



CHICAGO ARCHDIOCESAN VOCATION ASSOCIATION March 2018 CAVA MONTHLY UPDATE

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<http://www.vocationscava.org/memberslogin/cava-newslettersupdates/>

Sister Stories

Launched during the [National Catholic Sisters Week](#), Sister Stories is a video project of the Archdiocese of Chicago celebrating and promoting awareness of Catholic Sisters in Chicago and vocations to Consecrated life. Initially launched to celebrate National Catholic Sisters Week (March 8 to 14 annually), our plan is to extend [Sister Stories](#) to a yearlong venture. We hope to start featuring Religious men starting with celebration of Brothers on May 1.

Cultures of Formation: Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment

By Sr. Connie Bach, PHJC

Cultures of Formation: Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment was an academic and pastoral conference held at the University of Notre Dame in anticipation of the 2018 General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome.

The synod is to address “the process by which a person makes fundamental choices in dialogue with the Lord and listening to the voice of the Spirit (Preparatory Document II.2).” It looked at the basic question: How do we create cultures in which it is easier for young people to be Catholic?

In preparation for the synod, Bishops, pastors, lay leaders, high school/college administration and faculty met to learn about, discuss and assess the following:

- the pervasive cultural influences that form young people today
- the end to which the Church’s evangelization and formation efforts are ordered
- the possibilities for renewing the Church’s mission in forming young people for vocational discernment

The conference was very well attended and was co-sponsored by the McGrath Institute for Church Life at Notre Dame and the USCCB Committee on Doctrine.

Conference speakers included: Bishop Robert Barron - Archdiocese of Los Angeles and founder of Word on Fire; Nicholas Carr - author on technology and culture and 2011 Pulitzer Prize nominee; Katherine Angulo - Associate Director of Youth Ministry for the Archdiocese of Atlanta; and Joe Campo - Founder of Grassroots Films and director/producer of The Human Experience.

Interested parties can sign up for post-conference follow up at <https://icl.nd.edu/synod/> or follow on Twitter #CulturesofFormation.

Upcoming Dates

May 1, 2018
[Combined Meeting for CMYA & VAPS Committees](#)

Apr 3 | May 8 | Jun 19
[Communication Committee Mtg](#)

Mar 21, 2018
CAVA Education Day–Meyer Ctr

April 9, 2018
CAVA Advisory Board
Visioning Day

SAVE THE DATE!
May 16, 2018
CAVA End of Year Gathering

[WYD Jan 21-28, 2019](#)
Panama City, Panama

PHJC Invitation – 150th Anniversary Event

CAVA members and community are invited to a presentation by Sr. Carol Zinn, SSJ

Women and Men Religious' Hopes for Today and Tomorrow
Saturday, May 19, 2018; 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (EDT)

The Center at Donaldson, 9601 S Union Road, Plymouth, IN 46563

Dr. Carol Zinn, SSJ, will explore the critical challenges facing women and men in religious life. A panel of five new religious will respond to her presentation. We are offering this presentation and lunch gratis in honor of our anniversary. Please feel free to include the members of your congregation in this invitation.

RSVP to khaas@poorhandmaids.org or call 574-941-1661



Also, congratulations to the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ on the Vatican's approval of a second miracle that paves the way for the canonization of their foundress, Bl. Maria Caterina Kasper!

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; 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. Editha Ben, S.P. You can find the link at the bottom of our website home page or go directly to: <http://www.vocationscava.org/vocation-voices/>.

Archdiocesan radio shows moved to 750 AM from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Central

Consider getting into the habit of tuning in to 750 AM from 8:00 to 9:00 in the morning and get in touch with Archdiocesan events and current issues. It might spark some ideas including being a possible guest in one of the shows. Click on the link for more details. <https://www.chicagocatholic.com/chicagoland/-/article/2017/12/20/archdiocesan-radio-shows-moving-to-750-am>

Young Adult Event - Night Fever: 9:00 p.m. to midnight

Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N State St.

Mark your calendars for Night Fever: Chicago 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, April 21, 2018 with Fr. Tim Monahan
Saturday, August 25, 2018

Saturday, October 6, 2018
Saturday, December 15, 2018



INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCIES

for human formation

April 15-18, 2018 | St. Meinrad, IN

National experts in human formation and intercultural competency will offer new strategies for evaluating, forming and acculturating international candidates, clergy and religious for ministry in the United States.

A conference for religious and diocesan leadership, vicars for clergy and formation and vocation personnel.

Cosponsored by Saint Luke Institute and Saint Meinrad Archabbey, Seminary and School of Theology. The \$595 registration fee includes conference materials, meals and a single room on campus or at a nearby hotel. Double occupancy is \$505 per person. The rate for participants who arrange their own off-site housing is \$400 per person. For more information go to: <https://www.sliconnect.org/conferences/human-formation-2018/>

Peer Supervision for Vocation Ministers

Sr. Helen Cahill, O.P. is available to facilitate peer supervision to vocation ministers at:
The Claret Center , 5536 South Everett, Chicago, IL 60637 | Tel: 773.643.6259

You can find Sr. Helen's article on this topic from the Summer 2017 issue of NRVC's Horizon Magazine.

BelongChicago.org – ArchChicago Events Site for Young Adults

<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 community (non-CAVA) event to the list, please contact belong@archchicago.org.

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

RESOURCE Materials Needed for the CAVA Website

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 Vocation prayers in general
- Book recommendations (title, author, link where to buy, ISBN number, etc.) and your review if possible.
- Ministry in action – photo of you and CAVA members in action with caption and article on the event (Please make sure all involved have given their permission for CAVA to use the photos.
- 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!