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[Diocesan schools prepare to transition forward, open in August](#)

During the past week, Gov. Mike DeWine announced safety guidelines for schools as students prepare to return for the 2020-2021 academic year. Suggested guidelines mean that classroom environments will look different than in previous years as protocols are designed to increase health and hygiene measures intended to keep students, staff and families safe.

Prior to and immediately following last week's statewide announcement, the diocesan Office of Catholic Education collaborated with pre-K to eighth grade and high school principals to establish a reopening strategy.

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[Two U.S. Supreme Court decisions considered as victories for religious liberty](#)

The Supreme Court of the United States issued a pair of decisions this week that are considered victories for religious liberty.

The court ruled that Catholic schools can choose teachers without government interference and the Little Sisters of the Poor cannot be forced to offer abortion-inducing drugs and contraception in all health care plans. Click [here](#) to read the full story.

Also, Father Don Oleksiak, diocesan administrator, shares a [message](#) on the SCOTUS decisions.



USCCB Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism shares insight during Zoom conversion

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops began looking at racism in earnest several years ago, according to Bishop Shelton Fabre, who heads the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana. He also chairs the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism.

And when the USCCB approved the pastoral letter against racism, "Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love," at its fall meeting in November 2018, efforts to combat the issue ramped up.

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Catholic Community Foundation announces new leadership, board members

The Catholic Community Foundation is announcing its new officers and board members for the 2020-2022 term.

Robert J. Rogers will serve as the chair of the foundation's board of directors. He replaces Fred M. DeGrandis, who was board chair for the past two years.

The new vice chair is Andrew J. Schuler, regional investment director and senior vice president at PNC.

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[U.S. Bishops' Secretariat for Child and Youth Protection releases annual report](#)

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection released the 2019 Annual Report - Findings and Recommendations on the Implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

The report is based on the audit findings of StoneBridge Business Partners, a specialty consulting firm headquartered in Rochester, New York, which provides forensic, internal and compliance audit services to leading organization nationwide.

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[Sisters of Notre Dame unify their four national provinces, form SND USA](#)

The Sisters of Notre Dame reunited their four North American provinces -- or administrative units -- on July 5. The new national province includes sisters from Thousand Oaks, California; Covington, Kentucky; Chardon, Ohio and Toledo, Ohio. Chardon will serve as the national headquarters for SND USA.

The congregation's 500-plus sisters nationwide will combine resources and personnel to focus on three broad ministry initiatives:

- The education and healthcare institutions founded by the sisters in each geographic area
- Ministries serving new needs of people on margins



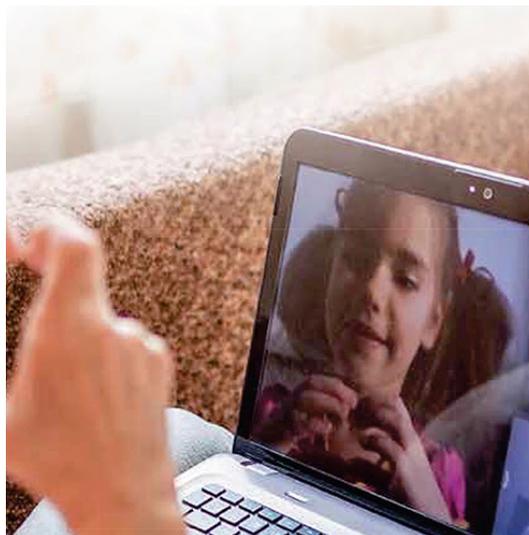
- Young adult and vocation ministries

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July issue of Northeast Ohio Catholic magazine will arrive soon

The July/August issue of Northeast Ohio Catholic magazine should be arriving soon in mailboxes across the eight-county Diocese of Cleveland.

Much of the magazine is devoted to the ongoing coronavirus health crisis, taking a look at some of the heroes of the pandemic. Sharing their stories are Mother Jeanette Estrada of the Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, educator Rich Smith, Bishop Cosgrove Center cook Angelique Oatman, Father Michael Stalla, pastor of SS. Cosmas and Damian Parish and nurse Christy Frey, an intensive care nurse at UH St. John Medical Center.



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And finally...

Did you know Ursuline Sister Mary McCormick, a professor at Ursuline College and Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology, will discuss "How to Pray" during a Zoom meeting of Theology on the Rocks West at 7 p.m. July 13? The audience is limited to 90 and [preregistration](#) is required.



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