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## Bulletin Announcements

[NOTE: includes CCHD Collection announcements]

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### **Kalamazoo United invites leaders to pre-event prayer rally on September 24**

Earlier this year a group lead by Bishop Bradley and Jeff Wenke, pastor, The Bridge Church, Portage, began planning for a joint gathering called Kalamazoo United to express unity in conjunction with the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. The event will be held at Wings Stadium in Kalamazoo on October 29, 2017 at 4 p.m.

In preparation for this event all Catholic and Christian ministry leaders are invited to a pre-event prayer rally on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Crowley Center located on the grounds of St. Augustine Cathedral. For more information visit: [www.kalamazooisunited.org](http://www.kalamazooisunited.org)

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### **Day of Reflection for adults with cognitive/developmental disabilities**

Adults with cognitive/developmental disabilities are invited to participate in a Day of Reflection on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017. The theme will be "Fatima: Mary Calls Us to Prayer." The gathering will take place at the Pretty Lake Vacation Camp Retreat Center, 9123 Q Ave., Mattawan, MI 49071 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00p.m. Cost is \$15, and scholarships are available. For more information and registration forms contact Lisa Irwin at 269-903-0177 or [lirwin@diokzoo.org](mailto:lirwin@diokzoo.org). Registration deadline is Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by the Diocese of Kalamazoo Ministry to Persons with Disabilities.

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### **DIOCESAN Trauma Recovery Program News**

Do you have childhood memories that are painful? Do you have a history of abuse, neglect, or other trauma? Are you currently struggling in your relationships, social functions, work situations? You may be eligible for this free program, to help you find the tools that will enhance your quality of life. Currently the Diocesan Trauma Recovery Program is accepting participants for the fall series of classes, which begin at the end of September. For further information or to register, please call Phyllis Florian @ 269-903-0134 (leave a message).

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### **Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection Sept. 17, 2017**

#### **Week of Sept. 17**

This weekend across the Diocese the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) will take place. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty.

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Your donation will support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. 25% of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Your support truly touches those who live on the margins. For more information visit [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

### **Semana del 17 de Sept.**

Este fin de semana alrededor de toda la Diócesis se llevará a cabo la Campaña Católica de Colecta para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD). En los Estados Unidos, una de cada seis personas vive en la pobreza. Su donación apoyará programas que identifican las causas de la pobreza y proveen un futuro sostenible para aquellos que están luchando en todo el país. El 25% de los fondos recaudados permanecen en nuestra diócesis para financiar proyectos locales contra la pobreza. Su apoyo realmente toca a los que viven marginados. Para más información visite [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

### **Weeks of Sept. 24 and Oct. 1**

Thank you for your generous support for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! As a parish we raised **[\$amount]** to support those living in poverty across the country. CCHD funded programs help to identify and address the unique obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty.

### **Semanas del 24 de Sept. y 1 de Oct.**

Gracias por su generoso apoyo a la Campaña Católica de Colecta para el desarrollo Humano (CCHD)! Como parroquia recaudamos **[\$cantidad]** para apoyar a todos los que viven en la pobreza en todo el país. El CCHD financió programas para identificar y abordar los obstáculos únicos que ellos enfrentan al trabajar para salir de la pobreza.

### **“Widowed Friends” Mass with +Bishop Bradley *SAVE-THE-DATE!!!***

DATE: Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

LOCATION: St. Augustine Cathedral and Crowley Center

TIME: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

NOTE: All men and women who have lost a spouse and are widowed, are invited to attend and share this special time with others in the diocese

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**It's normal to grieve...** a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. It can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. Contact Project Rachel at (616) 340-1824 or [mwalsh@ccwestmi.org](mailto:mwalsh@ccwestmi.org) if you or someone you know has been affected by abortion. Our next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is scheduled for November 3-5, 2017.

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**Communications Survey**

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Take our survey! Visit [www.diokzoo.org/survey](http://www.diokzoo.org/survey) to voice your opinion on diocesan communication vehicles including the monthly publication, *The Good News*.

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### **Review “*Witness to Love*” for Free!**

[Witness to Love](#) is a powerful new approach to marriage preparation and renewal at the parish level. As a priest/leader/marriage preparation coordinator in a parish, you now have the opportunity to review the program at no cost. We will provide you with a free set of materials that will enable you to review the entire program to see how it could impact your current marriage preparation offering at your parish. More details/questions on marriage mentoring? Please contact Socorro Truchan directly (anytime) at 269-903-0199 or via email [struchan@diokzoo.org](mailto:struchan@diokzoo.org)

### **What is “*Witness to Love*”?**

[Witness to Love](#) is a virtues-based, *Catechumenate* model of marriage renewal and preparation at the parish level that integrates modern principles of psychology and the virtues to help couples facilitate an authentic dialogue about their relationship on a one-on-one couple basis. What makes *Witness to Love* unique is that the engaged couple chooses their own mentor couple. This is a couple they both admire and see as a source of faith formation. This mentor couple gives them a concrete connection and integration into the parish. Through the sharing of the mentor couples’ own marriage journey, the engaged couple inherits a “lifeline” of support in their commitment to Jesus and His Church.

