

Communiqué

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From the Chancery:

The Chancery's office hours are **9am to 4pm (EST - Eastern Standard Time) Tuesday through Friday**. Special announcements for the days when the Chancery is closed will be posted in advance.

The Bishop's as well as the Chancery's address, is:

1121-44th Street NE, Canton OH 44714-1297

This includes special deliveries such as
FEDEX, UPS, Express Mail, Overnight Priority Mail and any other packages.

Bulletin inserts

Currently the February 2020 leaflets are not available. As soon as I receive them, I will send them to your email addresses.

2020 Special Collections listing

"The Special Collections offer us an opportunity to share God's love and support of us with those who do not have enough. As we finish the Year of Mercy, it gives us the opportunity to reflect on that love and compassion from God and to give back to Him who deals so generously with us. Please pray and share what you can. The chance to give is a gift

from God for our salvation. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. (The Beatitudes)”

Review the documents for the 2020 Special Collections for the Eparchy of St. George in Canton for the Romanians, here:

<http://www.romaniacatholic.org/special-collection-2020/>

Contact Ann Fosnaught at 330-493-9355 or annf@rcdcanton.org for questions. Thank you and praise God for your open heart!”

Thank you!

Address where to remit your collections:

Special Collections
c/o Very Rev. Ovidiu Marginean
1121 44th Street NE
CANTON OH 44714-1297

Checks should be made to the *Romanian Catholic Diocese of Canton*. Thank you. Questions about collections or if you have not received the advertising materials from the collecting agency or the letter from Bishop John Michael on the collections please call our secretary Ann Fosnaught at 330-493-9355 right away. Thank you.

**Ann Fosnaught
Secretary**

**Special Collections coming up:
Operation Rice Bowl**

Operation Rice Bowl Collection will take place on between February 22, and April 5, 2020 and should be remitted to the Diocesan Finance Office by April 17. Thank you for your help and generosity! **Please remember these collections and the letters that you received from the Bishop to post in your bulletins**

Communiqué announcements by Diocesan Staff

If you hold any position in the Diocesan Curia – ex. Vicar for Clergy, Vocation Director, Social Justice Department, Pro-life Director, Economos, etc. – and would like to write an article or make announcements from your department please do not hesitate to use the means of the Communiqué as well. Just send your materials to ovim@rcdcanton.org by the 20th of each month and I will publish it in the Communiqué for you.

Bishop John Michael Botean would like to keep a permanent file of all parish bulletins. With this in mind, please make sure you send your bulletins to the Chancery. There are a couple of ways to make this happen:

1. Bulletins can be emailed to the chancery at annf@rcdcanton.org. Ann will then print the documents and file them. The documents have to be in PDF format.
2. Bulletins can be mailed by USPS weekly, monthly or some other agreed upon time, when the parish prints them.

Presanctified Liturgies during Lent:

The Presanctified Liturgy needs to be celebrated in the evening or at least in the afternoon, in no case in the morning! **It is an evening service, similar to the Vespers, and all the prayers in that service point towards evening and night!** I do not want to sound critical or condescending, but I am simply pointing out to what the Liturgical Typikon calls for. But most of all if you truly want people to participate you might consider doing this service when people are out of work, which is in the evening! So please for future planning purposes, stop doing the service in the morning and start doing it in the afternoon, or much better in the evening! Thank you.

**Very Rev. Ovidiu Marginean
Chancellor**



UNIREA Celebrates 70 Years in the Service of the Truth

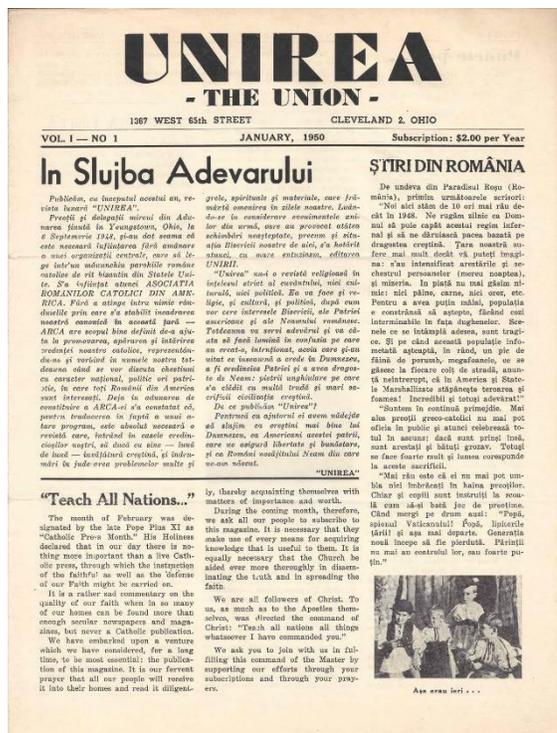
On January 1950, *Unirea (The Union)* first saw the light of day in Cleveland, Ohio. It was “a monthly review”, with articles mostly in Romanian, published by the Association of Romanian Catholics of America and lead by Father Mircea M. Toderich (parish priest at St. Helena Romanian Greek-Catholic Church), as editor. *Unirea’s* aim was to “Serve the Truth”, to be a voice of the Romanian Greek-Catholic Church in America and around the world, in the context of a dissolved and underground Church back in Communist Romania, with no rights, no properties, and no Bishops or clerics – most of whom were imprisoned.

