

Newsletter



Office of
Family Ministry
& Respect Life
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& Youth

Corazon Retreat

Additional Corazon dates have been made available and added to the diocesan website — **April 30-May 2** and **August 20-22**. Please encourage any of your parishioner couples who may be in marriages in crisis to attend a weekend. All confidences are kept and privacy for anyone inquiring about or attending a Corazon retreat is a priority. Brochures are available and if more are needed from the diocese please contact Amanda. If couples have questions, they can contact Amanda at 204-7205. For couple registration or additional information, please visit bismarckdiocese.com/corazon.

Rite of Election

The annual Rite of Election, which typically takes place the first Sunday of Lent, is scheduled for **Sunday, Feb. 21** at 3 p.m. CT at the Cathedral with Bishop Kagan presiding. We warmly extend an invitation to catechumens, godparents and their pastor/catechetical formator to attend. Please RSVP by **Tuesday, Feb. 16** to Chris via email or phone with the names of catechumens planning to participate in the rite, including a number for those interested in attending with the catechumen. See the document "[Rite of Election 2021](#)" for more information.

Opportunities for Summer of 2021

Save the dates for youth activities! As we lovingly accept the weather changes and joyfully anticipate the spring and summer sun, we also hope for a summer of some normalcy that includes transformative and fun experiences for our youth. The *tentative* calendar of opportunities includes: the new-to-our-diocese BCYC Encounter (**June 18-20**), Cor Christi week one (**July 12-16**) and week two (**July 19-23**), and Steubenville Rochester (**July 23-25**). Be sure to save the dates and keep on the lookout for registration information!

Search

The next Search retreats are scheduled for the weekends of **March 6** and **April 17**. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

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Relationship Building Class

A five-week Zoom series, titled "Relationship Building Class: Withing My Reach," is being offered on five consecutive **Sundays, February 7 – March 7**, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The focus of this series is on building positive communication skills with topics such as "Healthy Relationships: What They Are and Aren't," "Where Conflict Begins, Smart Communication," "The Speaker Listener Technique" and more. Visit bismarckdiocese.com/relationshipbuilding for more information and register at surveymonkey.com/r/WMRDiocese.

Hannah's Hope Infertility Support Group

The diocesan Office of Respect Life facilitates a support group for couples suffering infertility. The group is made up of other couples who are also walking the infertility path and is based on the teachings of the Church in regard to infertility. The focus is on spiritual healing and moral support. Daily prayers are offered for all members by an appointed chaplain. Please refer any couples you may know who are struggling with infertility to this support group. Couples can sign up via the diocesan website bismarckdiocese.com/hope or call Amanda at 701-204-7205 with any questions.

Max's Mission

Max's Mission boxes are available at the Diocesan Center for Pastoral Ministry office for anyone who may need more. Please be sure to hand these out to couples experiencing miscarriage or infant loss. For more information about the Max's Mission program, please visit bismarckdiocese.com/maxsmision or call Amanda at 701-204-7205.

USCCB February Resources

Each month the USCCB publishes *This Month in Ministry* providing free resources to continue building their ministry and strengthening their families. This month's edition highlights National Marriage Week, the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking, Lent 2021 and more. To view the February resources, [click here](#).

DRE/YM Virtual Luncheon

The next virtual luncheon will be **Tuesday, Feb. 16** at 12:30 p.m. CT. Please RSVP to Chris by **Monday, Feb. 15** at noon to receive the meeting link. Feel free to contact Chris at ckraft@bismarckdiocese.com with any questions.