FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee
Office of Faith Formation Newsletter
November 2017

National Vocation Awareness Week
November 5-11

National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

From USCCB:
Cardinal Joseph Tobin, the Chair of the US Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations, reminds us that each of us in the Church has a key role to play in the witness of our vocation in ordinary circumstances, "As we go about our everyday life and most especially this week, we must keep vocations in our prayers, while, at the same time, being a mindful witness with our own vocation. We may never know how our lives may have an impact on someone else's story. Simply living out our call as disciples of Jesus Christ fully and joyfully in the world bears witness to the love of Christ as He generously bestows on each of us our own personal call."

For more information and resources for National Vocations Awareness Week including a prayer card, suggested prayers of the faithful and bulletin –ready quotes are available online at www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week.cfm or contact Sister Margaret Kuntz.

A Joy Ever New, A Joy Which is Shared
November 4 from 9 am to 4 pm CT
St. Peter, Mary Esther
Cost: $15

Join us for a day of prayer, reflection, and Adoration with missionary, Kevin McCall. Bishop Wack will join us in the afternoon to celebrate the daily mass.
For all those in catechetical ministry including youth ministers, DRE’s, catechists and Core team members. Register here. Deadline is November 1

Prayer for Vocations

O God, in the past you called men and women to dedicate their lives to you through priesthood and religious life.

Today stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many within our parish community.

Grant them the willingness and generosity to place their lives completely in your hands as priests, brothers and sisters.

Help me to support them by my own fidelity to your call to holiness through prayer & Christian service.

If you desire that one of my family or friends follow you in this way, grant me the wisdom and insight to support and encourage that person to listen to your voice and follow you without delay.

World Day of the Poor
November 19

After the 2015-16 Year of Mercy, the pope established the day to encourage new initiatives fostering encounter, friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance to the poor.

Pope Francis will celebrate a special Mass with the poor and people who assist them. Pope Francis is scheduled to offer a luncheon to 500 people attending the Mass, and the Vatican said it hoped parishes would do something similar.

What will your parish do?
Parish Catechetical Leader Meetings

Please bring the green folder you received at the last meeting and your National Directory for Catechesis

Tallahassee:
Wednesday, November 29
9:30 am Co-Cathedral
6 pm Blessed Sacrament

Middle:
Tuesday, November 14
9:30 am Corpus Christi Parish, Destin
Tuesday, November 28
6:30 pm St. Dominic Parish, Panama City

Pensacola: Pastoral Center:
Thursday, November 16
9:30 am and 6:30 pm

Emerald Coast Coalition for Life
Walk for Life

Friday, January 12:
Vigil Mass at St. Paul Parish, Pensacola

Saturday, January 13:
Mass at St. Joseph Parish, Pensacola,
Speakers at Seville Square
A march through part of the city.
For more information: https://www.eccfl.org/

Cities for Life
November 30

Join the Office of Advocacy & Justice at Good Shepherd Parish in Tallahassee from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (EST) as we come together in opposition of the death penalty. Dale Recinella, Death Row Catholic Chaplain, will be the key note speaker of this event. Christine Henderson, a National Organizer with Equal Justice USA will also be speaking. Bishop Wack, as well as a death row exonoree, will be present.

Unable to attend?
Those unable to travel to Good Shepherd are encouraged to light up their own parish and sound the church bells at 7:30 pm local time. If you are interested in holding a small event at your parish (prayer service, ringing bells, lighting up the parish, etc...) please contact our office.
To download an event flyer, click here.

New in the Library

Blessed: First Reconciliation DVDs, Leader Guide and Participants Book from Dynamic Catholic

Kingdom of Happiness: Living the Beatitudes in Everyday Life by Fr. Jeffrey Kirby from Saint Benedict Press

LoveEd: Raising Kids that are Strong, Smart and Pure by Coleen Kelly Mast from Saint Benedict Press
(DVDS and Facilitator Guide

Catechist Certification

Level I will be Echoes of Faith
Level II will be on-line on our diocesan website by the end of January

Congratulations to:
Aaron Ritz, St. Mary Parish, Pensacola, Level III

Protection and Prevention through Respect:
Creating Safe Environments

Thanks for all that is done to create Safe Environments for our children and youth.

Please be sure that all who are with the children/youth are in compliance!

As you plan of 2017-2018: Remember that you may need to have more than one session in order to have 100% participation which is our goal.

Forms for reporting were sent and are on the Diocesan website.

If you plan on using materials (DVDS, etc.) from the Diocesan Library, please reserve as soon as possible.

Welcome to:
James Reding, Director of Mission and Evangelization at Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
Nick Labrie, Director of Evangelization and Discipleship at St. Ann in Gulf Breeze

Catholic Days at the Capitol
January 30-31

Public Policy Briefing; Legislator Meetings
Food and Fellowship; Red Mass with Bishops

For information: go to www.ptdiocese.org — Office of Advocacy and Justice or aguador@ptdiocese.org
Advent
It is not too soon to think about Advent. The following are some of the resources available from the Diocesan Resource Library.

DVDs
Advent and Christmas Journey with Fr. Michael Himes – 5 DVDs
Preparing for Christmas
Christmas in Rome
Advent: Celebrating the Season
Advent: Time for Hope
The Angel’s Advent Lesson
The Kind Is Born
The Perfect Present

Books
Advent Begins at Home: Family Prayers and Activities
Advent Activities for Home and School
Advent, Christmas and Epiphany in the domestic Church
Advent in the Home: Activities for Families
Learning Center for Advent and Lent
The Jesse Tree: Stories and Symbols of Advent
Building Family Faith through Advent
Jesse Tree Kit
Saints-in-Waiting: Saints of the Seasons for Children: Advent and Christmas

Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians
Solidarity in Suffering:
A Week of Awareness and Education
Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Bishop Oscar Cantú, Chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace, have designated Sunday, November 26, A Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians that initiates “Solidarity in Suffering” a Week of Awareness and Education
The Bishops’ Conference is collaborating with the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Relief Services, CNEWA and Aid to the Church in Need on this observation.


Navigating the Transitions of Midlife Adult Faith
by Jim Merhaut
Published on NCCL.org: Adult Faith Formation Blog
Jim Merhaut examines the developmental and faith lives of adults in their 40s and 50s and offers some insights about adult faith formation opportunities for parishes accompanying them in this season of life.

Complimentary Webinar November 7, 2017 3-4 pm EST with Jim Merhaut
To register: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7586536055917516289

Midlife Adults in their 40s and 50s experience unique life transitions whereby they seek deeper spiritual meaning. Reevaluation of their life’s goals, recommitment to personal relationships, new ways of engagement in the life of the community, and other midlife transitions are fertile ground for authentic spiritual growth.

In this webinar, Jim Merhaut presents the developmental and faith lives of adults in their 40s and 50s and offers some insights about adult faith formation opportunities for parishes accompanying Generation X in this season of life.
**Apostleship of Prayer**

**November Intention**

**Christians in Asia.**

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

Read a reflection at http://www.popesprayerusa.net/reflectionsmonthly