



Dear friends,

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! ALLELUIA!

Easter season celebrates the greatest victory in all human history. A triumph that effected the entire history of the cosmos. The resurrection of Jesus not only changed all history; it also transformed it by giving it new and limitless meaning.

In many ways it is fitting that Easter Sunday falls on April 1. How foolish it was for the evil one to have ever believed that suffering, torture, rejection, betrayal, sin and death could have had the last word. On that first Easter Sunday, the love of God through Jesus Christ's resurrection had the complete, final and lasting word. Jesus not only conquered sin and defeated death; he fully restored life. Death is now seen through the eyes of faith as the threshold to eternal glory. This is utterly God's doing, God's free gift accomplished in Jesus Christ.

Easter is a time to rejoice and be glad. Life has purpose, meaning, infinite worth and unimaginable possibility! This season is a BIG deal. Packed with God's inexhaustible mercy and love, it takes 50 days to celebrate and unpack the richness of Easter!

May you and your family enjoy the good tidings of the Easter season and be open to the God of surprises! With prayerful best wishes to you and your loved ones this Easter, I remain:

Ever grateful to you,

(Rev) René Constanza, CSP—Executive Director



Prayer Intentions

Fr. Chuck Cunniff, CSP
Marlene Fabbro
Sr. Adeline O'Donoghue, CCVI
Myra Rudy
Mary Vaccaro

Please include your prayer intentions with your green envelope or email to cicoffice@catholicinformationcenter.org

Monthly Mass for CIC Intentions

At the Cathedral of St. Andrew
5:30pm Mass
Sunday, April 8 and May 13

Our 70 for 70 Campaign is drawing to a close on June 30. Thank you to all who have contributed so far. We still need your help to reach our goal of \$70,000.

Your gift will help develop our three new initiatives:

- Biblical Training Institute
- Young Adult Leadership Institute
- Hispanic Lay Leadership Institute

Your donation to this Campaign can be easily processed online at our website:
catholicinformationcenter.org/give

Young Adult Leadership Institute Launches

Enrollment Deadline April 11. Scholarships Still Available.

Designed for young adults in their 20's and 30's who are looking for a meaningful opportunity to live out their faith and values at work, with family and friends and in their community.

Through a combination of seminars, retreats, networking opportunities and social events, participants will develop and strengthen skills for leadership: handling conflict, constructive ways to collaborate and cross cultural communication.

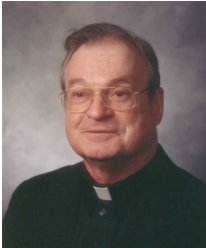
For more information contact Mark Mann at (616) 243-0491 or Fr. René Constanza, CSP at (616) 459-7267. More information at catholicinformationcenter.org/leadership/

Retired Persons Focus Group

We need your input!

If you could dream of a CIC with programming developed with you in mind, what would that look like? Perhaps a monthly speaker or maybe a social justice project?

If you would like to be part of a focus group of retired persons and seniors who are interested in helping to shape programming designed with your interests in mind, please contact Irene Strom at the CIC at 616-459-7267 x1801 or istrom@catholicinformationcenter.org



We have a small number of memorial cards and remembrance booklets containing the homilies given at the memorial and funeral masses for Fr. John Kenny, CSP. Please stop by the CIC if you are interested in getting one.

APRIL PROGRAMS

Faith Response to Cell Phone Overuse

With Fr. Joachim Lally, CSP
Wed, April 4 at 7pm

Putting the Zing in Evangelizing

With Fr. René Constanza, CSP
Tues, April 10 at 7pm

Catholicism: The Pivotal Players

With Irene Strom, MAT
Thurs, April 12-May 3, 10am

Science and Religion:

How to Make Sense of the Issues

With Seminarian Paolo Puccini, CSP
And Fr. Kyle Kilpatrick
Thurs, April 19 and 26 at 7pm

Faith Response to Anxiety

With Fr. Joachim Lally, CSP
Wed, May 2 at 7pm

Ageless Wisdom:

Lifetime Lessons from the Bible

With Christopher Bellitto, PhD
Tues, May 8 at 7pm



The Dating Project

One Night Event -
April 17 at 7pm

West Michigan Screening

- Celebration Cinema North
- Celebration Cinema Rivertown
- Cinema Carousel 16 in Norton Shores



Inaugural Conference of Biblical Training Institute for Michigan Catholics

We welcome Steve Mueller, PhD, to the CIC as the keynote speaker for the first conference of the Biblical Training Institute. Dr. Mueller taught Philosophy, Theology, Scripture and Catholic Studies. He also taught at the Denver Catholic Biblical School for adult scripture study.

The Biblical Institute is structured around a one-year program consisting of four Saturday conferences.

Cost is \$240 for full program or \$75 per conference.

For more information or to register go to Catholicinformationcenter.org/bible/



Dr. Steve Mueller

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Dr. Steve Mueller-April 14

Sr. Maribeth Howell, OP-June 16

Fr. Joseph Kozar, PhD-Sept 8

Fr. John Kartje, PhD—Nov 10

Register Today!

To make a donation or to register for a program, please contact us at (616) 459-7267 or at register@catholicinformationcenter.org