



CHICAGO ARCHDIOCESAN VOCATION ASSOCIATION December 2017 CAVA MONTHLY UPDATE

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

Upcoming Dates

Dec 5, 2017
Jan 16, 2018

[Communications Meeting](#)

Dec 13, 2017
CAVA Advent Retreat/
Christmas Celebration

Jan 8, 2018
[VAPS Committee Mtg](#)

Feb 3, 2018
Cardinal's Celebration of
Consecrated Life Day – Queen
of All Saints

February 10, 2018
[Chicago Faith Congress](#)

Mar 6, 2018
[CMYA Committee Mtg](#)

Mar 9-10, 2018
Chicago's Got Sisters

Mar 8-14, 2018
National Catholic Sisters Week

Mar 21, 2018
CAVA Education Day–Meyer Ctr

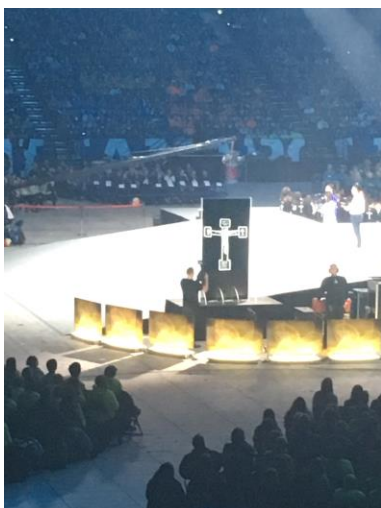
[WYD Jan 22-27, 2019](#)
Panama City, Panama
(Chicago event planning in the
works for Jan 26-27!)

**Our Advent Retreat/Christmas Celebration is
Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at the Sisters of the Holy Family of
Nazareth, 310 N River Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60016.
[Click Here to Register now.](#)**

National Catholic Youth Conference

by Sr. Connie Bach, PHJC

Just a few days ago 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. (c'td...)



... (C'td from pg 1) 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!



ARTICLES/REPORTS NEEDED FOR THE CAVA WINTER NEWSLETTER!

Please submit articles, reports, events and photos to Lpammit@archchicago.org to be featured on our winter edition of CAVA Newsletter. The newsletter is made available to key CAVA “friends”, supporters, church leaders, and the public via our website so please consider sending your article or report from CAVA activities! **Submit by December 15.**

Calling for “Ongoing Welcoming Opportunities” by CAVA Members

One of the perks of being a CAVA member is getting your community’s (or organization’s) events on the CAVA website. We have a section listing discernment events and ongoing welcoming opportunities for young people. To see examples, visit <http://www.vocationscava.org/vocation-opportunities/>.

Please use our online form to submit your event/Ongoing program:
<http://www.vocationscava.org/submit-an-event-form/>.

This “Submit an Event” form is accessible from the “[Member](#)” page listed under “Events and Initiatives” box. You will need your Member password.

BelongChicago.org – ArchChicago Events Site for Young Adults

<https://pvm.archchicago.org/belong-chicago>

Belongchicago.org, a database and map of young adult opportunities across the archdiocese successfully launched and has averaged approximately 100 unique views per day since doing so. There are 50 individual events and programs currently listed to date and additional contributions are coming in daily. This is an evolving list of opportunities and a site that is a work in progress. Currently all events are for young adults, however, it will expand in the coming months. If you have suggestions, ideas, or would like to add your event to the list, please contact belong@archchicago.org. **FAQ and Submission Instructions sheet attached.**

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, 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!



Chicago Faith Congress – February 10, 2018 – Early Registration Dec. 1

Loyola University Chicago, Lakeshore Dr. Campus

To sign up as a sponsor for this event, please contact Darius Villalobos in the Office for Lifelong Formation
dvillalobos@archchicago.org.

CAVA will be one of the exhibitors so if you are interested in staffing the table, email Lpammit@archchicago.org. To sign up for your own exhibit table (\$400.00) contact Kenneth Velasquez kvelasquez@archchicago.org **ASAP!**

To register and for more info, go to:
<https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/chicago-faith-congress>

CHICAGO
FAITH
CONGRESS

Hands-ON+ Hearts-IN

The next dates are: May 7-11, 2018 May 21-25, 2018 August 20-24, 2018 September 10-14, 2018 (Travel dates are the Sunday before and the Saturday following each week.) To participate, please contact: Sharon Glumb, SLW sglumb@slw.org; 847-577-5972 ext. 233 (work); 601-291-6738 (cell). For details, go to:
<http://www.vocationscava.org/hands-on-hearts/>



Paluch Family Foundation - 20th Anniversary Dinner

On October 17th, Sister Kathleen McClelland and Suzanne Petrouski had the honor of representing CAVA at the Paluch Family Foundation 20th Anniversary Dinner. The Foundation honors and supports three areas of service in the Catholic Church: Liturgy, Stewardship, and Vocations.



