

# The Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance News

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has.

April 2021

Margaret Mead

## KRESGE & FORD FOUNDATIONS RENEW COMMITMENT TO DCPA AND 21 CDOs

The Kresge and Ford Foundations have selected The Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance as one of 21 community development organizations (CDOs) to receive renewed funding for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

The Alliance has been granted \$130,000 to continue its community development work in the Gratiot Woods Community. These funds will allow us to cover staff salaries, hire a part-time youth coordinator, and host a series of programs this summer at the Brighter Detroit Community Center. We have also received \$5,000 for technical assistance, which will help our board strategically set a long-term vision for the organization.

We thank both foundations for their continued commitment to Detroit, the Alliance and the people of the Gratiot Woods Community!



## 2021 DCPA BOARD ELECTIONS

Due to COVID-19 and the cancellation of last year's Annual Membership meeting, we were unable to host our elections. This year, we will host two sets of elections: in the first, four people will be elected to one-year terms; in the second, four people will be elected to two-year terms. This will allow us to return to our normal election schedule.

*We enthusiastically welcome new candidates with skills (accounting, marketing, community building, facilitating, etc.) that will help strengthen our reach in the parishes and in our community development work in the Gratiot Woods Community.*

### 1 year candidates

*Christine McLaughlin, Ed Ramey, Rowana Vance*

### 2 year candidates

*Ed Bell, Carolyn Dennis, Paul Moore*

If you would like to cast your name to run for the Alliance Board please call or email John Thorne at 313-922-1435 or [jthorne@dcpasite.com](mailto:jthorne@dcpasite.com).

## DCPA ANNUAL MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING VIA ZOOM

The Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance invites you to join us for our Annual Membership meeting on **Wednesday May 19, 2021 via Zoom**.

Use the info below, or join from our webpage: [www.dcpasite.com](http://www.dcpasite.com).

## Join OUR Zoom Annual Meeting

<https://bit.ly/39Tgl4u>

Meeting ID: 928 8490 4870

Passcode: 242549

Dial in by Phone:

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

## 2021 URBAN PARISH SPIRIT AWARDS



The Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance's Urban Parish Coalition and the Archdiocesan Office of Cultural Ministries is pleased to present the **13th Annual Spirit Awards on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church.**

While this year's event will be scaled down; we are thrilled to celebrate a new class of honorees who embody the spirit of their parish!

The event will be physically open to each awardee, their pastor and one guest. All others are welcome to join via livestream on our website: [www.dcpasite.com](http://www.dcpasite.com)

## 258 E. MILWAUKEE SET TO OPEN BY JULY

When I think of the impact *we* have had in the affordable housing sector you can only be amazed how a staff of three and a host of committed members from all over the city could develop over 150 units of affordable housing; and now will soon open our newest development in the Milwaukee Junction neighborhood. What a magnificent way we have been able to assist in providing homes for so many people in need!

Soon 26 people/families will call 258 E. Milwaukee home. For more information on the Milwaukee Junction Apartments go to: [www.dcpasite.com/milwaukee](http://www.dcpasite.com/milwaukee).



## MINISTERS TRAINING TO START FALL OF 2021

As planned we will host our 2021 Ministers Training beginning **Saturday, August 14, 2021** at 12 noon. As for now we are planning a hybrid model of instruction in which participants can be either present or virtual with social distancing measures in place.

For more information or to register for the: [www.dcpasite.com/mos](http://www.dcpasite.com/mos).

## ALLIANCE TO HOST SUMMER SERIES TO BUILD MOMENTUM TO OPEN BRIGHTER DETROIT COMMUNITY CENTER

The Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance will host a series of Friday evening activities aimed at regathering the people in the Gratiot Woods Community, beginning on Friday, June 25th at the Brighter Detroit Community Center.

For over 70 years the Brighter Detroit Community Center has served as a staple in the Gratiot Woods Community. First as Nativity Parish's Activities Building and later as the United States only urban 4H Center. Terry Payne, its current owner would like to open the center to once again be a safe haven for everyone in the community.

*\*\*The Gratiot Woods Alive Series is presented by the Kresge Foundation and the Ford Foundation\*\**

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