1:00-2:15 Workshop

2:15-2:30 Closing Prayer

To register for the April 3 Education Day, RSVP to Sr. Michele Fisher by March 24 at [sorellamichele@aol.com](mailto:sorellamichele@aol.com).

**To help prioritize the workshops, please take the survey below ASAP:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1t4holsuMSJVTsPU7qAUCQGIVUzhhiNQSAbuuSFgDuM/edit?c=0&w=1>

*Note: Especial thanks to the subcommittee: Sisters Connie Bach, Michele fisher and Theresa Sullivan for putting this together, and to Sr. Rose Therese Mann for helping with the initial drafts of the online survey.*

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## **Welcome New Members**

Thanks to our “Widening our Tents” initiative in encouraging group memberships, CAVA gained a number of members who are new to CAVA this year. Please take the time to welcome them whenever there’s an opportunity for encounter.

Sr. Judith Benkert ADS      Adrian Dominican Sisters

Sr. Maria de Jesus Bringas CCVI Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word

Sr. Mary Kay Brooks SSND School Sisters of Notre Dame

Sr. Adriana Calzada CCVI Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word

Ms. Jenny Drelich The Labouré Society

Sr. Sara Fairbanks, OP ADS Adrian Dominican Sisters

Fr. Paul Gallagher OFM Franciscan Friars (OFM) Sacred Heart Province

Fr. Christopher Gibson CP Passionist Community

Sr. Nancy Gilchriest SSND School Sisters of Notre Dame

Ms. Kate Macan Maryknoll (Mission Education)

Mr. Byron Macias CMF Claretian Missionaries

Sr. Lucille Madura CSFN Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth

Sr. Rose Therese Mann O.S.F. The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis

Sr. Maricela Martinez CCVI Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word

Fr. Jesus Mata SVD Divine Word Missionaries

Br. Patrick McCabe C.F.A Alexian Brothers, Immaculate Conception Province

Sr. Rose Ann McDonald CCVI Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word

Sr. Brenda McHugh DSMP Daughters of St. Mary of Providence

Sr. Mary Ann Nelson OP Sinsinawa Dominicans

Sr. Mary Ellen O'Grady OP Sinsinawa Dominicans

Sr. MaryLou A Rajdl MM Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic

Br. Thom Smith OFM Franciscan Friars (OFM) Sacred Heart Province

Sr. John Elise Tan psdp Little Sisters of the Poor

Sr. Rebecca Tayag SSND School Sisters of Notre Dame

Br. Duylinh Tran SVD Divine Word Missionaries

Sr. Aprilia Untarto SSpS Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters

Sr. Bridget Waldorf SSND School Sister of Notre Dame

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## **Resources**

CAVA List of Useful Contacts – The Communications Committee is currently working on a list of collaborators and other useful contacts for CAVA.

Vocation Voices – Featured on our website this month is Br. Jim McDonald (visit <http://www.vocationscava.org/vocation-voices/> or see vocationscava.org homepage bottom section.

Handbook and Alphabet Soup - the updated CAVA Handbook that includes the Alphabet Soup list of Organizations on page 22 now available: <http://www.vocationscava.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/CAVA-Handbook-2017-01-01.pdf>

### **NRVC WDCL Resource Page:**

<https://nrvc.net/274/article/world-day-for-consecrated-life-10041>

### **NRVC Convocation DVD and Audio Resources**

Digital audio from the 2016 NRVC Convocation have been purchased and are accessible at: [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5ud79hy342tmuqj/AACsTAz9HbzLj0\\_n4U-GqO\\_La?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5ud79hy342tmuqj/AACsTAz9HbzLj0_n4U-GqO_La?dl=0)

## **Ongoing Requests and Opportunities**

### **Help Us Help Them (Response Requested by Feb. 1)**

The CAVA VAPS Committee is compiling a list of good resources to help middle school kids and teens learn more about religious vocations. As we go to parishes, schools and events, we would like to leave those we encounter with a way to investigate and learn more. The idea is to keep the conversation going and allow them to explore the desire that God is placing within them to pursue their vocation. If you know of any good websites, blogs, resources, books, pamphlets, etc. on discernment or general information on religious orders or about being a sister, brother or priest, *please email Fr. Mike Scherschel at [fr.mike@cometojoseph.org](mailto:fr.mike@cometojoseph.org) by February 1.* We'd like to put together an on-line landing page with resources that can help.

