

# FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Office of Faith Formation Newsletter

August 2017

## Welcome Bishop Elect William Wack!

Monday, August 21st

Solemn Vespers 5:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.  
Open to anyone who would like to attend.

Tuesday, August 22nd:

The Ordination/Installation at 2:00Pm at the Pensacola Bay Center. Tickets are required for entry

Check with your parish or email: [installation@ptdiocese.org](mailto:installation@ptdiocese.org)

Public Reception, 6:00PM to 8:00PM at the Ave Maria Hall, Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

## Celebrating Conversion RCIA as a Response to Conversion

Saturday, August 5, 2017 9 am to 2:15 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

Registration available on line  
[www.ptdiocese.org/events](http://www.ptdiocese.org/events)

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

## Faith Formation and Special Needs Children/Youth

Saturday, August 12, 2017  
from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm  
St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Chipley

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 at <http://www.ptdiocese.org/events/faith-formation-and-special-needs-workshop>

Cost \$15 per person

Topics include:  
inclusion, strategies for working with diverse  
learners, especially individuals with autism.

Sponsored in part by Sadlier Publishers and a  
Grant from Catholic Foundation of  
Northwest Florida

## YOUTH MINISTRY CORE TEAM TRAINING

August 26 @ St. Mary in Fort Walton Beach  
\$15 per person  
[Register here](#)

Separate tracks for adults working with  
middle school and high school youth

**Save the Date!  
Bishop Ricard Conference  
Saturday, September 30  
at 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.

**Mass with Bishop Wack Celebrant  
Opening Prayer with Bishop Ricard as  
Presider and Homilist  
Three Breakout Sessions  
Continental Breakfast and Lunch  
Exhibitors**

*Breakout Topics Include*

- ◆ Being a Witness of Faith: Practical Ways of Sharing One's Faith Story
- ◆ Effective Discipleship
- ◆ Ways for Parishes to Welcome and include People with disabilities
- ◆ Faith Formation with Special Needs Children/ Youth
- ◆ Being a Missionary Right Where I AM
- ◆ Overview of Foundational Documents
- ◆ How to Facilitate Faith Sharing Groups
- ◆ Children Helping Children: Forming Missionary Disciples
- ◆ Methods for grades 3-5
- ◆ Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- ◆ Discipleship in the New Testament
- ◆ Catechists as Witnesses
- ◆ RCIA: Forming Disciples
- ◆ Mary: The First Disciple
- ◆ Music Ministry and Discipleship
- ◆ Putting Faith in Action Panel
- ◆ We Are All Missionary Disciples
- ◆ Adult Faith Formation
- ◆ Listening Session with Millennials
- ◆ Mary: First Disciple

*Child Care will be available!*

**Brochure and Registration on-line  
will be available August 12**

**2017 Catechetical Sunday  
September 17th  
or when your parish can  
best celebrate!**

The Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis is pleased to announce that the theme for Catechetical Sunday 2017 is: **"Living as Missionary Disciples"**. Find articles, clip art, prayer cards, customizable catechist certificates, Commissioning service, and promotional information at <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/index.cfm>

*Be sure to include: catechists, youth ministry teams, RCIA teams, Adult Faith Formation teams and Catholic School teachers!*

**Congratulations on  
Catechist Formation**

Theresa Hathaway  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Crawfordville  
Levels I, II

Leon Foreman  
St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Blountstown  
Levels I, II, III

Phyllis Hodge  
Little Flower Parish, Pensacola  
Level II

**Welcome to Catechetical Leadership**

Barbara Conway St. Joseph Parish, Port St. Joe  
Viviana Lasher Our Lady of Victory Parish,  
Crestview

**Thanks for Catechetical Leadership**

Jennifer Stegner Our Lay of Victory Parish,  
Crestview  
Dawn Pharr St. Patrick Parish, Apalachicola

## New in the Library

*The Forgotten Desert Mothers* by Laura Swan from Paulist Press  
*Busy Lives and Restless Souls* by Becky Eldredge from Loyola Press  
*Interculturalism and Catechesis* by Hosffman Ospino from Twenty-Third Publications  
*Engaging the Parking Lot Parent* by Sr. Patricia McCormack from Twenty-Third Publications

## Catechist Certification

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

## New Catechist Formation Program Coming

Watch for a new program beginning in the fall.

