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Starting in September!!!! Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP)

Meet New
 Friends!

Saturdays, from September to May
 at OLA/St. Joseph Center – 2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland, OH 44113

The CAEP is dedicated to meeting the continuing educational needs of adults with cognitive and other developmental disabilities ages 21 and over. Students have the opportunity to learn new things and meet new friends!

Call Now for Information

Contact Marilyn at 216-334-2963 or mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

32nd Annual “Walk of Hope”

Saturday, October 3, 2009

at

OLA/St. Joseph Center in Tremont
 (2346 West 14th Street, Cleveland)

The Walk of Hope supports programs for persons with disabilities offered by Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries...

*Tour Historic
 Tremont*

Learn about Tremont's history
 Learn about the new shops and restaurants

8:00am Registration / 9:00am Walk through Tremont
 Meet Local Celebrities at the following events:
 Raffle Drawing at 10:30 am
 Special Walk around Lincoln Park at 11:30 am

Call 216-334-2963 for more information or email Marilyn at mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

Weekend Retreats!!!

Sign up now for the September 11-13, 2009, Retreat!!

Spaces are limited to 20 Retreatants & fill up quickly!

Retreats held at River's Edge (3430 Rocky River Dr.)

2009 Dates: Oct. 9-11; Nov. 13-15; Dec. 11-13

2010 Dates: Jan. 8-10; Feb. 19-21; Mar. 5-7; Apr. 1-3 (Holy Week); May 7-9

Call
 (216) 334-2963
 to register

Fee is \$120.00
 Send checks to:
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~ Monthly Dances ~

Ages...16 and over **ID...**All dancers must carry their ID with them or wear a nametag with their first name and phone number on it. **Helpful Hint...**Come with a nametag already on ~ it will help keep the line shorter!!!
 The group home or family must provide supervision if needed



OLA/St. Joseph Center 7 - 9:30 pm

Cost...\$3.00 for dancers (Staff are Free)
 2346 West 14th St., Cleveland ~ 216-334-2963
 2nd Friday of the month (unless noted by *)

Rose-Mary Center 7:30 – 10:00 pm

Cost...\$5.00 (Staff Free but pay \$1 for snacks)
 19350 Euclid Ave., Euclid ~ 216-481-4823
 4th Friday of the month (unless noted by *)



2009 Dates: Aug. 14; Sept. 11; Oct. 9;
 Nov. 13; Dec. 11

2009 Dates: Aug. 28; Sept. 25; Oct. 23;
 *Nov. 20 (3rd Fri); No Dance in December

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Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries Newsletter
Celebrating 43 years...1966 to 2009

Thank you to those who sent us email addresses to help us save money! Due to an overwhelming request for the printed newsletter, we will continue this version as well as the email version for the present time! If you would like to send a donation to help with the cost of the printed newsletter, we would appreciate that. A year's worth of newsletters costs approximately \$5-\$10.

A New Feature – Tell us about your Parish!

Spotlight Parish in the Diocese of Cleveland

Building Church/Welcoming All at Immaculate Conception In the spring of 2007, a small, but enthusiastic group of parishioners at Immaculate Conception in Willoughby formed Building Church / Welcoming All (BCWA). While the group, started by Jeffrey Mackey, believed that the parish already made great efforts at accessibility and inclusion for all members, it was felt that some may not have been considered to the extent that they needed.

BCWA has focused on a range of issues relating to one's ability to fully participate in the church community. To that end, the ministry has worked closely with Fr. Michael Troha and the church staff on accessibility issues. In recent years, Immaculate Conception has added automatic doors, a wheelchair lift in the southwest vestibule, and assisted listening devices. Furthermore, the parish recognized that transportation might be a serious impediment for some parishioners' ability to attend Mass. As a result, the parish has recently set up a transportation service for those who need it. More recently, the rectory offices' entrance and rectory chapel have been made handicapped accessible.

Many of these changes have come about thanks mostly to Fr. Troha and Parish Business Manager Ron Felter. Without their leadership and willingness to listen to input from others, this progress would not have been made.

Moving forward, BCWA hopes to better understand the full range of issues, physical and spiritual, confronting those in the parish with special needs, along with their families. The ministry is in the process of conducting a parish-wide survey focusing solely on issues of accessibility and inclusiveness. It is meant for those with a disability and/or their caregivers.

