



Diocese of Austin

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DATE: February 2017
FROM: Christian R. González, Communications Office
TO: Parish staff
RE: Enclosed material from diocesan offices

The Monthly Mailing is now available in a primarily digital format. Only files that cannot be posted to the diocesan website for copyright or security reasons or unique items such as prayer cards will be mailed to parishes. Parishes are expected download all other items. The last column on this form has changed to “Format,” which will indicate whether an item is download-only or will be mailed.

<http://www.austindiocese.org/offices-ministries/offices/communications-office/monthly-mailing>

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Ethics & Medics newsletter	Priests	Bishop	Mailed
Men’s conference flier	Bulletin secretaries, men’s groups	Family Life	Online only
Catholic Charities: Save the Date flier	Priests, bulletin secretaries	CCCTX	Online only
Catholic Charities Corner	Bulletin secretaries	CCCTX	Online only
Memo: No filing fee for declaration of nullity	Priests and advocates	Judicial Vicar	Mailed and online
Ascend flier	Young Adult Leaders	Young Adults	Online only

Calling **all** MEN

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Saturday, February 18, 2017

8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

St. Vincent de Paul | Austin, Texas

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Robert Rodgers



Deacon Harold
Burke- Sivers

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CREATING HOPE

In central Texas, our mission is to help anyone in need by strengthening families and promoting respect for human dignity and life. With five evidence-based programs, including counseling services, disaster response, financial stability, immigration legal services, and parenting and pregnancy resources, Catholic Charities is dedicated to ending poverty in our community.



Save the Date!

Save the date for an unforgettable event in which the mission of Catholic Charities of Central Texas will be shared by those whose lives it has touched. You'll enjoy a complimentary lunch as you see how you can help end poverty in Central Texas.

6th Annual

Creating Hope

in the Brazos Valley

Noon - 1 p.m. Thursday, February 23, 2017
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
2541 Earl Rudder Fwy.
College Station, TX 77845

11th Annual

Creating Hope

in Central Texas

Noon - 1 p.m. Thursday, April 27, 2017
JW Marriott Austin
110 E 2nd Street
Austin, TX, 78701

“*Catholic Charities Corner*” is a series of weekly announcements intended for parish bulletins, newsletters, websites or social media. Content will include Catholic Charities Central Texas programming, events, and information on poverty and Catholic Social Teaching.

February 4-5

Did you know that the Gabriel Project Life Center at Catholic Charities serves all new moms and dads? Whether you are married or single, a first-time parent or needing a refresher, we're here for you. Our program offers free classes about your pregnancy and life as a new parent, one-on-one support and help with mom and baby items. To learn more call 512-651-6100 (Austin) or 979-822-9340 (Brazos Valley).

February 11-12

Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services offers legal assistance to individuals and families eligible to apply for immigration benefits, including family reunification, humanitarian relief, Temporary Protected Status, as well as services for victims of domestic violence and human trafficking. If you or someone you know is in need of services, call 512-651-6100 (Austin) or 979-822-9340 (Brazos Valley).

March 4-5

March is Severe Weather Safety Month. Are you and your family prepared? Last year the Catholic Charities Disaster Response Program actively served families impacted by 6 different disasters. Learn more about the Catholic Charities Disaster Response program at www.ccctx.org/disaster-recovery.

March 11-12

Do you want to help end poverty in Central Texas? Attend CC101 to see how Catholic Charities is working to engage, educate and empower families to break the cycle of poverty, and learn how you can be part of the solution. For more information, visit www.ccctx.org/get-to-know-catholic-charities or call 512-651-6126 (Austin) or 979-822-9340 x114 (Brazos Valley).

February 18-19

Are you in a challenging relationship? Catholic Charities Counseling Services can help you to cope with difficult situations and strengthen your marriage and family relationships. Counseling sessions are available to adults, children, couples and families. Services are offered on a sliding scale fee structure. For more information, call 512-651-6100.

February 25-26

Catholic Charities helps families experiencing a financial crisis address their immediate needs and create a plan for long-term financial security. Our Financial Stability program offers education, case management and emergency assistance to help break the cycle of poverty. To learn more, call 512-651-6100 (Austin) or 979-822-9340 (Brazos Valley).

March 18-19

Are you interested in learning more about our country's immigration system? Are you wondering what type of relief may be available to you or a family member? Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services offers low-cost legal consultations to discuss your situation and potential remedies. For more information about the consultation process, call 512-651-6100 (Austin) or 979-822-9340 (Brazos Valley).

March 25-26

Are you or a loved one working through a difficult transition or a challenging situation? Catholic Charities Counseling Services can provide the support you need to make it through life's toughest circumstances. Counseling sessions are available to adults, children, couples and families on a sliding scale fee structure. For more information, call 512-651-6100.

To receive Catholic Charities Corner directly to your e-mail, including the Catholic Charities of Central Texas logo, please contact Allison Cavazos, Parish Relations Coordinator, at 512-651-6105 or allison-cavazos@ccctx.org.

4-5 de febrero

¿Sabía usted que el Centro de Vida del Proyecto de Gabriel de Caridades Católicas proporciona servicios a todos los nuevos padres de familia? Independientemente de si usted es casado(a) o soltero(a), padre primerizo, o que necesite de un recordatorio, estamos aquí para servirle. Nuestro programa ofrece clases gratuitas acerca del embarazo, de la vida como nuevo padre de familia, de orientación personalizada, así como asistencia con artículos para bebés y madres de familia. Para mayor información llame al 512-651-6100 (Austin) o al 979-822-9340 (Brazos Valley).

