

# Newsletter



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

## Deanery Luncheons

Directors of Religious Education and Youth Ministers across the diocese are welcome to join others from their respective deaneries for an end-of-the-academic-faith-formation-year luncheon and celebration. Our time together will include prayer, networking and, of course, food. If you have not yet emailed an RSVP, please do so by the end of the day Friday, May 7, by contacting Chris at [ckraft@bismarckdiocese.com](mailto:ckraft@bismarckdiocese.com). The dates are below, each to begin around 11:30 a.m. Further details will be emailed the week prior to the luncheon date.

**Monday, May 24** – Minot Deanery Luncheon

**Tuesday, May 25** – Dickinson Deanery Luncheon

**Wednesday, May 26** – Bismarck/Mandan Deanery Luncheon

**Thursday, May 27** – Williston Deanery Luncheon

## FOCCUS Facilitator Couple Training and Refresher Training

Do you need additional FOCCUS Facilitator couples? Do your current FOCCUS Facilitator couples need refresher training? FOCCUS Marriage Ministries has been offering monthly live Zoom trainings in English and Spanish and recorded online trainings for facilitators. If your parish needs more FOCCUS Facilitator Couples or your couples need refresher training, please visit [here](#). For the Spanish registration, visit [here](#).

## Second Marriage Seminar

Reminder that if you are preparing a couple for a marriage that is their second marriage, for either one or both members of the couple, please refer them to the Diocese of Bismarck Second Marriage Seminar. This is similar to the Pre-Marriage Seminar but covers topics that may be present due to a prior marriage. Couples can find upcoming dates and sign up for the weekend on the Diocese of Bismarck website [here](#). Also, the Second Marriage Seminar team is looking for more couples to help in the ministry. If you are aware of any couples that one or both have been married for a second time and would be a great addition to the Second Marriage Seminar team, please contact Amanda at 701-204-7205 or [ajensen@bismarckdiocese.com](mailto:ajensen@bismarckdiocese.com).

## USCCB May Resources

Each month, the USCCB publishes *This Month in Ministry* providing free resources to parishes to continue strengthening their ministries and families. This month's edition highlights key dates like Mother's Day (May 9) and the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin (May 31), bulletin inserts and social media posts for celebrating the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost Sunday, prayers for Mother's Day and the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, and other helpful resources. To view the May resources, [click here](#).

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