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Welcome to our October edition of the Disability Services & Ministries E-Newsletter! As we head into Fall, we are getting excited for our Journey to Bethlehem Mass on Dec. 6. Seems a ways off....but will be here before you know it! See below for more information.

Don't forget to check out our [website](#) for more information about Disability Services & Ministries and be sure to click on "[News & Events](#)" for more upcoming events.

God Bless You!

Halloween Dance!!!

Friday, October 10



Are you looking for something spooky to do on Friday evening, October 10?! Join us for a night of dancing like zombies, scary music and Halloween prizes! Wear your scariest Halloween costumes!!

These Monthly Dances for adults (over 16) with disabilities are held on the 2nd Friday of each month (except July & August). The dance is held at OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland, OH 44113) from 7-9pm. Dancers pay \$3 at the door and this gets you a pop, chips, great music and fun with your friends! Staff/Caregivers are Free!

Please be sure to bring your ID or wear a name-tag with your first name and phone number. Group home staff and caregivers must provide supervision. Call 216-334-2963 or [Email Marilyn](#) for information.

There will be no dances at Rose-Mary Center until January 2015. Look for a new schedule before the end of the year.

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October is... Respect Life Month

Each month is "Respect Life" month, but the month of October is set aside to raise awareness. Visit The Office for Human Life's website for more information - for a calendar of Diocesan events, for articles and resources.

[The Office for Human Life](#)



National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)

The 2014 official theme of NDEAM is "Expect. Employ. Empower."

Observed in October, NDEAM is a nationwide campaign that raises awareness about disability employment issues and honors the many diverse contributions of America's workers with disabilities.

Although NDEAM is recognized in October, its theme is announced each spring to assist workplaces, individuals and communities across the nation in planning. For more information, including specific ideas for how different types of organizations can participate, visit the Department of Labor's [website](#).

Journey to Bethlehem, December 6, 2014

We are excited to celebrate the 30th Annual Journey to Bethlehem Mass on Saturday, December 6! 30 Years! 1984-2014! Wow!



This Mass is very special for us, as it is for all of you. The Journey to Bethlehem has always been a Mass for persons with disabilities and their family and friends. A morning where we can all come together to pray together, to sing together and to just be together.

The Journey to Bethlehem is held at OLA/St. Joseph Center in Tremont (2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland, OH 44113).

The Mass will be held at 11:00am this year. Bishop Roger Gries will be our celebrant and we will have a light lunch following mass.

For information, call 216-334-2963 or [Email Marilyn Scott](mailto:marilyn.scott@parish.org).

[Click here for a Journey to Bethlehem flyer.](#)

Successful Walk of Hope!

We kept telling ourselves it would not rain for the Walk of Hope! And the rain held out!!!



What a wonderful day we had for the Walk of Hope on Saturday, Oct. 4. We had more people join us this year than we have in many years!! We saw many new faces join us for the

9am Walk through Tremont and many return walkers as well! The gym was packed for the Raffle - we had great prizes to give away and lots of happy winners!



The Special Walk around Lincoln Park at 11:00 was great! So many people came out to support persons with disabilities. It is beautiful to see how we can all come together for a "Friend"raiser like this!



Thank you to all our volunteers who helped to make this day the success that it was! And thank you to our chairpersons - Michael Heaton, Dick Russ, Mary Lou Beers & Councilman Joe Cimperman. They have supported Disability Services & Ministries for year, but more importantly, persons with disabilities.



Check out our [Facebook page](#) or [Website](#) for pictures from the Walk.

Immaculate Conception Mass of Celebration



On September 7, Immaculate Conception Church held its first annual Mass in Celebration of Persons With All Abilities. Bishop Roger Gries presided over the special liturgy on a wonderful late-summer day.

Father Chris Weber and the Building Church/Welcoming All (BCWA) ministry spearheaded this effort in an effort to begin a dialogue on inclusiveness in the community.

The mass itself featured several individuals from the area with disabilities as active participants, as greeters, gift bearers, speaker of the universal prayer and server.

Bishop Gries gave a wonderful homily that stressed the fact that everyone has unique gifts to offer the world. Furthermore, he noted, we need to look beyond what is visible to the naked eye in order to fully appreciate one another.

The liturgy concluded with the reading of an essay written by parishioner Kevin Anderson. The essay discussed how faith informs his life, even while living with a disability.

BCWA hopes to build on the event by jumpstarting a community discussion on how parishes in Lake and Geauga Counties can better integrate everyone. These discussions will begin shortly.

*****MARK YOUR CALENDARS*****

***30th Annual Journey to Bethlehem
Saturday, December 6, 2014***

Sincerely,

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