



CHICAGO ARCHDIOCESAN VOCATION ASSOCIATION April 2017 CAVA MONTHLY UPDATE

Noticed the new logo for the Archdiocese of Chicago? Beginning 2017, the Archdiocese of Chicago launched a new design for all Archdiocesan communications including its website – check it out: <https://www.archchicago.org/>

CAVA Updates are available from the Members page – click on CAVA Updates/Newsletters or go directly to: <http://www.vocationscava.org/memberslogin/cava-newslettersupdates/> - you will need your password!

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 23 CAVA End of Ministry Year Gathering

Survey Coming Your Way/Year end Evaluations

Before our End of Year gathering, a survey will be sent to you (coming soon!) Along with the Committee evaluations (April or May meetings) our aim is for every CAVA member to assess how this 2016-2017 year has been for you as a vocation minister and CAVA member, and how we are doing as an association.

HELP! Can someone help us with video clip editing or know someone who can donate their time through your community? Please contact Sr. Lovina at cava@archchicago.org. Thank you!

Priesthood in Religious Life: Searching for New Ways Forward - April 6-7, 2017

Catholic Theological Union
5401 S. Cornell, Chicago
<http://www.ctuconsecratedlife.org/events/>

ATTN: Women CAVA Members – Companions for Hands-ON+Hearts-IN NEEDED!

August 28-September 1; September 18-22

For that whole week or part of the time

Where: Holly Springs, Mississippi (Lodging at Sacred Heart Southern Missions volunteer house)

Program Description: Visit

<http://www.vocationscava.org/hands-on-hearts/>

For more details, contact: Sr. Sharon Glumb, SLW sglumb@slw.org; 847-577-5972 ext. 233 (work); 601-291-6738 (cell).

Hands-ON+Hearts-IN is a vocation discernment program initiated by the Sisters of the Living Word in collaboration with the Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA) and Sacred Heart Southern Missions.

Good Friday Walk for Peace – April 14

The Archdiocese has not forgotten the power and peace born of praying together. Cardinal Cupich invites all people of good will, including civic, education and religious leaders from across the city to join him for a Walk for Peace through Englewood on Good Friday, April 14. The walk will begin at 10:30 a.m. at St. Benedict the African Church, at the corner of 66th Street and Stewart Avenue. During the walk, participants will trace the Stations of the Cross and pause along the way to remember those who lives were lost to violence. This is part of the anti-violence initiative <https://www.archchicago.org/news-release/-/article/2017/04/04/archdiocese-of-chicago-its-parishes-and-ministries-launch-anti-violence-initiative>

Palm Sunday Event – All Are Welcome – Free will offering – April 9

April 9, 2017 at 3:00 p.m., St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 8237 S. South Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60617 (Fr. Andrew Torma, MSC – pastor and former CAVA member). See attached flyer.

“The Triumphant Journey with Christ” – An Inspirational Worship Service
Featuring the Chicago Black Catholics Choir & Coro Siloe de San Miguel
Presenters: Fr. Andrew Torma, MSC & Fr. Louis Mboe

Inaugural Religious Brothers Day May 1, 2017

The Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM) has announced that the inaugural Religious Brothers Day (RBD) will be held on May 1, 2017, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

CMSM is an association of the leadership of men in religious and apostolic institutes in the United States. The Conference has formal ties with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, the National Assembly of Religious Brothers and other national agencies.

Following the publication of the Vatican document on the Identity and Mission of the Religious Brother in the Church, a Brothers' Think Tank committee was formed to plan the celebration which will include prayer services and tributes to jubilarian brothers from lay and mixed communities and institutes of apostolic life, as well as other activities. Future details about the Religious Brothers Day will be [here](#). Use #religiousbrothersday on social media for related activities. Like their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/religiousbrothersday/>

A webpage on our CAVA website is also available: <http://www.vocationscava.org/religious-brothers-day/> where you can download the prayer card, and morning and evening prayer service. Our CAVA religious Brothers will also be featured on our next quarterly newsletter.



+ RELIGIOUS BROTHERS' DAY + MAY 1, 2017 +

God of mercy and compassion,
thank you for the extraordinary life, witness, and ministry
of Religious Brothers in our Church.

In your wisdom, you have called these ordinary men
to generously serve, pray,
and share your healing love with others.

As we prepare for our annual Religious Brothers Day,
deepen our appreciation for the vocation
of Religious Brothers, their congregational charisms,
and their commitment to vowed community life.

Strengthened by our baptismal call to holiness,
inspire us to invite men
to consider religious life as a Religious Brother.

Grant all Religious Brothers the grace and perseverance
they need to proclaim your Holy Word
for the life of our Church and our world.
Amen.

Evening of prayer and fellowship for Consecrated Men and Women – May 12

The Franciscans of the Eucharist invite you to a gathering on Friday, May 12 @ 5:30 PM at Mission of Our Lady of the Angels (3800 W. Iowa, Chicago, 60651). Holy Hour with evening prayer followed by dinner. RSVP to: sbaliga2@gmail.com

Chicago's Got Sisters – Thank you

Many thanks to the CGS subcommittee who planned and coordinated the spring event, and other CAVA members who participated in other ways! Five discerners were able to visit five convents and met several other communities over the weekend.

