HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL OF US IN THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE. LITTLE OVER A MONTH AGO WE CELEBRATED OUR LITURGICAL NEW YEAR AND NOW JAN. 1, 2019. PRAY AND PRACTICE THIS YEAR FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD AND OUR MINISTRIES. A GOOD PRACTICE IS TO BE THANKFUL EACH DAY FOR THOSE WE COME IN CONTACT WITH AND PRAY FOR THEM.

I KNOW FOR ME THE PRACTICE OF BE THANKFUL CAN BRING ME TO ANOTHER SIDE OF SEEING SITUATIONS. OFTEN THOSE TIMES I SEE AS HOPELESS THEN BEGIN TO SHINE A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS. MAY WE ALL HAVE THIS EXPERIENCE AS WE GO FORTH.

DELIA WILL BE LEAVING THE OFFICE ON JANUARY 15 AND AGAIN I WANT TO THANK HER FOR HER FAITHFUL SERVICE AND THE MANY YEARS OF HELPING ALL OF US IN CATECHETICAL MINISTRY. WE WILL BE MISSING HER MUCH. PRAY THAT WE GET A SPANISH SPEAKING, OUTLOOK AND INTER-NET PERSON TO FOLLOW.

MANY ACTIVITIES ARE COMING UP WITH THE NEW YEAR AND PLEASE READ CAREFULLY ALL OF THE EVENTS. YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME AND BRING OTHERS.

WE JUST DID OUR YEARLY MEMBERSHIP WITH NCCL FOR ALL CATECHETICAL LEADERS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE. SOON YOU WILL RECEIVE A REGISTRATION NUMBER TO APPLY FOR THE MEMBERSHIP. THIS IS FREE TO YOU AND PAID BY THE OFFICE AND THE ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL.

Pope Francis has invited the faithful to entrust their hearts to Mary, to look on her as a Mother to all and to see her as a messenger of hope.

Addressing pilgrims in the Basilica of St. Peter on New Year’s Day, the Holy Father said the “Mother of the Redeemer goes before us and continually strengthens us in faith, in our vocation and in our mission.”

By her “example of humility and openness to God’s will,” she helps us to transmit our faith in a “joyful proclamation of the Gospel to all, without reservation,” he added. “In this way, our mission will be fruitful, because it is modeled on the motherhood of Mary.”

He called on the faithful to therefore entrust to her “our journey of faith, the desires of our heart, our needs and the needs of the whole world, especially of those who hunger and thirst for justice and peace.”

“Let us then together invoke her: Holy Mother of God!”

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Safe Environment Training on January 22, 2019
Tuesday, January 22, 9:30- Noon or 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Pastoral Center, 1 Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco
Derek B. Gaskin, Director of Safety & Security Archdiocese of San Francisco

On Tuesday, January 22 The Office of Faith Formation will have a training on proper safety for your parish religious education programs. Compliance protects our students, employees, parishioners, and property, and helps us fulfill our legal and moral responsibilities. Safety training is an integral part of the PSLs learning process. You cannot afford to miss this training session. The Archdiocese is committed to helping each parish faith formation to become safe and successful—through creating healthful workplace environments and a more secure facility. Please plan now to send someone from your programs. All are invited DRE/CREs, Sacramental Prep Coordinators, Youth & Confirmation Coordinators and any catechists.

BCF credit- 2½ hours under “Communal Life”

Topics Covered:
Safety Responsibilities
Injury Illness Prevention
Slip – Trip – Falls
Ergonomics- Lifting Techniques
PPE – Personal Protective Equip
SRP – The Big Five Active Shooter Procedures “Action Plan’
Diocesan involvement in NCCL’s mission to promote, collaborate, nurture, and gather ministry leaders from across the country enables us to advance projects and initiatives that animate leadership formation, foster missionary discipleship, and promote vibrant communities of faith within the Catholic Church in the United States and beyond. NCCL is proud to have your diocese actively participate in advancing these endeavors.

