

Chautauqua Catholic Community



NEWSLETTER

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Catholic House HVAC and Plumbing Updates

During the fall and winter, we completed the major project of replacing the heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) system in Catholic House. After almost two decades, problems had become serious, with water dripping into some rooms.

After extensive evaluation and careful consideration, we selected a modern heat pump system. For guest safety and comfort, we also addressed concerns involving difficulty regulating water temperature in showers. It was cost-effective to handle HVAC and plumbing update projects together, given that both involved drywall work. The HVAC and plumbing work have been completed in time for the 2024 season. The total cost of these important updates was \$130,000. We applied for rebate incentives from National Grid, our electric supplier. After providing all necessary documentation, we received \$11,350 in rebates.

Catholic House, privately owned by the Chautauqua Catholic Community, receives no Diocesan support and is an essential resource for us to bring priests to Chautauqua to offer Mass, Reconciliation, and seminars throughout the program season. We would be most appreciative of any contributions to help us with this major expense to care for our treasured Catholic House. Please make checks payable to Chautauqua Catholic Community, Inc., P.O. Box 106, Chautauqua, NY 14722. We are deeply grateful for your support and for the time and talent contributed by Board Member Steve Drabant and President, Fr, Jim Daprile, on this project.



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Religious Sisters to Visit Catholic House During Weeks 1 and 6

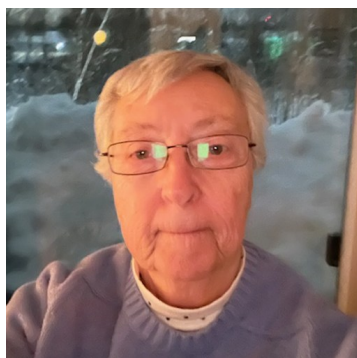
The Chautauqua Catholic Community provides scholarships to four religious women each year to spend one week at Catholic House. These experiences help the sisters to enrich their communities. The scholarship includes lodging, gate passes, parking, and a basic allowance for meals. We are thrilled to introduce this year's scholarship recipients. Sr. Mary Alyce Koval, OSU and Sr. Norma Raupple, OSU will visit during Week 1. Sr. Elaine Englert, SSJ and Sr. Carol Cimino, SSJ will visit during Week 6. These scholarships will be funded by donations to the Chautauqua Catholic Community. Please see the last page of this newsletter for information on how to help sponsor these deserving sisters.

Sr. Mary Alyce Koval, OSU (Week 1) served 28 years in Catholic schools as a teacher and as a principal. She served as Education Director at Beatitude House. This Youngstown, Ohio ministry of the Ursuline Sisters serves homeless women with children, helping them become successful through education, job training, and parenting classes. Since 2017, Sr. Mary Alyce has been serving as Diocesan Pastoral Associate at St. Luke Church in Boardman, Ohio. Sr. Mary Alyce loves reading, walking, cooking, and grocery shopping.



Sr. Norma Raupple, OSU (Week 1) taught at Catholic schools for 14 years and served as Director of Religious Education in three parishes. She worked with African American families in the inner city for ten years. She then served for ten years on a missionary project in Brownsville, Texas where she coordinated an English language program and established a sewing co-op. Since 2017, she has been working with immigrant families in Matamoros, Mexico, accompanying them and establishing a network where they can support each other. The sisters opened a health clinic in Matamoros. Through the Beatitude House ministry in Youngstown, Sr. Norma offers English language learning and an after-school and summer program for homeless women and children.

Sr. Elaine Englert, SSJ (Week 6) is a life-long educator. She has been a high school and elementary school teacher and administrator. Sr. Elaine created the Sisters of St. Joseph Women's Leadership Program at Aquinas Institute in Rochester. She previously served as Coordinator of the Motherhouse and was elected to the Leadership Team of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Sister Elaine is certified in spiritual direction from the Haden Institute through the Mt. Carmel Monastery in Ontario, Canada. Currently, she offers spiritual direction and volunteers in various ministries of the Sisters of St. Joseph.



Sr. Carol Cimino, SSJ, EdD (Week 6) has worked as a teacher and administrator in elementary and high schools. She served for 20 years as a member of the Catholic School Leadership Team at Manhattan College. She was the Director of the Catholic School Administrators Association of New York State and worked for Catholic School Management, Inc. and Sadlier Publishing. Sr. Carol served as superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Buffalo and retired in 2018. She has since been an interim principal twice and does consulting and public speaking for dioceses around the country.

