Catholic Connection
Young Adult Women’s Lenten Retreat

“She Has Done a Good Thing for Me”
Young Adult Women, age 18-35 | Cost $10

Saturday, March 24, 2018
9:30 am - 5:00 pm
Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary - Youth Room
5415 Fortuna Rd. NW / Albuquerque, NM 87105

What do you consider good and beautiful?
How might you see yourself and those around you as Christ does?

Join us for a day retreat of faith-sharing, creativity, and reflection!

Check online for the registration link via Facebook or www.norbertinecommunity.org/events

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Questions? Contact Jessica Rios at (505) 831-8216 / jrios@archdiosf.org or Celina Chavez at (505) 873-4399 ext. 237 / cchavez@norbertinecommunity.org
A Lenten Message of Hope from Project Rachel Ministry

The time we spend in prayer and introspection during the season of Lent leads to renewal, understanding and hope, and culminates in joyful celebration of our Lord’s resurrection at Easter. The spiritual work done during the six weeks of Lent serves to bring us understanding of the gift of mercy given to us by God, who erases all sin with Jesus’ sacrifice. Project Rachel invites men and women who are suffering grief from abortion to embark on a journey that will lead them to a deeper understanding and acceptance of God’s mercy, culminating in the ability to live joyfully again. If you are grieving from an abortion decision, call the Project Rachel help line at (505) 831-8238 to begin your journey of hope and healing.

SAVE THE DATE! Social Action Summer Institute (SASI) July 15-19, 2018, St. Joseph’s University, Philadelphia, PA Join other social concerns ministers from around the country!

Cultivating Creativity in Social Justice Ministry: ‘Love requires a concrete, creative response’ is the theme for the 2018 Social Action Summer Institute (SASI) to be held at St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia, PA. The theme was inspired by a Tweet from Pope Francis: “Love requires a creative, concrete response. Good intentions are not enough. The other is not a statistic, but a person to take care of.” Kate Hennessy, Blessed Dorothy Day’s granddaughter and author of Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved by Beauty, will discuss how her grandmother envisioned a more just world and how this vision radically challenged the status quo.

Quote from Pope Francis’ 2018 Lenten Message

“Almsgiving sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbour as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church!... This is all the more fitting during the Lenten season, when many groups take up collections to assist Churches and peoples in need. Yet I would also hope that, even in our daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we would see such requests as coming from God Himself. When we give alms, we share in God’s providential care for each of His children. If through me God helps someone today, will He not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God.”

Social justice ministry serves those individuals on the margins of society and within our Church, yet the way in which we minister must evolve. How can social action directors fully embrace the Holy Father’s call to missionary discipleship in order to advance God’s kingdom of peace and justice? What creative, new methods, new visions can be utilized? SASI 2018 will look to provide new ideas and new ways for social ministers to bring back to their respective diocese or parish. This five-day program offers first-time participants grounding in Catholic social teaching, biblical theology, and the spirituality of social justice. Returning attendees take part in an advanced program focused on particular areas of social action ministry. SASI is planned jointly with national collaborators from the USCCB’s Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development, and national partners at Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA. Recent topics covered at SASI have included Supporting Workers Today, Peacebuilding for the 21st Century, Economic Justice, and Racial Reconciliation, and numerous skills-building workshops. For more information, go to https://www.catholicroundtable.org/events/social-action-summer-institute-sasi or contact the office (see box).

Paid CCHD Internship Available!

Catholic Campaign for Human Development’s (CCHD) Archdiocesan office in Albuquerque is looking for Catholics who have a passion for service and justice, to apply for a paid position, approx. 18-20 hours/week, $12/hr for Fall 2018 and Spring 2019. The internship is a great opportunity to learn more about social justice education, poverty relief, community development, economic development, and Catholic social teaching. Job skills needed include bi-lingual, English/Spanish, good organizational skills, leadership experience, community service experience and effective writing and communication skills and computer skills. CCHD has a particular interest in helping
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Taize Prayer Service

March 16 at the Norbertine Abbey (5825 Coors Blvd. SW Alb. NM 87121) from 7:30pm – 9:00pm. No fee or registration needed. Open to all ages and all Christian Denominations.

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Archdiocesan Christian Leadership Institute (CLI)  
Monday-Friday July 16-20, 2018. Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Las Vegas NM. $100.00 per person. For ages 15 through adult who are in a leadership role. Registration Deadline: Wednesday, July 4, 2018

For more information contact Della in the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry (see box). Events are subject to change.

