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PRIORITY NEWS

Advisories

The Diocese of Sacramento advised the USCCB of its concerns regarding Rev. Dominic Obese Asare, C.S.Sp. Fr. Asare left Ghana without permission of his Superior and has approached them seeking a ministry position with false documentation. Those needing further information should contact the Office of the Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento at 916-733-0200.

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston advised the USCCB regarding a laicized priest identifying himself as "Fr. Carlos Alvarado". Mr. Alvarado is also known as Carlos Rodolfo Alvarado Escobar Zeron. He is present in their archdiocese and has been attempting to engage in priestly ministry. If more information is needed, contact Bp. George Sheltz, Auxiliary Bishop and Chancellor at 713-652-8202.

Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

Registration for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion (RECCC) is available online at: <https://adw2018reccc.eventbrite.com>.

Because Lent begins so early this year, **the deadline to complete registration is Tuesday, January 16, 2018.** Please share this important information with your RCIA coordinator as we cannot guarantee seating from parishes that miss the registration deadline.

Youth Rally and Mass for Life

The Youth Rally and Mass for Life will be held on January 19, 2018 at Capital One Arena. The Rally will begin at 6:45 a.m., and Confessions will begin as soon as there are priests available. Mass will start at 8:30 a.m. If you would like to concelebrate, please register at <https://concelebrant2018.eventbrite.com>

Adult and Family Rally

The Adult and Family Rally will also be held on January 19, 2018 at St. Matthew's Cathedral. The Adult and Family Rally will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Mass and Adoration for Those Attending March for Life

Beginning at 7:30 a.m. on January 19, 2018, the Archdiocese of Washington will be hosting morning Mass and Adoration for those who would like to pray in solidarity with those attending the March for Life. Mass and Adoration will be held at St. Mary Mother of God parish in Chinatown. A Sister of Life will give a brief reflection during Adoration. We will conclude at 8:30 a.m.

ACTION NEWS

Continuing Formation for Priests

Please continue to check clergy.adw.org (this takes you to the *Clergy Only* section) for updates and information. For questions or user name/password please contact Teresa Yao at 202-636-9020 or yaot@adw.org.

Reminder: Advent Day of Recollection for Priests

Wednesday, December 6 at St. John Paul II Seminary

A Day of Recollection for Priests will be held at St. John Paul II Seminary on Wednesday, December 6 from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The day will include a talk, lunch, adoration with a reflection, and the opportunity for confession. The presenter will be Msgr. Anthony Frontiero, S.T.D., the Vice Rector and Director of Human Formation at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary.

To register, or if you have any questions or need more information, please contact Teresa Yao at 202-636-9020 or yaot@adw.org.

Reminder: ADW Priest Silent Retreat

February 5-9, 2018 at Loyola Retreat House

The Archdiocese of Washington's annual Winter Priest Silent Retreat will be held Monday, February 5 – Friday, February 9, 2018, at Loyola Retreat House. The retreat will include two conferences each day, time for prayer, and opportunities for confession.

This year's retreat director will be Bishop Francisco Gonzalez, S.F., on the theme "Gazing on the Face of Jesus: The Transfiguration of the Lord and our Transformation."

To register, or if you have any questions or need more information, please contact Teresa Yao at 202-636-9020 or yaot@adw.org.

Save the Date: Priest One-Day Convocation

Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at The Catholic University of America

The Priest One-Day Convocation will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the Pryzbyla Center at The Catholic University of America. Please mark your calendars.

This is followed by the **Priest Jubilee Mass at 4:00 p.m., followed by dinner, at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center.** Separate invitations will be mailed.

If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Yao, 202-636-9020 or yaot@adw.org.

Called to Love: Theology of the Body (continuing education series)

The Pontifical John Paul II Institute (located at The Catholic University of America) will offer a continuing education series titled *Called to Love: Theology of the Body*, beginning in January 2018. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.

VOCATION NEWS

Deacon "Come and See" Events

The Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation of the Archdiocese of Washington will begin a new cycle of recruitment and preparation of men for the diaconate. The initial selection process for the next aspirancy class will be preceded with a series of "Come & See" events at various parishes around the Archdiocese in **January-March 2018**. Potential applicants should review the schedule below for the locations and dates of these events in order to take advantage of the opportunity to attend and learn more about the permanent diaconate and the formation program. Interested persons may contact Deacon Desi Viktor, Director of Formation, at 301-853-4582 or by e-mail at vikord@adw.org. The mailing address for the office is: Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation, P.O. Box 29260, Washington, D.C. 20017-0260. Additional information is available at <http://adw.org/permanent-deacons/>

The schedule to "come and see" for potential applicants follows:

- Wed. Jan. 17, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Pastoral Center**
- Wed. Feb. 7, 7:00-9:00 p.m., St. Joseph, Largo**
- Thurs. Feb. 15, 7:00-9:00 p.m., St. John, Clinton**
- Wed. Feb. 21, 7:00-9:00 p.m., St. Andrew, Silver Spring**
- Wed. Mar. 7, 7:00-9:00 p.m., St. Aloysius, Leonardtown**
- Wed. Mar. 14, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Pastoral Center**

Those attending a "Come & See" should RSVP to Ms. Diane Biggs, phone 301-853-5345 or email biggsd@adw.org and let her know which session they would like to attend. Wives are encouraged to accompany their husbands.

