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# GoodNewsNotes

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON OFFICE FOR PARISH LIFE

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### World Day of Prayer for Vocations Mass

Sunday, May 5 at 5:00PM  
St. Rose of Lima Parish,  
Carbondale

### Bishop's Youth Awards Mass

Tuesday, May 7 and  
Thursday, May 9 at 7:00PM  
Cathedral of St. Peter  
Scranton

## Confirmation Preparation

As parishes make final preparations for the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation by pastors and sacramental ministers on Pentecost (June 9, 2019), pastors and parish life coordinators are reminded of the following:

- **Order of Confirmation**—the bilingual ritual book was made available to pastors and parish life coordinators at the recent priest convocation. If your parish is still in need of a copy, please contact the Office for Parish Life by May 15, 2019. [Click here](#) for **suggestions and notes** for the celebration of Confirmation by pastors and sacramental ministers.
- **A Message from Bishop Bambera** —a message from Bishop Bambera to the Confirmation candidates is being prepared and will be sent to pastors and parish life coordinators. In order to further establish the Bishop's role as the ordinary minister of Confirmation, **this message is to be read by the pastor/sacramental minister as part of the homily for the Confirmation.**
- **Other Forms and Documents** regarding Confirmation can be found on the [diocesan website](#) under Parish Life, Christian Initiation & Sacraments. These include:
  - ♦ **Presentation of Candidates by DREs or Confirmation Coordinators**
  - ♦ **Sample Universal Prayer**
  - ♦ **Confirmation Record—must be returned to the Office for Parish Life following Confirmation with pastor or sacramental minister**

Pastors and Parish Life Coordinators are reminded that since Bishop Bambera has granted the faculty to pastors and sacramental ministers to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation in their own parishes, there is **no longer a need for pastors or sacramental ministers to request the faculty to confirm a baptized Catholic adult.** For this reason, the Adult Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday at the Cathedral in Scranton has been discontinued.

**If you have any questions concerning Confirmation, please contact David Baloga at 570-207-2213, 1158 or at [david-baloga@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:david-baloga@dioceseofscranton.org).**



## Annual Diocesan Scout Mass

The annual Scout Mass will be held on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton. The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will be the celebrant. Scouts who have earned the *Ad Altare Dei*, *Pope Pius XII*, *I Live My Faith*, *Mary the First Disciple* and *Spirit Alive* religious emblems will be invited to this Mass. In addition, we will send invitations to those scouts who have achieved the rank of Eagle. Family members and scout leaders are also welcome to join in this celebration.

Boards of Review for the *Ad Altare Dei* and *Pope Pius XII* Awards are planned for:

**Sunday, May 5, 2019**

St. Nicholas Catholic Church Community Room  
(downstairs beneath the church)  
226 S. Washington Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

If you would like to register for this date, or if you need a Board of Review at another time or location, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Anne Malone by return e-mail: [mary-anne-malone@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:mary-anne-malone@dioceseofscranton.org) or by phone: 570-207-2213.



## Ministry of Presence: Group Dynamics and Boundaries in Ministry

**Saturday, May 11, 2019**

**9:00AM-3:00PM**

**Our Lady of the Snows Parish  
Clarks Summit**

**Group Dynamics:** Drs. LeeAnn Eschbach, Ph.D., NCC, LPC and Julie Cerrito, Ph.D., NCC, NCSC, will explore communication within groups as it is enhanced by knowledge of personality types.

**Boundaries in Ministry:** Dr. Fauve Luckey, Psy.D., will introduce workshop participants to techniques for mediation of relationships, conflict resolution, and boundaries within ministry, and offer resources for addressing a variety of interpersonal encounters.

**For more information  
contact Kitty Scanlan at  
570-207-2213, ext. 1157,  
or [kitty-scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:kitty-scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org).**

**To register, visit the Office for Parish Life page  
at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org)**

**\*\*All Parish Ministers Are Welcome to Attend!\*\***



**Friday, May 24, 2019**

**6:30 to 8:30p.m.**

**Saint Faustina Kowalska Parish  
520 South Hanover Street, Nanticoke**

*All are welcome to come and pray with and for  
seminarians Jonathan Kuhar, Kevin Miller, and  
Shawn Simchock on the night before their  
Transitional Diaconate Ordination.*

*A social will follow.*

## Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation

Looking to learn more about your faith, or gain enrichment for your parish ministry? Members of the faithful across the Diocese of Scranton are invited to consider taking a course through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation! Cycle 4 runs June 2nd through July 6th, and registration dates are May 1st through May 29th. [Click here](#) to view the Course Calendar for 2019 or visit <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/> and click 'calendar.'



"I CALL us to be servant leaders who WORSHIP our God  
and celebrate the Sacraments in union with the universal Church."

