



Faith Engaged!
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Media Advisory from the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee: First of Four Deanery Gatherings Happening This Week

- What:** Catholic Festival – ‘*Faith Engaged!* Deanery Gathering’
- When:** April 25, begins at 9:30 a.m.
- Where:** St. Dominic Parish, 3308 E. 15th St., Panama City
- Who:** Hundreds of Catholics from parishes and missions in Bay, Franklin, Gulf, Calhoun, Washington, Jackson and Liberty counties, along with Most Reverend John H. Ricard, Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Hundreds of Catholics from parishes in the East Central Deanery of the Diocese will gather April 25th beginning at 9:30 a.m. at St. Dominic Parish in Panama City to celebrate their faith with Mass, family-friendly activities and entertainment, festival foods, Faith-Filled Flicks (video challenge), praise and worship and music. This gathering is one of four to be held across the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee this spring. At each, elements of parish life and community outreach will be showcased. Admission is free.

The gatherings are part of the “*Year of Faith-Engaged! Sharing Christ’s Message since 1559*” initiative that runs from August 2008 – August 2009. The year, which focuses on our Catholic heritage of 450 years in northwest Florida, is providing multiple opportunities for Catholics to become more involved in their parishes and in outreach to the larger community. As faith communities that participate in the Eucharist, we are called to go forth from our liturgies to share the Good News of Christ in both word and deed. In addition to the family-centered activities, attendees at this gathering are encouraged to offer a donation which will help support the work of Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida’s Panama City regional office, which serves those in need in the seven-county area.

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee comprises the 18th most northwestern counties of Florida. With offices in Pensacola, the diocese includes 58 parishes and missions, 10 Catholic schools, and numerous affiliated Catholic organizations.



Young Church Groups Win Faith-Filled Flicks Video Challenge

As planning began for the celebration of ***Faith Engaged! Sharing Christ's Message since 1559***, an opportunity presented itself to give the young Church of the diocese, such as youth groups, Catholic schools, and young adult groups a way to be involved. The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee issued the "Faith-Filled Flicks Video Challenge" and invited all the eligible groups to participate.

"The videos produced and submitted for this challenge are living proof that the Faith is alive in the young Church," says Lisa Kurnik, director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese.

The winners in the three categories for the Challenge are:

- Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Milton Young Adult Category
- Saint Mary, Ft. Walton Beach High School Category
- Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More Middle School Category

Prizes will be awarded to the winning groups and certificates of appreciation will be presented to participating groups at the deanery gatherings in their area. "Make sure you check-out the entries," says Sr. Margaret Kuntz, ASCJ, director of Christian Formation. "They will be screened at the Deanery Gathering Days."

- Eastern Deanery, John Paul II High School, Tallahassee June 6
- East Central Deanery, St. Dominic Parish, Panama City April 25
- West Central Deanery, St. Mary Parish, Ft. Walton Beach May 16
- NW/SW Deanery, Pensacola Catholic High School May 30

Eucharistic Adoration to Close Year of Faith Engaged: Parish locations to be announced in May newsletter

Festivities include – but are not limited to – Mass with the Bishop, picnic food, family-friendly and faith-filled activities, choir and band performances.

Eastern Deanery: July 26, 27 and 28

East Central Deanery: August 2, 3 and 4

West Central Deanery: August 9, 10 and 11

Southwest Deanery: August 16, 17 and 18

Northwest Deanery: August 23, 24 and 25

