**Important Dates**

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**Father’s Day**  
June 17, 2018

**Presbyteral Ordination**  
June 29, 2018 at 7:30 pm  
St. Maria Goretti Church  
Madison

**Permanent Diaconate Ordination**  
July 22, 2018 at 3:00 pm  
St. Bernard Parish  
Madison

**Assumption of Bl. Virgin Mary**  
August 15, 2018  
**Holy day of Obligation**

**Presbyteral Assembly XXXVIII**  
September 16-19, 2018  
Chula Vista Resort  
Wisconsin Dells

**Diaconate Ordination**  
December 7, 2018 at 7:30 pm  
St. Paul Catholic Student Center  
Madison

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*P MAY HE REST IN PEACE P*

Rev. Donald Murray, age 85, died Tuesday, May 1, 2018. He was a priest for almost 57 years.

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**Witness to Freedom**

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**FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM**

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**JUNE 21 TO JULY 4, 2013**

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**WITNESS TO FREEDOM**

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Diocesan Sponsored Program: □ Offertory only □ Time, Talent, and Treasure

□ Not currently participating in a program

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If you would like to receive this form in an electronic version by e-mail, or have any other questions please contact:

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Living with the Saints

1 St. Justyn Martyr (c. 100-165) was born into a pagan family and converted to Christianity as an adult. He was one of the first **apologists**—one who makes a case for the faith with non-believers. Find time today to read his description of the Mass written in the year 155 (quoted in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1345).

6 St. Norbert (c. 1080-1134) was a German bishop who founded an order called the Norbertines, which is still active in the world (and our state) today. He is the patron saint of a safe childbirth. Pray for the safety of babies who will be born this day and for respect for all children in the womb.

8 & 9 The celebrations of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary always take place on the Friday and Saturday following the Sunday commemoration of the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus’ heart was overflowing with love and the Blessed Mother’s heart was broken but remained faithful. Look into your own heart today, considering whether or not it is filled with love for God and one another.

11 St. Barnabas, while not among the Twelve Apostles, still bears the title of Apostle. He is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles and was commissioned by the Twelve to travel to Antioch (Acts 11:20-22). He recruited St. Paul to assist him (11:25-26). His name means “son of encouragement.” Who can you encourage in the faith today?

13 St. Anthony of Padua (1195-1231) is one of the busiest saints in his role as the patron of lost objects! He was a great teacher and preacher and for this reason is another **Doctor of the Church**. Today, ask St. Anthony’s intercession for lost people (especially missing children) and lost souls.

21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga (1568-91) came from a wealthy family, but he gave up his inheritance to become a member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). He spent the final year of his life caring for plague victims in Rome, eventually dying of that disease. Since he is the patron saint of Christian Youth, pray for young people today.

27 & 28 Both St. Cyril of Alexandria (376-444) and St. Irenaeus (c. 125-202) were bishops known for boldly defending the Church’s teachings against heresy (something common in the early Church). Ask for the intercession of these two holy men so that you will be able to explain the faith to others and draw people closer to the Lord Jesus.

29 The early Church had great reverence for the Twelve Apostles who were eye witnesses of the life of Jesus Christ. They knew that the Church was “built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone” (Ephesians 2:20). Most were venerated in the place of their martyrdom, so Saints Peter and Paul were both venerated in Rome. Both were martyred during the persecution of the Emperor Nero (54-68). St. Peter was crucified upside down and St. Paul was beheaded. Within 100-200 years after their death we have evidence of a liturgical feast on June 29. The Entrance Antiphon of Mass says, “These are the ones who...planted the Church with their blood...and became friends of God.” Ask God for the strength always to boldly live out your faith.

30 Today’s feast commemorates all who were martyred during the first major persecution of Christians by Nero in the year 64. Pray today for those who are persecuted for the faith throughout the world. Some of these people soon will be martyrs.
Workshops for
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Tuesday, June 5, 2018
Saint John the Baptist Parish in Montello
277 East Montello Street
6-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 6, 2018
Holy Name Heights (formerly the Bishop O’Connor Center)
702 South High Point Road in Madison
1-2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 19, 2018
Sacred Hearts Parish in Sun Prairie
221 Columbus Street
7-8:30 p.m.

