



Faith Engaged!

Sharing Christ's Message since 1559

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What is the "Year of Faith Engaged?"

- A call to the faithful to commit themselves to live out the Gospel daily - at home, in the marketplace, in their communities
- Events, celebrations, and studies that will touch every parish, mission and school in the diocese with the purpose of deepening the understanding of Eucharist and the Word
- A year-long initiative focused on the history and heritage of Catholicism in Northwest Florida
- Invitations to all people of good will to join with us as we reflect on the values which first formed this community

You Are Invited to Celebrate a "Year of Faith Engaged – Sharing Christ's Message Since 1559"

In his homily on August 15, 2008, Bishop Ricard described the "Year of Faith Engaged" this way:

"We are going to schedule classes, seminars conferences and talks in all our parishes throughout the year with the intention of inviting people to a deeper respect, understanding and appreciation of their faith and how it should be lived.

"We will also celebrate our faith with festivals, which will include additional teachings and lessons with special emphasis on our faith in the Holy Eucharist and on the Bible, the Word of God.

"These two – Word and Eucharist - are essential to our identity as Catholics and followers of Christ. More than ever, a deeper understanding and participation in these two mysteries of our faith is so needed in facing with moral courage and honest strength the challenges of an ever uncertain world and future."



Looking for practical ways to bring the faith alive at home?

Blessings offered at special family events and at meal times – even if that means grab-and-go at the soccer field – make shared prayer possible.

Check out the "Faith Engaged" website for samples.

<http://www.ptdiocese.org/faithengaged/faithengaged.shtml>

Bishop Spotlights History and Heritage of Catholicism in Northwest Florida Since 1559

In his homily, delivered on the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, Bishop John H. Ricard, SSJ spoke to the importance of observing the anniversary of the birth of our faith in the region.

"Why is it important to celebrate this anniversary?

"First it is a reaffirmation of our roots that go back to August 15, 1559. Although a lot has changed since then, it is the same faith, the same Mass and sacraments, the same Word that is preached. The language may have changed, some gestures differ, our modern churches may be shaped

differently, but the essential content of faith and prayer remains.

"Now it is our responsibility to ensure that we live up to this faith in our daily lives, in the way we conduct our business, in the way we respond to the crises and difficulties of life."



Organize a “Faith Engaged” Event!

Bishop Ricard asks that every parish prayerfully consider offering formation programs during the “Year of Faith Engaged” that focus on any or all of the Year’s themes: Evangelization, Eucharist, Paul, and our Heritage of Faith.

Some examples of parishes who are offering such programs include:

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Pensacola - WHO WAS ST. PAUL?

A series of adult classes about the Letters of St. Paul...All are welcome!...Monthly on the third Thursday at 7pm.

- September 18, Companions of St. Paul
- October 16, St. Paul - Missionary to the World
- November 20, Letter to the Thessalonians
- January 15, Letters to the Corinthians
- February 19, Letter to the Ephesians
- March 19, Thursday, Letter to the Romans
- April 16, Thursday, Letters to the Galatians and Colossians
- May 21, Thursday, Paul’s Other Letters and summary of Paul

St. Rose of Lima Parish, Milton–St. Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles

Taught by catechist Marianne Richardson, this four-week adult program began Tuesday, September 9 and continues through succeeding Tuesdays until September 30. Call 850/995-7056 to register.

St. Joseph Parish, Pensacola – Letters of St. Paul

Started September 8 and continues Monday nights from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. Fr. Pat Foley presents this adult study. Contact Gail Rothschild at 850/436-6461, ext. 17.

Christ Our Redeemer Parish, Niceville – Travel With Paul

Presented by Deacon Bill Schall, this adult series began Thursday, September 4 and runs through Thursday, October 16. All meetings begin at 7pm. Call 850/897-7797 to register.

Little Flower Parish, Pensacola – Introducing St. Paul

On September 24 at 6:00PM Little Flower welcomes Msgr. Michael Reed. He will present a lecture introducing St. Paul. Anyone interested in attending should call church office, 850/455-5641.

St. Paul Parish, Pensacola – Understanding the Eucharist from Torah to Gospel

Attend this Parish Mission, September 27 through October 2. Father Jude Eli, O.P., will help participants make sense of how God is present in the human condition. He will also talk about the history of Israel, the formation of the apostolic community, and the lived through experience of the Church today. He will speak at each of the Sunday masses and present immediately following each daily Mass and again each evening at 7:00 PM in the gym Monday, September 29, through Thursday, October 2.

Save the Dates!

Convening of Diocesan Leaders

Friday, January 23, 2009, 10am to 4pm
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Pensacola

Festival of Faith Pensacola!

Friday and Saturday, May 29 and 30, 2009
Pensacola Catholic High School

Festival of Faith Tallahassee!

Friday and Saturday, June 5 and 6, 2009
John Paul II High School

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