

Newsletter



Office of
Family Ministry
& Respect Life
and
Office of
Catechesis
& Youth

ND March for Life

Dedicated pro-life members of the Diocese of Bismarck, University of Mary and the Diocese of Fargo are planning a powerful local respect life event at the State Capitol in Bismarck in conjunction with the national March for Life event held each year in Washington, D.C. Save the date for **Friday, Jan. 29**. Visit www.umary.edu/ndmarchforlife for how you and those entrusted to your care may participate. [Click here](#) to read the ND MFL article in the January 2021 edition of the *Dakota Catholic Action*.

DRE/YM Virtual Luncheon Opportunity

In order to best create an open forum for conversation and collaboration, the Office of Catechesis and Youth will continue hosting monthly virtual luncheons for catechetical leaders across the diocese. The next will be **Thursday, Jan. 21** at 12:30 p.m. CT. A meeting invite will be sent prior to the meeting. Feel free to contact Chris at ckraft@bismarckdiocese.com with any questions or to RSVP for the virtual event.

SEARCH Retreat Day

Youth and young adults age 15+ are welcome to join their peers at the next SEARCH re-Connect retreat scheduled for **Saturday, Jan. 23** in Dickinson. For more information and to register [click here](#).

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

There will be new Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training for the Summer of 2021. Registration will be made available [here](#) on **Thursday, Jan. 21**.

Level 1 Training: (Cost = \$200 per entire course, \$50 deposit due at registration)

Level 1 Part 1 A: Wednesday evening, June 2nd through Saturday, June 5th in Minot, ND

Level 1 Part 1 B: Wednesday evening, July 21st through Saturday, July 24th in Minot, ND

Level 1 Part 2: TBD (the Summer of 2022) in Minot, ND

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9 Days for Life Novena and Other Respect Life Information for January

The annual novena, *9 Days for Life*, will take place from **Thursday, Jan. 21 – Friday, Jan. 29**. For parish resources, such as printables, graphics and sample announcements, please visit <https://www.respectlife.org/leaders-resources>. Also available is a January “action guide” with more ideas and activities for building a culture of life and observing the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*.

Seek Conference

SEEK21 is a one-of-a-kind event where thousands gather as small groups to ask the big questions about joy, peace, hope and salvation. This year, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) is bringing SEEK to you and those entrusted to your care! From **Feb. 4 – 7, 2021**, people will gather across the country in living rooms, campus centers and parishes for a four-day live broadcast event encountering the heart of the Gospel. Set aside the distractions and enter a space alongside thousands of others who are seeking a new encounter with the Lord, a new chance to pursue holiness, a new moment for our Church. Come away knowing Jesus Christ and have the confidence and tools to share and live the Gospel in your day-to-day life. For more information, visit seek.focus.org or contact Chris at 701-204-7208.

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/maxmission or call Amanda at 701-204-7205.

USCCB January Resources

Each month the USCCB publishes *This Month in Ministry* providing free resources to parishes to assist in building their ministry and strengthening their parish family. This month's edition includes important dates and saints' feast days, examples of bulletin inserts and social media posts, free shareable resources and more! To view the January resources, [click here](#).