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CHICAGO ARCHDIOCESAN VOCATION ASSOCIATION March 2017 CAVA UPDATE

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Dear CAVA Members:

This CAVA Update has both new and ongoing announcements, promotions and invitations. Please note the upcoming events on your calendar. MAY 23 is our end of year gathering!!! Also, please submit articles for our Spring Newsletter by May 1st.

Altar Server Mass & Appreciation Day – March 11

It's not too late to sign up for the Vicariate IV Altar Server Day mini-vocation fair. Right now we have seven participants. Please contact Sr. Lovina cava@archchicago.org by the end of Tuesday, March 7. You will be sent details and a follow up after the planning meeting on March 8.

CAVA Education Day – Monday, April 3, 2017 | 9:30 am to 2:30 pm | REGISTER NOW!!!

“Vocation Ministry: Tricks of the Trade” *Free to CAVA members!*
Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, 310 N River Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60016
To register for the April 3 Education Day, *RSVP to Sr. Michele Fisher* by March 24 at sorellamichele@aol.com. Mass is on your own. Includes light breakfast and lunch.

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; 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.

Chicago's Got Sisters – March 31-April 1, 2017

ALL CAVA members - please help spread the word by posting the promo ad to your websites and Facebook pages. [Click here](#) to download flyers and brochures to spread the word.

National Catholic Sisters Week – March 8 to 14

For events in your area, go to: <http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org/events-all.php> .
There's a prayer service at the CTU atrium on Tuesday, March 7 at noon. All are welcome! <https://giving-voice.org/events/national-catholic-sisters-week-prayer-service>

CAVA Mission and Vision Statement and Board Visioning Day Updates

Thank you for sending in your affirmation of the drafts for the CAVA Mission and Vision Statements. On February 21 the Advisory Board gathered for a visioning day in which we used these statements as a focusing tool for surfacing priorities and goals to work on for the 2017-2018 ministry year. You will hear more about this at our May 23 end of year gathering.

Brothers Symposium

8:00 am - 6:00 pm University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN
Information and Registration at:
<http://www.yearforconsecratedlife.com/brothers-symposium.html>

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>

Office for Religious (OFR) Monthly Updates

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

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/>

Evening of prayer and fellowship for Consecrated Men and Women

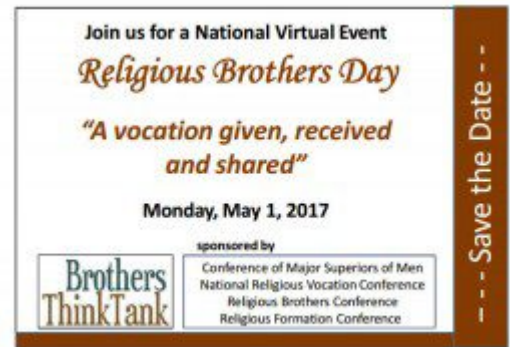
The Franciscans of the Eucharist invite you to a gathering on Friday, May 12 @ 5:30 PM at Mission of Our Lady of the Angels (3800 W. Iowa, Chicago, 60651). Holy Hour with evening prayer followed by dinner. RSVP to: sbaliga2@gmail.com

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 jubilarians 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.

[Download a Save the Date for the RBD here >](#)

[Download a prayer card for RBD here >](#)

Safe Environment – Protecting God’s Children

CAVA members are considered a volunteer 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/office_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.

Resources

CAVA List of Useful Contacts – The Communications Committee is currently working on a list of collaborators and other useful contacts for CAVA. If you have contact information for a CAVA collaborator, please email Sr. Lovina.

Vocation Voices

Featured on our website this month is Sr. Maria Brizuela, CAVA Advisory Board member (*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

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)

Mar 2-5 Here I Am Lord (HIAL) at St. Patrick Parish in St. Charles, IL
Mar 7 NCSW Prayer Service hosted by Giving Voice, CTU Atrium at noon
Mar 8 VAPS Committee Meeting
Mar 8-14 National Catholic Sisters Week (NCSW)
Mar 25 Archdiocesan Vocation Workshop with speaker Rhonda Gruenewald from Vianney Vocations at St. John de Brebeauf Parish.

Mar 25 Brothers Symposium – Univ. of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN

Mar 31-Apr 1 Chicago's Got Sisters
Apr 3, 2017 CAVA Education Day
Apr 6-7, 2017 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/>

May 23 SAVE THE DATE! CAVA END OF YEAR GATHERING!!!

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!
