

****New Announcements****

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Catholic Engaged Encounter is an international program committed to preparing couples for the sacrament of marriage. Engaged couples attend a weekend retreat that fosters openness and communication through a series of presentations, private reflection and dialog time. Catholic Engaged Encounter is an approved marriage preparation program within the Baltimore Archdiocese. Below is a list of upcoming retreat dates, including weekend dates for 2017.

2017 Weekends

Jan. 13-15

Jul. 14-17

Feb. 18-19

Sept. 8-10

Apr. 7-9

Nov. 3-5

May 19-21

Weekends fill quickly. Register early! For more information or to register for a weekend, please visit our website at www.mdcee.org or call 410-439-4217

GOD, SEX AND THE MEANING OF LIFE

GOD, SEX and the MEANING of LIFE – Join the best-selling author Christopher West as he unfolds St. John Paul II’s Theology of the Body” a bold, compelling, Christian response to the sexual revolution that is transforming lives and renewing relationships around the globe and across denominational lines. Christopher will be joined by nationally touring musician and podcast host Mike Mangione. Sunday, **Feb. 12, 2017** 6:30-8:30PM. ST. Casimir Church, 2800 O’Donnell Street, Baltimore, MD 21224. More Info: Contact Rick at rick.williams.cpa@verizon.net.

****Previous Announcements****

KNOTT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

KNOTT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS announce the availability of four-year, full-tuition scholarships for the 2017/2018 academic year. These scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement. Catholic students now in grade 4 or grade 8, living in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford or Howard counties may apply. Scholarships may be used to attend a Catholic parish elementary school or a Catholic high school within these geographic areas of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Information regarding qualifications and an application form describing eligibility requirements and deadlines may be obtained from our web site at: www.knottscholar.org. For additional information, please call 443-325-7884 or write to us at knottscholars@gmail.com.

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10’s of 1000’s of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. Our next local weekend is **January 27 - 29, 2017**. All calls and inquiries

are confidential. To register or obtain more information visit our website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@Retrouvaille.org.

LOVE & RESPECT VIDEO MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

To be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Ellicott City on **February 10 & 11, 2017** (6:30-10:00 Friday; 9:00-2:00 Saturday). Married and engaged couples and singles enjoyed this conference when it was offered in the past. Dr. Emerson & Sarah Eggerichs present a funny, high energy, practical seminar designed to help couples everywhere achieve the relationship they've always dreamed of. \$15 per person if registered by January 30; \$20 per person after that date. To register go to www.LOVEandRESPECT.com or call Kathy Schmidt 410-747-5611 if you have questions. Childcare is available.

WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION!

St. Joseph Church in Fullerton hosts "Work out your Salvation!" a Lenten mission with EWTN's Fr. Wade Menezes, **February 14-18, 2016**. Free, no registration required. Mission talks are from 7-8pm each night. For more information, contact Jim Hamilton at (410) 218-3162 or jimahamilton@lycos.com.

ARCHDIOCESAN PRAYER MINISTRY ON FACEBOOK

Visit the Archdiocesan Prayer Ministry's new Facebook page at www.facebook.com/prayersarchbalt. This page provides encouragement, comfort, and resources to help you in your time of need. Check us out and "Like" us on Facebook. You can still request prayer or sign up to be part of the prayer team at <http://www.archbalt.org/ministries/prayer-ministry/index.cfm>.

RADIO MASS & NEW LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM

Listen to the Radio Mass of Baltimore on its new stations and times: Sundays at 9am on Q1370 AM and WCBM 680 AM and WCBM 690 AM and 6pm on WCBM 680 AM. Following each airing of the Radio Mass will be a new locally-produced Catholic radio program, *Catholic Baltimore*, which will air interviews and information relevant for Catholics in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. For more information, visit www.archbalt.org.

