

October 2016 CAVA 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/> - you will need your password!

CAVA Advent Retreat/Christmas Celebration - Dec 13 - SAVE THE DATE!

Please save the date on your calendar and plan to participate in our December 13 Advent Retreat and Christmas celebration at St. Francis Woods Convent in Frankfort! The ad hoc planning committee will be meeting and will finalize details on time and schedule. Email your suggestions and ideas to cava@archchicago.org by October 13.

Holy Fire - Middle School/Youth Event - Oct 14 & 15

CAVA Members: Exhibit tables are not free at the Holy Fire Event at this time so the best thing to do is to volunteer. (Sr. Lovina signed up to volunteer Friday, Oct. 14). To sign up go to:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdd5ABuaQcOZnYvtQavbWqZUigmAzjAUkFDGA9jZ2hdHkXKVw/viewform?c=0&w=1>.

For background information go to: <http://www.formedcatholic.com/holyfire>

Here I Am Lord

If you haven't already done so, there's plenty of time to register for the HERE I AM LORD National Vocation Conference taking place at St. Patrick Parish in St. Charles, IL on March 2 - 5, 2017! The largest parish-based vocation conference in the U.S. brings together religious from across the country to share the JOY of their vocation. The best Catholic speakers and musicians join to share the JOY of their vocation and faith! Visit www.hereiamlord.net for more details and registration!

NRVC Convocation - Register now!

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. For keynote speakers and workshop details, visit <https://nrvc.net/274/article/convocation-2016-11165>.

Hands-ON+Hearts-IN

Discernment through outreach service for single women

The next Outreach to Mississippi is October 16 to 22. Sr. Bernadine Gutowski is helping Sr. Sharon Glumb lead this H+H week. The 2017 dates and sign up information can be found on the Hands-ON+Hearts-IN page on the CAVA website: <http://www.vocationscava.org/hands-on-hearts/>
Please help spread the word by posting the promo ad to your websites and Facebook pages.

Sr. Marie Mason on Sabbatical



Sister Marie Mason, sscm, is taking a five month sabbatical as of October this year in Kentucky. She can be reached at Cedars of Peace, Loretto Motherhouse, 515 Nerinx Road, Nerinx, KY 40049. If you are curious about the place, you can visit: <https://loretto retreatcenters.com/> Our Vocation Voice currently features Sr. Marie on the CAVA website at: <http://www.vocationscava.org/vocation-voices/>

Chicago's Got Sisters

Mark your calendars, help us spread the word, and sign up to participate! 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. [Spring 2017 Chicago's Got Sisters Community Participation Form](#)
Please help spread the word by posting the promo ad to your websites and Facebook pages.

Peer Supervision

Vocation minister supervision is available with Sr. Helen Cahill, OP at Claret Center, 5536 S Everett Ave in Chicago, 60637. The group meets once a month for two hours and costs \$60.00 a session. One need not attend every session and individuals can also arrange a one-hour private session with Helen for \$60.00. Supervision is recommended for all new membership ministers. Contact Claret Center at 773-643-6259 or e-mail Helen at helenc@claret.org.

Prayer Requests/Updates

- Br. Alan Parham sends good news about his procedure: What showed up on his lung x-ray was an old scar that has healed. He is quite relieved and is very grateful for your prayers!
- Sr. Michele Fisher sends a huge thank you for your messages and continued prayers.

Your continued prayers are appreciated:

Let us pray for:

- the repose of the soul of Sr. Connie Bach's mother who died on. Our condolences to Sr. Connie and her family. A spiritual gift/memorial and a sympathy card have been sent on behalf of CAVA.
 - the repose of the soul of Sr. May Paul Schultz, local superior at Resurrection Provincial House. Our condolences to Sr. Kathleen Skrocki and community and prayers for Sr Kathleen as she takes care of the many details at their convent. A spiritual gift/memorial and a sympathy card have been sent on behalf of CAVA.
 - the repose of the soul of Dennis Weina, father of Sr. Debra Weina, SSJ-TOSF. Our condolences to Sr. Debra Weina and her family. A spiritual gift/memorial and a sympathy card have been sent on behalf of CAVA.
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A Minute with the Office for Protecting Children and Youth (OPCY) - an OPCY Newsletter

This September OPCY newsletter contains updates on OPCY activities including an October 29 Mass for Hope and Healing, important tips and links that all who work around young people need to know. Get the PDF from our CAVA "Safe Environment" web page (you will need the Member password): <http://www.vocationscava.org/safe-environment/>

Catholics on Call Partner Conference

The twelfth annual Catholics on Call Partner Conference was held September 15 – 16, 2016 at CTU. The conference brings together campus ministers, vocation directors, and other young adult ministers from around the country to engage in conversation and discussion about how to support Catholic young adults. Together we explore ways of collaboration, through sharing promising practices, identifying pastoral strategies and engaging participants in reflection on their own ministries. The Keynote Speakers have graciously shared their presentations (Click links to access): Fr. Frank S. Donio, S.A.C., D. Min. – [Theology of Collaboration](#)
Barbara Humphrey McCrabb, M. Div. – [Collaboration in Ministry](#)

Message from Paola Tai



... I am very grateful for this successful Partner Conference. At the same time I am also very grateful for these months of experiences working for Catholics on Call. With this gratitude in my heart, I have to share with you that I am leaving this position in October. I will leave Chicago and move to the Focolare community in Vancouver, Canada. As what the slogan of Catholics on Call states, "Direction for your life," I am ready to follow this new vocational path set forth from God! I am very thankful for having the chance to meet many of you and to be involved in many vocation ministry discussions. Thank you for all of your support to me and to the program. I will keep you and your ministry always in my prayers. Please stay tuned to our next newsletter for further information about our new program coordinator. Many blessings for this new season of autumn and beyond, Paola Tai, Catholics on Call Program Coordinator

ATTN: All CAVA Members

Your help is needed in the following requests. Please carve out some time from your busy life to contribute to the following:

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

Vocation Voices (*Opportunity for you to be featured!*)

The Communications Committee is collecting information about CAVA members to be featured

on the CAVA website. The member feature will be made available on the “Meet the Members” page. For the current featured CAVA member go to: <http://www.vocationscava.org/vocation-voices/>

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](#).

CALENDAR

Oct 7-8, 2016	Chicago’s Got Sisters
Oct 27-31, 2016	NRVC Convocation
Nov 2, 2016	Communications Committee Meeting (9:30 am Conference Call)
Nov 10, 2016	CMYA Committee Meeting (10:00 am –noon)
Nov 10, 2016	VAPS Committee Meeting (12:30 -2:30 pm)

The CAVA Annual Calendar that shows dates for the entire CAVA organization is on the website: <http://www.vocationscava.org/memberslogin/cava-members-calendar/>

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!

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!
