

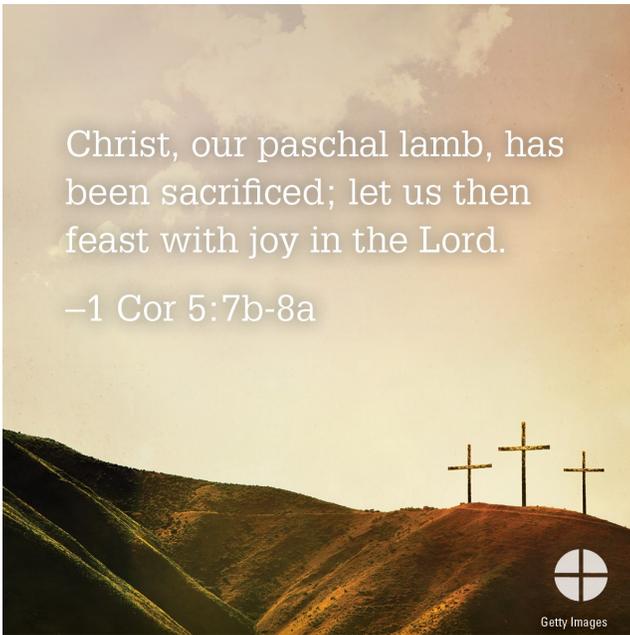
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Office of Faith Formation Newsletter

April 2021



Lay Formation Institute Vision

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

Format

Virtual Learning

14 Saturday workshops which will be available via livestream and as a recording.
Online theology courses through Dayton's VLCFF

In Person

Opening one day guided reflection
Weekend long closing retreat

Real World Application

Through the Called and Gifted discernment process, participants will identify their spiritual charism and take steps to implement it on a practical level

Virtual information gathering

Tuesday, April 13
9:30 am (CT) and 6:30 pm (CT)
10:30 am (ET) and 7:30 (ET)

To attend please click below:

[The Pensacola-Tallahassee Lay Formation Institute](#)

For more information:

850-435-3523 or layformation@ptdiocese.org

The New *Directory for Catechesis*

In July of 2020 the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the new Evangelization published the

Directory for Catechesis for the universal Church

To begin to explore this document and its implications for our diocese

Sister Margaret Kuntz, ASCJ,
Director of the Office of Faith Formation,
is hosting a series of virtual gatherings

Mondays at 1 pm CT (2 pm ET)

April 5, 12, 19

Thursdays at 6:30 pm CT (7:30 pm ET)

April 8, 15, 22

Join any session from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS
or Android:

[https://meetings.ringcentral.com/
j/1465007781](https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1465007781)

Or iPhone one-tap : +1(469)

4450100,,1492484524# (US South)

Or Telephone: +1(469)4450100 (US South)

**Sessions will be held twice a week for
30-45 minutes**

exploring two chapters a week.

You do not need to read the document to participate

and

you do not have to join a session each week!

Join when you can!

April Apostleship of Prayer

Fundamental rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection has created a toolkit for parish use. This toolkit includes ministry building activities, engagement ideas, social media suggestions and educational resources.

[Promise to Protect—Pledge to Heal Child Abuse Prevention Resource Toolkit](#)

Child and Youth Protection Novena

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month. While dioceses work year-round to prevent abuse, during this month a special emphasis is placed on the importance of learning how to protect the vulnerable from this evil.

Novena for Protection and Healing from Abuse Intercessions

Day 1: May the most vulnerable be protected from all types of abuse and exploitation.

Day 2: May those who have been sexually abused receive comfort and healing.

Day 3: May those who work with children and young people be vigilant in protecting them from harm.

Day 4: May those who provide help for the abused act with wisdom and compassion in their healing ministries.

Day 5: May all families strive to provide safe and nurturing environments for children and young people.

Day 6: May all those who have committed abuse acknowledge the harm they have done, repent, and accept justice that ultimately comes from God.

Day 7: May those who have been abused receive the courage to tell their story, and may they be believed and supported.

Day 8: May Church leaders, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, promote justice and healing for survivors of abuse.

Day 9: May our Holy Father, Pope Francis, fulfill his role as good shepherd and protect the most vulnerable in his flock.

Prayers Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be, Prayer for Healing

Prayer for Healing

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by his blood on the cross. Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them. Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely harmed, and the cries of those who love them. Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth. Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For more information:

[USCCB: Protection of Children & Young People](#)

[Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee: Safe Environment: Protecting Youth with Bishop Bill](#)

[Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee: Teaching Safe Environment](#)

[USCCB: April Bulletin insert-April is Child Abuse Prevention Month](#)

Join the Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection on April 21st, 11:30am EST

For a [Webinar](#): "Child Abuse Prevention Month: Why? and How?"

