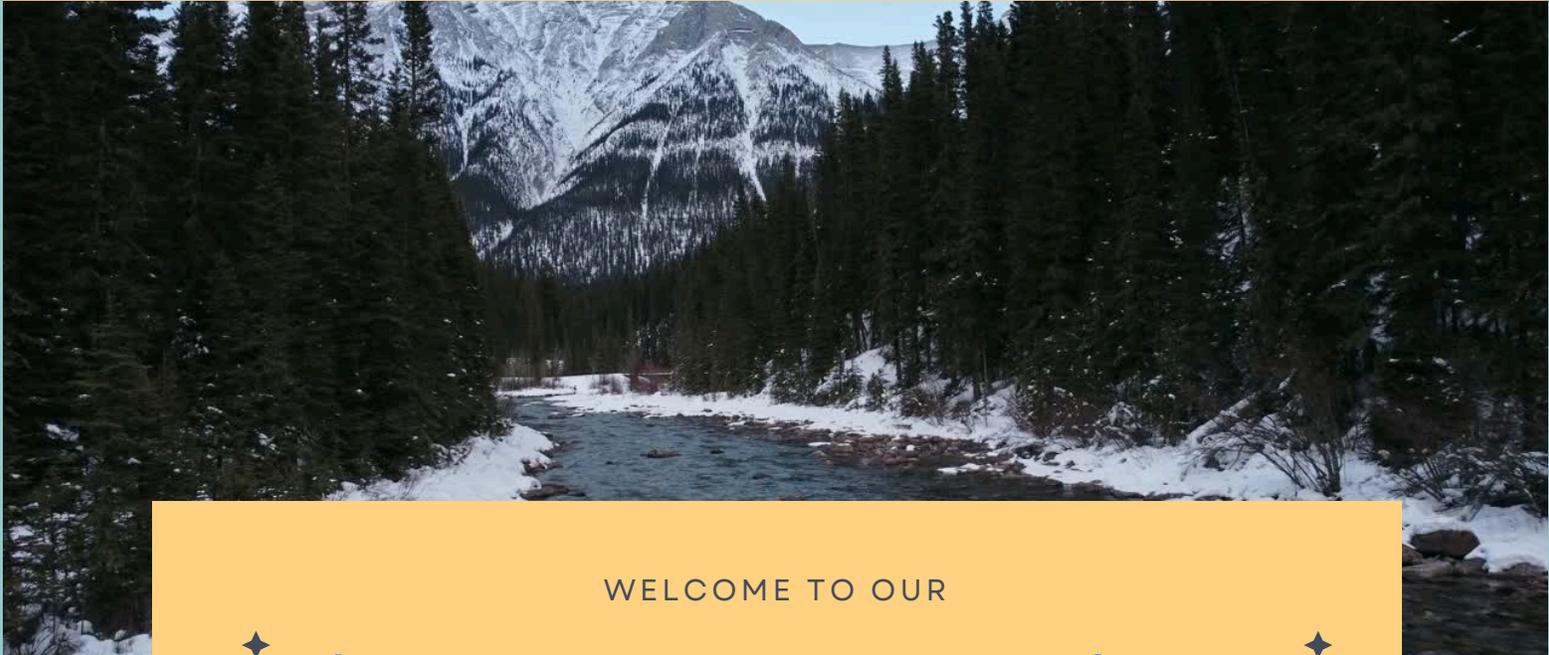


# CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY



WELCOME TO OUR

## February 2026 Newsletter



This February newsletter highlights the vibrancy of our CLC life—from regional gatherings and formation programs to acts of solidarity, leadership updates, and creative mission. We revisit the KCLC-West guide meeting, the Epiphany Mass and Examen program, and the Miami procession standing with immigrants. We celebrate new roles of service, including Lily de Leon as NAR Coordinator and Christina Kim on the World CVX-CLC Formation Team. Communities continue deepening prayer and discernment through local evaluations and the monthly Globalization & Poverty prayer gathering. We lift up the Đồng Hành Northeast SoulCanvas Art Auction and raise awareness of environmental stewardship. Looking ahead, we prepare for retreats, workshops, and CVX-CLC World Day as we continue journeying together in faith, solidarity, and hope.



