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COMMUNICATORS FOR WOMEN RELIGIOUS  
*Advancing the Mission of Catholic Sisters*

# MEET OUR SISTERS TOUR

NOVEMBER 1-7, 2020

## **What is the 2020 Meet Our Sisters Tour?**

Chicago area members of Communicators for Women Religious (CWR) are collaborating on this second annual event to raise awareness during National Vocation Awareness Week (November 1 - 7, 2020) of the vast presence of Catholic sisters who live and serve in Chicagoland. The *virtual* tour is open to anyone who wants to help build a culture of vocation in our world today by better understanding religious life. ***Students, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, neighbors -- all are welcome!***

## **What is National Vocation Awareness Week?**

National Vocation Awareness Week, sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, is designed to help promote vocation awareness.

This annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States occurs on the first full week in November. NVAW is dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education. NVAW also emphasizes a renewal of our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

# **This is your invitation to learn more and to help us build a culture of vocations...**

*Virtually* visit convents and ministries of Chicagoland Catholic Sisters.

Tucked between expressways and hidden among the bustle and noise of city and suburban life is the powerful, yet often quiet, influence of Catholic sisters. These women have dedicated their lives to serving God and spreading the kingdom of His love. We invite you to explore the ways Catholic sisters live and work in Chicagoland by *virtually* visiting their homes, their chapels, their heritage rooms, and their ministries during National Vocation Awareness Week.

***The sisters look forward to meeting you... virtually!***



## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, Father of all Mercies,  
Provider of a bountiful Harvest,  
send Your Graces upon those  
You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor;  
preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of You.

Open the hearts of Your children  
that they may discern Your Holy Will;  
inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves  
to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life  
guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.  
Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,  
all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers  
and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*from USCCB.org "Prayers for Vocations"*

# Benedictine Sisters of Chicago



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## **St. Scholastica Monastery - Chicago**

The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago will present a virtual tour of our St. Scholastica Monastery Chapel. The virtual tour of the chapel will be a week-long event of 7 different vignette videos on our YouTube Channel that will premiere each day of the Meet Our Sisters Tour during National Vocation Awareness Week.

TOUR THE CHAPEL ON YOUTUBE THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

[Click here to visit the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago YouTube Channel to subscribe and watch](#)

# Benedictine Sisters of St. Mary Monastery



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## **Benedictine Sisters of St. Mary Monastery - Rock Island**

Learn more about the Benedictine Sisters of St. Mary Monastery. Watch our Sister's vocation videos, and take a virtual tour of the monastery and Benet House Retreat Center. Learn more about our road from Eichstatt, Bavaria to Pennsylvania, then Nauvoo, IL to our monastery today in Rock Island, IL.

MEET THE SISTERS LIVE ON ZOOM

**Each day November 2 - 6 - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Please email Sr. Stefanie MacDonald at [smacdonald@SMMSISTERS.org](mailto:smacdonald@SMMSISTERS.org) to request a link for the event.**



Bethany House of Hospitality



WEBSITE:  
[bethanyhouseofhospitality.com](http://bethanyhouseofhospitality.com)

### **Bethany House of Hospitality - Chicago**

How do Catholic Sisters live God's mission among some of the most vulnerable people in our society: immigrant women and children in recovery from human trafficking or seeking asylum? Meet Springfield Dominican Sister Kathlyn Mulcahy, who accompanies Bethany House residents in Chicago.

REGISTER FOR THIS LIVE ZOOM EVENT

**Monday, November 2 - 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

**[Register to attend by clicking here](#)**





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### **Congregation of St. Joseph Ministry Center - LaGrange Park**

You're welcome to join Chicago-area Sisters of St. Joseph for prayer followed by Q&A. Our opening prayer will honor the feasts of All Saints/Souls. Then the floor is yours for asking our sisters whatever you'd like to ask! Questions? E-mail Sr. Mary Jo at [vocations@csjoseph.org](mailto:vocations@csjoseph.org).

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**Monday, November 2 - 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

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**DOMINICAN**  
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### **Dominican Literacy Center - Aurora**

Learn how a community of Dominican Sisters meets the challenges of ministry to immigrants in a time of pandemic and anti-immigrant sentiment. This is what solidarity and gospel justice look like at the Dominican Literacy Center, Aurora, Ill.

