

Communiqué

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From the Chancery:

Chancery Office will be officially closed at least until Easter 2020.

We will notify you by email any changes related to work schedule.

Phones into the Chancery Office – if you call please leave a message and we will try to get back to you within 24 hours on what would have been normal business days (Monday through Friday). If you leave a message over the weekend know that it might be Tuesday that we will be able to get back to you.

Everyone from the chancery will work from home. Therefore, if you need to contact Ann – you will have to call or e-mail her at the office phone and E-mail and wait for during business hours when Ann can see her e-mail or check messages.

Paperwork for future weddings can be still submitted, again with 6 months advance notice please!

Mail will be verified and addressed as best as we can.

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

Attached please find the **April 2020 leaflets** inserts for your bulletins –
Enjoy reading and distributing them to your parishioners – very useful
information in them!

Parish Bulletin submission standards

Writing a bulletin and communications to the faithful, friends and the community has some important aspects to it. Sharing proper identification so people know where it is coming from and how to get in touch with the parish is vital. Here is a list of things that should be in all communications. These are the bare minimum. Feel free to put additional information as well. The order is what is appropriate for the communication.

- Parish/mission name
(for bulletins) Eparchy of St. George in Canton for Romanians
Most Reverend John Michael Botean, Bishop)
- Address of parish/mission
- phone number of parish/mission
- email of parish/mission
- website, facebook, twitter, or other online presence for parish/mission
- Name of admin/pastor (title, first name and last name)
- Icon of saint would be nice for bulletins
- Members of parish council and/or chairmen for bulletins

Who to contact for child protection at least twice a year for bulletins. Text can be found at this link: <http://www.romaniacatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Report-Violators-Poster1.pdf>

Bulletins are to be mailed to the Chancery weekly or monthly. They can be emailed by pdf for printing for safety and economy.

Feel free to contact Fr. Iuliu Muntean or Ann Fosnaught for more details regarding this information.

Ann Fosnaught
Secretary

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!** Given the current situation, participating at the Presanctified Liturgy can only be done only online using tech devices and not in person.

**Very Rev. Ovidiu Marginean
Chancellor**

COVID-19 Info and Resources

On our Diocesan website www.romaniacatholic.org, you can find information and instruction about Covid-19 preventive measures:

Pastoral and Liturgical Instruction:

- in English: <https://www.romaniacatholic.org/2020/03/pastoral-instructions-regarding-covid-19-preventive-measures/>
<https://www.romaniacatholic.org/2020/03/official-instructions-in-light-of-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic/>
<https://www.romaniacatholic.org/2020/03/indications-for-the-paschal-celebrations-in-the-eastern-catholic-churches/>

- in Romanian: <https://www.romaniacatholic.org/2020/03/indrumari-pastorale-referitoare-la-masurile-de-preventie-contr-covid-19/>
<https://www.romaniacatholic.org/2020/03/instructiuni-oficiale-referitoare-la-pandemia-coronavirus-covid-19/>
<https://www.romaniacatholic.org/2020/03/indicatii-despre-celebrarile-pascale-in-bisericile-catolice-orientale/>

Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations:

- in English and Romanian: <https://www.romaniacatholic.org/2020/03/covid-19-steps-to-protect-yourself-and-others-english-romanian/>

Special Collections:
Operation Rice Bowl and Holy Land

Operation Rice Bowl Collection should be remitted to the Diocesan Finance Office by April 17. Thank you for your help and generosity!

The Holy Land Collection has been postponed for the Eastern Churches until September 13, 2020.

Please remit the money gathered on all past collections as soon as possible to the address indicated below.