This year NCCL is continuing our recently introduced and very successful "UPGRADE" model. As a result of this new initiative, our membership increased over 1000+ during 2018-2019! This Diocesan Plus Membership includes not only Diocesan Staff and related ministries, but now includes UNLIMITED Parish Catechetical Leaders.

NCCL is very excited to continue to offer this new Diocesan Membership option as it fosters professional-level involvement in a broader ministry horizon as well as gives the Parish Catechetical Leader access to the latest resources, discussions, and innovative opportunities available.

Your renewal also comes with the opportunity to show support for NCCL’s Federation for Catechesis with Hispanics (FCH) through membership in the Federation. Consider a membership in FCH and see how your gifts and involvement can assist those who minister, network, and share best practices with those engaged in Catechesis with Hispanics nationwide.

As soon as we get the new Diocesan Code for membership we will be sending it out. Please take advantage of this valuable ministry resources for you and others in the parish. Remember you will need to register to become a member.

This is a great time since the National Conference will be in Southern California this year. Come join us at the Convention.
Happy New Year!

Archdiocese of San Francisco - Office of Chinese Ministry cordially invites you to
Chinese New Year Eucharistic Celebration & Ceremonial Tribute to Ancestors
2:30 pm Saturday February 9, 2019
The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
1111 Gough Street/Geary Boulevard, San Francisco
Principal Celebrant: Most Rev. Bishop Ignatius Wang
Concelebrants: Most Rev. Bishop Robert Christian, Most Rev. Bishop William Justice,
Most Rev. Bishop Daniel Walsh and priests

With Chinese New Year Dinner at the Cathedral Patrons Hall
5:00PM No Host Bar  5:30PM Banquet
Guests of Honor: Most Rev. Bishop Ignatius Wang, Most Rev. Bishop Robert Christian,
Most Rev. Bishop William Justice and Most Rev. Bishop Daniel Walsh

天主教三藩市總教區華人宗徒事務處誠邀你參加
新春感恩祭暨祭祖典禮
二零一九年二月九日 • 星期六 下午兩點半
三藩市聖母升天主教座堂
1111 Gough Street/Geary Boulevard, San Francisco
主祭: 汪中瑋主教 共祭: 三藩市輔理主教、各榮休主教及衆司鐸
並於晚上在聖堂下層禮堂 Patrons Hall 設宴慶祝農曆新年
恭請汪中瑋主教，三藩市輔理主教、各榮休主教及衆司鐸蒞臨共宴
五時:自費酒會  五時半:春宴

Banquet Ticket: $60.00 ea 餐券: 每位六十元
聯絡及查詢: 霍林湧神父 Contact: Fr. Peter Zhai, SVD 415-614-5575 zhaip@sfarch.org

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RCIA Cathedral Pilgrimage
Sunday, January 27, 2019
4:00 pm
An opportunity to become acquainted with our mother church and one another

Please return the following information to the Office of Worship by January 22, 2019.
Parish ____________________________________________
Contact Person ___________________________ Phone # ________________
Email Address ____________________________________________
Number of people (catechumens, candidates, sponsors and RCIA team) ______
The one language that will serve the majority of your group: 
_____ English _____ Español
The number of children in your group _____________________________
Any special needs ____________________________________________

Fax: 415-614-5505
diasr@sfarch.org

Unfortunately, we are unable to have the potluck this year due to Cathedral Conference Room inavailability.

Don’t forget these dates at the Cathedral:
RCIA Cathedral Pilgrimage January 27, 2019 4:00pm
Rite of Election March 10, 2019 4:00pm
Adult Confirmations June 9, 2019 11:00am
Peregrinación para RICA en la Catedral
Domingo 27 de enero 2019 4:00 pm
Una oportunidad para familiarizarse con nuestra iglesia madre y conocernos unos a otros

Para poder cumplir con las necesidades especiales de su comunidad, le pedimos devuelva este formulario con la información necesaria a la Oficina de Culto Divino a más tardar el **22 de enero, 2019**.