Do you have any special needs?
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or register online at www.madisondiocese.org/emhc

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Date & Location of Workshop:

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2018

Monday, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) is not a holy day of obligation since it falls on a Monday. The funeral Mass may be celebrated.

Sunday, May 13 (Solemnity of the Ascension, observed) is transferred to this Sunday.*

Wednesday, August 15 (Solemnity of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) is a holy day of obligation. The funeral Mass may not be celebrated.

Thursday, November 1 (Solemnity of All Saints) is a holy day of obligation. The funeral Mass may not be celebrated.

Saturday, December 8 (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception) is a holy day of obligation even though it falls on a Saturday (Patronal Feast of the United States of America). Please note the requirements for wedding & funeral Masses.

Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas) is a holy day of obligation.

2019

Tuesday, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) is a holy day of obligation. The funeral Mass may not be celebrated.

Sunday, June 2 (Solemnity of the Ascension, observed) is transferred to this Sunday.*

Thursday, August 15 (Solemnity of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) is a holy day of obligation. The funeral Mass may not be celebrated.

Friday, November 1 (Solemnity of All Saints) is a holy day of obligation. The funeral Mass may not be celebrated.

Monday, December 9 (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception—observed). When December 8th falls on a Sunday, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday. While the day remains a solemnity, the faithful are not obligated to attend Mass.

Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas) is a holy day of obligation.

2020

Wednesday, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) is a holy day of obligation. The funeral Mass may not be celebrated.

Sunday, May 24 (Solemnity of the Ascension, observed) is transferred to this Sunday.*

Saturday, August 15 (Solemnity of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) is not a holy day of obligation in 2020 since it falls on a Saturday. Please note the requirements for wedding & funeral Masses.

Sunday, November 1 (Solemnity of All Saints) is celebrated in place of the Ordinary Time Sunday.

Tuesday, December 8 (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception) is a holy day of obligation (Patronal Feast of the United States of America). The funeral Mass may not be celebrated.

Friday, December 25 (Christmas) is a holy day of obligation.

In the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite the Solemnity of the Ascension is not transferred and is celebrated on Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter (as is dictated by the pre-Conciliar liturgical calendar).
Notes on Wedding Masses

Please note that when a **Solemnity** falls on a Saturday, the prayers & readings from the Mass of the Day are to be used for Wedding Masses. This is true regardless of whether or not the Solemnity is a holy day of obligation. The parts proper to the Wedding Mass (for example the consent, blessing of rings, vows) are, of course, always used. The nuptial blessing and special blessing may be used according to the circumstances. (For more information see the introduction to the *Rite of Marriage*; GIRM, 372.) This will have an impact on the following Saturdays:

- Saturday, December 8, 2018 (The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception)
- Saturday, April 27, 2019 (Saturday within the Octave of Easter)
- Saturday, June 29, 2019 (Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul)
- Saturday, November 2, 2019 (Commemoration of All Souls)
- Saturday, August 15, 2020 (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

If a Wedding is celebrated outside of Mass on a solemnity, there are no restrictions regarding the Scripture or prayers.

Notes on Funeral Masses

The Funeral Mass “may be celebrated on any day except for Solemnities that are holydays of obligation, Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday), the Paschal Triduum, and the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, with due regard also for all the other requirements of the norm of the law” (GIRM, 380). On days when the Funeral Mass may not be celebrated, the Funeral Liturgy Outside Mass may be used (see *Order of Christian Funerals*, no. 177).

Please note that the nature of the Masses of the Dead is such that a Funeral Mass should not be “combined” with a solemnity. For example, one wouldn't want to sing the Gloria at a funeral, but if someone tried to “combine” a funeral Mass with the Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, that's exactly what would happen. So you could celebrate a Baptism or a Wedding during the Mass of Immaculate Conception (using the texts of the Mass of the Day), but not the funeral rites.

