

Pastoral Priority: Catechesis and Faith Formation

- Offered three Regional Catechist Training days last August and September. About 450 parish leaders in total attended. Planning for the fall 2019 trainings is already underway.
- Successfully launched the *Totus Tuus* ministry in the Archdiocese last summer (2018) with four parishes and a team of four college age missionaries. Totus offers weeklong evangelization and catechesis to children and youth at parishes. Will have 8 missionaries and 12 parishes this summer (2019.)
- We formed a partnership with *Franciscan University of Steubenville's Catechetical Institute*, which offer online catechist formation for parish leaders and their lay leaders at a their own time and pace. We kicked this off with two workshops one for clergy and one for parish staff in April 2019. We have 11 parishes signed up so far. Great opportunity for catechist formation!
- We offered workshops on family catechesis highlighting the resource *A Family of Faith by Sophia Institute Press* (November 2018)
- Offered a workshop on *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* (a Montessori style catechetical method) in November 2018. A number of parishes are now taking this on as a new religious education model. Level I training is happening with support of the office of Catechesis.
- Webinars have taken place with *Augustine Institute's Signs of Grace*, a resource for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion. A follow webinar is in the works.
- Offered a few of day of reflections for parish ministry leaders in collaboration with Father Bernard Youth Center in Mt. Angel. Our annual Faith Formation Leaders Retreat (3 day overnight retreat) was well attended as well and offers our leaders time away for spiritual formation (March 2019).
- Gave a number of catechetical workshops at individual parishes throughout the Archdiocese with topics like the spirituality of a catechist and fundamentals of catechesis to name a few.

Institute for Catholic Life and Leadership

- Since 2017, the Foundational Certificate in Theology and Pastoral Ministry has been offered in two different sites (Keizer and Beaverton), with approximately 70 lay students participating in the English and Spanish tracks. The Certificate program will expand to Southern OR in the Fall of 2019.
- The next installment of the Archbishop's Lecture Series will be offered in the winter of 2019.
- The Archdiocesan Speakers Bureau was launched in 2018, and has been utilized by a number of parishes. We plan on expanding on the number of speakers, as well as the range of topics.
- The Archdiocese is entering its third year of partnership with the Augustine Institute – with over 50 parishes subscribed to FORMED.
- Plans to offer a Webinar Series via Zoom later in 2019.



PASTORAL PRIORITY: Divine Worship

- ✦ Pastoral Letter released: “Sing to the Lord a New Song”
- ✦ Archdiocesan Liturgical Handbook (ALH) training sessions throughout the Archdiocese
- ✦ Stations of the Cross 6,000 copies distributed
- ✦ Archdiocesan Vestments – each priest has a matching vestment
- ✦ 6,000 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) commissioned and registered with the Archdiocese
- ✦ Over 3,000 EMHCs trained
- ✦ Annual *Corpus Christi* Mass and Procession inaugurated at the Cathedral
- ✦ The monthly Divine Worship Newsletter (DWNL) - current Issue 20
- ✦ Source & Summit (Fuente y Cumbre) publications for EMHCs
- ✦ Parish Book of Marian Devotions published
- ✦ “How to Receive the Holy Eucharist” video (20K Views on Vimeo)
- ✦ St. Michael the Archangel and various other prayer cards distributed throughout the Archdiocese
- ✦ Regular monthly interview with *Mater Dei* discussing the DWNL



PASTORAL PRIORITY: Marriage & Family Life

- New Marriage Prep Framework:
 - Continued training and follow up with parishes on implementation
 - Partnered with and trained NWFS and FBYC assisting parishes with new framework.
 - Rolled out complementing Witness to Love's Marriage Prep for the Civilly Married"
- Small Group Initiative: Building Domestic Churches:
 - Promoted Lenten Small group materials throughout Archdiocese
 - Partnered with St. Pius X, Our Lady of the Lake and St. Anthony's in "building a culture of ongoing small groups" starting Lent and continuing through the year.
 - Started Beta Test of the *Marriage in Christ* seminar at St. Mary's Corvallis, St. Mary's Albany, Our Lady of the Lake, Holy Redeemer, and Holy Cross. Building on these initiatives by training new leaders.
- Authentic Sexuality:
 - Continued Anti-Pornography Taskforce with draft letter from ABS,
 - Regional Anti-Pornography Training at St. Rose of Lima in Spring for parents
 - Created a Tips for Parenting around Sexuality Car in English, Spanish and Vietnamese which were distributed to the parishes.
 - Co-hosted workshop in the Fall with Clergy office on addressing "Transgender" phenomenon.
 - Did a workshop on Holy Sexuality at OSU for the college students in the Spring.
 - Eight pastoral ministers attend Holy Sexuality training on sharing the truth in love with the LGBTQ community in Spring.
- Marriage:
 - Partnered with NWFS and Catholic counselor Patricia Mackie with a Marriage Refresh on research-based relationship tools to foster deeper love and friendship in Fall & Spring.
 - Hosted anniversary Mass with Bishop Smith for World Marriage Day at the Cathedral in February.
 - Partnered with St. Pius X and Catholic counselor Wendy Reimann for workshops for struggling marriages and strengthening couples' relationships.
 - Expanded our Faith-filled counselor database for Priests and Lay ministers.
 - Partnered with *Family in Christ* to do a beta test with a new resource for parents to lead prayer as a family for Lent.

