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## World Day for Consecrated Life

On February 2, 2014, the Church throughout the world will honor and recognize women and men who have taken vows as consecrated religious. This is also a special day of prayer for vocations to consecrated life.



## National Vocation Awareness

## Week

This week, the Church in the United States celebrates, promotes, and prays for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. Learn more on the [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops National Vocation Awareness Week page](#).



## Ash Wednesday

Lent begins



## 2012 Ketteler Award for Social Justice

On October 23, 2012, the Sisters of Divine Providence presented the Bishop Ketteler Award for Social Justice to award-winning Christian singer and activist Natalie Grant for her passionate commitment to fighting the atrocities of human trafficking and the child sex trade, her dedication to living out her faith,

and her commitment to making God's providence more visible in our world.

In accepting the award, Ms. Grant spoke about her involvement in the fight against human trafficking and the work being accomplished by her foundation, Abolition International. She has committed her life and public platform to fighting for the freedom of all who are forced into the commercial sex trade. Ms. Grant promotes awareness of this problem of modern day slavery in the world; she encourages her audiences to support those who are already providing relief to victims; and she encourages those concerned about this issue to pray. Her work against trafficking has domestic and international impact and provides advocacy, education, and relief efforts to end the suffering of women and children sold into sexual slavery.



## **2013 Ketteler Award for Social Justice**

On August 3, 2013,  
the Sisters of Divine  
Providence

presented the Ketteler Award for Social Justice to Fr. Gregory "Greg" Boyle, SJ, at an event attended by 150 Sisters and guests. The award recognized Fr. Boyle, founder and executive director of Homeboy Industries, and his commitment to helping high-risk, formerly gang-involved men and women, gain an education and job and life skills.

At the event, Fr. Greg spoke of the supportive community and sense of family that Homeboy Industries offers to those with whom they work. "Finding work is important, but 'connection' is critical to the healing process," said Fr. Greg. Homeboy Industries assists these young people on their journey to becoming contributing members of their families and communities. Fr. Greg's work with the organization and those it serves parallels Bishop Ketteler's unwavering support of the disenfranchised in Germany in the 1800s.

Fr. Greg is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*. To learn more about his work, visit [www.homeboyindustries.org](http://www.homeboyindustries.org).



## 2014 World Day for Consecrated Life Food Drive

To commemorate World Day for Consecrated Life, and in the name of the Gospel, the Social Concerns Office of the Sisters of Divine Providence and Providence Heights Alpha School invite you to participate in a food drive to benefit North Hills Community Outreach, an organization that serves people in our neighborhood. Despite these tough economic times, let us remember that we are called upon to lend a hand to those less fortunate.

Friends of the Sisters are asked to drop off their donations in the bins located under the archway in front of the Sisters' Pittsburgh motherhouse, 9000 Babcock Boulevard, Allison Park, PA 15101, in the North Hills.  
**Thank you for making a difference!**

Suggested items for donation:

All non-perishable  
food products,  
especially...

- peanut butter
- jelly
- pasta
- rice
- crackers
- canned fruits  
and vegetables

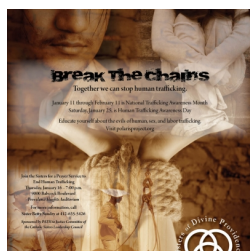
Also paper products,  
such as...

- paper towels
- toilet paper
- food storage  
bags
- plastic  
sandwich bags
- tissue  
(Kleenex)



## Baptism of the Lord

8:00 pm



## Prayer Service to End Human Trafficking

7:00 pm

Join the Sisters for a  
Prayer Service  
to End Human  
Trafficking

Providence Heights  
Auditorium  
9000 Babcock

Boulevard  
Allison Park, PA  
15101

For more information,  
call Sister Betty  
Sundry at 412-635-  
5426

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of the Catholic  
Sisters Leadership  
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## Letting Go: A Spirituality of Imperfection

7:00 am to 9:00 am

**Location:**

Providence  
Heights

This year's Lenten  
Breakfast was a  
great success! Many  
thanks to speaker  
Anne Kertz Kernion,  
artist and owner of  
Cards by Anne, who  
guided us to an  
understanding of the  
Lenten season as a  
time of transition.

