

# FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Office of Faith Formation Newsletter

April 2017

## April Is Abuse Prevention Month

### Child Abuse Prevention Month Resources

CAPM Home Page:

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/child-abuse-prevention-month.cfm>

All Resources:

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/resources/child-abuse-prevention-month-resources.cfm>

Resource Booklet:

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/resources/upload/CAPM-2017-Resource-Booklet.pdf>



**PROMISE**  
to Protect  
Pledge  
to **HEAL**

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

**Protection and Prevention through Respect:  
Creating Safe Environments**

Remember that you may need to have more than one session in order to have 100% participation which is our goal.

*Forms are due by April 15th*

### Statistics from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

2,400,627 adults trained

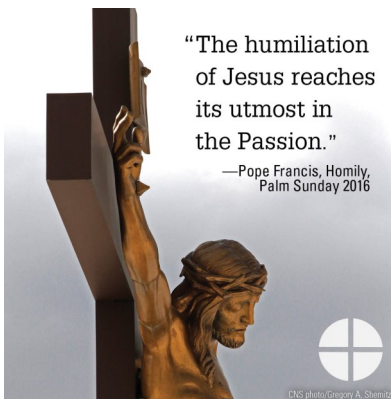
4,484,609 children trained

195 U.S. diocese/eparchies have a victim assistance coordinator to obtain assistance and provide support for those abused

2,390,956 background checks for clerics, employers and volunteers

100% of diocese/eparchies Require allegations of sex abuse be reported to public authorities

*May our celebration of Holy Week  
bring us to the joy of the Resurrection!*



"The humiliation of Jesus reaches its utmost in the Passion."

—Pope Francis, Homily, Palm Sunday 2016

### Palm Sunday Procession

Join the faithful in procession from and to St. Ann Parish, as they sing and pray the stations of the cross walking along Hwy. 98 through downtown Gulf Breeze. Procession will start at 1 pm.



## Serving Special Needs Children/Youth

Saturday, August 12, 2017

from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Chipley

Presenter:

Charlene Katra

Associate Director of the Office of Evangelization  
and Catechesis for the Archdiocese of Galveston-  
Houston

For:

All Parish Catechetical Leaders, Catechists  
Youth Ministers and Teams

## 2017 Catechetical Sunday Theme

The Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis is pleased to announce that the theme for Catechetical Sunday 2017 is: "**Living as Missionary Disciples**"

The new 2017 Catechetical Sunday site complete with articles, clip art, prayer cards, customizable catechist certificates, Commissioning service, and promotional information will be posted on the [Catechetical Sunday website](#) in April.

## Celebrating RCIA as a Response to Conversion

Saturday, August 5, 2017 from 9 am to 2:30 pm

St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Chipley

Presenters;

Father Michael Flynn, Sister Margaret Kuntz, Monsignor  
Flaherty

For:

Parish RCIA Coordinators and Teams  
for both Adults and Children/Youth

Sessions for

those new to RCIA, those experienced,  
those working with children/youth

Topics will include:

National Statutes for the Catechumenate and their  
relationship to the rites

Relationship between rites and call to conversion  
RCIA as taking place within the community of the faithful

## Free Webinars

### Ave Maria Press

Professional Development  
Webinars for Parish Ministers

### [Becoming Confident Catholics: 5 Confidence Boosters to Share with Wobbly, Wounded, and Weakened Catholics](#)

Presented by: [Pat Gohn](#), author of *All In*

Date: April 4, 2017

Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT

### [Faith Formation for the Generations & Seasons of Adulthood](#)

Presented by John Roberto of Life-long Faith Associates

Date: May 2, 2017

Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT

### Sadlier

Teaching for Discipleship: The Call, The Challenge, The Difference

Presenter: Mike Carotta

Tuesday, April 11 3 pm CDT

<http://www.sadlier.com/religion/resources/lifelong-learning-webinars>

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

This summer Good Shepherd Parish is looking to host the first part of Level 1 Formation for *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* June 4 through 10.

If you want more information or are interested in participating in the Level 1 Formation for *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*, contact Sr. Margaret.

