

# FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Office of Faith Formation Newsletter

May 2017

## Looking Ahead Dates to Remember

July 20-23	Middle School Camp
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
October 21	Marriage Ministry Meeting
November 4	Retreat for Youth Ministers and Teams and Parish Catechetical Leaders
January 11-13	Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference
January 26-29	Diocesan Youth Conference
January 30-31	Catholic Days at the Capitol
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

## Bishop Ricard Conference Saturday, September 30 St. Sylvester Parish

### Living as Missionary Disciples

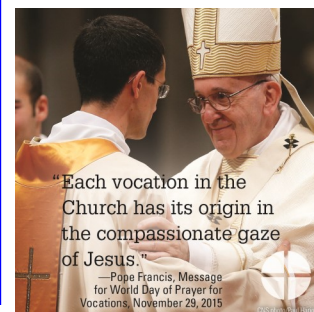
*For all in ministry in our parishes and diocese including parish pastoral and finance councils, AFF leaders, RCIA coordinators, Family Life ministers, Youth ministers, Catechetical leaders, Music ministry, Hispanic ministry, Catechists and all adults interested in growing in faith.*

#### Breakout Topics Include:

- Catechists as Witnesses
- Effective Discipleship
- Faith Formation with Special Needs Children/Youth
- RCIA: Forming Disciples
- Methods for Primary and Elementary
- Being a Missionary Right Where I AM
- Evangelizing through the Parish Liturgy
- Putting Faith in Action
- Mary the First Disciple
- Adult Faith Formation
- Discipleship in the New Testament
- Children Helping Children: Forming Missionary Disciples
- Music Ministry
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- Putting Faith in Action
- Being A Witness of Faith

## Parish Catechetical Leader Meetings

Wednesday, May 10	9:30 am at Co-Cathedral, Tallahassee
Wednesday, May 10	6:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament, Tallahassee
Monday, May 15	9:30 am at St. Mary Parish, Fort Walton Beach
Monday, May 15	6:30 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary, Panama City
Thursday, May 18	9:30 am at the Pastoral Center, Pensacola
Thursday, May 18	6:30 pm at the Pastoral Center, Pensacola



"Each vocation in the Church has its origin in the compassionate gaze of Jesus."

—Pope Francis, Message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations, November 29, 2015

**May 7  
World Day  
of Prayer  
for  
Vocations**

## **Serving Special Needs Children/Youth**

Saturday, August 12, 2017  
from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Chip-  
ley

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

On-line registration will start June 1.

Cost is \$10 for the first 50 to register  
and \$15 for all others.

## **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

This workshop is made possible in part by a Forum  
Legacy Grant, which honors the work of the North  
American Forum on the Catechumenate.

On-Line registration will start on June 1

Free to the first 75 people to register

Cost is \$10 for all others.

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

Thanks for all that you do to create a  
safe environment in our parish for our  
children and youth!

*Please check that all who minister with  
children/youth and vulnerable adults  
are in compliance.*

Remember to plan for sessions with  
children/youth

## **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 com-  
plete with articles, clip art, prayer cards,  
customizable catechist certificates, Com-  
missioning service, and promotional in-  
formation will be posted on the [Cate-  
chetical Sunday website](#)

## **Catechist Certification**

*Now is the time to plan for Catechist Formation!*

A Summer Gathering?

A Workshop to start the year?

During a break in classes?

*If you need assistance or a presenter,  
contact Sister Margaret*

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

## 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

### Young Adult Retreat Day Encountering Christ

Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Niceville  
Saturday, June 10

Watch Emerald Coast Catholic Young  
Adults for details

### 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

### 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

### Pensacola Catholic Young Adults

Facebook: Pensacola Catholic Young Adults  
Encounter: First Thursday  
More to come!

## Apostleship of Prayer: May Intention

Pope's Prayer Intention - **Christians in Africa:**  
That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus,  
may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.



May 13th is the 100th Anniversary  
of Our Lady of Fatima!

Let us pray as she requested  
for peace in our world!

Sister Margaret Kuntz

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