Vocations Poster for Women Religious

The Office of Priest Vocations is working with the Archdiocese's Office of Consecrated Life to create a vocations poster featuring women from the archdiocese who are currently in religious formation. Serving a similar role as the annual seminarian poster, this poster will help raise awareness of religious

vocations among young women in our parishes and encourage parishioners to pray for the women in formation.

Please help us gather names of women originally from the archdiocese, or those who lived in the archdiocese before entering religious life, for this poster! Please send their **name, home parish, and religious order** to Teresa Yao in the Office of Priest Vocations at yaot@adw.org, or call 202-636-9020. Thank you for your assistance!

Men's Discernment Retreat

Friday, February 2 through Sunday, February 4, 2018. Men in their 20s, 30s or 40s who are considering a call to the priesthood are invited to attend a discernment retreat at Saint John Paul II Seminary led by priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. The weekend will offer time away from their daily routines and will provide an opportunity for prayer and reflection to examine God's call. There is no fee to attend. Registration is now open at www.dcpriest.org. Email vocations@adw.org with any questions.

Mother Teresa Vocation Society Annual Day of Recollection

On Saturday, January 20, 2018, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Rev. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations for the Archdiocese of Washington, will lead a day of recollection at Annunciation Catholic Church (3810 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.). The day will include Mass, a talk, adoration and an opportunity for confession. Lunch will be served. Donations are welcomed. It is not required to be an MTVS member to attend this event! For more information, please visit www.dcpriest.org, or contact Maris Moriarty at moriartym@adw.org or 202-636-9020.

ALSO OF NOTE

Prayer Card, Rev. Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner and Rev. Msgr. Vincent S. Gatto

A prayer card is enclosed for Rev. Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner, who passed away October 12, 2017 and for Rev. Msgr. Vincent S. Gatto, who passed away October 24, 2017.

Teaching the Faith-December Edition

The publication of the **December** issue of *Teaching the Faith* can be found at <http://catholicsscholars.org/TTFFlist.php> or on the Clergy Only website.

Cottage House Available for Priests' Use

A cottage house on the property of St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Prince Frederick, Maryland, is available for use by any ADW priest who would like to spend a few days or a week away for retreat or relaxation.

The house has two bedrooms, two sitting rooms, one full bathroom (handicap accessible), a fully-equipped kitchen, a dining room, its own laundry facilities, and Wi-Fi. It is a fitting location for a retreat, as there is access to: daily adoration in the parish chapel, an 8-mile wooded hiking trail from the parish to the Chesapeake Bay, other hiking trails and kayaking in the area, and an indoor pool and gym facility nearby. It is close to Solomons Island, Southern Maryland's historical sights, and Annapolis. There is no cost; a donation to help with utilities would be welcomed but not necessary. If you are interested in staying in the cottage, please contact Fr. Dan Carson at pastor@sjvchurch.net or 410-535-0223.

Retirement Fund for Religious

The annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be held this year on weekend of December 9-10 in the Archdiocese of Washington. This parish-based appeal coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) benefits nearly 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests whose communities lack retirement savings. Thank you for publicizing this collection in your parish, and please urge your parishioners to give generously as they are able.

Franciscan Monastery Christmas Open House

Enjoy visits to the full-size replica of Bethlehem's Nativity Grotto, items handmade by Christians in the Holy Land, the Nativities of the World exhibit, a concert by the Ron Freeman Chorale, visits from St. Nicholas and more at the Franciscan Monastery Christmas Open House, Sunday, Dec. 3, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America is at 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017. Free parking. Information: myfranciscan.org and 202-526-6800.

Nativities of the World

Nativities of the World, a collection of more than 150 mostly-handcrafted crèches from around the globe, will be on exhibit at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, Dec. 2, 2017-Jan. 7, 2018 (daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.). Many are folk art, created of local materials, such as nuts, tin foil, straw and felt. See the

universality of the Catholic faith through the way different cultures express the birth of Christ. The Monastery is at 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017. Free parking; near Brookland-CUA Metro/H6 bus toward Ft. Lincoln. Information: myfranciscan.org and 202-526-6800.

Luminaria at the Franciscan Monastery

Dedicate a luminaria in honor of your loved ones this Christmas. More than 1,000 luminarias, each marked with a personal dedication, will line the outdoor Rosary Portico of the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America from Christmas Eve to New Year's Eve as part of Seven Nights of Lights. Join the blessing and lighting on Dec. 24, 1:30 p.m.; 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017. Sponsored by the Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild. For information and online orders, please visit fmgg.org or call 202-244-4833.

Music at the Monastery

Music to uplift your soul! Enjoy Music at the Monastery on Sunday, Nov. 12, 4 p.m., with organist Christopher Betts. Held at the historic Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017, this monthly series is cosponsored with the DC Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. A light reception follows; free-will offering. For information: myfranciscan.org or call 202-526-6800; free parking; Brookland/CUA Metro and H6 bus toward Fort Lincoln.