



# NEWSLETTER



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### JANUARY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10 <b>CLERGY RETIREMENT DANCE FRENSTAT HALL</b>
11 <b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	12 <b>MEETING CALDWELL 7:00 PM</b>	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 <b>REVERSE RAFFLE ST. MARY'S CALDWELL</b>	24 <b>MARCH FOR LIFE AUSTIN</b>
25 <b>BBQ CHICKEN FUNDRAISER ROCKDALE</b>	26	27	28	29	30	31

### NEWS

The annual Clergy Retirement Fundraiser dance will be held at the Frenstat Recreation Center on Jan. 10, starting at 7:00 PM. The doors will open with hamburgers available at 6:00 PM. Music will be by the Red Ravens, a polka band from the El Campo area. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Come out and enjoy the food and the music.

Our first meeting of 2015 will be in Caldwell on January 12, starting with a surprise dinner at 7:00 pm.

On Jan. 23, there is a Reverse Raffle for St. Mary's in Caldwell at the Burleson Co. Expo. Center. Tickets are \$125.00 for a chance at a \$10,000.00 prize. Starts @ 5 PM, tickets must be checked in no later than 6:00 PM.

Our January fallout will be at the March for Life in Austin, on January 24. The location of the Pro-Life Mass has been changed to St. Vincent de Paul Church @ 9500 Neenah Avenue in Austin (actually closer to Round Rock than Austin). The easiest way to get there is to take 290 past Manor to FM 734. Follow 734 all the way to Neenah Ave., turn right, and go until you see the church on the left. Mass is at 10:00 AM, with Bishop Vasquez as the celebrant. The march starts at 1:00 PM, from 1600 North Congress. We will fall out for the Mass, and then lead the march to the Capitol.

On Sunday, Jan. 25, our Assembly will be hosting a BBQ Chicken dinner fundraiser at the KC Hall in Rockdale, starting at 11:00 AM. Presale tickets for this event will be available at our meeting on Jan. 10. There will also be tickets available at the door. The fundraiser is to provide an ultrasound machine for the Place of Hope Pregnancy Resource Center, located in Rockdale. This fundraiser is in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus initiative to provide Ultrasound equipment in as many Pregnancy Centers as possible. We need to raise the funds to provide 1/2 of the cost of this equipment, and the other half will be provided by the K of C Supreme Council's Culture of Life Fund. So far, 500 of these machines have been provided to centers such as this in the United States, Canada, and Jamaica. All members of the 4th degree are asked to physically help with this fundraiser on the 25. We need to be at the hall between 9 and 10 AM, to assist in every way we can to make this a success. If you cannot attend, you can send a monetary contribution to our Assembly and mail it to Marty Elman, at his address listed on the top right hand corner of this newsletter.

Our annual Renewal of Obligations will be held at our February meeting in Rockdale on February 9. A reminder that the dress for this is Tuxedo with social baldric, and the wives are invited to attend. Dinner will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. There will be a speaker available for the ladies, while our renewal is conducted.

Our next exemplification will be held on March 21. The location is to be determined.

WASHINGTON—As the Catholic Church prepares to celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations is promoting "Days with Religious" initiatives and resources to help families learn about the consecrated life of religious men and women. Activities will focus on sharing experiences of prayer, service and community life with those living a consecrated life.

"Our brothers and sisters in Christ living consecrated lives make great contributions to our society through a vast number of ministries," said Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, president of USCCB. "They teach in our schools, take care of the poor and the sick and bring compassion and the love of Christ to those shunned by society; others lead lives of prayer in contemplation for the world."

Pope Francis proclaimed 2015 a Year of Consecrated Life, starting on the First Sunday of Advent, the weekend of November 29, 2014, and ending on February 2, 2016, the World Day of Consecrated life. The year also marks the 50th anniversary of Perfectae Caritatis, a decree on religious life, and Lumen Gentium, the Second Vatican Council's constitution on the Church. Its purpose, as stated by the Vatican is to "make a grateful remembrance of the recent past" while embracing "the future with hope."

"The 'Days with Religious' activities will represent great opportunities for families and adults to look at the many ways men and women serve Christ and the Church while answering the call to live in consecrated life," said Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Raleigh, North Carolina, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations.

Catholics are invited to join activities that will be promoted in collaboration with the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious, (CMSWR), the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) and the Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM).

The events planned are as follows: February 8, 2015: Religious Open House. Events will be coordinated to also celebrate the World Meeting of Families to take place in Philadelphia and will include tours, open houses, receptions, family activities, and presentations on the history of religious communities at convents, abbeys, monasteries and religious houses. Summer 2015: Day of Mission and Service with Religious. Events will include joining religious in their apostolates or special service projects, such as assisting the elderly, ministering to the poor and homeless, and caring for the less fortunate.

□ September 13, 2015: Day of Prayer with Religious. Events will include vespers, rosary or holy hours in convents, monasteries, religious houses, parishes and churches.

Prayers intentions, prayer cards, a video on consecrated life and other resources are available at: [www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/consecrated-life/year-of-consecratedlife/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/consecrated-life/year-of-consecratedlife/index.cfm)

## PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

During this Year of Consecrated Life, we give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of inspiration.

Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you. Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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