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News and Upcoming Events from the OEC

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of 

*Humanae Vitae with Dr. Janet Smith*

The year 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of Pope Paul VI's important encyclical letter *Humanae Vitae*, on human life and the regulation of human birth. The Diocese of Madison is celebrating this anniversary with a special
event on Saturday, July 21, 2018, featuring guest speaker Dr. Janet Smith, one of the world's leading experts on *Humanae Vitae* and related topics.

The event will take place at St. Maria Goretti Parish, Madison on Saturday, July 21, 2018. The evening will begin with Mass at 7pm with Bishop Morlino followed by a talk by Dr. Smith and a reception to follow.

Register now to attend!

For more information contact the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis at 608-821-3160

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Ted Sri to Visit the Diocese!

**Fall Convocation & St. Therese Lecture**

Save the Dates for Fall 2018:

St. Therese Lecture Series with Ted Sri
Oct. 18 at 7:30pm

Dinner & Talk for Clergy (prior to Lecture)
Oct.18 at 4:00pm

Fall convocation for Parish Catechetical Leaders, Staff and Parish Catechists
Oct 19 at 9:00 am - 3:00pm

For more information contact the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis at 608-821-3160
Getting Started Dates for 2018-19
Now Available!

If you are new to your position in the parish or the diocese. If you have hired new staff in the parish, or want a refresher on this great task of evangelization & catechetical ministry: Please join us in Getting Started this September!

Getting Started is a program of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis of the Diocese of Madison designed especially for those who are new (or relatively new) to their position as administrator of a parish program of catechesis or youth apostolate. Getting Started focuses on providing practical, concrete connections to the resources, personnel, and policies provided by the diocese to assist parish catechetical leaders in their vital parish mission.

Check out the diocesan website for the new schedule and to register!

For more information contact Michelle Nilsson or Lindsay Finn in the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis at 608-821-3160 or Michelle.Nilsson@madisondiocese.org
**Other Important Events in the Area...**

- **Upcoming TEC Retreats** (For more information contact Marie Lins at marie.lins@madisondiocese.org)
  - TEC #173: Friday, July 20-22 at St. Christopher Parish in Verona
  - TEC #174: Friday, Oct. 26-28 at St. Cecilia School in Wisconsin Dells

- **SOWDI Courses available online for June.** See what is available on the Diocesan Data hub.  [https://apps.madisondiocese.org/DOM_Parish_Data](https://apps.madisondiocese.org/DOM_Parish_Data)

*If you would like to advertise for a parish event, please submit prior to the first day of the month you would like it advertised.*

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Natural Family Planning

Summer-Fall 2018
Register for in-person classes or self-paced online:
http://www.madisondiocese.org/classes-and-registration
Questions? Call 608-495-6117 or email: nfp@straphael.org

Couple to Couple League Education Course
To complete the course and learn how to use NFP, attend all three classes in one of the following series starting:

Madison - Our Lady Queen of Peace
June 3: 10 am (Classes 2 & 3 TBD @ Class 1)
Oct. 6: 1 pm (Classes 2 & 3 TBD @ Class 1)

Madison - Holy Name Heights
August 25: 10 am (Classes 2 & 3 TBD @ Class 1)
Sept. 23: 1 pm (Classes 2 & 3 TBD @ Class 1)

Reedsburg - Instructors’ Home
June 11: 7 pm (Classes 2 & 3 TBD @ Class 1)
August 26: 10 am (Classes 2 & 3 TBD @ Class 1)

Baraboo— St. Joseph Catholic Church
October 13: 10 am (Classes 2 & 3 TBD @ Class 1)

Postpartum Class — Holy Name Heights
October 16: 7 pm

Creighton Model Education Course
To complete the course and learn how to use NFP, attend one of the following Introductory Sessions along with a series of private follow ups with your instructor.

