

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Letters of Good Standing and Celebrets. Priests and deacons who will need good standing letters or celebrets to celebrate Masses or other sacraments in another diocese should **complete and submit a “Request form for Letter of Good Standing” at least 3 weeks in advance (except for funerals).** The form can be found on the diocesan website at: <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/resources-for-clergy/> under “Chancery Forms.” Letters will not be issued unless the priest or deacon has a signed Code of Conduct and Uniform Release Authorization in his file, and is current with *Virtus* training and bulletins. For any questions, call the Chancery secretary at 716-847-5559.

Association of Priests for Polish Affairs (APPA). Bishops, priests, deacons and seminarians interested in the Polish American Apostolate of the Diocese are invited to a summer picnic at St. Stanislaus Parish, Pitass Center on Tuesday, August 22 at 4:30 pm. Please call Fr. Cole Webster at 716-854-5510 to RSVP or with questions.

International Exhibition: Miracles of the Eucharist Across the World created by Blessed Carlo Acutis. In light of the National Eucharistic Revival 2022-2024, make plans to share this exhibit with your parish. The mystery of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist can be challenging to fully embrace as human beings. “I believe; help my unbelief!” Mark 9:24. We have 27 panels (24” x 36”) describing Eucharistic miracles spanning the globe available to be exhibited in your parish at no cost. We will set it up and take it down in your parish hall or church. If interested, contact Mary Cygan at mary.jp.cygan@gmail.com. Sponsored by Morning Star Family Holy Hour and Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, Olean.

CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin message for weekend of August 12-13: Are you a parent of young children and your financial situation has changed? If so, you may now qualify for the Women’s, Infants & Children (WIC) federal nutrition program. Catholic Charities is the administrator for WIC in Erie, Niagara and Chautauqua counties and is ready to assist you and your family. For more information about WIC, including income eligibility, visit www.ccwny.org/wic. To connect with services, call 716-218-1484.

Bulletin message for weekend of August 19-20: Save the date! Catholic Charities is culminating their milestone year with a Centennial Mass and Celebration on Sunday, October 29 in Buffalo. Join us to celebrate in style with music, a meal, and main events. Find ticket and sponsorship information at www.ccwny.org and on Facebook and Instagram.

Bulletin message for weekend of August 26-27: Rising costs of living have put a financial strain on so many. If that strain feels unbearable, Catholic Charities can help. If you or your family are facing a crisis situation with food, utilities, toiletries, being able to afford vital medication or more, call 716-856-4494 if you reside in Erie County, or your local Catholic Charities office if you reside outside of Erie County. We are here and ready to help. For more information on our services, visit www.ccwny.org.

Bulletin message for September: Children make up a quarter of people in forced labor. Millions of children around the world will never go to school because they are working to help provide for their

families. **US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114; sistersagainstrafficking.org.

Los niños constituyen una cuarta parte de las personas en trabajo forzoso. Millones de niños en todo el mundo nunca irán a la escuela porque están trabajando para ayudar a mantener a sus familias. **US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114; sistersagainstrafficking.org.

Our Lady of Fatima Outdoor Procession Services every month through October 13. Join us at the Sacred Heart Parish Shrine & Diocesan Shrine, 5337 Genesee St., Bowmansville for Holy Mass, Rosary and Procession with the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Upcoming monthly dates are: August 13 at 11 am; September 13 at 6:30 pm; and October 13 at 6:30 pm. Bring a lawn chair if you are unable to process but would like to join us in prayer. Rain or shine services. For more information, call 716-683-2375.

“The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, with 3 pm Mass” on Thursday, August 24 from 10 am-4 pm at Branches Christian Rest & Renewal Center, located on Seneca Lake (8251 Lower Lake Rd., Lodi, NY). Retreat facilitator: Deacon Ward Nolan and Jayne Badano-Bidwell; Mass celebrant: Rev. Jeffrey Tunncliff. Details at www.branchescenter.org; email branches1515@live.com or call 716-901-4313.

ConnectLife Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 29 from 2-6 pm at Queen of Martyrs, 180 George Urban Blvd., Cheektowaga. The event will take place on the ConnectLife bus located in the parish parking lot. Schedule your appointment by calling ConnectLife at 716-529-4270 or by visiting www.ConnectLifeGiveBlood.org and entering sponsor code 000941. Summertime is the number one time of year that blood centers across the country see a decline in donations, while the hospital demand remains at or above the normal monthly average. All August donors will receive an exclusive Buffalo Bills 6-can cooler and be entered for a chance to win a pair of tickets to any Bills home game. Give blood and make an impact on your community!

