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## CHICAGO ARCHDIOCESAN VOCATION ASSOCIATION February 2017 CAVA UPDATE

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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!

Did you notice the new logo? The Archdiocese of Chicago is implementing a new “brand” design scheme that will affect the look of communications sent by its departments, agencies and ministries including CAVA. The transformation continues to unfold before your very eyes!

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### **CAVA Education Day - Response Requested**

“Vocation Ministry: Tricks of the Trade” *Free to CAVA members!*

Monday, April 3, 2017 | 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, 310  
N River Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60016

9:30-10:00	Welcome and Prayer
10:00-12:00	Workshop
12:00-1:00	Lunch and conversations
1:00-2:15	Workshop
2:15-2:30	Closing Prayer

Mass is on your own. Includes light breakfast and lunch.

To register for the April 3 Education Day, *RSVP to Sr. Michele Fisher* by March 24 at [sorellamichele@aol.com](mailto:sorellamichele@aol.com).

**To help prioritize the workshop topics, please take the survey ASAP (link below):**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScenqlh2NVCN3BXZhZXHbvVURp3uLqzcmK-nSwKyc5Hx-6yPQ/viewform?c=0&w=1>

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

*We currently have two women discerners signed up so we need a team of vocation ministers and discernment companions to help.*

When: May 15-19 (travel days are May 14 and May 20) 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](mailto: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.

## **CAVA Mission and Vision Statement Update**

Drafts of the proposed CAVA Mission and Vision Statements were included in an email sent recently. Please let us know your affirmation or if you have concerns by responding to that email. Thank you!

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## **Chicago's Got Sisters – for Women's communities**

March 31-April 1, 2017 is the next Chicago's Got Sisters weekend. [Click here](#) to download flyers and brochures to spread the word. Interested in being a part of CGS? Host the group for a meal, be on the panel, be a driver.... Complete the CGS community registration form that can be found below. For questions contact [sistertheresa.sullivan@doc.org](mailto:sistertheresa.sullivan@doc.org). [Spring 2017](#)

[Chicago's Got Sisters Community Participation Form](#)

*ALL CAVA members - please help spread the word by posting the promo ad to your websites and Facebook pages.*

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## **Night Fever Is Back!**

The next Nightfever Chicago will be held on February 18, 2017 at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N State St, Chicago. For more information visit: <https://nightfeverchicago.org/>

To share it on Facebook go to: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1800510263539608>

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## **Hundredfold Workshop**

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017 - FROM  
9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

SAINT JOHN BREBEUF PARISH  
8307 N Harlem Ave., Niles, IL 60714

The Hundredfold Workshop is a large-scale diocesan event to help create a culture of vocations in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The half-day event will re-ignite our focus on vocations—to marriage, family, priesthood, and religious life. Practically speaking, the

workshop will focus creating a parish-based Vocation Ministry to educate and inspire adults and young people.

There is no cost to attend the workshop. Lunch is provided.

To register, visit:

<http://www.chicagopriest.com/hundredfold-workshop>

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## **Office for Religious (OFR) Monthly Updates**

To access past and future OFR Updates, visit: <http://www.officeforreligious.org/ofr-updates/>

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## **Evening of prayer and fellowship for Consecrated Men and Women**

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](mailto:sbaliga2@gmail.com)

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## **Busy Student's Retreat**

Please pray for those participating in the Busy Person/Student's Retreat at St. Xavier's University.

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## **Cardinal's Archdiocesan Celebration of Consecrated Life Day**

Around 270 people participated in the Consecrated Life Day on Sunday, January 29, 2017. Thanks to the CAVA members who came and helped. In his presentation, Fr. Steve Bevans helped provide a deepened theology on vocation and the discussions helped participants process and hopefully enable those present to set goals with regards to promoting a culture of vocations in the Church. If you want to access Fr. Steve's Powerpoint Presentation, here's the link: <http://www.officeforreligious.org/ofr-events/>

Afterwards, the Cardinal read aloud his [statement](#) in response to the Executive Order on Refugees and Migrants and opened the floor to questions from the assembly.

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## **Resources**

CAVA List of Useful Contacts – The Communications Committee is currently working on a list of collaborators and other useful contacts for CAVA.

Vocation Voices – Featured on our website this month is Fr. Mike Scherschel, CAVA Advisory Board member and ArchChicago Assistant Vocation Director (*visit <http://www.vocationscava.org/vocation-voices/> or see [vocationscava.org](http://www.vocationscava.org) homepage bottom section*).

## **NRVC WDCL Resource Page:**

<https://nrvc.net/274/article/world-day-for-consecrated-life-10041>

## **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/5ud79hy342tmuqj/AACsTAz9HbzLj0\\_n4U-GqO\\_La?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5ud79hy342tmuqj/AACsTAz9HbzLj0_n4U-GqO_La?dl=0)

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## **Ongoing Requests and Opportunities**

### **Help Us Help Them (Response Requested by Feb. 15)**

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](mailto:fr.mike@cometojoseph.org) by February 15.* We'd like to put together an on-line landing page with resources that can help.

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](mailto:vocationscava@gmail.com)

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### **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/>

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## **CALENDAR**

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

Feb 5, 2017      WDCL <https://nrv.net/274/article/world-day-for-consecrated-life-10041>

Feb 14              Communications Committee conference call

~~Feb 17              Parish Leadership Day — CANCELED~~

Mar 2-5            Here I Am Lord (HIAL) at St. Patrick Parish in St. Charles, IL

Mar 8                VAPS Committee Meeting

- Mar 25 Archdiocesan Vocation Workshop with speaker Rhonda Gruenewald from Vianney Vocations at St. John de Brebeauf Parish.
- Mar 31-Apr 1 Chicago's Got Sisters
- Apr 3, 2017 CAVA Education Day
- Apr 6-7, 2017 Save the Date: Conference on priesthood in Religious Life offered by the enter for the Study of Consecrated Life at Catholic Theological Union. For more info visit: <http://www.ctuconsecratedlife.org/events/>

The CAVA Annual Calendar that shows dates for the entire CAVA organization is on the website:

<http://www.vocationscava.org/memberslogin/cava-members-calendar/>

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*Please let Sr. Lovina know of any changes in your department or staff or CAVA membership: Email [cava@archchicago.org](mailto:cava@archchicago.org).*

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

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**Submit Your Vocation Discernment Event or Visit Opportunity**

If you have an event you wish to advertise, please [click here](#).

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Your feedback is important. Please feel free to email [cava@archchicago.org](mailto: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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