11-12 de febrero

Los Servicios Legales de Inmigración de Caridades Católicas ofrecen asistencia legal a individuos y familias elegibles para aplicar por beneficios de inmigración, incluyendo la reunificación familiar, ayuda humanitaria, Estatus Protegido Temporal, y también servicios para víctimas de violencia doméstica y tráfico humano. Si usted o alguien que usted conoce necesita servicios, llame al 512-651-6100 (Austin) o al 979-822-9340 (Brazos Valley).

4-5 de marzo

Marzo es el Mes de Seguridad en Tiempo Severo. ¿Está preparado usted y su familia? El año pasado, el Programa de Respuesta a Desastres de Caridades Católicas ayudó activamente a familias afectadas por 6 desastres diferentes. Obtenga más información sobre el programa de Respuesta a Desastres de Caridades Católicas en <http://www.ccctx.org/es/content/respuesta-desastres>.

11-12 de marzo

¿Quieres ayudar a terminar con la pobreza en el Centro de Texas? Asista a un CC101 para ver cómo Caridades Católicas está trabajando en involucrar, educar y capacitar a las familias para romper el ciclo de pobreza, y aprender cómo usted puede ser parte de la solución. Para obtener más información, visite <http://www.ccctx.org/es/content/usted-está-invitado-un-cc101> o llame al 512-651-6126 (Austin) o 979-822-9340 x114 (Brazos Valley).

18-19 de febrero

¿Se encuentra en una relación difícil? Los servicios de consejeros de Caridades Católicas le pueden ayudar a sobrellevar su situación complicada, fortalecer su matrimonio y sus lazos familiares. Las sesiones de consejería están disponibles tanto para adultos, menores, parejas y familias. Nuestros servicios se ofrecen en base a una escala variante de honorarios previamente determinados. Para mayor información llame al 512-651-6100.

25-26 de febrero

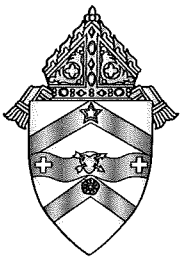
Caridades Católicas ayuda a las familias que experimentan una crisis financiera a responder a sus necesidades inmediatas y crear un plan a largo plazo de seguridad financiera. Nuestro Programa de Estabilidad Financiera ofrece educación, manejo de casos y asistencia de emergencia para ayudar a romper el ciclo de pobreza. Para obtener más información, llame al 512-651-6100 (Austin) o 979-822-9340 (Brazos Valley).

18-19 de marzo

¿Está usted interesado en aprender más sobre el sistema de inmigración de nuestro país? ¿Se está preguntando qué tipo de ayuda que puede estar disponible para usted o para un miembro de su familia? Los Servicios Legales de Inmigración de Caridades Católicas ofrece consultas legales a bajo costo para hablar sobre su situación y sus posibles soluciones. Para obtener más información sobre el proceso de consulta, llame al 512-651-6100 (Austin) o al 979-822-9340 (Brazos Valley).

25-26 de marzo

¿Está usted o un ser querido viviendo una transición difícil o una situación difícil? Los Servicios de Consejería de Caridades Católicas pueden proporcionar el apoyo que usted necesita durante las circunstancias más difíciles de la vida. Las sesiones de consejería están disponibles para adultos, niños, parejas y familias. El costo por servicio varía según el tamaño y el ingreso de la familia. Para más información, llame al 512-651-6100.



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Memorandum

Date: January 20, 2016

To: All pastors, parochial vicars, and advocates

From: Very Reverend Christopher Ferrer, JCL, Judicial Vicar

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CF', written over the name 'Christopher Ferrer' in the 'From' line.

Re: No filing fee for declarations of nullity

The Canonical and Tribunal Services department of the Diocese of Austin does not charge any fee for the filing of a petition for a declaration of nullity. This is not because of the Year of Mercy but instead because Bishop Vásquez decided to heed the call of Pope Francis in the spirit of the Gospel to ease the barriers for parties to participate in the process for a declaration of nullity.

It has come to my attention that some of the parties, advocates, and/or pastors believe that only petitions filed during the Year of Mercy are entitled to be filed without a fee. This is not the case. The policy not to charge a filing fee will continue for the foreseeable future.

However, the department reserves the right to request financial help from the parties to defray certain incidental costs, such as the costs associated with locating a respondent whose whereabouts are unknown.

If you have any questions concerning our policies, feel free to contact our office.



Ascend, the Diocese of Austin's emerging leaders program, is an initiative to identify, develop and support young leaders under the age of 40 in the diocese and the communities in its borders. Participants will be challenged to consider ethics and leadership through the lens of their faith. The Ascend class of 2017 will be empowered to make a lasting contribution by practicing applied leadership skills so that they may exercise their faith in positions of leadership in the Church as well as in their homes, communities and careers.

Forming Catholic leaders through:

Self · Skills · Service

- Reflect on Catholic identity and core values
- Intentional servant leadership development
- A lived Christian witness in everyday life

An authentic faith – which is never comfortable or completely personal – always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it.

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*

The diocese is now accepting applications for the Ascend class of 2017. Approximately 30 young adults will be selected to participate in a series of retreats and evening courses between February and April. Applications are due February 10 at 5 p.m.

For complete information about Ascend, including the program calendar, application and a list of FAQs, please visit: www.austindiocese.org/ascend.



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