“Spirit of Phil” Memorial Walk in memory of Philip L. “Phil” Haberstro IV, a 1965 graduate of Cardinal O’Hara High School and founder and former executive director of the Wellness Institute of Greater Buffalo, on September 16 starting at 10 am. The walk will be on the Town of Tonawanda Rails-to-Trails pathway, accessible from Cardinal O’Hara. Registration fee proceeds will be used to fund a scholarship for an incoming freshman at Cardinal O’Hara. Register online at the Event Registration tab at www.cardinalohara.com or onsite registration from 9:30-10 am. For more information, contact Renee Orr at the Advancement Office, 716-695-2600, ext. 312.

Biblical Conference – “Our True Faith and the Eucharist” – from Friday, September 29 through Saturday, September 30 at Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, Olean. Speaker: Dr. John Bergsma, Professor of Theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville. For a complete list of times and talks, visit www.SMAOlean.org. RSVP your free ticket online or call the parish office at 716-372-4841.

Buffalo Diocese Ladies of Charity are holding their Annual “Dress for Less” Style Show, luncheon and theme basket raffle on Saturday, October 14 at Grapevine Banquets, 333 Dick Rd., Depew. Doors open at 11 am for browsing the boutique and to purchase basket raffle tickets. Fr. Joe Rogliano is this year’s commentator. Luncheon entree is Chicken Piccata. For ticket information or questions, call 716-895-4001.

ENCLOSURES

1. Letter regarding Parish Respect Life Coordinators & Commissioning Mass *

* = Priests and Deacons only

** = Diocesan Priests only



Respect Life Office
St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Centers / Mother Teresa Home
Diocese of Buffalo



St. Teresa of Calcutta
Pray for Us!

Dear Father,

**Your support in keeping this ministry visible at the parish level is deeply appreciated by
Bishop Fisher and the Office of Respect Life**

The Pro-Life Office exists to support the Respect Life Ministries, through their chairpersons, in order to keep the Respect Life Committees and all pro-life issues visible in all the parishes.

The parish Respect Life Ministry is led by a volunteer who is recommended by the pastor, then certified and commissioned by the bishop to take on this leadership role at the parish level. With the approval of the bishop, guidance of the USCCB, NCHLA and the Office of Pastoral Ministries the coordinator helps to strengthen parishes to build a Culture of Life in the Diocese of Buffalo.

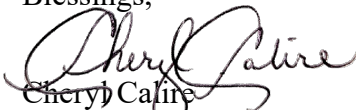
Respect Life Coordinator's Form

- **Current & New RLC:** For our records, please provide the contact information on the form below regarding the name of the Respect Life Coordinator who is currently serving as the chairperson of your Respect Life Committee at your parish. If you do not have one assigned, **PLEASE** appoint a **new Respect Life Coordinator** by filling out the form below and returning it to the Office of Respect Life by **Friday, August 25**, so that your parish is recognized and represented appropriately.

Commissioning Mass: You are invited to concelebrate the Commissioning Mass at **9:00 am with Bishop Mike Fisher** on **Saturday, September 23rd** at St. Louis church, Buffalo, as he recertifies the current Coordinators and installs all newly appointed Respect Life Coordinator/s leading the pro-life ministries in our parishes. We hope to see you on the altar supporting your pro-life volunteer in this vital ministry to support them as they take on this most important role.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and may God continue to bless you, as you "*Live the Gospel of Life*" in your parish, to build a culture of life throughout our diocese.

Blessings,


Cheryl Calire
Director

Parish Respect Life Coordinator/s Contact Card

Coordinator's Name: _____ (Newly Appointed?): Yes _____ No _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Cell: _____
 Parish: _____ Pastor: _____
 Coordinator's E-mail: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS INFORMATION BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH

Regular Mail / E-mail or Fax
Respect Life Office/795 Main Street/Buffalo, NY 14203 Pro-LifeOffice@buffalodiocese.org Fax: (716) 847-2206
For more information call the office at: (716) 847-2205