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OFFICE FOR PARISH LIFE

FORMATION FOR SERVANT LEADERSHIP:

Lay Ministry Formation Sessions for Parish Leaders

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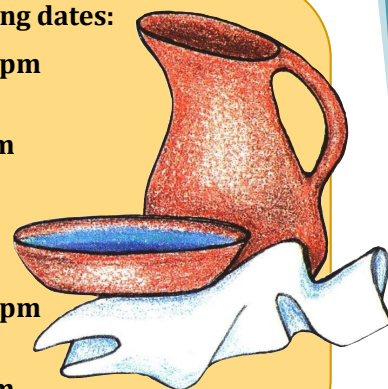
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In Bishop Bambera's pastoral letter, *'Wounded and Loved: Regathering the Scattered'* the laity are invited into a deeper spirit of mission—co-responsibility—using their gifts to bring new life to the Church.

Pastors, Parish Life Coordinators, and Parish leaders are invited to take part in informational sessions with Kitty Scanlan, Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation, to learn how the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* formation program, and other resources of "OPL," can benefit and grow the leadership of your faith community. There will also be opportunity to meet team member, Katy Windels, Coordinator for SERVICE and Social Justice!

Information Sessions will be held on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, August 22 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm**
Our Lady of Victory Parish, Tannersville
- **Thursday, August 23 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm**
Holy Name of Jesus Parish, West Hazleton
- **Tuesday, August 28 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm**
St. Ann Parish, Williamsport
- **Wednesday, August 29 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm**
St. Leo Parish, Ashley
- **Thursday, August 30 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm**
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Wyalusing



The *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* is designed to equip and advance the servant leadership capacities of individuals ministering in areas such as: Parish Pastoral Councils, Directors of Religious Education and Catechists, Liturgical Coordinators, Parish Staff, as well as members of Volunteer Ministry teams, and others.

Through independent online study with the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), as well as regional skills workshops and opportunities for prayer and reflection, candidates enrich their knowledge, while gaining practical tools for effective parish ministry in their faith communities.

If you, and your parish leaders would like to attend these informational sessions contact the Office for Parish Life, at 570-207-2213!

Rite of Candidacy

Wednesday, August 8
at 5:00PM
Jesuit Retreat Center
Chapman Lake





WORD

"I CALL us to be servant leaders who are people of the WORD, preaching, teaching, evangelizing and cherishing the Gospel message throughout our entire lives."

Last Call for Catechist Camp

The Office for Parish Life is planning a one-day Catechist Camp for everyone involved in catechetical ministry or family-oriented faith formation. The one-day camp will be presented in five parishes of our Diocese, between August 4 – 10, 2018. Here are the remaining dates:

Wednesday, August 8 (1:00-8:00pm)

Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Duryea

Thursday, August 9 (1:00-8:00pm)

St. Lawrence Parish, South Williamsport

Friday, August 10 (1:00-8:00pm)

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Pocono Pines

FORMAT:

- Welcome Prayer followed by the general session:
- General Session: *"The Family-at-the-Center Approach to Faith Formation"* —Catherine Butel
- Breakout Session I and Breakout Session II
- Camp-inspired Dinner
- Practical Steps to Family Faith Formation

BREAKOUT SESSION TOPICS:

- *Family Service Projects: the Why? And the How?*—Jennifer Hayes Housel
- *From Faith Formation to Youth Ministry*—Shannon Kowalski
- *Living the Faith vs. Learning the Faith*—Luis Rivera
- *Rest for the Weary: Taking Sabbath Time*—Mary Anne Malone
- *Unlikely Disciples: An Exploration of "Hidden" Gifts and Growth in Ministry*—Kitty Scanlan
- *What You Need to Know about Safe Environment*—Kathleen Bolinski

If you are a parent, a parish or school religion teacher/catechist, a youth minister or a volunteer in any parish or school ministry involving children, youth and families, this day is designed for you. Please join us at the location that is most convenient for you. Cost for the day is \$20. To register, click on [Catechist Camp 2018 Registration](#). For more information, contact Mary Anne Malone: (570) 207-2213 or mary-anne-malone@dioceseofscranton.org.



Scouting BSA Religious Emblems Training

A training session for Scouting BSA Religious Emblems Counselors will be held on Thursday, August 23, 2019 from 6:00 to 9:00pm in the Diocesan Pastoral Center. To register, please contact Mary Anne Malone: Mary-Anne-Malone@dioceseofscranton.org or 570-207-2213, ext. 1100.



