

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Office of Faith Formation Newsletter

January 2020

Prolife Activities in January

4th Annual Emerald Coast Walk for Life & Rally January 11, 2020

Mass at St. Joseph Parish at 9:30 am

Rally 11:00am at Community Maritime Park

Keynote Speaker: Melissa Ohden

Walk immediately follows motivational speakers.

Vigil Mass is Friday, January 10 at 6:30 pm at St. Paul Parish

9 Days for Life

([resources for leaders](#))

Join thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer and action during the bishops' pro-life novena, [9 Days for Life](#):

Tuesday, January 21 - Wednesday, January 29, 2020.

World Day of Prayer for Peace



“Everyone can contribute his or her stone to help build the common home.”

(Pope Francis, Jan 1, 2019)

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month January 11 being National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

Human trafficking violates the sanctity, dignity, and fundamental rights of the human person. The United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons defines it as "the recruitment, transportation, harboring or receipt of persons by means of force, fraud or coercion...for the purpose of exploitation." According to the U.S. State Department, human trafficking appears in "many guises", often taking the form of commercial sexual exploitation, the prostitution of minors, debt bondage, and involuntary servitude. The United States government, and increasingly the international community, utilize the umbrella term "trafficking in persons" to define all forms of modern slavery.

Every year, millions of men, women and children fall into the hands of traffickers in their own countries and abroad. No sector or industry is immune from human trafficking. Victims may be workers in food processing factories, waiters or cooks at restaurants, construction workers, agricultural laborers, fishers, housekeeping staff at hotels, domestic help in private residences, or sex trafficked women and men in brothels, spas and massage parlors. According to the United Nation's International Labor Organization's (ILO) 2016 "Global Estimates of Modern Slavery," nearly 40.3 million people are victims of modern slavery, of whom 24.9 million are entrapped in forced labor and sexual slavery and 15.4 million subjected to forced marriage. Through coercion, deceit, or force, they are trapped in jobs and situations from which they cannot escape.

Traffickers lure men, women, and children with false promises of good jobs, education, economic security, and love. Once enticed, traffickers keep their victims from seeking help through means such as confiscating identification documents, threats of violence against the victim or their family, and physical or psychological abuse.

Human Trafficking: Key Statistics

The International Labour Organization (ILO) and Walk Free Foundation's "Global Estimate of Modern Slavery" (2016) provides alarming statistics on the prevalence of human trafficking worldwide:

- 25% of all victims are children age 17 or younger, representing 10 million girls and boys worldwide
- Nearly 30% of all victims are men and boys; jumping to 46% for victims of forced labor
- Of the 24.9 million victims of forced labor and commercial sexual exploitation, nearly 1 of 4 were exploited outside their home country
- For every 1,000 people across the world in 2016, 5.4 were victims of human trafficking

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Check out these resources:

[USCCB Anti-Trafficking Program](#)

NCCW Anti-Trafficking Project Resources

U.S. Sisters Against Human Trafficking



National Migration Week January 4-11

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children,

and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week 2020, "Promoting a Church and a World for All" draws attention to the fact that each of our families have a migration story, some recent and others in the distant past.

Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another.

Unfortunately, in our contemporary culture we often fail to encounter migrants as persons, and instead look at them as unknown others, if we even notice them at all. We do not take the time to engage migrants in a meaningful way, as fellow children of God, but remain aloof to their presence and suspicious or fearful of them. During this National Migration Week, let us all take the opportunity to engage migrants as community members, neighbors, and friends. To do so, we will look at the important role that foster care plays in the lives of unaccompanied immigrants and refugees, highlight MRS' Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees, and examine local initiatives that are making important contributions in this regard.

Resources for National Migration Week

#NMW2020 Toolkit ([Download the Toolkit here](#))

Adult Confirmation

Bishop Wack will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults

Sunday, June 14 at 2 pm at
St. Ann Parish, Gulf Breeze

Sunday, November 8 at 2 pm at
St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Chipley

Information will be sent to parishes by mid-January

Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

Tallahassee:: Sunday, March 1 at 3 pm
Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More

Pensacola:: Sunday, March 8 at 3 pm
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Parish Registration at
www.ptdiocese/rite-of-election

January Apostleship of Prayer

Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world

Catholic Days at the Capitol January 28-29

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

For registration or additional information for the
Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee,

[Advocacy and Social Justice](#)

Deadline to register is January 10.

Parish Catechetical Leader Meetings January

Topics: Lent, Catechist and Catechetical Leader Formation, Grants, VBS,
Lay Formation Institute, Adult Confirmation, , Parenting Conference

Monday, January 13 —9:30 am Christ Our Redeemer Parish , Niceville

Monday, January 13 — 6:00 pm St. Dominic Parish, Panama City

Tuesday, January 14 — 11:15 am Blessed Sacrament Parish, Tallahassee

Tuesday, January 21 — 9:15 am Pastoral Center, Pensacola

Tuesday, January 21 — 6:00 pm, Pastoral Center, Pensacola

Retreat for Women

Sponsored by

Women's Study Groups

Living a Life of Love

Retreat Leader

Martha Hall

Visitation Monastery

Mobile, AL

March 14 - 15, 2020

For more information, please contact

Nanette Bell at 850-543-0901

Deadline to register is:

March 5, 2020

Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus is a weeklong summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through catechesis, Christian witness and Eucharistic worship.