REGISTER FOR THIS LIVE ZOOM EVENT  
**Thursday, November 5 - 1:15 - 2:15 pm**

[Register to attend by clicking here](#)

# givingVOICE

*The Voices of Younger Women Religious*



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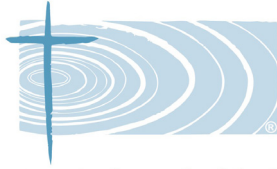
## **Giving Voice - Chicago**

Giving Voice is hosting a virtual panel discussion for Meet Our Sisters, in which 5 young Sisters will speak on behalf of their vocation and ministry, and offer a chance to ask young Sisters questions!

MEET THE SISTERS LIVE ON ZOOM  
**Thursday, November 5 - 7:00 pm**

**[Join the conversation by clicking here at 7 pm on November 5](#)**

*Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ*



*Partners in the work of the Spirit*



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**Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ - Chicago**

Meet several Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ who live and minister in Chicago. Learn about their ministries and the impact they have on the lives of the poor and marginalized in the city. See if their charism, mission and values match yours! Consider becoming a Sister, Volunteer, or Associate!

MEET THE SISTERS DURING VIDEOS RELEASED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

[Click here to access the videos](#)



ReligiousFormation  
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## **Religious Formation Conference - Chicago**

The RFC is a national Roman Catholic organization serving religious institutes of men and women with programs and services for those in the ministry of initial and lifelong formation, and general congregational membership. They invite you to watch these two videos about their [Life Commitment Program](#).

WATCH VIDEOS ABOUT RELIGIOUS LIFE AND FORMATION

**Anytime**

**[Life Commitment Program: A Transformative Intercultural Experience Video](#)**

**[Life Commitment Program: A Video of Remembrance and Celebration](#)**



# School Sisters of Notre Dame



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## **School Sisters of Notre Dame - Chicago**

Join the School Sisters of Notre Dame for evening prayer. School Sisters of Notre Dame have lived and ministered in the Chicago area for more than 150 years. Pray with a local community of SSND sisters virtually, via Zoom.

PRAY WITH THE SISTERS LIVE ON ZOOM

**Saturday, November 7, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Please email Sr. Jill at [sisters@ssnd.org](mailto:sisters@ssnd.org) to request a link for the evening prayer.



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### **Sisters of Mercy of the Americas - Chicago**

Pray the Rosary via Zoom for our immigrant brothers and sisters detained at the Broadview Immigration Processing Center and for their families. This regular event, open to all, is led by Sisters JoAnn Persch, RSM and Pat Murphy, RSM. More opportunities for support and action can be found at [icdichicago.org](http://icdichicago.org).

PRAY WITH THE SISTERS LIVE ON ZOOM  
**Friday, November 6 - 7:15 - 8:30 am**

**Please email Sister JoAnn at [jpmrsm2@gmail.com](mailto:jpmrsm2@gmail.com) by the evening of November 4 to receive a Zoom link.**



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### **Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth - Des Plaines**

We are an international congregation of vowed religious women dedicated to spreading the Kingdom of God's love, particularly within families. Our sisters and postulants will be available during a registered Zoom event to talk with those who would like to know more about religious life.

REGISTER TO MEET THE SISTERS LIVE ON ZOOM  
**Wednesday, November 4, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

**[Register to attend by clicking here](#)**





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### **Sisters of Saint Casimir - Chicago**

The Sisters of St. Casimir extend in invitation to join us (virtually) in the Legacy Room located in Chicago, which opened in August 2018. In our 14 minute video we guide you through the Legacy Room and share the impressive history of the Sisters and their foundress Venerable Mother Maria Kaupas.

TOUR THE SISTERS' HERITAGE ROOM - VIDEO PREMIERES ON:  
**Wednesday, November 4 and throughout NVAW**

Please email Daina Cyvas at [dcyvas@scc2601.com](mailto:dcyvas@scc2601.com) to receive the link for the recorded tour.

*Thank you  
for participating in the  
2020*

*Meet  
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**Please direct questions and requests for more  
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