

MEET OUR SISTERS



Visit convents and ministries of Chicagoland Catholic Sisters during
National Vocation Awareness Week, November 3 - 9, 2019

**To avoid disrupting the daily schedules of the
participating sisters and their ministries, please direct
questions and requests for more information to:**

MeetOurSistersTour@gmail.com

Visit our web page at bit.ly/2m0cw7o

What is the 2019 Meet Our Sisters Tour?

Chicago area members of Communicators for Women Religious (CWR) are collaborating on this inaugural event to raise awareness during National Vocation Awareness Week (November 3 - 9, 2019) of the vast presence of Catholic sisters who live and serve in Chicagoland. The 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...

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 visiting their homes, their chapels, their heritage rooms, and their ministries during National Vocation Awareness Week.

Each participating congregation, community, or ministry has set hours for you to drop by to meet a sister, briefly tour their facility and learn more about how Catholic sisters continue to be a presence in the lives of so many people.

The sisters look forward to meeting you, but please respect their privacy and time by ONLY visiting during the designated tour times.

Wheaton Franciscans -
Our Lady of the Angels Motherhouse



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"

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The Voices of Younger Women Religious



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Giving Voice - 5401 S Cornell Ave, Chicago

MINISTRY

Giving Voice is a peer-led organization of young Catholic sisters (under 50) from diverse congregations throughout the U.S. Giving Voice organizes retreats, gatherings, trainings and leadership opportunities and provides space online for sisters to connect and build bridges across congregations. Our office is located at Chicago Theological Union in Chicago.

OPEN FOR MEET THE SISTERS TOUR

Tuesday, November 5, 12 - 4 pm

Wednesday, November 6, 12 - 4 pm



School Sisters of Notre Dame



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Corazón a Corazón - 12731 S Wood St, Blue Island

MINISTRY

This sponsored ministry of the School Sisters of Notre Dame offers ESL classes and after-school care. Following a brief tour, meet some of the sisters who work there and learn more about our SSND ministries in the Chicago area.

OPEN FOR MEET THE SISTERS TOUR

Monday, November 4, 5 - 7 pm

Tuesday, November 5, 9 - 11 am

Wednesday, November 6, 5 - 7 pm

Thursday, November 7, 9 - 11 am



School Sisters of Notre Dame



Mater Christi - 2431 S 10th Ave, North Riverside

CONVENT

The School Sisters of Notre Dame are a vibrant international congregation of vowed apostolic women with nearly 2400 sisters living and ministering in 30 countries. We are faithful to the mission of Jesus, bringing love and unity to our world for 186 years. Our life in mission integrates prayer, community life and ministry. Our international presence calls us to address urgent needs of our time, particularly those of women, youth and those who are poor or marginalized. For us, education means enabling persons to reach the fullness of their potential, hence transforming lives and societies. Meet some of our sisters and learn more about our SSND ministries and history in the Chicago area.

OPEN FOR MEET THE SISTERS TOUR

Sunday, November 3, 1 - 3 pm



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csjoseph.org

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Taller de José - 2831 W 24 Blvd, Chicago

MINISTRY

A ministry of accompaniment of the Congregation of St. Joseph for those needing to find social services. The executive director, Anna Mayer, CSJ Associate, along with some Sisters of St. Joseph, will explain the ministry, tour the facility, and talk about how this ministry fits the CSJ mission and charism of unity of reconciling love. Check out this brief video: www.facebook.com/TallerDeJose/videos/1261254803991271/

OPEN FOR MEET THE SISTERS TOUR

Monday, November 4, 10 - 11:15 am



LaGrange Park Center - 1515 W Ogden Ave, LaGrange Park
MINISTRY

Arrive by 11:15 for a short welcome and orientation tour of the Congregation of St. Joseph's LaGrange Park Center. An early lunch gathering follows, joining center employees and others who want to learn about our sisters' ministry with migrants at the Texas - Mexico border. Short closing and prayer will follow.

OPEN FOR MEET THE SISTERS TOUR

Tuesday, November 5, 11 am - 1:15 pm

PLEASE NOTE:

- To know how many people will attend the lunch, the sisters have kindly asked that you RSVP to vocations@csjoseph.org.
- Please arrive no later than 11:15 and plan to stay for the entire two-hour program.



