

## **Pastoral Accompaniment Skills Training – Jan. 27 (Spanish) and 31 (English)**

Please join us for Pastoral Accompaniment Skills Training in English or Spanish. We will meet on Zoom and learn how to listen more deeply and discover - or relearn - ways to accompany each other through challenging times. The following topics will be covered:

- Understanding the five stages of loss/grief
- Spirituality of pastoral accompaniment
- Listening with empathy

Participants will include parishioners, parish staff, pastors and associate pastors. The training is free and is available in English or Spanish. [Click here to register](#) for an upcoming session.

## **Catholic Youth Climate Summit**

February 25, 2024 (9:00am-4:00pm)

Catholic teens (14-18 years of age) are invited to join their peers from across the Chicago area for a day of discernment, fellowship, prayer, and empowerment for the care of our common home, led by and engaging with high school peers.

His Eminence Cardinal Blase J. Cupich will celebrate Mass with the students at the beginning of the Summit. Families are welcome to join and support their teens for Mass.

Sunday, February 25, 2024, 9:00am – 4:00pm (9:00am registration sign-in)

Mass begins at 10:00am at the Church of the Holy Family (adjacent to St. Ignatius College Prep)  
St. Ignatius College Prep, 1076 Roosevelt Road, Chicago IL 60608

[You can pre-register HERE](#)

Holy Name Cathedral will be hosting a **Winter Blast benefit** on Friday, Feb. 2, an all-inclusive evening of Goose Island craft beer, wine, an artful feast created by Blue Plate Catering, private brewery tours, games, silent auction, raffle, complimentary valet parking & more. [Reserve your tickets today!](#)

In January, the U.S. bishops recognize **Poverty Awareness Month**. This month is an opportunity for Catholics to learn more about poverty in the United States and how to take action in their communities.

[Learn more about Poverty Awareness Month here](#)

**Catholic Charities' D'Vine Affair** is coming soon - Sunday, February 4, from 2-6 PM at the Union League Club. This is a delightful afternoon in which attendees have the opportunity to sample fine wines and craft beers from around the world. At the same time, critical funds are being raised for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. To [learn more, and register to attend](#)..

**REFLECT retreat for mid-life singles** : Feb. 23-25, Joseph & Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein; for singles in their 30s-50s; \$285 includes six meals and a single room; visit [reflectretreat.com](http://reflectretreat.com), or [email here](#).

## Vocations Events

**February Vianney Visit (Feb. 15-17):** Fr. Tim Monahan will lead a group of high school discerners on a college visit to the St. John Vianney College Seminary in MN from Feb 15-17, 2024. All costs are covered, and transportation is provided. Participants will leave early Thursday morning and return Saturday afternoon. This is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors. If you would like to attend, please register here: [2024 February Vianney Visit](#)

**February Quigley Day (Feb. 24):** High school discerners, join Fr. Tim for a trip to the shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John Indiana for Mass and the Stations of the Cross. More information and registration can be found here: <https://vocations.archchicago.org/events/quigley-days>.

## Winter Conference for High School Students – Feb. 17

The Newman Forum Winter Conference for High School Students, presented by the Lumen Christi Institute and co-sponsored by the University of St. Mary of the Lake and the Archdiocese of Chicago Vocations Office, will take place on Saturday, February 17, at USML/Mundelein. Titled, “**What Really Happened At...**” the conference will offer 12 lightning-round talks by college faculty and graduate students that address fascinating questions in an accessible 20-minute format. This year's presentations include “What *really* happens if we genetically engineer humans to thrive on Mars?”, “What *really* happens when you see the face of God?” and “What *really* happened at the Medieval Inquisition?”. The day will begin and close with prayer in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception and include “Office Hours” for students to talk to invited faculty in an informal setting about their interests and college decisions. The conference fee is \$10 up to January 28th and \$20 afterward. Scholarships are available. [Register](#), or [find out more](#). If you have any questions, please [email Marial Corona](#).