TO: Archdiocesan Pastoral Council
FROM: Fr. Jeff Eirvin, Director of Vocations
DATE: May 17, 2019
RE: Office of Vocations Update

Collaborating with local parishes and vicariates to host vocation sessions with our seminarians and area religious

Continuing the weekly radio program “Answering the Call” on Mater Dei Radio to bring the stories of area priests, seminarians, deacons, and religious into the homes of local parishioners.

School visits, parish youth night visits, quarterly vicariate Mass for Vocations with Andrew and Miriam Dinners, and inviting men and women religious as well as seminarians and area priests to main Archdiocesan events to serve in a ministry of presence.

Director of Vocations available to present to parish and school staff about how to foster a culture of vocations in your community as well as provide resources for discernment.

Office of Vocations collaborates with the Pastoral Ministries Department when hosting regional and archdiocesan events and trainings to include vocations with respect to ministry.

Office of Vocations is connecting with the Catholic Schools to offer support and resources with regards to vocations and discernment. Office of Vocations regularly participates in school, parish, and vicariate youth and young adult events to share about vocations and discernment.

Overall Highlights:

- Seminarian Poster and prayer card with individual seminarian cards
- Revised Seminarian Application (Common Application with Region XII)
- Archdiocesan apparel given to seminarians
- Current Activities and Events:
 - Quo Vadis Days and Reunions
 - Archbishop’s Discernment Retreat
 - Monthly Discernment Evenings
 - Quarterly Vicariate Mass for Vocations with Andrew and Miriam Dinners
 - Answering the Call on Mater Dei Radio
 - 6th Grade Vocation Rallies
 - Nun Run
 - Collaboration with Pastoral Ministries Department and Catholic Schools Department to be present at archdiocesan and regional events, and to ensure we are inclusive of the many communities within the archdiocese.

Upcoming: Archdiocese Vocation Plan will outline set programs for parishes to use with regards to vocations as well as guidelines for Vocation Committees and Promoters as to how best to collaborate with the Office of Vocations in fostering a culture of vocations. In addition to Archdiocese Vocation Plan, there will be set resources to aid in implementing the plan at the school, parish, and vicariate level (prayers, lesson plans, and online resources).

Updating Vocation Prayer cards

Archdiocesan Prayer card for vocations

Prayer card for families

Prayer card for youth and young adults

Prayer card for children

Revising Seminarian Handbook

Revising policy for pre-existing student loan debt

Revising policy for funding seminarian education

PASTORAL PRIORITY: Works of Mercy

- Beginning in March 2019, focus of the Open to Life Columns in the Catholic Sentinel is on the Works of Mercy.
<https://evangelization.archdpx.org/sentinel-column>
- Commissioned Creative Services to create a series of posters for each of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Shared these with my contact at each parish.
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/e07athoz54yinu6/AACHRJmxuWRUQv_WR3noybgCa?dl=0
- Foundations of Faith, a monthly parish mailing that is issue focused, contains appropriate prayers, homily hints, bulletin reflection, and the relevant Work of Mercy with specific suggestions on getting involved.
<https://evangelization.archdpx.org/foundations-of-faith>
- Works of Mercy pages on the website have moved to
<https://evangelization.archdpx.org/works-of-mercy>
(Español) <https://evangelization.archdpx.org/vida-paz-justicia>
- In Progress: Working on an Archdiocesan guide of our parish's social services



PASTORAL PRIORITY: Catholic Young Adult Ministry

Mid 20's-30s Parish YA Ministry:

- WYD Pilgrimage 2019: ABS took a group of 30 with the vocations office with partners from two other diocese. Another parish participated but did a cheaper simpler pilgrimage.
- YCP Launched in March of 2018. Participation has started strong but has recently waned. Now working on rebuilding leadership team and expanding board
- Identified YA ministry leaders in Parishes to meet and collaborate every two months.
- Joint Lenten Holy Hour in Salem and Portland
- Joint YA Retreat for Advent & Len in collaboration with the Vocations office and YCP
- Planning and Save the dates for SLS Training in Jan. of 2020
- Began rebranding YA Ministry under #PNWCatholic. Social media & website underway and filling in YA groups across diocese.

Newman/College Ministry:

- Expanded Grant application information to better communicate and understand strengths and weaknesses of ministries
- Semester Gatherings of Newman Centers and Catholic College Club leaders to build collaboration.
- FOCUS Missionaries underway at U of O and took group to SEEK Conference. Still working on incorporation into the parish.
- Alpha training by request for campus ministry leaders and multiple courses run on campus this year.
- Joint Go Fish weekend Retreat was promoted diocesan wide and had over 200 college students attend Divine Mercy Sunday at the beach.
- Campus Ministry visits by the office to all 6 of the medium and large schools (UofO, OSU, PSU, UofP, WOU and SOU) to meet and see the ministries.
- Started Flocknote communication (email & text) for Newman/College Ministers as well as Parish YA Ministers
- Adjusting the campus ministry grants to be good stewards, focus on training, and build collaboration.