FAITH FORMATION NEWS

March 2021

March Apostleship of Prayer
Sacrament of Reconciliation

“Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion.”

— Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2019

Year of St. Joseph

The USCCB has 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 will be 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

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 recoding.
Online theology courses through Dayton’s VLCFF program

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 and 6:30 pm

For more information: and link for gathering
850-435-3523 or layformation@ptdiocese.org

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Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God.
And let us pray that God may give his Church merciful priests and not torturers.
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.

If you have not had the session with the children/youth please set and dates and complete by March 30.

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

Parish Catechetical Leader Meetings
Tuesday, March 16 9:30 am and 6:30 pm

RCIA adapted for Children/Youth
Summer Programs
Catechist Formation Topics and Dates
Safe Environment
Planning for Next Year
Concerns and Needs

Articles to read and link for meeting will come in an email.

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

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

A Virtual Evening with Bishop Wack
March 23 at 6:30 pm CT (7:30 ET)
Encountering the Other: Creating Life Giving Community
Register here: A Virtual Evening with Bishop Bill for the link to join this event

Young Adult Reflection Morning
Saturday, May 15
More info to come

A Retreat Day with Fellowship 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
Young Adults of Good Shepherd Parish
Frassati Society of Tallahassee, FL.

Niceville/Fort Walton Beach
Emerald Coast Catholic Young Adults
Veritas

Pensacola

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

Click here for Additional parent resources

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd USA
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 during March and April.

Mondays at 1 pm CT (2 pm ET)
March 8, 15, 22 and April 5, 12, 19

Thursdays at 6:30 pm CT (7:30 pm ET)
March 11, 18, 25, and April 8, 15, 22

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