



## CHICAGO ARCHDIOCESAN VOCATION ASSOCIATION November 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

Nov 6, 2017  
Jan 8, 2018

[VAPS Committee Mtg](#)

Nov 7, 2017  
Dec 5, 2017  
Jan 16, 2018

[Communications Meeting](#)

Nov 14, 2017

[CMYA Committee Mtg](#)

Nov 16 – 18, 2017  
[RFC Congress](#)

Nov 16 – 18: NCYC  
[www.nfcym.org/ncyc1/](http://www.nfcym.org/ncyc1/)

Dec 13, 2017  
CAVA Advent Retreat/  
Christmas Celebration

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

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

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

### SAVE THE DATE!

**Our Advent Retreat/Christmas Celebration is  
Wednesday, December 13, 2017. Please note this date on your  
calendar and plan to attend.  
Formal invitation and details coming soon!**

### 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.

### CAVA Strategic Plan

In case you missed it or would like to see the summary of our strategic plan, here it is below. The full document is available in our website Member page.

#### Priority 1: Discernment & Prayer

- Objective A: Provide members with specific opportunities for prayer and discernment.

- Objective B: Provide means to teach young people how to pray, listen reflectively and practice the art of discernment.

#### Priority 2: Outreach/Witness

- Objective A: Assess current collaborative opportunities for discernment offered by CAVA committees and determine ways to enhance or expand these efforts; i.e. CGS or Online Discernment, vocation fairs, school or

campus visits, BPRs, etc.

- Objective B: Connect with our collaborators/partners and determine ways to engage and share ministry.
- Objective C: Identify scheduled events that are open to vocation ministers and communicate this through our website and CAVA Updates.

Priority 3: Membership development & support

- Objective A: Educate/inform members on ways to collaborate for mutual benefit and shared experience
- Objective B: Expand CAVA membership
- Objective C: Enhance participation of CAVA membership in the work and services provided by this organization.

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### ARTICLES/REPORTS NEEDED FOR THE CAVA WINTER NEWSLETTER!

Please submit articles, reports, events and photos to [Lpammit@archchicago.org](mailto: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.**

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### Vocation Fair at St. Bride Church

St. Bride Church in Vicariate VI may be small and they had only one Mass on Sunday but the Parish Vocation Fair this Sunday, November 5, was well worth the trip! We thank the organizer of the fair, Van Bensett, who happens to be the Director of Life



Directions (he works on Focus Life Retreats with Fr. Tat Hoang, CSsR, author of “Hearing God’s Call: 30 Days of Vocation Discernment.” Fr. Tat was a classmate of Sr. Lovina in Intercongregational Novitiate a “hundred years ago”). Fr. Adam MacDonald did us proud with his homily on “preaching what you already do” while the pastor thanked a Holy Family of Nazareth Sister who encouraged him to try priesthood as a young man. He also mentioned Fr. Chris Gibson’s story of growing up in Argentina and having “Fr. Bergoglio” as his Literature teacher! Several

altar servers were recognized and CAVA members were able to share pumpkin soup and chili with them as well as with the pastor and parishioners. We hope to continue collaborating with St Bride’s in nurturing vocations in Vicariate VI. Overall, it was a good opportunity to give hope and to bless the Church at St Bride’s with CAVA’s presence and to be blessed in turn by the people’s warm welcome!

## [BelongChicago.org](http://BelongChicago.org) – Now Available!

<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](mailto:belong@archchicago.org). **Feel free to submit your own group's event for young adults!**

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## Save the Date: Chicago Faith Congress – February 10, 2018

*(Otherwise known in the past as Catechetical Congress)*

<https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/chicago-faith-congress>

Loyola University Chicago  
1032 West Sheridan Road  
Chicago, IL 60660

### *Reignite the Journey*

The Chicago Faith Congress will bring together leaders in religious education, evangelization, marriage and family ministry, youth and young adult ministry, and sacramental preparation from across the Archdiocese of Chicago for an inspiring gathering that will celebrate their extraordinary roles within the Catholic community. Through recognition, faith development, and empowerment, this congress will provide attendees with unprecedented opportunities to collaborate with one another, grow in their faith, and become equipped with knowledge and specific tools that can be used to tackle the ongoing challenges that accompany effective and adaptive parish faith formation. Join us as we grow together, with you, and strengthen the culture of lifelong formation in our faith communities.



For more information, please email [olf@archchicago.org](mailto:olf@archchicago.org) or call 312.534.3700.

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## 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](mailto:sglumb@slw.org); 847-577-5972 ext. 233 (work); 601-291-6738 (cell). For details, go to: <http://www.vocationscava.org/hands-on-hearts/>



## Vocation Voices

Featured on our website this month is Mrs. Suzanne Petrouski, Chairperson of the CAVA Communications Committee. 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 homepage bottom section*).

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## Night Fever

Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N State St.

Mark your calendars for Nightfever: 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

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### 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.

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### National Catholic Sisters Project

**Attention CAVA members representing communities of women/"Sisters":**

If your community is interested in helping with an archdiocesan-wide NCSP event, please contact Sr. Lovina [Lpammit@archchicago.org](mailto:Lpammit@archchicago.org) or call 312-534-5240. For details about NCSP, visit <http://www.vocationscava.org/national-catholic-sisters-project/>



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### Vocational Conference in Rome Dec 1-3, 2017

In anticipation of and in preparation for the Synod of Bishops to be held in 2018 on the topic "Young people, faith and vocation



## CONGREGAZIONE PER GLI ISTITUTI DI VITA CONSACRATA E LE SOCIETÀ DI VITA APOSTOLICA



discernment", the Dicastery of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life has organized a Conference for Major Superiors and Vocation Animation Personnel on Vocational Ministry ... [A]ll forms of Consecrated Life throughout the world, to contribute to the success of this undertaking! The Conference will be held in Rome from December 1 to 3, 2017, at the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum (Via degli Aldobrandeschi, 190). For more information go to: <http://www.congregazionevitaconsacrata.va/content/vitaconsacrata/it/eventi/convegno-sulla-pastorale-vocazionale/inglese.html>

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### 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](mailto:Lpammit@archchicago.org)



## Website and VAPS Materials Needed

Please email [Lpammit@archchicago.org](mailto: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](mailto:Lpammit@archchicago.org).

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## 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/>

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*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](mailto: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](mailto:Lpammit@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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