Greetings!
The following is your October/November 2019 edition of the Disability Services & Ministries E-Newsletter. Our 2019 Walk of Hope was a great success! We are now looking forward to participating in the upcoming #WeGiveCatholic giving day and preparing for our inclusive Christmas service, Journey to Bethlehem! Hope to see you there!

For more information about our services and ministries check out our website! Also don't forget to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!

Join us for our 2019 Journey to Bethlehem
Thanksgiving Mass and Dinner
December 3
#weGiveCatholic

December 7
Journey to Bethlehem

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Disability Services and Disability Ministries are participating this year

35th Annual
Journey to Bethlehem

Saturday, December 7, 2019 | 11:00am
St. Augustine Church
2486 West 14th St. Cleveland, OH

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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What is #weGiveCatholic??

#weGiveCatholic is Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving - an opportunity to unite people around organizations that touch the very soul of who we are as Catholics.

We need your help though! We need you to tell your friends...
Thank you for being a supporter of our Disability Services & Ministries communities and remember to Give Catholic on #GivingTuesday, December 3.

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Disability Services  
#weGiveCatholic Campaign  
for the Continuing Adult Education & Social Program

Who are the recipients of this year's #weGiveCatholic campaign? This year we are designating your donations to our Continuing Adult Education & Social Program, aka the Saturday Program!

All gifts you make to Disability Services on December 3 will increase our impact by allowing us to provide for the adults with disabilities who attend our Continuing Adult Education and Social Program. Your support will provide fun and educational community outings, assist with tuition and buy materials such as an art drying rack, yoga mats and more.

With your help, we will reach our fundraising goals of $8,000 and 50 donors!

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter so you can share in the excitement of our Catholic Day of Giving.

Donate Here on December 3

For Information  
216-334-2963 or 2962 | Email Lauren | Email Marilyn

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Disability Ministries  
#weGiveCatholic Campaign  
for LINKS Cleveland

This is the first year that Disability Ministries is participating in #weGiveCatholic and we are very excited! Your donations will be designated to the LINKS Cleveland drop-in program for adults with mental illness at St. Augustine Church.

Catholic Charities Disability Ministries works very closely with St. Augustine Church to operate the LINKS Cleveland program. Bob Duda was hired as Program Administrator over the summer.
and his hope is that they will be able to provide the individuals with more socialization activities; such as community outings, offering group classes in exercise or music and art and much more. Your donations will help them do that.

Members of LINKS Cleveland currently meet 2-3 times per week at St. Augustine Church to share a meal and for opportunities for social, recreational, educational and personal growth experiences.

Donate Here on December 3

For Information
216-781-5530 x31 | 216-302-2375 (VP) | Email Bob

Support LINKS this Weekend!
LINKS Cleveland is selling their handmade Christmas crafts at Blessed Trinity Craft Fair this Sunday, 9-3pm!

Support LINKS this Weekend!

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland supports the following issues on the ballot at the upcoming elections on Tuesday, November 5. The County Boards of DD in both Geauga County & Medina County have issues which support persons with disabilities.

Remember to Vote!
Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Click below for the Resolutions.
Dance Night - November 8th!

Two hours of fun, music and a dance contest!

- Don't forget that all dancers should bring identification (ID or nametag with telephone number)
- For sensory sensitive individuals, please be advised that our dances do have flashing lights and loud music
- Supervision of dance participants must be provided by a family member or direct care staff (Admission for family/staff is free)

Questions? Email Lauren Mulloy or call (216) 334-2963

Due to weather, sometimes we have to cancel - for last minute updates call our voicemail at 216-334-2963 or 2962 or check our website

Cleveland Catholic Blind Community
Thanksgiving Dinner
The Cleveland Catholic Blind Community and Association will be having their annual Thanksgiving Mass and Dinner on Sunday, December 1st. New friends and members are always welcome!

We will begin our gathering giving thanks to God for the many blessings He has given to us. Mass will begin at 12:30 PM with dinner to follow.

For more information please contact Bob Duda by email or call (216) 781-5530 x29.

**Camp Happiness**

**Accredited for 5 more years!**

Congratulations!! Camp Happiness is a member of the American Camp Association (ACA) and has achieved accreditation status, by completing a voluntary peer review process of standards applicable to our program. What a great accomplishment!

Camp Happiness is proud to be a member of the ACA. Being accredited by the ACA means that Camp Happiness is providing a quality program, with appropriately trained staff who provide a safe and nurturing environment!

Thank you for another great Walk of Hope!
We had a beautiful day for our 2019 Walk of Hope! Friends and family came together to raise awareness and money for our community based programs and parish ministries for persons with disabilities in our Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio.

The walk took place in the Tremont neighborhood at St. Augustine Parish. The weather was perfect! We started the day with coffee, juice and pastries provided by the St. Augustine Hunger Center. Thank you to Dick Russ for leading the group for the Walk around Lincoln Park! After the walk we raffled off some great prizes!

Prizes were donated from the following organizations: Brio Tuscan Grille, Cleveland Playhouse, Great Lakes Theater, House of Blues, Muldoon’s, Renaissance Cleveland, Studio 11, The Cleveland Orchestra, Tremont West Development Corp., and Well Done Catering. Thank you to all our raffle donors!
A BIG thank you to the sponsors for this year's Walk of Hope. Our "Beacon of Hope" sponsors were Gabriel's Gift and the Cuyahoga County Board of DD. We are grateful for their support of our programs and ministries.

Thank you for your donations - we raised close to $6,500 this year. And 100% of those funds will benefit individuals with disabilities within our diocese in the upcoming year!

A Final Thank You to all our walk participants, donors, volunteers, and St. Augustine Parish for making this event a success!!!!

CAEP Halloween Party!
The Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP) - A.K.A. Saturday Program - celebrated Halloween on Oct. 26th! Thank you to our awesome DJ, previous Director of Disability Services, Dennis McNulty, and to our volunteers from Hands-on Northeast Ohio for making it a great party!

Interested in joining in on the fun? Email Lauren Malloy or call our office at (216) 334-2963

Catholic Blind Community
Autumn Dinner Dance!
Friends and members of the Catholic Blind Community had a great time at their annual Autumn Dinner Dance that took place on October 12th. The evening was filled with dancing, laughing, fellowship, and food.

A special thank you to all who helped make this day special.

We are coming upon the time of year where we Give Thanks for all the blessings in our lives. Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving!
Wishing you and yours many blessings,
*Marilyn, Lauren & Bob*
Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries