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<http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability>

There are many summer program opportunities for children and adults with disabilities!!!

*****Sign Up Now for***
Catholic Summer Programs**

Camp Happiness is a 6 week day camp program for children to young adults ages 6-21 with developmental disabilities. It runs Monday-Friday (9:30-3:00), beginning June 20 and ending July 29. There are 4 different locations: Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe; St. Augustine Academy in Lakewood; OLA/St. Joseph Center in Cleveland (Tremont); and Parmadale in Parma. Campers enjoy a variety of activities, such as swimming, arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor games and community field trips. Activities are designed to allow individuals a chance to participate to the best of their ability. The cost for 6 weeks of camp, including transportation is \$1,656. Call 216-334-2963 for information.

CYO Camp Christopher in Bath, Ohio, is an 8 week residential camp program for adults, 18 & over, with disabilities. This program allows individuals to participate in the program according to their ability and choice. Swimming, boating, arts, crafts, nature study, relaxing, games, horseback riding, walking and more is offered. Cost for a week of Special Populations Camp is only \$365.

Open House April 6 from 5-8 pm or May 15 from 1-5pm
1-800-CYO-CAMP (1-800-296-2267) or e-mail campregistrar@akroncyo.org

Augustine Rainbow Camp is a 5-week program in an inclusive setting at OLA/St. Joseph Center in the Tremont neighborhood of Cleveland for campers ages 5 to 16 who are deaf, hard of hearing or blind. Also serves children with mild, moderate and severe mental retardation & developmental disabilities. This program includes children with & without disabilities. Rainbow Camp runs from June 28 to July 30.

www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/camping

~ Monthly Dances ~



Enjoy friends, dancing, snacks, prizes and great music!
Cost ~ \$3.00 for dancers (Staff are Free) / **Ages** ~ 16 and over
ID ~ All dancers must have their ID



If they do not keep the ID in their pocket or wallet, then they need to wear a **nametag with their name and phone number on it**
Come with the nametag already on ~ it will help keep the line shorter!!!

Supervision ~ If supervision is needed, the individual group home or family must provide.

Mark your Calendars...2005 Dance Dates...Now in 3 Locations...

OLA/St. Joseph Center

7 - 9:30 pm

2346 West 14th St., Cleveland
216-334-2963

2nd Friday of the month
(unless noted by *)

April 8; May 6*; June 10; July 8; Aug. 12; Sept. 9; Oct. 14; Nov. 11; Dec. 9

Catholic Charities Family Center

Lorain ~ 7 - 9:30 pm

203 W. 8th St., Lorain, OH 44052
440-244-9915

~ St. Patrick's Dance ~
Friday, March 18th

Rose-Mary Center

7:30 - 10:00 pm

19350 Euclid Ave., Euclid
216-481-4823

4th Friday of the month
(unless noted by *)

March 18*; April 23; May 27; June 24;
July 22; Aug. 26; Sept. 23; Oct. 28;
Nov. 18*; no dance in December

Weekend Retreats!!!

Register now for the March 24-26, 2005 Holy Week Retreat

Spaces are limited to 20 Retreatants & fill up quickly!

Retreats held at St. Joseph Christian Life Center
located along the shores of Lake Erie (18485 Lake Shore Blvd.)

The 2005 monthly Retreat dates are:

Mar. 24-26 (Holy Week); Apr. 15-17; May 20-22; Sept. 16-18; Oct. 21-23; Nov. 18-20; Dec. 16-18

Call
(216) 334-2963
to register

Fee is \$90.00
Send checks to:
Disability Services
7911 Detroit Ave.
Cleveland, OH

Catholic Charities, Disability Services ~ (216) 334-2963 Fax (216) 334-2905 Ohio Relay Number (TTY) ~ 711

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Fr. Joseph McNulty, Director; Sr. Corita Ambro, CSJ, Program Director staugch@earthlink.net

Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries Newsletter
Since 1966

Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio

The Future of the OLA/St. Joseph Center Since our recent announcement that the elementary school at OLA/St. Joseph Center would be closing in June, 2005, we have received many concerns and questions about the future of the services we have been offering at the OLA/St. Joseph Center.

Please know that we will continue to offer the many services presently at the Center. **The Dances & the Saturday Adult Education Program will continue!** In addition we are looking forward to using the Center to provide new services for persons with disabilities. With God's help, great new services will soon be available at the OLA/St. Joseph Center!!

OLA/St. Joseph Center Elementary School, Tom McFadden, Principal One of our objectives during **Catholic School's Week** was to emphasize the importance of giving and receiving respect. Congratulations & thank you to Chanelle who earned the most recognition during Catholic Schools Week for her respectful acts. She received seventeen (17) certificates from staff for random acts of kindness, including using good manners, volunteering, sharing, working cooperatively, and being patient.

Students are helping **Catholic Charities Migration & Refugee Services (MRS)** in a fundraising project to purchase beds for refugee families arriving in Cleveland. Beginning in Lent, each homeroom will attempt to fill a pillowcase with monetary donations. Lent is a time to do without things, make sacrifices, and think of others. Let us all dig a little deeper during this important time of the year.

"What websites are appropriate for my child?" Thanks to our Religion Teacher extraordinaire, Ms. Peric, a list of twelve websites was put together so that parents and guardians can feel secure about kids "surfing the net" at home.

We are assembling a **memory book** for the OLA/St. Joseph School Family. We all know this is the final year of operation and we felt it was important to maintain our fond memories with a yearbook giving us a visual reminder of the "good ol' days at OLA/St. Joseph Center." Our goal is to have many pictures of all our students throughout the book.

Camp Happiness, Marilyn Scott We are about to begin our 39th year of providing summer programs! First I would like to welcome Megan Bush as our Camp Coordinator. Megan has worked with Camp Happiness previously and we are excited to have her join us this year in this new position! Camp Happiness is a six week program for children and young adults ages 6-21 with cognitive disabilities, as well as individuals with multiple disabilities. Campers are individually assessed to determine the appropriateness of the program offered. If you are interested in sending someone to camp, give us a call!!

We are also looking for individuals to work at Camp Happiness this summer! Positions available include Site Directors, Head Counselors, Counselors, Jr. Counselors and Van Monitors. If you think you or someone you know would like to work at Camp give us a call! This is a great job for college students studying special education or for teachers who are off during the summer!

Saturday Classes, Marilyn Scott We are now looking for students to attend classes in the Fall at the Continuing Adult Education Program. This program is for adults ages 21 and over with cognitive disabilities who want to continue their education. If you think this is something you may be interested in, please give us a call at 216-334-2963. We can set up a meeting to discuss if this program would be appropriate!

Catholic Charities Family Center in Lorain, Jim Gepperth Being a "disability friendly" family center is reflected in a variety of ways, one of which is the willingness to adapt services to the unique needs of the individual. Our Nurturing Parent Program has proven to be a good example of this strategy. The program is an 8-week parenting course designed to help adults become better-equipped parents. Although the course is not specifically designed to focus on family members with special needs, our classes are frequently attended by parents of children with special needs or parents who themselves have developmental disabilities. Information about specific disabilities is often gathered and shared with the whole group. Parents discuss their struggles and successes with each other, learn from material that is read aloud, and watch helpful videos - all of which enriches the whole group experience. The Nurturing Parent Program is graciously funded by the Ohio Children's Trust Fund.

From Disability Ministries

The L'Arche Community of Cleveland is having a 30th Anniversary Celebration! On Friday, April 8, they will have a Dinner & Reverse Raffle at Catered Elegance (1160 Broadway in Bedford) at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$35 and there are only 200 available! Call 216-721-2614 (Tim or Rosemary) for information and tickets.

Liturgies for the deaf and hearing impaired are celebrated throughout our Diocese. On Saturday evenings you can attend an interpreted Mass at: St. Mary's in Chardon at 4:30pm; St. Augustine Church in Cleveland at 5:30pm; or St. Peter's in Brookpark at 4:30pm. On Sunday's at: St. Augustine's in Cleveland at 8:30am; St. Vincent's in Akron at 11:00am; St. Anthony's in Parma at 10:00am, St. Noel's in Willoughby Hills on the 1st Sunday of the month at 11:00 am. There is also a fully signed liturgy, with the priest signing, at 10:00am at St. Augustine in Cleveland.

Community Information

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has initially committed \$500,000 to provide shelter and immediate healthcare needs to the thousands of victims of the Tsunami disaster. CRS and its local partners immediately mobilized to the hardest-hit coastal areas of India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Indonesia. CRS' response is expected to climb into the millions of dollars to meet emergency needs and the subsequent rebuilding and rehabilitation of the region. Please pray for the victims and their families and help support the CRS relief efforts by mailing your donations to: **Catholic Relief Services P.O. Box 17090 Baltimore, Maryland 21203-7090 Attn: Asia Earthquake Relief** To donate online visit www.CRS.org Or locally, call Rev. Mr. J. Rocky Ortiz at 440-245-5043

The Arc of Ohio is your source of information and referral on topics related to mental retardation and other developmental disabilities, such as: IDEA & education issues; Housing & living supports; Community Support Services; Legislative activities; Waivers & other sources of funding; & other MR/DD questions, contact The Arc of Ohio through the Info-line - info@thearcofohio.org or 800-875-2723

The Arc of Ohio will sponsor a day at Cedar Point for its members and friends on Wednesday, May 25, 2005. Cedar Point has donated 2000 admission tickets and picnic lunches, with more available at approximately half the regular cost when purchased through The Arc of Ohio. Call 800-875-2723.

Preparing for the Future Workshops ~ These workshops provide families a "toolkit" for putting together a Life Plan. For more information call 216-736-2717. Dates are: April 6, 13, 20 & 27 at Parma Developmental Center; Sept. 7, 14, 21 & 28 at Euclid Adult Activities Center; and Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 at Westlake Developmental Center. They meet from 6pm to 9pm and cost is \$50.

Are you interested in volunteering??? Call the Cuyahoga County Board of MR/DD's **EPICS** program and sign up for one (or more!) of many different volunteer opportunities! Sort clothes at the City Mission or at Shoes & Clothes for Kids, help with gardening at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens, or participate at Earthfest at the Zoo or at a day camp during Spring Break and many, many more... Call Holly Grady at 440-835-0364; e-mail her at grady_h@ccbmrdd.org; or fax her at 440-835-1892 for more information on these many exciting opportunities or to be added to her mailing list!

Tax Resources An overview of some IRS changes to the tax code as it relates to youth with disabilities can be found at <http://www.schwablearning.org/articles.asp?r=773> The 2005 "Make Tax Time Pay" outreach campaign kit contains up-to-date fact sheets on the EITC and the Child Tax Credit, including new information on how workers with disabilities and families raising children with disabilities may take advantage of these credits. For more information go <http://www.cbpp.org/eic2005/> The World Institute on Disability at www.wid.org has quite a few publications regarding finding a free Volunteer Tax Assistance (VITA) site, tax laws, Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and many more. Visit their website to learn more!

There will be a **conference on April 8 at Moravian Seminary in Bethlehem, PA, featuring Nancy Eiesland, author of The Disabled God**. This conference hopes to increase awareness and learn practical skills for adapting theological education in the areas of student services and support, curriculum, and postgraduate placement and vocations for seminarians and others with disabilities. For more information e-mail seminaryOCE@moravian.edu