

May 2016 CAVA UPDATE

CAVA Updates are available from the Members TOOLKIT page. The CAVA newsletter is also available from the TOOLKIT page and also at the bottom of the HOME page: www.vocationscava.org

May 12, 2016 End of Year Gathering - PLEASE REGISTER BY MAY 5!!!

If you haven't registered – now is the time! **PLEASE GO TO THE LINK EVEN IF YOU DO NOT PLAN TO ATTEND TO FILL IN A MINI SURVEY – THANK YOU!**

Click here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oqwTiD-oWP5b0fXMrkfwLCps1N5gTljWAjldZXxPtVI/viewform?c=0&w=1>

CAVA Advisory Board Nominations Needed

Please email your **Board nominations** (including self nominations) to CAVA@archchicago.org **ASAP**. We need at least three new members to replace who will not be on the Board in July. Again, those who will continue to serve on the 2016-2017 Board are:

Sr. Connie Bach, PHJC

Sr. Mary Beth Bromer, C.S.S.F.

Fr. Harold Fisher, OMI

Sr. Michele Fisher, C.S.F.N.

Br. James McDonald, C.F.C.

Fr. Mike Scherschel

Sr. Theresa Sullivan, D.C.

Sr. Lovina Francis Pammit, OSF (Coordinator)

Committee Evaluations – Due May 9

CAVA members please fill in and submit the attached committee evaluations to your chairperson(s) by May 9. The Chair(s) will summarize and send a report to the Board Liaison before the May 24 Board meeting. Members please address your questions to the Chairs. Chairs please address your questions to your Liaisons or to Sr. Lovina. Thank you! **NOTE: The 2016 Committee Evaluation Form is also available at <http://www.vocationscava.org/memberslogin/toolkit-for-cava-members/> listed under "Forms and Templates."**

CAVA In-Kind Report – Please fill in the form now!

All CAVA members please go to the link to report in kind hours/donation:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JcNslcm11CYUnb08heNb21jcxA2cSGkmvU846pvzEm8/viewform>

Do you need the Excel form? Here it is: <http://www.vocationscava.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/CAVA-members-in-kind-hours-donation-form-revised1.xlsx>

TIP: Use your appointment calendar as a reminder and to track your hours and gas mileage or when you brought snacks or used your community's facilities.

Calling for articles and “Ministry in Action” photos

The Communications Committee needs your help! Please send in **articles, resources and photos** for the newsletter and for our website Resource Page. 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

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](#).

World Youth Day Chicago. July 30-31, 2016 - CAVA’s help needed – sign up now!

Where: Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Des Plaines

For details, visit: <http://www.yamchicago.org/events/wyd-chicago-2016/>

- 1. Get an Exhibit table for your group**
- 2. Sign up to be part of the CAVA table**
- 3. Register as a volunteer**
- 4. Donate (funds or in kind)**

We also need your help in spreading the word – please advertise on your website, Facebook page and other social media and invite young adults including your folks in formation to participate!

Hands-ON+Hearts-IN Outreach Program – Calling CAVA Women Members (Flyer attached)

An orientation trip to Holly Springs, Mississippi for women CAVA members has been scheduled for **May 26 to 29**. It’s not too late to sign up. Right now those signed up to travel with Sr. Sharon Glumb are: Sr. Bernie Gutowski, Sr. Connie Bach, and Sr. Lovina Pammit (Maybe Sr. Teresa Marron if her schedule works out!) This trip is shorter and simply provides an idea of what to expect during the fall trips. The dates for these 5-day experiences (Monday thru Friday) are: September 12-17, 2016, September 26- October 1, 2016 and October 17-21, 2016

This service outreach program coordinated by the Sisters of the Living Word is a collaborative effort between the Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA) members and Sacred Heart Southern Missions (SHSM) in northern Mississippi. The purpose of the program is to assist women who are discerning a call to consecrated life through hands-on service to those who are in need. This CAVA team will accompany these young women discerners and together will participate in the 5-day experience. The Sisters of the Living Word who have a residence in Holly Springs, MS will be the hospitality team offering the meals and a comfortable ‘home base’ for the prayer/discernment aspects of the experience. Funds to create this program were provided in a one-year grant from Hilton through Catholic Volunteer Network. The only cost to participants and vocation directors is the travel to/from Mississippi.

To become a member of a team to host one week of Hands-ON + Hearts-IN Contact Sister Sharon Glumb, SLW sglumb@slw.org; 847-577-5972 x233 – office; 601-291-6738 – cell

Invitation to Religious to Participate in ECHO Theology of Body Camp Sign Up by May 15, 2016

A message from Sr. Jackie Jean-Marie Gitonga, FSP

I would like to share with you some information about an exciting program for young adults and teens that is coming to Chicago this summer:

ECHO Theology of the Body Camp, June 24-30, 2016.

