



CHICAGO ARCHDIOCESAN VOCATION ASSOCIATION September 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/>

CAVA Opening Gathering

On Wednesday, August 30 CAVA members and partners in ministry gathered at St. Francis Woods in Frankfort, Illinois. A big THANK YOU to all who



worked hard with this event especially Sr. Maria Brizuela and Sr. Michele Fisher (who joined us via Zoom that day). Thanks to Sr. Connie Bach for preparing a beautiful Liturgy, and all who volunteered to help with various tasks – “many hands make light(er) work!”

Updated CAVA Handbook

The updated CAVA handbook is now available. Even if you are a “seasoned” member of CAVA, please set aside some time to read through this handbook as several changes and updates were made this summer to more accurately capture CAVA operations today. Special thanks to Sr. Connie Bach who revised the document, and Fr. Harold Fisher and Sr. Michele Fisher who helped us go through the document. To download, go to <http://www.vocationscava.org/memberslogin/> and look for CAVA Handbook under the green “Membership” menu box.

Strategic Plan

After two years of visioning CAVA now has a three year action plan document with three main priorities. To download, go to <http://www.vocationscava.org/memberslogin/> and look for CAVA Handbook under the green “Membership” menu box. NOTE: Ad hoc committee coordinators will contact those who signed up at summer registration and on August 30.

Summer Interviews

Thank you to all who participated in the CAVA summer interviews and a special thank you to several 2016-2017 Board members who contributed time and effort in interviewing members. This valuable data has been synthesized by Br. Jim McDonald for further discussion by the new Advisory Board. Stand by for updates!

Upcoming Dates

Sept 12, 2017

[CMYA Meeting](#)

Sep 18, 2017

[VAPS Committee Meetings](#)

Sep 21-22, 2017

Catholics on Call

[Partner Conference \(CTU\)](#)

October 10, 2017

[Communications Committee Mtg](#)

Oct. 8-12, 2017

[BPR: University of Chicago](#)

Oct 13-14, 2017

[Chicago's Got Sisters](#)

Oct 20 | Oct 21: Holy Fire

www.nfcym.org/holyfirechicago

October 20, 2017

(re)ENCOUNTER

<https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/reencounter>

Nov 16 – 18: NCCY

www.nfcym.org/nccy1/

[WYD Jan 22-27, 2019](#)

Panama City, Panama

(Chicago event planning in the works for Jan 26-27!)

CAVA Video Project

We thank Jim Disch, Director of Office for Radio and TV, for sending us Brian Brach to take video footage of CAVA members to promote our work and motivate others to join and support us. We hope to have short video clips that will be posted as a series on our website. If you are interested in being interviewed for the video series, it is not too late!

Email Lpammit@archchicago.org to schedule a date and time for you to come to Quigley Center.

Committee Meetings/Events

Please renew your CAVA membership online and make sure you check with Committee you wish to be a part of (or email Lpammit@archchicago.org) so Sr. Lovina can add you to the Committee roster.

The Campus Ministry/Young Adult (CM/YA) Committee is meeting tomorrow, September 12. Details are available online at <http://www.vocationscava.org/memberslogin/campus-ministryyoung-adult-committee/>. Information for Busy Person's Retreat, Chicago's Got Sisters and Online Discernment program are also on that webpage.

The Communications Committee meets every month mostly by phone two meetings of which are in person. The next meeting is October 10. For details go to: <http://www.vocationscava.org/memberslogin/websitesocial-media-committee/>

The Vocation Awareness in Parishes and Schools (VAPS) Committee meeting is September 18, 2017. Details will be sent out this week.

Chicago's Got Sisters – Response Needed!

Chicago's Got Sisters is one month away! Community participation is still being sought! Kindly send your Community Participation Forms to Sister Michele Fisher at sorellamichele@aol.com or call her at (215) 870-1136 for more information. Drivers and panelists are also needed. **Please reply before September 15.** Chicago's Got Sisters begins October 13, 2017 at 6 p.m. and ends October 14, 2017 at 8:30 p.m.