In this newsletter you will find:

**Regional, National, Frontier News, Events & Happenings**

# UPCOMING *Events*



## *Globalization & Poverty Team*

🙏 Monthly Virtual Prayer Gathering  
We'll pray together and briefly share  
what's on our hearts, guided by our  
Frontier themes: Peace, Human  
Dignity, Race, Migration & Poverty

*February*

16

8:00 PM ET

# CLC Day 2026: Pray with Our Global Community

Dear friends,

On March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation, CLC celebrates **World CLC Day**. On **Saturday, March 21, at 15:00 Central European Time (CET)**, CLC members from all over the world will gather online for a prayer service hosted by the CLC members from the Middle Eastern Region. Please mark your calendar and plan to join the World CVX-CLC community.

**Saturday, March 21, at 15:00 Central European Time (CET) corresponds to:**

- 10:00 AM Eastern Time (ET)
- 9:00 AM Central Time (CT)
- 8:00 AM Mountain Time (MT)
- 7:00 AM Pacific Time (PT)

(duration: 40 minutes)

This year's prayer has been lovingly prepared by CLC members in the Middle East Region. We are grateful for their generosity and the care they have put into helping us pray as one body.

The prayer will be offered in the three official CLC languages and can be viewed on the CLC YouTube channel:

[CVX-CLC YouTube Channel](#)

In the days leading up to our community prayer, we will share additional details to help you prepare and participate more fully.

Please share this invitation with all CLC members in your region through social media, WhatsApp groups, and email.



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# CHECK OUT THE NEWEST EDITION OF HARVEST MAGAZINE!

Our latest issue of Harvest celebrates the *10th anniversary of Laudato Si'* and honors the ongoing legacy of **Pope Francis**.

**[Click here to view Harvest Magazine](#)**

## **Call for Submissions – Next Issue: *Caring for the Poor***

The upcoming issue will focus on “**Caring for the Poor**,” and we warmly invite you to contribute an article.

Pope Leo reminds us that **prayer alone is not enough**—we are called to act. As you consider writing, the following prompts may help guide your reflection:

- Who are the poor near you?
- How have you and/or your CLC responded to the poor in your lives?
- What kinds of poverty do you encounter?
- How does Scripture challenge us regarding poverty?
- What is meant by the preferential option for the poor?
- How has climate change affected the poor?
- What is the plight of refugees today?

## **Practical Details**

- Articles are typically **1–2 pages** in length.
- **Photos with captions** are welcome.
- Please include a **brief bio, personal photo, and postal address** with your submission.
- Deadline ASAP

For questions or submissions, please contact:

**Dorothy:** dorothonymzambito@aol.com

**Barb:** barbrudolph@att.net

**Lorraine:** lorrainedamman@comcast.net

# Interested in being on a Pastoral Care Team for LGBTQ+ individuals within our Christian Life Community?

**Our mission as a pastoral care team** is to nurture a safe, compassionate, and inclusive environment where LGBTQ+ individuals and allies are embraced with open hearts. We are devoted to offering spiritual support, fostering growth, and celebrating diversity within our community. Guided by respect, empathy, and faith, we strive to walk alongside all people, promoting understanding, acceptance, and genuine belonging for everyone we serve.

This group will discern together with the Holy Spirit what the needs are and how we will address them. We will be joining the Ignatian Spirituality Team in their frontier efforts.

If you identify as LGBTQ+, are an ally, or family member who would like to assist in this mission, please contact **Kathy Boyle** at **kathyboyle1955@gmail.com**. Please include a short bio, and why you would like to join this group.

We look forward to being led by the Holy Spirit to address the needs of the LGBTQ+ community and journeying together as one Christian Life Community in USA.