Note: Chaperone a must. One chaperone for every six youth and should be 21 years of age or older and must have attended the Archdiocesan Abuse Awareness Workshop.

The Youth and Young Adult Ministry Web site: www.asfym.org  
Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/asfyoungadults

Stay in the loop with parish events, communications and Catholic material!  
The new Archdiocese of Santa Fe Young Adult app is now available for Apple and Android products! You can download it for free in the App Store or Google Play Store by searching for ASF C Squared. Click the link to download! http://myapp.parishapps.com/

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Advisory Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 13 at 10am at the Catholic Center (Albuquerque).

Kateri Circle Leaders Meeting: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 10am at the Catholic Center, Albuquerque.

Bi-Monthly Native American Ministry Meeting: The March NAM meeting has been cancelled and will be rescheduled after Easter.

Monsignor Lenz Memorial Mass: Sunday, April 22, 2018 at St. Augustine Church (Isleta Pueblo). All Kateri Circles are invited to attend. Please join us for this special mass presided by Archbishop Wester at 2pm. Reception to follow. Please call the Native American Ministry Office for more information (see box).

low-income Catholics to participate in a practical learning experience that ordinarily would be out of their reach due to financial limitations. Applications can be requested by e-mail at justice@archdiocsf.org. Contact Anne Avellone in the Office of Social Justice and Respect Life for more information. Applications must be received by March 2, 2018. Don’t pass up this wonderful opportunity!

SAVE THE DATE: African American Catholic Community Anniversary Mass and Scholarship Awards April 22
The Archdiocese of Santa Fe African American Catholic Community will celebrate their 26th Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 22, 2018, 12 noon at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Church, 5901 St. Joseph’s Dr. NW, Albuquerque. The Fr. Rollins Lambert Scholarships will be awarded at the Mass. For more information, please call (505) 836-3627 or (505) 831-8167.

Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl this Lent!

At the end of March and beginning of April, as we move into Holy Week and Easter, our Archdiocese has prayed, fasted and given alms with a special focus on the poorest members of our global community. Our lives were touched by stories from Iraq, Nicaragua, Burkina Faso, Haiti, Malawi and the United States—the Archdiocese of Chicago’s anti-violence project, “Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation.” Through our Lenten prayers and donations, we have touched the lives of millions of people served by Catholic Relief Services, our representative to the poorest communities in the world. Remember, 25% of your contribution goes for local projects that alleviate hunger and homelessness in our Archdiocese. Please return your Rice Bowl to your parish or school office immediately after Easter! Thank you for your generosity!
Archdiocesan Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage

Evenings for the Engaged, St. Jude: April 3, 5, 10, 12, 14 at St. Jude Parish. To register call 898-0826.

Engaged Encounter: March 16-18 at the Madonna Retreat Center. Register online at www.abq-sfee.com

Weekend for Engaged: April 6-8 at the Madonna Retreat Center. To register call 831-8117.

May 4-6 at Our Lady of Belen. To register call 550-8289.

Enrichment and Support for Married Couples

Marriage Enrichment Evenings of Celebration: The purpose of this ministry is to strengthen and enrich the relationship between a man, a woman and God during the couple’s marriage journey through fellowship and sharing. March 23, 2018. For more information contact Dan Martinez at 294-6285.

Marriage Encounter Weekend – April 28-29, 2018

Staying connected in a digital age can sometimes mean feeling more disconnected from those we love. If your marriage has taken a back seat to the many distractions vying for your time, take a break with your spouse during a life changing Marriage Encounter Weekend on April 28-29 in Albuquerque. For less than the cost of a weekend getaway, return home feeling connected to your spouse, God and yourself. The weekend includes all meals, lodging and communication tools. The weekend is $100 per couple plus a $100 registration fee. Scholarships/financial assistance is available. To register contact Vivian Austin at 505-363-0363 or Vivnava@yahoo.com or call the Family Life Office at 505-831-8117.

Nurture Your Love

Would you like to tweak your communication skills and discover ways to resolve conflict in a healthy way? Dating, engaged and married couples are invited to have 6 date nights with the "Nurture Your Love" program. Topics included are: Effective Communication Skills, Conflict Resolution Strategies, Healthy Intimacy, Spirituality, and Managing Finances. The interactive program will be six consecutive Tuesday, April 3 through May 8 from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M at The Catholic Center. The cost for the entire program is a mere $30.00 per couple. To register, contact Yvette at: ydurran@archdiosf.org 505 831-8117. (Facilitator: Mary Pepper, MA, Family Studies) (Sponsored by the ASF Family Life Office.)