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*. Forms to send along with the collection can be found [HERE](#). Chose the right forms and print them up and send along your payments. 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:
Catholic Home Missions

This collection will take place on Sunday, April 26, 2020 and should be remitted to the Diocesan Finance Office by May 8. Thank you for your help and generosity! **Please remember these collections and the letters that you received from the Bishop to post in your bulletin.**



UNIREA Celebrates 70 Years in the Service of the Truth

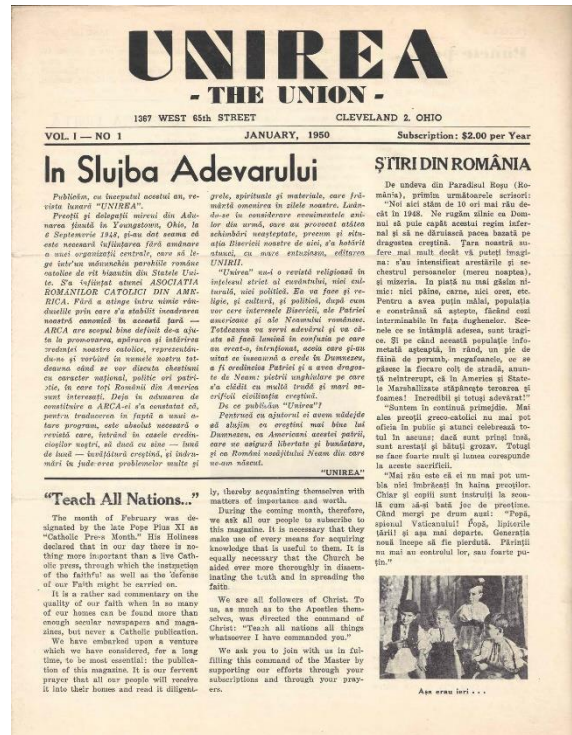
On January 1950, *Unirea (The Union)* first saw the light of day in Cleveland, Ohio. It was “a monthly review”, with articles mostly in Romanian, published by the Association of Romanian Catholics of America and lead by Father Mircea M. Toderich (parish priest at St. Helena Romanian Greek-Catholic Church), 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](https://www.unirea.org/unirea-archive/) and making it available on <https://www.unirea.org/unirea-archive/>, 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.

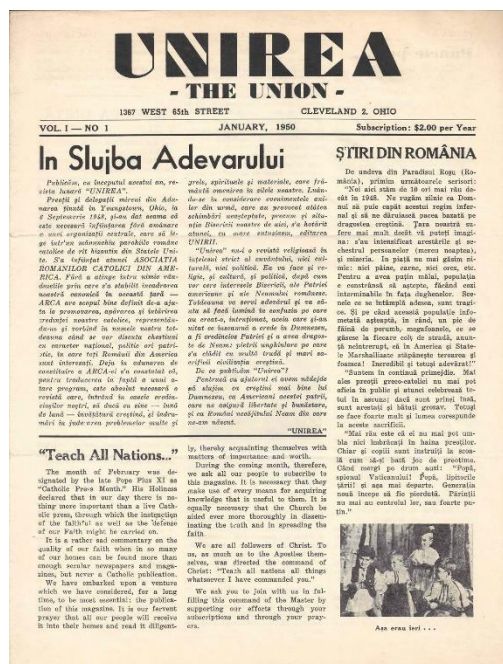
Anul acesta, vom sărbători această aniversare de 70 de ani, avântându-ne într-un proiect îndrăzneț - digitalizarea întregii arhive *Unirea* și punerea ei la dispoziția credincioșilor pe <https://www.unirea.org/unirea-archive/>, pas cu pas.

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

Practical things to remember

In submitting your **weddings request for permission or dispensations** please remember that **we require at least a 6 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!!

<http://www.romaniancatholic.org/annual-financial-report-2019/>

There was an update to the 2019 Annual Financial Report Excel document. There was no change to the pdf, just an equation in the Excel. These were due by August 31, 2019 if they have not been completed. Thank you!

**Ann Fosnaught
Secretary**

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**

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**

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.

Child Abuse Prevention Month, April 2020

Dear Clergy,

I would like to acknowledge that in this current climate there is uncertainty and stress. I am so happy that I can bring anything to God and lean back into Him and I have the assurance that God is intimately aware of all and that nothing is happening without His perfect knowledge. My prayer for you is our Lenten Little Hours – Third Hour: “Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who have filled the Fishermen with wisdom by sending down the Holy Spirit upon them, and who through them have caught in Your net the whole world, O Lover of mankind, glory to You.” Thank you for allowing the Holy Spirit to use you to provide us with wisdom and peace.