# WORSHIP

## RCIA 101: A Crash Course on Christian Initiation

The Office for Parish Life will begin offering an annual "crash" course day on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults on **Saturday, June 29, 2019 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton.**

The goal of this offering for priests, deacons, parish life coordinators, RCIA coordinators, RCIA team members is to provide a overall sense of what the Church asks of parishes in responding to seekers and preparing them for Initiation. This course day would be ideal for anyone new to the RCIA as well as seasoned veterans who are looking to deepen their understanding of the process. The cost of \$20 per person includes materials and lunch.



To register, visit [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) and click on Parish Life, then Christian Initiation and Sacraments, or contact David Baloga at 570-207-2213, ext. 1158.

## Quo Vadis Days— June 23-26 at Misericordia University, Dallas

Quo Vadis Days 2019 is a camp for young Catholic men in high School (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade) to:

- ◆ Deepen their faith
- ◆ Learn more about all vocations
- ◆ Better discern God's call in their lives

The camp will feature dynamic talks, prayer, games, sports, activities, music and more. Participants will have the opportunity to meet priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Scranton. Transportation options are available. For more information and/or to register, visit [vocations.dioceseofscranton.org](http://vocations.dioceseofscranton.org).

## Come to the well

Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, June 22, 2019

University of Scranton Byron Complex

Tickets are \$40.00 per person

For details and registration, visit [www.cwcnepa.com](http://www.cwcnepa.com)

## Mother's Day Adoption Mass

The Diocese of Scranton will be hosting a Mother's Day Adoption Mass on Sunday, May 12 at 10:00AM at the Cathedral of Saint Peter. The Mass will celebrate adoptive mothers and their families. All are invited to attend.

## NPM Annual Convention

The National Association of Pastoral Musicians will host its forty-second annual national convention on July 16-19, 2019 in Raleigh, North Carolina. The theme for this year's convention is "Healing, Reconciliation and Anointing: A Journey through James 5—That You May Be Healed."



The NPM National Convention features keynote presentations and concerts from renowned speakers and liturgical musicians, and offers clinics, exhibits, vendors and workshops for choir members, cantors, organists, keyboardists and other parish musicians and liturgical coordinators. Plenum presenters include Fr. J. Michael Joncas, Marie Monville, Sr. Judith Kubicki, and John Flaherty.

To see all that the NPM National Convention has to offer, please visit the [NPM Convention website](http://NPMConventionwebsite).



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## TOUCHED BY ADDICTION?

Join us in prayer for all those who have been affected by a struggle with addiction.

MAY 4, 2019 | 11 AM  
ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH  
316 PARRISH STREET | WILKES-BARRE

Mass with Reception to Follow

Contact Katy Windels at (570) 207-2213 ext. 1101 for more information or if you would like to participate in the liturgy.

# COMMUNITY

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

## Natural Family Planning, 2019 and Beyond

The Diocese of Scranton has begun a new collaboration with Couple to Couple League International (CCL) in order to better promote the use of Natural Family Planning (NFP) in our Diocese. This organization is doing great work in



bringing the teaching and practice of NFP forward through the use of modern technology. Our Diocese is blessed to have a number of individuals and couples trained to teach NFP in person. Through CCL, couples are also able to access flexible learning options online.

To learn more please visit the website for Couple to Couple League at [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org) for a wealth of NFP related information and training options. For additional information about Natural Family Planning, or to access our Diocesan NFP Training Providers, please visit our diocesan website at [www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/natural-family-planning/](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/natural-family-planning/) or contact Jennifer Housel, Director for Community and Family Development, 570-207-2213 x 1104, [jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org).



## Grief Support Ministries

Parish Grief Support Ministries are an invaluable resource and a blessing in the lives of those grieving. To find a grief support ministry near you, as well as other grief support resources, please visit our diocesan website at <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/grief-support/>.



If you would like us to include information about a grief support ministry at your parish on our website, or if you would like to inquire about beginning a grief support ministry at your parish, please contact Jennifer Housel, Director for Community and Family Development, 570-207-2213 x 1104, [jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org).

