

November 2013



Celebrate 29 Years with us!!!



You are Invited to the

*Annual Journey to Bethlehem
A Celebration Mass*

Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.

Celebrated by Bishop Roger Gries

Prayer, song, celebration and friendship
For persons with developmental disabilities
along with their families, friends, catechists, and advocates

at

OLA/St. Joseph Center
2346 West 14th Street, Cleveland, Ohio

Liturgy followed by a light luncheon

Sponsored by
Disability Services and Ministries



Ample parking is available

OLA/St. Joseph Center is wheelchair accessible

Please call to request Sign language interpreters, Audio Description and Enhancement

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Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries Newsletter
Celebrating 47 years...1966 to 2013

Holiday Giving At this season of the year, many people decide to give to charities. Please consider a holiday gift to Disability Services & Ministries. Your support will continue and strengthen our many programs. Many of the families we serve come from below the poverty level. These people will especially benefit because of your kindness.

If you would like your gift to go to a specific program, such as Camp Happiness, the Continuing Adult Education Program or the Weekend Retreat, indicate which program on the form below. Simply cut off the form and mail it to us at the address below. If you cannot afford a donation, please remember us and our ministries in your prayers.

Charities USA – Summer 2013 Magazine Congrats to Disabilities Services and Ministries for being featured in the Summer, 2013 issue of *Charities USA Magazine*. The issue focuses on Catholic Charities services and ministries to persons with disabilities throughout the country! Not only were many of the photographs in the entire issue from our programs here in Cleveland, but the work of Dennis McNulty and Fr. Joe McNulty was also featured!

The International Catholic Deaf Committee has asked Cleveland to host the 2015 National Deaf Conference. This will be the 5th time Cleveland has hosted this conference. We have hosted more conferences than any Diocese in the country.

NCPD Conference Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries was asked to coordinate the use of assistive devices (audio receivers) by participants at the National Catholic Partnership on Disabilities (NCPD)'s national convention in Houston, Texas, in November. The offices coordinated some 200 devices for use by participants. Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries has become known nationally for its creative use of assistive devices for the Deaf, Blind and those who speak different languages.

Please Join Us at the Journey to Bethlehem Liturgy If you've never attended the Journey to Bethlehem liturgy, you are really missing something special! Year after year, people have commented how beautiful this liturgy is, which celebrates the talents and ministries of persons with disabilities. Some call it a homecoming.

This liturgy is a special Diocesan celebration of persons with disabilities. During the Mass, persons with disabilities assume many roles – from readers to servers to Eucharistic ministers to participants in the procession, which builds the Nativity scene. For many people, this is Christmas.

Join us this year! Bring your friends and family with and without disabilities! The Journey will be held on December 7 at 10:30am with Bishop Roger Gries at OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland). Call 216-334-2963.

The 36th Annual Walk of Hope was a great success! Thank you to all of our participants – walkers, volunteers and donors! So far the Walk has brought in almost \$12,000. This support is very important to keep our programs going, especially in these difficult economic times. If you would like to see pictures from the Walk, find us on Facebook or go to our website at www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability

Monthly Dances at OLA/St. Joseph Center and Rose-Mary Center After 28 years, the very popular monthly dance for adults with developmental disabilities, ages 16 and over, continues to attract large crowds each month, averaging some 150, or more, per dance! Dancers love meeting up with their friends, dancing, singing, having snacks and pop and participating in the dance contest! All dancers must carry ID with them or wear a nametag with their first name and phone number on it. Keep the line shorter and come with a nametag already on!!! The group home or family must provide supervision if needed.

Upcoming Dates at OLA/St. Joseph Center: Dec. 13; Jan. 10; Feb. 14; Mar. 14; Apr. 11; May 9; June 13

Upcoming Dates at Rose-Mary: No Dance in December; Jan. 24; Feb. 28; Mar. 28; Apr. 25; May 23; June 27

Outreach Ministry Weekend Retreats Catholic Charities Office of Disability Ministry offers a weekend retreat to adults with cognitive disabilities. Participants spend Friday evening through Sunday morning with volunteers and other adults with disabilities at the River's Edge on the west side of Cleveland. River's Edge is a beautiful setting and is a great facility full of hospitality. The retreats include scripture readings, praying, sharing together, liturgical dancing, and Eucharistic Liturgy. The Liturgy is celebrated on Saturday night with a visiting priest as the celebrant! Participants can also join in liturgical dancing. The cost is \$120. Call 216-334-2963 to learn more! Upcoming retreat dates: Dec. 13-15, 2013; March 21-23, 2014; May 30-June 1, 2014.

The Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP) For 24 years, the CAEP has provided educational and social skill building for some 20 adults with developmental disabilities, ages 21 and over. Participants enhance their skills in math, reading and history. They also work on the computer, make arts & crafts and have fun making friends, watching movies and having holiday parties! Participants also learn about their local community by going on field trips.

Classes meet on Saturdays from September through May at OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland, OH). Students provide their own transportation. Tuition is \$88/month with an additional one time material fee of \$60; Waivers are accepted and financial assistance may be available. Call Marilyn Scott to set up an appointment at 216-334-2963 or mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

The Beatitudes Faith Formation Program is designed to provide a nurturing and prayerful environment for children with special needs to be introduced to Jesus and His love. In addition, instructors attend to and assist with the preparation of the children for the Sacraments. The program is held the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of every month from 11am to 1pm.

The New Faith & Light Community meets the first Friday of each month at 5:30pm.

Both of the above programs are held at St. Augustine Church (2486 W. 14th St., Cleveland). Call 216-781-5530 to join!

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