

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Office of Faith Formation Newsletter

November 2020

Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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National Vocation Awareness Week

November 1-7

"National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 1-7, 2020. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation."

National Religious Vocation Conference videos to share on your social media platforms:

[NVAW VIDEO 1](#)

[NVAW VIDEO 2](#)

[NVAW VIDEO 3](#)

Adult Confirmation

Bishop Wack will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults

Sunday, March 7 at 2 pm
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Pensacola

Contact your parish if interested.

More information at: [Adult Faith Formation](#)
or contact Sister Margaret

2021 National March for Life Grant

The March for Life in Washington DC is Friday, January 29, 2021. The 2021 March for Life Grant application process is now open. Grant applications are to be received by the Diocesan Office of Advocacy & Justice not later than Monday, November 30, 2020. Click on [link](#) for information on the process, criteria and the grant application. If you have questions, contact Deacon Ray Aguado 850-435-3531.

Prayer for Vocations

Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today.

Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future.

Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice..

Bless the Church of Pensacola-Tallahassee by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

November Apostleship of Prayer

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

ADVENT ACTIVITIES FROM THE RELIGION TEACHER

BY JARED DEES

The Internet is loaded with advent activities of all sorts and kids. Check out the following links to help guide your way. Here are some general advent activity hubs on the web. These pages have other great resources to check out:

[USCCB Advent Home Page](#) (USCCB.org)

[Catholic Advent Resources](#) (CatholicMom.com)

[Ignatian Advent Resources](#) (Loyola Press)

[100+ Simple Advent Crafts for Catholic and Activities for Kids](#) (The Kennedy Adventures)

[Truly Catholic Advent and Christmas Activities](#) (Today's Catholic Teacher)

[The Religion Teacher's Advent Activity Pack and Jesse Tree Kit](#) (The Religion Teacher)

CATHOLIC ADVENT WREATH ACTIVITIES

[Advent Wreath Crafts and Activities](#) (Catholic Icing)

[Advent Wreath File Folder Game](#) (The Catholic Toolbox)

[DIY Advent Wreath](#) (CatholicCulture.org)

[Paper Advent Wreath](#) (Catholic Inspired)

[Advent Wreath Craft](#) (Sara J. Creations)

[Easy Advent Candle Craft for Kids](#) (Kindercraze)

[How to Make an Advent Wreath](#) (Boots and Hooves Homestead)

[The Meaning of the Advent Wreath \(Video\)](#) (The Religion Teacher)

ADVENT CALENDAR ACTIVITIES

[Using Printables to Create Personalized Advent Calendars](#) (The Religion Teacher)

[Advent Calendar: The True Story of Christmas](#) (Sweeter than Sweet)

[Advent Calendar Paper Chain](#) (Activities for Kids)

[Advent Countdown and Art Activity](#) (Catholic Inspired)

[Printable Advent Calendar](#) (The Catholic Toolbox)

ADVENT JESSE TREE ACTIVITIES

The Jesse tree tells the story of Jesus' ancestry. It is a great way for students to connect the Old and the New Testament.

[The Religion Teacher's Jesse Tree Kit](#) (The Religion Teacher)

[Sample Jesse Trees](#) (Catholic Icing)

[Jesse Tree](#) (Resources for Catholic Educators)

[How to Create a Jesse Tree](#) (CatholicCulture.org)

ADVENT PRAYERS

The prayers on the following websites will work perfectly as opening or closing prayers to each of your class sessions. Consider distributing a list of these prayers and having students select some for their private reflection during this liturgical season.

[USCCB Advent Prayers](#) (USCCB.org)

[General Advent Prayers](#) (Catholic.org)

[The Great O Antiphons](#) (Catholic-resource.org)

[O Antiphons Craft Ideas](#) (Catholic Icing)

[General Prayers](#) (Creighton University)

[Advent Prayers for Teens](#) (Engaging Faith)

[Advent Prayer Service Ideas and Tips](#) (The Religion Teacher)

[What are the Advent O Antiphons? Video](#) (The Religion Teacher)

ADVENT GAMES

[Advent Bingo](#) (Loyola Press)

[Another Advent Bingo Game](#) (CatholicMom.com)

[Advent Wreath File Folder Game](#) (The Catholic Toolbox)

ADVENT WORKSHEETS

[The Religion Teacher's Advent Activity Pack](#) (The Religion Teacher)

[Advent Wreath Word Search Worksheet](#) (The Religion Teacher)

[Advent Worksheets](#) (Education.com)

[Advent Printables](#) (Activity Village)

MEANING OF ADVENT

[Video: What is the Meaning of Advent?](#) (The Religion Teacher)

[Video: What is the Meaning of the Advent Wreath?](#) (The Religion Teacher)

[Why is the third Sunday of Advent Pink?](#) (The Religion Teacher)

[Gaudete Sunday: 3 Things to Know about the Third Sunday of Advent](#) (The Religion Teacher)

[Waiting and Preparation: Teaching Advent and Christmas](#) (Catechist's Journey)

[Journey to Bethlehem Advent Craft](#) (Catholic Playground)

Adult Faith Formation

The diocese has become a partnering diocese with the University of Dayton Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation. This means that any adult in the diocese can take one of the online courses for \$50.00.