Parroquia _____________________________________________
Nombre de la persona ___________________________ Teléfono ______________________
Email _____________________________________________
Número de lugares (catecúmenos, candidatos, padrinos, y equipo RICA) _____
Número de niños en su grupo _________________________
Necesidades especiales ________________________________

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Desafortunadamente, no podemos tener el potluck este año debido a que no encontramos lugar en la Catedral.

**No se olvide de estas fechas en la Catedral:**
- **RICA Peregrinación a la Catedral**: 7 de enero 2019 4:00pm
- **Rito de Elección**: 10 de marzo 2019 4:00pm
- **Confirmación para adultos**: 9 de junio 2019 11:00am
All Catechists are Invited to a
Special Deanery 10 Catechetical Event
with Sr. Celeste Arbuckle

The Holy Spirit
Prayer
Eucharist
and Hope

Thursday, February 28
6:30 Social with Snacks
7:00 Sr. Celeste Presentation

Immaculate Heart of Mary @ Saint Michael Hall
1040 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont, CA 94002

Join us as we experience The Holy Spirit, Prayer, Eucharist and Hope with Sr. Celeste and fellow Catechists from the other parishes in our area. Meet with others, just like you, who are called to share their gifts in the Faith Formation of our church family.

There is no fee to attend.
Registration is Required!

These retreats are offered to youth candidates preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The retreats are led by the Archdiocesan Youth Council, which is composed of confirmed youth from around the Archdiocese. From 10am-5pm, the council will lead the candidates in prayer, community builders, and share their own testimony of faith. Then we will attend the 5pm mass together. Parents are invited to join us for worship. What a great way to illustrate discipleship through the witness of these amazing youth. To register, please email our Coordinator, Natalie, at Dore@saintanselm.org providing her with your preferred retreat date and the number of candidates you have. Space is limited.

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Adult Confirmation Preparation  
Spring 2019 – March 29 and 30

Archdiocesan Pastoral Offices  
One Peter Yorke Way, SF  94109

Classes are offered in conjunction with the parish and permission from the parish personnel is required. It is open to persons 18 years or older.

Classes are provided in English and Spanish.

Parish Duties:
- Have initial interview to go over parish program and affirm the sacramental information for parish records. Set up regular contact with the candidate as he/she prepares.
- Have a final interview with the candidate as to readiness and send name to the Office of Worship for Cathedral Confirmation (if attending this one). This will include also preparation of a name tag for the ceremony. Hopefully, persons from the parish will attend as companions to the candidates.
- Upon reception of the sacrament the parish needs to prepare the certificate and enter information in the sacramental registry. Information needs be sent to the church of Baptism.

Cost for the classes  
$60.00  
Made to the Office of Faith Formation  
(Sent in with the application on next page)

Classes:
Session #1 – March 29  6:00-8:30 PM  
Session #2 – March 30  10:00 AM-4:00PM

Candidates must attend both session to complete the preparation.

Presented by the  
Archdiocese of San Francisco  
Office of Faith Formation  
(415) 614-5650  
arbucklec@sfarch.org

The Adult Confirmation at  
St. Mary Cathedral is  
June 9, 2019  
11:00 AM Mass  
Candidates with their sponsors are to arrive at 10:00 AM
Adult Confirmation Registration Form
To be filled out and returned to
Office of Faith Formation
One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA  94109
Arbucklec@sfarch.org
415-614-5650 (Phone and fax)

Please Print
Candidate’s Name ________________________________

Email __________________________ Contact Phone __________________________

Address ________________________________ City ______________ Zip ____________

Parish Personnel filling out form (Please print)

Name ________________________________ Parish __________________________

Email __________________________ Contact Phone __________________________

Address ________________________________ City ______________ Zip ____________

I have read the requirements of the parish to participate with the Office of Faith Formation in preparation of candidates and agree to participation. This person has received Baptism and First Eucharist.

Signature ________________________________ Date __________________________

This program is scheduled for March 29 and 30 at the Archdiocese of San Francisco Pastoral Offices,
One Peter Yorke Way, SF  94109

The candidate will be attending classes in  _____ English    _____Spanish

$60.00 for classes and materials is included _____
$60.00 for classes please bill the parish _____
An interactive training to experience what it is like to run Alpha.

