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STUDY AND DIALOGUE DAY — MAY 14

My Sacrifice and Yours:

As priestly ministers of Christ, we all share in his sacrifice and unite our sufferings and burdens with his each time we gather.

Wednesday, May 14

1:30-4:00pm Msgr. McHugh School, Cresco



Father Paul Turner is pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Kansas City, Missouri. A priest of the diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, he holds a doctorate in sacred theology from Sant' Anselmo in Rome.

His publications include *The Catechumenate Answer Book* (Resource Publications, 2000), *Your Child's Baptism* (Liturgy Training Publications, 1999), *The Hallelujah Highway: A History of the Catechumenate* (Liturgy Training Publications, 2000), *The Catholic Wedding Answer Book* (Resource Publications, 2001), *Let Us Pray: A Guide to the Rubrics of Sunday Mass* (Liturgical Press, 2006), *When Other Christians Become Catholic* (Liturgical Press, 2007), and *Celebrating Initiation: A Guide For Priests* (World Library Publications, 2008), and *Pastoral Companion to the Roman Missal* (World Library Publications, 2010). He is a former President of the North American Academy of Liturgy and a team member for the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. He is a member of the North American Academy of Liturgy and the Catholic Academy of Liturgy. He serves as a facilitator for the International Commission on English in the Liturgy

(Fr. Turner is also guest presenter with the Scranton Chapter of NPM on this same evening — for more details and registration, contact Mark Ignatovitch, mignatovitch@verizon.net)

ANNUAL PARISH REPORTS

In order to foster our ongoing dialogue with each parish, the Office for Parish Life distributes a three part Annual Parish Report.

Parts One and Two - which ask for updates in basic parish information and statistics for the past year—were sent by email to Pastors and Parish Secretaries in early May.

Part Three, which asks for input from the Parish Pastoral Council regarding the quality of parish life and pastoral planning progress, was sent to Pastors by email, with a link to the response form. **All three parts of the report are due by June 30, 2014.**

Questions? 570-207-2213 x 1148



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or call Tommy McGrady , Manager of Youth Projects,
Office for Parish Life (570) 207-2213



FEAST OF PENTECOST

Baptized adult Catholics seeking to complete their initiation in the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to the **Pentecost Sunday celebration of Adult Confirmation** at the Cathedral of St. Peter on Sunday, June 8 at the 10:00am Mass.

In order to include your candidate, we will need the registration form, copy of his/her baptismal certificate and sponsor's eligibility.

For information and forms needed go to this link on the Diocesan website:

[Christian Initiation Resources](#)



July 2, 2014

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www.Light-the-Fire.org

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS — INITIAL AND ONGOING FORMATION

The Office for Parish Life facilitators are now engaged with nearly 40 parishes across the Diocese in varying stages of pastoral planning. This summer, we are offering two levels of Parish Pastoral Council Formation, for which we encourage you to enroll as many Council members as possible — for more information, and to register, go to www.dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-2213.

For **Councils still forming**, or needing an inspiring **orientation to the purpose and ministry of Parish Pastoral Councils** – Wednesdays in June with Fr. Paul Mullen and Council Members from St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 6:30-8:30pm in the Office for Parish Life, 400 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA (Guild Building, Third Floor)

June 4 – Mission and Core Values for your Parish

June 11 -- Membership and Function of Parish Pastoral Council

June 18 – Identifying Personal Strengths for Servant Leadership

June 25 – Beginning Steps in Parish Pastoral Planning

2) For **more experienced Councils**, those already involved in pastoral planning: **Culture of Planning: fostering continuous pastoral planning and engaging ever more fully the total parish membership in the process**

Saturday, July 19, 8:30am-3:30pm Hosted by St. Ignatius Parish, Kingston, PA

Facilitator: Mary Ann Gubish, DMin, previous Director for Envisioning Ministry for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, co-author of *Revisoning the Parish Pastoral Council* (Paulist),

RCIA Teams and all Catechetical Leaders—Summer Event

As a follow-up to the Beginnings Institute offered in July of 2013, the Office for Parish Life is pleased to offer this opportunity for all pastors and parish leaders involved with Christian Initiation and lifelong faith formation: **Living Signs: Liturgical Catechesis:** preparing and leading the Period of Catechumenate

June 26-27, 2014, King's College
Thursday 6:30-9:30pm, light supper;
Friday 9:00am-3:30pm

Register: www.dioceseofscranton.org,
or call 570-207-2213

Mary Birmingham (MA Liturgy and Theology, St. John's University Collegeville, MN) is the Director of Liturgy, Music and Christian Initiation at Ascension Parish in Melbourne, Florida. Mary has been involved in RCIA ministry on a national level since 1992. Mary provides workshops in scriptural and doctrinal catechesis, liturgical and sacramental catechesis, RCIA and the year round process. Mary is the author of *Word and Worship Workbook*, *Year Round Catechumenate* (Liturgical Training Publications) *Faith, Life and Creed* (A Complete Catechesis for Christian Living) pastoralplanning.com and *TEAMRCIA*, *Formed in Faith*, *Sessions for Inquiry*, *Catechumenate*, and *Ongoing Faith Formation*, *Confirming Adult Catholics*, *World Library Publications*, and a former team member of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate.



Retreat for Parish
Directors of Religious
Education
June 12 and 13, 2014
Fatima Center
Dalton, PA 18505

We invite you to enter into a prayerful experience in which we will reflect on the role of the Director/Coordinator of Religious Education. During the retreat, the Office for Parish Life team will offer new tools for sacramental preparation, catechist training and program planning.

Thursday 4:00pm-Friday after lunch

There is no cost to the parish or to the DRE for this retreat. If the DRE for your parish is unable to attend, please invite an assistant or a catechist to represent your parish.

To register, contact Mary Anne Malone:
570-207-2213



SUMMER MISSION EXPERIENCE



Other chaperones include four Diocesan Seminarians as well as Miriam Heverline, Education Coordinator for the Pontifical Mission Societies and Gail Fromm, Pastoral Associate at Our Lady of Snows in Clarks Summit. Students from around the Diocese have already participated in a weekend Retreat at Fatima Center and are set to meet to begin more immediate preparations on May 4. This upcoming Summer Mission Experience will be the 21st consecutive mission trip directed by the Pontifical Mission Societies staff in the Diocese of Scranton.



The Pontifical Mission Societies, through the Office for Parish Life, is coordinating a Summer Mission Experience for high school Juniors in our Diocese which will take place from July 13 to July 19, 2014. This is a faith-based mission journey which will involve learning, service, and interaction among children, youth and adults at various mission sites in the rural area of Tioga and Bradford Counties. Some of the activities during the week will include a Vacation Bible School as well as other church and community projects and activities. The group's home base will be at St. Peter's Parish Hall in Wellsboro. Fr. Jeff Walsh, pastor of St. John's Church in East Stroudsburg, and Fr. Greg Reichlen, assistant pastor at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Honesdale, will serve as the group's spiritual directors.

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