Save the Date!

WORD Convocation

(Convocation for Catechists)

Saturday, October 20, 2018

Diocesan Pastoral Center

330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton

The Office for Parish Life invites DREs, catechists, RCIA teams, Youth Ministers, those on parish WORD Commissions and anyone engaged in Ministry of the Word to share in the WORD Convocation.

The Keynote Speaker will be Joan Weber offering a presentation entitled, "Calling Families to Be Living Gospels."

Joan Weber is the Coordinator of the National Workshop Series and Lifelong Faith Formation at the Center for Ministry Development. Joan is the former president of the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association and content editor and author for the USCCB's book *Connecting Young Adults to Catholic Parishes*.

The day will begin at 9:00 with Mass in the Cathedral of St. Peter, followed by the keynote presentation, lunch and a choice of workshops. Please save the date. Registration will be open later in August.

For more information, please contact Mary Anne Malone: Mary-Anne-Malone@dioceseofscranton.org or (570) 207-2213, ext. 1100.



Workshop for Music Ministers

The Office for Parish Life and the Scranton Chapter of NPM is sponsoring a workshop for all music ministers on **Saturday, September 29 from 9:00AM to 12:30PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton**. This event will feature keynote speaker, Dr. Elaine Rendler, a nationally recognized musician, teacher, composer, pastoral liturgist, speaker, and author of *In the Midst of the Assembly* and *This Is the Day*, as well as the writer of weekly columns and music suggestions in *Today's Liturgy* for more than 30 years, offering practical wisdom to generations of pastoral musicians. All cantors, choir members, choir directors, organists, pianists, and instrumentalists are encourage to mark their calendars and join us!



Extraordinary Minister of Communion Training Sessions

The Office for Parish Life will offer two all-day training sessions for new Extraordinary Ministers of Communion at the following locations:



- **Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 9:00AM to 2:30PM at Christ the King Parish, Archbald**
- **Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 9:00AM to 2:30PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton**

There is no fee for the training and lunch will be provided. To register for the Saturday, September 15 session in Archbald, please contact Gail Fromm at Christ the King Parish at 570-876-1701. To register for the Saturday, October 27 session in Scranton, please fill out the [EMHC Training Registration Form](#) or call the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.

Prayer Resources for Those Suffering from Addiction

The Diocese of Erie is providing a variety of resources for parishes and individuals to help pray for those suffering from addictions. Although designed with the opioid crisis in mind, these resources could also be helpful for those suffering from other addictions as well, including alcoholism and gambling. [Click here](#) to access the prayer services on the Diocese of Erie website, or [click here](#) to order a booklet of Catholic prayers for family members whose loved ones are suffering from addiction.

LTP Virtual Workshops

Liturgy Training Publications is offering several different series of online workshops for cantors, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Communion, liturgists, teachers and catechists throughout the year. These virtual workshops are different than other webinars in that they invite participants to engage with the presenter and one another in providing feedback, reflections on the topic at hand, and discuss best practices and strategies for enhancing engagement in their ministries. Here are just some of the upcoming virtual workshops:

- **The Role of the Parish Secretary in the Liturgical Life of the Parish**—August 8, 2018 at 1:00PM and September 27, 2018 at 1:00PM
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word in your Parish Community: Training Leaders in Theory and Practice**—August 28, 2018 at 7:30PM and September 5, 2018 at 1:00PM
- **Sing to the Lord, Part 1: A Theology of Parish Music Ministry**—August 20, 2018 at 7:30PM
- **Sing to the Lord, Part 2: Practical Approaches for Implementation**—August 27, 2018 at 7:30PM

The cost for each session is \$10-\$15. For more information or to register for any of these sessions or to see what other sessions are available throughout the year, please visit www.ltp.org/virtualworkshops.

Looking to Have a Workshop for Your Liturgical Ministers?

Are your cantors or choir members in need of training on the basics of the ministry? Could your lectors or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion use a "refresher" course or a day of reflection? Board Members of the Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians are here to help and are willing to travel to provide a workshop or session for your parish ministers. Please contact David Baloga at 570-207-2213 or at David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org for more information.



