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Resources:
<http://www.nfpaonline.org/>

Annual Adoption Mass
Sunday, May 10
10:00am
Cathedral of St. Peter



CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE SET FOR APRIL 25th

The First Annual Catholic Men's Conference for the Diocese of Scranton will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at King's College in Wilkes-Barre. The event will feature two nationally known speakers: **Father Larry Richards**, author of 'Be A Man', and **Damon Owens** from the Theology of the Body Institute.



There will be opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration, the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as devotional prayers. Additionally, exhibitors will be present with a full array of Catholic books and publications as well as CDs and ministry opportunities.

The idea for the event was initiated by laymen from various diocesan parishes, with the support of their pastors, in an effort to address challenging issues facing men in today's culture. Shown below are many of the Conference Leaders who came together at King's

College to pray, attend Mass, and to plan for the coming event.

The day concludes with Celebration of the Eucharist, Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton presiding.

Registration: www.dioceseofscranton.org



DIOCESAN-WIDE DIALOGUE ON PASTORAL LEADERSHIP



Regional Mtgs 6:30-8:30pm

April 14

St. Maria Goretti, Laffin

April 30

St. Luke's Hall, Stroudsburg

May 4

Diocesan Pastoral Center,
Scranton

May 5

SS Peter and Paul, Towanda

May 6

St. Ignatius, Kingston

June 16

Sacred Heart Hall,
Peckville

June 17

St. Joseph Hall, Williamsport

June 29

St. John Bosco, Conyngham

- Bishop Bambera's Homily for the Second Sunday of Easter is now posted on the Diocesan website.
- Local Leaders Preparation for the Diocesan Dialogue on Pastoral Leadership, with accompanying article and discussion guides — your response to this serves as Part III of your Annual Parish Report for this year;
- Bulletin insert/handout (delivered in bulk to every parish) could serve as a helpful small group discussion tool.

Each Pastor is asked to gather parish leaders for study and discussion, and to bring a parish delegation of 5-6 members to one of the meetings listed in column to left. Please note that this is a **revised list of dates/locations** — it is the most accurate list.

To register your parish, call Jennifer at 570-207-2213.

Communication Skills for Ministry Series – (Each Workshop \$30; Call 570-207-2213)

In Front of a Group: April 25, 9am-4pm

Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Wilkes-Barre

Public Speaking/Presentation Skills - Dr. Maria Poggi-Johnson, University of Scranton, Theology Department will introduce basic public speaking techniques and practice.

Designing and Leading Prayer - Sr. Madonna Figuera, SSCM, Pastoral Associate, St. André Bessette Parish, Wilkes-Barre will provide guidelines for planning and leading community prayer experiences.

Within a Group: September 12, 9am-4pm

St. Ignatius Parish, Kingston

Group Dynamics & Personality Types - Dr. LeeAnn Eschbach, Ph.D., LPC, & Dr. Julie Cerrito, University of Scranton, Counseling and Human Services Dept will explore communication within groups as it is enhanced by knowledge of personality styles.

Facilitation Skills - Bernadette Rudolph, Office for Parish Life, will provide practical ways to make group discussion happen smoothly.

Consensus & Collaboration, Appreciative Inquiry, Pastoral Planning Process - Catherine Butel, Office for Parish Life, will explore these key elements of parish group work.

As a Parish Leader: November 7, 9am-4pm

St. Barbara Parish, Exeter

Working with Paid Staff, Ministerial Relationships - Fr. Mike Quinnan, Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Brodheadsville will discuss best practices for establishing and nurturing effective staff relationships in a ministerial context.

Working with Volunteers - Marie Caffrey, Director of Volunteers, St. Vincent Parish, Milford, will talk about how to nurture and get the best from parish volunteers.

Liability & Risk Management - Kathy Bolinski, Safe Environment Coordinator, Diocese of Scranton will present policies and guidelines for all parish leaders to ensure a safe environment and reduce risk.



St. Peter's Basilica on the St. Peter's Square in Rome



St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton, Pa.