# GLOBALIZATION & POVERTY TEAM

## It's Easy to Have a Voice

### Contact Your U.S. Representatives

Names of Your Senators: [Senate.gov](https://www.senate.gov)

Call Your Senators: **855-999-8503**

Name of Your House of Representative Rep: [House.gov](https://www.house.gov)

Full list of Federal and State Representatives: [usa.gov/elected-officials](https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials)

*“To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26). You are not alone!”*

### Join in Prayer

The National Globalization & Poverty Frontier holds a monthly virtual prayer gathering to pray for the human dignity of our brothers and sisters in our communities, our country, and across the world.

### G & P Virtual Prayer – February 16, 2026 • 8:00 pm (US – Eastern)

It will be held the third Monday of each month.

Find the link and more information: Visit <https://clc-usa.com/globalization-poverty> or contact Anne Papinchak, [anne.papinchak@gmail.com](mailto:anne.papinchak@gmail.com)

**THE FACES OF THE CROSS**  
GLOBALIZATION AND POVERTY FRONTIER  
INVITES CLC AROUND THE WORLD TO A  
COMMUNITY PRAYER MOMENT (30 MINUTES)  
3RD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
AT 8PM ET  
Zoom Meeting ID: 813 7101 3736  
Passcode: 856864

# INTEGRATED ECOLOGY WORKING GROUP: DO YOU RECYCLE YOUR COSMETIC CONTAINERS?

The beauty industry generates an estimated 120 billion units of cosmetic packaging every year, yet most of these brightly colored bottles, tubes, pumps, and compacts never make it into recycling streams because their mixed materials and complex designs are difficult and costly to process.

As a result, consumers who want to recycle face significant barriers, and brands are only beginning to experiment with alternatives such as refill systems, post-consumer recycled plastics, aluminum packaging, or packaging-free products.

The scale of waste and the challenges of recycling make it clear that meaningful change requires both industry innovation and community participation.



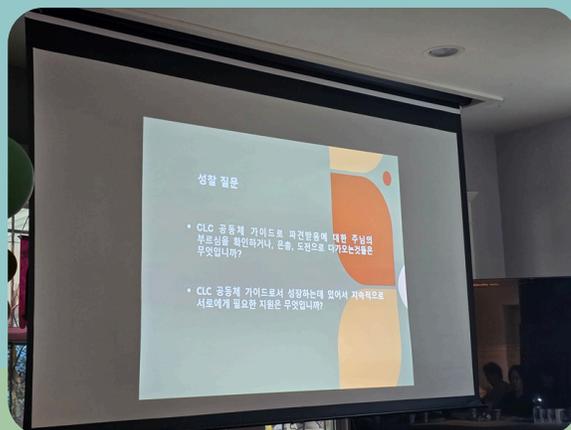
[CLICK HERE FOR MORE LINKS](#)



# KCLC-WEST IN-PERSON GUIDE MEETING

On January 17th, 2026, the **Korean CLC-West** held an in-person meeting for its guides. **Fifteen guides** – current guides and guide trainees – gathered for a meal, followed by a warm and productive discussion about the grace and challenges of being sent out as guides, and how we can support one another.

Through this meeting, we shared how grateful and joyful it is to be able to unite, serve, and grow together towards God through the CLC charism and Ignatian spirituality, fostering a deeper sense of love and solidarity.



# South Florida Region: Looking Back with Gratitude, Moving Forward with Hope: Evaluation of 2025

On Monday, January 26, we had our first meeting with the coordinators of the local communities, dedicated to evaluating 2025 and acknowledging both the shadows and the lights along the journey.

We began the meeting in prayer, opening our hearts to listen and be guided by the Spirit. Then each member made a paper boat, wrote the name of their community on it, and placed it on a sea of fabric on the floor, with the cross of Christ at its center. In this way, we contemplated how our communities sail together, sometimes through calm waters and sometimes through rough seas, but always with the certainty that our hope does not depend on our own strength, but is firmly anchored in Christ, who guides us, sustains us, and invites us to keep discerning his will along the way.

