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CATHOLIC DEAF NEWSLETTER- OCTOBER 2021

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Medicare Open Enrollment

Medicare's Open Enrollment Period comes around October 15-December 7 every year. This is your chance to make a change from the Medicare plan you currently have to one that better suits your need.

You will probably get many advertisements and promotions daily in your mailbox during the enrollment period. If you want to shop around for a better deal, then you may want to take the time to read it to get a better deal.

Here are the five most common mistakes people make during Medicare Open Enrollment.

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From Fr. MD's Desk

Dear Detroit Catholic Deaf Community,

I look forward to this month because, as like most of you, if not all, I enjoy the beautiful fall foliage. I am fortunate to have an easy access to Camp De Sales where there are over 200 acres of woodland. I enjoy walking on a few trails through the woods at the camp during this time of year.

Speaking of nature, I always remember one's advice from a spiritual book which encourage us to spend at least 10 minutes every day in nature. The book says that even people living in a city could make an effort to spend 10 minutes outside to enjoy looking at trees, flowers, clouds, birds, and wild animals such as squirrels. Being in nature, the book says, will uplift our spirit and bring us more awareness of God's greatness and His presence.

Because all priests are required to make an annual retreat, I will have one for myself on the week of October 10 – 16. During that week, I will not have access to email or videophone calls. Veronica will be at St. John's Deaf Center for anyone who needs to contact us.

It is obvious that COVID is not going to go away soon. Needless to say, it has taken a hard toll on all of us. Let's continue to be vigilant by wearing masks and maintaining six feet social distance. Yet, it does not mean the churches are closed. Despite the pandemic, the churches remain open. Why? Because we need God. A flower will droop if it does not have enough water. It is same with us. We will become spiritually exhausted if we do not have enough time with God. Please come to Mass every Sunday if your doctor thinks you are able to do so. Our Mass is never crowded on Sunday, and I, while wearing a mask and maintaining six feet social distance, always feel safe in the church on Sundays.

Know that you are in my prayers every day.

God bless.

Fr. MD

St. Francis of Assisi

October 4th is the feast of St. Francis de Assisi (1181 – 1226). On this day the Church honors a great friar from Assisi, Italy. He is the patron of the environment and animals because he loved all creatures and even preached to the birds. Also, St. Francis changed the wolf from bad to good behavior. For years, many congregations have started to bless pets and other animals on this day. In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, Father Mike Depcik will bless your pets at St. John’s Deaf Center on October 5th.



Blessing of Pets at SJDC

When? Tuesday, October 5th

Time? 11:15 AM-4 PM

Where? SJDC backyard (Individual Blessings)

Please bring your pet(s) to SJDC’s backyard and text Veronica at 313-556-2445 when you are here. Fr. Mike will meet you outside for the blessing!

Remember in your prayers!

For those who are sick, awaiting or recovering from surgery:

- Helen Booker
- Jackie Felix
- Ellen Gibb
- Paul Kuplicki, Sr.
- Bev Marchuk
- Harold Miller
- Loretta Milne
- Mike Rea
- Betty Schommer
- Kathy Wilson
- Karen Zabik

And for all members of our church who are lonely, grieving and dealing with mental issues.



CATHOLIC FAITH 101

Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith? About Mass? About other Faith related topics? Are you interested on discussing these with other members of the Deaf Catholic Community?

If you are interested, please join us for another Catholic Faith 101 gathering:

When? Tuesday, October 12 at 3 pm EST

Where? SJDC and RingCentral -This is a hybrid meeting.

At St. John’s Deaf Center for those who are fully vaccinated and can attend in person.

Those unable to attend in person, can join us via RingCentral (max 20 participants).

To register, visit our website or use this QRcode (use the camera on your phone to get to registration page)



Open to members of the Detroit Catholic Deaf community

Medicare Open Enrollment>>>

1. Don't Read Your Plan's Annual Notice of Change

At the end of every year, your Medicare Advantage or Part D plan will send out an Annual Notice of Change. This document outlines what changes are coming in the new year regarding costs and coverage.

Premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments don't come cheap and price hikes could surprise you come January 1 when the new plan kicks. Losing coverage for services or medications you use on a regular basis would cost you even more in out-of-pocket expenses.

TIP: Read your Annual Notice of Change every year to make sure you can afford the updated plan in the coming year and to make sure you are covered for the health care you need.

2. You Sign up for the Same Plan as Your Friend/Spouse

Many people sign up for a specific health plan based on recommendations from people they know. Maybe a friend or neighbor or even your spouse has had a good experience with a plan. Some people may choose a plan based on its brand name and reputation. While this may bode well for good customer service and coverage benefits, do not let these recommendations in and of themselves make the decision for you.