<https://www.paluchfoundation.com>. This year's awards were presented to the Domestic Violence Outreach/Archdiocese of Chicago and the Well of Mercy. The list of previous recipients is impressive and includes CAVA represented by then CAVA coordinator Sister Elyse Marie Ramirez, O.P. (2009). Special recognition was given to Dolores Orzel, Creative Director/National Vocation Awareness Division for her many years of service. Dolores has arranged for free printing for Chicago's Got Sisters brochures and other CAVA items. We thank Dolores for her generosity and energy in promoting vocations over the years and wish her many blessings on her retirement.

Online Discernment for Men – In the Works!

Attention CAVA men! The subcommittee for the men's online discernment will be launched January 10, 2018. For information contact Fr. Chris Gibson vocationdirector@passionist.org.

Vocation Voices

Featured on our website this month is Sr. Rose Therese Mann, OSF. 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](http://www.vocationscava.org) homepage bottom section).

Young Adult Event - Night Fever: 9:00 p.m. to midnight

Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N State St.

Mark your calendars for Night Fever: Chicago 2017 and 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, December 2, 2017
-Nightfever 18 with Fr. Radley Alcantara
Saturday, February 24, 2018
-Nightfever 19 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

Six Weeks with the Word of God

Young adult scripture faith sharing – CAVA members and other Religious are invited to be present. Visit <https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/six-weeks-with-the-word-of-god> for locations and schedule.

Peer Supervision for Vocation Ministers

Sr. Helen Cahill, O.P. is available to facilitate peer supervision to vocation ministers at: The Claret Center, 5536 South Everett, Chicago, IL 60637 | Tel: 773.643.6259
You can find Sr. Helen's article on this topic from the Summer 2017 issue of NRVC's Horizon Magazine.



INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCIES

for human formation

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

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.

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/>

National Catholic Sisters Project Updates

An interactive, online curriculum that will be produced over the next two years by the University of Incarnate Word (UIW) San Antonio will be made publically available through the National Catholic Sisters Project. This curriculum will allow young women to learn more about sisters, which is the first step to considering a vocation. The first unit, "What do Sisters do?" is now available at:

http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org/curriculum/en/#/?_k=xbheej

Congratulations to CAVA member Sr. Maria de Jesus Bringas, CCVI who is now working with Sr. Ann Oestreich to further the program for Latina women and is currently developing plans for a national "Come and See."

Articles about NCSP:

<https://www.sisterstory.org/story/community-education/chicago-partner-national-catholic-sisters-project>

<http://globalsistersreport.org/news/trends/national-catholic-sisters-week-expands-year-round-outreach-project-49286>



Safe Environment – Protecting God’s Children

CAVA members are considered volunteers in the Archdiocese of Chicago. To make sure you are compliant with archdiocesan policies, please go to our webpage for Office for the Protection of Children and Youth (OPCY)

<http://www.vocationscava.org/safe-environment/> .



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. Questions? Email Lpammit@archchicago.org

Website and VAPS Materials Needed

Please email Lpammit@archchicago.org to submit materials for our website:

- Lesson plans and presentation materials or links to materials for use in classroom and parish presentations
- Articles for discernment, discernment helps, advice/answers to FAQs (frequently asked questions from discerners)
- Prayers for discerners to use or for school and parish visits
- Book recommendations (title, author, link where to buy, ISBN number, etc.) and review if possible.
- Ministry in action – photo of you and CAVA members in action with caption and article on the event
- Video links to vocation stories

If you know of a youth or young adult event in which CAVA members can participate or be present, please email Lpammit@archchicago.org.

Do you have a Vocation Event? Click on this “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. How to access this link the “long” way:



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 online. OR save this URL in your FAVORITES folder:

<http://www.vocationscava.org/submit-an-event-form/>

Please let Sr. Lovina know of any changes in your department or staff or CAVA membership. Do you know of other events relevant to CAVA ministry? Please

send Sr. Lovina any pertinent information and date(s) at Lpammit@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!

Your feedback is important. Please feel free to email Lpammit@archchicago.org if you have any suggestions, ideas or ways you can help to improve how things are communicated to CAVA members!