Among the difficulties mentioned were poor attendance, apathy, lack of personal and communal commitment, loss of members, and weakness in the life of prayer. However, it was also shared with hope that the community continues to be an oasis of support, a place where God's presence is experienced, where we are formed, share our faith, and live in freedom, while also discovering that we can be flexible and adapt. The need was expressed to grow in prayer, strengthen discernment, be more consistent, and become more involved in diverse activities. We know this is a challenge, but we face this path with hearts open and full of hope.





# South Florida Region: Solidarity with Immigrants

In Miami on Wednesday, January 28, members of CLC joined a Mass and procession in solidarity with migrants in front of the immigration court, organized by Barry University, Gesu Church, and the Pedro Arrupe Jesuit Institute.



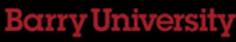
**Misa y Procesión en Solidaridad con Los Migrantes**

EN SOLIDARIDAD CON NUESTROS HERMANOS Y HERMANAS MIGRANTES, LA IGLESIA GESÚ, BARRY UNIVERSITY, Y EL INSTITUTO JESUITA PEDRO ARRUPPE ESTÁN ORGANIZANDO UNA MISA, PROCESIÓN Y UN SERVICIO DE ORACIÓN SOLEMNE FRENTE AL CORTE DE INMIGRACIÓN (333 S MIAMI AVE).

ASISTIRÁN DELEGADOS DE DOCENAS DE INSTITUCIONES JESUITAS DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS, CANADÁ Y AMÉRICA LATINA.

¡TODOS LOS CATÓLICOS Y PERSONAS DE BUENA VOLUNTAD SON BIENVENIDOS!

**MIÉRCOLES 28 DE ENERO**  
 2:30 PM | MISA EN LA IGLESIA DEL GESÚ  
 3:30 PM | PROCESIÓN  
 4:00 PM | SERVICIO DE ORACIÓN





# South Florida Region: Next Events

## Next Events

- **February 21-22:** Several members of CLC in our region will be serving in the retreat Family Encounters for married couples or single parents and their children ages 12 to 18 at the Center of Ignatian Spirituality.
- **February 28:** Workshop – Diary of Saint Ignatius, learning to cultivate our own inner path, guided by Maria Teresa Montero, at the Center of Ignatian Spirituality
- **March 21:** Celebration of CVX-CLC World Day at the Center of Ignatian Spirituality



## CASA MANRESA MIAMI LOS INVITA A



# Encuentros Familiares

## ¡VEN Y VIVVELO!

### POR AMOR A TUS HIJOS

• La familia es la obra maestra de Dios

Para matrimonios y para padres y madres solteros con hijos é hijas de 12 a 18 años



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# ĐỒNG HÀNH CLC NORTHEAST – SOULCANVAS FUNDRAISING AUCTION

## CREATION FROM THE HEARTS

**Auction Opens:** Sunday, February 8, 2026

**Auction Closes:** Sunday, February 22, 2026, at 11:59 PM

Dear beloved brothers and sisters in the CLC family,

There are moments when the Lord invites us to pause—just long enough to notice one another, to recognize the quiet footsteps that sustain our community, and to rekindle a flame of hope for the road ahead. In that spirit, the Northeast Region of Đồng Hành–CLC warmly invites you to join the 2026 SoulCanvas Fundraising Art Auction—a small but heartfelt step we take together for our shared mission.

These paintings are created by hearing impaired students at Thanh Tâm Private Special School, run by the Sisters of Saint Paul de Chartres in Da Nang, Vietnam. They are more than colors and lines; they reveal the purity and holiness of the children’s hearts through images that praise nature, God’s love, and human kindness. As you contemplate each piece, you enter a world that is quiet and pristine, where every stroke and every shade carries its own message—needing no words, only presence. These children “listen” to life with their hearts, and it is that very heart that guides each brushstroke into something innocent, luminous, and full of divine and human love.

