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Disability Services  
Diocese of Cleveland  
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**20 Years!!!**  
*You are Invited to the*  
**Annual Journey to Bethlehem ~ A Celebration Mass**

Sponsored by  
Disability Services and  
Ministries,  
The Secretariat for  
Catholic Charities  
Health & Human  
Services,  
Diocese of Cleveland

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

*Saturday, December 18, 2004 at 10:30 am*  
*Celebrated by Bishop Roger Gries*

*Liturgy followed by a light luncheon*

At OLA/St. Joseph  
Center  
2346 West 14<sup>th</sup>  
Street, Cleveland  
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OLA/St. Joseph  
Center is wheelchair  
accessible

Ample parking is available  
Sign language interpreters, Audio Description and Enhancement will be available  
For more information please call 216-334-2963

**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 the ID is kept with staff, then the dancer needs 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.

**Now in 3 Locations...**

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

2346 West 14<sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland  
216-334-2963  
Fridays, Nov. 12; Dec. 10

**Catholic Charities Family Center, Lorain ~ 7 - 9:30 pm**

203 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Lorain, OH 44052  
440-244-9915  
Look for the 2005 Dates in the next newsletter!!!

**Rose-Mary Center**  
**7:30 - 10:00 pm**

19350 Euclid Ave., Euclid  
216-481-4823  
Friday, Nov. 19

**Weekend Retreats!!!**

**Register soon for the November 19-21, 2004 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:**

**Jan. 14-16; Feb. 18-20; 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

The fee is \$90.00  
Send your checks to:  
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# Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries System Bulletin

Since 1966

Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio

We remember **James Cardinal Hickey** who recently passed away. Cardinal Hickey, when he served in Cleveland from 1974 until 1980, supported all of the efforts to serve persons with disabilities. He was the first Bishop to celebrate the *Mass for the Handicapped*; he also made sure that every year he celebrated a special Mass for persons with mental illness. He encouraged religious education centers throughout the Diocese and wanted all the special liturgies in the Diocese to be interpreted for deaf and hard of hearing people. We pray that he will now rest in peace and be rewarded for his goodness to all of us.

**Disability Services has a new Website!!!** Check out our new website where you can access Services & Ministries for persons with disabilities in the 8 counties of the Diocese of Cleveland! The website address is [www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability](http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability)

**OLA/St. Joseph Center Dances and Saturday Classes.**  
**Marilyn Scott** We are happy to announce that Marilyn Scott has been promoted to **Program Administrator** for Disability Services. In her new role, Marilyn will supervise the operation of the Saturday Classes, the Dances and supervise the summer camp program. Marilyn has been with Disability Services for 12 years serving in many roles. She has been secretary, administrative assistant, and program coordinator. Marilyn has always been there to support the programs and the people we serve with her many talents and skills. Congratulations, Marilyn!!!!

**Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP)** The CAEP (or Saturday Program) meets every Saturday from 9:30am to 3:00pm - September to May - at OLA/St. Joseph Center. This program is for adults ages 21 and over with cognitive disabilities who want to continue their education. A typical day is reading, math and health/science in the morning, lunch, then current events, computer and exercise in the afternoon. Each student has an Individual Plan which the CAEP teachers follow. Not only are academics emphasized but also social skills - with many different events planned throughout the year! Tuition for the CAEP is \$88 a month with a once a year materials/activities fee of \$55. Students have met many wonderful friends in the Saturday Program!!

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 Geppert** Staff members and volunteers of our family center would like to extend a special thank you to Dennis McNulty and Marilyn Scott for speaking at our annual volunteer training and luncheon held on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Dennis and Marilyn spoke to an audience of approximately 40 volunteers who work at our center. Both stressed the importance of volunteerism and answered many questions regarding persons with disabilities and how we might better respond to their needs. The Lorain Family Center serves thousands of people in the greater Lorain community. Over 40% of those who visit our center self report that they have a disability of some kind.

**OLA/St. Joseph Center News, Tom McFadden** During the last week in October, the OLA/St. Joseph Family celebrated Red Ribbon Week. Thanks to our wonderfully creative staff, we planned a different theme and activity for each day that week. Our students were enthusiastically involved in our educational and enjoyable activities for this significant drug awareness week. Some themes & activities were "Just Say No" and students wrote their own messages on red ribbons which were hung in the hallways; "Say **BOO** to Drugs" with Halloween related activities.

Upcoming Events...The OLA/St. Joseph Christmas Concert is scheduled for Wednesday, December 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the school's gymnasium.

