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Upcoming Events

New Ministry Year 2017-2018 Starts Now

CAVA membership registration has begun! If you are a consecrated person serving in the Archdiocese passionate about inviting new members into this life of grace or a non-consecrated lay person desiring to help create a culture of vocations join CAVA! We welcome sharing your ideas, energy, expertise and enthusiasm for our vowed life with our members who offer to share the same. Questions? Contact cava@archchicago.org.

On August 30, CAVA members, friends and partners in ministry will be gathering at St. Francis Convent in Frankfort. This day is our opportunity for “seasoned” members to reunite or meet new folks and to meet partners in ministry face to face. As we deepen or form new connections over a cup of coffee we will pray and worship at Mass together and engage in dialogue. We will celebrate our common bonds and emerge with renewed hope and strengthened spirit for mission that send us forth into this new year of service in the Church.

Jubilee Celebration

On July 1 Sister Connie Bach, PHJC celebrated her 25th Jubilee anniversary. “Aspects of Love” excerpt below was taken from a reflection by Sr. Linda Volk, PHJC for Sr. Connie’s 25th Jubilee liturgy

Sr. Connie’s favorite quote from her community’s foundress, Catherine Kasper, is *“All things are great that are done in God’s name. Nothing done for God is small. Connie illuminates this choice and shares, “This has been my motto in generously sharing my time, gifts and talents wherever and in whatever ways I am called.”* Connie is a woman of song and Spirit and definitely a woman who believes in the power and compelling nature of love. She often expresses her love for God, her love for community, and her commitment as a woman religious through her gift of music.

**2017-2018
CAVA Membership**
Click: [Register here!](#)

**August 30, 2017
CAVA Opening Gathering**

**September 21-22
Catholics on Call**
Click: [Partner Conference](#)

**Oct 13-14, 2017
Chicago’s Got Sisters**

**Oct 20 or Oct 21, 2017
[Holy Fire](#)**

**Oct 20, 2017 @ 6 to 10 pm
(re)Encounter
(Details coming soon)**

Nov 10, 2017
Click: [Noche de Gala](#)

**Nov 16 – 18, 2017
NCYC**
<http://www.nfcym.org/ncyc1/>



And because of her love for music I thought we might invite Michael Ball on stage with his signature song, “Love Changes Everything.” In his beautiful tenor voice he challenges us with the kind of love that “makes fools of everyone.” There you are, Catherine, Fool of God, living out the very essence of love and there with you is your daughter, Connie, whose life sings out along with Michael Ball, “Love will turn your world around and nothing in the world will ever be the same. Yes, love changes everything.” This refrain (Love changes everything) has been the voice of the Spirit for Connie throughout her 25 years of commitment as a Poor Handmaid. So I hear Connie responding to this soloist by saying, “Michael, we can sing a duet because of my strong certitude that love of my calling has changed everything and has turned my world around. I not only sing it, I bring it through my ministry, I ring it around my sisters in community, and when life throws me a curve I wing it by trusting in the Spirit as Catherine did. And this is my rendering of “All things are great that are done in God’s name. Nothing done for God is small.”

Archdiocesan Celebration of Religious Jubilee

On May 27 Cardinal Blase Cupich hosted an archdiocesan celebration of jubilee anniversaries for men and women religious in Chicago at St. Monica Parish. We offer prayers and thanksgiving for the gift these faithful servants bring in their life of service to the Church. Let us pray that their example light a fire in people’s hearts that will spur them to respond to God’s call to discipleship.



Theology on Tap

The Theology on Tap Kickoff Event on July 10 was a huge success – about 500 people filled the Old Crow Smokehouse in River North. Read the Chicago Catholic article: <https://www.chicagocatholic.com/chicagoland/-/article/2017/07/11/theology-on-tap-kicko-1>

Here’s a few comments from participants (courtesy of Jose Piñones):



“I am glad the speakers did not shy away from a conversation about politics and faith. Meeting new people from different ethnic backgrounds and building new relationships in the Catholic context [were my] most powerful experiences of the TOT kick-off event.” -Fernando Rayas St. Procopius- Providence of God Parish

“The TOT kick-off event was a great way to learn about navigating through my faith in this modern world and learn about how the church values young adult engagement. Not to mention, it was a

great way to catch up with old friends and make new ones too!” -Natalie Montana Old St Patrick's & Catholic Charities Junior Board

I had a truly delightful time at the Theology on Tap kickoff last night in downtown Chicago. As an active young adult Catholic, I am aware of the perhaps rarity of my self-description, so I was pleasantly surprised by the turnout (also a clear reflection of the hard work of the Chicago archdiocese) and the continuing lineup of meaningful activities planned. I was thrilled to see a Catholic Bible Study among those (in the park to boot :) and a rich array of service opportunities in communities ranging from veterans to seniors! Can't wait!
-Nicole, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Evanston, IL.

