Around the Archdiocese

The Way of the Cross through Downtown Chicago – April 15

All are welcome to join Most Rev. Jeffrey Grob and Most Rev. Mark Bartosic for this annual tradition as we follow the passion of Christ in the heart of our city, where thousands of people carry their cross every day. Through choral music, Gospel passages, reflections, and our silent procession, we hope to enter more deeply into the events of Good Friday and their meaning for us today. We ask to experience the exceptional Presence of Christ among us as a real answer to the needs of our hearts. The total length of the walk is approximately two miles. See the website http://wayofthecrosschicago.org/index.html for more details.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: For Healing After Abortion – April 29

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer a beautiful opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. For more information or to register, call Kay at (815) 741- 8118. Please leave a message. For additional information about Rachel's Vineyard, call (866) 994-GIVE or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Quigley Days Hike – April 30

High-school aged men are invited to the next Quigley Days Hike on Saturday, April 30 starting at St. James at Sag Bridge in Lemont, IL. We'll meet at the church at 9 a.m. and head over to Paw Paw Woods for the hike, Mass, and meditation, followed by lunch back at St. James. Everything wraps up at 1 p.m. Optional transportation is also provided from farther north. Vans will pick up the young men at 8 a.m. at Mother of the Americas (2225 S. Albany Ave., Chicago, IL 60623) and Mary Seat of Wisdom (920 Granville Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068). After traveling down to St. James for the hike, we will return to those two parishes by 2 p.m. for parents to pick up. Interested men can sign up online or email Ray Grieshaber at rgrieshaber@archchicago.org with any questions.

May Crowning at Mundelein – May 8

All are welcome to attend the annual Mass and May Crowning at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/ Mundelein Seminary. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, followed by the May Crowning in the Dowdle Memorial Garden and a light brunch reception outside at 11 a.m. After the light brunch, attendees can enjoy a self-guided tour or explore the campus grounds on their own. The bookstore/ gift shop will also be open and public restrooms are available. The entire event is free – see more information and register online.

Care for Our Common Home: Appreciating God's Gifts

Everyone has a role in caring for our common home and creating a more sustainable world. The first, and easiest, step we can take is to examine our daily choices and see where we can make small changes. During Earth Month, we will share simple "sustainable swaps" that can be easily incorporated into your everyday life. Pick a few or try them all and help sustain our planet for future generations. This week's tips: 1) Remember your reusable bag at the grocery store or farmer's market; 2) Eat lunch with reusable cutlery or bring silverware from home wrapped in a cloth napkin; 3) Switch your iced coffee from single-use plastic cups to mason jars or upcycled pasta jars; 4) Switch your battery-operated items to rechargeable batteries; 5) Get a library card or use the "Libby" app to check out books for your e-reader.

18th Annual Bishop Perry's Men's Forum: Authentic Christianity Lived – April 23

On April 23 at St. Anne Parish in Hazel Crest Illinois, men from around the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to join other men from Vicariate VI in the archdiocese for good speakers, good food, to grow spiritually, and enjoy great fellowship. Sponsored by Catholic Men Chicago Southland Apostolate

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