



News Notes

January 2025

Chancellor

Statistical Reports and Sacramental Registers for 2024 – The forms for the reporting of annual statistical information are available on the diocesan website (www.cdlex.org) on the Chancellor's page or at <https://cdlex.org/annual-statistical-information/>. The Parish Leadership Report, Sacramental Registration, and Statcomputer Report are due **January 20, 2025**.

Circle of Grace Program Reminder: Please submit the student training report forms for the Circle of Grace Program to Greta Hernandez at ghernandez@cdlex.org.

Pastoral Life

Youth, Young Adult & Campus Ministry

NCYC Information Meetings on Zoom – It's hard to believe but it is time to start planning for NCYC 2025. Two years ago, the Diocese of Lexington took a delegation of 70 high school youth and chaperones to Indianapolis for the National Catholic Youth Conference for an incredible experience of worship and prayer with 20,000 of our closest friends. We're gearing up to do it again in November of 2025, but it takes a lot of planning to make this pilgrimage a success. To that end, Mike Armstrong will be hosting 3 information sessions via Zoom to explain what NCYC is, what is required to go, important dates to keep in mind, and answer any questions. All three information sessions will contain the same information, the dates are as follows:

Thursday, January 30 at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 4 at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, February 12 at 7 p.m.

Please contact Michael Armstrong (marmstrong@cdlex.org) if you have any questions, the Zoom links will be sent out closer to the scheduled event.

Save the Date: March 28-30, 2025, High School Retreat – Save the date for our next annual Diocesan High School Retreat on March 28-30, 2025. All youth grades 9-12 are invited, cost will be \$75 per youth. Contact Michael Armstrong at marmstrong@cdlex.org for more information.

Save the Date: July 7-11, 2025, Servant Leadership Institute – Save the date for our next Servant Leadership Institute in Harlan KY, July 7 through 11. More details will be announced in the coming months.

Calvary Cemetery

Prayer Service and Burial for Life Lost through Miscarriage – January 8 with St. Joseph Hospital at 1:00 p.m. at the Via Dolorosa Mausoleum.

Happy 151st Anniversary to your Diocesan Catholic Cemetery – January 14 marks the 151st Anniversary of Calvary Cemetery. Canon Law acknowledges a blessed cemetery as a sacred place. Those buried here have made their final and public Profession of Faith for all to see.

Please keep Calvary and all of its families, those buried and living, in your prayers. *“May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”*

January 17 – Feast Day of St. Anthony the Abbott of Egypt, Patron Saint of Gravediggers
...pray for us.

Vicar General

Peace & Justice

Appalachian Immersion Experience 2025 – The 2025 dates are available for the Appalachian Immersion Pilgrimages:

March 30 – April 2, 2025
October 19-21, 2025

The immersion experience brings pilgrims into contact with people and places of Appalachia who share their lived experiences of natural disasters, social division and disparity, single-industry economics, and climate change. Through listening to the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor, we hope to instill and encourage a response to the Gospel call to peace and justice and Pope Francis’ call to care for creation. Space is limited, so please reserve your spot, groups are also encouraged to apply: laudatosi@cdlex.org.

Laudato Sí Presentations – Schedule a presentation for your school, CCD class, adult group, or youth group. The presentations are tailored for class size and grade level, from pre-school through high school, for kids, and all ages for adult formation or prayer groups, or even at Mass. Includes hands-on activities, discussion, and questions. Contact the Laudato Sí Commission for more information, laudatosi@cdlex.org.

Development

Diocesan Annual Appeal – Thank you for your continued support of the Diocesan Annual Appeal, with special gratitude to those parishes who have achieved the parish goal. We are very close to reaching the diocesan goal, please continue to work on participation so that everyone reaches their 50% or more goal. Again, thank you so much for all you’ve done to share the importance of the Appeal to our mission to spread the Good News to everyone in our diocese.

Tax Letters – The Development Office will send tax letters in January to all Appeal donors who made contributions in calendar year 2024. To save mailing costs, we will send an email message to those donors who have emails on file, and they will access their giving statement through Pushpay. We will mail the statements that do not have an email address. As a reminder, the statements we send out will have only the contributions to the diocese; parishes need to send statements for contributions made directly to the parish.

Mission & Ministry Application – The online Mission & Ministry application forms for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 are available. The link to Mission and Ministry is <https://apply.cdlex.org>. Contact Sara Spellman at spellman@cdlex.org if you have trouble logging in or have other questions. The deadline for applications will be February 2, 2025.

Second Collections – The Second Collection calendar can be found on our website at <https://cdlex.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/COLLECTIONS-FOR-2025.pdf>.

Opportunities for Life Collection – The Opportunities for Life Collection will be taken up on January 18-19, 2025. The proceeds from this collection help support women experiencing a crisis pregnancy.

Thank you for your support of these collections which support the work of the Universal Church, as well as the work of our local ministries.

Catholic Charities

Operation Warm – We received a donation of 120 youth-sized coats from Operation Warm. We donated 52 coats to seven different Fayette County Schools, 21 to St. William Church in London, and four to Bridging the Gap clients. The remaining 40 coats will go to St. Peter Church in Monticello.

Bus Passes – Bill Meegan, a volunteer who works with Ginny Ramsey, discovered a need for bus passes for the homeless. He asked Fr. Paul Prabell to ask the Board of Catholic Charities to authorize a donation to this initiative. The Board of Directors approved the purchase, and twenty-six 20-ride bus passes were purchased for \$390. The bus passes, 20 tote bags full of warm items, and approximately 100 pairs of socks were delivered to the Catholic Action Center on Wednesday, November 27.

Mardi Gras Gala – Join us for an elegant Mardi Gras Gala on Friday, February 28, 2025, at the Cathedral of Christ the King, in Hehman Hall, 6:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. The event will include cocktails, live music, a silent auction, and a sit-down dinner. All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities of Lexington and its great work helping individuals and families throughout Central and Eastern Kentucky. Gala ticket sales are now open. We are looking for Corporate Sponsors and donations for the silent auction. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Link, Mardi Gras Gala Chair, at ELink@CenterCRL.com or 415-407-6757.