



And Mary said:
"My soul proclaims the
greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in
God my Savior."

—Lk 1:46-47



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 Crowing at Home](#)

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

RCIA

*Online Formation for Parish Teams
and anyone involved in this ministry*

Tuesdays in June

6:30 - 8:00 pm CT / 7:30 - 9:00 pm ET

- June 1 Principles of the RCIA
- June 8 RCIA is More Than Just Catechesis
- June 15 Seek the Living God:
Five Questions for Conversion
- June 22 Your Parish *Is* the Curriculum
- June 29 The Awe-Inspiring Rites of the RCIA

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There is no cost. This is through a grant from:

**The Catholic Foundation
of Northwest Florida**

To register and receive the needed information
go to:

<https://teamrcia.com/ptdiocese>

Register and attend the sessions that you can!

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>

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.

Summer Programs for Children/Youth

Send in your information by May 15.

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)

Diocesan Catechist Certification

The General Directory for Catechesis states:
“Diocesan pastoral programs must give absolute 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/catechist corner.
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.

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

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



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.

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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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

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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.

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

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

Ideas for the Year of St. Joseph

Katie Herzog 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.

Catechist Days

Virtual Morning for Catechists
Saturday, October 16

January/February
Date to be Determined

Looking Ahead Dates to Remember

June 1	RCIA Formation:
June 2	Ordination
June 8	RCIA Formation
June 13-19	Catechesis of Good Shepherd Level I Week II
June 15	RCIA Formation
June 22	RCIA Formation
June 24-30	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I Week I
June 29	RCIA Formation
July 11-17	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level II Week II
August 14	Lay Formation Day
September 11	Lay Formation Day
September 19	Catechetical Sunday
September 25	Young Adult Day
October 2	Growing and Living Conference
October 9	Lay Formation Day
October 16	Catechist Day
October 17	Adult Confirmation, Pensacola
November 6	Lay Formation Day
November 7	Adult Confirmation, Tallahassee
November 13	Parenting Conference
January 8	Lay Formation Day
January 30	Black History Mass at St. Mary
February 1-3	Catholic Days at the Capitol
February 12	Lay Formation Day
March 6	Rite of Election place TBD
March 13	Rite of Election place TBD
March 19	Lay Formation Day
April 9	Lay Formation Day

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