Monona (Instructor’s Home)
June 15: 7:00 pm
August 24: 7:00 pm
October 19: 7:00 pm
December 14: 7:00 pm

Madison - near University (Instructor’s home)
July 10: 7:15 pm
September 11: 7:15 pm
November 13: 7:15 pm

Sun Prairie (Instructor’s Home)
June 7: 7:30 pm
August 9: 7:30 pm
September 11: 7:30 pm
October 9: 7:30 pm

Online Only
June 12: 8:30 pm
August 14: 8:30 pm
September 6: 8:30 pm
October 18: 8:30 pm

Don’t know anything about NFP?
NFP 101: THE BASICS CLASS—
Attend one of the following presentations:

Madison - Instructors’ Home
Aug. 2: 6 pm
Sept. 6: 6 pm
Oct. 4: 6 pm
Jan. 3, 2019: 6 pm
Feb. 7, 2019: 6 pm

Reedsburg - Instructors’ Home
May 1: 7 pm
June 4: 7:30 pm
Aug. 6: 7:30 pm
Sept. 10: 7:30 pm
Oct. 15: 7:30 pm
Nov. 12: 7:30 pm
Dec. 10: 7:30 pm

Class Dates Are Subject to Change!
Can’t fit any of these in-person classes into your schedule or want to learn from home, try the Self-paced Online Classes.
Planificación Natural de la Familia

2018

OTOÑO 2018

Ovulación de Billings—
El Método del Moco
Cervical

Madison— Holy Name Heights
702 S. High Point Rd.
Una serie de 4 clases a las 9:30 am

Clase introductoria: 8 de Septiembre
Primer seguimiento: 22 de Septiembre
Segundo seguimiento: 13 de Octubre
Tercer seguimiento: 27 de Octubre

Janesville— St. Patrick’s School
305 Lincoln St.
Una serie de 4 clases a las 10:00 am

Clase introductoria: 15 de Septiembre
Primer seguimiento: a determinar
Segundo seguimiento: a determinar
Tercer seguimiento: a determinar

Registrarse para estas clases en Madison:
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Registrarse para las clases en Janesville:
Patricia Suarez al (608) 774-2684
deje un mensaje, si no contesta, o email: bienestar.kanajedi@gmail.com

Las fechas de clase están sujetas a cambios.
Looking for a Good Catholic Speaker?

Anthony Digmann is a Catholic high school theology teacher in the neighboring Archdiocese of Dubuque and also a Catholic speaker & author. He has appeared internationally on Catholic media such as EWTN and Radio Maria and is vetted with the largest Catholic speaker's bureau in the world – Catholic Speakers Organization.

If you are looking for speakers for conferences, events, missions, or retreats, Anthony would be a great resource to call upon. Additional information, videos, and endorsements may be found at his website: anthonydigmann.com. Below is a summary of topics that may be of interest to your parish:

**Star Wars: A Catholic Perspective** *(for Youth, Young Adults, Families)*
This popular talk combines the overwhelming success of Star Wars with Catholic theology and practice in a fun and insightful presentation.

**Why God? Why Christian? Why Catholic?** *(for Adults, Young Adults, High School Youth)*
Explore the reasons behind our faith in God, Christianity, and Catholicism with this three-part parish mission or workshop. These presentations combine Christian and Catholic apologetics with evidence from science, philosophy, and archaeology.

**Sign of Contradiction: Contraception, Family Planning and Catholicism** *(for Adults, Young Adults, Marriage-Prep)*
This talk draws upon the highlights of Anthony’s book of the same title and presents the Church’s teaching on “birth control” in light of what experience and data have demonstrated over the last several decades. It offers a fresh, thorough treatment of this unpopular teaching to invite faithful to reconsider this teaching or learn about it for the first time.
WHY GOD?  
WHY CHRISTIAN?  
WHY CATHOLIC?  
EVIDENCE FOR FAITH

with Anthony Digmann  
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"Anthony's knowledge was outstanding. All I heard at the receptions following each night of Anthony's "Why God? Why Christian? Why Catholic?" talks was how much the congregation enjoyed it and how it gave them a deeper connection to their faith. I highly recommend Anthony as a presenter for parish missions and workshops."

