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Buy local foods seminar held

As part of their ongoing effort to link local agricultural producers with consumers, the Catholic Rural Life Conference and the OK River Valley Chapter of the Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association held their fifth annual Buy Local Foods Seminar on Jan. 29 at St. George Church Hall in Georgetown.

Over 50 people gathered to hear discussions of farmers' markets, school and community gardens, genetically manipulated organisms, maple syrup production and composting.

There was opportunity for networking and exchange of information among those who were there, including producers

from several counties and representatives of consumer groups and institutions in Cincinnati.

OEFFA is a group promoting and supporting organic and sustainable agriculture in our area. For more information about OEFFA call Julie Kline at 937-392-1543. The Catholic Rural Life Conference is a group trying to bring a Christian perspective to life in rural areas and meets on the 2nd Thursday of the even months at St. Mary's Hall in Arnheim. Their next meeting is on February 9, 2012 at 7 p.m. For more information on CRLC, call Patrick Hornschemeier at 937-378-4769 day and 937-378-4560 evening.

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The seminar will be held at St. George Parish Hall, 509 East State Street, Georgetown, Ohio, from 1:45-5 p.m. For more information, call Julie Kline 937-392-1543 or Pat Hornschemeier 937-378-4769 (day); 937-378-4560 evening. No charge.



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