

# FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Office of Faith Formation Newsletter

February 2017

*"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life  
and in this way to know the fundamental truth:  
who we are, where we come from, where we must go,  
what path we must take in life."  
Pope Benedict XVI*

## 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

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

## Lent Resources

### Loyola Press

<CatholicFaithFormation@LoyolaPress.com>  
<http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/>

### Twenty-Third Publications/Pastoral Center

Resources and free downloads: <http://pastoral.center/lent>

Our Sunday Visitor: [www.osv.com/Lent](http://www.osv.com/Lent)

### RCL Benziger

<http://rclbenziger.com/2017-lent-and-holy-week/>

### Sadlier

[http://www.sadlier.com/religion/we-believe-and-share/bid/79007/  
>resources-for-lent](http://www.sadlier.com/religion/we-believe-and-share/bid/79007/>resources-for-lent)

### Catechist Journey.com

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**Busted Halo:** <http://bustedhalo.com/>

**Dynamic Catholic:** <http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/>

**Word on Fire, Bishop Baron:** <http://www.lentreflections.com/>

## The Light Is on for You

On Monday, March 27 the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
will be offered around the  
diocese.

### Pensacola

St. Paul 9:15 am to noon  
Sacred Heart Noon to 3 pm  
St. Thomas More 3-5 pm  
Little Flower 5-7 pm  
St. Anne B 5-7 pm  
St. John 7-9 pm  
St. Michael 1-8 pm

### Panama City Beach

St. Bernadette 5-7 pm

### Tallahassee

St. Eugene 2-7 pm

**Check in your area  
and the website for  
more: places and  
times**

**St. John Bosco Conference  
Jesus, Our Hope  
For Catechists and Religious Educators  
July 17-20  
Franciscan University of Steubenville**

Non-Track Participants — Workshops address topics that are current issues and regular points of interest

Looking for a certificate — 4 summer program  
Catechist

Director of Religious Education

Youth Ministry

Rite of Christian Initiation

For more information:

<https://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/sjb/>

## Coming Events

### 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
- ◆ Meetings with Legislators— Advocate for the Common Good
- ◆ Luncheon - Break Bread and Network
- Red Mass of the Holy Spirit  
*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

## 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.

## 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>

## Summer Institute of Christian Spirituality Spring Hill College, Mobile

Session I June 5-9 Morning and Evening Sessions

Session II June 12-16 Morning and Evening Sessions

5 or 8 Day Silent Ignatian Directed Retreat  
June 9-17

For more information contact [theology@shc.edu](mailto:theology@shc.edu) or [www.shc.edu/sics](http://www.shc.edu/sics) or 877-857-6742

## Parish Catechetical Leaders Meetings

March 6 at 6:30 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary,  
Panama City

March 8 at 9:30 pm at Good Shepherd Parish,  
Tallahassee

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Tallahassee

March 27 at 9:30 am at St. Mary Parish,  
Fort Walton Beach

March 30 at 9:30 am at the Pastoral Center,  
Pensacola

March 30 at 6:30 pm at the Pastoral Center,  
Pensacola

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

**Bishop Ricard Conference  
Saturday, September 30  
Living as Missionary Disciples**

## New in the Library

*How to Welcome, Include, and Catechize Children with Autism and Other Special Needs* by Lawrence Sutton from Loyola Press.

*Pivotal Players* — 5 DVDs on Five figures in Church History by Bishop Barron from Word on Fire

## 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. *Sessions need to be held by March 31.*

**There are many DVDs and other materials in the Diocesan Resource Library. You might want to reserve them for the date you have set for your parish.**

## 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.*

## Echoes of Faith 3.0 on-line The diocese has created an account for Echoes of Faith on line!

The cost per person for the year (starts when the person activates) is \$20.

This gives access to all the modules in Echoes of Faith on line and will fulfill all the requirements for Level I of our Catechist Formation Program except the Shield the Vulnerable.

When a catechist is ready to begin, the following information and the \$20 fee needs to be sent to Sister Margaret.

## National Conference of Catechetical Leaders

May 21-25  
Dallas, Texas

## Transformative Leadership

professional formation  
interactive networking  
inventive encounter.

<https://www.nccl.org/conference-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

## Apostleship of Prayer March Intention Support for Persecuted Christians.

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.  
For reflections: <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/dailyreflections>  
For reflections for children: <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/reflectionsforchildren>

### Palm Sunday Procession

Join the faithful in procession from Wayside Park in Gulf Breeze to St. Ann Parish, as they sing and pray the stations of the cross walking along Hwy. 98 through downtown Gulf Breeze.

### 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

### 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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