### **Purpose of the Fundraiser**

Funds raised will be used to:

- Support regional groups and representatives in attending regional activities and national conferences of Đồng Hành and CLC-USA.
- Assist young adults in the region to participate in retreats and formation programs.
- Continue supporting the students at Thanh Tâm Private Special School. This is more than fundraising. It is our way of saying to one another: “You do not walk alone.”

### **How to Participate**

- Click the link to access the [SoulCanvas](https://amdgse.wixsite.com/soulcanvas) online auction.
- Spend time with each artwork and allow your heart to be touched.
- Place your bids according to the instructions. • You may bid as many times as you wish until the auction closes on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at 11:59 PM.
- You may also choose the Buy It Now option at the listed price.

A Call into Communion Every bid, every word shared, every moment spent contemplating a painting becomes an act of communion—a gentle yet profound response to the mission the Lord entrusts to us.

With deep gratitude for your generosity— You who quietly keep the flame of Đồng Hành–CLC burning bright.

Respectfully and warmly,

Nguyễn Anh Vinh Regional Coordinator, ĐHCLC Northeast

Link to SoulCanvas: <https://amdgse.wixsite.com/soulcanvas>

# PRAYERS FOR OUR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NOMINATION PROCESS

This year, our community will be discerning a **President-elect** and a **Member-at-Large** to serve on the Executive Council. We hold in prayer all regional gatherings and ask for the wisdom to recognize whom the Holy Spirit is calling forth from our National community for this important service.

**Nomination submissions are due March 14.**

NCC Representatives, please remember to forward the full information packet to your regions.

See below for the full timeline of the nomination and election process.



# HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

During this Black History Month, we especially honor the “**Saintly Seven**” of our Black Catholic leaders (see link below) and celebrate the courageous and faith-filled ways Black communities have shaped the life of our Church and our country. We also acknowledge the ongoing work, healing, and education needed for us to truly become one body in Christ.

- **Black Catholic leaders:** <https://bit.ly/3foDce6>
- **Black Catholic history:** <https://nbccongress.org/black-catholic-history-timeline/>



# LUNAR NEW YEAR IS COMING: A CELEBRATION OF RENEWAL, CULTURE, AND FAITH

As we approach **Lunar New Year**, many of our CLC members and friends prepare to welcome a season filled with gratitude, blessing, and new beginnings. Lunar New Year—celebrated this year in mid-February—is one of the most cherished holidays across Asia and the global diaspora, and it holds a special place in the life of many Catholic communities.

Rooted in ancient lunar calendars, this celebration marks a moment to pause, give thanks for the year that has passed, and pray for God’s guidance in the year ahead. In Catholic parishes around the world, Lunar New Year is often honored with **Masses of thanksgiving, family blessings, and prayers for peace, harmony, and renewal**. It is a beautiful example of how faith and culture enrich one another.

## Who Celebrates Lunar New Year?

A wide range of cultural communities observe this joyful season, each with their own traditions and expressions of hope:

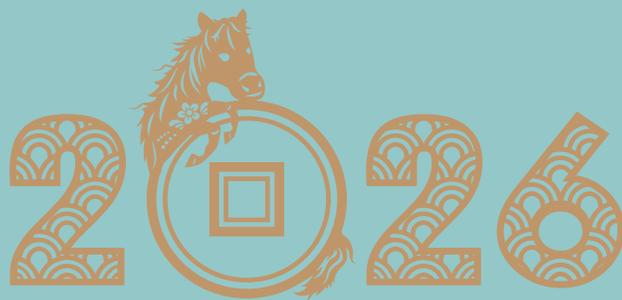
- **Vietnamese (Tết)**
- **Korean (Seollal)**
- **Chinese (Spring Festival)**
- **Mongolian (Tsagaan Sar)**
- **Tibetan (Losar)**
- **Hmong communities**
- **Chinese communities in the Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, and beyond**
- **Diaspora communities across the U.S. and Canada**



## A Shared Spirit of Renewal

Across these cultures, common themes shine through—renewal, reconciliation, honoring ancestors, blessing families, and stepping into the new year with hope. These values resonate deeply with our Ignatian way of proceeding, inviting us to reflect, give thanks, and begin again with open hearts.

