

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Office of Faith Formation Newsletter

September 2020



"Growing as Disciples, Living as Apostles"

Breakout Sessions on Saturday

First Session

What Does It Mean to be a Practicing Catholic and Practice Faithful Citizenship?
Ingrid Delgado

What Does It Mean to be a Practicing Catholic and Respond to the Sin of Racism?
Andy Cornett

What Does It Mean to be a Practicing Catholic and Engage with Catholic Media Sources?
Father Nixon

Spanish: ¡Echa las redes! - La Primera Sesión -- Olga Villar

Second Session

What Does It Mean to be a Practicing Catholic and Live simply Through Tough Economic Times?
Alison and Jim Blanchet

What Does It Mean to be a Practicing Catholic and Make Your Household a Domestic Church?
Melissa and Jake Cornman

What Does It Mean to be a Practicing Catholic and Return to the Sacraments after Covid-19?
Brother Parker Jordan, BH

Spanish: ¡Echa las redes! - La Segunda Sesión-- Olga Villard

Friday, October 9 from 7-8:30 pm CT

Saturday, October 10 from 9 am to 12 pm CT

Join on Friday evening for prayer and
Bishop Wack's Keynote

Come, follow me.

Go, proclaim the Good News

Vengan, síganme.

Vayan y proclamen la Buena Nueva.

Join Bishop Wack, inspired speakers and fellow Catholics as we deepen our faith to grow as disciples and live as apostles.

There is no fee but
we are asking everyone to register at:
<https://ptdiocese.org/growingandliving>

Schedule

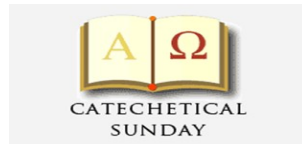
Friday

7:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Welcome and Opening Prayer with Bishop Wack
7:15 pm – 8:00 pm	Keynote - Bishop Wack
8:15 pm – 8:30 pm	Closing Prayer

Saturday

9:00 am – 9:30 am	Welcome Back and Opening Prayer with Bishop Wack
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Breakout Session One
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Break and Transition to Session One Discussion
10:15 am – 10:45 am	Live Discussion of Breakouts
10:45 am – 10:50 am	Quick Break and Transition to Session Two
10:50 am – 11:20 am	Breakout Session Two
11:20 am – 11:25 am	Quick Break and Transition to Discussion
11:25 am – 11:55 am	Live Discussion of Breakouts
11:55 am – 12:00 pm	Conference Wrap Up with Bishop Wack

Catechetical Sunday



This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 20. The 2020 theme is *I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you*. The theme focuses on the primary substance of catechesis, which is an invitation to a whole new life given by Christ Himself. It emphasizes that living faith necessitates movement, inspiring all those who hear the Word to share it as witnesses of the true and living God.

***This is a perfect time to acknowledge
the roll of parents as the primary educators
of their children in the faith.***

Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

For more information: [Catechetical Sunday](#).

Catechetical Sunday resources:

[Sadlier](#)

[Loyola Press](#)

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Assistants Formation Day

Saturday, September 19 from 9-Noon

St. Ann Parish, Gulf Breeze

Register by September 14

<https://form.jotform.com/DioPT/CGS-Assistants-Day>

The following parishes/schools either have an atrium or are developing one:

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Tallahassee

Good Shepherd Parish, Tallahassee

Immaculate Conception Parish, Perry

St. Dominic Parish, Panama City

St. John the Evangelist Parish, Panama City

Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Niceville

St. Mary School and Parish, Fort Walton Beach

St. Rose of Lima, Milton

St. Ann, Gulf Breeze

Sacred Heart School and Parish, Pensacola

Nativity of Our Lord, Pensacola

For more information, contact Sister Margaret

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd USA

has very good podcasts:

<https://www.cgsusa.org/learn/resources/podcast/>

Adult Confirmation

Bishop Wack will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults

Sunday, November 1 at 2 pm CST at St. Ann Parish, Gulf Breeze

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

More information at <https://www.ptdiocese.org/adult-faith-formation> or contact Sister Margaret

Parish Catechetical Leader Virtual Meetings

Wednesday, September 9 at 1 pm CST

Thursday, September 10 at 7 pm CST

Topics will include

Are you ready?

Getting families registered

Catechetical Sunday

Recording attendance

Tuesday, September 29 at 1 pm CST

Wednesday, September 30 at 7 pm CST

Topics will include

Challenges/Opportunities

What have we learned!

Sacramental Catechesis

Protection and Prevention through Respect: Creating Safe Environments

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

Remember our goal is 100% participation

**Materials are being developed for children/youth who
are participating virtually or through packets.**

There are new resources in the Diocesan Library

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

Directory for Catechesis

The Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization released a new *Directory for Catechesis* for the universal Church! This new directory consists of three main parts, each containing four chapters.