CAVA Education Day - Thank you

Thank you to the subcommittee (Sisters Michele Fisher, Theresa Sullivan and Connie Bach) who planned and coordinated “Vocation Ministry: Tricks of the Trade” that was held on April 3at the Holy Family of Nazareth in Des Plaines. For those who were not able to join us, more Education Days will be held in the future. In the meantime, some materials from the presenters will soon be available on our website under the Member Page.

Engaging Hispanic Young Adults Webinar Recording and PDF Materials

If you missed the April 4 webinar, you can still access the recorded version plus materials of interest at <https://catholicextension.app.box.com/v/engagingyounghispanics>

Also to learn more about the V Encuentro (Fifth Encuentro) go to: <https://vencuentro.org/> The main goal of the V Encuentro is to discern ways in which the Church in the United States can better respond to the Hispanic/Latino presence, and to strengthen the ways in which Hispanics/Latinos respond to the call to the New Evangelization as missionary disciples serving the entire Church.

VAPS Committee Activities 2016-2017

We have not featured the many events that our Vocation Awareness in Parishes and Schools (VAPS) Committee have organized, scheduled or participated in all year. Let's take a look:

Holy Fire: Archdiocese Event for Middle School students: 10/14-10/15/16
St. Christina: Vocation Parish Fair 1/8/17
St. Mathias School: Vocation Talks 1/30/17
St. Theresa School: Vocation Panel 2/2/17
St. Francis Borgia: Vicariate IV Altar Server Appreciation Day 3/11/17
St. Viator High School: Vocation Fair 3/21/17
St. Benedict Parish: Vocation Awareness @ the Parish Fish Fry 3/10/17 and 3/24/17
St. Michael South Shore: Vocation Parish Fair 4/1-4/2/17
St. Louise de Marillac School: Vocation Panel 4/5/17
Marist High School: Career Fair 4/6/17
St. Cletus Parish: Vocation Parish Fair @ the parish Pancake Breakfast: 4/9/17
St. Margaret of Scotland School: Vocation Panel (April 12)

Please check with the committee chairs for sign up to participate in future events. Better yet – attend the May 2 meeting!

RESOURCES

Education Day Materials – Presentation materials will be posted on the website. Available soon!

CAVA List of Useful Contacts – We now have a useful contacts page:

<http://www.vocationscava.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/CAVA-Collaboration-Useful-Contacts-01.10.17.pdf> that include the new staff for the Office for Lifelong Formation in the Archdiocese. If you have contact information for a CAVA collaborator, please email Sr. Lovina.

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/5ud79hy342tmuqi/AACsTAz9HbzLj0_n4U-GqO_La?dl=0

Vocation Voices - Featured on our website this month is Fr. Adam MacDonald, SVD (video format!)

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

World Day of Prayer for Vocations – May 7, 2017 – Links:

<http://www.worlddayofprayerforvocations.com/> | <https://nrvc.net/publication/5311/article/10038>

Safe Environment – Protecting God’s Children

CAVA members are considered volunteers in the Archdiocese of Chicago. To make sure you are compliant to the policies of the Archdiocese, please visit the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth (OPCY) http://legacy.archchicago.org/departments/o_protection/ComplianceGuidelinesChartFall2016English.pdf

Mail or email Sr. Lovina a copy of your Virtus certificate, CANTS form and signed Code of Conduct. Outside Chicago, please send a certificate equivalent to the Virtus Protecting God’s Children certificate.

Ongoing Requests and Opportunities

Help Us Help Them (Response Requested)

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*. We are putting together an on-line landing page with resources for young people.

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

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/>

CALENDAR

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

April 2-6 BPR Northwestern University

Apr 6-7 Conference on priesthood in Religious Life offered by the center for the Study of Consecrated Life at Catholic Theological Union. For more info visit:

<http://www.ctuconsecratedlife.org/events/>

April 11 Communications Committee meeting – Conference Call 9:30 am

May 1 Celebrate Religious Brothers' Day

May 2 CMYA meeting (morning); VAPS meeting (12:30 to 2:30) (PIZZA LUNCH!!!)

May 7 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

May 14-20 Hands-ON+Hearts-IN Service Outreach Discernment in Mississippi

May 16 Communications Committee meeting 10 am in Frankfort followed by lunch!

May 23 SAVE THE DATE! CAVA END OF YEAR GATHERING!!! (Felicians – W. Peterson)

Aug 30 SAVE THE DATE! CAVA OPENING GATHERING!!! (Frankfort – St Francis Woods)

Please let Sr. Lovina know of any changes in your department or staff or CAVA membership: Email cava@archchicago.org.

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

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](#).

Your feedback is important. Please feel free to email 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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