-Fr. Paul Baldwin, Pastor of Sacred Heart and St. Luke Parishes, Monticello and Hopkinton, IA.

"Anthony Digmann was a fantastic and powerful speaker. He spoke to an inter-generational audience of 6th graders through those over 80, and all took away important points from his presentations "Why God?" and "Why Christianity?" The students were especially interested as they were studying some of those same topics in their science classes."

-Martin Ahmadit, Director of Faith Formation, Christ Our Hope Cluster, Lawler, IA.
STAR WARS
A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

with Anthony Digmann
MA Theology

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"We really wanted a unique talk that would bring the faith to life for our teens, and his talk delivered! He kept our teens' attention and challenged them to live a virtuous life. Our teens walked away energized in their faith and were excited to share what they learned. We hope to work with Anthony again in the future."
-Kara Becker, Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress, High School Track Coordinator

"Anthony's talk was engaging, insightful and full of rich connections to Catholicism. He showed that he has a vast knowledge of Catholicism, and used his knowledge of Star Wars to create a unique presentation that sparked some great discussions amongst our students after the event. I would highly recommend Anthony for any youth or young adult event."
-Joe Bekken, Director of Campus Ministry, St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center at Minnesota State University, Mankato
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USCCB Religious Liberty Chairman Announces Religious Freedom Week from June 22-29, 2018

April 27, 2018

WASHINGTON—Catholics across the United States are encouraged to pray and act in support of religious liberty at home and abroad during *Serving Others in God's Love: Religious Freedom Week 2018*, which begins on June 22, the Feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, and ends on June 29, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul.

The chairman of the USCCB's Committee for Religious Liberty, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, states: "Religious freedom allows the space for people of faith to serve others in God's love in ministries like education, adoption and foster care, health care, and migration and refugee services. We encourage people of faith to reflect on the importance of religious freedom so that we might have the space to carry out our mission of service and mercy, and we invite everyone to pray for our brothers and sisters who face intense persecution in other parts of the world."

Resources for Religious Freedom Week and other religious liberty resources can be found at [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek) and [www.usccb.org/freedom](http://www.usccb.org/freedom).
Intercessions for Life

June 3rd
May the grace of the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus, strengthen our commitment to protecting the gift of human life;
*We pray to the Lord:*

June 10th
For the times we are afraid to welcome life:
May God strengthen us and renew our trust in Him;
*We pray to the Lord:*

June 17th
May God, who wonderfully forms each person in the womb, protect all unborn children from harm;
*We pray to the Lord:*

June 24th
For our lawmakers:
May they defend our freedom to follow our consciences in serving God and neighbor according to our Faith;
*We pray to the Lord:*
Bulletin Quotes

June 3rd
“In 1943, when France was occupied by German Nazis, the search for Jews began. In the face of grave peril, Sister Agnes convinced her mother superior to open their convent and offer refuge to a Jewish family. …Let us devote ourselves anew to following wherever the Lord leads. Let us take courage from their example of faith.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

June 10th
“To women with an unplanned pregnancy, Maya says, ‘This is survivable. Have hope.’”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption”
www.usccb.org/women-considering-adoption

June 17th
“If a friend told you she was pregnant and considering abortion, would you know what to do? Learn concrete tips for loving her in a way that is life-affirming for both her and her child.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“What to Do When a Friend Is Considering Abortion”
www.usccb.org/l-o-v-e

June 24th
“Religion [cannot] be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life, without influence on societal and national life.”

