Greetings!
Welcome to our October edition of the Disability Services & Ministries E-Newsletter.
Happy Halloween!

Check our website for more information and be sure to click on "News & Events" for more upcoming events. And don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY!!
November Dance in Tremont!

November 10, 2017
7-9pm | $3 at the door
2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland

The dances are back!! Many of you have been calling and asking when the dances will start back up again. We are happy to announce that beginning November 10, the dances will once again be offered for persons with and without disabilities, ages 16 and over.

All dancers pay $3 - Staff/Caregivers are Free. Everyone gets a pop, a bag of chips AND two hours of entertainment! We also have a dance contest where you can win different prizes each month!

Dances are held on the 2nd Friday of the month from 7-9pm. Next dance will be Friday, December 8.

Due to weather, there are times we have to cancel - for last minute updates call 216-334-2963 or 2962 - we will change our voice mail; email Marilyn or Dennis; or check our website.

We Invite You to the
33rd Annual Journey to Bethlehem
Saturday, December 2, 2017
11:00am at
St. Augustine Church
2486 W. 14th St., Cleveland

Celebrated by Bishop Roger Gries
Prayer, song, celebration and friendship
For persons with developmental disabilities along with their families, friends, catechists, and advocates.

Liturgy followed by a light luncheon
Drop Off at St. Augustine Church
Ample parking is available at OLA/St. Joseph Center
(2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland)

Sign language interpretation provided
Please call to request Audio Description/Enhancement

For Information
216-334-2963 | mjscott@ccdocle.org

Get Out & Vote
To our friends in Summit & Ashland Counties - Get Out & Vote on November 7 - There are local county board of developmental disabilities levy issues on the upcoming November 7th general election ballot.

Remembering Lillian Kastelic
We were saddened to hear about the passing of our friend Lillian Kastelic. Lillian passed away on October 12, at the age of 91.

Lillian, her husband Frank, and their son Joe have been involved with Disability Services for many years. It was Lillian who was instrumental in starting our Walk of Hope 40 years ago! The 3 of them were at every Walk and every Journey to Bethlehem!

Please remember the Kastelic family in your prayers during this time.
Vatican conference explores ways to welcome people with disabilities in parish life

In Rome, an international conference titled "Catechesis and Persons with Disabilities: A Necessary Engagement in the Daily Pastoral Life of the Church" was held October 20-22. The goal of the conference was to demonstrate that those with disabilities are as much a part of the Church as those without disabilities.

You can read a wonderful article here about the conference and our friends Jan & Martin Benton, from the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD), who attended the conference. You can see their pictures from Rome on their Facebook page.

Click below to read and listen to Pope Francis' remarks at the conference in which he urges us not just to catechize persons with disabilities but to recognize their ministerial talents to be the catechist of others.

Pope Francis' remarks

Catholic Charities Years of Service Awards!
Celebrating 135 Years of Service at the Catholic Charities - Diocese of Cleveland 2017 Employee Service Award Recognition Luncheon on Monday, October 23, 2017! Congratulations to us!

Fr. Joe McNulty - 45 years
Dennis McNutly - 30 years
Marilyn Scott - 25 years
Gerry Kasper - 25 years
Mae Graves (not pictured) - 10 years

Successful 40th Annual Walk of Hope

Thank you for your support and for celebrating with us our 40th Annual Walk of Hope on October 7, 2017.

The weather was perfect, as it was most of October! It was quite possibly the warmest we have had for a Walk yet! It was wonderful to see so many people come down to St. Augustine Church in support of persons with disabilities. Whether you joined us and walked, made a donation or just prayed for a successful day, your support was truly appreciated and contributed to a very successful day!

We were able to raise over $8,000, which will benefit the ministries and programs for persons with disabilities, their loved ones and their supporters.

Check out pictures from the Walk on our Facebook page.

Mark your calendar for the 41st Walk of Hope on Saturday, October 6, 2018.
Saturday Program Updates!

The Continuing Adult Education & Social Program - otherwise known as the Saturday Program began on September 16.

We have been meeting at St. Augustine Towers in the Detroit/Shoreway neighborhood to start off the year. One afternoon, everyone decided they wanted to check out the offices of Disability Services, which are right across the street... here they all are piled in to Dennis McNulty’s office!

Each Saturday, adults with cognitive disabilities, ages 18 and over, spend their time in the morning talking and sharing about the past week, and then attend classes in math, reading and customs/traditions. After lunch they go to the library, create fun art projects, have holiday parties, exercise, invite speakers to share with them and much more!

Other Saturdays we spend out in the community on field trips to local museums or restaurants or doing fun activities!

If this sounds like something you may be interested in, please get in touch with Marilyn Scott to find out more. New participants are required to meet with us first to spend a couple hours at the program. This helps determine if the program is appropriate and if the participant wants to attend.

Cost if $88/month or $792 plus a one-time fee of $60/year. The Saturday program is Waiver Certified.

Sincerely,

Dennis McNulty & Marilyn Scott
Catholic Charities Disability Services