Alpha is a space for people outside the church to explore faith within the context of the local church. Gather with other churches and leaders from across the region for an interactive training to develop an understanding of Alpha and how to get the most of running a course in your context. We will cover topics like "What is Alpha?", the 7 best practices of Alpha, the Alpha small group and leading prayer ministry.

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                326 Maple St  
                Livermore, CA 94550 |
| COST*         | Individual Registration: $25.00  
                Group Registration(4+): $20.00/ea.  
                Walk-In Registration: $30.00 |
| CONTACT       | Eric Hom  
                erichom@stmichaellivermore.com  
                925.447.1585 |
| REGISTRATION  | alphausa.org/runalphallivermoreca |

Make the most of your Run Alpha experience and visit our online training center before you attend. Visit the site below, click login and enter your email address. New users will be asked to create a password.

run.alphausa.org/training
As we contemplate the essence of Christmas, we look to the stable and crib for inspiration in the midst of so many harsh realities we are faced with today. Some of you might not want to contemplate the face of suffering humanity, but that is what precisely makes Christmas so special. Suffering puts us in touch with our vulnerable, human condition and the profound awareness that Jesus assumed this nature of ours to bring us peace and joy, comfort and love. Pope Francis says,  

“In the simplicity of the crib we find and contemplate the Tenderness of God manifested in the Child Jesus.”

Contemplating this God-made-flesh, our hearts are warmed by the beauty and simplicity of this setting of the stable and we are invited to “gaze, consider, contemplate, so that you might imitate,” in the words of St. Claire of Assisi. St. Francis went to the heart of the matter when he invited the people of Assisi to be part of the first Christmas stable that he simulated so that everyone could be moved by the “Love that has loved us.”

Les deseo toda la ternura que se nos ha hecho presente esta Navidad. Que su familia y seres queridos les traigan la alegría proclamada por los Ángeles, escuchada por los pastores y buscada por los sabios.

Hermana Graciela Martinez, osf

Retiro para catequistas

8 de Junio, 2019
Haciendo espacio en este momento de Gracia.

Para más información por favor llamar a la Oficina de Formación en la Fe 415-614-5650
Los invitamos a los cursos que empiezan en Enero: Los catequistas y líderes de parroquia pueden recibir su certificación para su ministerio en su parroquia. Estos cursos están bajo las normas de los Obispos de Estados Unidos. Para más información por favor llame a la Oficina De Formación en Fe 1415-614-5650.

Certificación En Catequesis

“Ustedes Son La Casa Que Dios Edifica”

Revelación, Sagrada Escritura, Cristología

Iglesia de Nuestra Señora del Pilar

Horario: 7 p.m. a 8:30p.m.

| Noviembre 19 | Diciembre 10 |
| Enero 26 | Febrero 18 |
| Marzo 18 | Mayo 6 |

Aparte las fecha:

Iglesia de San Rafael

Horario: 7 p.m. a 8:30p.m.

| 22 de Enero | 12 de Febrero |
| 19 de Marzo | 7 de Mayo |

Iglesia de Mt Carmel, Redwood City

Curso empieza en Enero. Están pendiente las fechas
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**Lent is coming**

**Remember these special dates**

- 2—Alpha Training 9:00-3:00 PM St. Michael’s Parish Hall Livermore, CA
- 6—Ash Wednesday
- 10—Rite of Election at St. Mary Cathedral 17—Feast of St. Patrick Patron of the Archdiocese
- 19—Feast of St. Joseph Patron of the Archdiocese
- 21-24—LA Religious Education Congress
May 9th at St. Mary Cathedral—Remember to get your awards for catechists in early

May 19-23 is the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership. It is in Anaheim this year. A great opportunity to go to a national conference and network with people from all across the country.

June 9 is adult Confirmation at St. Mary Cathedral. Please encourage people in your parish and programs not confirmed to participate