2024 Catholic House Hosts

Jerry and Eileen Hodson – Hosting Weeks 1, 2, and 3

Jerry and Eileen Hodson have been coming to Chautauqua for 30 years, having been introduced to Chautauqua by friends. Jerry holds a BA in Psychology from the State University of NY at Buffalo and a Master's in Pastoral Ministry from Christ the King Seminary. He has been a deacon for four years and serves on the East Side of Buffalo at Ss. Columba Brigid Church. Jerry and Eileen are involved with an ecumenical group that does prison ministry at Collins Correctional Facility. Jerry is retired from owning a business in the mobile phone industry. Eileen holds a BS in occupational therapy from the State University of New York at Buffalo and a Master's in Pastoral Ministry from Christ the King Seminary. She is newly retired after being an Occupational Therapist for 38 years, serving the last 25 years in the Williamsville, NY School District.



Jerry and Eileen met in Buffalo. They have been married for 37 years and have three daughters who also love Chautauqua. Their youngest daughter got married in Chautauqua last year. Caitlin and Erin live in Brooklyn, and Meghan lives in Danville, Pennsylvania. Eileen served on the board of the Catholic House for two years. You might find Jerry and Eileen on the pickleball court, and they enjoy hiking and bicycling.

“We have always felt drawn to the people who gather on the porch, in the parlor or on the front lawn and have been blessed with many great conversations there,” said Eileen. “As part of being a deacon and a deacon's wife, we feel a calling to serve, and we look forward to serving the great guests and priests at the Catholic House.”

Volunteer Opportunities

Chautauqua Catholic Community Secretary

The Chautauqua Catholic Community is in need of a volunteer secretary. This is an excellent opportunity for an organized person to serve our community and become better acquainted with other Catholic Chautauquans. Share your talent for preparing meeting agendas, documenting meeting minutes, maintaining the Board roster, and assisting with correspondence. Most meetings can be attended remotely. It is not necessary to live in Chautauqua or to spend the entire season in Chautauqua. To apply, please email Fr. Jim Daprile, Chautauqua Catholic Community President, at cccCatholicHouse@gmail.com.

Your Help Is Needed at Our Weekend Liturgies During the Program Season

Are you able to assist as an usher, lector, or Eucharistic Minister at weekend Mass in the Hall of Philosophy (Saturday 5:00 p.m. or Sunday 12:15 p.m.)? Please indicate your area of interest and weeks you will be in Chautauqua by emailing Don Novak at dnovak@wowway.com. Whether you are in Chautauqua for one week or for the entire nine-week program season, we welcome your help.

2024 Catholic House Hosts

Mark and Bev Beltramo - Hosting Weeks 4, 5, and 6

Mark and Bev Beltramo bring a special type of spiritual leadership to Chautauqua. Bev is a Board-Certified Chaplain through the National Association of Catholic Chaplains (NACC) and recently completed six years on the NACC Executive Board.

Originally from California, Mark and Bev met as undergraduates at the University of Redlands in California, where Bev received a Bachelor of Music in Music Education and a BA in English. She earned her MA in Creative Studies from the State University of New York at Buffalo, where she first learned of Chautauqua. Bev went on to complete an MA in Pastoral Ministry from Assumption University in Windsor, Canada, and a Doctor of Ministry from Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit. Mark earned a BS in Math and Economics at the University of Redlands and a PhD in Engineering from Stanford University.



Married 41 years, Bev and Mark recently retired and moved back to California to be closer to family. They have a daughter in Seattle and one in Murrieta, California, along with multiple grand-horses and grand-dogs. They spent 38 years in Michigan, where Mark worked in Research and Analytics at General Motors. Bev spent most of her career in ministry, as a parish Christian service coordinator, a bedside hospital chaplain, and later, overseeing Mission Integration and Spiritual Care in Catholic healthcare systems. She served as a substitute liturgical musician for the Archdiocese of Detroit and directed a children's choir.

