

Dear CAVA Members:

These are the updates for December. It will also be available on our [Members Only webpage](#). Since there are six attachments, please make sure you scroll down in the "attachments" area if you do not see all the attachments right away.

1. In-kind service hours and donation - Instructions - **PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR TOTALS NOW for the quarter.**

a) Open attached Excel File form and use this document to keep track of your CAVA service hours and in-kind donations. NOTE: This Excel File is used only to Track your activities/contribution. The totals you get from this form will need to be submitted online using the Online Submission Form (see step c below).

b) To use the gas mileage column, simply input how many miles you traveled for a meeting or event. The equivalent dollar amount will automatically be calculated. If using a printed format, total your miles traveled and multiply it by \$0.56 (conversion rate according to the Archdiocese of Chicago).

Total in-kind donation is the total amount of the \$ equivalent of food, meeting space, supplies, and gas you have donated through your CAVA ministry. It is up to you to decide which part to consider as CAVA donation or as part of your ministry as vocation minister for your congregation.

c) To submit your totals for the quarter, go to this link (Online Submission Form) <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JcNslcm11CYUnbO8heNb21JcXA2cSGkmvU846pvzEm8/vi/ewform>

and enter the total service hours and total in-kind donations.

Any questions, please contact Sr. Lovina cava@archchicago.org or [312-534-5240](tel:312-534-5240).

2. Advent Reflection/Christmas Celebration December 15 – with Jubilee of Mercy Presentation (Flyer attached)

Registration Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15lw6ZxoQL0Q92zpDRObl6qKFXwo2JnUt2F5p9DKSYZg/vi/ewform>

Thank you to all who responded to the survey asking for your preferences and suggestions. Your responses helped us plan the gathering according to the results of the survey including the time, what to include, who to invite, and which charity group to help this year.

Optional: Bring ethnic treats to share or good ol' American Christmas treats!

Please bring cash or check (payable to CAVA) for the charity donation that will be collected during Mass.

3. Updated CAVA Member Directory attached and will be made available online under Member Page.

Please note that the directory information is NOT for public distribution. Also, please do not create your own email distribution list. If you need to send a message to the membership, please email cava@archchicago.org along with the message and any attachments and this

will be included either in the next CAVA Update or the next CAVA announcement. If urgent, it will be sent as soon as possible.

4. Jubilee of Mercy begins – letter from Archbishop
5. Conference Call number – please copy this on your phone “Notes” app
Dial-In-Number: [712-775-7031](tel:712-775-7031)
Meeting ID: 964-279-708
6. January 24 is Celebration of Consecrated Life Day and closing of celebration of Year of Consecrated Life in Chicago – Formal invitation and registration will be sent out by Office for Religious soon.
7. WYD (World Youth Day) July 30-31 – see attached
The Young Adult Ministry team is looking for more people who can help with committee work. The registration for the event Exhibit Booths will be sent out in January 2016.
CLARIFICATION about World Youth Day - The term "Youth" is a misnomer in the U.S. Everywhere else in the world, "youth" means young adults so the WYD Chicago event is for young adults 18 to 39 or 20s through 30s who are not going to Krakow, Poland.
8. Updates on Visioning/CAVA Goals
The CAVA Board with the help of Committee Chairs continue to synthesize all information, ideas, survey responses and lived experience of CAVA members to develop measurable goals and recommended actions (some of which have already been implemented). All of your input are integral in the continued improvement of CAVA operations.

An updated version of the CAVA Handbook will be made available soon.

9. Don't forget to like our Facebook Page and to like the posts daily!!!
<https://www.facebook.com/VocationsCAVA/>
10. Announcement
Ms. Birgit Oberhofer, Coordinator of Catholics on Call and CAVA Board member for several years is moving from Chicago. Birgit has undoubtedly served with passion and generosity and has been a major player in CAVA operations. We will miss her but we also wish her well.
11. Prayer Request
Sr Mary Beth Bromer has been very ill with respiratory problems. Please include her in your prayers as she needs to be well enough to undergo a medical procedure that has already been canceled and had to be rescheduled for December 8.
12. CAVA Women's Communities - Request for participation in planning Chicago area NCSW
Mary Soher is looking for possible participants as "ambassadors" serving as leaders to orchestrate events for the National Catholic Sisters Week. If you are interested, please read the attached PDF copy of her message. Please contact her directly.
13. Consecrated Life Book <http://consecratedlife.world/>
Sr. Joan McGlinchey showed me a small book created in Europe showing photos and reflections/short stories of Consecrated women and men. Perhaps this idea will inspire us to have something for the website. Please check it out online.

Peace and blessings,

Sr. Lovina

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Year of Consecrated Life (YCL)