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Disability Services  
Diocese of Cleveland  
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*40 Years of Service & Ministry to persons with disabilities ~ 1966 to 2006*

May 2006

[www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability](http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability)

### *~ 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 in their pocket or wallet or 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

### Mark your Calendars...



#### 2006 Dance Dates...

OLA/St. Joseph Center

7 - 9:30 pm

2346 West 14<sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland ~ 216-334-2963

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month (unless noted by \*)

June 9; July 14; Aug 11; Sept 8; Oct 13; Nov 10; Dec 8

#### Catholic Charities Family Center

Lorain ~ 7 - 9:30 pm

203 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Lorain, OH 44052 ~ 440-244-9915

Friday, May 26, 2006

#### Rose-Mary Center

7:30 - 10:00 pm

19350 Euclid Ave., Euclid ~ 216-481-4823

4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month (unless noted by \*)

May 26; June 23; July 28; Aug 25; Sept 22; Oct 27; \*Nov 17;

No December Dance

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

[www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/camping](http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/camping)

**Camp Happiness** is a 6 week day camp program for children & young adults ages 6-21 with cognitive disabilities. It runs Monday-Friday (9:30-3:00), June 19 to July 28. There are 4 locations throughout the greater Cleveland area. Campers enjoy a variety of activities, such as swimming, arts/crafts, indoor/outdoor games & community field trips. Activities are designed to allow individuals a chance to participate to the best of their ability. The cost, including transportation is \$1,656. Call 216-334-2963 for information.

**Augustine Rainbow Camp** is a 5-week program (June 26-July 28) 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 cognitive disabilities. This program includes children with & without disabilities.

**Rose-Mary Center** offers a 10 week program in Euclid for individuals with multiple disabilities & severe/profound levels of cognitive disabilities ages 6 to 21.

**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, games, horseback riding and more is offered. Call 1-800-CYO-CAMP (1-800-296-2267) or e-mail [campregistrar@akroncyo.org](mailto:campregistrar@akroncyo.org)

The **CYO Day Camp** program has many locations in Northeast Ohio. They run from June 12 to August 11. Call 216-334-1261 for more information.

### ***Weekend Retreats!!!***

Call  
(216) 334-2963  
to register

*Will begin again in September!!*  
*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.)

Fee is \$90.00  
Send checks to:  
Disability Services  
7911 Detroit Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44102

Remaining 2006 dates: Sept. 15-17; Oct. 13-15; Nov. 17-19; Dec. 15-17

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

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## **Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries Newsletter** **Celebrating 40 years...1966 to 2006**

**Volunteers Needed to teach computer or exercise class!** A couple months ago we asked you to complete a survey regarding new activities at OLA/St. Joseph Center. Many of you expressed an interest in computer & exercise classes! Our first step is finding someone who can teach these classes!

If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering 6-8 weeks to teach a computer or exercise class, please give Marilyn Scott a call at 216-334-2963 or email at [mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org](mailto:mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org)

**Saturday Classes, Marilyn Scott** The Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP) or better know as the Saturday classes are going very well! Students enjoyed a field trip to the Great Lakes Science Center and are now looking forward to visiting the Rain Forest! Classes will be ending for the summer on Saturday, May 20.

The CAEP is dedicated to meeting the continuing educational needs of adults with developmental disabilities. The CAEP is for adults, ages 21 and over, who have graduated from a high school D.H./M.H. or Cuyahoga County Board of MR/DD program. Students must provide their own transportation to and from school. Tuition is \$88 a month with an additional \$55 material fee. Classes meet on Saturdays from mid September through the end of May. If you are interested in joining the Saturday program, call or email Marilyn for information – 216-334-2963 or [mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org](mailto:mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org)

**Don't forget our monthly dances!!!** Each month you have two options for monthly dances – OLA/St. Joseph Center and Rose-Mary Center! There is also a 3<sup>rd</sup> location for dances 3-4 times a year and that is at the Catholic Charities Family Center in Lorain! Look on the front of this flyer for dance dates, times and locations!

**Catholic Charities Family Center in Lorain, Jim Geppert** The Family Center of Lorain is pleased to have received a grant and technical assistance from the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Food Banks to be one of only five sites in the state to operate the "Benefit Bank" program. The Benefit Bank is an internet-based application filing program that helps clients apply for Food Stamps and Medicaid Programs. Staff members have been trained to facilitate the process which identifies a variety of benefits for which individuals may be eligible, including Healthy Start and Healthy Families for families and children, Medicaid for the blind and persons with disabilities and Medicare Premium Assistance for Dual-eligibles. The application is forwarded to the local Department of Job & Family Services where a determination is made. People interested in making an appointment should contact our center at 440-244-9915!