The prayer about  
everyday fasting that  
was used during the  
event is available  
below as a printable  
pdf.

We hope you enjoy  
these photos!



## National Catholic Sisters Week

Stay up-to-date on all the [National Catholic Sisters Week information](#) we're posting on our website!

*"Wherever good things are happening, there are likely to be Sisters involved,"* states the proposal from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, calling for a national campaign to boost awareness of women religious. Rosemarie Nassif, SSND is director of The Catholic Sisters Initiative, which was launched in February 2013 by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. The campaign is being folded into Women's History Month. Her three-year grant proposal illustrated a specific plan to raise the visibility of women religious. The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation awarded the grant to St. Catherine University, St. Paul, Minnesota, which plans to bring national visibility to the contributions of women religious, whose work on the frontlines of social change, women's leadership, healthcare, education and the Church remains relatively unknown.



A key initiative of the three-year project will be the launch of **National Catholic Sisters**

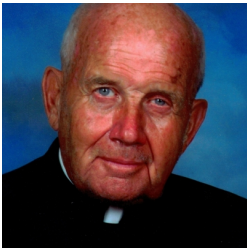
**Week, March 8-14,**

**2014**, as part of Women's History Month. The ultimate goal is to encourage more young women to consider a call to religious life. Molly Dever Hazelton and Mary Soher, OP, were named co-executive directors. Hazelton is a professor of library and information science at St. Catherine's University; Soher, of Henderson, NV, has been a member of the

Adrian Dominicans since 1996. They state: "We ask you to hold this initiative in your prayers as we raise awareness of the contributions of women religious. It is our hope, and that of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, that the relationship-building aspect of the project synthesized into the social media/digital world will enable young women who may be unaware of their call to religious life to attune themselves to hearing God's voice."

We invite everyone to be a part of this exciting venture. We will be sharing our ideas for how to celebrate this week with you on our website and Facebook pages. In the meantime, visit the National Catholic Sisters Week website at

<https://www2.stkate.edu/ncsw/home> to learn more!



## **1999 Ketteler Award for Social Justice**

6:30 pm

Rev. Donald McIlvane was co-recipient of the 1999 Bishop Ketteler Award for Social Justice and former chaplain of the Sisters of Divine Providence. Mary Traupman, CDP, is quoted at the end of his obituary in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, "[Donald McIlvane / Catholic priest and outspoken rights activist.](#)"

This memorial service, open to the public, is being organized by Pittsburgh Priests:

Pittsburgh  
Priests invite  
you to  
participate  
in a  
memorial  
service  
for Rev.  
Donald  
McIlvane  
on  
Wednesday,  
March 5  
at 6:30  
p.m. at  
the  
Providence  
Heights  
Motherhouse,  
9000  
Babcock  
Blvd.,  
Allison  
Park, PA  
(between  
La Roche

College  
and  
UPMC Passavant  
Hospital).  
All are  
welcome  
to  
remember  
and  
celebrate our  
friend  
Donald,  
former  
chaplain,  
and prophetic  
voice in  
western  
Pennsylvania  
and  
beyond.



## **Breakfast with the INN Crowd**

7:00 am to 9:00 am

The Breakfast with the INN Crowd, a breakfast and fundraising auction for Room at the Inn, one of our sponsored ministries, will be held in St. Louis. More information is available on the [Room at the Inn "Breakfast with the INN Crowd" webpage.](#)



## **Mission Gathering**

5:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Representatives from most of our sponsored ministries gathered with the Provincial Leadership Team at Providence Heights for dinner, conversation, reflection, and a presentation by Sister Myra Rodgers, who spoke on "The Challenge to Be Who We Claim to Be."



## **Cameos of Kenya**

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

A Poetry Reading from *Cameos of Kenya* by Marjorie DeAngelis

Marjorie DeAngelis is a parishioner at Good Samaritan Roman Catholic Church in Ambridge, Pa., where Sister Marise Hrabosky is the parish social minister. Marjorie, a former missionary in Kenya (1974–1990), wishes to share her experiences in Kenya through publication and readings of her poetry and to raise funds for several projects she still supports in East Africa.