National Association of
Pastoral Musicians
SCRANTON CHAPTER



COMMUNITY

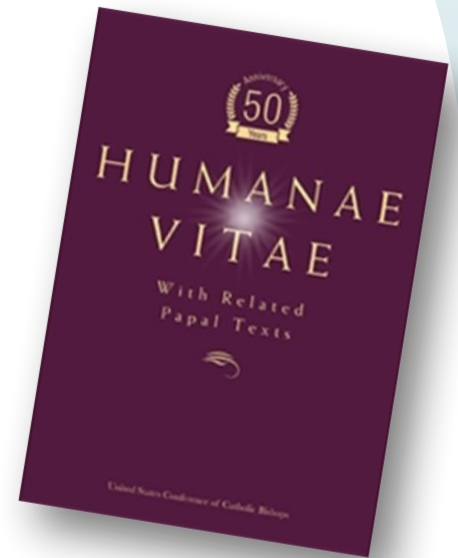
"I CALL us to be servant leaders who build COMMUNITY through hospitality, respect, inclusion and holiness."

50th Anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*—1968-2018

It has been 50 years since Pope Paul VI released the encyclical letter, *Humanae Vitae*. This Anniversary Year affords us an opportunity to re-examine the beautiful reflection on conjugal love contained in the encyclical. For a wealth of resources relating to *Humanae Vitae*, please consider accessing the following options:

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

- Resources useful in learning more about *Humanae Vitae* as well as links to Anniversary Events: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/resources/humanae-vitae.cfm>
- Natural Family Planning Resources: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/>
- Prayer and Liturgical Resources: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/resources/prayer-and-liturgy.cfm>



Documentary screening opportunity

- A new documentary is available, "Sexual Revolution: 50 YEARS SINCE HUMANAE VITAE". Go to www.sexualrevolutionmovie.com to learn more, to inquire about offering a screening in your parish, or to request access to a prescreening (free-of-charge) for one or two persons from your parish. (I took advantage of an opportunity to prescreen the movie; please contact me if you would like a synopsis of my impressions of the documentary.)

If you have questions, or to request further information, please contact Jennifer Housel, Director for Community and Family Development. (570) 207-2213 x1104 jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org

Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation

Did You Know? Because of partnership with the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation, the Diocese of Scranton can work with your pastoral council members, liturgical ministers, social concerns committees, small faith-sharing communities, or other groups within your parish to create a closed section for growing together in faith around a variety of topics.

See what courses are being offered during the next cycle: <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/>. Registration closes on August 29 with classes beginning September 2.

Members of the diocese can individually register to take any course of interest to them on the VLCFF website, as well! Sign up today!



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Community**
For Faith Formation

REBOOT

a life-changing event

FEATURING INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED
SPEAKER, AUTHOR, AND TV HOST

CHRIS STEFANICK



Thursday, September 27
7:00-9:30PM
St. John the Evangelist Parish
35 William St. Pittston, PA
Tickets: \$22

For information or to purchase tickets,
please call 570-764-2531.
Visit RealLifeCatholic.com/reboot.

Deadline for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine

We have extended to August 31st the deadline to receive names of parish participants and one check for all parish participants. However, we do need to know ASAP if parishes are working on participating - so that we can retain an adequate number of busses.

Parishes can reserve a whole bus, departing from your parish site, for \$2750 -- then you would enlist the 50-55 passengers and collect the fee of \$55 per person. IF your parish is arranging and paying for your own bus, we would ask only a \$5 per person fee to cover the other costs of participating in the pilgrimage. IF you have a smaller group of pilgrims, just let us know your plans and we will plan them into a combined but departing somewhere near you. Please call the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 for more information or to register.

Up & Over Jr. High Retreat

The Up & Over Jr. High School Retreat is a weekend of fun, friendship, and faith for 6th – 8th grade students at the beautiful wooded Camp Orchard Hill in Dallas. You will spend time outdoors, meet new friends and learn how your God-given gifts can be used when you work with others as a team! There will also be a number of fun activities and events, including a movie, free time and an outdoor obstacle course. Come and join us for an outstanding experience. You will have a great time, meet new friends and come closer to God who loves you!

