

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.

Church Bulletin Announcements via Email. The Diocese of Buffalo publishes a bi-weekly email newsletter that offers Church Bulletin Announcements about upcoming events, ongoing ministry and inspirational messages of faith. To subscribe, go to: <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/chancery/>.

CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catholic Health is looking for compassionate, active volunteers 18+ at all hospital sites and skilled nursing facilities. We need friendly visitors, greeters and much more! Catholic Health LIFE center is also seeking senior companions. For more information, contact Lisa Carey at 716-862-1106 or visit our website: <https://www.chsbuffalo.org/volunteer>.

Bulletin message for weekend of January 27-28: The importance of stretching a dollar is essential these days – and a charitable donation is no different! That’s why Catholic Charities is happy to report that each dollar raised during the annual Appeal leverages an additional \$5-\$6 of government support and contracts – meaning your gift goes five to six times as far. More funding means more services for those in need, which in turn builds stronger, healthier communities! Make a donation today at www.cwny.org/donate or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.

Bulletin message for weekend of February 3-4: Did you know Catholic Charities Appeal 2024 is the 100th annual Appeal! Following its inception in 1923, Catholic Charities held its first fundraising campaign in 1924, which carried a goal of \$262,116. That goal was met and exceeded with a total of \$325,808 raised! Today, the annual Appeal looks quite different, including a much larger goal. But the tradition of raising money to help those in need continues. Be part of the historic 100th Appeal, and give HOPE to those who need it. Give today at www.cwny.org/donate or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.

Bulletin message for February: February 8 – Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita. In least developed countries 1 in 4 children ages 5-17 are engaged in labor detrimental to their health

and development. Forced labor of children is also in the USA. Pray for these children. **Alliance to End Human Trafficking** (founded and supported by US Catholic Sisters), 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114; sistersagainstrafficking.org.

8 de febrero – Fiesta de Santa Josefina Bakhita. En los países menos desarrollados, 1 de cada 4 niños de entre 5 y 17 años realizan trabajos perjudiciales para su salud y desarrollo. El trabajo forzoso infantil también se da en los Estados Unidos. Oremos por estos niños. **La alianza para acabar con la trata de personas** (fundada y apoyada por las Hermanas Católicas de los EE. UU.), 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114; sistersagainstrafficking.org.

ENCLOSURES

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