RSVP to Sister Marise Hrabosky by Wednesday, April 30 724-266-6565 Ext. 21



## **Earth Day Celebration Kickoff**

At Providence Heights, SAGE will make cookies and ice them to depict the first and fourth days of creation:  
light/sun/moon



## **Earth Day Tree Decorating**

Help us decorate this year's Earth Day tree with images of God's creation!

Day 1 - light  
Day 2 – sky & water  
Day 3 – fruit-producing trees & plants  
Day 4 - sun, moon, stars  
Day 5 – birds & creatures of the sea  
Day 6 – animals & humans  
Day 7 – rest & relaxation

Note: The tree hangs in the downstairs hallway in Providence Heights. It is the tree that usually has "green tips" written on the leaves.

To send in an Earth

Day image even if  
you don't live near  
Providence Heights,  
please email Rose  
Radkowski at  
[rradkowski@cdpsisters.org](mailto:rradkowski@cdpsisters.org)  
. Your submission  
may be used in our  
future online and  
print  
communications!



## **Seed Pot Distribution**

At Providence  
Heights, seed pots  
for planting will be  
handed out to  
Sisters, staff, and  
Alpha School for the  
third day of creation:  
plants/trees/grasses



## **Distribution of Gold Fish Crackers and Gummy Bears**

At Providence  
Heights, small  
packets of Gold Fish  
Crackers and  
Gummy Bears will be  
handed out to  
Sisters, staff, and  
Providence Heights  
Alpha School for the  
fifth and sixth days of  
creation: fish of the  
sea/creatures of the  
land



## **Alpha School Campus Cleanup**

Providence Heights  
Alpha School  
students will clean  
the grounds at  
Providence Heights  
(rain  
date Wednesday,  
April 30)



## **Rain Date for Alpha School Campus Cleanup**

Rain date  
for <http://cdpsisters.org/events/alpha-school-campus-cleanup>



## **Earth Day Prayer Service**

1:30 pm

Earth Day prayer



service will take place in St. Anne's Park behind Providence Heights at 1:30 p.m., weather permitting; otherwise, the service will be moved indoors to Mother of Divine Providence Chapel



## **Sister Geraldine Thiel: Resurrection Service**

10:00 am

Resurrection Service  
at St. Mary Parish,  
Alton, IL



## **Sister Geraldine Thiel: Wake Service**

4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Wake at Staten-Fine  
(220 Court, Alton, IL



62202). Rosary/service  
at 5:30 p.m.



## **Remembering our Sisters who have Died**

9:00 am

Please join us in  
celebrating the  
Eucharistic Liturgy  
(Sunday Mass)

Mother of Divine  
Providence Chapel  
Allison Park, Pa.

Brunch will follow in  
the Providence  
Heights Dining Room

RSVP by Monday,  
May 19:  
Pat Serafini,  
Development Office  
412-635-5401 or  
[pserafini@cdpsisters.org](mailto:pserafini@cdpsisters.org)

This year, we  
welcome the families  
of three Sisters:

Elizabeth Apel (7-25-  
13)

Rosaria Bednar (3-  
10-14)

Geraldine Thiel (4-  
27-14)

### **Give What's Left of Me Away**

Now that I'm  
gone, remember  
me  
with a smile and

laughter.  
And if you need  
to cry,  
cry with your  
brother or sister  
who walks in  
grief beside you.

And when you  
need me, put  
your arms  
around anyone  
and give to them  
what you need to  
give to me.  
There are so  
many who need  
so much.

I want to leave  
you something  
...  
something much  
better than  
words or  
sounds. Look for  
me in the people  
I've known and  
loved or helped  
in some special  
way.

Let me live in  
your heart as  
well as  
your mind. You  
can love me  
most  
by letting your  
love reach out to  
our  
loved ones, by  
embracing them  
and living in their  
love.

Love does not  
die, people do.  
So, when all  
that's left of me  
is love,  
give me away as  
best you can.

—Unknown



# Connections Backyard Barbeque

5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Held at Rivertowne  
Brewing Hall of Fame  
Club, PNC Park

For more information:  
412.766.3860 x325;  
[dwoodfill@providenceconnections.org](mailto:dwoodfill@providenceconnections.org)

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