This year, we will celebrate this 70-year anniversary by embarking on a daring project - digitizing the entire physical [Unirea archive](#) and making it available on www.unirea.org, step by step, year by year. It is an ambitious endeavor, since the archive contains close to 600 issues, spanning over seven decades, telling the (his)story and development of our Church in North America, the daily lives of her faithful, and how God was always there with them on this life-changing journey.

Unfortunately, the archive is also incomplete. There are still missing *Unirea* issues that we haven’t been able to find. If you have or discover missing issues, please contact our Chancery (330-493-9355) or e-mail unirea@rcdcanton.org. We would love to have a complete *Unirea* archive available for the current and future generations of Greek-Catholics both in North America and around the globe.

As always, we invite you to continue supporting the *Unirea/Canton* magazine by suggesting parish stories, proposing articles, sharing the magazine and its online articles, donating at <https://www.unirea.org/donate/> or in other creative, God-inspired ways.

Thank you from the heart and may God bless you abundantly!



The first issue of *Unirea (The Union)* - January 1950



UNIREA celebrează 70 de ani de existență în slujba adevărului

În ianuarie 1950, ziarul *Unirea* (The Union) a văzut pentru prima dată lumina zilei în Cleveland, Ohio. A fost concepută ca o ediție lunară, cu articole mai ales în limba română, publicate de Asociația Românilor Catolici din America și avându-l ca lider și redactor pe părintele Mircea M. Toderich (preot paroh la Biserica Greco-Catolică Română Sf. Elena). Scopul ziarului *Unirea* era să fie „În Slujba Adevărului”, să reprezinte o voce a Bisericii Greco-Catolice Române din America și din întreaga lume, în contextul unei Biserici Greco-Catolice dizolvate și trăind în subteraneitatea României comuniste, fără drepturi, fără proprietăți și fără episcopi sau clerici - cei mai mulți fiind închiși.

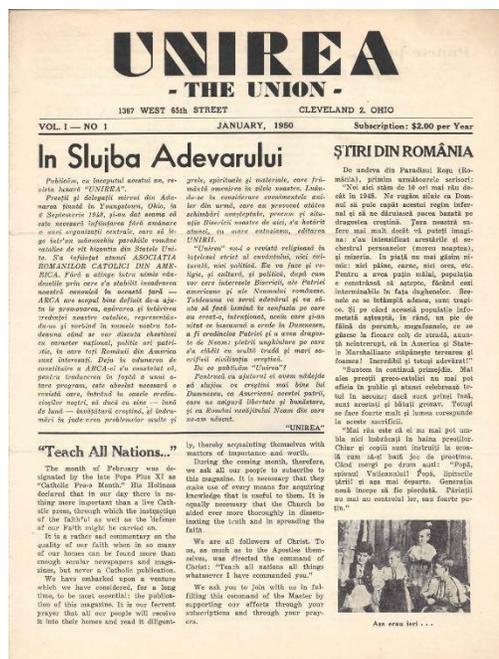
Anul acesta, vom sărbători această aniversare de 70 de ani, avântându-ne într-un proiect îndrăzneț - digitalizarea întregii arhive *Unirea* și punerea ei la dispoziția credincioșilor pe www.unirea.org, pas cu pas. Este un efort ambițios, întrucât arhiva conține aproape 600 de numere, care se întind pe o perioadă de 7 decenii, istorisind povestea și dezvoltarea Bisericii noastre din America de Nord, viața de zi cu zi a credincioșilor ei și modul în care Dumnezeu a fost mereu alături de aceștia, în într-o călătorie care le va schimba viața.