Pope Francis, Evangelii gaudium, 183.
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Sunday, June 3rd, 2018

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Sunday, June 24th, 2018

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Este mes presentamos…

El presidente del Comité de Libertad Religiosa de la USCCB anuncia la Semana de Libertad Religiosa 2018 que se realizará del 22 al 29 de junio

April 27, 2018

WASHINGTON— Los católicos en Estados Unidos están siendo motivados a rezar y a actuar en apoyo a la libertad de religión en el país y en el exterior durante el Servicio a los Demás en el Amor de Dios: Semana de la Libertad de Religión 2018 (Serving Others in God’s Love: Religious Freedom Week 2018), que comenzará el 22 de junio con la Fiesta de los Santos Thomas More y John Fisher y terminará el 29 de junio con la solemnidad de los Santos Peter y Paul.

El presidente del Comité de Libertad Religiosa de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos (USCCB), el Arzobispo Joseph E. Kurtz, de Louisville, expresó:

“La libertad de religión permite que las personas de fe puedan servir a los demás en el amor de Dios en ministerios como educación, adopción y crianza de niños, cuidados de salud y servicios de migración y refugiados. Alentamos a las personas de fe a reflexionar sobre la importancia de la libertad de religión para que podamos llevar a cabo nuestra misión de servicio y misericordia, e invitamos a todos a orar por nuestros hermanos y hermanas que enfrentan una intensa persecución en otras partes del mundo”.

Intercesiones por la Vida

3 de junio
Que la gracia de la Eucaristía, el cuerpo y la sangre de Jesús, fortalezcan nuestro compromiso de proteger el don de la vida humana; roguemos al Señor:

10 de junio
Por las veces que tenemos miedo de acoger la vida:
Para que Dios nos fortalezca y renueve nuestra confianza en Él; roguemos al Señor:

17 de junio
Para que Dios, que maravillosamente forma a cada persona en el vientre materno, proteja de cualquier daño a todos los niños por nacer; roguemos al Señor:

24 de junio
Por nuestros legisladores:
para que defiendan nuestra libertad de seguir nuestra conciencia al servir a Dios y al prójimo conforme a nuestra Fe; roguemos al Señor:

Solo de la Natividad de San Juan Bautista
Palabra de Vida - junio de 2018

Citas para boletines

3 de junio
“En 1943, durante la ocupación nazi comenzó la caza de los judíos. Enfrentando graves peligros, la hermana Agnes convenció a su madre superiora para que refugiara en su convento a una familia judía. …[R]enovemos nuestra dedicación a seguir al Señor por donde Él nos conduzca. Llenémonos de valor con su ejemplo de fe.”

Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB

10 de junio
“Una mujer que queda embarazada inesperadamente puede sentir que es el fin del mundo. Pero, dice Maya, ‘esto es superable; tenga esperanza.’”

Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB
“Acompañamiento de madres gestantes que están considerando dar en adopción” www.bit.ly/mujeres-considerando-adoptar

17 de junio
“Si una amiga te dijera que está embarazada y piensa en abortar, ¿sabías que hacer? Entérate de consejos concretos para amarla de una manera que afirme la vida de ella y la de su hijo.”

Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB
“Qué hacer si una amiga piensa en abortar” www.bit.ly/amiga-pensando-abortar

24 de junio
“Nadie puede exigirnos que releguemos la religión a la intimidad secreta de las personas, sin influencia alguna en la vida social y nacional.”


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Domingo, 3 de junio de 2018

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Living the Gospel of Life
Can we declare portions of our lives to be Gospel-free zones?

The answer can be found in Living the Gospel of Life, the 1998 document published by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops three years after Pope John Paul II published The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae). The bishops’ document applied the pope’s teaching to American Catholics.

All of us who are people of faith, committed to Jesus Christ by our baptism, are called to live the Gospel. The Gospel is not just something to be believed, or something for the mind to wrestle with. It is something that shapes our lives.

The first word of the document’s title – “living” -- is a tremendous challenge in and of itself. It tells us to live out this Gospel. It urges us to let the Lord, who is himself the Gospel, shape what we decide; how we live, and what our priorities, desires and plans are.