## New in the Library

*Saint Peter: Flawed, Forgiven, and Faithful*  
by Stephen Binz  
from Loyola Press

*Catholicism and Life: Commandments and Sacraments*  
by Edward Hayes, Paul Hayes and James Drummey  
from C.R. Publications  
and Leader's Manual

*Catholicism and Reason: The Creed and Apologetics*  
by Edward Hayes, Paul Hayes and James Drummey  
from C.R. Publications  
and Leader's Manual

*Catholicism and Society: Marriage, Family, and Social Issues*  
by Edward Hayes, Paul Hayes and James Drummey  
from C.R. Publications and Leader's Manual  
and Leaders Guide

*The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in a Parish Setting*  
By Tina Lillig  
from Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Publications

*The Religious Potential of the Child 6 to 12 Years Old*  
by Sofic Cavallette  
from Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Publications

*Listening to God with Children*  
by Gianna Gobbi  
from Treehaus Communications, Inc.

## Loyola Institute for Ministry

### Catholic Education/Formation: From and For Faith

June 5-7 at Loyola University New Orleans

Led by Thomas Groome

Internationally acclaimed author and  
professor of Theology

and Religious Education, Boston College

Deadline to Register is June 1, 2017

\$150 cost for all participants

Cost includes daily breakfast, lunch on campus

Monday & Tuesday, and closing lunch on  
Wednesday

<http://www.loyno.edu/lplc/catholic-educational-leaders>

### **Catechist Certification**

*If your catechists participate in webinars or in programs including Bible Studies from Ascension Press and the Catholicism Series in your parish please have them complete the Non-Diocesan Sponsor Forms and forward them to Sister Margaret. Credit toward Certification will be given.*

## **Save the Date!** **Bishop Ricard Conference** **Saturday, September 30** **at St. Sylvester Parish**

### **Living as Missionary Disciples**

*For all in ministry in our parishes and diocese including parish pastoral and finance councils, AFF leaders, RCLA coordinators, Family Life ministers, Youth ministers, Catechetical leaders, Music ministry, Hispanic ministry, Catechists and all adults interested in growing in faith.*

## **Apostleship of Prayer** **April Intention** **For Young People.**

That young people may respond  
Generously to their vocations  
and seriously consider offering themselves  
to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

### **Urgent Intention** **Landslide Victims**

Victims of the landslide in Colombia  
and peace in  
the Democratic Republic of Congo,  
Venezuela, and Paraguay.

## Prayer for a New Bishop

Heavenly Father,  
You have blessed our diocese  
time and again  
with good and holy bishops  
who have led us ever closer to you.

Aware of your profound love for us,  
we ask you to bless us once again.

Send us a good and holy man  
to become our next bishop.

Inspire us, the clergy, religious  
and the laity of the diocese  
to work generously with him  
so that we might  
grow together in your love  
and continue the good work  
you have begun in us for the sake of all.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your son, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever.  
Amen

## Dates to Remember

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| August 5       | RCIA Workshop  |
| August 12      | Special Needs Workshop   |
| September 16   | Women Study Group Reflection Morning                                     |
| September 30   | Bishop Ricard Conference   |
| October 14-15  | Retreat for Women  |
| November 4     | Retreat for Youth Ministers and Teams<br>and Parish Catechetical Leaders |
| January 11-13  | Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference                                    |
| January 26-29  | Diocesan Youth Conference  |
| February 18    | Rite of Election Place to be determined                                  |
| February 25    | Rite of Election Place to be determined                                  |
| February 23-25 | Catholic Renewal Conference  |
| March 10       | Middle School Retreat  |
| April 6-8      | High School Camp Out   |
| April 13-15    | Marriage Retreat   |

## Young Adult Retreat Day

### Encountering Christ

Holy Name of Jesus Parish,  
Niceville

Saturday, June 10

Watch Emerald Coast Catholic  
Young Adults for details

## Frassati Society of Tallahassee, FL

Facebook: Frassati Society of Tallahassee  
Tuesday nights: Men and Women Groups  
Thursdays: Rosary  
Monthly Mass and Brunch  
Third Thursday: Thursday Night Theology

## Pensacola Catholic Young Adults

Facebook: Pensacola Catholic Young Adults  
Encounter: First Thursday

## Emerald Coast Catholic Young Adult (Mary Esther/Fort Walton Beach/Niceville)

Facebook:

Emerald Coast Catholic Young Adult Ministry  
Faith Sharing: First Wednesday at St. Mary Parish  
Dinner is Served and Adoration: Second Tuesday  
Discipleship on Draft: Third Mondays  
Coffee and Jesus on Saturday mornings

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