Part 1 “Catechesis in the Church’s Mission of Evangelization” focuses on the relationship between catechesis and the Church’s mission of evangelization. It includes chapters on divine revelation and its transmission in the Church, the identity of catechesis (including its goals, tasks and sources), the identity and vocation of catechists, and formation of those who hand on the faith.

Part 2 “The Process of Catechesis” focuses on the process of catechesis and contains chapters on the pedagogy of the Faith, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and its use in catechesis, catechetical methodology, and the recipients of catechesis across the lifespan and in various circumstances.

Part 3 “Catechesis in the Particular Churches” centers around various expressions of the Christian community where catechesis takes place as well as the dialogue between catechesis and daily life. It includes chapters on the role of the Christian community in catechesis, the way in which catechesis confronts current cultural contexts, trends and ideas, the role of catechesis in inculturation of the Faith, and the roles of the structures that oversee catechesis, including the Holy See, conferences of bishops and dioceses.

Diocesan Catechist Certification

The new program must be followed. Credit will be transferred for past work.

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

Level II and Level III : Online on the Diocesan Website

www.ptdiocese.org/faith_formation/catechist_corner

All forms for reporting to obtain credit are there also.

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



GROW IN FAITH ONLINE

VLCFF.UDAYTON.EDU 

- 3 or 5 week courses
- English & Spanish
- Certificate programs available
- Only \$10 week for a 5 week course (\$50)

Classes start August 30!



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

The [McGrath Institute for Church Life](https://mcgrath.nd.edu/news/mcgrath-institute-for-church-life) is inviting remote audiences to join University of Notre Dame faculty and staff for an online lecture series taking place this fall. The series is self-paced and encourages participants to learn about and foster devotion to six saints whose feast days fall between September and December.

“A Season with the Saints” is a continuation of the McGrath Institute’s efforts to provide dynamic online resources during the COVID-19 pandemic. The series features presentations that were previously delivered by Notre Dame faculty and staff to a live, on-campus audience. Released in a virtual format suitable for group study or individual users, each lecture will include a brief written introduction and discussion questions.

<https://mcgrath.nd.edu/news/mcgrath-institute-for-church-life-invites-reflection-on-devotion-to-saints-in-online-lecture-series/>

Resources from Vibrant Faith

Vibrant Faith Family Activity Images

<https://www.vibrantfaithprojects.org/vibrant-faith-home-activity-images.html>

Family Activities from Vibrant Faith

<https://www.vibrantfaithprojects.org/vibrant-faith-home.html>

Parent Education Toolkit

<https://vibrant-faith-catalyst.mn.co/posts/parent-education-toolkit>

Resources from Publishers for Family Catechesis

Our Sunday Visitor: Teaching Catholic Kids.com

https://teachingcatholickids.com/downloads-for-your-family/?utm_campaign=TCK%202020-08-24&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua

RCL Benziger

<https://k12.kendallhunt.com/content/distance-learning-families>

Sadlier

<https://www.sadlier.com/religion/family-resources>

Loyola Press

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/family/>

Holy Heroes

Consecrate your family to Jesus through Mary!

For more information:

<https://blog.holyheroes.com/marian-consecration-family-adventure-reviews-are-in/>

Our next Marian Consecration session begins on September 5th and ends on October 7th--The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

<https://www.holyheroes.com/Mary-s/154.htm>

September Apostleship of Prayer

Respect for the Planet's Resources

That the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.

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Ave Explores Series

Families of all sizes and types make up the backbone, not only of society but also the Church. The term "domestic church" dates back to the first century and relates to the home—the place where Catholics first learn about the faith and how to be a witness to God's love.

Ave Explores: Catholic Family Life will celebrate the beautiful diversity of families and their role in the Church. From singles to couples with many children and from priests and religious to grandparents and grandchildren, you will learn how each family is called to holiness and to share their faith with the world.

<https://www.avemariapress.com/aveexplores-catholic-family-life>

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Resources:

Team RCIA

Team RCIA.com

Liturgical Training Publications

[https://ltp.org/search/index?](https://ltp.org/search/index?searchQuery=Workshop%20for%20RCIA)

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Rite of Election

February 21 Tallahassee

February 28 Pensacola

Looking Ahead: Dates to Remember

October 9-10	Growing and Living Virtual Conference
November 1	Adult Confirmation at St. Ann, Gulf Breeze
November 8	Adult Confirmation at St. Joseph the Worker, Chipley
January 16	Walk for Life in Pensacola
February 14	Jubilee Mass Pensacola
February 17	Ash Wednesday
February 21	Jubilee Mass Tallahassee
February 21	Rite of Election Tallahassee
February 28	Rite of Election Pensacola
March 24-25	Catholic Days at the Capitol/Red Mass
March 26-27	Parenting Conference