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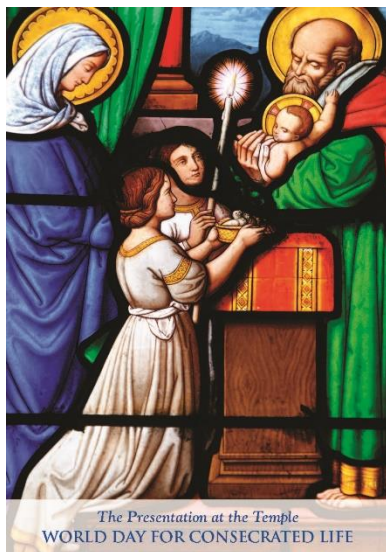
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Happy New Year to all! Check out our Fall 2017 happenings along with upcoming 2018 events.



World Day for Consecrated Life

February 2, 2018 (celebrated in parishes on February 3-4).

Please pray as Consecrated men and women of the Archdiocese of Chicago gather at Queen of All Saints Basilica (6280 N Sauganash Ave, Chicago, IL 60646) on Saturday, February 3, 2018. Cardinal Cupich will preside at the 5 p.m. Mass. For more info on WDCL, please click on the following inks:
<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/consecrated-life/world-day-for-consecrated-life.cfm> OR
<https://nrvc.net/publication/4171/article/10041>

Vocation Fair at St. Bride Church

St. Bride Church in Vicariate VI may be small and they had only one Mass on Sunday but the Parish Vocation Fair on November 5, 2017 was well worth the trip! We thank the organizer of the fair, Van Bensett, who happens to be the Director of Life Directions (he works on Focus Life Retreats with Fr. Tat Hoang, CSSR, author of "Hearing God's Call: 30 Days of Vocation Discernment." (Fr. Tat was a classmate of Sr. Lovina in Intercongregational Novitiate a "hundred years ago"). Fr. Adam MacDonald did us proud with his homily on "preaching what you already do" while the pastor thanked a Holy Family of Nazareth Sister who encouraged him to try priesthood as a young man. He also mentioned Fr. Chris Gibson's story of growing up (over)





(St. Bride's c'td from pg. 1) ... in Argentina and having "Fr. Bergoglio" as his Literature teacher! Several altar servers were recognized and CAVA members were able to share pumpkin soup and chili with them as well as with the pastor and parishioners. We hope to continue collaborating with St. Bride's in nurturing vocations in Vicariate VI. Overall, it was a good opportunity to give hope and to bless the Church at St. Bride's with CAVA's presence and to be blessed in turn by the people's warm welcome!

National Catholic Youth Conference

by Sr. Connie Bach, PHJC

Last November the National Catholic Youth Conference took place in Indianapolis. During these days, over 23,000 youth from all over the country gathered along with their chaperones, vocation ministers, bishop, religious, clergy and a host of other youth and young adult ministers to share and celebrate faith, pray together, attend a host of over 70 workshops with compelling keynote speakers and panelists, and worship together.

This was a powerful gathering for all in attendance. I was amazed at the sheer number of excited young people learning about the Catholic faith, praying together in ritual, song, and traditional gatherings through the live Rosary, adoration, reconciliation and liturgy. I am still processing all that I witnessed, heard and shared. It was incredible to see the reverence, faithfulness and solemnity alongside the joy-filled, crazed music and dancing – all in praise of our loving God who marks us and calls us Beloved. I was grateful to be with other vocation directors in the *Inspiration Nook*, networking and sharing with young people this same love God has for us. I was stimulated by speakers, inspired by the generosity and service in the Thematic Village, grateful to



witness young people leading our prayers in song, dance, praise and petition. I was awed by the creativity and varied expressions of the many artists and musicians, and caught up in the simple ways that young people support, affirm and challenge one another in their faith.

Let us hold firm and share faith with our young people, the future church, as we look forward to NCYC 2019!



Chicago's Got Sisters

The next Chicago's Got Sisters hosted by CAVA is March 9 to 10, 2018. We ask for your help in promoting this event and invite single Catholic women age 18 to 40 to sign up. Follow the link for more information and promotional materials. [CGS Brochure/flyer Church Bulletin Announcement](#)

CHICAGO'S GOT sisters

MARCH 9-10 CHICAGO, IL

register: <http://called2.be/CGSMar18>

Bl. Solanus Casey - Listening, Consoling, Teaching and Accompanying

by Br. Steven Kropp, OFM Cap, Provincial Vicar, Capuchin Province of Saint Joseph

In a letter to the Capuchin Brothers throughout the world, our General Minister, Br.



Mauro, wrote this reflection on Blessed Solanus: "The people began to understand that Br. Solanus was not a functionary or bureaucrat, but someone who welcomed them and listened to them, bringing everyone's difficulties and sufferings to his prayer to the Lord. The fruits of this were not lacking; Br. Solanus found himself busy all day listening, consoling, teaching, and accompanying many people."



On Saturday, November 18, 2017, more than 350 Capuchin Brothers gathered in Ford Field to witness the fruits of his labor, as 71,000 people came together to celebrate this humble man's holy life and example. An example that we are called to live today, as Capuchin's and people of faith from every walk of life. Doing what Solanus



did, simple things that have great and lasting impact in lives: listening, consoling, teaching and accompanying. In these simple acts God worked marvelous deeds through



Blessed Solanus, and will keep pouring out his love throughout hands and hearts today! Blessed Solanus, pray for us!