**CYO & Community Services, Summit Co., Tess Flannery** CYO is hosting Recreational Respite on November 20<sup>th</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at Weaver School in Tallmadge. The program begins at 3:00 pm and ends at 10:00 pm. Events on these evenings include swimming, cooking, crafts, board games, basketball and more. Call Tess Flannery at (330) 762-2961 x224 for more information.

**Supported Employment, Pat Price** Recently BSVI (Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired) referred a client, who is blind in one eye, to Supported Employment. We would like to congratulate her as she has been on her new job, which we helped her secure, for over 90 days. She now has medical coverage for a minimal contribution, replacing the high-cost personal policy she had to carry while unemployed. She is a receptionist, and they think the world of her, because she is so strong in customer service.

## From Disability Ministries

**Liturgies for the deaf and hearing impaired** are celebrated throughout our Diocese every weekend. 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 you can attend an interpreted Mass 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 11:00 am. There is also a fully signed liturgy, with the priest signing, at 10:00 am at St. Augustine in Cleveland.

The **Beatitudes Program** for children with special needs is entering its second month and will meet on Saturday, November 13 and Saturday, December 11 at St. Augustine Church's Walsh Hall from 11:00am to 1:00pm. This program is open for any child with a disability and to the non-disabled members of their family. For information call Priscilla Treska at 216-621-7368; and for transportation needs, call Sr. Juliana Beck at 440-944-4920.

The **Catholic Blind Community's** annual Christmas liturgy and party will take place on Sunday, December 19, 2004 at the Airport Marriott at 4:00pm. For reservations for Catholic Blind activities, call 216-781-5530 x10.

**Links Cleveland** is a club for persons with mental illness which meets Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 3-6pm at St. Augustine's. All persons with diagnosed mental illness are invited to be a part of this group. For more information, please call 216-781-5530 x20.

The remaining **2004 Retreat dates:** Nov. 19-21; Dec. 10-12. Call 216-781-5530 for information on Disability Ministries.

## Community Information

**The Cuyahoga County Board of MR/DD and it's Parent Teacher Community United Board** cordially invite you to attend an Educational Forum on Tuesday, November 16, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at Garfield Heights K of C Hall - Club 4130 (10806 Granger Road, Garfield Heights) This Forum is on **Building Recreation Options in Your Community**. Representatives from cities with reputations for model recreation programs for individuals who have disabilities will discuss what they provide for citizens with disabilities; how they got started; who is eligible to participate; and advice for improving recreation programs in your community. Please RSVP by November 11 to Mary Ann Pressler (216) 736-2699.

**Cerebral Palsy Parent Support Group** Join a newly-formed group of parents who have children with cerebral palsy, who are committed to supporting one another in practical, day-to-day ways! All CP parents welcome, regardless of your child's age, whether they are severely or mildly affected (or even not officially diagnosed!) They are currently trying to meet monthly to share news and advice. For more information, call Lynne Fogel at 614-868-0146 or e-mail [lfogel@insight.rr.com](mailto:lfogel@insight.rr.com)

**Cleveland Resident Wins Award** Walter I. Zborowsky of Cleveland, Ohio, was recently selected as the recipient of the Elsie D. Hesel Advocacy Award. The award is given annually by the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (ODDC) for outstanding advocacy on behalf of people with developmental disabilities. Elsie Hesel of Athens, Ohio, is a long-time advocate for people with disabilities on both state and national levels. Congratulations Walter!

**The Near West Theatre** proudly presents a **Signed Performance of "Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"** on Thursday, December 2, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Club Building (3606 Bridge Avenue) Please note that this site is not wheelchair accessible. Parking is FREE! Tickets are \$6 for General Admission. For Reservations, e-mail the Near West Theatre at [nearwesttheatre@msn.com](mailto:nearwesttheatre@msn.com) by 1 p.m. Dec. 2. This performance made possible through a special grant from Neighborhood Connections of the Cleveland Foundation. Join the cast of 62 children, teens, and adults as four actors from The Heard sign this dynamic production!

**The 16th People's Art Show** at Cleveland State University Art Gallery (East 23rd St. and Chester Ave.) is a free, unjuried, uncensored exhibition celebrating creativity, diversity, and imagination. All entries are exhibited. This year's show features approximately 500 pieces by more than 300 artists created in classes with **Art on Wheels** by individuals from the **Cuyahoga County Board of MR/DD**. Works include paintings, drawings, sculptures, photography, ceramics, digital art, printmaking, and mixed mediums. The Exhibit opened November 5 and runs through December 10. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 10AM-5PM; Saturday, noon to 4PM. For info call 216-687-2103.