If someone is going to Mass, or reading the Bible, or praying the rosary, we call that their religious practice or religious life. A person’s spiritual life is distinct from that. It includes those religious practices but a person’s spiritual life is defined by whether or not one is coming closer to God or moving further away from Him, growing in virtue, or growing in vice.

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Tune in to Priests for Life TV (www.EndAbortion.TV)

Priests for Life has been broadcasting video content online since before YouTube was created. Now there’s a new TV station where supporters, the media and the curious can find it all: Priests for Life TV.

“It’s a long time coming,” said Curt Ciumei, technical director. “We’ve been dreaming of this for at least 15 years.”

“It’s been on Father Frank’s mind for a very long time,” agreed Sam Ranelli, web development director. “He wanted to have a place on our website where people can go to watch video 24/7 on our own internet TV channel. Improvements in internet band width and different delivery methods are making it possible for Priests for Life to have a full-time TV channel.”

Priests for Life TV can be accessed at the domain EndAbortion.TV. Viewers will find live broadcasts by Father Frank, Father Stephen Imbarrato, Kevin Burke, Bryan Kemper and other members of the team as they travel the nation and the world leading pro-life events.

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Interview segments will air featuring various pro-life leaders and people with powerful testimonies. Pre-taped talks, seminars and homilies will also be broadcast. Inspirational spots that Priests for Life has created over the years will appear between segments. Music videos will feature Alveda King, a singer, and Father Denis Wilde, a concert pianist. Promotional spots will highlight the work of the dozen ministries that fall under the Priests for Life umbrella and pastoral team members will be able to issue personal invitations for people to attend events in their own cities and states.

Authors with new books, like Janet Morana’s Shockwaves: Abortion’s Wider Circle of Victims, have a platform to talk about their work.

The TV studio in Priests for Life’s new Titusville headquarters is state-of-the-art. With four cameras, advanced video editing equipment, adjustable studio lighting, a green screen, broadcasting software and space enough to create a variety of backgrounds, “we can do what any broadcast news or TV station can do,” Curt said.

The studio is also equipped to connect with other broadcasting studios. Father Frank has been interviewed on Newsmax TV and One America News from the new studio, and interviews have been recorded for Priests for Life’s “Defending Life” and “The Catholic View for Women,” both on EWTN. “The advent of Facebook Live was a great thing for Priests for Life, but having our

This is the spiritual life. Every choice we make, every hour of the day, every day of the year, will bring us closer into our relationship with Jesus Christ or farther away. Spiritual life covers everything.

In “Living the Gospel of Life,” the bishops teach that there is no Gospel-free zone. Our leisure time as well as the time we spend sleeping, traveling or working are part of our spiritual lives. Our political lives, in particular, cannot be seen as Gospel-free zones. We must live out the Gospel in our political choices.

Our choices in the voting booth bring us closer to God, or farther away from Him. Our political choices either live the Gospel or contradict the Gospel.

Some people think politics and religion don’t mix but one of the things this document tells us is that politics and religion do mix. If we are living the Gospel, it will shape the way we vote and the causes we champion. Living the Gospel means that we do not elect those who contradict the fundamental requirements of the Gospel for public service – the first such requirement being that one knows the difference between serving the public and killing the public.

Twenty years ago, the U.S. bishops issued an important challenge to Americans, the challenge of living out the Gospel. They understood that you and I who are citizens of this nation can in fact be good Americans and good Catholics at the same time. We never have to choose between following our faith and following the law. A good Catholic is meant to be, at the same time, a good citizen who follows just laws in our society.

A follower of Christ says yes not only to the church but also to the state. While it is only to God that we give our absolute obedience, if a law is just, if it does not contradict the law of God, we are obliged to follow it. But if another human being asks us to do something wrong, even if that person is a president or governor or judge, we say no.

That is why policies that permit abortion can never be acknowledged as valid, and why those who support such policies should not be supported in the voting booth.

The bishops did not create this document to tell people to join one political party or another.

They are teaching, in a pastoral way, what it means to live out the Gospel. Our responsibility, then, is to take these principles and use them to judge candidates and political parties.