Retrouvaille

A lifeline for troubled marriages: Is your marriage tearing you apart? Is there little or no meaningful communication? Are you considering separation or divorce? We believe Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille will teach you a method to re-establish communication. This three phase program consists of a weekend experience, a series of 7 follow-up sessions over a three month period, and a monthly meeting for lifelong support. The next program will be September 14-16, 2018 now in both English & Spanish. For more information or to register, please call 890-3495 in ABQ or 1-800-470-2230. You can also find us on the Web at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Catholics’ Divorce Survival Classes

Sunday afternoons 3:00-4:15pm at St. John XXIII. Call Karen at 238-1159 to register or for more information.

Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30pm at Shrine of St. Bernadette. Call to register 298-7557. Call Jane at 688-8663 for info. This 12-week class has a $20 fee which includes the “Personal Survival Guide” workbook. Learn of God’s healing power and peace for divorced/separated people.

Family Bereavement Ministries

Support Groups for bereaved by the death of a loved one are offered at Prince of Peace Catholic Community and Immaculate Conception Parish, ABQ. Call Paulette Sanchez at 831-4288 for details at Immaculate Conception or Maggie Garner at 384-6293 for details at Prince of Peace.

Crossing the Threshold of Hope: A 3-part Bereavement Ministry Training for parish clergy and lay ministers available upon request.

Parenting Support

Love and Logic Parenting Classes provide practical tools and techniques that help adults achieve respectful, healthy relationships with their children. To register for a class or to schedule a class at your parish, call the Family Life Office (see box).

Archdiocesan Natural Family Planning (NFP) Instruction

Couple to Couple League: The Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning will be taught by the Couple to Couple League in a series of three sessions. To register for a course go to www.ccli.org.

Click on “Learn/Register” and choose the course option that fits your schedule. Certificates are generated upon completion. Register online at the address above or call Annunciation Parish at 298-7553.

The Creighton FertilityCare™ System: St. Joseph FertilityCare Center in Albuquerque invites you to learn about the Creighton Model FertilityCare System for family planning. Services are also available in Sandia Park, Santa Fe, Los Alamos and Española. Introductory Sessions are offered the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month 7:00-9:00PM at Lourdes Hall (rooms 130 & 132) in ABQ, near St. Pius X High School and by appointment. For more information and to register, please call 263-3509, or email angelgarcia@comcast.net.

In Northwest Deanery, Los Alamos and IHM areas, call Leslie Esquibel 690-3710 or email her at Leslie.CFCP@gmail.com.

Families of Americas Natural Family Planning Method: Instruction is available in Tucumcari and throughout the SE Deanery. Call Audrey Wiegel at 575-403-7189 to schedule a class.

SINGLES: Relationship Skills 101" is an interactive, educational, skill based class series on effective communication skills, healthy and unhealthy relationship traits and the relationship attachment model. April 20, 27, May 4, 2018. The cost for the entire program is only $15.00 (Facilitator: Mary Pepper, MA, Family Studies) (Sponsored by the ASF Family Life Office.)

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Triduum Resources

Did you know that the MRC has lots of resources to help your Triduum celebration be meaningful and effective? Great ideas for liturgists, RCIA, and other faith formation opportunities.

Washing Feet: Imitating the Example of Jesus in the Liturgy Today by O'Loughlin, Thomas. - 2016. - eBook
More than half a century after its introduction into the Easter liturgy, the rite of the washing of feet on Holy Thursday goes to the heart of what it means to take part in Christian liturgy as well as to live a Christian life. In this book the author explores the significance of mutual foot washing in early Christian communities and in the rituals of churches today. Washing Feet is a sound and engaging combination of liturgical theology, historical exploration, and practical pastoral guidance.

The Proud Tree 2007 - DVD  This inspiring video tells children the story of the Crucifixion from the viewpoint of Rex, the tree that became the cross Jesus carried to Calvary. Rex, proud and ungrateful, learns a lesson from the humble, gentle Jesus. Sadness and sympathy for the suffering Jesus mingle with the joy and exultation of the Resurrection as an old familiar story is told in a new and memorable way.

The Triduum and Easter Sunday Breaking Open the Scriptures by Pilch, John J. - 2000 - Book
What author John J. Pilch did for our understanding of the Sunday readings in his best-selling Cultural World of Jesus Sunday by Sunday series, he now does for the readings of the Triduum and Easter Sunday. Preachers, liturgy planners, musicians, and lyricists will discover the cultural context and meaning of the three Scripture readings for each day. All who participate in the Triduum and Easter Sunday liturgies will gain a deeper understanding of the Scriptures and their application to modern life.