### **Creighton Model and NaPro Technology for Fertility Awareness**

Are you married and interested in learning how to postpone or plan a pregnancy, naturally? Would you like to learn about NFP and the Creighton Model for Couples? For more information, please contact Socorro Truchan at 269-903-0199 or via email at [struchan@diokzoo.org](mailto:struchan@diokzoo.org)

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### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Rekindle the romance in your marriage and make it even better! Join a Worldwide Marriage Encounter to renew and enrich your marriage and your faith, too! For more information on these and other Weekends or to apply, please visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or call Harry & Karen Porter at (888) 628-7433.

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### **Check out the NEW Domestic Church (Marriage & Family) monthly Newsletter**

The Domestic Church Newsletter is a monthly publication from the Secretariat for Parish Life and Lay Leadership – Domestic Church Ministry. It offers resources in three important areas: Marriage, Family and Prayer. It is also a place where you can share news/events going on at your family and parish community. If you have news about marriage and family activities/events and would like to subscribe to this newsletter (also available in SPANISH = “La Iglesia Doméstica”) – please contact Socorro Truchan at [struchan@diokzoo.org](mailto:struchan@diokzoo.org) or (269) 903-0199

### **LA IGLESIA DOMESTICA boletín mensual**

“La Iglesia Doméstica” es una publicación mensual de la Secretaría para la Vida Parroquial y Liderazgo Laico – Iglesia Doméstica Ministerio. Ofrecemos recursos en tres áreas importantes:

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Matrimonio, Familia y la oración. También es un lugar donde usted puede compartir noticias y eventos de su parroquia. Si usted tiene noticias de actividades para enriquecimiento matrimonial y familiar o desea suscribirse a este boletín mensual (también disponible en INGLÉS = "The Domestic Church") - por favor póngase en contacto con la Sra. Socorro Truchan al correo electrónico [struchan@diokzoo.org](mailto:struchan@diokzoo.org) o por teléfono al (269) 903-0199

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### **Joy Filled Marriage mentoring and married couples**

We are inviting married couples (5 years and longer) who would like to train as 'mentors' to walk with and/or accompany engaged couples who are planning to marry in the Catholic Church. Please contact Socorro at 269-903-0199 or via email at [struchan@diokzoo.org](mailto:struchan@diokzoo.org)

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### **JFM preparation weekends for the engaged**

The *Joy-Filled Marriage* is a comprehensive marriage preparation program rooted in virtues as well as the *Theology of the Body*. The program incorporates rich Catholic theology with sound psychology. If you are planning to marry in the Catholic Church, one of the components for marriage preparation is experiencing a JFM weekend before the wedding day. Please register early because spaces fill up fast. Weekend dates in **2017** are: **September 23-24, November 11-12**. 2018 dates are: January 20-21, March 24-25, May 19-20, July 7-8, September 22-23, and November 17-18. Visit the website to download a registration form:

<http://www.diokzoo.org/marriage-preparation> Questions about this marriage preparation weekend? Contact Socorro Truchan at (269) 903-0199 or via email: [struchan@diokzoo.org](mailto:struchan@diokzoo.org)

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**A report of sexual misconduct** can be initiated at the Diocese of Kalamazoo's Sexual Misconduct Question and Reporting Line: (877) 802-0115. A caller will be requested to provide his or her name and telephone number. All calls regarding sexual misconduct will be returned, usually within one hour. This toll-free telephone number has been established as a part of the Diocese's effort to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. This line is for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within Diocesan institutions and ministries only. If you have some other concern about Diocesan schools, parishes or ministries, please contact the appropriate Diocesan school, parish or office directly.

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**Did you know that Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery, Kalamazoo**, is the only Diocesan cemetery? Check out [www.diokzoo.org/mt-olivet-diocesan-catholic-cemetery](http://www.diokzoo.org/mt-olivet-diocesan-catholic-cemetery) for current pricing information.

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### **Is Hurt Plaguing Your Marriage**

Separation and divorce is impacting West Michigan. In 2015 alone 4,575 families are now living separate. Are you losing the ability to communicate effectively with your spouse? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking only make it worse? Rediscover healing and love and find hope by attending Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vi with a long i). The program offers tools needed to

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rediscover a loving marriage relationship. The next Retrouvaille weekend is **September 29, 2017**. Seating is limited; please reserve your spot today.

For more information, to register or to sponsor a couple: Phone 616-752-7004 | email [retrograndrapids@gmail.com](mailto:retrograndrapids@gmail.com) | [retrouvaille.org](http://retrouvaille.org) | P.O. Box 26 Grandville Michigan, 49468