

# FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Office of Faith Formation Newsletter

February 2017

## 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

## Rite of Election

Pensacola  
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart  
Sunday, March 5 at 3 pm

Tallahassee  
Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More  
Sunday, March 12 at 3 pm

Registration Form is due  
by February 9th

Please pray for the Catechumens who will  
be fully initiated at the Easter Vigil and  
for the Candidates who are joining the  
Catholic Church

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* is a Montessori-based religious formation program for children, beginning at the age of three. It seeks to create and facilitate a sacred "hands-on" space for children called an *atrium*, in which both the children and the catechists can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Christian faith as revealed in the scriptures and the liturgy.. Originally developed in Rome by Dr. Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi over 50 years ago, the Catechesis continues to spread worldwide and is used with adaptation in various Christian traditions.

Sacred Heart Cathedral and Good Shepherd Parish currently offer this program. Nativity of Our Lord and St. Dominic will be offering it in the fall.

You can learn more about the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* from the attached or at <http://www.cgsusa.org/>.

**This summer Good shepherd Parish is looking to host the first part of Level 1 Formation for *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*. We are hoping to have 12-15 participants.**

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

## Needed:

### Adults and Youth for Celebrate Faith

Are you willing to share your faith with the children?  
*We will be able to record the speakers so you can view them later!*

Willing to help set up on Friday and/or clean up on Saturday?

Contact Sister Margaret to volunteer! 850-435-3523 or  
[kuntzm@ptdiocese.org](mailto:kuntzm@ptdiocese.org)

## Loyola Institute for Ministry Looking for an online graduate or certificate program?

Loyola University of New Orleans Institute for Ministry offers both online and small group extension groups.

### *Who participates:*

- ◆ Adults seeking deeper connections between faith and work
- ◆ Laypeople involved in or preparing for diocesan or parish ministries
- ◆ Prison ministry staff and volunteers
- ◆ Individuals answering the call to holiness in everyday life.

### *What programs are there:*

- ◆ Master of Religious Education
- ◆ Master of Pastoral Studies
- ◆ Graduate Certificate in Theology and Ministry
- ◆ Continuing Education Certificate in Religious Education or Pastoral Studies

### **For more information**

Gps.loyno.edu/lim or contact Sister Margaret Kuntz at 850-435-3523 or [kuntzm@ptdiocese.org](mailto:kuntzm@ptdiocese.org)

## National Marriage Week February 7 -14

In a recent audience with the Roman Rota, Pope Francis called for stronger and more effective marriage preparation for couples approaching the sacrament. He noted the difficulties of choosing to marry in today's culture and emphasized the importance of the faithful in being present to married couples in the Church.

*Let us pray for all marriages and support those engaged.*

## Coming Events

### Retreat for Men *Man Fully Alive* March 17-19

Camp Timpoochee, Niceville  
Featuring Fr. Matt Worthen, Fr. Michael Nixon, Father Tim Holeda and more.

### 40 Days for Life Spring March 1 – April 9

Pray, Fast, and Peacefully Vigil for Life...  
Check your local area for details.

### Retreat for Women

#### *Christology of St. John Paul II* March 25-26

Visitation Monastery, Mobile  
Sponsored by the Women Study Groups  
Cost is \$80 for overnight and \$40 for the day  
Contact Sister Margaret Kuntz for more information or to register

### Catholic Days at the Capitol April 4-5

- ◆ Legislative Briefing - Learn About the Issues Presented by the Staff of the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops: *Tuesday afternoon*
- ◆ Meetings with Legislators— Advocate for the Common Good  
Scheduled in advance by your Diocesan Coordinator: *All Day Wednesday*
- ◆ Luncheon - Break Bread and Network  
Enjoyed with Fellow Participants, Florida Bishops and Lawmakers: *Noon Wednesday*
- Red Mass of the Holy Spirit  
Celebrated by the bishops of Florida as an opportunity to pray for Florida's executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government *6:00 pm Wednesday*

Contact Deacon Ray Aguado to register

### Diocesan Marriage Retreat

*Abide with Me*

April 21-23

Topsail Hill State Park, Santa Rosa Beach

\$250 per couple

Sponsored by the Office of Marriage and Family Life

### DCCW Convention with Reflection Day April 22

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart 9 am to 4 pm

[www.ptccw.org](http://www.ptccw.org) \$30.00

## New in the Library

*Pilgrimage: My Search for the Real Pope Francis* by Mark Shriver

*Chosen Plus* — Documentary on Human Trafficking — DVD with guides and discussion questions for adults and students from Shared Hope International.