Calling for Book Recommendations, Articles and “Ministry in Action” photos  
Please send in book titles (*with full information and if possible your review or description and relevance to vocation ministry*), articles, resources and photos for our CAVA Resource Bank to be used for our Newsletters and Website features.

Do you have best practices tips? Can you give a brief report about a CAVA event? Prayers? What about website links to useful resources including those in Spanish or Polish?  
Email to [vocationscava@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscava@gmail.com)

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### **Do you have a Vocation Event? Use “Submit an Event” Online Form!**

If you have a discernment opportunity to advertise on our website and Facebook page, please fill out the online form.

1. Go to our CAVA website MEMBER PAGE (save this URL on your FAVORITES file)

<http://www.vocationscava.org/memberslogin/>

2. What's that password again? avemarie

3. Scroll down to look for the "Submit an Event" button and fill out the online form. You can even attach a photo, pdf or other files.

OR save this URL in your FAVORITES folder:

<http://www.vocationscava.org/submit-an-event-form/>

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### **Hands-ON+Hearts-IN – for Women’s Communities**

*Discernment through outreach service for single women*

The 2017 dates and sign up information can be found on the Hands-ON+Hearts-IN page on the CAVA website: <http://www.vocationscava.org/hands-on-hearts/> *Please help spread the word by posting the promo ad to your websites and Facebook pages.*

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### **Chicago’s Got Sisters – for Women’s communities**

March 31-April 1, 2017 is the next Chicago’s Got Sisters weekend. [Click here](#) to download flyers and brochures to spread the word. Interested in being a part of CGS? Host the group for a meal, be on the panel, be a driver.... Complete the CGS community registration form that can be found below. For questions contact [sistertheresa.sullivan@doc.org](mailto:sistertheresa.sullivan@doc.org). [Spring 2017 Chicago’s Got Sisters Community Participation Form](#)

*ALL CAVA members - please help spread the word by posting the promo ad to your websites and Facebook pages.*

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### **CALENDAR**

(Visit our member page to get more details [www.vocationscava.org/memberslogin](http://www.vocationscava.org/memberslogin))

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| Jan 10, 2017           | Communications committee meeting 9:30 am Conference Call   |
| Jan 20, 2017           | Item Submission Due Date for February Update   |
| Jan 29, 2017           | Consecrated Life Day with Cardinal Cupich  |
| Feb 1, 2017            | Submission Due Date for February CAVA Newsletter   |
| Feb 5, 2017            | WDCL <a href="https://nrvc.net/274/article/world-day-for-consecrated-life-10041">https://nrvc.net/274/article/world-day-for-consecrated-life-10041</a>   |
| Feb 5 – 11             | Hands-ON+Hearts-IN, Holly Springs Mississippi<br><a href="http://www.vocationscava.org/hands-on-hearts/">http://www.vocationscava.org/hands-on-hearts/</a>   |
| March 2-5              | Here I Am Lord (HIAL) at St. Patrick Parish in St. Charles, IL   |
| March 25               | <b>Save the Date:</b> Archdiocesan Vocation Workshop with speaker Rhonda Gruenewald from Vianney Vocations at St. John de Brebeauf Parish.   |
| <b>April 6-7, 2017</b> | <b>Save the Date:</b> Conference on priesthood in Religious Life offered by the Center for the Study of Consecrated Life at Catholic Theological Union. For more info visit: <a href="http://www.ctuconsecratedlife.org/events/">http://www.ctuconsecratedlife.org/events/</a> |

The CAVA Annual Calendar that shows dates for the entire CAVA organization is on the website: <http://www.vocationscava.org/memberslogin/cava-members-calendar/>

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*Please let Sr. Lovina know of any changes in your department or staff or CAVA membership: Email [cava@archchicago.org](mailto:cava@archchicago.org).*

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*Do you know of other events relevant to CAVA ministry? Please send Sr. Lovina any pertinent information and date(s) at [cava@archchicago.org](mailto:cava@archchicago.org) – thank you!*

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**Please “LIKE” our CAVA Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/VocationsCAVA/> and please develop the habit of liking and better still, **sharing** CAVA posts to your own profile page!

**Submit Your Vocation Discernment Event or Visit Opportunity**  
If you have an event you wish to advertise, please [click here](#).

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Your feedback is important. Please feel free to email [cava@archchicago.org](mailto:cava@archchicago.org) if you have any suggestions, ideas or ways you can help to improve how things are communicated to CAVA members!

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