*I was blessed to be part of this program in New Orleans, Louisiana last summer during my last assignment. It is life-changing in teaching about vocations and the core elements of our Catholic faith and Theology of the Body principles by St John Paul II. This program has provided a solid foundation and enlightenment for many of our young people today who are struggling in the area of human sexuality and identity following the pressures of our societal culture today. The program comes as a welcome complimentary faith formation opportunity and application to Pope Francis' new exhortation: *The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia)*.*

ECHO is a program that has been approved by the Archbishops of New Orleans and Chicago for the formation and education of our young people. Check out this video about the program:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p7gDrd-G4Ks&feature=youtu.be>

More information about ECHO can be found here: <http://www.respectlifechicago.org/>

Would you kindly pray about and consider being a consecrated religious presence for our young people during the camp this June?

A. Ways to Participate in the Camp

1. Mentors - Participate in camp activities with the young people and be available when they want to ask you questions about your vocation or other questions that they may have.
2. Prayer team - Join the prayer team in interceding for the graces needed for the camp participants, mentors, chaperones, and other camp needs.
3. Vocation panel - Be part of a panel along with married, single, or priests to share your vocation story and answer questions related to vocations and religious life.

B. Camp dates and Opportunities that You can Participate

June 24-26 (Young Adult camp); OR

June 27-30 (Teen camp) -Vocation panel will be here; OR

June 24-30 (both the young adult and teen camps)

C. Sponsorship for the Camp

The camp fee per person is \$349. ECHO is asking if religious communities can sponsor their brothers or sisters to the camp OR seek someone to sponsor their camp fee. The attached letter has been provided to help with this. Some financial help may be available. If you have any questions or concerns in raising funds, please contact Sr. Jackie Jean-Marie Gitonga - srjackiegitonga@gmail.com or 310-488-0665.

D. Virtus Training - Safe Environment training via Archdiocese of Chicago

The ECHO camp involves working with young people and therefore any religious who will be attending are encouraged to get Virtus Safe Environment training. It is easy to attend and set up a training appointment. If you already have the certification based on your ministry, please be ready to provide a copy of your certificate as part of ECHO registration.

If you still need to do the training, please visit the Archdiocese Safe Environment site for training times: http://www.archchicago.org/departments/safe_environment/training.shtm. Please feel free

to contact Sr. Jackie Jean-Marie Gitonga at srjackiegitonga@gmail.com or 310-488-0665 if you have any questions.

E. Deadline to Sign Up as Religious - May 15, 2016

Please contact Sr. Jackie Jean-Marie Gitonga, FSP at srjackiegitonga@gmail.com or 310-488-0655 by May 15, 2016 if you would like to participate in the ECHO camp as a religious this year. We would be delighted to have you! **Space for religious is limited.**

Thank you for your consecrated religious witness and prayers for our young people. I look forward to hearing from you and being on the camp together this summer :-)

God bless you,

Sr. Jackie Jean-Marie

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Coordinator, Evangelization and Outreach

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Catholic Theological Institute Summer 2016 Schedule

To view the schedule for 2016, please visit: <http://files.ctctcdn.com/bd3af348101/b26f633e-4412-4886-8d3b-78bb34f16ee5.pdf>

NRVC Convocation Sneak Peek

The National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC) Convocation is **October 27-31, 2016**. The theme is "Awakened by the Spirit: Called to Discipleship." The theme draws on Pope Francis' invitation to those in consecrated life to "Wake up the World." Invited to attend are vocation ministers, formators, religious leadership, communicators, and all others who support vocations to consecrated life.

Location: Sheraton Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas. Registration begins sometime in May. For keynote speakers and workshop details, visit <https://nrvc.net/274/article/convocation-2016-11165>.

Lay Ecclesial Ministry Workshops - Save the Date

June 30, 2016 (9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

Mental Health Awareness for Pastoral Ministers--at Quigley Pastoral Center, 835 North Rush Street, Chicago. Conference Rooms 1A/B/C. Lunch will be provided. No charge, free will donation appreciated.

Change in Personnel

We welcome Br. Ron Lau, CFA, Alexian Brother who is replacing Br. Paul Magner as Vocation Minister for their community. *Please let Sr. Lovina know of any changes in your department or staff or CAVA membership: Email cava@archchicago.org.*

CALENDAR

May 1, 2016 In-Kind Service Hours and Donation Reports Due. [Click here for link.](#)
May 2, 2016 VAPS Committee Meeting, Srs of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Des Plaines
May 4, 2016 CM/YA Committee Meeting, Meyer Center
May 12, 2016 [CAVA End of Year Gathering](#) – Felician Convent on W Peterson, Chicago
May 17, 2016 Communications Committee meeting, Meyer Center
May 24, 2016 CAVA Advisory Board Meeting
Jun 18, 2016 Archdiocesan Celebration of Jubilees – 11 am Mass at St Mary’s Evanston
Aug 3-6, 2016 [Catholics on Call Young Adult Conference](#)
Sep 15-16, 2016 [Catholics on Call Partners Conference](#)

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!

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!