BCWA looks forward to interacting with all parishioners as Immaculate Conception strives to be as welcoming as possible. For information, call Jeffrey Mackey at 440-951-5481.

A Great conference for Special Religious Educators is coming Saturday, August 1st to Cleveland!

The National Apostolate for Inclusion Ministry (NAFIM) is offering a workshop titled "Reaching People with Autism and Other Communication Disorders" on Sat., Aug. 1 at River's Edge at the St. Joseph Center on Rocky River Dr. This workshop features catechetical activities developing in the Pittsburgh Diocese for children and adults with autism and other communication disorders, as well as presentations on using Boardmaker and the Mayer/Johnson symbols in a catechetical setting. The registration deadline is Thursday, July 31. For information online and to print out the registration form, go to www.nafim.org or call 800-736-1280.

County Boards of MR/DD change their name On Tuesday, July 7, 2009, Governor Ted Strickland signed legislation deleting the term "mental retardation" from the names of county boards of mental retardation and developmental disabilities and the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. For example, the Board in Cuyahoga County's new name will be Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The name change does not change eligibility for programs and services. It does not change what the County Boards do. They remain the same agency that has been providing vocational, educational, habilitation, residential, therapeutic and other services for children and adults with developmental disabilities for more than 40 years.

Outreach Ministry Weekend Retreats Catholic Charities Office of Disability Ministry offers a weekend retreat to adults with cognitive disabilities. Participants spend Friday and Saturday evening with volunteers and other adults with disabilities at the River's Edge on the west side of Cleveland. The retreats include scripture readings, slide and movie presentations, praying, sharing together, liturgical dancing, and

Eucharistic Liturgy. The Liturgy is celebrated on Saturday night with a visiting priest as the celebrant – sometimes even one of the Bishops in the Diocese of Cleveland celebrates with us! Participants can also join in learning liturgical dancing. If you are interested, call us to learn more about this wonderful opportunity! River's Edge on Rocky River Dr. is a beautiful setting and is a great facility full of hospitality. Visit their website at www.riversedgecleveland.com Upcoming retreat dates are listed on the front of this newsletter. The cost is \$120. Call 216-334-2963 to learn more! New participants will be asked to visit first and complete a registration packet.

Camp Happiness We have had a wonderful summer so far at Camp Happiness. The campers at all four sites have enjoyed meeting new friends and going to new places!! They've gone swimming at Hinckley Lake, hiked at Penitentiary Glen, watched the Lake County Captains and went to the Cleveland Zoo! We had a wonderful staff who were very dedicated and enthusiastic! They made this a fun, exciting summer for all of the campers! Thank you to them for making this extra special for the campers! They are looking forward to coming back next year!

Check out our website for fun photos from Camp Happiness this summer!

The Continuing Adult Education Program Learn new things and meet new friends!!! Join us at the Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP), which is now in its 20th year. Space is available. Classes meet on Saturdays from September through May at OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland, OH – on RTA busline).

The CAEP is dedicated to meeting the continuing educational needs of adults with cognitive and other developmental disabilities ages 21 and over. Students have the opportunity to learn new things and meet new friends! Students must provide their own transportation and tuition is \$88 a month with an additional one time material fee of \$60. Financial assistance may be available. Call to set up an appointment to visit us! Contact Marilyn Scott at 216-334-2963 or mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

The **Beatitudes Faith Formation Program** is designed to provide a nurturing and prayerful environment for special needs children to be introduced to Jesus and His love. In addition, instructors attend to and assist with the preparation of the children for the Sacraments. The program is held the 2nd Saturday of every month from 11am to 1pm. Call 216-781-5530 for the date of the next gathering. Lunch and refreshments are provided. This program is held at St. Augustine Church's Walsh Hall (2486 W. 14th St. in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood).

The **New Faith & Light Community** meets the first Friday of each month at 6pm at St Augustine Church. Call 216-781-5530 for the date of the next gathering. Please join us. This program is held at St. Augustine Church (2486 W. 14th St. in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood).

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Catholic Teachings & Practical Suggestions
www.catholicdisabilityteachings.com

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