**From Disability Ministries 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 on the second Saturday of each month at St. Augustine Church's Walsh Hall from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch and refreshments are provided. If you would like to register your child or need transportation, or be part of this program in any way, please call the rectory at 216-781-5530.

**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, Chardon at 4:30pm; St. Augustine's, Cleveland at 5:30pm; St. Joseph, Strongsville at 4:30pm or St. Peter's, Brookpark at 4:30pm. On Sunday's at: St. Augustine's, Cleveland at 8:30am; St. Vincent's, Akron at 11:00am; St. Anthony's, Parma at 10:00am, Sacred Heart Chapel, Lorain at 10:00am, St. Pius X, Bedford at 11:30am, St. Justin Martyr, Eastlake at 9:30am. and St. Noel's, Willoughby Hills on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 11:00 am. There is also a fully signed liturgy, with the priest signing, on Sundays at 10:00am at St. Augustine in Cleveland.

**Knight at the Races - save the date - May 20.** The annual Knight at the Races that benefits Augustine Rainbow Camp will take place on **Saturday, May 20, 2006 at St. Clarence**

Church Hall, 30106 Lorain Road in North Olmsted. Augustine Rainbow Camp provides diverse day camping in the Tremont area for children with disabilities and for area children ages 5-14. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., races begin at 7:00 p.m. Advanced ticket donations are \$15 or \$20 at the door. Please support this event for Augustine Rainbow Camp. For tickets and more information call Sr. Janet at 216-781-5530.

**Community Information...Extended School Year (ESY)** services may help in preventing regression during the summer school break! ESY services can include socialization and recreation services (including summer camp). You can request an IEP meeting to determine eligibility at any time. Call your school district if you feel your child would benefit from ESY.

**Mammography screenings available to women with disabilities** Federal programs operating in Ohio have made it possible for women with disabilities to obtain low-cost or no-cost mammograms that have the potential to save their lives. Women with disabilities neglect their breast health by not having mammograms that could detect deadly cancers. Of women aged 52-69 receiving Medicare benefits, 52% of women with disabilities had mammograms in the past two years, while 61% of women without disabilities had the exam.

For more info, contact Ohio KePRO at [www.ohiokepro.com](http://www.ohiokepro.com); [kkorosi@ohqio.sdps.org](mailto:kkorosi@ohqio.sdps.org); 216-447-9604 x2140; fax 216-447-7925; or 5700 Lombardo Center Dr., Ste 100, Seven Hills, OH 44131.

**Federal court orders the AMC movie theater chain to improve wheelchair seating at AMC theaters nationwide.** AMC was ordered to remedy violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at AMC movie theaters that do not provide access to the stadium section for seating for individuals who use wheelchairs. The ADA requires places of public accommodation to provide equal access to persons with disabilities and prevents them from providing persons with disabilities a lower quality of goods and services than they provide other members of the general public.

Individuals interested in finding out more about the ADA or this settlement can call the Department's toll-free ADA Information Line at (800) 514-0301 or (800) 514-0383/TTY or access the ADA Home Page at <http://www.ada.gov>

**Adult Siblings of Individuals with Disabilities Research** There is little known about the relationship between individuals with disabilities and their adult siblings. To better understand this long-lasting relationship, the National Sibling Consortium and the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center for Research on Human Development, along with The ARC, is asking for anyone age 18 or over with a sister or brother with disabilities to complete an "Adult Sibling Questionnaire". The questionnaire should take 20-25 minutes to complete, all answers are anonymous, and participation is voluntary. The online version of the questionnaire is at <https://kc.vanderbilt.edu/FamilyResearch> Paper copies are also available. Call or email your information to: 1-888-322-5339 or email [FamilyResearch@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:FamilyResearch@vanderbilt.edu)

**Join CCBMR/DD** to see the **Cleveland Indians** play the world champion Chicago White Sox on Tuesday, May 30th at 7:05pm (tickets are half price!!). The cost of these half price tickets are lower box (\$15), lower reserved (\$11) or mezzanine seats (\$8)! The Indians are also holding a number of wheelchair accessible seats and will staff both days with extra people to assist if needed with wheelchairs. **Order Deadline May 26, 2006.** For information, contact Walt Harrop at 419-289-8344.

**Solon offers baseball...Blue Ribbon Softball League - Lets play ball!!** For persons with disabilities ages 5 and over on Sunday's June 4<sup>th</sup> - July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30-3:00p.m. at the Solon Community Park Fields near Parkside Elementary. The fee is \$35.00 and includes team baseball cap and shirt. For more information contact Kimberly English at 440-248-5747

*"Imagine a world of diversity and interdependence where people are respected simply for who they are; where commonalities are recognized and differences are celebrated for what they truly are: Opportunities to bring something unique and individual to our community"* - Dan Wilkins "The Nth Degree"