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Greetings!

Welcome to the January 2016 edition of the Disability Services & Ministries E-Newsletter. Happy New Year!!

We are so excited to be celebrating our 50th Anniversary this year! Please see below for more information about this special anniversary! #DisabilityServices50years

Remember to check our [website](#) for more information and be sure to click on "[News & Events](#)" for more upcoming events. And don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook and "Follow" us on Twitter.

Mass 4 Life - Friday, January 22 - 10am

Join Bishop Lennon at this special Mass to commemorate the 42nd anniversary of Roe v. Wade in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Mass is this Friday, January 22, at 10am at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Visit the [website](#) for more info or call 216-334-2965. #Mass4LifeCLE



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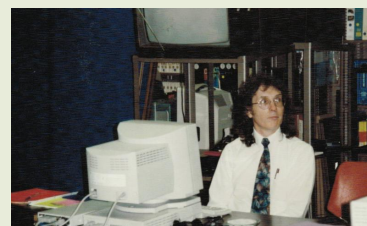
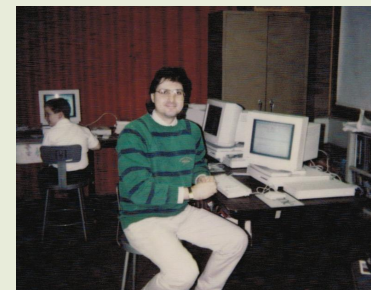
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Celebrating 50 Years of Disability Services **#DisabilityServices50years**

We are very excited to be celebrating such an impressive milestone! 50 Years of providing programs for persons with disabilities. We will be sharing with you pictures from the past 50 years, stories, history, etc...

The following are of the new computer lab from the late 1980's at OLA/St. Joseph Center...



Yes - this is our very own
Director_ Dennis McNulty

If you have any pictures or stories you would like to share with us, please send them to [Marilyn Scott](#) with "50 Years" in the subject field. Share them on our [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) pages using the hashtag #DisabilityServices50years

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Year of Mercy

The Year of Mercy began on December 8, 2015, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and will close with the liturgical Solemnity of Christ the King on November 20, 2016.



In this Holy Year, Pope Francis is challenging us to open our hearts to those living on the outermost fringes of society. To reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. To demonstrate through our actions God's merciful and compassionate love. Our mission and work at Catholic Charities truly aligns itself with the Year of Mercy. This Jubilee Holy Year is a wonderful opportunity for us to acknowledge God's presence in the work of our employees and to tell our story to the greater community.

We at Catholic Charities are being asked to invite and engage employees and volunteers in the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

How are you acknowledging God's presence in your work? Let us know and we will share your stories!

Office of Human Life Newsletter

We were honored to be featured in the most recent Office of Human Life Newsletter. The article "Opening the Door" to those with Disabilities" was about our Journey to Bethlehem Mass and how it relates to this Jubilee Year of Mercy. You can read the article [here](#) or go to the Office of Human Life [website](#).

Valentine's Dance!! Friday, February 12

Friday, February 12 - Wear your Red - Wear your Pink!! It's our Valentine's Dance!!!



Have you been looking for something fun to do on a Friday evening? Do you like dancing to music? Do you like meeting new friends?

The monthly dances at OLA/St. Joseph Center may be just the thing you are looking for!! Come and try it out...you will not regret it! We have a fun DJ, who also happens to be the Director of Disability Services - Dennis McNulty!

The dances are for adults ages 16 and over with disabilities. The cost is only \$3 and you get a pop and a bag of chips, in addition to two hours of entertainment! We also have a dance contest where you can win different prizes each month! It is held the 2nd Friday of the month from 7-9pm at OLA/St. Joseph Center, 2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland, OH 44113 - in Tremont!

Check out our [flyer](#) for 2016 Dates!

Journey to Bethlehem pictures

Our 31st annual Journey to Bethlehem was a beautiful celebration celebrated by Bishop Roger Gries! If you were unable to join us please take a look at some photos from the day on our [Facebook](#) page.



DID YOU KNOW???

We will be at 2 Camp Fairs

Saturday, February 27 - Summer & Beyond

Sponsored by the Educational Service Center (ESC), this camp fair is from 10am to 1pm at ESC offices at 6393 Oaktree Blvd., Independence, OH 44131. Click [here for a flyer](#).

Thursday, April 14 - Meet & Greet

Sponsored by Connecting for Kids, this camp fair is from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Rocky River Civic Center at 21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, OH 44116.

Sincerely,

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