TALK WITH YOUR LOVED ONES ON END-OF-LIFE ISSUES

Illness and death – whether our own or that of a loved one – are issues many of us avoid thinking and talking about until they are immediately confronting us. Too often we are unprepared for the questions that arise, and find ourselves making difficult decisions in the midst of a crisis, without the benefit of time and reflection. Maryland's bishops have released a pastoral letter, *Comfort and Consolation*, on care for the sick and dying to encourage Catholics to take that time now, before facing a crisis, so that when illness and death inevitably come, we can face them with the comfort and peace of understanding our faith, and knowing our Lord is there to embrace us in our hour of need. Visit the Maryland Catholic Conference at www.md cathcon.org/comfort for downloading copies or to order.

THE RESOURCE EXCHANGE PROGRAM AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

The Resource Exchange is a program of the Social Action Committee at St. Vincent de Paul Church. We place homeless persons in apartments in cooperation with Health Care for the Homeless. We are always looking for gently used small furniture pieces and household items. The complete list is on our website at stvchurch.org. For more information contact Pat Frascati at 410-663-5542 or 410-917-2214 or frascati00@comcast.net.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary of the Archdiocese of Baltimore is presently working in 20 parishes throughout the Archdiocese. This organization is a wonderful means of channeling the vital apostolic work of the laity in your parish. Their work includes visits to nursing homes, hospitals and hospices, visiting new parishioners and the newly baptized. They evangelize by reaching out to people at festivals and events in the Baltimore area as well as at the train station and on the streets of Baltimore. They serve in their parishes in Faith Formation and evangelization efforts. If you are interested in starting a Legion of Mary group in your parish, please contact Dianne Van Pelt at Vanpelt5@comcast.net.

MINISTRY FOR SEPARATED/DIVORCED

It takes a long time and a lot of work to heal the pain that comes with the breakup of a relationship. Now there is a safe place where you can be around people who truly understand how you are feeling. **REBUILDING** is a Christian-based support group for separated and divorced people sponsored by St. Bernadette Parish. Our completed five sessions have been a resounding success and participant reviews have been very positive. Our current session is on-going running **every Wednesday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm** in the Parish Conference Room at 801 Stevenson Rd, Severn, MD 21144. If you or someone you know is dealing with the pain of separation or divorce join us to experience how the Holy Spirit uses this group to lift you up and equip you to move into a new beginning. **REBUILDING** is a 13-week program and participants can join at any time since each session is standalone. There is a one-time fee of \$15 for materials. For additional information call Andrea Montrose at [410-969-2782](tel:410-969-2782) or email us at rebuildingsevern@gmail.com.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE MOBILE APP

The Archdiocese of Baltimore has developed a mobile version of its website and an App for Apple and Android mobile device users, to make it easier for Catholics to stay connected to their local Church, including parishes and schools, while on the go. For more information, visit www.archbalt.org or download the app from the app store.

ARE YOU A CATHOLIC PHYSICIAN, HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL, OR MEDICAL STUDENT?

The Catholic Medical Association (CMA) helps doctors and health care professionals grow in faith, maintain ethical integrity, and provide excellent health care in accordance with the teachings of the Church. The CMA offers professional, spiritual, and moral support through local chapters and annual national conferences featuring world-class speakers and CME credits. Be part of the New Evangelization and join the CMA to help build a culture of life in health care and to provide a voice for Catholic medical and ethical principles in society. Visit www.cathmed.org to learn more about the CMA and the benefits of membership.

LEGAL ADVICE PROGRAM

The University of Maryland, Francis King Carey School of Law will be staffing its "Just Advice" program over the next few months. This program allows anyone, for the cash fee of \$10, to discuss an issue of concern with a lawyer. Possible issues can involve family law, insurance issues, possible expungement, employment issues or consumer concerns. Appointments are encouraged and a variety of dates are available. Please visit <http://justadvice.wordpress.com> for a list of dates and locations.

PREGNANT, NEED HELP? Call Gabriel Network at 1-800-ANGEL OK or visit www.gabrielnetwork.org?