WORD, CHURCH, WORLD: *Vatican II Fifty Years On*

Friday, May 1 – Saturday, May 2, 2015

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MAY 1 • 7:30 p.m. *DeNaples Center #407*

Welcome FR. KEVIN P. QUINN, S.J., J.D., PH.D., *President of The University of Scranton*

Invocation MOST REVEREND JOSEPH C. BAMBERA, D.D., J.C.L., *Bishop of Scranton*

Keynote Address "VATICAN II AS EVENT"

FR. JOSEPH A. KOMONCHAK, PH.D., *Professor Emeritus, Catholic University of America*

SATURDAY, MAY 2 • *All talks held in LSC #133*

9:00 a.m. • ***Gaudium et Spes*** (*On the Church in the Modern World*)

MARY ANN ZIMMER, N.D., PH.D., *Marywood University*

BERNARD PRUSAK, PH.D., *King's College*

10:45 a.m. • ***Nostra Aetate*** (*On Non-Christian Religions*)

ANNA MORELAND, PH.D., *Villanova University*

JAMES REDINGTON, S.J., PH.D., *The University of Scranton*

12:00 p.m. • ***Lunch*** (*for those who register by April 24th*)

1:00 p.m. • ***Dei Verbum*** (*On Divine Revelation*)

BRENT KRUGER, C.S.C., PH.D., *King's College*

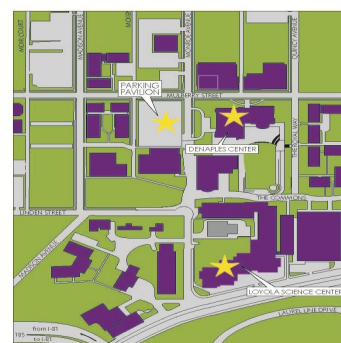
MAHRI LEONARD-FLECKMAN, PH.D., *The University of Scranton*

2:30 p.m. • ***Scranton after the Council: Shared Experiences***

MSGR. JOHN LOUIS, J.C.L., *Diocese of Scranton*

BERNADETTE RUDOLPH, M.A., *Diocese of Scranton*

3:45 p.m. • ***Prayer and Reception***



Free and open to the public.

Lunch on Saturday provided for those who register by Friday, April 24th. On-site registration also available.

Parking available in any open spaces on campus, including any level of the Monroe Avenue parking pavilion.

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To register, please visit scranton.edu/academics/cas/theology/VaticanII.shtml
or contact Linda Smith, secretary, Department of Theology • linda.smith@scranton.edu
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Co-Sponsored by the Office of the President, the Jesuit Center, the College of Arts and Sciences,
the Department of Theology/Religious Studies, and the Scranton Alpha Sigma Nu Alumni Club.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Baptized Catholics completing
Initiation Sacraments
(Confirmation and Eucharist)
with Bishop Bambera



Pentecost, Sunday,
May 24, 10:00am
Cathedral of St. Peter

Please submit all necessary forms by
May 4th (available at:

Christian Initiation Resources)

- Application,
- Copy of baptismal certificate,
- Sponsor eligibility form

Questions?

Call Nancy at 570-207-2213.

Love Is Our Mission

RECOGNIZING ALL FAMILIES –PARISH RESOURCE

What is this?

While families are sometimes made up of a mom and dad who together have children, families can come in many other shapes and sizes. So in the month or so between Mother's Day and Father's Day, parishes can acknowledge and support this variety with:

[intercessory prayers, blessings after communion and resources.](#)

How do I use this?

You can recognize each weekend during this 7 week span a different family situation or you can choose one weekend and recognize them all at once. OR you can weave the petitions into the general intercessions of your liturgies throughout ordinary time and post all the resources on your parish website or Facebook page.

PARENTING VIDEO SERIES CONTINUES

Please note that the first parenting video has been updated and can be viewed at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJcdkiJ98g>

Also, the session for parenting teens is now available at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Mr9K1xYsUM&feature=youtu.be>

www.dioceseofscranton.org

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