CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON

News Notes

June 2026

Tribunal Office

The Tribunal Office of the Diocese of Lexington would like to inform all parish Priests and Parish Life Directors of the upcoming Volunteer Advocate Training, which will take place in the months of July and August.

This training is intended for individuals who are interested in serving the Church by assisting others through the marriage nullity process. Volunteer advocates play an important pastoral role by accompanying petitioners with compassion, clarity, fidelity to Church teaching and law.

We kindly ask that you share this opportunity within your parish communities and encourage those who may feel called to this ministry to consider participating.

Please contact (by the end of June) Mrs. Donna Goodman via phone at 859 253-1993 ext. 1033, or by email at dgoodman@cdlex.org, with the contact information of those whom you recommend to this ministry. Additional details regarding the schedule and location will be announced soon.

Pastoral Life

Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministry

Theology on Tap – *June 4 with Dr. Derek King*
Theology on Tap is a place where young adults can come together, share a drink, and talk about things that matter. Join us on May 7 at Mirror Twin Brewing Annex (732 National Ave. Lexington KY 40502) as Dr. Derek King talks about why God doesn't always make himself very obvious. Admission is free and comes with one drink ticket.

The Servant Leadership Institute Returns: June 29-July 2 – The Servant Leadership Institute will return this summer! This 4-day program is the successor to the Christian Leadership Institute we've hosted in years past, working to form young people in an authentically Catholic model of leadership. The Institute is open to all rising 10th graders through recently graduated seniors (basically anyone who was in high school for the 2025-26 school year), who show leadership potential within the parish. We'll be hosted at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond KY, and the cost will be $150 per youth. Registration is open now at https://cdlex.org/youth-young-adult-campus[1]ministry/servant-leadership-institute/

Vocations Office

Ordination to the Priesthood – Deacon Matt Smyser – All are invited to attend. The entire Diocese is welcome to take part in this joyful celebration as Deacon Matt Smyser is ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John Stowe at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Lexington on Saturday, June 6, at 10:30 a.m.

Development

2026 DAA Trainings

Mark your calendars! Training for the 2026 DAA will take place: Thursday, August 27
📍 *CDOL Catholic Center – Bluegrass Conference Room*
🕐 Time: 8:30am – 1pm
🍽️ A delicious lunch will be provided
🎁 Register early for a chance to win a fabulous door prize!
📎 Register Here: *https://bit.ly2026-DAA-Dev*

Please see the attached flyer for your use.

Providing for Our Future

This initiative is underway and going strong! The starting debt of $11 million has been reduced to $4.9 million. This year we've already secured over $700,000 in new pledges and payments.

Second Collection

The annual collection for the Holy Father ("Peter's Pence") will be taken up in our diocese on June 27- 28, 2026. ***A flyer is attached for your use.*** Each parish should have received a hard copy in the mail.

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities, Lexington, will be a part of the Catholic Charities USA People of Hope Museum tour. Mark your calendars and bring your family and friends to this nationwide event right here in Lexington. Please distribute the attached flyer to your parishioners, or use the following as a bulletin announcement:

Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) is launching a nationwide storytelling initiative and traveling exhibit called People of Hope: Faith-Filled Stories of Neighbors Helping Neighbors. This two-and-a-half-year project celebrates the power of Christian service and its transformative impact on both giver and receiver. Mark your calendars to be a part of this nationwide event in Lexington.

- Saturday, August 1, 12 - 3
- Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, 601 Hill N Dale Rd. Lexington, KY
- Free event

Help your parishioners discover what is happening with Catholic Charities in the Diocese and how everyone can be a part of it. Please place this QR code in your bulletins so they may sign up for Catholic Charities newsletters to find out more and get updates.

Miscellaneous

Liturgical Music Camp to Form Young Leaders in Sacred Music – August 3–7, 2026 – Lexington, Kentucky

The Catholic Diocese of Lexington, in partnership with Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish, will host a Liturgical Music Camp for students entering grades 5–12. It will take place August 3–7, from 9am to 4pm daily. Open to students from across the Diocese, the camp offers formation in sacred music and the Mass, while helping participants grow in leadership, confidence, and faith. Campers will take part in vocal and instrumental training, learn to lead music for Mass, and build friendships through prayer, teamwork, and shared experiences. The cost is $75 per camper, with scholarships available. Registration is now open at www.mqhr.org/lmc.

For more information, contact Adam Beeken at abeeken@cdlex.org

The Little Way Magazine Now Available!

Some of you may already be familiar with the Sisters of the Little Way, a new religious community here in the Diocese of Lexington, dedicated to the vital work of abuse prevention. Since arriving in March 2025, Sr. Theresa Aletheia and Sr. Danielle Victoria have been hard at work in their ministry. They are happy to share that they have just published The Little Way Magazine, a comprehensive introduction to their ministry that details their mission and current projects. It also features a powerful story of a survivor of abuse in the Church who found healing through their podcast, *Descent Into Light* (https://www.sistersofthelittleway.com/podcast)

If you would like to read their magazine, you can view the digital version, download the attached PDF, or join their mailing list to receive a physical copy.

If you would like to support this mission locally, there are several ways to get involved:

- Invite the Sisters to your parish to make an announcement after Mass and distribute the magazines in person.
- Request a bulk shipment of hard copies to be made available in your parish or organization.
- To coordinate a visit or request copies, please reach out to the Sisters at info@sistersofthelittleway.com.