



*Faith Engaged!*  
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## **Adult Faith Formation Needed to Develop Mature Understanding of Eucharist As Source and Summit of Faith**

“The Church is not an organization or a corporation, but an entity of an entirely different class, said Pope Benedict XVI: “It is the body of Christ, present in the Eucharist.”

With these words Pope Benedict XVI concluded a general audience at the Vatican in December 2008 on the theology of St. Paul on the Eucharist. "Christ unites himself personally to each one of us, but at the same time he unites himself to the man and woman who are next to me," explained the Pontiff. "And the Bread is for me and for others. Thus, he unites all of us with himself and all of us mutually. In communion we receive Christ, but Christ unites himself in the same way with my neighbor. Christ and neighbor are inseparable in the Eucharist. All of us are one bread, one body. Eucharist without solidarity with the rest is an abuse of the Eucharist."

More than 385 leaders of parish life will listen, discuss and reflect on the theology of the Eucharist as the source and summit of our Faith. Dr. Tom Neal will open the day-long gathering of leaders on January 23 at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Dr. Neal's address will include reflection on the "sending forth" that is imperative in our adult understanding of Eucharist.

Because a mature, enlivened sense of Christ's Real Presence is central to our faith, attendees at the Convening of Leaders will receive a teaching guide to take back to their parishes and organizations to assist adult faith formation about the Eucharist. These resources are also available in Spanish. For more information or assistance in implementing a program to enhance parishioner understanding of the Eucharist, contact the department of Christian Formation, [ChristianFormation@ptdiocese.org](mailto:ChristianFormation@ptdiocese.org), 850/435-3526.



## “Gather the People”

### Deanery Meetings Give Diocese’s Parishioners Opportunity to Celebrate the Faith

Four organizing committees have been called together to plan celebrations of the Year of Faith Engaged! at the deanery level of the diocese. Names were suggested from every parish and mission of the diocese by the pastors. These core teams are hard at work pulling the gatherings, which will take place in May and June of this year, together.

#### Members of the Committees Include:

##### For East Central Deanery:

**St. Dominic Parish, Saturday, April 25, 2009**  
Trish Butler and Sr. Jean O’Connor, OSF, **St. Dominic**  
Bill and Connie Schwarz, **Our Lady of the Rosary**  
Alice Hedges, **Our Lady Queen of Peace**  
Lyn Baker, **St. Ann, Marianna**  
Steve Walter, **St. Joseph The Worker**  
Cheryl Fox and Juli Rook, **St. Bernadette**  
Romelie Talbert, **St. Francis of Assisi**  
Melanie and George Walters, **St. John (PC)**  
To be appointed, **St. Joseph (PSJ)**  
To be appointed, **St. Lawrence**  
Mike Moron, **St. Patrick**  
Kathy Edwards, **St. Theresa**

##### For West Central Deanery:

**St. Mary Parish (FWB), Saturday, May 16, 2009**  
Susan Sallman, **Christ Our Redeemer**  
George Yeabowen, **Corpus Christi**  
Pia Elsesser and Michele Laubsch, **Holy Name of Jesus**  
Linda Carpp and Monica Bachman, **Our Lady of Victory**  
To be appointed, **Christ the King**  
To be appointed, **St. Rita**  
To be appointed, **Blessed Trinity**  
To be appointed, **St. Margaret**  
Marilyn Austin, **Resurrection**  
Mary Pickard, **St. Mary (FWB)**  
Jean Schlitt and Cathy McKnight, **St. Peter**

**Would you like to be a part  
of this historic  
“Gathering of People?”**

Contact your parish/mission  
representative or email  
[ChristianFormation@ptdiocese.org](mailto:ChristianFormation@ptdiocese.org).

#### Need to Know Your Deanery?

Check out the January 16-29, 2009 issue of the Florida Catholic, page A-2 where you can find a graphic representation of the deanery boundaries.

or

Call the Diocesan Office of Communications (850/435-3528 for a copy of their colorful “Catholic Driving Tour.”

##### For Northwest and Southwest Deaneries:

**Pensacola Catholic High School (tentative), Saturday, May 30, 2009**  
Sharon Harmon, **Cathedral of the Sacred Heart**  
Fred and Mary Sievers, **Nativity of Our Lord**  
To be appointed, **St. Anne (Bellview)**  
To be appointed, **St. Elizabeth**  
To be appointed, **St. Jude**  
Benny Sepulveda, **St. Mary (Pensacola)**  
To Be Appointed, **St. Paul**  
Martha Skalsky and Judy Platt, **St. Rose of Lima**  
Susan Hall, **Holy Spirit**  
To be appointed, **Little Flower**  
Mary Claus and Gene Church, **Our Lady of the Assumption**  
Joan Daniel and Bruce Goderski, **St. Ann (Gulf Breeze)**  
Carrie Ford, **St. Anthony**  
To be appointed, **St. John (Warrington)**  
To be appointed, **St. Joseph (Pensacola)**  
Cheryl Pyle, **St. Michael**  
Dan and Debra Wade, **St. Sylvester**  
Jo Gantt, **St. Thomas More (Pensacola)**

##### For Eastern Deanery:

**John Paul II High School, Saturday, June 6, 2009**  
Peggy Clark, **Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More**  
To be appointed, **Blessed Sacrament**  
Bill and Pat Beckett, **Good Shepherd**  
Lois Dougherty, **Holy Cross**  
Joanna Gnapp, **Immaculate Conception**  
Andy Buchleitner, **Sacred Heart(Lanark)**  
Shirley Castoldi, **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
Tomisha Eaton, **St. Eugene**  
Bud Hoppe, **St. Louis**  
Fred Salancy, **St. Margaret**  
To be appointed, **St. Thomas The Apostle**  
To be appointed, **St. Stephen (Woodville)**  
Brian O’Connell, **St. Vincent de Paul**