SUFFERING POST-ABORTION STRESS? Call Rachel's Vineyard Baltimore at 410-625-8491

ENCOURAGE SUPPORT GROUP—Baltimore Area

In offering support to parents dealing with concerns that present themselves when a son or daughter informs them of a homosexual orientation, our Catholic Bishops state: "You need not face this painful time alone, without human assistance or God's grace. The Church can be an instrument of both help and healing." Those confronting these issues for the first time as well as those who may be journeying through them are welcome. Confidentiality is respected. The group meets on the fourth Monday of each month. For contact information and directions call Pat at 410-302-4641.

ENCOURAGE SUPPORT GROUP—Western Maryland Area

In offering support to parents dealing with concerns that present themselves when a son or daughter informs them of a homosexual orientation, our Catholic Bishops state: "You need not face this painful time alone, without human assistance or God's grace. The Church can be an instrument of both help and healing." Those confronting these issues for the first time as well as those who may be journeying through them are welcome. Confidentiality is respected. The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 67 Liberty St., Berkeley Springs, WV 25411 (corner of Liberty and Washington Streets).

COURAGE MINISTRY CONTACT INFORMATION

Courage is a ministry to people with same-sex attractions who are looking for support to live chaste lives according to the teachings of the Church. For complete information, go to their website--www.couragerc.net. Dominican Father Carleton Jones is the local Courage chaplain. He is available for confidential inquiries or conversations at 443-845-4567. Voice mail messages should include a first name and a private number to return the call.

****Classifieds****

SECRETARY FOR EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION

Position Title: Secretary for Evangelization and Faith Formation; Parish: Our Lady of the Fields Church; Reports to: Pastoral Associate for Evangelization and Faith Formation; Position Summary: Provide part-time support (18 hours/week) for Evangelization and Faith Formation office. Perform office support for the day to day business encountered by the staff. Work days and times: Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9am to 3:30pm. Work times will not exceed 40 hours per week. Essential Functions (included by not limited to): Professional, pleasant and effective telephone and email communication skills. Welcome individuals visiting the office.; Collaborative and organizational skills required, including time management and attention to detail.; Proficient word processing experience required.; Working knowledge of Microsoft Office, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Publisher.; Required Education: High School Diploma; Required Knowledge: Awareness of Catholic Doctrine and practices and able to communicate the Church's mission and goals.

NEEDED: VOLUNTEER WOODWORKER/CABINETMAKER

The Basilica of the Assumption in Baltimore seeks experienced volunteer craftsmen to help restore a large sacristy vesting case and several museum display cases. The basilica museum houses historical artifacts from all periods of the Archdiocesan history and is visited by thousands of visitors a year. Please contact Maura Belton, 410-727-3565 X220, Maura.Belton@baltimorebasilica.org.

VOLUNTEER DOCENTS NEEDED AT BALTIMORE BASILICA

If you relish history and want to give back to the community, then the Baltimore Basilica has a job for you. The Basilica is looking for about 10 to 15 new docents to lead groups through tours in the downtown Basilica. This is a job for anyone who loves history. Typically, applicants include history buffs, teachers, and people attending college or retirees. The Baltimore Basilica, America's first cathedral, is the cradle of the church in the United States, and draws thousands of visitors each year. As the first contact with the public, docents have a chance to make a huge difference for the church. After training, docents can choose from weekday hours (morning or afternoon) or Saturday mornings. Contact Maura Belton, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 409 N. Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201, Phone: (410)547-5523. Email: maura.belton@baltimorebasilica.org.

BIOLOGY AND BIOMEDICAL TEACHER SOUGHT

The Catholic High School of Baltimore, a Franciscan sponsored secondary school, has an immediate opening for a dynamic Biology & Biomedical teacher. *The Catholic High School of Baltimore* offers employees opportunities for professional development, as well as, a competitive compensation and benefits package in the Franciscan tradition of educating young women through academic excellence, Christian community service and responsible leadership. Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Science. Biological Sciences preferred.
- Secondary level experience.
- Maryland State Certified.
- Evidence of commitment to the mission and philosophy of *The Catholic High School of Baltimore*.

