

Don't miss out - come to our September 2, 2015 gathering!
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CAVA Membership Renewal Now Open!

2015-2016 Ministry Year

ATTN: Several people reported that the links to the Registration page were not working. Below please find the corrected links. Sorry about that!

CORRECT LINKS:

new:

www.archchicago.org/DPS/OfficeReligious/cava/registration.aspx

renew:

www.archchicago.org/DPS/OfficeReligious/cava/renewal.aspx

Dear CAVA Members:

Happy summer to you! I hope you have had opportunities to take some time off or go on retreat (or have plans to do so in the next few weeks).

It's hard to believe it has almost been a year since I started serving as Coordinator for CAVA! It has been quite an experience. Transitions and changes continue to happen, but as we support each other in ministry and with God's grace, together we can pull through anything. We are all united in one mission as Christ's disciples.

Good news about the registration process:

The request to reduce keystrokes in filling out the same form year after year has finally been fulfilled this year! Those renewing will now be redirected to a **Renewal Form**. You type in your email address (from last year's) and the information fields will show last year's information. One of our programmers at Quigley center worked very hard on designing the new Membership Renewal Registration Form within the limits of the Archdiocesan system - many thanks to Peter Baumhart!

The membership fees remain the same as last year's but we are also asking communities to voluntarily increase your monetary donation towards CAVA's operating costs.

Notice there is a new line on the form called "**Friends of CAVA.**" This is one of the ideas coming from the visioning process that last year's CAVA Advisory Board started in February, discussed

Welcome to our new Advisory Board members!



Sister Connie Bach, PHJC joined CAVA last year after learning about CAVA while attending the NRVC Convocation. She quickly got actively involved and now serves as Board member for CAVA and Co-Chair with Sr. Maria Brizuela for NRVC Region 7!



Rev. Harold Fisher, OMI has been a CAVA member for a few years participating in committee work when he's in town and has recently become more active in Chicago. Fr. Harold looks forward to serving CAVA in a different capacity this year!



further at our May 5 gathering, and which will continue to unfold during our Strategic Planning that will set the direction for CAVA in the next three years.

Each member is encouraged to spread the word to potential collaborators inviting them to become a "Friend of CAVA" - those who wish to advertise their events on our website or Facebook page, collaborate on events, and/or support our work through in kind or monetary donation. Please email cava@archchicago.org if you meet someone or encounter an organization who are interested in collaborating with us for further discussion.

This year, we are asking that CAVA members sign up to help plan four of our CAVA gatherings. Please be generous with your time. This reduces the workload for our Board members who are already serving in many areas.

Don't forget to fill in the online survey for members if you still have not completed it:

Click below to be directed to the survey.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19TnUZxU0nFFWbRiFn2VvqViEXBBuTa1Yz1O_uRdvdyU/viewform

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Here's the link to the Registration Form that you can copy to your browser in case the link above does not automatically link you to the webpage:

<http://www.archchicago.org/DPS/OfficeReligious/cava/registration.aspx>

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[Our First Gathering is September 2, 2015 - Click to Register](#)

Sign up to help plan our September 2 gathering - check the box on the CAVA registration form or email cava@archchicago.org. You are encouraged to bring guests from your community, those in formation or leadership, and potential Friends of CAVA.

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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS/ALERTS

CAVA Website

Visit our website to check out new features:

Rev. Mike Scherschel, S.T.B. currently serves as Assistant Vocation Director to Fr. Francis Bitterman in the Vocation Office. Fr. Mike is also the Director of Recruitment and Admissions at St. Joseph College. He has been an active member of the Vocation Awareness for Parish and Schools (VAPS) Committee.

CALENDAR DATES

July 22, 2015
CAVA Advisory Board
2015-2016 First Meeting

August 20, 2015
Committee Chair and
Board Liaison Meeting (a.m.)
and CAVA Board Meeting (p.m.)

September 2, 2015
CAVA Year 2015-2016
First Gathering

September 10, 2015:
CAVA Advisory Board
Strategic Planning Meeting

September 24 - 25, 2015
Catholics On Call
Partner Conference

October 24, 2015
Save the Date
Young Adult Festival/
Festival Juvenil (Location TDB)

Nov 1 - 7, 2015
National Vocation

<http://www.vocationscava.org>

And check out our Member Page:

<http://www.vocationscava.org/membersonly/> for events and other important features. Password: avemarie

We are still accepting **Vocation Discernment Opportunities**, both ongoing and upcoming events to post on our website and Facebook page. Please take some time to design an ongoing discernment program for your congregation. Email cava@archchicago.org if you need a sample.

Templates

We are working on updating templates/forms to help members "work smarter, not harder" (Sr. Marie Mason's favorite phrase at present).

Committee Dates (See sidebar)

Please continue checking our Member Page for updates

Email cava@archchicago.org if you have any questions or call [312-534-5240](tel:312-534-5240).

NOTE: If for some reason the contact name for CAVA comes up as "Sr Elyse Ramirez" on your email or phone, check your own contact list first and update as needed. BUT if you notice any of our forms/materials/online items showing old information, please let me know so we can get it updated.

Peace and Blessings,

Sr. Lovina Francis Pammit, OSF, Coordinator
on behalf of the 2015-2016 CAVA Advisory Board:

Sr. Connie Bach, PHJC
Sr. Mary Beth Bromer, CSSF
Fr. Harold Fisher, OMI
Sr. Michele Fisher, CSFN
Sr. Marie Mason, sscm
Br. James McDonald, CFC
Ms. Birgit Oberhofer
Fr. Mike Scherschel
Sr. Kathleen Ann Skrocki, CR
Sr. Theresa Sullivan, DC

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Awareness Week (NVAW)

http://www.serraus.org/serrausa/serra_nccv.htm

Nov 13 & 14, 2015

**Chicago Catechetical Conference
@ Drury Lane**

Nov. 19-21, 2015

NCYC Indianapolis

<http://ncyc.nfcym.org/>

December 15

SAVE THE DATE!

**CAVA Advent Retreat/
Christmas Celebration**

September 9, 2015

CM/YA (Campus Ministry/Young Adult)

Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Meyer Center

3525 S. Lake Park Ave, Chicago

September 14, 2015

VAPS

**(Vocation Awareness
in Parishes and Schools)**

Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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