

MARCH AT THE CIC

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Dear friends,

I pray this Lent is bringing us closer to the realization of God's profound love and mercy for each one of us. Only God's love, experienced in prayer and manifested in community, has the power to transform lives and establish healthy relationships. As the Trappist monk and spiritual writer Thomas Merton once said, "Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life alone but with one another."

Knowing that we are relational beings created by love and for love, the CIC sees community building as integral in exploring the questions of the meaning of life and importance of faith. To this end, I have some exciting news to share:

- On April 14 the CIC will launch the first conference of the Bible Training Institute for Michigan Catholics. This institute is designed to allow participants to grow as bible study leaders, improve leadership and facilitator skills and tap into the richness of scripture in community.
- On the weekend of May 12, we are launching the Young Adult Leadership Institute. The goal is to engage Catholics in their 20s and 30s in ways that are meaningful to them, offer opportunities to develop leadership skills and allow them to live out their faith at work, at home and in community.

These institutes as well as the programs and speakers for our enrichment programming are made possible by your generous gifts to the 70 for 70 Campaign. A huge THANKS to the 60 individuals, our partners in mission, who have contributed more than \$15,000 to our Campaign. If you have not done so, I invite you to give generously to your CIC community, who needs your partnership to help advance God's mission in West Michigan.

With prayerful best wishes to you and your loved ones this Lent, I remain:

Ever grateful to you,

(Rev) René Constanza, CSP—Executive Director

Prayer Intentions

Please include your prayer intentions with your green envelope or email rconstanza@catholicinformationcenter.org or call (616) 459-7267

In Our Prayers....
Fr. Chuck Cunniff
Myra Rudy

Monthly Mass offered for CIC intentions at
Cathedral of St. Andrew
5:30pm Mass
Sunday, March 11 and April 8





THE
DATING
PROJECT



A Fresh New Documentary For Every Single Person
One Night Event - April 17, 2018

SAVE THE DATE

"The Dating Project is a must-see, no matter what your relationship status," said Michael Scott, CEO and co-founder of Pure Flix.

Paulist Productions and Mpower Pictures will soon release **"The Dating Project"**, a documentary that follows five single people as they navigate the changing dating scene in America.

West Michigan theatre screening on April 17 only:

- Celebration Cinema North at 7pm
- Celebration Cinema Rivertown at 7pm
- Cinema Carousel 16 in Norton Shores at 7pm

**Young Adult
Leadership Institute**

MAY LAUNCH

For young adults in their 20's and 30's who are looking for meaningful opportunities to live out their faith and values at work, at home and in their community.

This year's institute runs from May 11 to Sept 15. The program schedule includes orientation, retreats, seminars, social events, speakers and special guests.

Cost is \$400. Scholarships available.

Application deadline is April 4.

For more information go to catholicinformationcenter.org/leadership/

ANNUAL PAULIST APPEAL 2018

There is still time to participate in the Annual Paulist Appeal 2018. This principle fundraiser provides essential funds which support care for senior Paulists (like Fr. Joachim Lally), formation and prep for seminarians (like Paolo Puccini), missions, university and vocation outreach.

Your gift, no matter the size will make a difference!

For more information or to contribute online go to Paulist.org/apa/



MARCH PROGRAMS

Holy Mole, Guacamole!

With Fr. Bill Edens, CSP
Tues, March 6 at 7pm
Cost: \$15 (for food)

**Holy Brew for Young Adults
What's Brewing in Your Mind?**

With Fr. René Constanza, CSP &
Sr. Maria Serra Garcia, FSE
Meeting at Harmony Hall on Stocking
Tuesdays, March 6 & 13

Irish Tea with Fr. G

Stories of the Celtic Soul Friends
Tues, March 13 at 7pm

The Jewish Roots of the Mass

With Fr. Bill Edens, CSP
Wed, March 21 at 7pm

**Best Kept Secrets of Religion:
A Faith Response to Cell Phone Overuse**

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

**Biblical Training Institute
for Michigan Catholics**

APRIL LAUNCH

April 14 begins the first of four Biblical Training Institute conferences with keynote speaker Dr. Steve Mueller and Kathleen Sullivan, MA.

The institute is structured around a one-year program of study consisting of four Saturday conferences. The conference speakers include renowned doctors of theology, Scripture and biblical studies.

Each conference is centered on a specific topic, a scriptural theme and Scripture content followed by leadership/facilitation skills training. Biblical Formation Certificate and catechist certification credit is available to be earned.

The cost for the year long program is \$240 or \$75 per conference if not attending the full program. Pastoral staff recommendation is required.

Schedule of speakers:

April 14—Dr. Steve Mueller

June 16—Sr. Maribeth Howell, OP, Ph.D

Sept. 8—Fr. Joseph Kozar, Ph.D

Nov. 10—Fr. John Kartje, Ph.D

For more information go

catholicinformationcenter.org/bible/