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You are Invited to the

24th Annual Journey to Bethlehem A Celebration Mass

Celebrated by Bishop Roger Gries

Prayer, song, celebration and friendship for persons with developmental disabilities
 along with their families, friends, catechists, and advocates

Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.

at

OLA/St. Joseph Center - 2346 West 14th Street, Cleveland, Ohio

Liturg followed by a light luncheon

Sponsored by

Disability Services and Ministries, Catholic Charities Health & Human Services

Ample parking is available

OLA/St. Joseph Center is wheelchair accessible

Please call to request Sign language interpreters, Audio Description and Enhancement

**Meet New
 Friends!**

*****Call Now for Information***
 Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP)
 Saturdays, from September to May**

Call
 (216) 334-2963
 to set up a meeting

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!

~ 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 *)
 November 14; December 12

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 *)
 *November 21 (3rd Fri.); No Dance in December

2009 Dates: Jan. 9; Feb. 13; Mar. 13;
 *Apr. 3 (1st Friday); May 8; June 12; No Dance
 in July; Aug. 14; Sept. 11; Oct. 9; Nov. 13; Dec. 11

2009 Dates: Jan. 23; Feb. 27; Mar. 27; Apr. 24
 May 22; June 26; July 24; Aug. 28; Sept. 25
 Oct. 23; *Nov. 20 (3rd Friday); No Dance in December

Catholic Charities Family Center Lorain ~ 7 – 9:30 pm

Cost...\$3.00 for dancers (Staff are Free)
 203 W. 8th St., Lorain, OH 44052 ~ 440-244-9915
 November 21

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Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries Newsletter
Celebrating 42 years...1966 to 2008

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Send us your email address! If you are receiving this newsletter by US Mail, please note that beginning in 2009 we will mail only 2 newsletters per year. We will send additional newsletters by email only. Don't be left out! Send your email address to mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org Please include your first and last name as well!

The 30th Anniversary of the Pastoral Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops on Persons with Disabilities is November 16, 2008. On the 30th Anniversary of this historic document, it is important that we stop and remember the great progress that our Church has made in the last 30 years. None of this would have been possible without you who have been strong advocates. But from time to time we get to see an event that helps us realize that this pastoral is again being fulfilled. Recently we've been blessed to witness two such events.

The first is the opening of the **new office for Disability Ministry in the Diocese of Harrisburg, PA.** Bishop Rhoades opened this new office after convening a committee to study the need for such a ministry. On October 18, we were honored to attend their first day long symposium "In God's Image, Disability Ministry and Catholic Social Thought". Over 200 people turned out to learn how to better integrate persons with disabilities into their parish community. Such a number is outstanding when you consider that the Diocese of Harrisburg has only 90 parishes and this was their first attempt at bringing people together to discuss this ministry.

Our own Director, Dennis McNulty, was asked to give the keynote address at the symposium. It was truly an honor to attend this event and see the spirit working in this wonderful Diocese. We wish them and their Director Ginny the best of luck!

Another historic event occurred on August 15 in Cullman, Alabama. The 1978 Bishop's Pastoral stated:

"The Bishops look forward to the day when more individuals with disabilities are active in the full-time, professional service of the Church ..." (par. 24)

On August 15, we got to witness another fulfillment of this statement. Adam had been a student at OLA/St. Joseph Center. As Adam grew, he developed a keen religious spirituality and was clearly drawn to ministry.

Many of us know of individuals who are deaf, blind and/or have mobility challenges that have been accepted for ordination or religious life. We have wished to see to see this achieved for a person with a cognitive disability as well.

Around Christmas of 2007, Adam announced that he was going to be visiting a religious community. In July, 2008, we received an email from a Brother Joshua (Adam) informing us that he was taking his simple vows on August 15 as a member of the Benedictine Monastery.

It was wonderful to be present at the ceremony in Cullman, Alabama. Congratulations Brother Joshua! You will be in our prayers. Please remember us in yours.

You can read the Pastoral at http://www.ncpd.org/pastoral_statement_1978.htm And you can see pictures from both of the above events by visiting our website at www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability

In Memory of Mark Galeazzo In August, we received sad news that one of our weekend retreat participants had passed away. Mark had been with us for many years and he was truly a joy. His personality and his friendship added a spark to the retreat experience for the other participants as well as those who came to visit for the Saturday evening liturgy. Please remember Mark and his family in your prayers.

Outreach Ministry Weekend Retreats Call us to learn more about this wonderful opportunity! Our new location at River's Edge on Rocky River Dr. has been a great success!! Everyone loves the facilities and the hospitality provided by the staff. The dates for 2008/2009 are: November 14-16; December 5-7; February 13-15; March 6-8; May 22-24. The cost is \$120. Call 216-334-2963 to register! Once registered, you can mail your check to: Disability Services, 7911 Detroit Rd., Cleveland, OH 44102.

The Continuing Adult Education Program, Marilyn Scott 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). In addition to the wonderful facilities, this location is right on the RTA bus stops, which several of our students have used to commute to class. 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. Call to set up an appointment to visit us! Contact Marilyn at 216-334-2963 or mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

Monthly Dances Please note that the price for dancers at the Rose-Mary Center dances has gone up. Dancers will now pay \$5 for the dance – this also includes a pop and snack. Staff will still get in free but will now pay \$1 for a pop and snack.

Prices at OLA/St. Joseph Center and at 8th Street in Lorain will remain at \$3 for participants and free for staff.

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 the 2nd Saturday of every month from 11am to 1pm. Next meeting is Saturday, November 8, 2008. 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. The next meeting will be Friday, November 7, 2008. Please join us.

Call 216-781-5530 for both ministries.

Community Information

The **Center for Mental Retardation (CMR)** is facilitating the Partners in Policymaking® leadership training program between the months of January – May 2009. Partners in Policymaking® is an internationally recognized training series that is designed for adults with disabilities and for parents of children with disabilities.

Through participation in Partners in Policymaking®, individuals with developmental disabilities and parents of children with disabilities will become leaders. Partners is about creating, working towards, and achieving a vision of shared values about individuals with disabilities. Call early to apply for the 2009 class of Partners in Policymaking®. Please call at (216) 622-0755 or email gmitchner@cmr-cleveland.org for more information.

FREE Legal Advice The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland and the Volunteer Lawyers Program are offering FREE Legal Advice, Brief Advice & Referral Clinics in November. This is for Civil Matters Only (Not Criminal).

- Sat., Nov. 8 - 10am to 12 - West Side Catholic Center (3135 Lorain Ave., Cleveland)
- Sat., Nov. 8 - 9:45am to 12 - Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland (5700 Broadway Ave., Cleveland)
- Sat., Nov. 15 - 9:45am to 12 - St. Martin de Porres Family Center (1264 E. 123rd St., Cleveland)

For information email shelly.anarado@lasclev.org or amporath@lasclev.org Or call 216-861-5332

Important Websites ~ Click & Save!!

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www.catholicdisabilityteachings.com