Din păcate, arhiva este încă incompletă. Dacă aveți sau descoperiți numere care ne lipsesc, vă rugăm să contactați Cancelaria Eparhială (330-493-9355) sau trimiteți un e-mail pe adresa unirea@rcdcanton.org.

Ar fi o satisfacție ieșită din comun să realizăm împreună o arhivă *Unirea* completă și disponibilă pentru generațiile actuale și viitoare de români greco-catolici atât din America de Nord, cât și de pe întregul glob.

Ca întotdeauna, vă invităm să continuați să susțineți revista *Unirea/Canton*, propunând oameni și povești de viață din parohiile pe care le păstoriți care ar putea inspira, oferind articole, împărțind revista și articolele sale online, donând la <https://www.unirea.org/donate/> sau prin orice alte maniere creative, prin care Dumnezeu vă poate inspira.

Vă mulțumim din inimă și Dumnezeu să vă binecuvânteze din belșug!
Echipa *Unirea/Canton*



Primul număr al Unirii - Ianuarie, 1950

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

This year, during Feb. 7-14, 2020, Catholics celebrate National Marriage Week. Every year, it is an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with promoting and defending marriage and the family.

National Marriage Week USA is part of an international event seeking to mobilize individuals, organizations, and businesses in a common purpose to strengthen marriage in communities and influence the culture. For information and resources, visit nationalmarriageweekusa.org.

World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 9) is another internationally recognized event held every year on the second Sunday of February.

Useful resources:

Preaching Resource – We are pleased to provide a preaching resource based on the scriptural readings for Sunday, Feb. 9 (enclosed). We hope these reflections and questions will inspire a homiletic theme on the sanctity of marriage with reference to the readings for the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Bulletin Insert – The bulletin insert can be reproduced for distribution at parishes during National Marriage Week. This year's theme seeks to demonstrate how "spouses are consecrated and by means of a special grace build up the Body of Christ and form a domestic church" (*Amoris Laetitia*, n. 67).

Virtual Retreat for Couples – This retreat offers married couples an opportunity to pray and reflect about marriage in God's plan. The theme chosen for this year is *Stories from the Domestic Church*, featuring testimonies of couples who live out the call of love within their immediate and extended families.

Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty – During National Marriage Week, dioceses and parishes might consider promoting Friday, February 7 (First Friday) or February 14 (Valentine's Day) as a day of prayer and sacrifice for this intention: "May married couples recognize their calling by marriage to build up the Body of Christ and form a domestic church."

For Your Marriage and Por Tu Matrimonio – An extensive collection of resources for couples who are married or preparing for marriage can be found in English and Spanish at ForYourMarriage.org and PorTuMatrimonio.org. Both sites manage Facebook pages, which will provide daily content, including the

virtual retreat for couples, during National Marriage Week: facebook.com/ForYourMarriage and facebook.com/PorTuMatrimonio. Numerous resources for marriage can also be found on the USCCB website usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/index.cfm.

Marriage: Unique for a Reason - This USCCB website offers resources to assist with the education and catechesis of Catholics on why marriage is unique and why it should be promoted and protected as the union of one man and one woman. Video and print materials can be found at marriageuniqueforareason.org.

Made for Love - A Catholic audio storytelling podcast series, featuring stories of real people living out the call to love. It can be accessed at madeforlove.podbean.com or on iTunes under "Made for Love".

Practical things to remember

In submitting your **weddings request for permission or dispensations** please remember that **we require at least a 5 month** notice so that we can prepare the necessary papers - should a special case is needed to be handled! We can discuss details over the phone especially when you have problems to solve about a wedding but it's good to talk them well in advance so that we might be able to solve them!

Tribunal matters (annulment petitions, etc.) - check out the Maronite website <http://www.stmaron.org/eparchy/marriage-tribunal/> for forms and answers to your questions - you need more details call the Tribunal Office. Fr. Marini will help you with all the details you need if you have things that are unclear - call the office number listed in their website.

E-mail updates to Ann on parishioners who passed away or moved so that Ann can update your Unirea listing so that we do not send a newsletter that will return to us and we already paid the postage for it!!

From the Finance Office:

Please share this Finance office section with your person who does the Church books!!

