

Newsletter



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

Safe Haven Sunday and Virtual Matt Fradd Event

On **Sunday, November 22**, the Diocese of Bismarck will be celebrating Safe Haven Sunday, Year 2. The theme this year is "Equipping the Family: Having Critical Conversations." The goal of this celebration is to raise awareness regarding the negative impacts of pornography on individuals, marriages, families and society. The weekend is set aside for parishes to directly address the harms of pornography in an appropriate way.

In anticipation of Safe Haven Sunday this year, the Office of Catechesis and Youth and Office of Family Ministry and Respect Life will be hosting nationally known speaker Matt Fradd in a virtual event. The talk is titled, "Parenting the Internet Generation" where he takes a detailed look at the way pornography harms us and offers practical strategies that adults and parents can implement to protect children from the lies of the over-sexualized culture.

This virtual Matt Fradd event will be on Wednesday, November 18 at 7–8 p.m. CT. The link to the livestream will be available on the Diocese of Bismarck social media channels and website prior to the event. We will also send it out via email prior to the event to assure that all parishes receive the link.

We encourage you to share this virtual event with the adults of your parish. Under the discretion of the Pastor, parishes may host interested adults (such as parents of the Faith Formation youth) to stream the virtual event; this would be great opportunity to engage parents and other interested adults!

Thank you for your support in creating a safe haven for our young people to grow and flourish.

DRE and YM Gathering/Retreat, December 11-12

Parish Directors of Religious Education and Youth Ministers are invited to a social-distanced gathering and retreat at Badlands Ministries, Medora, scheduled Friday evening, December 11 through mid-afternoon Saturday, December 12. Given our concerns regarding the coronavirus, attendance will be limited to 20 participants. If you are available and interested in making the most of this opportunity to safely gather and retreat, please RSVP to Chris by Monday, November 30 at ckraft@bismarckdiocese.com or 701-204-7208.

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Corazon Retreat for Troubled Marriages

The Office of Family Ministry is offering the Corazon retreat for couples with a marriage in crisis. The next weekend is **December 11-13, 2020**.

All confidences are kept and privacy for anyone inquiring about or attending a Corazon retreat is a priority. Please feel free to hand out brochures or suggest the weekend to those whom you feel may need, or wish, to attend. If couples have questions, please have them contact Amanda at 701-204-7205. For couple registration or additional information, please visit: bismarckdiocese.com/corazon.

SEARCH reCONNECT, Dec. 5

The last SEARCH reCONNECT of 2020 is scheduled for **Saturday, December 5** in Dickinson. The day will include good food, inspirational talks, the celebration of Reconciliation and Holy Mass, and the opportunity for young people aged 15+ to encounter Jesus. All are welcome! The cost is \$25 for youth/young adults to attend and the registration deadline is Friday, November 27. For more information and to register, please visit the [Diocesan website](#). Contact Chris at 701-204-7208 or ckraft@bismarckdiocese.com or Dean at 701-471-3403 or dean.johs@msd1.org with any questions.

National Night of Prayer for Life

It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in 1531, that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the Unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these feasts. All nations of the world have been invited to participate in this Night of Prayer, **Tuesday, December 8**, as we ask Our Blessed Mother to protect life and the family; to renew the Church and to establish peace. All parishes are asked to participate in prayer to end abortion and restore God's blessings. For more information, questions or to confirm your parish participation, please visit the website: NationalNightofPrayerforLife.org.

Consecration to Saint Joseph

Men and women across the Diocese are preparing to begin the process of consecration to Saint Joseph by way of Father Donald Calloway's recently-released book. The 33-day preparation can be done in a group or alone and makes for a great way to grow closer to Christ by better living the virtues of Saint Joseph, especially during this time marked by COVID-19. The start date chosen for the devotion is **Wednesday, November 25** so as to make the Act of Consecration on the Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 27. For more information on how to get started, feel free to contact John Berger at 701-319-8602 or Chris at ckraft@bismarckdiocese.com or 701-204-7208.