



Courageous Faith Newsletter - June 2020



Receiving the Eucharist Again

Parishioners have keenly felt “hunger pains” because of the imposed fast from the Eucharist. On the first day back to Mass, some were in tears, they were so moved by the experience.

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Churches Help the Unemployed

With millions of Americans out of work due to the coronavirus pandemic, Job Search Ministries at parishes in the Diocese of St. Petersburg are providing important resources and support.

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Teens Grow Closer while Apart

While the world has been practicing social distancing over the past several months, students at St. Joan of Arc High School Youth Group have been growing closer than ever. [Click here to read more.](#)



Community Reacts with Joy and Tears

Following the announcement of Bishop-Elect David Toups as the 6th bishop of the Diocese of Beaumont, local reaction included both elation and sadness. [Click here to read more.](#)



Outpouring of support

More than 300 people participated in a Holy Hour at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle on Sunday, June 7, 2020, to pray for peace, healing and change following the brutal death of George Floyd and the national protests that have erupted. [Click here to read more.](#)



Family Ministry Grows – Even in a Pandemic

During the past year, the Sunday Faith Formation program at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish was adding one to two new families each week and nearly 100 women signed up for the Walking with Purpose Bible Study – more than three times the attendance of previous years. [Click here to read more.](#)



Courageously Serving

"My life has been completely transformed, 180 degrees. I can't begin to tell you." That is what Celina Okpaleke had to say when asked about the Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute. [Click here to read more.](#)



St. Joseph Parish Holds a Community Forum

Though peaceful protests are often a necessary means to social change, coming together to build consensus and a clear path forward is also crucial. [Click here to read more.](#)

Upcoming Events

Online Retreat for Solidarity and Fortitude Saturday, June 20, 10:00 a.m.

The Office of Life, Justice and Advocacy invites you to an online retreat that can help us show solidarity for one another, as well as listen to, hear, and advocate for others in the

Body of Christ. We will reflect on the virtue of fortitude and its relationship to building a community with all God's people. [Click here to register](#) and receive a secure Zoom link.

Holy Hour to Pray for Abundance of Vocations

Tuesday, June 24, 7:00 p.m.

The Office of Vocations invites you to an evening of Adoration and Chanted Evening Prayer at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle (5815 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg) on Wednesday, June 24th at 7:00 p.m. There are two ways to participate: in person or via live stream. [Click here to read more.](#)

Virtual Walk/Run for Life 2020 Tampa Bay

Due to COVID -19, the Catholic Charities Foundations of Life Walk/Run 2020 has gone virtual. You are invited to walk individually to raise awareness and raise funds for Foundations of Life Pregnancy Centers: Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco & Pinellas; Knights Women's Center, Project Rachel & Perinatal ComfortCare. Though apart, you can share in the success of the Walk/Run for Life. This virtual walk continues until **July 4, 2020**. Help us help others! You can Make a Difference! [Click here to learn more.](#)

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Do you know someone who is living a *Courageous Faith* or do you know about a new ministry that promotes the priorities of *Courageously Living the Gospel*? We want to hear from you! Submit your suggested story idea to Teresa Peterson at tlp@dosp.org.

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