Your health is unique to you. No one shares your medical history. They may not be on the same medications or use the same doctors. In this regard, your medical needs will differ from your friends and family. You need to find a plan tailored to your individual situation first.

TIP: Recommendations from family and friends may help you to decide between plans but make sure those plans meet your personal needs first and foremost.

3. You Don't Switch to Keep Your Doctor

Unlike Original Medicare, which works the same anywhere in the country, Medicare Advantage and Part D plans work in local networks. That means that you can only use healthcare providers within that network, or you will pay for their visits out of pocket. Those costs can add up quickly.

Networks can change at any time. That means a Medicare plan could drop a provider from its network, not because there are any issues with the provider but because there is disagreement over contractual requirements. If you want to save money and keep the doctors you know and trust, or if there is a doctor you want to go to that is not in your current network, you may want to pick a plan that includes that doctor in its network.

TIP: Pick a plan that has all your healthcare providers in the network.

5. You Do Not Shop Around for a New Plan

You may think you already have the perfect plan. It covered all your health needs the past year and it came at a reasonable cost. It also delivered satisfactory customer service. Does that mean it is going to be the best plan for you in the new year? Not necessarily.

Insurance companies have a goal to provide quality health care but in their main intention is to turn a profit. With dollars and cents running the show, insurers are competing in the market, and this could work to your advantage. The truth is there may be several plans that may meet your needs. Take the time to see how they compare on costs and pick the one that will save you the most money.

The Biggest Mistake

The biggest mistake people make during Medicare's Open Enrollment is not making a change. Too many people take the path of least resistance and keep their current plans without further investigation. It is always worth a closer look to see if you can get better care at an affordable price.

Be well,

Kathy Mitchell

October Servers' Schedule

October 3, 2021

1st & 2nd Readings – Sandra Goulart
Response Leader – Gail Buchalski
Sacristan Duty – Dan Gibb

October 10, 2021

1st & 2nd Readings – Judy Vardon
Response Leader – Sandra Goulart
Sacristan Duty – Beth Ann
Aylesworth

October 17, 2021

1st & 2nd Readings – Paul Kuplicki
Response Leader – Gail Buchalski
Sacristan Duty – James Allen

October 24, 2021

1st & 2nd Readings – Carol Kuplicki
Response Leader – Beth Ann
Aylesworth
Sacristan Duty – Dan Gibb

October 31, 2021

1st & 2nd Readings – Bob Buchalski
Response Leader – Sharon Smith
Sacristan Duty – Carol Kuplicki

Virtual Rosary meetings >>>



Please send an email to Veronica at Balcarcel.veronica@aod.org to get the RingCentral link. We meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 6 pm, Tuesdays at 12:30 pm and Thursdays at noon EST.

Behind the Scenes... –

by Veronica

We all have a favorite (or a few) movie, play or TV show. We certainly can recitate the names of our favorite stars in these shows. But can we remember the names of those behind the scenes? Music director's name? Camera crew? Lights and sound engineers? Most likely not.

When we read the gospels, we follow Jesus and the Apostles' lives. We see the protagonists, the ones in the spotlight! But more often than not, those behind the scenes are overlooked. There were people who helped Jesus and the disciples in their three year journey. People who opened their homes for overnight stays and who fed Jesus and the Apostles. People who lended them a donkey and an upstairs room for the Passover Dinner. People who washed Jesus and the apostles' feet and served them food. Those people had an important role in Jesus' ministry even though we never hear their names.

What does this mean to us? If you are like me, sometimes I feel like I am not doing enough or anything important with my Christian life. However, thinking of me as one of the "behind scenes" support crew reminds me that my role, even if it goes unrecognized, has a big impact in God's bigger plan. Paul also reminds me,

in his letter to the Ephesians, that "God's grace is given to us, according to the measure of Christ's gift...To equip the holy ones for the works of ministry, for building up the Body of Body of Christ..."

So next time we are writing a letter or calling a loved one, cooking a meal for a grieving or sick friend, helping a friend move to their new place, and so forth, let us remember that there is no such a thing as "insignificant". With every single action, and words we are building the Kingdom of God. Let us share of faith and God's given graces with those around us: by being more kind, smiling more often and by doing daily works of mercy (love).

Our role as behind the scenes support crew might not be as glamorous and as recognizable as others, but without us, God's big production would be incomplete.

Let's be the best Jesus' "behind the scenes" support crew we can be and use His gift of Grace to build the Kingdom of God here on Earth!



Virtual Adoration

*Friday, October 1st at 11:15
am EST on Facebook!*

1700 CLUB

Congratulations to

Sandra Goulart

1700 Club
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Winner

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