I am so grateful that many of you did at least one or more options last year for April Child Abuse Prevention Month. There are new options along with some of last years options. I ask again, that you prayerfully consider providing one of the options below for your congregation. Please let me know if you do decide to do something related to this topic. We would like to recognize you and your congregations. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or ideas at cell: 802-522-0802 or JulieS@rcdcanton.org.
Julie

Option A: Make handouts of Internet Safety Tips for Kids and Teens (page 2) and place in bulletin or on website.

Option B: Review at the end of liturgy or at a church gathering Internet Safety Tips for Kids and Teens (page2). Allow parents to share how they keep their children safe.

Option C: Provide Diocese Godly Relationships course to members of your church. See separate attachment with handouts and explanation.

Option D: Lead members of your church in a prayer or handout this prayer for them to pray later.

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely harmed, and the cries of those who love them. Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Option E: Provide liturgy in April for the intention of victims and perpetrators of sexual abuse.

Internet Safety Tips for Kids and Teens (<https://www.nationalcac.org/internet-safety-tips/>)

1. Spend time having fun with your parents online and helping them understand technology!
2. Never post your personal information, such as a cell phone number, home number, home address, or your location on any social networking site or through mobile apps like Snapchat or Instagram.
3. Never meet in person with anyone you first "met" on the internet. If someone asks to meet you, tell your parents or guardian right away. Some people may not be who they say they are.
4. Check with your parents before you post pictures of yourself or others online. Do not post inappropriate pictures of anyone.

5. Never respond to mean or rude texts, messages, and e-mails. Delete any unwanted messages. You may need to delete friends who continuously bother you or post things that are not appropriate.
6. NEVER share your password with anyone, including your best friend. The only people who should know your password are your parents or guardian.
7. If you wouldn't say something to another person's face, don't text it or post it online.
8. Do not download or install software or anything on your computer or cell phone before checking with your parents or guardian.
9. Use the privacy settings of social networking sites.
10. If anything makes you feel uncomfortable online, while gaming or when using your cell phone, talk with your parents or guardian right away.

Source: Netwsmartz.org and safekids.com. Link:
<https://www.nationalcac.org/internet-safety-tips/>

Resources for Information on Internet Safety for Kids

<http://www.netwsmartzkids.org> (watch videos, play games & activities for online safety)

<http://www.safekids.com/kids-rules-for-online-safety> (family contract for online safety)

Resources for Information on Internet Safety for Teens

<http://www.NetSmartz.org/Teens> or <http://www.nsteens.org> (videos, games, activities for online safety)

<http://www.safeteens.com> (many parents "guides" to online safety Example: cyberbullying, media literacy, Instagram, snapchat, combating online hate speech, etc)

Resources for Phone Safety

Although this is for phone safety for students with learning disabilities, this could be useful with all Teens. (<https://www.understood.org/en/family/managing-everyday-challenges/daily-expectations-child/download-cell-phone-contracts-for-kids>.

3/12/2020)

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

To report missing children, obtain resources and get help for sexually-exploitive images/videos on

CyberTipline - 1-800-843-5678 or online at link:

<https://www.missingkids.org/gethelpnow>. 3/13/2020.

Julie Shocksnyder

During the month April we celebrate:

New Calendar

- ❖ April 5 -Palm Sunday
- ❖ April 9- Holy Thursday
- ❖ April 10- Good Friday
- ❖ April 12 Easter Sunday- Resurrection of our Lord!

Old Calendar

- ❖ April 12 -Palm Sunday
- ❖ April 16- Holy Thursday
- ❖ April 17- Good Friday
- ❖ April 19 Easter Sunday- Resurrection of our Lord!

A “To do” List:

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

Anniversaries and birthdays in April:

Happy Birthday: Rev. Emmanuel Gary Samayoa – April 4
Happy Birthday: Rev. Michael Kirila – April 16
Happy Birthday: Psa. Loredana Kovacevich – April 18
Happy Birthday: Rev. Calin Tamiian – April 21
Happy Birthday: Very Rev. George David – April 25
Happy Birthday: Rev. Frederick Peterson – April 26
Happy Birthday: Rev. John Matthew Elanjileth – April 26

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

Clergy Memorials for the month of April:

Please keep our deceased clergy in your prayers this month.

Rev. Fr. Victor Crisan	April 29, 2015
Rev. Paul Volda	April 17, 2017

May their memory be eternal! In veci pomenirea lor!