The graphic is a vertical collage for 'Chicago's Got Sisters'. On the left, a blue box titled 'SCHEDULE' lists activities for five days: Friday (Welcome, Supper, Evening Prayer, Overnight), 2nd Stop (Breakfast, Morning Prayer), 3rd Stop (Mass), 4th Stop (Lunch, Vocation Panel, Emmaus Walk), and 5th Stop (Evening Prayer, Dinner) ending Saturday. In the center, a yellow circle lists 'UPCOMING EVENTS' for 'Gary's Got Sisters' (Oct 3-4, 2017), 'Judy's Got Sisters' (Feb 2018), and 'Chicago's Got Sisters' (Mar 9-10, 2018). To the right, a blue circle contains the text 'CHICAGO'S GOT sisters' and 'October 13-14 CHICAGO, IL'. At the bottom, it says 'Sponsored by CAVA' and 'Thank you to L.S. Pich Co. for printing.' There are also small photos of people.

[Oct 2017 CGS Community Participation Form](#)

[Chgo's Got Sisters Oct 2017 Brochure](#)

[Chgo's Got Sisters Oct 2017 Flyer](#)

[Chgo's Got Sisters Oct 2017 Bulletin Insert](#)

Hands-ON+ Hearts-IN

The September 18 to 22 outreach has been cancelled. 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; 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 Sr. Mary Kay Brooks, SSND. 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](http://www.vocationscava.org) homepage bottom section).

Congratulations, Fr. Byron!

Fr. Byron Macias, CMF, was ordained to the priesthood on July 29, 2017. Bishop William Medley of Owensboro, Kentucky, presided the ordination along with Fr. Rosendo Urrabazo, CMF, Provincial Superior for the Claretian USA-Canada Province.

The ordination took place at Fr. Byron's parish, Saints Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, KY, where he worked as a lay minister; he found his missionary vocation while working there. Byron worked there since 2004 as Director of Hispanic Ministry.

Now, Fr. Byron has been assigned as Assistant Vocation Director for the Claretians. He was assigned also to Claretian Hispanic Ministry Publishing Resources and Escuela Biblica Claretiana in Chicago.



Fr. Byron has been collaborating with CAVA since 2015, from which he has learned many valuable lessons from very hardworking and creative religious women and men.

Please pray for him and all CAVA members as they continue working for the sake of new vocations to religious life.

PICTURE: (l to r) Fr. Richard Meredith, Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul; Fr. Byron Macias, CMF; Bishop William Medley of the Diocese of Owensboro, KY. Picture courtesy of Fr. Paul Keller, CMF

Six Weeks With the Word of God

A follow up program to Theology on Tap, Six Weeks With the Word of God is a young adult scripture sharing opportunity offered by the Department of Parish Vitality and Mission. If you are interested in participating (presencing) visit <https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/six-weeks-with-the-word-of-god> for more details. Click [here](#) to register to attend the Kickoff Event.

Making the Leap of Faith: A Talk on Science and the Bible by an Astrophysicist Priest

Monday, September 18; 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Nacional 27, 325 West Huron Street

Free drinks and food will be enjoyed by all!

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/>

Saturday, October 7, 2017-Nightfever 17 (4th Anniversary) with Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A.

For more information, click below:

<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

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 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



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



Apostolorum (Via degli Aldobrandeschi, 190). For more information go to:

<http://www.congregazionevitaconsacrata.va/content/vitaconsacrata/it/eventi/convegno-sulla-pastorale-vocazionale/inglese.html>

National Catholic Sisters Project

Attention CAVA members representing communities of women/”Sisters”:



We need your help as part of the Steering Committee for the implementation of National Catholic Sisters Project (NCSP) initiative in the archdiocese. If you are interested in planning a “Sisters Awareness” event for your community, help others host their own event, or help involve communities and parishes in Chicago, then we need you on our team! We recently received funds from the national office to be used towards a diocesan effort OR individual communities.

Please contact Sr. Lovina Pammit by September 30 at Lpammit@archchicago.org or call 312-534-5240. For details about NCSP, visit <http://www.vocationscava.org/national-catholic-sisters-project/>

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



Website and VAPS Materials Needed

Please email 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.

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/>



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 – 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 if you have any suggestions, ideas or ways you can help to improve how things are communicated to CAVA members!