St. Benedict Church and School Gala– Saturday, April 13

First Annual Bishop Kevin Birmingham Lecture April 15
All are welcome to this inaugural lecture series in honor of late Bishop Kevin Birmingham. The first lecture, scheduled for April 15 at 6:30 PM at Holy Name Cathedral, 730 N. Wabash, will feature Sister Norma Pimentel, MJ, a Sister of the Missionaries of Jesus, and Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley. She oversees the charitable arm of the Diocese of Brownsville, TX, providing different ministries and services in the Rio Grande Valley through emergency assistance, homeless prevention, disaster relief, counseling, pregnancy care, and humanitarian relief to immigrants. This program is open to the public and we ask that you register ASAP so we can anticipate how many are coming. A free will offering is accepted. Register online here. Free parking is available at 14 W. Superior Street, between Dearborn and State Street, and is located below the tall tower of the new One Chicago building.

Saints & Scholars is a celebration of faith-based education and an opportunity to showcase the incredible work happening in our Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago. This year's event will take place on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at the Saint Xavier Campus at the Saints JFX School from 6 PM. - 8:30 PM. and is hosted by Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago.

We invite you to join us in celebrating the values of faith, compassion, and excellence that define Catholic education. Your participation and support will directly contribute to ensuring that more students have access to this life-changing education.

Save the Dates for Upcoming Creation Events: Now is the time for Christians and people of good will to unite in our care for God's creation.

April 18, 2024, 11:30 AM. Earth Day Mass, Fr. John Kartje presiding, Archdiocese of Chicago, Quigley Center, St. James Chapel, 835 N. Rush St., Chicago, IL 60611

May 18, 2024, 7:00 PM. Ecumenical prayer service for the installation of the Care of Creation Declaration and reception Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60654. All are welcome. See the Declaration here.

May 19, 2024, Annual Laudato Si' Mass at The Church of St. Mary, 201 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL, 60045, Celebrant, Bishop Jeffrey Grobock.Christianity calls all people of good will to care for, protect and preserve our common home.

This weekend on April 12-13 is the annual **World Catholicism Week** conference hosted by DePaul University's Center for World Catholicism & Intercultural Theology (CWCIT) This is a free event both in-person and online. **Is Idolatry Dead? Disenchantment and Misenchantment in the Contemporary World**

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer opportunities for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion. Their next local retreat is in Joliet on May 3. For more info, contact Kay at (815) 741-8118 or visit their site here.

2024 Annual Cardinal Bernardin Lecture April 11
This year's featured lecturer is Papal Nuncio, Cardinal Christophe Pierre. The title of his lecture is "Pope Francis: Discernment and the Dialectic of Mercy." The Cardinal's lecture will explore the transformative power of grace and learning the language of mercy through dialectical encounters. The Aparecida paradigm of "see-judge-act" has proven to be a highly effective method for analyzing both society and the Church, as it applies a distinctive Christian perspective throughout all three stages of the process. In the current change of epoch facing society, Pope Francis is furnishing the Church with the appropriate hermeneutical key to see, judge, and act. This key involves embracing a dialectic that adheres to the Ignatian maxim "*non coerceri a maximo, sed contineri a minimo divinum est." From the perspective of the small, of the restricted spaces, one gains a sharper perception of the larger context. Discerning what the Church should do today, particularly in dialogue with a post-secularized society, can be achieved by paying attention to the marginalized and the peripheries. In these encounters, Christians experience the transformative power of grace and continually learn the language of mercy through dialectical experiences. Here, the Church reappropriates her proper incarnational dimension and an eucharistic perspective that guides her discernment. This event is both in-person at Loyola University's Lakeshore campus (McCormick Lounge) and available on Zoom. Registration is required for Zoom access. This event is free, and all are welcome!*

Catholic Charities Events
The Art of Caring
Saturday, April 20, 6-11 PM
Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest

Catholic Charities Women's Board of Lake County hosts this signature fundraiser, bringing together civic, philanthropic, and community donors to support Catholic Charities programs in Lake and Cook counties. Learn more and purchase tickets here.

Blossoms of Hope Brunch
Sunday, April 28, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM Westin Chicago Lombard

Plan to attend this inspiring, annual
gathering of friends and supporters of Catholic Charities LOSS program. The Keynote Speaker will be award-winning author and investigative reporter Meg Kissinger. Learn more and purchase tickets here.

Questions? Email the Catholic Charities events team.

Remain in Me - *A Resource for Eucharistic Revival – Spanish Sessions (1-3) Now Available*
The Archdiocesan offices of Lifelong Formation and Divine Worship are pleased to present *Remain in Me, a process of encounter, understanding, and missionary response to Christ's abiding presence in the Eucharist. Based on Cardinal Cupich's Take, Bless, Break, Share: A Strategy for Eucharistic Revival, each reflection session unpacks one of five central themes of our sacramental and liturgical lives through engaging video content, Scripture, prayer, individual reflection and small group discussion.*

- Session 1: The Imperative of Worship / La importancia de la Adoración
- Session 2: The Eucharist as a Matter of Life and Death / La Eucaristía como Asunto de Vida y Muerte
- Session 3: The Eucharist as a Summons to Participation / La Eucaristía como llamada a la participación
- Session 4: From the Sacrifice of Jesus to Our Sacrificial Living /Del sacrificio de Jesús a nuestra vida sacrificial
- Session 5: The Eucharist Is the Sacrament of the Lord's Abiding Presence /La Eucaristía es el Sacramento de la Presencia Permanente del Señor