Grant Applications for Parish Projects

First and foremost - we will not consider any requests from any parishes/missions that do not pay their assessments to the Diocese. If you do not contribute to the Annual/Quarterly Assessment to the Diocese do not send us requests for help up until you have remedied that dysfunctionality (all Catholic Institutions throughout the world pay assessments to a higher Institutions - that is what it means to be in the Catholic Church - we support each other from smaller to bigger and from bigger to smaller!!!

We can help all our parishes/missions from our Diocesan jurisdiction obtain grants for their parish/missions projects.

Here's what you need to do:

1. **Create a project** (ex. Clergy salary, Church repairs, Catechism programs, etc.) - write a complete explanation - a narrative - of the purpose of the project and where do you intend to allocate the money that will be received on this project. Give us the amount that you want to ask for in this grant (5,000, 10,000, etc.) **Submit this entire request in writing to the Diocese.**
2. **Give us the name of the person in charge of the project** - normally we would like the Parish priest to be but if there is another person who helps the priest we understand that as well.
3. We need the **2018-2019 Revenue and expense report** of the parish/mission.
4. We need also a **project budget** - ex. Revenue for project -from fundraisers (\$550) Income from parishioners - pledged towards the project (\$1,500) etc. Expense for project - Repairs - (3,000), etc.
5. **Number of parishioners and your weekly collection amount.**

If we have all these from you I will be more than happy to assist you in obtaining a grant from different institutions depending for what kind of grant you

are requesting. Once application is put in you will receive an e-mail of confirmation that such application was made for you and you also will receive updates from the same institution on what (if any) has been awarded to you on that grant application.

Submitting

Church & Rectory Capital Improvements Projects for Approval

From time to time our parishes must make capital improvements to the church property. By this time, **you should be aware that any expenditures in of \$5,000.00 or greater must be approved by Bishop John Michael.** Please send the following to the Chancery Office when requesting approval:

1. At least three proposals for the work to be done. If this is not possible please explain why.
2. Tell us which contractor you recommend for the project and why.
3. Tell us how you plan to pay for the improvements.
4. Give us your checking and saving account balances as of the date you submit your request (or financial statement if it is available.)
5. Send a copy of any plans or blueprints you may have.

Please give us at least two weeks to review and approve your project. The bishop is often traveling I am here only part of the time. It is often impossible for us to review your project in a few days.

These procedures are more formal that you have followed in the past. We are trying to give you some concrete procedures to follow so that your project can be approved in as little time as possible.

**Economos Very Rev. Ovidiu Marginean
Finance Office**

From the Child Protection Office:

Julie Shocksneider or Ann Fosnaught are available to talk about child protection issues at any time. The policy for child protection and all other details can be found at <http://www.romaniacatholic.org/child-protection/>

There is an education tool for children and child protection called Godly Relationships. It can be found at the website above.

Keeping up-to-date with your Virus bulletins is a requirement. If you do not know your login name or password, contact Ann at the office OR Virtus directly.

Thank you for all you do for the Church and God's people who need protection.

Salary increases to Priests – based on years of priesthood!

Dear brothers in Christ – just wanted to remind everyone of the policy that is still in use from the Typikon. **Every priest in our Diocese gets a salary increase every 5 years.** The increase is \$50 more to your monthly salary. For all those celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, etc. years of priesthood this year an increase in your salary will take place after you have passed your anniversary date. **Please refer to the Typikon still in use for this rule.** (Pastoral Typikon #103.)

Economos Very Rev. Ovidiu Marginean
Finance Office

During the month February we celebrate one feast:

- ❖ February 2 - Meeting of the Lord. Holy Day of Obligation

A "To do" List:

- ❖ Send in **events list** via e-mail for **March 2019** by **February 20, 2020** at ovim@rcdcanton.org

Anniversaries and birthdays in February:

Happy Birthday: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Gregory Duma - February 10

Happy Birthday: Fr. Dcn. Remus-Anghel Orian - February 10

May God bless you with many more to come!!!!

La Mulți Ani!

Clergy Memorials for February:

Please keep our deceased clergy in your prayers this month.

Rev. Fr. John Ciungu	February 3, 2003
Rev. Msgr. George Babutiu	February 13, 1968
Rev. Fr. Teodor Cornea	February 20, 1995
Rev. Dr. Gheorghe Rusu	February 25, 1996
Rev. Charles Buga	February 25, 2013

May their memory be eternal!

**If we forgot someone by mistake we apologize in advance!
Please let me know though so I can make the changes!**

May God bless you with many more to come!!!!