



## CHICAGO ARCHDIOCESAN VOCATION ASSOCIATION July 2018 CAVA MONTHLY UPDATE

The CAVA monthly update is available from the Members page – click on CAVA Updates/Newsletters or go directly to:

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

### **Save the date: August 29, 2018 – CAVA Opening Gathering**

Location: Felician Convent: 3800 W Peterson Ave, Chicago, IL 60659

### **2018-2019 CAVA Member Participation Level Survey**

If you haven't filled in the online renewal/registration form for CAVA 2018-2019 Ministry year that includes the Participation Level Survey, here's the link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZSfXQB8G95\\_I0NyjSUGL3Oe8vN6WvoSMz2vQMG\\_GY6XGPRA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZSfXQB8G95_I0NyjSUGL3Oe8vN6WvoSMz2vQMG_GY6XGPRA/viewform)

If you have a CAVA Group member who is new to CAVA, please use:

<http://legacy.archchicago.org/dps/officereligious/cava/registration.aspx>

### **Hands-ON+ Hearts-IN Discernment Outreach in Mississippi**



Please help advertise the next 2018 dates: August 22-24-25 and September 10-11-12. Participants need to sign up one month before. 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/>

### **Upcoming Dates**

July 10, 2018  
Communications Committee  
9:30am Conference Call

July 10, 2018  
CAVA Events Committee  
11 am @ Mercy Sisters

Catholics on Call  
[July 25-28 YA Summer Conference](#)  
[Sept 20-21 – Partner Conference](#)

**August 29, 2018**  
**CAVA Opening – Felician Convent**

Nov 1 to 5  
[NRVC Convocation \(Buffalo, NY\)](#)

### **Radio Show “Dare to Love” July 5**

Sr. Lovina with co-host Sr. Mary Kay Brooks discuss NRVC's “10 Questions People Ask About Vocations to Religious Life.” Part 2 airs Thursday, July 5. The August 2<sup>nd</sup> show will be live with guest Br. Jim McDonald. “Dare to Love” airs on the first Thursday of the month from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. Channel 750AM WNDZ Indiana. If you miss the airing of the show, podcast recordings are posted at

[www.archchicago.org/radiotv/programs](http://www.archchicago.org/radiotv/programs).



We are currently lining up guests so if you are interested please contact [lpammit@archchicago.org](mailto:lpammit@archchicago.org).

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## **BelongChicago.org – ArchChicago Events Site for Young Adults**

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](mailto:belong@archchicago.org).

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## **Vocation Voices**

Our July feature is Sr. Gloria Tamayo. You can find the link at the bottom of our website home page or go directly to: <http://www.vocationscava.org/vocation-voices/>. We would like to have each CAVA member featured so please contact Suzanne Petrouski at [vocations@lcmh.org](mailto:vocations@lcmh.org).

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## **Upcoming CAVA Events**

**Fall CGS:** CAVA women, save the date for the fall Chicago's Got Sisters: Oct 12 & 13, 2018. You have to be on the CAVA roster for 2018-2019 for you to receive the invitation so fill in your renewal and participation survey now!

**Praying Chicago** –Nov 17, 2018 - tentative date

**Young Adult Retreat** – Oct 21, 2018

*Plan to be at our August 29, 2018 gathering to hear about these initiatives.*

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## **National Catholic Sisters Project Funding – Important information!**

As a member of CAVA you may qualify for some funding for an event you wish to implement as part of the National Catholic Sisters Project (NCSP). Please send your proposal to Sr. Lovina at [Lpammit@archchicago.org](mailto:Lpammit@archchicago.org). The event or initiative may include promotion of your own congregation or in collaboration with other communities to encourage young women to consider becoming a Sister. Chicago's Got Sisters, Online Discernment and Pizza with Volunteers are examples of collaborative programs that CAVA implements. These are already being supported by NCSP. Although the NCSP grant is targeted for promotion of Sisters, funding of these events indirectly benefit men's communities as well so I encourage you to work collaboratively so as to include the men when you craft your initiative. Be creative!

For the March 8 to 14, 2019 NCSW, go to <http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org/get-involved.php> for ideas and for the curriculum. Applications for mini-grants will be available in the fall and will be announced in August.

## **Sr. Belinda Monahan, OSB talks about her experience with NCSW and shares some tips:**

Last year, for National Catholic Sisters Week (NCSW), I had a short video, Monasticism in the 21st Century ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=9&v=ZzUY5U84CAw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=9&v=ZzUY5U84CAw)) produced for our community. We debuted the video in an evening event to which we invited the general public--about 40 people attended; most of them were Oblates of the community and Sisters, although a few people who did not know the community also came. In addition to viewing the video, Sisters and Oblates spoke for five to ten minutes on a series of

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Benedictine values: community, prayer, love of learning, ministry, and hospitality and we provided refreshments and discussion at the end. We recorded the presentations and posted them on our website as podcasts. So we not only held an excellent evening event, but we also have several different types of media that can be used into the future.

My experience of NCSW has been uniformly wonderful. The staff is amazingly helpful and the application process is clear and neatly spelled out; the proposal is about three pages long and the reporting is a similar length. They fund a variety of events from Come and See Weekends to ice cream socials and bowling with Sisters nights. They do encourage groups other than women religious (Campus Ministries for example) to apply and hold events. They also do have what they call "[NCSW event in a box](#)" which provides everything you need to hold an event with little planning on your part. Each of the three events for which I have applied has been funded and has been successful--I have continued one of the events in a slightly scaled down version quarterly and I have a serious discernor who attended the second event. I cannot recommend these events strongly enough. (Sr. Belinda)

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### Theology on Tap:

To check on ToT events this summer visit <https://pvm.archchicago.org/theology-on-tap/>

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### ATTENTION CAVA Members

We want to feature what you've been up to! Please send us:

1. Brief articles (150 words or less) with photos and captions on vocation events for CAVA, i.e. parish fairs, classroom visits, BPRs, Chicago's Got Sisters, committee or board meetings, FOCUS, SEEK, NCYC, World Youth Day, congregational events of interest to young people, etc.
2. Updates on any upcoming vocation events to put on website (name of event, date, time, place and who can participate) to Lovina (updates and newsletters) and Suzanne (website).



3. Let us know if you want to be featured on our Vocation Voices page. Also, don't forget that we now have a Special Feature section on the website under Vocation Voices where you can write an article and share a photo on special events for your community, anniversaries, jubilees, ordinations, etc.

<http://www.vocationscava.org/vocation-voices/>

4. Be sure to LIKE the CAVA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/VocationsCAVA> if you have not already done so!

When posting events, photos, etc. regarding vocations on your own or your community's Facebook page, please tag Fr. Adam for him to share on the CAVA website.

5. Also, please send vocation awareness and discernment materials for website posting:

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

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**Do you have a Vocation Event? Click on this [“Submit an Event” 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:

Go to our CAVA website MEMBER PAGE (save this URL on your FAVORITES file)

<http://www.vocationscava.org/memberslogin/>. 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](mailto:Lpammit@archchicago.org) – thank you!

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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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