As Lunar New Year approaches, we hold in prayer all who celebrate, and we rejoice in the rich cultural diversity that strengthens our CLC community.



# BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS FOR CHRISTINA KIM

We joyfully share that **Christina Kim** has been chosen to represent CLC in USA on the **World CVX-CLC Formation Team**. We are deeply grateful for her generous “yes” to this mission, and we ask God to bless her, her team, and the global formation work they will carry forward. We look forward to witnessing the fruits of their co-laboring with Christ.

Christina is a **Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Licensed Social Worker, psychoanalyst**, and MBA, bringing nearly three decades of leadership and formation experience within Christian Life Community (CLC). A member since 1999 (NY KCLC *Magis*), she made her permanent commitment in 2008 and has served extensively at both national and global levels, including:

- **National Formation Team** (2006–present)
- **U.S. CLC ExCo** (President-elect, President, Past President, 2021–2025)
- **Korean CLC Formation Coordinator** (2009–2021)
- **Global Formation Team representative for NAR** (joined 2026)

Her international experience includes participation in the **World Assemblies** (Beirut 2013; Amiens 2023), the **Global Formation Encounter in Manresa** (2023), and formation and retreat ministry in **Australia, India** (Kohima global initiative), and accompaniment of Korean CLC communities in **Canada**.

Christina’s pastoral grounding is deep and longstanding—rooted in 30 years of parish ministry, extensive spiritual direction and supervision training, multiple 19th Annotation retreats, and pilgrimages on the **Camino de Santiago** and **Camino Ignatiano**. She currently lives in New Jersey with her elderly parents and her two beloved Cavalier King Charles spaniels, Sophie and Ollie.



# Lily Elected Coordinator for the North American Regional Team

The **CVX-CLC North American Regional** team (NAR) includes the National CLC communities of CLC in USA, CVX French Speaking Canada, CLC English speaking Canada, CVX Mexico, CVX Puerto Rico and CVX Haiti.

*(CVX stands for CLC in French and Spanish - the other two official languages of our world CVX-CLC body).*

World CVX-CLC includes over 80 National Communities and the Regional teams offer a bridge between the National Communities and the CVX-CLC World Leadership team (WExCo) in communication and DSSE, our discerned way of proceeding.

We are excited to announce that **Lily de Leon** was recently elected to serve as the NAR coordinator. She is also serving as our National CLC in USA Secretary and represents NAR on the Global team for Standing Order no. 16, for the protection of minors. Lily is generous with her time and skills when asked to serve. As a bilingual speaker of English and Spanish, comfortable with Social Media, energetic, kind and discerning, Lily has so many gifts to offer to NAR team. We look forward to "Sending" and "Supporting" Lily in this role.

Thank you, Lily for your dedicated service to CLC. We accompany you and are ready to support you in any and all ways in this role.



# EPIPHANY PROGRAM AND MASS

An **Epiphany Celebration**, including Mass and a 30-minute discussion on the Examen, was held via an in-person gathering in Washington, DC and also online. For the online participants, members could join a discussion on using the Examen as an individual, as a couple, and as a family. There were about **50 people** who joined the program online. An additional group of about **18 people** met for conversation, food, the discussion, and a Mass with **Father Dave Godleski, SJ**, as the presider. Members of the Mid-Atlantic region, especially members from the Baltimore and Northern Virginia area, were invited to the in-person gathering.

The **Family Frontier** sponsored the event. For a list of resources on the Examen, and for information on how to use a couples Examen, contact **familyfrontier@clc-usa.com**. The resources list includes materials to use with families/different ages of children, teens, young adults, and adults. A member of the Family Frontier developed the couples examen and will be happy to talk with members about how the couples examen might be helpful for couples who desire to strengthen their marriage as well as deepening their relationship with God.

If you would like to view the workshop content on Bringing the Examen to Families, please contact **familyfrontier@clc-usa.com** or use the link on the Family Frontier page of the Christian Life Community website, **clc-usa.com**.

