

Newsletter



Offices of
Family Ministry
& Respect Life
and
Catechesis
& Youth

Corazon Retreat Has Returned

The Office of Family Ministry is excited to announce that we are resuming the Corazon retreat, for couples with marriages in crisis. The dates are set for **December 11-13, 2020**. All confidences are kept and privacy for anyone inquiring about or attending a Corazon retreat is a priority. Brochures were mailed out recently to each pastor in the Diocese. Please feel free to hand those out to anyone you feel may need to attend one of these retreats. If couples have questions that the brochure doesn't answer, please have them contact Amanda at 701.204.7205. For couples to register or for more information please visit bismarckdiocese.com/corazon.

New General Directory for Catechesis

The Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization recently released a new Directory for Catechesis. Each parish Pastor received a copy for their respective parish(es) at the Fall Clergy Conference. To learn more about the new directory, visit the [USCCB website](http://USCCB.org) which includes a video series, seminar and more information on the new Directory for Catechesis.

SEARCH re-CONNECTs in Bismarck, Oct. 17

The newly formatted Search for Christian Maturity retreat program will be launching its second day retreat of the season in the Bismarck/Mandan area **Saturday, October 17**. 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. The cost is \$25 for youth/young adults to attend and the registration deadline is **Friday, October 9**. For information and to register please visit the Diocesan website. Please contact Chris at 701.204.7208 or ckraft@bismarckdiocese.com or Dean at 701.471.3403 or dean.johs@msd1.org with any questions.

RISE, a 30-day Challenge for Men

RISE is a 30-day challenge for men who desire greater peace, balance, and fulfillment in their lives. It's for men who want to really live the beauty and power of the Gospel in their day-to-day lives—for men who rise up to the challenge of being the fathers, sons, brothers, and husbands they were meant to be. For more information and to accept the challenge visit Real Life Catholic online.

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Diocesan Retreat Team

To best encourage and strengthen our young people, we have been working to form a Diocesan Retreat Team willing to travel to any interested parish/school to host a retreat for youth or young adults of the community. The Fall 2020 dates have all been reserved besides the **Saturday, October 24** date which day's roster includes both current Vocations Director Father Jordan Dosch and the St. Mary Sisters; if you are interested in this date, the deadline to reserve it is *Wednesday, October 7th*.

Several have inquired about the team's availability into 2021 – If you are interested in utilizing the Retreat Team in the future please fill out the [Retreat Team Questionnaire](#) which can also be found online [here](#). Please contact Chris at 701.204.7208 or ckraft@bismarckdiocese with any questions.

Hannah's Hope Infertility Support Group

The Office of Respect Life facilitates a support group for couples suffering infertility. The group is made up of other couples whom 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 of that are struggling with infertility to this support group. Couples can sign up on the Diocesan website at bismarckdiocese.com/hope or call Amanda at 701.204.7205 with any questions.

Save the date: Matt Fradd in Bismarck, Nov. 18

In collaboration with the University of Mary, the Diocesan Offices of Family Ministry & Respect Life and Catechesis & Youth plan to host Matt Fradd for a talk for parents the evening of **Wednesday, November 18**. His topic at hand: *Parenting the Internet Generation*. He will seek to offer parents a detailed look at the way pornography harms us and practical strategies that parents can implement to protect their children from the lies of an over-sexualized culture. Make sure to save the date!

Faith Matters

Bishop Kagan is releasing a short video series answering questions from our young Confirmands. You can view these on the Diocesan website under [Bishop Kagan's Faith Matters Video Messages](#) or the [Bismarck Diocese YouTube Channel](#). Do consider sharing Faith Matters with those entrusted to your care!