Theme: Implementing the RCIA Adapted for Children

August 4-5 in English
August 6-7 in Spanish

The Summer Virtual Workshops™ theme will be **Implementing the RCIA Adapted for Children** and they will take place on August 4-5 for the English-language event, and August 6-7 for the Spanish language event. This year's event will be virtual, so join us from the comfort of your own home or office!

From now **until Monday, April 5th**, enjoy the **early bird registration** fee of \$55 per person for either the English or Spanish event. Seats are limited, so make sure to register today.

For more information [click here](#) or
Click here to [Register](#)

Young Adult Ministry

A team of young adults is planning activities and events for young adults across the diocese.

If you would like to join the team, contact Sister Margaret at kuntzm@ptdiocese.org or 850-435-3523

Young Adult Virtual Reflection Morning *Come Follow Me*

Saturday, May 15
9:00 am CT (10:00 am ET)
Until 12:00 pm CT (1:00 pm ET)

Dr. Mario Sacasa and Dr. Tom Neal

will be presenting on discerning the will of God. Prayer, praise, workshop and discussion time will complete the morning.

To Register [click here](#).

Registration will provide the link for the morning.

A Retreat Day with Fellowship and Fun on September 25

For more information click here:

[***PT DIOCESE Young Adult Groups***](#)

Groups of Young Adults have activities in various parts of the diocese. Check out these Facebook groups

Tallahassee

Tallahassee Catholic Young Adults

Niceville/Fort Walton Beach

Emerald Coast Catholic Young Adults
Veritas

Pensacola

Pensacola Catholic Young Adults

The Church Celebrates the Family

From
**United States Conference of
Catholic Bishops**

On March 19, 2021, the Church celebrates the fifth anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, on the beauty and joy of love in the family. On this same day, Pope Francis will launch the year "Amoris Laetitia Family," which will conclude on June 26, 2022, during the X Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father.

Pope Francis announced the year of "Amoris Laetitia Family" during his Angelus Message on the Feast of the Holy Family on December 27, 2020. He ended his address invoking the Blessed Mother, "May the Virgin Mary grant that families throughout the world be increasingly fascinated by the evangelical ideal of the Holy Family, so as to become a leaven of [a] new humanity and of a genuine and universal solidarity."

News, Events, and Resources

[Prayer for the X World Meeting of Families](#)

The Holy Father's most recent [video post](#)

[12 Ways to Walk with Families Following Amoris Laetitia](#)

[Announcement of the establishment of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly](#)

Year of Amoris Laetitia Family Brochure
([English](#) and [Spanish](#))

**"Holy Family of Nazareth, make us
once more mindful of the sacredness
and inviolability of the family and its
beauty in God's plan."**

(Amoris Laetitia, 325)

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

For Children

Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) Kids is the mini-magazine kids (aged 2-6) will love. But best of all, their parents (or grandparents) will have in their hands, as a valued gift from you, a simple and stress-free way to share their Faith with their children.

You can provide OSV Kids for as low as \$1.16 per month per child (when you order

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

If interested in beginning an atrium, contact Sr. Margaret

Catechist Formation:

Level II Week Two: July 11–17 at:

Good Shepherd Parish, Tallahassee

Level I Week Two: June 13-19 at:

St. Ann Parish, Gulf Breeze

Level I Week One: June 24-30 at:

Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Niceville

Click here for [Registration forms](#)

Parent pages can be found on our diocesan website:

ptdiocese.org/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd USA

has [very good podcasts](#):



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Year of St. Joseph

The USCCB composed this novena to be prayed yearly on March 10-18, the nine days that precede the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on March 19. Each day of the novena is accompanied by a reflection video from the bishops of the Committee on Divine Worship.

[Year of St. Joseph Resources from USCCB](#)

[Prayer to St. Joseph after the Rosary](#)

[Consecration to St. Joseph](#)

Additional Resources

[Vatican News—Plenary Indulgence for year of St. Joseph](#)

[Catholic Link—All The Resources You Need For The Year of St. Joseph](#)

[The Fathers of Mercy—The Year of St. Joseph: Some Basic Facts](#)

[Sadlier—St. Joseph Activity](#)

[Our Sunday Visitor—The Year of St. Joseph](#)

[RCL Benziger—Remembering Saint Joseph](#)

Protection and Prevention through Respect: Creating Safe Environments

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

Remember our goal is 100% participation.

*Reports are past due!
Materials available from the Diocesan Resource Library are listed by age groups at*
[Library Resources](#)

Additional ideas, etc. are in the password protected section at:
[Additional Resources](#)

If you need help with setting up your session, contact Sister Margaret.