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Greetings!

Happy Fall and welcome to the October/November 2018 edition of the Disability Services & Ministries E-Newsletter.

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.

Sr. Corita Ambro's Retirement

Please join St. Augustine Parish and Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries in wishing Sr. Corita Ambro, CSJ, a very happy and healthy retirement!! After 48 years of working with persons with disabilities, Sr. Corita retired on September 30.



Sr. Corita is so well known in Tremont, Cleveland, the Diocese of Cleveland, Northeast Ohio, the State of Ohio, the country and maybe even the world! She has done more for those in need than most of us combined. And she will continue to serve those in need, even in retirement, if we know Sr. Corita!



Forty-eight years ago, Sr. Corita began working with persons with disabilities at St. Augustine Parish as the Religious Education Director. She soon took on the role of Advocate and then became the Program Administrator. Fr. Joe McNulty, pastor of St. Augustine Parish and Director of Catholic Charities Disability Ministries says that she has a gift of starting things - she would think of a new idea, start it up and then follow through, making sure the program continues on! One example of that is Augustine Rainbow Camp!

Sr. Corita has sat on many Boards, including the National Catholic Office for the Deaf. She has received many Awards, including



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the Gallagher Award and Outstanding Deaf Minister.

In addition to persons with disabilities and the Deaf, she has cared for the poor and homeless at the St. Augustine Hunger Center; she has cared for young girls in need of a home. We could go on and on. Sr. Corita has touched countless lives!

Join us as we celebrate Sr. Corita's Career!!

DATE: Sunday, November 4

TIME: 11:00am mass, followed by a reception

WHERE: St. Augustine Church 2486 W 14 St, Cleveland, OH 44113

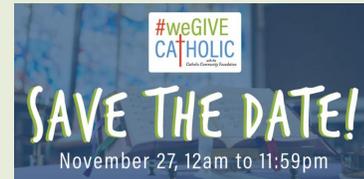
RSVP: Please call 216-781-5530



Sister Corita Video featured
on Fox 8 News Cleveland

*We will certainly miss you Sr. Corita, but we are
very happy for you! This is so well deserved!
Congratulations!!!*

#WeGiveCatholic November 27, 2018



We are excited about our
upcoming fundraiser on
November 27 called #weGiveCatholic

You have most certainly heard of Giving Tuesday, the largest charitable giving day in the world. Well, #weGiveCatholic is the Diocese of Cleveland's response to Giving Tuesday. This is the third year for #weGiveCatholic and we are proud that we have participated since the beginning! Last year we more than doubled our first years donations! This year our goal is \$8,000.

#WeGiveCatholic allows us to highlight and raise funds for our very special programs and ministries for persons with disabilities. It allows us to share with you who we are and what we do!

When we canceled the Walk of Hope for this year, we decided that we would put all of our efforts towards #weGiveCatholic. We hope that you will join us!

More information will be sent as we get closer to the date. But mark your calendar for Tuesday, November 27. You are encouraged to donate online - we will offer prizes throughout the day to thank you for your donation!

On Tuesday, November 27, you can click [here](#) and make your donation!

We Invite You to the
34th Annual Journey to Bethlehem
Saturday, December 1, 2018



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

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Staffing Changes

Catholic Charities Disability Services has gone through some staffing changes over the last 6 months! The biggest change was Dennis McNulty's retirement, then Marilyn Scott being named the new Director, and most recently Sr. Corita's retirement.

In between all of that, you were introduced in July to our new Program Administrator, Scott Gossett. Scott came in the middle of Camp Happiness and jumped right in! He got to know the staff and the kids and did a great job!

Unfortunately, for us, Scott left in September for a job that he couldn't pass up! We only had a few months with Scott, but he made an impact in the office and also with our programs, especially Camp Happiness! We will miss him. But we wish him well in his new job! And we hope that he will come back to visit soon!

At the end of November, we will introduce you to our new Program Administrator, Lauren Mailey. We are excited to have Lauren on board and will give you her story in the next E-

Saturday Program

The Saturday Program began on September 15 and has had a great start to the new year!

Participants enjoyed getting together again after four months of summer and vacations and fun! The first day they talked about what they did over the summer and then joined the Tremont community for the annual Tremont Arts & Cultural Festival! Always a favorite event!

We welcomed a new student - Michael K. He is going to be a great addition to the program! Our staff have returned with new ideas for teaching and field trips and speakers!

If you think you or someone you know may be interested, you can [email](#) or call Marilyn for more information.

The Saturday program is an educational and social program for adults with cognitive disabilities, ages 18 and over. Participants attend on Saturdays between September and May.

A typical day includes time in the morning for talking and sharing; participants then attend classes in math, reading and science;



they break for lunch; and spend time in the afternoon creating science or art projects, exercising or welcoming speakers from the community to discuss jobs, safety and health. Other Saturdays we spend out in the community on field trips to local museums or restaurants or

doing fun activities!

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



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Sincerely,

Marilyn Scott
Catholic Charities Disability Services