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pbmr.org

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Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation - 5115 S Elizabeth St, Chicago MINISTRY

Precious Blood Ministries is a restorative justice hub in Chicago which fosters community, accompanies and advocates for youth and family members impacted by incarceration and violence. It strives to offer programming from a trauma informed perspective, including its community garden, high school diploma program, wood shop and silk screening.

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Tuesday, November 5, 9 - 10 am

Wednesday, November 6, 3 - 4:30 pm



WEBSITE:
new.sucasacw.org

SuCasa Catholic Worker - 5045 S Laflin St, Chicago

MINISTRY

SuCasa is a Catholic Worker Community founded by two Mercy sisters and a Christian Brother in 1990 as a home for victims of torture in Central America. Today we provide a home for families seeking asylum at our border and to local families in Chicago. Eight live-in volunteers/workers, including two sisters, support the families and maintain the house.

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Sunday, November 3, 4:30 - 7 pm for tour, talk, and supper

Tuesday, November 5, 10 - 11:30 am visit soup kitchen

Wednesday, November 6, 4:30 - 7 pm for tour, talk, and supper



WEBSITE:

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Aquinas Literacy Center - 1751 W 35 St, Chicago

MINISTRY

The Aquinas Literacy Center is opening its doors to introduce you to the Adrian Dominican Sisters! Meet the Sisters who founded and sponsor the Aquinas Literacy Center at an Open House. Enjoy light refreshments and lively conversation!

OPEN FOR MEET THE SISTERS TOUR

Thursday, November 7, 10am to 1pm



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bvmsisters.org

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**Gannon Center - Piper Hall, Loyola University,
1032 W Sheridan Rd, Chicago**

MINISTRY

The Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM) is a community of women religious, who, in response to a personal call from God, have chosen a vowed life of prayer, ministry and community. We express our mission of being freed and helping others enjoy freedom in service to God's people through our core values of freedom, education, charity and justice. The Gannon Center for Women and Leadership, located on the Loyola University campus, was formed to keep the legacy of Mundelein College alive and is named after BVM Ann Ida Gannon, former president.

OPEN FOR MEET THE SISTERS TOUR

Wednesday, November 6, 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago



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St. Scholastica Monastery - 7430 N Ridge Blvd, Chicago

CHAPEL, NORTH ROOM, AND MAIN HALLWAY

We are Benedictine women called to seek God in prayer and community, serving where there is need. Visit our St. Scholastica Monastery which was built in 1906 including the monastery's chapel which contains brilliantly painted 1938 murals by Josef Steinhage in the Beuronese style of Germany's Maria Laach Abbey. The murals were refurbished by Joseph Ramirez and Sean Culver in the 1990s. You will also have an opportunity to visit with some of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago who continue to serve in a number of ministries including education, counseling, spirituality programs, and direct service.

OPEN FOR MEET THE SISTERS TOUR

Wednesday, November 6, 1 - 3:15 pm

Saturday, November 9, 1 - 3:15 pm



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nazarethcsfn.org

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Holy Family Convent - 310 N River Rd, Des Plaines

CHAPEL - HERITAGE ROOM

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth is an international congregation of vowed religious women dedicated to spreading the Kingdom of God's love, particularly within families. We do this through active ministry in schools, hospitals, parishes, prisons, and social service agencies. Our sisters have been in the Chicago area since 1885. A sister will be available to show visitors our chapel and heritage room. The convent is located in a separate building behind Nazarethville. Enter off of River Road and drive straight past Nazarethville.

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Monday, November 4, 1 - 3 pm



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**Wheaton Franciscans -
26W171 Roosevelt Rd, Entrance #5, Wheaton**
MISSION AND VOCATION FAIR

The Wheaton Franciscans are the United States province of an international congregation, the Franciscan Sisters, Daughters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. A community of vowed women (Sisters) and covenant (associate) women and men, who live the Gospel following the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi, and our foundress Mother M. Clara Pfaender. We are a welcoming community striving together to be a Blessing in the Heart of the World.

OPEN FOR MEET THE SISTERS TOUR

Sunday, November 3

10:00 am – Eucharistic Liturgy (All are welcome!)

11:00 am – Coffee & Conversation

11:00 am – 1:00 pm – Ministry and Vocation Fair (Tour of Chapel, Heritage Room, Tau Center, Spirituality Ministry as requested)

*Thank you
for participating in the
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*Be sure to tag us at
#2019MeetOurSisters*