After first visiting Chautauqua in the 1980s, Bev vowed to come back. Last year, the Beltramos returned and both were completely smitten. "To be given the amazing opportunity to serve as a host couple is beyond wonderful," said Mark. Bev added, "We are so excited to be involved at Catholic House and look forward to the chance to get to know people." The Beltramos enjoy exploring in their travel trailer. Bev is learning pottery and experimenting with sourdough while Mark is still trying to recover from the cross-country move. Both have settled into their new church home, Vina de Lestonnec Retreat Center, run by the Sisters of the Company of Mary. Bev serves as the liturgical musician and Mark lectors there.



Blessing of Bikes and Bike Helmets

Children and adults of all faiths are welcome to stop at the Hall of Philosophy at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 29 and at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, June 30 for a blessing of bike riders, bikes, and bike helmets. All are welcome to stay for Mass, or to stop by just for the blessing.

2024 Catholic House Hosts

Paul and Gina Kudrav – Hosting Weeks 7, 8, and 9

Paul and Gina Kudrav live in Harrisonburg, Virginia. They met at Edinboro State College (PA) and have been married for 48 years. They enjoy visiting their three children and four grandchildren in California, Alabama, and Virginia. Paul is a retired school psychologist who concentrated on vocational service to children with disabilities and on crisis intervention. Paul was ordained a deacon in 2012 and holds a Master's in Theology. Gina was employed in a neighborhood pre-school program before managing visas and support services for international students at James Madison University.



The Kudravs have enjoyed travel in Europe, Canada, Mexico, Australia, and New Zealand. Gina practices many crafts and even conducted a sewing and needlework seminar for women in Haiti. Paul is an avid reader and loves to garden. He spent years as a soccer coach and referee. Paul is a deacon at Holy Infant Catholic Church in Elkton, Virginia. He serves on parish leadership councils and at the Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry in Harrisonburg. Gina is a volunteer music minister and liturgy coordinator. Together, they participate in many additional church activities.

Gina grew up in Erie, Pennsylvania, and Paul was the first Catholic deacon to attend an ecumenical program at Chautauqua for newly ordained priests, ministers, and deacons. Gina explained, “Last summer Paul and I spent a month at Catholic House as host and hostess. We found opportunities for growth and enrichment in knowing and serving our guests and the community at large. Such a blessing to share time here, especially on the porch! We could not ask for a more rewarding and growing experience.”

Catholic House Room Rentals and Last-Minute Cancellations

Catholic House rents guest rooms for one-week periods during the program season. 2024 rental for a two-person room with private bath, air conditioning, and use of a shared kitchen is \$675 or \$775 per week. Gate passes, parking, and meals are not included.



We allocate rooms by a lottery that is exclusively online, with applications accepted from October 15 through November 15 on our website, www.chautauquacatholics.org. (Mark your calendars now if you wish to enter the lottery for 2025 rooms.)

To join our contact list for last-minute 2024 cancellations, please email us to indicate your interest at CCCcatholichouse@gmail.com. You might even be able to stay with us this year!

2024 Chaplains and Seminars

The Chautauqua Catholic Community is working this year to schedule highly qualified and experienced speakers, including religious and lay men and women. We are excited about this inclusive approach. Look for more information in our 2024 brochure during the season. We welcome seven new Chaplains profiled in this newsletter and welcome back returning Chaplains Fr. Ray Guiao (Week 3), Fr. Paul Milanowski (Week 5), Fr. Jacob Ledwon (Week 6), Fr. Scott VanDerveer (Week 7), Fr. Francis Gargani (Week 8), and Fr. Ed Palumbos (Week 9), the frequent presence of our President, Fr. Jim Daprile, and visits from our Spiritual Director, Fr. David Tourville.

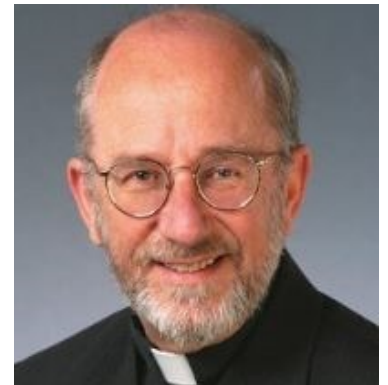
Can you suggest a priest or seminar speaker for 2025? To recommend a future Chaplain or seminar speaker, please email Fr. Jim Daprile at CCCatholicHouse@gmail.com.

Our priests are provided with gate passes and kitchen access and are often delighted to accept invitations to a meal, boat ride, or theater ticket while in Chautauqua. To extend hospitality to one of our priests, please email cccCatholicHouse@gmail.com.



