

The Catholic Diocese of Peoria

February  
2021

# DIOCESAN MAILING



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February, 2021

To the Clergy, Religious, and Laity of the Diocese of Peoria

My dear friends,

The worldwide coronavirus outbreak restricted nonessential travel across the globe. Stay-at-home orders, physical distancing, and quarantine practices implemented to mitigate the spread of the disease revealed great and urgent needs, especially in those countries of Eastern Europe still in turbulent transition stages. There, weak economies were made more vulnerable, and those affected included the elderly as well as doctors, nurses, and medical chaplains. In Ukraine, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) came to the assistance of homebound senior citizens in many cities, using Church facilities to organize the work and engaging both local volunteers and assistance from abroad. In addition, the UGCC mobilized its network of about 120 hospital chaplains and collected and distributed badly needed protective clothing, masks, sanitizer, and other necessities to ensure their safety as they ministered to the sick throughout the country.

Please be generous to the collection, because your support helps foster nurturing communities in which Catholics can share and grow in faith. For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/cee](http://www.usccb.org/cee). Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.  
BISHOP OF PEORIA

Please read the weekend of February 13-14, 2021 and take up the collection on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Kindly forward the proceeds of this collection to the Diocesan Office of Finance, 419 N.E. Madison Avenue, Peoria, Illinois, as soon as possible after the collection has been taken.

## PARISH BULLETIN INSERTS

### Marriage Classes

There are classes scheduled for marriage prep in 2021 pending Covid19. For more information please visit: <https://cdop.org/evangelization-and-faith-formation-old/marriage/>.

### Marriage Mass

February 13, 2021 Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, CSC and Bishop Louis Tylka invites all married couples to celebrate the gift of Christian Marriage! There will be a concert beginning at 3:30pm followed by Mass and a renewal of wedding vows at 4:00pm. To register for the Mass go to: [marriagemasspeoria.eventbrite.com](http://marriagemasspeoria.eventbrite.com)

### Rite of Election

The Rite of Election will be Saturday 2/20/21 at 10:30am and Sunday 2/21/21 at 3:30pm. Please make sure your attendees form and paperwork is handed in. Masks must be worn in the Cathedral. If you have any questions email: [evangelization@cdop.org](mailto:evangelization@cdop.org) or call 309-671-1550

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES



With the support of the faith community, we can give voice to our unique journeys of grief and find healing and spiritual growth. The Seasons of Hope bereavement group process is centered on our God and grounded in the healing wisdom, traditions and practices of our Church. Perhaps this grief and faith sharing group is for you. It meets for **6 Wednesdays beginning February 17<sup>th</sup> and ending March 24<sup>th</sup>**. We will be meeting via zoom, so **participants will need access to a computer** through which they can access a zoom group invitation. Prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship begin at **10am**. If you are interested in participating or would like to find out more, please contact: Lorraine Kim, MSW, Catholic Charities Good Samaritan Program, 217-721-3489 (call or text), [lorraine.kim@ccdop.org](mailto:lorraine.kim@ccdop.org)

## OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION

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## OFFICE OF FINANCE

### 2022 COLLECTIONS

1. Aid to Eastern Europe Churches  
COLLECTION – March 6, 2022 (Ash Wednesday)
2. Catholic Relief Services (American Bishops Overseas Appeal)  
COLLECTION – March 27, 2022 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent)
3. Holy Land  
COLLECTION- April 15, 2022 (Good Friday)
4. Peter's Pence Holy Father (Sunday nearest Feast of Sts Peter and Paul)  
COLLECTION – June 26, 2022
5. "Mission Sunday" Propagation of the Faith  
COLLECTION – October 23, 2022 (Next to Last Sunday in Oct.)
6. Campaign for Human Development  
COLLECTION – November 20, 2022(Sunday before Thanksgiving)
7. Retirement Fund for Religious  
COLLECTION – December 11, 2022 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in December)
8. The Bishop's Seminarian Appeal  
COLLECTION – November 27, 2022

## OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

### Totus Tuus Parish Registration

Are you ready to get the youth of your parish moving this summer? Totus Tuus is a week-long parish summer camp for the youth. It is led by faithful, energetic, and creative college-age men and women who are trained and sent on mission to your parish to teach the Catholic faith by helping them grow closer to Christ and His mother.

If you would like to receive a parish application, which includes many more details, please email Terri LaHood at [tlahood@cdop.org](mailto:tlahood@cdop.org) or call Fr. Chase at (309) 671-1550 with questions. Applications are due by Feb 28, 2021!

## OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT & STEWARDSHIP

### Fulton Sheen Endowment

**Fulton Sheen Endowment Grants** of \$2,000.00 were awarded at the August 2020 meeting. This brings our total granted to date up to \$911,889.82. Remember all receipts, unused funds and evaluations must be in from prior grants in order to be considered for any future grants. This Board presently meets twice a year: usually February and August. Review your needs so as to make a timely request. All requests must be received by **February 4, 2021** in order to be considered for the next meeting **NO EXCEPTIONS**. For more information go to [cdop.org](http://cdop.org) and under offices click on Development and Stewardship. All guidelines and application forms are under the Sheen Endowment button. If you have any question or concerns contact Julie Enzenberger at [jenzenberger@cdop.org](mailto:jenzenberger@cdop.org)

## OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

### NCEA Catholic Schools Week 2021

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. **It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2021 is January 31 – February 6. The theme is: “Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.”** Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with school masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members; however this year, the celebrations may look somewhat different due to the COVID19 pandemic and restrictions on groups coming into the buildings. Even with the challenges that the pandemic has presented, our 42 diocesan elementary and secondary schools in the Catholic Diocese of Peoria have scheduled some wonderfully creative and fun ways to celebrate the gift of Catholic education.

