

Newsletter



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

Seeking Possible NFP Instructors

The Office of Family Ministry and Respect Life is seeking individuals interested in learning to teach a method of Natural Family Planning for engaged couples in the Diocese of Bismarck. Please consider if you may know of someone in your parish who may have interest in becoming an NFP instructor. To learn more about becoming an NFP instructor for the Diocese of Bismarck, and to inquire about funding, contact Amanda, Director of Family Ministry and Respect Life at 701-204-7205 or ajensen@bismarckdiocese.com.

Celebrating the World Day For Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place for the first time on Sunday, July 25.

Grandparents and the elderly are often overlooked, but this new day in the Universal Church calendar is a momentous achievement and will hopefully reassure them that they are loved and needed. It is refreshing, also, to note the renewed commitment by the Church for the Pastoral Care for the elderly, a group of people who have suffered greatly during the COVID-19 pandemic due to being isolated from family, from their faith and from many of their daily supports.

The Catholic Grandparents Association has also prepared an updated suite of resources for the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. These are currently available online at catholicgrandparentsassociation.com and will be added to regularly between now and July 25.

Prayers for Our Participants

As the dates for Steubenville Rochester and the Benedictine College Youth Conference (BCYC) encounter trips draw near, we ask humbly for your prayers. We ask that you join us in prayer for their safe travels, their chaperones, those who host the conference, and that the Lord may facilitate a conversion within the hearts of all involved. Furthermore, we ask that you think of those going through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training as it begins in early June. Pray that their generosity taking a couple weeks from their time to dedicate to sharpening their understanding of engaging catechesis for youth will be grace filled.

A Warm Welcome

Lastly, join us in welcoming our newest staff member within the Diocese of Bismarck. Neil Albana joins us as a recent graduate of the University of Mary. In his years at UMary, he dedicated his time in the study of Theology and New Evangelization in hopes that this knowledge may aid in his proclamation of the Gospel. He has also served two years with NET (National Evangelization Teams) Ministry and is excited to share his experience with those he encounters within the diocese. Please keep him and all diocesan staff in your prayers as we engage in the ministries of this year.

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