Look at each party and its platform. Examine each candidate and his or her policies. Then make a judgment with a mind and conscience informed by the Gospel of Life. Make sure each vote brings you closer to God.

To order a copy of the Living the Gospel of Life Study Guide, prepared by the Pastoral Team at Priests for Life, to find video commentary on it, and to download the text of the document itself in English and Spanish, go to GospelofLife.net.

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own channel allows us to do so much more,” Father Frank said. “We are still building the channel with both new, live content and video drawn from our vast virtual warehouse. Our viewership is rising steadily and we look forward to future opportunities to expand our ministry through PFL TV.”

**Missionaries of the Gospel of Life**

Priests for Life has declared 2018 “The Year of The Missionaries of the Gospel of Life (MEV).” The MEV is a pro-life spirituality of Priests for Life that encompasses both contemplative and active aspects of the spiritual life for those who desire to work in pro-life ministry. Priests for Life has over 250 MEVs worldwide and in the coming year is seeking to achieve two goals: 1) Deepen the spiritual lives of existing MEVs and 2) Recruit more pro-lifers into the MEV program.

We began the year with a call to action webcast hosted by Fr. Frank Pavone and Fr. Stephen Imbarrato for existing MEVs and for those interested in learning more about pro-life spirituality and more will take place throughout the year. Hear past webcasts and find out about what’s upcoming at www.MissionariesOfTheGospelofLife.com.

**Pastoral Team members get their passports stamped this spring**

The Priests for Life Pastoral Team is crossing borders and datelines this spring, bringing the pro-life message all over the globe.

Dr. Theresa Burke, founder of Rachel’s Vineyard, traveled to Perth, Australia, in April. She gave a presentation to the Dawson Society, which was founded to promote cultural activities that emphasize spirituality. She also led a Rachel’s Vineyard training, and a presentation for priests and seminarians.

Janet Morana, the co-founder of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, traveled to Ottawa for the March for Life in Canada, where she was a keynote speaker. Then it was off to Rome for that city’s March for Life, where she also was a speaker.

Also this month, Bryan Kemper will tour New Zealand, with pro-life talks scheduled in churches and town halls. He will visit Whangarei, Auckland, Taranaki, Hawkes Bay, Wellington, Dunedin and Christchurch.

**Canadian Pro-life Hero passes at age 70**

Pro-life warrior Cyril Winter passed away Friday, March 9, 2018 from surgery to place stents in his arteries. He was a daily presence for seven years outside the Morgentaler abortion clinic in downtown Ottawa, Canada. Cy Winter’s pro-life activism started when he retired. He was motivated to get involved after seeing graphic images of abortion and hearing Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life explain our obligation to stop this violence. Fr. Frank gave a talk where he said, “Unless you see the horror of abortion, you won’t act against abortion. You must become broken-hearted and then remain broken-hearted.” Deeply convicted, he stood on the sidewalk in front of the Morgentaler clinic every day, rain or shine, from early 2011 until early March 2018.

Cy wore a sandwich board featuring graphic abortion imagery. He would change the sign periodically as he felt led through prayer. He gave out Jesus tracts and only spoke when spoken to first. “Love the babies in Jesus’ name.” Winter would respond, “God bless you with a conversion.” Still, Cy was spat upon, punched, splashed by buses, criticized in the media, charged for violating the law, cursed and had his life threatened. But he remained steadfast.

“He is the one to whom I love Jesus,” a close friend said. “Cy had a deep, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and walked in the joy of the Lord, because he knew that Jesus was the way, the truth and the life.”

**Pray with us for Life**

PrayerCampaign.org is our prayer website. Visit there often for prayer campaigns, intentions, and resources.

**May intention:** That people may have a greater awareness of the dangers of abortion.

**June intention:** For the success of efforts to represent the pro-life message in the secular media.

- May 5 - May 13, 2018: Mother’s Day Novena
- May 10-May 20, 2018: Pentecost Novena for Life
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