The methodology, structure, content, and enthusiasm of Totus Tuus is concerned with not only teaching the Faith, but also igniting the hearts of the team members and the young people they encounter. .

There is a program for K through 5th or 6th grade in the morning and a program for Middle and High School in the evening.

Last summer five parishes in the diocese experienced Totus Tuus: *Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Christ Our Redeemer, Corpus Christi, St. Rita, and St. Sylvester*

Parish forms and missionary applications are at <https://www.ptdiocese.org/totustuus> and must be completed by January 31

If you or anyone you know is interested in participating or becoming a missionary, email Sister Margaret Kuntz at kuntzm@ptdiocese.org.

Protection and Prevention through Respect: Creating Safe Environments.

**Remember to rotate the three topics:
Good Touch/Bad Touch and Relationships,
Internet Safety, Bullying**

[Click here for Reporting Forms and Links](#)

Remember our goal is 100% participation

**Thanks for all that you do to create a safe environment
in your parish for our children and youth!**

We did pass the audit!

The Sunday of the Word of God January 26

Pope Francis suggests that parishes undertake “initiatives to make the sacred Scripture more accessible to believers, to increase their gratitude for so great a gift, and to help them to strive daily to embody and bear witness to its teaching.”

Ideas for this day:

- ◆ Enthroned the Word of God
- ◆ Bless lectors
- ◆ Time of reflection for all who proclaim the Word
- ◆ including catechists
- ◆ Display Icons of the Evangelists
- ◆ Have families bring Bibles to Mass to be blessed
- ◆ Provide information on enthroning the Bible at home



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

**Gathering of the
Catechists of CGS
Saturday, February 8, 2020
Holy Name of Jesus Parish
9:30 am to 2:00 pm**

Register at:
ptdiocese.org/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd.

Level I Formation

Holy Name of Jesus Parish
June 25—July 1, 2020 and
June 20—26, 2021

Brochure and Registration Form at:
ptdiocese.org/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd.

You can see an atrium where
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd takes place
at the following parishes:

Good Shepherd, Tallahassee

St. Dominic, Panama City

Holy Name of Jesus, Niceville

St. Ann, Gulf Breeze

Nativity, Pensacola

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Pensacola

For more information, contact

Sister Margaret at:

850-435-3523 or kuntzm@ptdiocese.org

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Candlemas Day February 2

Traditionally, this is the day when all candles for liturgical use are blessed. Candles should be blessed at each Mass. Also, it's desirable to invite parishioners to bring devotional candles from home to be blessed.

Vision for Lay Formation Institute 2020-2022

To offer quality spiritual, intellectual, and human formation to lay people so that they are equipped to live out their vocation in the world.

This is geared to make you a more effective disciple of Jesus right where God has placed you in the world. Anyone seeking to make Christ more present in their family, neighborhood, social circles, workplace, and local community should consider the next cohort of the LFI.

Information Nights:

Pensacola

Monday February 12 — Little Flower

Tuesday February 18 — St. Paul

Panama City:

Monday March 2 — St. Bernadette

Niceville:

Tuesday March 3 — Christ Our Redeemer

Tallahassee

Monday March 9 — Good Shepherd

Tuesday March 10 — Co-Cathedral

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2, 2020.

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day.

May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

For more information: www.usccb.org

Adult Faith Formation

The diocese has become a partnering diocese with the University of Dayton Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation.

This means that any adult in the diocese can take one of the online courses for \$50.00.

For more information : <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/> or contact Sister Margaret



2020 Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference

New Orleans: January 11-13, 2020
Registration for the 2020 [GOgulfcoast](http://GOgulfcoast.org) Conference is now open!

Visit: <http://go4th.faith/2020register> and sign up today. With new options for 1, 2, & 3-day passes and lower prices, make sure you attend [#GCFFC2020!](https://twitter.com/GCFFC2020) [#HisVisionOurCall](https://twitter.com/HisVisionOurCall)

Save the Dates

Enkindling the Flame of Faith in Families Catholic Peenting Conference

Saturday, April 24
St. Paul Parish, Pensacola

Gathering for
Parish Catechetical Leaders, Youth Ministers, etc.
Friday, April 23 Dinner and evening!



Spend 24 hours visiting and praying with sisters from a variety of religious communities. Come experience community life while asking questions about discernment and getting answers in real time.

Single Catholic women ages 18-40 are encouraged to participate.

For more information, contact Sister Jean Rhoads, D.C., at sisterjean.rhoads@doc.org, 812.963.7556, or Sister Margaret Kuntz, ASCJ, at kuntzm@ptdiocese.org or 850-435-3523.

Register now online at <http://called2.be/GCGSFeb20>

Diocesan Catechist Certification

Credit will be transferred for past work.

The General Directory for Catechesis states:

“Diocesan pastoral programs must give absolute priority to the formation of lay catechists. “

Level I: Echoes of Faith DVDs can be borrowed from the Diocesan Resource Library

Level II and Level III: Websites and all forms for reporting to obtain credit

www.ptdiocese.org/catechistcorner

All catechists should be continuing their formation just as people do in their professional lives.

For information or assistance, contact Sister Margaret: 850-435-3523 or kuntzm@ptdiocese.org.

Jubilee Masses

Sunday, February 23 at 2:30 pm at St. Paul Parish, Pensacola

Sunday, March 1 at 11:45 am at The Co-Cathedral, Tallahassee

Register at <https://ptdiocese.org/marriageenrichment>

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