### Nonpublic Schools Meeting

The Illinois State Board of Education is hosting a nonpublic schools’ meeting on **February 3, 2021**. These bi-annual meetings are offered as a mode of communication between the state’s educational agency and the Illinois nonpublic schools’ leadership teams. OCS staff will be in attendance via ZOOM.

### Diocesan High School Chaplains’ & Principals’ Meeting

Coadjutor Bishop Lou Tylka, Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck, and Dr. Sharon Weiss will be meeting with the high school chaplains and principals on **Friday, February 5, 2021 at 10:30am in the Spalding Pastoral Center** (IDPH COVID19 mitigation recommendations observed). This meetings if the first in a series of meetings with the goal of introducing Coadjutor Bishop Lou to our high schools’ leadership as well as discuss best practices and challenges across the six high schools in the Catholic Diocese of Peoria.

### IL Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarships

These tax-credit, income-needs based scholarships offer up to 100% of K-12 tuition provided through the generous support of donors who receive a 75% credit on their Illinois income tax. As of the middle of December 2020, the Catholic Diocese of Peoria had received **\$2,024,429** in donations with **398** scholarships awarded to our schools. *Thank you* to our school leaders and donors for this incredible effort to assist families in providing opportunities to attend our Catholic schools!

### Presidents’ Day

The Office of Catholic Schools will be joining the diocesan Curia departments and will be closed on **Monday, February 15, 2021** in observance of Presidents’ Day.

## OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE

### Respect Life Ministry: Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat: March 12-14, 2021

Has the abortion experience that has left you feeling empty and alone? Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is available in our diocese for any man or woman who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. This healing weekend is for singles or married couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings or anyone suffering the effects of an abortion loss. If you are searching for peace and inner healing from an abortion experience, this retreat is for you. Register now for the March 12-14, 2021:retreat by calling 309-264-1489 or e-mailing [rvrpeoria@gmail.com](mailto:rvrpeoria@gmail.com). All communications are strictly confidential. For more information please visit <https://cdop.org/offices/respect-life/rl-programs-resources/rachels-vineyard/> or the national Rachel’s Vineyard website at <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org/>

Unless there is a **Good Friday** in our lives,  
there will never be an **Easter Sunday.**

-Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

## TREAT YOURSELF TO AN ENCOUNTER WITH FULTON SHEEN:

Browse the **Sheen Museum** collections

Learn how he grew through **submission**

Grasp his preference for the **Crucified**

Join his daily **Holy Hour**

Follow him on **media**

Find his **life** worth following

Visit the church of his **vocation**

Pray at his **tomb**

## INVITE FULTON SHEEN TO YOUR LENTEN STUDY:

*Seven Words of Jesus and Mary*

*Cries of Jesus from the Cross*

*Victory Over Vice*

*Life of Christ*



Open Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

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Archives@cdop.org

Spalding Pastoral Center, 419 NE Madison Ave, Peoria IL 61603 [cdopmuseums.org](http://cdopmuseums.org)



Diocesan Historical Exhibit

A look into the

## CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE

in the Diocese of Peoria

**EXTENDED  
THROUGH 2021**

Francis I  
School of Nurs

Class  
of  
1947



**It all began with love;**  
it also took some humility

Every illness is a spiritual event which needs  
**the Divine Remedy**

**To a nurse**  
whose presence may mean more than instruments

**All mothers are alike,**  
empowered to choose life

**A child is a gift;**  
the rest of us simply interpret the love God has for them

**Let your light shine,**  
even beyond the diocese





**CEREMONY FOR THE NAMING OF:  
BISHOP FULTON SHEEN DRIVE**

**2/4/21 AT 11:30AM**

**CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY**

607 NE MADISON, PEORIA, IL

**\*PLEASE WEAR A MASK & SOCIAL DISTANCE**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- February**
  - 13 Marriage Mass & Date Night
  - 15 Spalding Pastoral Center Closed
  - 20 Rite of Election, St. Mary Cathedral, Peoria
  - 21 Diocesan Scout Mass, St. Mary Cathedral, Peoria
  
- March**
  - 13 Diocesan Youth Rally
  - 17 St. Patrick’s Day Mass, St. Mary Cathedral, Peoria
  - 28 Palm Sunday Mass, St. Mary Cathedral, Peoria
  - 30 Chrism Mass, St. Mary Cathedral, Peoria
  
- April**
  - 1 Holy Thursday Mass & Pilgrimage
  - 2 Good Friday, Spalding Pastoral Center Closed
  - 3 Easter Basket Blessing, St. Mary Cathedral, Peoria
  - 5 Easter Monday, Spalding Pastoral Center Closed
  - 24 Men’s March and Mass



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