Celebrate 27 Years with us!!!
You are Invited to the
Annual Journey to Bethlehem
A Celebration Mass
Saturday, December 3, 2011 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
The Secretariat for Catholic Charities Health & Human Services
Diocese of Cleveland
Ample parking is available
OLA/St. Joseph Center is wheelchair accessible
Please call to request Sign language interpreters, Audio Description and Enhancement
For more information
216-334-2963 / mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org
www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability
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. 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.

Presentations for the Districts  The Diocese of Cleveland is divided into 13 districts. A district is a specific geographic area that includes the parishes and local social service agencies. Fr. Joseph McNulty, Dennis McNulty, and Marilyn Scott have been asked by 6 separate Districts so far to give a presentation on current Parish ministries to and with persons with disabilities. It is amazing how much progress has happened in this ministry area since the 1978 United States Bishops' Pastoral on Disabilities. The interest on the part of those present has been very encouraging. The Diocese of Cleveland has definitely progressed into a stronger, welcoming community.

If you are interested in hearing more about this presentation, call 216-334-2963 or email mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

The New Roman Missal In-Service for Interpreters  On Saturday, November 19, Fr. Tony Schuerger, from St. Malachi Parish, presented a five hour in-service on suggested sign language interpretation for the New Roman Missal. Some ten interpreters participated in this highly interactive presentation. While we all prepare for the changes that will take place in the Liturgy, our Church is very concerned that our Deaf Catholics can immediately participate in the new Liturgy.

On March 22-24, 2011, an online video training series was created by a national team of experts. This team included Fr. Tony Schuerger, experienced Deaf persons, clergy, pastoral workers, and liturgical interpreters. You can see the suggested interpretations at: www.adw.org/service/NewRomanMissal_InterpreterTraining.asp

The 34th 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 $5,000. This support is very important to keep our programs going, especially in these difficult economic times. We can’t begin to thank you. You made the Walk the success that it was! If you would like to see some pictures from the Walk – you can on our website at www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability

The Continuing Adult Education Program  Learn new things and meet new friends!!! Consider joining us at the Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP), which is now in its 22nd year. Space is available. Classes meet on Saturdays from September through May at OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland, OH – on RTA busline).

The CAEP is dedicated to meeting the continuing educational needs of adults with cognitive and other developmental disabilities ages 21 and over. Students have the opportunity to learn new things and meet new friends! Students must provide their own transportation and tuition is $88 a month with an additional one time material fee of $60. Financial assistance may be available. Call to set up an appointment to visit us! Contact Marilyn Scott at 216-334-2963 or mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

Monthly Dances at OLA/St. Joseph Cotner and Rose-Mary Center  The Monthly Dances are a wonderful social opportunity for persons with disabilities ages 16 and over. There is wonderful music, pop and snacks and a dance contest with fun prizes! All dancers must carry their 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 Dance Dates at OLA/St. Joseph Center:  Dec. 9; Jan. 13; Feb. 10; Mar. 9; Apr. 13; May 11; June 8.

Upcoming Dance Dates at Rose-Mary Center: No Dance in December, Jan. 27; Feb. 24; March 23; April 27; May 25; June 22; July 27; August 24; Sept. 28; Oct. 26; Nov. 16; No Dance in December.

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. 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 – sometimes even one of the Bishops in the Diocese of Cleveland celebrates with us! Participants can also join in learning liturgical dancing.

We call to learn more about this wonderful opportunity! River’s Edge on Rocky River Dr. is a beautiful setting and is a great facility full of hospitality. Visit their website at www.riversedgecleveland.com

Upcoming retreat dates for 2012 are: January 20-22; February 17-19; March 23-25; April 20-22; May 18-20.

The cost is $120. Call 216-334-2963 to learn more! New participants will be asked to visit first and complete a registration packet.

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. Lunch and refreshments are provided. This program is held at St. Augustine Church’s Walsh Hall (2486 W. 14th St. in Cleveland’s Tremont neighborhood).

The New Faith & Light Community meets the first Friday of each month at 5:30pm at St Augustine Church (2486 W. 14th St. in Cleveland). Call 216-781-5530 for both ministries.

Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries Website  – Don’t forget to check out our website at www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability. Also, check the Additional News & Information Page, updated regularly!

Please tear off here and mail with your donation to: Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries, 7911 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, OH 44102

Your donation will help us to continue the programs & ministries of Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries

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Thank you for your donation!