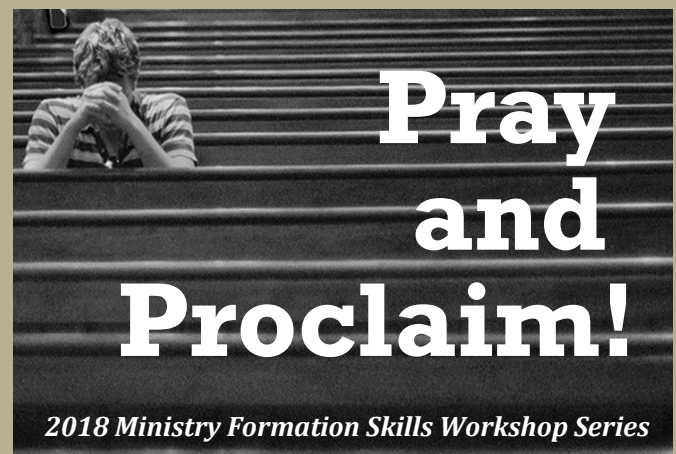
Registration includes cabin lodging, delicious home cooked meals, a t-shirt and unforgettable memories!

ARRIVAL: Friday, September 28, at 7:00 p.m.

DEPARTURE: Sunday, September 30, at 12:00 Noon

COST: \$140 (which includes a \$70 non-refundable deposit) Some parishes help with the cost, so don't be afraid to ask!

Deadline to register is September 21, 2018 – **Register online at www.dioceseofscranton.org**. Call Shannon Kowalski at 570-207-2213 x 1155 with questions or for more information.



**Saturday, September 15, 2018
from 9:00AM-2:30PM
St. Monica Parish, West Wyoming**

***Presented by
Dr. Maria Poggi Johnson and Kitty Scanlan***

Dr. Maria Poggi Johnson will give introduction to basic public speaking techniques, and provide opportunity for participants to try out these methods.

Kitty Scanlan will discuss topics such as: Why do we pray? How do we pray? What are some ideas and resources for planning prayer with groups, or in the classroom? The ways in which ministers cultivate spirituality outside of the Mass not only enriches Sunday worship but can bring the reality of God into our everyday lived experience.

Dr. Poggi Johnson is a professor of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Scranton.

Kitty Scanlan is the Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation for the Diocese of Scranton in the Office for Parish Life.

For more information contact Kitty Scanlan at 570-207-2213. To register, visit dioceseofscranton.org.

Season of Creation

Pope Francis has called us to participate in the Season of Creation which begins September 1 and continues through October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis. For resources on creation and the environment, please visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website. Consider holding a Holy Hour or prayer service the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on September 1.

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Scranton



- A liturgical resource to assist parishes in commemorating the **150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Scranton all year long** is available on the diocesan website. This resource includes hymn suggestions, an introduction to the liturgy, homily topic points, intercessions for the Universal Prayer. This resource also includes the Anniversary logo, a calendar of events for the year, suggestions for local parish participation, and a parish liturgical resource to help commemorate the Anniversary year. [Click here](#) to access this valuable resource to help commemorate this momentous occasion.
- **Be sure to "like" Diocese of Scranton 150th Anniversary on Facebook.** This will be the central location on social media with all information about the anniversary, pictures, videos and events going on in the different parishes and schools throughout the Diocese. Help us spread the word by sharing the page!

We encourage everyone to use the hashtag **#DoS150** on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram when posting about diocesan, parish and school events related to the 150th Anniversary Year.
- Thanks to the parishes who have been notifying us of your Anniversary related events we can post these on the 150th Anniversary Facebook page. **We are also collecting photos and visual effects** from your various Anniversary activities for an exhibit to conclude the year.
- **The hymn, "There Is One Body and One Spirit"** commissioned specifically for the 150th Anniversary is now available for parishes to sing throughout the year and beyond. [Click here](#) to download the **simplified piano/vocal score, assembly edition, SATB choral arrangement, solo voice/guitar arrangement, instrumental parts and sample audio recording** from the diocesan website.
- **Historic Sites in the Diocese—there's an app for that!** One of the ways we can partake in the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese is through a visit to some of the historic sites here. The Office of Parish Life 2018 calendar features a number of those locations, and now there is a free app to guide you there.

The Scranton Diocese Pilgrimage app includes directions to each site, a description of what you will find when you arrive, a brief history, some photos and a "punch card" to help you keep track of the sites you have visited. Get the app and get on the road!

Android/Google Play App Store

Open Google Play ➤ Tap "My Apps" ➤ Search for "Scranton Diocese Pilgrimage" ➤ Tap "GET"

iOS/Apple App Store

Open "App Store" app on iPhone ➤ Search the App Store for "Scranton Diocese Pilgrimage" ➤ Tap "GET"

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