The presence of consecrated men and women companions for moral and spiritual support are encouraged at future ToT events. Please spread the word to adults age 21 through 39 about ToT. Go to <https://pvm.archchicago.org/theology-on-tap/events> for dates and list of locations.

First Asian Community Mass

Sunday, July 23, 2017
St. Henry Catholic Church
6325 N. Hoyne Ave
Chicago, IL 60659
Procession 4:00 p.m.
Mass 5:00 p.m.
(Cardinal Blase Cupich, Presider)

Recommended attire: Ethnic
Potluck reception follows.
Parking: St Henry's, Loyola and Misericordia
<https://www.archchicago.org/documents/70111/70558/Asian+Community+Mass/a67ffd8-a914-49fd-9ae2-487e1adf255d>

SAVE THE DATE Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service

Wednesday, November 22
First United Methodist Church
Chicago Temple, 77 West Washington Street
12 p.m. - 1 p.m.



Hands-ON+Hearts-IN



The week of May 15 – 19, 2017 several CAVA women members collaborated on a vocation discernment outreach in Holly Springs, Mississippi working with the local community and serving as companions to discerners.

Future Dates: August 28-September 1, 2017, September 18-22, 2017, May 7-11, 2018, May 21-25, 2018, August 20-24, 2018 and September 10-14, 2018.

Interested in participating? Contact: Sr. Sharon Glumb, SLW
sglumb@slw.org; 847-5775972 ext. 233 (work); 601-291-6738 (cell). Hands-ON+Hearts-IN is a vocation discernment program for single Catholic women age 18 to 40s initiated by the Sisters of the Living Word in collaboration with the Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA) and Sacred Heart Southern Missions.



National Catholic Sisters Project (NCSP)

The annual National Catholic Sisters Week (March 8 to 14) event has now been expanded into celebrating Sisters the whole year round! The National Catholic Sisters Project is currently establishing pilot programs in several major dioceses across the nation. The Archdiocese of Chicago is one of the first ones to collaborate on this initiative. Please visit <http://www.vocationscava.org/national-catholic-sisters-project/> for details about this initiative and to get involved.

Vocation Voices

Get to know some of our CAVA members - check out our "Vocation Voices" featured consecrate men and women. Visit <http://www.vocationscava.org/vocation-voices/>

Theology on Tap School Supply Drive for Mission Our Lady of the Angels

This year, one of Theology on Tap's focus is to encourage imitating the work of Christ by serving those in need. In addition to different service opportunities on weekends, Theology on Tap is sponsoring a school supply drive for Mission Our Lady of the Angels. These school supplies will be passed out to 200 kids (or with your help, more!) at the Mission Our Lady of the Angels August Block Party on August 19.



There are a number of ways you can donate:

- Purchase school supplies directly via Amazon ([link](#)) by Monday, August 7 to allow enough time for shipping. These supplies will be shipped directly to Mission Our Lady of the Angels and is very easy to do!
- Sign up to bring in school supplies into Quigley or Meyer by Friday, August 18. Please use the Google doc ([link](#)) so we can keep track of the supplies needed.
- If you will be bringing school supplies to Quigley, please drop them off at the lobby. For any questions, please reach out to Antonietta Colasanto at acolasanto@archchicago.org.

If you will be bringing school supplies to Meyer, please drop them off at Jenna Rummelhart's desk. She is located on the first floor at desk 130 and can be reached at jrummelhart@archchicago.org.

Considering life as a Sister?

The Sisters of the Living Word, the Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA), and Sacred Heart Southern Missions (SHSM) are jointly hosting:

Hands-ON + Hearts-IN

A discernment experience for women in Holly Springs, Mississippi

2017 Dates:

August 29- Sept. 1
September 18-22

2018 Dates:

May 7-11
May 21-25
August 20-24
September 10-14

Accompanied by Vocation Ministers, the Monday through Friday experience provides a hands-on opportunity to assist those in need while discerning life as a sister. Attendees will reside with sisters from various communities. Service projects include:

- tutoring children;
- assisting at a food pantry;
- cleaning homes for the elderly;
- repairing damaged homes;
- serving meals at a soup kitchen.

The only costs to attend are the travel to and from Mississippi. Applicants need to book a spot one month prior to the start of a week-long event. To learn more about this opportunity to discern life as a sister, contact: Sharon Glumb, SLW sglumb@slw.org; 847-577-5972 ext. 233 (office); 601-291-6738 (cell).

Any comments, questions or if you wish to be involved, you may contact:

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