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November 2002



Join us for the
18th Annual Journey to Bethlehem Mass
Saturday, December 7th, 2002



at

OLA/St. Joseph Center
10:30 am

Bishop Roger Gries
will be our Celebrant!

More details coming soon!

**Join us for our
Monthly Dance**



*Enjoy friends, dancing,
snacks, prizes and great music!*

OLA/St. Joseph Center
2346 West 14th St., Cleveland
Friday, November 8th
Friday, December 13th

Rose-Mary Center
19350 Euclid Ave., Euclid
Friday, November 22nd
NO December Dance

Weekend Retreats!!!

*Call NOW to register for the
November 15, 16 & 17th Retreat!*

*Register early! There are limited spaces & they fill up quickly!
Retreats held at St. Joseph Christian Life Center
Located along Lake Erie, 18485 Lake Shore Blvd.*

Call (216) 696-6525 ext. 2700 to register
The fee for the Retreat is \$90.00

Send your checks to:

Disability Services, 1027 Superior Ave. Cleveland, OH 44114

~ 2002 / 2003 Retreat Dates ~

Dec. 20-22; Jan. 17-19; Feb. 14-16; Mar. 14-16; Apr. 17-19; May 16-18;
Sept. 19-21; Oct. 24-26; Nov. 14-16; Dec. 12-14

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Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries System Bulletin

The 25th Annual Walk-A-Thon You delivered a very positive statement of Hope about our Church and community, as well as our belief in the dignity and worth of all people. Your commitment and generosity has certainly had an impact on the success of this year's walk.

Special thanks to Marilyn Scott, Coordinator of the Walk ~ Congrats to Jim, Dennis & Dick Russ for receiving the Resolution of personal recognition from City Councilman Joe Cimperman

We were proud to have had Bishop Anthony Pilla, Bishop Roger Gries, a representative from Mayor Jane Campbell's office, Councilman Joe Cimperman, Commissioner Tim McCormack and many others help us celebrate our 25th Anniversary, including: Michael Heaton(Plain Dealer), Dick Russ (WKYC)and Brian from Brian & Joe, (106.5 FM)

Submitted by Holly Grady, Cuyahoga CBMRDD:

Supported Living Spotlight! Ray Hruska is doing more than living in the community; he is giving back by volunteering. With the help of his support staff, Mary Riccardi, and the Cuyahoga County Board of MR/DD's EPICS program, Ray participates in community service on a regular basis. He has worked alongside college students to spruce up store fronts in his Clark-Metro neighborhood, painted a Cleveland school library, and helped at a local service agency's "paint & plant" day. According to EPICS Project Director, Holly Grady, "Ray participates in a wide variety of projects. He brings with him a lot energy and enthusiasm and does not leave until the job is done." That energy has come in handy while volunteering for children's activities at Camp Cheerful, Earthfest at the Zoo, the Very Special Arts Festival and more. He even helped build a playground! Ray says, "I love volunteering. I love volunteering for everything under the sun. It gets me out of the house and I get to see and meet people." As a volunteer, Ray has gotten himself a ticket to some of the hottest events in town including, the Marconi Grand Prix and the Tall ships. Volunteering for these events, and others, often seems to be more fun than work. It is a great way to get connected to the community.

The EPICS (Equal Partners in Community Service) Program has many volunteer opportunities available for people of all abilities. Call Holly Grady at (440) 835-0364 for more information.

Ray is with Catholic Charities Supported Living Program. If you would like more information on this Supported Living program call Joe Ungarsky at 216-631-3499 x2146.

Joe Ungarsky ~ Supported Living / Youth Respite Catholic Charities/Parmadale hosted the Second Annual Supported Living Fall Festival and Costume Party at Camp Corde on Friday, October 18, 2002. Nearly all attendants came dressed in costume and participated in the evening's festivities. "Jim at Night" DJ and Karaoke entertainment, performed the entire evening. He had everyone up on their feet dancing the night away.

Special recognition is extended to Ms. Viviana, a Supported Living consumer. She has recently decided to go back to school and work on her G.E.D. She also has been elected PTA Treasurer at her son's school. We're awfully proud of her and encourage her to keep up the good work!!!

Pam Delly ~ OLA/St. Joseph Center OLA/St. Joseph Center has received a \$5,500 grant from the MBNA Foundation to become involved with Activities Clubs. The club meetings will be held on Friday afternoons. Students at OLA/St. Joseph Center will choose the club of their interest. Some of the topic are: Lights! Color! Animation!; Soaring with Birds; Cool Running Clocks; Creative Cooking; Presto! It's magic;

Gads of Games; Papermaking with Pizzaz to name a few of the twenty different clubs. Our thanks to MBNA Foundation.

Bishop Roger Gries will confirm nine students from OLA/St. Joseph Center November 1, 2002 at 7 PM. The students will join with parishioners of St. Augustine Church who will be receiving the Sacrament as well.

Molly Worthington ~ Social & Recreational Activities The Continuing Adult Education program has been up and running since mid-September! The students are working hard on their goals for this school year and are also preparing for their big Thanksgiving Feast! Welcome to Dee & Michelle ~ two new teachers in the CAEP! They are a great addition!

The Summer Camp program was a great success this year! Thank you to all the parents, campers, staff and volunteers for helping in making this year another success!

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming monthly dances at both OLA/St. Joseph Center and Rosemary Center ~ please see the front of this flyer for upcoming dates!

Jim Geperth ~ Catholic Charities Family Center in Lorain Congratulations to **Joe Hengesbaugh**, a staff member at the Lorain Family Center, for recently obtaining his bachelor degree and his license in Social Work. Joe began his experience with Catholic Charities as a volunteer for Disability Services. Joe helped at the Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP) as well as the monthly dances. Joe also worked as the site director of the Lakewood Camp Happiness program for one summer. The past year he has been a supported living caregiver in Lorain assisting persons with disabilities in the community. And just recently, Joe has accepted a position with Catholic Charities in Lorain with a new program for teenagers called "Success for Youth"! Keep up the good work Joe!

The Family Center will be open for a Community Meal on Thanksgiving and Christmas from 9am to 1pm thanks to a partnership with St. Augustine Parish in Cleveland.

70 Volunteers will be acknowledged for their dedication on November 8 at a Volunteer Recognition Luncheon!

Pat Price ~ Lake County Supported Employment The supported employment program recently began working with the 61st client with a couple more coming in the next week or so. They had 5 solid job placements and so far, all 5 are still on the job!

From Disability Ministries: The Circle ~ Everyone Belongs a religious social gathering will be held Friday, November 29, from 6:30pm-7:30pm at Pinegrove, 5608 Pearl Rd., Parma, Ohio.

Ministries available at St. Augustine Church ~ 2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland. The **Beatitudes Faith Formation Program** is a Catechetical program providing religious instruction and community for youth ages 3-19 with disabilities. They meet monthly at St. Augustine's Walsh Hall. The next gathering is Saturday, November 23 from 11:00 am to 12 noon. St. Augustine's **Faith & Light** group is called "**New Hope**". They will meet in St. Augustine's Walsh Hall from 6:30pm – 8:30pm on November 15, January 10, February 14, March 14 and May 16. All are Welcome! **New Sign Language Class** ~ The next round of *Basic Conversational Sign Classes* will begin Tuesday, October 29, at 6:30 p.m. in Walsh Hall at St. Augustine Church in Cleveland. No registration necessary. Classes are one hour long for 10 weeks @ \$25 per person.

Call 216-781-5530 for information on Disability Ministries.