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## Disability Services & Ministries E-Newsletter

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### Greetings!

Welcome to the December edition of the Disability Services & Ministries E-Newsletter. We would like to take this moment to wish you and your family a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

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 follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



## DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY!! December Dance in Tremont!



**December 8, 2017**  
**7-9pm | \$3 at the door**  
**2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland**

Dancers, and any family/friends coming with you, must be age 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.

2018 Dance Dates: February 9; March 9; April 13; May 11; June 8; July 13; October 12; November 9; December 14. Click [here](#) to print a flyer.

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*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](#).*

## Journey to Bethlehem

Our 33rd Annual Journey to Bethlehem was a very beautiful celebration! This year the Journey was held at St. Augustine Church and we had over 250 people join us.

Bishop Roger Gries was the main celebrant, along with Fr. Joe McNulty, Fr. Ben Jimenez, Fr. Andy Turney and Deacon Ray Daul.



Readers were participants from the Continuing Adult Education & Social Program. And those who participated in the procession bringing up the figurines for the Nativity were from all over - group

homes, individual homes, program participants and more! Our Eucharistic Ministers were 4th year seminarians from St. Mary's Seminary who have been working with different Catholic Charities offices over this past semester.

This year's mass was offered for our friend Carol Oden who passed away in June. As you know, Carol was involved in many ways with Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries - but especially at the annual Journey to Bethlehem. Carol, with the help of her sister Joan, would always bring up the baby



Jesus for the Nativity. This year Joan walked with Nick Meyers (with assistance from his dad Chris), who had the honor of bringing up baby Jesus. It was very beautiful!

We were very honored to have Bishop Nelson Perez join us at the end of Mass. He met those in attendance at lunch afterwards and took many pictures! And we did not get any (the one below was taken by the Diocese of Cleveland)!! So if you have any pictures you'd like to share with us, please email them to [Marilyn](#).

You can read a [wonderful article](#) about the Journey to Bethlehem on the Diocese of Cleveland's website! This picture to the right is of Bishop Nelson Perez greeting St. Augustine parishioner Marie Kilbane and was taken by Carol Kovach, Diocese of Cleveland.



## #weGiveCatholic

Thank you for your support of persons with disabilities in the #weGiveCatholic campaign on #GivingTuesday. Disability Services is so grateful to our donors. \$3,600 was donated in just 24 hours.

The donations from this year's campaign will provide fun and educational community outings for some wonderful adults with disabilities who attend our Saturday Continuing Adult Education Program.

The overall campaign helped 175 Catholic organizations within the Diocese of Cleveland raise over \$700,000! What a tremendous success! Congratulations!



What we do would not happen without you! Your support will help us to continue providing integrated community-based programs for persons with disabilities. Your support will help persons with disabilities continue to be welcomed into their community and into their Church.

If you wanted to donate and didn't have a chance to, you can still do so by sending a check, payable to Disability Services, to 7911 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, OH 44102.

We thank you, but more importantly, the people we serve and our Saturday program adults, thank you!

If you would like to watch some videos from Facebook Live from #weGiveCatholic day, check out our [Facebook](#) page and click on "Videos". This may become a weekly event with Dennis & Marilyn.

## Employment & Training Services

Catholic Charities Employment and Training Services provides vocational rehabilitation counseling, comprehensive employment assessments and intensive case management. Various assessment tools are offered to assist the participant with developing a total awareness of their skills, strengths and

abilities to promote self confidence and employment opportunities for today's world of work. We provide job training and employment services to over 3,000 individuals annually, including public assistance recipients, unemployed workers, low-wage workers, at risk youth, individuals with criminal justice involvement, immigrants, veterans and individuals with mental and physical disabilities.

Weekly orientations are held Mondays and Thursdays from 9am-12pm at St.Philip Neri Family Center located at 799 East 82<sup>nd</sup> Cleveland, OH 44103. To register for orientation, please call 216-426-9870 or register [online](#).

## **Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities**

The revision of "Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities" is now available online at the USCCB. The Guidelines are the culmination of years of work and were approved by the Bishops at their annual meeting in June 2017.

A text of the Guidelines and a pdf version can be found in the [Policies section](#) of the Divine Worship Secretariat at the USCCB. Or [email Dennis](#) to receive an electronic copy.

**Sincerely,**

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Catholic Charities Disability Services