Fr. Edward Noga served as pastor of St. Patrick Church in Youngstown, Ohio for 35 years. He enjoyed every aspect of city ministry until retirement. His interests include the Church's involvement in community engagement and a passion for community organizing from a faith perspective through involvement in the philosophy and training of the Gamaliel Foundation of Chicago. He did field education in Central America with the Maryknoll missionaries in the 1970s. Fr. Noga loves history and has a particular appreciation for the history of steel mills in the Mahoning Valley, with its immigrants from Europe. He will be a Chaplain during Week 1.

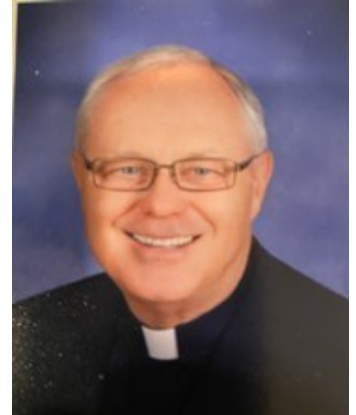
Fr. Benjamin Fiore, SJ holds a BA in English from LeMoyne College in Syracuse, New York; an MA in classical languages from Fordham University in Bronx, New York; a StB in Theology from Pontificia Università Gregoriana in Rome, Italy; an MA, a Master of Philosophy, and a PhD in Religious Studies – New Testament from Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut; and a Doctor of Ministry from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Missouri. He taught at Canisius College in Buffalo, New York and at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, New York. Fr. Fiore served as a pastor and currently is a pastoral assistant in the Mater Ecclesiae Buffalo parish family. He taught English in Poland and is the religion editor for the Polish American Journal. He is a member of Buffalo's Chopin Singing Society. He will be a Chaplain during Week 2.



Fr. Michael D. Balash serves as Vicar for Clergy and Religious Services and Director of the Office of Worship in the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio. He also serves as Director of Seminarians and Sacramental Minister at three parishes in Trumbull County. He holds an MA in Liturgy from the University of Notre Dame, an MA in Biblical Studies and a Master of Divinity from the Athenaeum of Ohio – Mt. St. Mary Seminary, and a BA from the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. He has served many parishes, has been a faculty member at Walsh University in North Canton and has presented at national conferences. He will be a Chaplain during Week 3.

2024 Chaplains (Continued)

Fr. Peter Daly is retired and serves part-time in the Archdiocese of Washington, DC. He graduated in Religious Studies and Political Science from the University of Virginia and received a Juris Doctor from Catholic University Law School. He has worked for Immigration Legal Services of Catholic Charities and has a special interest in social justice issues such as immigration and welcoming LGBTQ Catholics in the Catholic Church. Fr. Daly was a syndicated columnist for Catholic News Service for 20 years, writing a regular column serving 135 Catholic periodicals. He has experience in parish work and in economic development, fund-raising, housing development, and parish construction projects. He will be a Chaplain during Week 4.



Fr. David Mowry from the Diocese of Joliet, Illinois holds a BA in Philosophy and Catholic Studies from the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota; a Bachelor of Sacred Theology and Master of Divinity from The University of St. Mary of the Lake, and a Doctor of Ministry from Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, Missouri. He has served in parishes and is Chair of Homiletics at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois. He is a mission speaker and preacher of the Gospel who delights in exploring connections between culture, art, and faith. Fr. Mowry enjoys scripture, Liturgy, sacramental theology, literature, film, and music. He will be a Chaplain during Week 6.

Fr. Kevin O'Brien, SJ of Fairfield, Connecticut served as a university president, a professor, and served on many academic boards. He authored books on Ignatian spirituality and has special interest in interreligious and ecumenical dialogue. At Georgetown University, he supervised the largest U.S. Catholic college campus ministry, including Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, and Orthodox chaplaincies. He holds a BA in Government from Georgetown University, an MA in Philosophical Resources from Fordham University, A Master's in Divinity from Weston Jesuit School of Theology, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Florida College of Law. He is currently opening a new Jesuit community college in Bridgeport. He will be a Chaplain during Week 8.