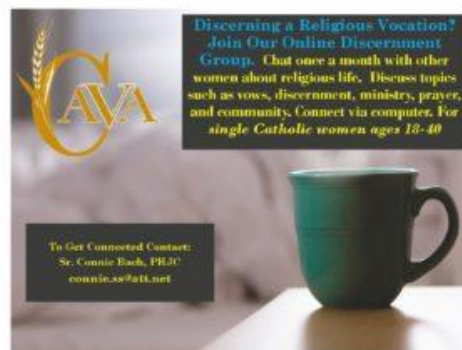
Online Discernment Groups for Young Adults

CAVA now has online discernment chat groups for both women and for men. These discernment groups are designed for those interested in exploring vocation in consecrated life. Discussion topics include discernment how tos, the vows, ministry, prayer, and community life. Connect via Zoom conferencing. For single catholic men or women age 18 – 40.

Women: Contact Sr. Connie Bach, PHJC connie.ss@att.net

Men: Contact Fr. Harold Fisher, OMI at hfisher@snows.org

Follow this link for details: <http://www.vocationscava.org/online-discernment-group/>



Hands-ON+Hearts-IN

Please spread the word about this outreach discernment service program to interested single Catholic women age 18 to 40. Dates for 2018 are: May 7-11, 2018, May 21-25, 2018, August 20-24, 2018 and September 10-14, 2018.

This program involves a mission trip to Mississippi with religious women companions initiated by the Sisters of the Living Word in collaboration with the Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA) and Sacred Heart Southern Missions. Contact: Sr. Sharon Glumb, SLW sglumb@slw.org; 847-5775972 ext.

233 (work); 601-291-6738 (cell). For details, go to: <http://www.vocationscava.org/hands-on-hearts/>



National Catholic Sisters Week is March 8-14, 2018

Save the date for a prayer service that will be held at the Catholic Theological Union on March 13 to celebrate National Catholic Sisters Week. [Click here for details](#): RSVP on Facebook go to: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1806533756310330/>

Plan your own NCSW event. Follow this link for more information: <http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org/get-involved.php>

NCSW in a box (pre-packaged kits for those with little time to spare):

<https://www.sisterstory.org/story/community-education/ncsw-box>

Order NCSW T-shirts: NEW this year!

Two different designs are available: [Design 1](#) [Design 2](#)

If you have an NCSW awareness event or activity, please let Sr. Lovina know at Lpammit@archchicago.org or submit your event at <http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org/create-event.php>

Chicago Faith Congress

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Loyola University Chicago
1032 West Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60660

Reignite the Journey: The Chicago Faith Congress will bring together leaders in religious education, evangelization, marriage and family ministry, youth and young adult ministry, and sacramental preparation from across the Archdiocese of Chicago for an inspiring gathering that will celebrate their extraordinary roles within the Catholic community. For more information, follow this link: <https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/chicago-faith-congress>.



Visit us there! There will be exhibit booths for both CAVA and the National Catholic Sisters Project. Spread the word!

Gary's Got Sisters

April 27-28, 2018

Contact Sr. Connie Bach, PHJC at cbach@poorhandmaids.org

NRVC Midwest Member Area Retreat

April 24-25, 2018

Midwest Member Area of the National Religious Vocations Conference (NRVC) welcomes all vocation directors, vocation team members, formation personnel and leadership members to a retreat entitled *Rest Stops for the Soul* by Fr. Joseph Nasal, C.P.P.S. on April 24-25 at Lindenwood Conference Center in Donaldson, IN. For more information, contact Sr. Connie Bach at cbach@poorhandmaids.org or Sr. Maria Brizuela at Maria.Brizuelasr@presencehealth.org.

Young Adult Event - Night Fever: 9:00 p.m. to midnight – Feb. 24, 2018 is next!

Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N State St.

Mark your calendars for Night Fever: Chicago 2018, and join us at Holy Name Cathedral as we conquer the night! <https://nightfeverchicago.org/about-nightfever/upcoming-events/> .

For more information, go to: <https://nightfeverchicago.org/2013/11/23/welcome/>

Saturday, February 24, 2018
with Cardinal Blase J. Cupich

Saturday, April 21, 2018 with Fr. Tim Monahan

Saturday, August 25, 2018

Saturday, October 6, 2018

Saturday, December 15, 2018

Vocation Voices

Featured on our website this month is Sr. Kathleen McClelland, RSM. You can find the link at the bottom of our website home page or go directly to:

<http://www.vocationscava.org/vocation-voices/> or see *vocationscava.org* homepage bottom section).



Congratulations, Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA

We are proud to announce that former CAVA member, Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA, is heading to Rome to work with Pope Francis. He has been promoted to the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization. For more details, follow this link:

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/daily-southtown/news/ct-sta-pontifical-council-st-0101->



Spring 2018

CTU Lecture Series

GLOBAL MIGRATION: WHAT'S HAPPENING, AND WHY? A JUST RESPONSE

Click on the link for details and to register: http://ctu.edu/lecturespring_2018/

Intercultural Competencies Conference

April 15-18, 2018

National experts in human formation and intercultural competency will offer new strategies for evaluating, forming and acculturating international candidates, clergy and religious for ministry in the United States.



INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCIES

for human formation

April 15-18, 2018 | St. Meinrad, IN

A conference for religious and diocesan leadership, vicars for clergy and formation and vocation personnel. Cosponsored by Saint Luke Institute and Saint Meinrad Archabbey, Seminary and School of Theology. The \$595 registration fee includes conference materials, meals and a single room on campus or at a nearby hotel. Double occupancy is \$505 per person. The rate for participants who arrange their own off-site housing is \$400 per person. For more information go to: <https://www.sliconnect.org/conferences/human-formation-2018/>

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