



*Faith Engaged!*  
*Sharing Christ's Message since 1559*

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## **Koch Foundation Grant Brings Inspiring Speakers to Convening of Parish Leaders**

Based on a tally of the evaluations from the January 23 Convening of Leaders at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, the 400 plus participants were "wowed" by the line-up of presenters. The day was facilitated by the executive director of the Florida Catholic Conference, Mike McCarron. Keynoter, Tom Neal, most recently of FSU and the Co-Cathedral Parish of St. Thomas More, was followed by three workshops ably led by Trinitarian Fr. Dennis Berry; Fort Walton Beach Catholic Charities regional director, Carolyn Ketchel; and Diane Klezduk, director of Adult Faith Formation for the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

A comment that summed up the impact of the day stated, "It was great to make connections with leaders throughout our diocese and realize I am not alone in trying to do great things for God. It was great, too, to see how we can work together in the future to provide opportunities for the people we work for to lead them to Jesus."

The Convening of Leaders was made possible in part, through a grant from the Koch Foundation. The Koch Foundation began with the vision of Mr. Carl and Mrs. Paula Koch in 1979. The Foundation has grown from initially supporting evangelization efforts by Catholic organizations within the United States to providing international assistance in supporting the Catholic faith.

## **Young Adults and Youth Creating Videos to Tell Their "Engaging" Faith Stories**

One of the features of the upcoming Year of Faith Engaged Deanery Gatherings (see box for dates and locations) will be a screening of "Faith-Filled Flicks." These 30 second to three minute shorts will be created and produced by several organizations representing the young Church. The groups participating include:

- St. Rose of Lima Young Adult Group
- High school groups from St. Mary (Fort Walton Beach), St. Ann (Gulf Breeze), Holy Name of Jesus, Christ Our Redeemer and Pensacola Catholic High School.
- Middle school groups from Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More, St. Paul Parish, Holy Name of Jesus, Christ Our Redeemer, St. John School (Pensacola) 6<sup>th</sup> /7th grades, and St. Paul School 6<sup>th</sup>/7th/8<sup>th</sup> grades.

### **Join the Bishop's Blog!**

***Faith Engaging!*** is a blog featuring Bishop Ricard, the priests, deacons and lay leaders of the diocese, along with reader's comments & opinions.

Access this new faith sharing opportunity from the Diocesan web page.

Check it out!



*Sending Forth Prayer  
Year of Faith Engaged!  
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**Materials Needed:** Bible, pitcher with water, small bowls – one for each presenter, background music

**Ritual:** Matthew 28: 16-20

**Lector: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshipped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

- Each presenter solemnly pours some water into small bowl.
- Each presenter will dip thumb in water and make sign of the cross on the forehead of one of the participants while saying,
- "Go forth and make disciples of all nations, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.
- That person, in turn will do the same for another until all are blessed.

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**Save the Date for Deanery Gatherings!  
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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:** John Paul II Catholic High, Tallahassee  
Saturday, June 6

**East Central Deanery:** St. Dominic Parish, Panama City  
Saturday, April 25

**West Central Deanery:** St. Mary Parish, Fort Walton Beach  
Saturday, May 16

**Northwest/Southwest Deanery:** Pensacola Catholic High School  
Saturday, May 30