Fr. Richard Augustyn serves as Director of the St. Jude Center in Buffalo, New York. He is also Chair of the Kaleida Health Ethics Committee, Director of Healthcare Ministries for the Diocese of Buffalo, Director of Volunteer Services for Kaleida Health/Buffalo General Medical Center and Director of Pastoral Care at Buffalo General Medical Center/Gates Vascular. He has served on many boards. He also taught at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, New York. Fr. Augustyn holds a Master of Divinity from Ss.Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Michigan and an MA in Religious Studies from the University of Detroit in Detroit, Michigan. He will be a Chaplain during Week 9.

Transitions: Thank You for Dedicated Service to the CCC

Marilyn Brennan served multiple terms as Secretary in a most professional manner. She kept organized records, agendas, and minutes and was always helpful to our Board members.

Jane McCarthy, a past President of CCC, worked tirelessly for many years to identify exceptional CCC Chaplains. She nurtured relationships between the CCC and these talented men. Jane has stepped down from that role, and we look forward to her continued counsel.

Deacon Ray and Patt Defendorf served for many years as hosts at Catholic House. Patt and Ray organized the house before the season. They generously shared musical and publication talents by securing permissions, creating songbooks, and preparing CCC publications. Deacon Ron and Sylvia Dains helped with the activities involved in closing the house at season end. All of our hosts helped prepare for Masses, collaborated with other denomination houses, and extended gracious hospitality to our priests, guests, and visitors.

Randy Fox contributed outstanding business expertise in serving as Treasurer. He ensured timely, professional handling of our expenses, banking, and financial reporting.

Toni Douglass, Immediate Past President, provided leadership in a return to the presidency, helped with the house, and arranged scholarships for religious women.

Anne McArdle served as a consultant, helped extensively with the house, and devoted much time and talent to many behind-the-scenes activities.

With Grateful Thanks to our donors!

We are deeply grateful for financial contributions to the Chautauqua Catholic Community! We thank all who support us, including the members of our community named below, who provided support since our last newsletter. We will provide additional acknowledgement to sponsors during the season. It is not too late to support 2024 chaplains, seminars, and religious sister visits. Please see the last page of this newsletter for details.



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Join the Choir of Catholic House Angels! Our Chaplains, visits from Religious Sisters, and inspiring Thursday and Friday educational seminars greatly enrich our Catholic presence at Chautauqua. Your support helps provide Chaplains, Mass, seminars, Reconciliation, spiritual guidance, hospitality, and our ability to maintain Catholic House. We will provide recognition in publications, announcements, and/or postings in Catholic House unless a donor requests anonymity. Catholic House is privately owned by the CCC. **Donations are our only means of support and enable us to provide a Catholic presence at Chautauqua throughout the program season.** The Chautauqua Catholic Community is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, and contributions are tax-deductible. Every donation is appreciated! All donations help to fund our overall expenses of the Chautauqua Catholic Community.

Please indicate support you wish to provide:

Seraphim Level Support

_____ **\$10,000** Recognition for supporting all seminars and priests for the 9-week season

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Support Recognition at Thursday and Friday Catholic Seminars

Recognition for helping make our seminars possible.

_____ **\$2,000** **Thrones Level Support of Thursday and Friday seminars for the full 9-week season**

_____ **\$1,000** **Dominions Level Support of Thursday or Friday seminars for the full 9-week season**

_____ **\$ 500** **Archangel Level Support of one week of seminars (Thursday and Friday)**

_____ **\$ 250** **Angel Level Support of one Thursday or Friday seminar**

Support Recognition for Making Possible Priest-in-Residence (Chaplain) for One Week

Recognition for helping make Chaplain stays possible. We provide Chaplains with lodging and partial board at Catholic House, parking, and arrange for gate passes. Each Chaplain stays at Catholic House for one week.

_____ **\$1,000** **Dominions Level support of one priest for one week**

_____ **\$ 500** **Archangel Level support of one priest for one week**

_____ **\$ 250** **Angel Level support of one priest for one week**

Support Recognition for Making Possible Religious Sister Visits

Recognition for helping make Religious Sister visits possible. Each season, we provide one-week stays for four Religious Sisters including lodging at Catholic House, a stipend for meals, a gate pass, and a parking pass.

_____ **\$1,000** **Dominions Level support of one religious sister for one week**

_____ **\$ 500** **Archangel Level support of one religious sister for one week**

_____ **\$ 250** **Angel Level support of one religious sister for one week**

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