A Triduum Sourcebook (Three Volumes) 1996. - book
'A Triduum Sourcebook' presents the scripture readings and prayers of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday, along with a treasury of hymns, poetry, homilies, and reflections gathered from contemporary and ancient sources. Published by Liturgy Training Publications.

O Cross of Christ by Pope Francis - 2016. - eBook
O Cross of Christ is an original, new prayer composed by Pope Francis himself and recited by him on the occasion of Good Friday 2016. It guides all who pray it to recognize Jesus’ cross in some of the most distressing circumstances of today's world as well as in the lives of people who do great good. Presented as a litany, with responses that make it ideal for group use.

For more resources, go to our on-line catalog .
Volunteers Needed
The Office of Pastoral Outreach provides the following ministries and needs volunteers to help in all ministries. Prison/Detention, Thresholds, Blessings of Age for Seniors, People Living with Disabilities, Veterans, Substance Abuse, and Nursing Homes. The Pastoral Outreach Office is a liaison to St. Vin-cent de Paul. If you would like to volunteer for any of these ministries, please bring a letter of good standing from your Pastor, as well as a certificate of completion of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Abuse Awareness Training for Adults to the Pastoral Outreach Office. For more information call Josephine (see box).

Archdiocesan Deaf Retreat
This is a FREE deaf retreat that will be held on Saturday, April 21st at the Madonna Center in Albuquerque (4040 St. Joseph’s Pl. NW, 87120). Continental breakfast will be served at 8:30am, retreat will begin at 9am. Our speaker will be Rev. Shawn Carey from the Archdiocese of Boston. Rev. Carey was ordained on May 23, 2009 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston, MA. He received his education from Clarke School for the Deaf in Northampton, MA, Cathedral High School in Springfield, MA and Providence College where he received his bachelor degree in Political Science and Business. After college, while working as an investments analyst for Putnam Investments in Boston and discerning his vocation to the priesthood, he was involved as a Pastoral Associate for the Boston Deaf Catholic Community. In the fall of 2003, he attended St. Patrick’s Seminary & University in Menio Park, CA. Upon his ordination, he was assigned as a part-time Parochial Vicar for St. John the Evangelist Parish in Hopkinton, MA and a part-time Assistant Director for the Deaf Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Boston. As of June 5, 2012 he is now the full-time Director of the Deaf Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Boston. Please join us for this Deaf Retreat, it will definitely be worth while! There will also be a Friday night social the night before the retreat (April 20) in Lourdes Hall Room 103 (across from the Madonna Center) beginning at 6pm. For more information or to register for the retreat contact the Office of Pastoral Outreach (see box).

Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers
What: USCCB program for training Priests, Deacons, Religious and Lay Ministry Leaders. This workshop is based on the bilingual manual Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers, published by the USCCB. Beginning with the mission of the Church and the demands of the New Evangelization, the training experience explores what culture is and how it affects us, how to develop intercultural communication skills, how to recognize the damaging dynamics of racism, and finally, how to promote a spirituality of hospitality, reconciliation, and mission.

When: Friday, April 6 from 6pm-8:30pm and Saturday, April 7 from 8am to 4pm
Where: Catholic Center Sandia Room 4000 St. Joseph Place NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120
Cost: $40—including food, book and materials (light dinner on Friday, Breakfast and lunch on Saturday),
Register online: https://form.jotform.com/kdavis5430/BICM-English by March 23, 2018

Space is limited!

The Ministry of Lector
Saturday, March 17 – 9 a.m. to noon
St. Therese Parish, Albuquerque
$10 per person
The Ministry of Altar Server Trainer/Coordinator
Saturday, April 14 – 9 a.m. to noon
Nativity of the BVM, Albuquerque
$10 per person ($5 per server if accompanied by the trainer/coordinator)

Go to our website for more information: www.asfworship.org
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Basic Theology Classes

Introduction to Church:
Wednesdays, Apr. 4-May 2, 2018, 10am-noon.
Lourdes Hall, ABQ. Instructor: Dcn. Keith Davis

Introduction to Church History:
Saturdays, Apr. 14-28, 2018, 10am-3pm.
Lourdes Hall, ABQ. Instructor TBD.

Advanced Theology Classes

Radical Optimism—a Lenten Presentation:
Mondays, March 5-19, 2018, 1-3pm.; San Isidro, Santa Fe, Sr. Paula Gallagher, Instr.

