

# Catholic Information Center

Friends of the Center April 2022 Newsletter

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Dear friends of the CIC,

This year, the month of April has 13 days of Lent and 14 days of Easter. Some of my most meaningful days this month are the ones in-between - those 3 days that are neither Lent nor Easter - known to us as the Triduum. The Triduum are those holy days which make up one unfolding liturgy that invites us to experience communion, sorrow, and the liminal spaces of unknowing and waiting.

We have all experienced Triduum through the trials and griefs we have faced in our own lives. A most challenging period for me is Holy Saturday - that liminal space of unknowing, waiting and trusting in the Lord for that glimpse of hope, new life, or reprieve from pain. "Holy Saturday" events that come to mind include waiting with my mom for her CT-scan results for suspected cancer and being in the waiting room with family while my dad was in a major surgery. Yet, those times were bearable by our praying the rosary, sharing stories, bonding, and lots of quiet time.

In the spirit of making our Easter preparation meaningful, the Catholic Information Center has several program opportunities that involve making room for others, being present to the suffering of Jesus through the Stations of the Cross, and how we can incorporate listening and the rhythms of nature to strengthen our faith in the paschal mystery.

The way of Christ is the way of our lives. The days of Lent, the Triduum, and Easter season give meaning to our lives because Christ is at the center of it. I usually say that every Good Friday has an Easter Sunday.

We must be in hopeful expectation for every new beginning in our lives as well as be present and embrace the threshold of unknowing, holding death and life in tension with each other. This increases our hope in Christ and appreciate every Easter Sunday that is gifted to us.

Thanks for your valuable contributions to our ministry of inviting God's people to embrace the inexhaustible divine love for all creation.

With prayerful best wishes for a grace-filled celebration of the Triduum and the season of Easter, I remain:

Ever Grateful to you,

Very Rev. René I. Constanza, CSP  
Executive Director of the Catholic Information Center  
and Rector of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew

## Pray for :

**Kathy Auricchio**  
**+Betty J Cliffman**  
**Anna Dauksts**  
**Frans family**  
**Amy J. Hill**  
**+Judy Johnson**  
**+Raymond Miller**  
**+Most Rev. Robert J. Rose**  
**Cathy Reuter**  
**Larry Strockis**  
**Jamie Sukala**  
**People of Ukraine**  
**People of Russia**

**April Mass for CIC**  
**Intentions:**  
**Sunday, April 10**  
**5:30 p.m. at the**  
**Cathedral**

*Please include your  
prayer intentions with  
your green envelope or  
email them to  
[cicoffice@catholic  
informationcenter.org](mailto:cicoffice@catholicinformationcenter.org)*

# Upcoming Programs

**Making Room: Soul-Deep Satisfaction Through Simple Living**  
Tuesday, April 5,  
10-11:30 a.m. EST  
Join us in person or online



Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton is credited with the saying, "Live simply so that others may simply live." An interactive dialog about the benefits of living more simply – for ourselves, for others, and for the good of our common home.

Presented by **Kyle Kramer**, the executive director of the Passionist Earth & Spirit Center.

**Listening as Prayer**  
Thursday, April 7, 7-8:30 p.m. EST  
Join us in person or online



Lent is a time when Christians practice a variety of spiritual disciplines. But after Lent? Discover how the daily practice of listening prayer, based on the Examen prayer can become a spiritual discipline year-round.

Presented by **Josh Banner**, host and creator of the Invitation Podcast, a certified spiritual director, and adjunct professor at Hope College.

**The Stations of the Cross: Through the Eyes of Jesus**  
Wednesday, April 13,  
7-8:30 p.m. EST  
Join us in person or online



A common Lenten practice is one that we may take for granted. The power that it contains, especially when they are imagined through Jesus' point of view.

Presented by **James A. Márquez**, a seminarian with the Paulist Fathers. Born in Los Angeles, he met the Paulists at UCLA. Prior to joining the seminary, he was a Catholic high school teacher.

**Rhythms of Nature, Rhythms of Faith**  
Tuesday, April 19,  
7-8:30 p.m. EST  
Join us in person or online



A profound ecological conversion helps us to "discover God in all things" - in the beauty of creation and in the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties. Explore the paschal mystery as the pattern in the life-death-new life rhythm.

Presented by **Anna Robertson**, director of Youth and Young Adult Mobilization at the Catholic Climate Covenant.



**YALI**  
Young Adult Leadership Institute

Collaborating with the Diocese of Grand Rapids Youth and Young Adult Ministries, the Catholic Information Center will again offer this interactive formation

experience for young adults in their 20-30's who aspire to leadership. Participants explore and develop a variety of leadership skills including conflict resolution, dialogue, collaboration, intercultural competencies, discernment, and prayer.

The five-month program begins May 20, and includes a series of seminars and a networking opportunity with other Catholic leaders in the West Michigan area.

Registration deadline is April 30. Register online at [catholicinformationcenter.org/YALI](http://catholicinformationcenter.org/YALI).

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## Friendship Corner

### Young Adult Leadership Institute Alumnus Veronica Quintino-Aranda



**How did the Young Adult Leadership Institute (YALI) affect your leadership?** After completing the leadership strengths assessment, I realized I had to take it to the next level. I was very comfortable as a youth leader at my home parish organizing youth retreats and youth activities. As a leader, I needed to continue growing, enhance and enrich the gifts and talents God gave me, and overcome my fears. Today, I am the Spanish-speaking instructor on Theology of the Body for the Hispanic Ministry in our diocese (Grand Rapids).

**How did the skills you learned at YALI translate into your daily/work life?** The skills I learned at YALI have allowed me as a young professional to grow hand in hand with my faith and values. It is important to get out of my comfort zone and challenge myself. An example is being comfortable enough to have courageous conversations in a work setting about my values. One key takeaway was If serving is beneath you than leadership is above you!