SPIRITUS
A MARIANIST LAY COMMUNITY

October Monthly News & Updates

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SPIRITUS REP FOR MARIANIST FAMILY COUNSEL

We are seeking a Volunteer Representative from Spiritus to sit on the Dayton Marianist Family Council and serve on the Education Committee. The Council only meets every other month with committees meeting on their own in the months the Council is not meeting. All meetings (both Council and committee) are scheduled around individual calendars to the best of their ability. If you are interested in becoming a liaison or would like more information, please contact Linda Skinner at **linda.skinner@spiritus-mlc.org**.

MARIANIST WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Join the Marianist Family for a prayer service and presentation to celebrate Marianist World Day of Prayer in communion with the shrine of Nuestra Señora de la Caridad del Cobre, Pinar del Río (Cuba). **Monday, October 12,**

DONATIONS!

DONATIONS FOR MVIC AND ST. VINCENTS IS ONGOING.

Food Pantry for Miami Valley Immigration Coalition MVIC pantry said that they have been unusually busy and are in particular need of **rice, dried beans, boullion, dishwashing liquid, pasta, and gift cards**. Please bring some of these items to help our immigrant brothers and sisters.



Please take a look at the needs and the items happening with Miami valley Immigration Coalition. Please consider helping with advocating for these neighbors, helping with the bond funds, and continuing collection for Haitians in Springfield.

2026 at 7:00pm at the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto at Mount Saint John.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF GEIGER PRAIRIE

The weekend celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Don Geiger Prairie was wonderful and well attended! Very special thanks to Darlene & Sam Stout, Tom & Marilyn McCrate, Kevin Murnane, and Kevin & Linda Skinner for helping with the setup/cleanup and food prep for this special celebration, and representing Spiritus.

FULL OF GRACE MINISTRY

Full of Grace Ministry Warm Clothing Collection was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who donated to this wonderful cause and special thanks to Cathy and Gary Adler who represented Spiritus by helping sort/organize clothes and participating with the handout on Oct 3.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DAYTON IS PARTNERING WITH NEW LIFE FURNITURE BANK TO HELP YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORS

CLICK HERE FOR MVIC UPDATE

WITH MARY WE PRAY

With Mary, We Pray – Is a virtual monthly prayer service held on the 3rd Monday of each month. Led by MLC-NA's Care and Prayer Team, the service is centered on prayer intentions from the Marianist Family. All prayer intentions are welcome, including those for yourself, another person, an event or special occasion. Join the Skinners and others at the next prayer service to be held on Monday, September 21st. You can submit your prayer intentions by clicking on the **With Mary, We Pray** link, or typing in your internet browser **https://www.mlcna.org/with-mary-we-pray**, or sending your prayers to Linda Skinner (**linda.skinner@spiritus-mlc.org**) who will submit them for you. MLC-NA's Care and Prayer team is dedicated to supporting the Marianist Family through intentional acts of kindness and community building, by sending out cards and prayer shawls to those in need. To join their prayer team or learn more about this team, please contact them at **info@mlc-na.org**.





Our goal is simple: to make it easier for furniture donations to reach neighbors in need throughout our community.

Since its founding in 2006, New Life Furniture Bank, a nonprofit based in Cincinnati, has furnished more than 17,500 homes and served more than 40,000 individuals by transforming empty housing into furnished homes filled with dignity, stability, and hope.

With similar missions, our two organizations have worked together to help neighbors with dignity since 2019.

Now we're taking our partnership to the next level to increase our impact - and to make it easier for you to help your neighbors turn empty houses into comfortable homes.

Here's how you can help:

- Donate gently used furniture you no longer need by either:
  - Dropping off at St. Vincent de Paul's CityThrift donation drive thru, or
- Calling New Life Furniture Bank to schedule a furniture pickup.

NEW: Conversations in the Spirit registration is OPEN!

By participating in a Conversations in the Spirit session, the people of the archdiocese will join with others others to prayerfully consider what the Holy Spirit is asking of our Church at this time. This is a great opportunity to contribute to **Synod 2027** and assist Archbishop Casey as he establishes pastoral priorities for the future.

Synod 2027 has been designed to encourage broad participation from across the archdiocese. Sessions are offered in two formats: location sessions open to all,
and cohort sessions designed to hear from specific groups of people, including parish staff members, young adults, parents of school children, and many more.

Registration for the Synod 2027 **Conversations in the Spirit** listening sessions is now live at

https://catholicaoc.org/conversations.

Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for (audience)? Why should they care (benefit)? What do I want them to do (call-to-action)?

Create a great offer by adding words like "free," "personalized," "complimentary," or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take action, so consider inserting phrases like "for a

- New Life Furniture Bank will sort the furniture and deliver it to neighbors referred through St. Vincent de Paul and other community partners.
- Neighbors in Dayton who are rebuilding after homelessness or other crises will receive quality furniture to furnish their new homes with dignity, stability, and hope.

Thank you for joining us on this journey to furnish Dayton with hope!

limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"

Change and Be Changed

We are pleased to announce that the Hangartners will be joining us again on **November 15th**, so please bring your generosity to help fund scholarships and the other needs that we have long supported for Change and Be Changed.

SPIRITUS REMINDERS

ADULT FAITH GROUP MEETS VIRTUALLY ON THE 1ST AND 3RD SUNDAY MORNINGS -See Kelly Bohrer for more info

WATCH SPIRITUS GATHERINGS ONLINE - Use the BUTTON below to view Spiritus Gatherings virtually.

DON'T FORGET TO VOLUNTEER FOR HELPING WITH SET-UP AND CLOSING!

VIEW OUR GATHERINGS VIRTUALLY

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 12TH - MARIANIST WORLD DAY OF PRAYER -7 PM IN THE GROTTO
OCTOBER 18TH - 3 PM SPIRITUS GATHERING - COMMUNITY MEETING AND FILL RESPITE BAGS
NOVEMBER 1ST - 3 PM SPIRITUS GATHERING

NOVEMBER 15TH - 3 PM SPIRITUS GATHERING

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