May is the Month of Mary

Sadlier Religion — Resources to Honor Mary - download prayer cards [here](#)

USCCB — Devotions to Mary

Loyola Press—[Pop-Up Catechesis: May Crowning at Home](#)

Religion Teacher's Journal—[Hail Mary Activities (and many resources)](#)

Lay Formation Institute

The Lay Formation Institute vision is 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 program is geared to make you a more effective disciple of Jesus right where God has place you in the world.*

The curriculum is focused on sanctifying the cultural spaces outside the usual reach of the institutional Church.

Those who are passionate about bringing the presence of Christ to their families, neighborhoods, social circles, workplace and local community are ideal candidates for this program.

A new cohort will begin in August of 2021.

If you are interested go to [https://www.ptdiocese.org/layformationinstitute](https://www.ptdiocese.org/layformationinstitute) for more information or contact 850-435-3523 or layformation@ptdiocese.org

May Apostleship of Prayer

The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.
Parish Catechetical Leaders Meetings

Topics Include:
End of the Year, Planning for 2021-2022,
Recognizing and Recruiting Catechists,
Lay Formation Institute, Summer Programs,
Catechist Formation, Parish Catechetical Leader
Formation,
Challenges and Opportunities, Dates for next year

Tuesday, May 11
Virtual
9:30 am CT (10:30 am ET)
6:30 pm CT (7:30 pm ET)

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Diocesan Catechist Certification

The General Directory for Catechesis states:
“Diocesan pastoral programs must give absolu-
tate priority to the formation of lay catechists.

Level I uses the Echoes of Faith DVDs
which can be obtained from the Diocesan Library.
Level II is on-line at:
www.ptdiocese.org/faithformation/catechistcorner.
All forms for reporting to obtain credit are also
there.

Level II and Level III are designed so that a catechist can
complete a topic totally on-line in about one hour.

Credit will be transferred for past work.

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Adult Confirmation

Bishop Wack will celebrate the Sacrament of
Confirmation for adults baptized Catholic

Sunday, October 17 at 2 pm
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Pensacola
Sunday, November 7 at 2 pm
Blessed Sacrament Parish, Tallahassee

Information will be sent to parishes by June 15.
Or contact Sister Margaret Kuntz
850-435-3523
kuntzm@ptdiocese.org

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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
on-line courses for $50.00 (Non partnering is $105.00.)

For more information click here: or contact Sister Margaret
at: 850-435-3523 or kuntzm@ptdiocese.org

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Adult Faith Formation

Seeking a BA or Graduate Degree
in Ministry and Theology?
Check the Loyola University Institute for
Ministry for on-line programs.

For additional information on BA:
Click here for Bachelor of Arts
For additional information on Masters:
Click here for Masters

Or contact Sister Margaret at 850-435-3523 at
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Saturday, October 2

This conference will be hybrid: in-
person and virtual.

Bishop Felipe J. Estévez
Bishop of Diocese of St. Augustine
Keynote Presenter
in English and Spanish

Breakout Session in English and Spanish,
Eucharistic Adoration and Mass.
Watch for registration in August.
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
These parishes/Schools have or are starting an atrium:
- Blessed Sacrament, Tallahassee
- Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Pensacola
- Good Shepherd, Tallahassee
- Holy Name of Jesus, Niceville
- Immaculate Conception, Perry
- Nativity of Our Lord, Pensacola
- St. Ann, Gulf Breeze
- St. Dominic, Panama City
- St. John, Panama City
- St. Mary, Fort Walton Beach
- St. Paul, Pensacola
- St. Rita, Santa Rosa Beach
- St. Rose of Lima, Milton

For more information contact
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Catechetical Sunday
September 19
More information to follow

Young Adults
Virtual morning,
Come Follow Me
Saturday, May 15
9:00 am CT (10:00 am ET) to Noon CT (1 pm ET).

Dr. Mario Sacasa and Dr. Tom Neal will be presenting on discerning the will of God.

Prayer, praise, worship and discussion time will complete the morning.

Go to https://www.ptdiocese.org/youngadult to register.

Protection and Prevention through Respect: Creating Safe Environments.
If you have not had your session(s) with the children/youth, please do so immediately.

In planning for next year, please schedule your safe environment session(s) early in the year.
Remember to rotate the three topics:
- Good Touch/Bad Touch and Relationships
- Internet Safety
- Bullying

Enkindling the Flame of Faith Parenting Conference
Saturday, November 13
St. Paul Catholic Church, Pensacola

In Person and Virtual
Keynote: Tom Quinlan
Breakouts by age groups of children/youth

Session for Leaders
Friday, November 12

Tallahassee Frassati Young Adults
Facebook: Tallahassee Catholic Young Adults
Mass and dinner
Saturday discussion of readings

Pensacola Young Adults
Escambia/Santa Rosa Counties
Facebook: Pensacola Catholic Young Adults
Discipleship on Draft on 4th Wednesday
Bible Study on Second Wednesday
Service at various times

Young Adults
Niceville/Fort Walton/Crestview/Okaloosa and Walton Counties
Facebook Emerald Coast Catholic Young Adult Ministry
Discipleship on Draft is third Monday of the Month
Small Group Study is Mondays
Rosary is Tuesday mornings

Young Adult Ministry Around the Diocese
For more information contact:
Sister Margaret Kuntz at: kuntzm@ptdiocese.org or 850-435-3523
Ideas for the Year of St. Joseph

Katie Herzing is the Senior Parish Coach at Our Sunday Visitor.

- **Offer a parish-wide Consecration to St. Joseph.** As a community pray this Consecration together. Individuals can prepare either by household or in small groups (we all know how to join a virtual meeting by now) and then come together for the final consecration.

- **Consecrate your entire parish to St. Joseph.** Each week conclude Mass by praying the parish consecration prayer together before the closing hymn. This would involve everyone even if they weren’t making a personal commitment to the preparation.

- **Celebrate Fostering and Adoption in a new way.** I believe this is one of the biggest differences we can make in an individual’s life. I know that it’s a defining characteristic of my own life. However, it’s not something that’s ever celebrated or talked about in the Church (or if it is, it’s very rare and usually related to moms in a crisis pregnancy situation). What if you offered a speaker on foster care to encourage families to discern whether this is something they’re called to – or supporting new foster families with meals, new clothes, books, toys for their foster children, or a special way to welcome foster children of your parish families into youth ministry or religious education.

- **Pray the Novena to St. Joseph for stronger husbands and more fulfilling marriages.**

- **Invite special speakers to “come” to the parish to talk about the many virtues of St. Joseph.** This is easier to do than ever with virtual classes that don’t require the cost of covering traveling expenses. Join with a few parishes in your area to sponsor an online event to learn about this amazing Saint.

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