*Francis The Pope from the New World* DVD Knights of Columbus

*The Greatest Miracle — Angels Are All Around Us* DVD from Arc Entertainment

*In Her Footsteps The Story of Kateri Tekakwitha* DVD Salt and Light Catholic Media

*For Greater Glory The True Story of Cristida* DVD from Arc Entertainment

*The Church Alive Pilot Episode: Celebrating the e Year of Faith* from Salt and Light Catholic Media

*Forty Days to a Closer Walk with God The Practice of Centering Prayer*  
By J. David Muyskens from Upper Room Books

*A Facilitator's Guide* by Rich Cleveland

*In the School of the Holy Spirit* by Jacques Philippe

*The Journey Toward God — in the Footsteps of the Great Spiritual Writers* by Benedict Groeschel

*Eastern Catholics in the United States of America* from USCCB

*Holding Jesus Reflection on Mary the Mother of God* by Alfred McBride

*Mother Teresa of Calcutta* by Leo Maasburg

*Understanding The Scriptures: A Complete Course on Bible Study* from the Didache Series from Midwest Theological Forum

## Random Acts of Kindness Week

### February 12-18

This annual opportunity to unite through kindness was formally recognized in 1995, as a seven-day celebration that demonstrates kindness is contagious.

How many random acts of kindness can you, and your family do this week?

How can we fill our parishes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, our country with random acts of kindness?

Let's challenge each other not only this week but every day!

## Passing on the Catholic Faith Ages Birth to 5 Years Old

Saturday, February 25 from 9 to 11 am

St. Paul Parish, Pensacola

Come to grow as the primary educators of your children in the faith!

Come to meet and connect with other couples sharing the role and the journey!

Com, focus on building foundations to celebrate Lent and Easter in your home!

No cost but please register!

On-line registration at [www.ptdiocese.org](http://www.ptdiocese.org)

Questions: Sister Margaret Kuntz 850-435-3523 or [kuntzm@ptdioces.org](mailto:kuntzm@ptdioces.org)

## If you would like for your parish:

- ◆ Let's Talk About Scripture
- ◆ Ways of Raising Catholic Kids: Birth to 5 years
- ◆ An intergenerational event for Lent or Easter

Contact

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## **Lent**

### **Loyola Press**

This Lent, foster a daily practice of spiritual calm where God is at the center. *Living Lent Daily* is a daily e-mail series delivering fresh reflections based on the Scriptures of Lent. Each day's message includes a quotation from the day's Scripture readings and a brief reflection to spur meditation, prayer, and self-examination. The messages also include suggestions for further exploration of Lenten themes through additional online articles and prayers

<http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/>

### **Twenty-Third Publications/Pastoral Center**

Resources and free downloads

<http://pastoral.center/lent>

### **Our Sunday Visitor**

<https://www.osv.com/MyFaith/ChurchSeasonsandFeasts/Lent.aspx>

## **Apostleship of Prayer February Intention**

### ***Comfort for the Afflicted***

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

### ***Sacredness of Life:***

We pray for the children who are in danger of the interruption of pregnancy, as well as for persons who are at the end of life — every life is sacred! — so that no one is left alone and that love may defend the meaning of life.

### **Young Adult Retreat Day**

**St. Peter Parish, Mary Esther**

**Saturday, April 1st**

**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  
Bible Study to come

**Pensacola Catholic Young Adults**

Facebook: Pensacola Catholic Young Adults

Encounter: First Thursday

### **Young Adult Retreat Day**

**Grounded**

**Co-Cathedral in Tallahassee**

**Saturday, March 4th.**

**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

Hikes and other activities

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