Level I will be from the Echoes of Faith either on line or DVDs

Level II and III will be mainly available on the Diocesan website with one hour sessions on a topic consisting of video to watch, readings to do and reflection / discussion questions to hand in.

## Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference Go Build a Future of Hope

January 11-13, 2018

Pontchartrain Center, Kenner, Louisiana

August 1-17

Registration fee is same as 2017!

\$120 for all three days

Regular Registration starts September 1

<https://go4th.faith/>

## Dates to Remember

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| August 5       | RCIA Workshop   |
| August 12      | Special Needs Workshop  |
| August 22      | Ordination of Bishop-elect Wack                                       |
| August 29      | Youth Ministry Training   |
| September 16   | Women Study Group Reflection Morning                                  |
| September 30   | Bishop Ricard Conference  |
| October 14-15  | Retreat for Women   |
| November 4     | Retreat for Youth Ministers and Teams and Parish Catechetical Leaders |
| January 11-13  | Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference                                 |
| January 13     | Emerald Coast Walk for Life   |
| January 26-29  | Diocesan Youth Conference   |
| January 31     | Red Mass  |
| February 4     | Black History Month Mass  |
| February 11    | Jubilee Mass Pensacola  |
| February 14    | Ash Wednesday   |
| February 18    | Jubilee Mass Tallahassee 11:45 am Mass                                |
| February 18    | Rite of Election Tallahassee 3 pm                                     |
| February 23-25 | Catholic Renewal Conference   |
| February 25    | Rite of Election Pensacola 3 pm                                       |
| March 10       | Middle School Retreat   |
| March 17-18    | Retreat for Women sponsored by Women Study Groups                     |
| April 1        | Easter  |
| April 6-8      | High School Camp Out  |
| April 13-15    | Marriage Retreat  |
| June 24-30     | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Catechist Formation                   |

**Young Adults—Time to Step Up  
to the Plate @ the  
Blue Wahoo's Stadium**



Group Outing for Young Adults (ages 18-39) **Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:05 pm.** Meet & greet Catholic young adults from Pensacola/ Ft Walton /Niceville area parishes, as the Wahos take on the Mobile Bay Bears. Got kids? Bring them too!

Tickets are \$9 and you must purchase them in advance by calling/texting Sr. Margaret (850)-982-5539 if you reside in Pensacola or Susie Rushlau (850)-362-8066 if you reside in FWB/Niceville.

Be sure to enter the stadium through the Pensacola Honda Group Entrance located on the east side of the stadium. Let's Play Ball!

**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  
Women Study Group — Saturday mornings  
Discipleship on Draft — Second Wednesday  
Mass and Brunch — Fourth Sunday

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**Calling all young adults and  
those who know, live, or work with young  
adults**

To involve young people in preparations for the Synod of Bishops on youth in 2018, the Vatican has released an online questionnaire to better understand the lives, attitudes and concerns of **16- to 29-year-olds around the world.** The questionnaire can be found on the synod's official site: [youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/it.html](http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/it.html) and is open to any young person, regardless of faith or religious belief. or opinions from this age group regarding life, attitudes and concerns about our world. Please follow this link to read the news story and to fill out the survey! In keeping with the October 2018 synod on "Young people, faith and vocational discernment", the diocesan young adult ministry has developed two surveys so that we can better meet the needs of the young adults in our diocese.

If you are a young adult between 18 and 39, please complete the survey found at  
<https://form.jotform.us/71016057908152>

If you are a person who lives with, works with, or know young adults, please complete this survey.  
<https://form.jotform.us/71094762308155>

**Emerald Coast Catholic Young Adult ;Veritas;  
St. Mary Young Adults; St. Peter Young Adults  
(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 at Christ Our Redeemer Parish  
Discipleship on Draft: Third Mondays  
Social Activities

**Apostleship of Prayer  
August Intention: Artists**

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.