## FOCCUS® FACILITATOR TRAINING & REFRESHER COURSE

*Spanish Translator Available*

The Office for Parish Life will offer a FOCCUS Premarriage Inventory Facilitator Training and refresher option on **Saturday, May 11, 2019**. The training will be held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center from 9AM to 3PM, a light lunch will be included. The Full Training fee is \$100 for an individual or \$150 for a couple. For those who have already taken the 5-hour training and have a FOCCUS Facilitator Manual and a Certification number, but want to refresh their knowledge about FOCCUS Facilitating, the refresher option fee will be \$50 per person. If you, parish staff, or Sponsor Couples in your parish are interested in this training or refresher, please contact Jennifer Housel, Director for Community and Family Development, (570) 207-2213 x 1104, [jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org). **Please register by Wednesday, May 8, 2019.**

### *What is the FOCCUS® Pre-Marriage Inventory?*

*The FOCCUS® Pre-Marriage Inventory is a comprehensive, user-friendly tool for use by lay individuals, couples or professionals who are helping couples prepare for marriage, and who become trained as FOCCUS Facilitators. The FOCCUS® Inventory is designed to help engaged couples appreciate their unique relationship, learn more about themselves, and discuss topics important to their lifelong marriage.*

*If you would like to discern whether you are called to be a FOCCUS Facilitator, please speak to your pastor about this ministry in your parish.*



"I CALL us to be servant leaders who engage in SERVICE to our neighbors near and far and who work for justice and stewardship to hasten the Reign of God."

# SERVICE

Diocese of Scranton Presents:

# ISLI

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

A PEER-FACILITATED LEADERSHIP RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

## JULY 8-11

at Misericordia University

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**For More Info:**  
Applications are available online at [Dioceseofscranton.org](http://Dioceseofscranton.org)  
CALL (570)207-2213 X1155

## Parish Social Justice Trust Fund Grants

The Social Justice Trust Fund Grant Application for 2019-2020 are now available under the Parish Life/Service section on the [dioceseofscranton.org](http://dioceseofscranton.org) website. Whether or not your parish has applied for a grant in the past, please consider applying this year. Grants may benefit any program based on service or social justice activities. In the past, parishes have used the Social Justice Trust Fund to benefit food pantries, run educational programs, and serve marginalized communities.



We especially encourage you to apply for a grant (up to \$5,000) if you have members of your parish who are interested in advocacy, social justice/environmental education, or ministries to persons with disabilities. We have recognized these needs in our communities and hope that parishes will prioritize some of these causes in their applications.

Applications are due on June 14, 2019. Finally, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Katy Windels at 570-207-2213 or at [kwindels@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:kwindels@dioceseofscranton.org) for more information.

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON - YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

# THEOLOGY ON TAP

## Holy Hilarity: Finding Humor in Faith

Guest Speaker: Fr. Alex Roche

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH

### 7-9 PM

For Young Adults Ages 21-40.

A Suggested Donation of \$7 Covers Dinner and Soft Drinks.

# UP&OVER

RETREAT FOR 6TH, 7TH, & 8TH GRADERS

**May 31 - June 2**  
Camp Orchard Hill - Dallas, Pa

**Registration Fee: \$140**  
Cabin Style Lodging

- Learn Teamwork & Problem Solving Skills
- New Friends
- New Prayer Experiences
- Outdoor Obstacle Course

**Arrival:**  
7:00pm Friday

**Departure:**  
12 Noon Sunday

**Register Online at**  
[www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org)

# Diocesan Partnership with the Center for Ministry Development

The Certificate in Ministry Studies® is a ministry education program for adults in ministry with youth, families and adults, in both parish and school settings. It equips leaders with the knowledge, skills, practical tools, and techniques needed for creative and comprehensive faith formation and/or youth ministry.

Participants in the Certificate Program must be at least 18 years of age, have graduated from high school, and meet Diocesan safe environment requirements.

This program will promote dynamic leadership for Lifelong Faith Formation and Youth Ministry in parishes and schools. The potential audience for the program includes: coordinators of youth ministry, directors of religious education, parish catechists, family faith formation team members, youth ministry volunteer leaders, junior high leaders, high school campus ministers, teachers, clergy, university students and seminarians. Individual weekends are also helpful for leaders who specialize in particular ministries. For example, the Justice and Service course can serve leaders involved in social justice ministries.

The primary aim of the program is to promote personal, spiritual, and ministerial growth. Courses in the first year cover faith formation and youth ministry principles and practices, as well as leadership theory, processes, and skills. The second year focuses on fostering faith growth through evangelization and catechesis, prayer and worship, justice and service, and pastoral care.

The Certificate in Ministry Studies® includes four online course and eight in-person courses. These in-person courses are offered in our Diocese in a weekend format over two years.

The Certificate program is utilized in a number of ways:

- ♦ as an integrated formation program leading to a **Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies** OR a **Certificate in Lifelong Faith Formation**;
- ♦ as an enrichment or continuing education program for veteran leaders;
- ♦ as a workshop series which can be taken on a course-by-course basis by professional or volunteer leaders.

The Office for Parish Life is preparing to offer this program locally, beginning Fall 2019. If you are interested in learning more about this Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies through the sponsorship of the Diocese of Scranton, contact Kitty Scanlan, Coordinator for Ministry Formation, 570-207-2213 or [kitty-scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:kitty-scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org).



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