For more information:
<https://vlcff.udayton.edu/>
or contact Sister Margaret

Masters in Theology and Ministry or a Certificate Program

Committed to the vital role that parishes play in the revitalization of our Church and the lifelong faith-formation of Catholics, the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry is excited to announce **at least a 50% tuition scholarship for all applicants working full-time in parish or diocesan ministry** through the hybrid model of our M.A. in Theology and Ministry or one of our graduate certificate programs (our [Certificate in Theology and Ministry](#) can be completed fully online). The hybrid model combines on-campus courses during the summer session with online courses taken throughout the academic year.

The M.A. program has been designed to be flexible. Students in this program will be guided by our faculty advisors to craft the best program of study and sequence of courses. Through an intensive program of study, it is possible to complete the program in 3 years. However, students have up to 5 years to complete the program. More information, including how to apply, can be found at: www.bc.edu/stmparish.

Emerald Coast Walk for Life

January 15

6:30 pm Pro-Life Mass with Bishop Bill
St. Paul Catholic Church, Pensacola

January 16

9:30 am Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Pensacola
11:00 am Maritime Park Speaker Ryan Bomberger
Walk for Life to follow through downtown
Pensacola

Did you miss the Growing and Living Conference?

You can view the breakout sessions at
<https://ptdiocese.org/growingandliving>

Advent DVDs in Diocesan Resource Library

Advent and Christmas Journey
with Fr. Michael Himes
Preparing for Christmas
Christmas in Rome
Advent: Celebrating the Season
Advent: Time for Hope
The Angel's Advent Lesson
The King is Born
The Perfect Present

Advent Websites



CatholicCompany.com
TeachingCatholicKids.com
CatholicCulture.org
LoyolaPress.com
Sadlier.com

Parish Catechetical Leaders

Are you interested in sharing and discussing the following:

Advent, Nativity (Christmas) Plays, Sacramental Catechesis for First Reconciliation and how to help parents

Then join one of the following virtual groups:

Thursday, November 5
9:30 am CT (10:30 ET)
1 pm CT (2 pm ET)
6:30 pm CT (7:30 ET)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/9843512834>

For the best audio experience, please use computer audio.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Rite of Election and
Call to Continuing Conversion
February 21 Tallahassee
February 28 Pensacola

Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus is a weeklong summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through catechesis, Christian witness and Eucharistic worship.

The methodology, structure, content, and enthusiasm of Totus Tuus is concerned with not only teaching the Faith, but also igniting the hearts of the team members and the young people they encounter. .

There is a program for K through 5th or 6th grade in the morning and a program for Middle and High School in the evening.

In the summer of 2019 five parishes in the diocese experienced Totus Tuus:

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Christ Our Redeemer, Corpus Christi, St. Rita, and St. Sylvester

If your parish would like to experience Totus Tuus in the summer of 2021 please contact Sister Margaret.

If you or anyone you know is interested in participating or becoming a missionary, email Sister Margaret Kuntz at kuntzm@ptdiocese.org.

Young Adult Ministry

We are looking to revitalize the Young Adult Ministry in the Diocese!

Plans are being formalized to have Discipleship on Draft at least monthly if not twice a month in the area from Navarre to Santa Rosa Beach.

We would like to revitalize the young adult ministry in the Pensacola area!

We are looking for young adults to help organize

If interested in helping with either contact Sister Margaret at 850-435-3523 or kuntzm@ptdiocese.org

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Plans are being made for catechist formation this summer.

Watch for details.

If interested in beginning an atrium, contact Sr. Margaret

Parent pages can be found on our diocesan website: ptdiocese.org/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd

Additional information for parents can be found at: <https://www.cgsusa.org/discover/cgs-approach/cgs-in-the-home-parent-resources/>

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd USA has very good podcasts:

<https://www.cgsusa.org/learn/resources/podcast/>

Protection and Prevention through Respect: Creating Safe Environments

Remember to rotate the three topics: Good Touch/Bad Touch and Relationships, Internet Safety, Bullying

Remember our goal is 100% participation

Materials are being developed for children/youth who are participating virtually or through packets.

There are new resources in the Diocesan Library.

Rack, Shack & Benny: A Lesson in Peer Pressure
Using Your Wits: Strategies to Stop Bullying
You Are in Charge of Your Body
Dealing with Abuse If It Happens to You
You Can Keep Yourself Safe: Touching Safety and Strangers Safety
Think Before You Click: Playing It Safe Online
B Careful When U Txt: The Dangers of Texting and Sexting
Coping with Dating Violence and Abuse
The Ten Signs of Relationship Abuse
Understanding and Preventing Sexual Violence
Violence Prevention: My Body Belongs to Me

Share with parents

<https://www.aetv.com/real-crime/how-can-parents-protect-kids-from-online-predators>

<https://www.kidsmartz.org/ParentTips>

Pope Francis FRATELLI TUTTI

On Fraternity and Social Friendship

For resources:

USCCCB

If interested in forming virtual discussion groups, contact Sister Margaret

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