Please email your letter of interest, resume, salary requirements and three references to Mrs. Linda DeRemigis at lderemigis@thecatholichighschool.org. No phone messages please.

ASSOCIATE TO THE VICAR BISHOP

The men and women employed by The Archdiocese of Baltimore are dedicated professionals who endeavor to support the mission of the Archdiocese in many diverse areas including spiritual ministry, formation, social work, education and administrative services. We are seeking to add committed and dedicated professionals to our team. If you love the mission of the Catholic Church and seek to make a difference, a role at The Archdiocese of Baltimore (or at one of our affiliates) may be right for you! We are currently seeking an Associate to the Vicar Bishop. The primary responsibility for this position is to assist the Bishop in fulfilling his pastoral and administrative responsibilities to the Archbishop and to the clergy, religious and laity of the vicariate. In this role, you will encourage collegiality, communication, and collaboration at all levels and advocate for personnel in the vicariate.

Essential functions and qualifications

The ideal candidate will serve a variety of functions, including, but not limited to:

- Assisting the Vicar in the service to parishes and institutions by developing and implementing, with the Bishop, a schedule and process for pastoral visits
- Providing staff services to the Vicar at area clergy meetings and to represent him in his absence
- Initiating and coordinating the budgeting, programming, and evaluating activities of the Office of the Vicar
- Assisting in conflict management and resolution for parish-related concerns as directed by the Vicar
- Other duties as assigned by the Vicar

To be considered for this critical role, the successful candidate must possess a Master's degree or equivalent in a field such as Theology, Pastoral Ministry, Ecclesiology, or Community Development. Additionally, having worked in an administrative capacity previously is a plus, with a preference for those who performed that work in a Church-related field. Having direct knowledge of the Archdiocese of Baltimore is highly desirable. Ability to travel on a periodic basis required.

Additional Information

The Archdiocese of Baltimore is committed to creating an environment that encourages and rewards excellence, providing a range of benefits that includes:

- Competitive salary
- Medical, dental, vision and life insurance benefits
- Paid vacation

- 403(b) plan

The Archdiocese is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. All are encouraged to apply. To apply for this position, please email your resume to: sanderson@archbalt.org.

COORDINATOR OF SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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You are a great candidate if you:

- possess a Master’s degree in sacramental theology or a related field
- are a person with demonstrated fidelity to Catholic teaching and have a mature understanding of the Church’s sacramental teachings and theology
- have a proven ability to implement sacramental formation programs and possess experience in and understanding of sacramental catechesis
- have experience and understanding of the RCIA, including adaptations for children and other special circumstances
- have at least three years of experience in sacramental and/or catechetical ministry
- are fluent in Spanish, preferably

If you believe that you possess the skills, talent and aptitude to be a part of this vital ministry, come join our team! In addition to our many benefits such as health insurance and a flexible work schedule, we offer a welcoming environment where Christ is central in all that we do! To apply for this position, please send your resume to: john.romanowsky@archbalt.org.

PREGNANCY CENTER NORTH NEEDS PART-TIME ULTRASONOGRAPHER

Pregnancy Center North, non-profit medical clinic offering life-affirming choices to pregnant women, is seeking a part-time RDMS to perform ultrasounds. Flexible hours, very rewarding work. OB ultrasound experience necessary. Compensation commensurate with experience. Please contact Executive Director, Cindi Ritter at 410-377-2871 or cindi@pcnorth.org.

SCHOOL SEEKS RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

St. Michael the Archangel School is in search of religious articles and display pedestals. We are looking for statues of the Blessed Mother, Jesus, Joseph and St. Michael the Archangel. We would like the statue to be at least 26” tall. We are also looking for pedestals that would be at least 30” tall. Please contact Paul Kristoff at pkristoff@smoverlea.org.