Pick Up Your Cross — Holy Week Cycle B:
March 21, 9:30am-noon OR 6:30-9pm.; Lourdes Hall, ABQ. Instructor: Dr. Megan McKenna

Women Witnesses in Scripture and Today:
Apr. 11-25, May 2, 6:30-9pm. ; Lourdes Hall, ABQ. Instructor Dr. Megan McKenna

The Parables of Jesus:
Saturdays, March 10 & April 14, 9am to 3pm; St. Anne Parish, ABQ, Dr. Jason Rodarte, Instr.

Register online at: https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=3cbb4e
Or contact Corey Lucero (see box above)

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Emmaus Journey School of Ministry
For Catholic Leaders in Deaneries A,B,C and Southwest.
New Cohort is now forming.

Inquiry meetings (choose one to attend):
March 10 — Deanery B – Our Lady of the Annunciation (St. Bakhita Hall)
March 17 – Southwest Deanery – Our Lady of Belen
March 24 – Deanery C – Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary
April 14 – Deanery A – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
April 28 – Last Chance – Lourdes Hall, Catholic Center
All meet from 10am to noon

The GOALS of the EMMAUS JOURNEY are to help form lay ecclesial ministers who are well grounded in the Gospel message and Catholic teaching and practice and are prepared to witness the Good News by the quality of their lives and relationships.

For more information or to RSVP for one of the Inquiry Meetings, contact Deacon Keith Davis (see box above).

Institute of Formation for Christian Service
(Summer Institute)

June 4-8, 2018
Lourdes Hall, Albuquerque
Registration opens March 31, 2018!

Office of Formation for Christian Service

St. Norbert College (New Mexico Campus)
Graduate Pastoral Theology
Call 505-873-4399 Ext. 229 for more info.
http://eimnm.net/program_description.htm

Did you know:
• It’s possible to earn a Master of Theological Studies degree (32 credits) in an ecumenical setting right here in New Mexico?
• It’s possible to complete the six three-credit core MTS courses and a final paper and earn a Certificate of Theological Competency?
• You can take a stand-alone course or simply audit a course in which you’re interested?

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TO SIGN UP: Click on “Become a New Student”, go to “Create a Profile”, be sure to select “Archdiocese of Santa Fe” under “Diocese/Partner”, and receive our discount automatically!

Cycle 3: April 8—May 12
Registration ends April 4

Affordable Undergraduate Catholic Education

Lewis University in Albuquerque offers a Pastoral Theology Minor. All active Catholics attending Lewis receive a 10% discount on tuition. For info contact either Jim Saya or Joyce Montoya Roach at 505-255-3947.

10% discount for Active Catholics in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe!

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Skills Sessions for Forming the Parish Pastoral Council

What’s a Parish Pastoral Council? The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body of parishioners who are called to work collaboratively with the pastor and pastoral staff to maintain the integrity of the parish mission. They are the leadership entity that helps the pastor provide long-range planning/goal setting and who is invited to investigate, reflect and propose practical conclusions to proposed plans. Unlike parish councils of the past which often dealt with day to day concerns of the Parish, including temporal and material needs, Councils today are called to be visionaries, to plan for the best possibilities for the future of the church and the flourishing of all areas of ministry.

All the Faithful by virtue of Baptism are equal in dignity; the voices of all are prized. The faithful have the responsibility to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and the right to speak for the welfare of the Church.

(Theological and Pastoral Priority on Consultation and Governance - Archdiocese of Santa Fe.)

Help Us Conserve Resources and Trees!
If you have an email address we can send you the PMD Express, via e-mail, which will save printing materials. Simply send a message to cbecerra@archdiosf.org.

We wish to thank all who are contributing to the Annual Catholic Appeal, making the ministries of the Pastoral Ministries Division possible.

Skills Sessions Available

Session 1: Leadership in the Church
• Vatican II and the dignity of the Baptized
• Collaboration in the church

Session 2: The Parish Pastoral Council
• Its purpose and function
• Roles and Responsibilities of Parish council members
• Writing constitutions and guiding principles (bylaws)

Session 3: Working effectively together as a Parish Pastoral Council
• Understanding group dynamics
• Communication skills and conflict resolution
• Decision-making through Consensus

Session 4: The Importance of Prayer for the Parish Pastoral Council
• Personal prayer practices and praying together
• Using the Discernment process to form a Council

Session 5: The Parish Pastoral Council as a Visioning Body
• Tools for Planning
• Developing Mission Statements

Session 6: Components of Long Range Planning
• Developing Goals, Objectives and Strategies
• Evaluating our plan
(How do we know we’ve arrived?)