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**BISHOP BAMBERA HOLDS BLESSING FOR NEW ULTRASOUND MACHINE**



Care Net Pregnancy Center of Scranton, a non-profit healthcare organization that helps pregnant women, is getting an important tool thanks to the fundraising efforts of several Knights of Columbus groups.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera held a blessing ceremony for a new ultrasound machine on Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

Several Knights of Columbus councils raised money to buy the facility its first ultrasound machine, which is valued at \$22,000.

"When someone is able to see their unborn child and her his/her heartbeat with the help of an ultrasound machine, their lives are usually changed forever," Bishop Bambera said. "These machines empower individuals to choose life!"

In 2009, the Knights of Columbus set out to place 1,000 ultrasound machines in pro-life pregnancy centers across the country within ten years and the organization has already surpassed its goal.

**2019 CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE THIS WEEKEND**

**INSPIRING SPEAKERS INCLUDE:**



**Rev Raymond Francis**



**Dr. Mary Healy**



**Mr. Bob Valiante**



**Mr. Patrick Reis**

*"Jesus is the Good Shepherd...the One who heals" Pope Francis*

August 2,3,4 at the University of Scranton

All Conference Sessions in the Byron Center

All Meals in the DeNaples Center Cafeteria

On-Site Weekend Registration \$65

Single Day Registrations/Partial Day Registrations Available on-site all weekend at the John Long Center Lobby

**Friday**

5 pm	Travelers' Mass (First Friday)
5 pm-7 pm	Dinner
7 pm - 10 pm	Worship and Session 1 - Healing Increases Our Faith Hope - Father Raymond Francis

<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	6:30 am -9 am	Breakfast
	9 am - 11:30 am	Worship and Session 2 - Healing in the Ministry of - Dr. Mary Healy Session 3 - Spiritual Healing is a Priority - Mr. Patrick Reis
	11:30 am-2 pm	Lunch
	2 pm - 5 pm	Worship and Session 4 - Healing and Evangelization the Church - Mr. Patrick Reis Mass - Celebrant - Rev. Gus Ricciardi, Homilist - Raymond Francis
	5 pm -7:30 pm	Dinner
	7:30 pm - 10 pm	Worship and Session 5 - Receiving the Healing of - Dr. Mary Healy Ministry Time Adoration and Benediction
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	6:30 am -9am	Breakfast
	7 am	Travelers Mass
	9 am -11am	Worship and Session 6 - The Role of Healing in the Evangelization - Father Raymond Francis Session 7 - Missionary Disciples as Instruments of Healing - Mr. Bob Valiante
	11 am-1:30 pm	Lunch
	1:30 pm	Closing Mass - Celebrant Most Reverend Bishop Dougherty, and Homilist - Rev. Jeffrey Dillon

***YOU'RE INVITED TO CAMP...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 3 - 9, 2019. The dates and locations so far are as follows:

**Saturday, August 3**

8:30 am - 3:30 pm  
Resurrection Parish, Muncy

**Monday, August 5**

1:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Saint John Parish, East Stroudsburg

**Tuesday, August 6**

1:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Saint Eulalia Parish, Elmhurst

**Thursday, August 8**

1:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Holy Name of Jesus Parish, West Hazleton

**Friday, August 9**

1:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Swoyersville

**Who would benefit from Catechist Camp?**

- A person who loves God and desires a deeper knowledge of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- A person who has a childlike spirit and understands the wisdom of teaching children by example, and using words, when necessary
- A person who ponders the Gospel and finds the joy sharing life stories that echo the Good News of Jesus
- A person who participates in the Eucharist and is humbly aware of living the Works of Mercy
- A person who is a practicing Catholic and feels an inner nudge to learn more about our faith
- A person who is a parent, grandparent, godparent, single person, college student and is not necessarily a person who has studied theology and Scripture, or an experienced teacher

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. Registration will be open soon! For more information, contact Jacki Douglas at (570) 207-2213 or [jdouglas@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jdouglas@dioceseofscranton.org).

### **MARCH FOR LIFE COMING TO HARRISBURG NEXT YEAR**

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference and the Pennsylvania Family Council announced last week they will be hosting the first-ever March for Life in Pennsylvania. The event will be held in Harrisburg on May 18, 2020, beginning at 11 a.m. and culminating with a rally on the front steps of the Capitol along Third Street.

"We are so proud to be bringing the pro-life power of March for Life to Pennsylvania," said Eric Failing, the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference. "This is an excellent opportunity to tap into the strong pro-life passion in Pennsylvania to continue this important fight."

"We're excited to bring this outstanding display of pro-life support to Pennsylvania," said Michael Geer, President of Pennsylvania Family Institute, the Commonwealth's largest pro-life, pro-family statewide organization.

The March for Life started in Washington, D.C. as a small demonstration and rapidly grew to be the largest pro-life event in the world. It has taken place every year since the Roe vs. Wade case was decided in 1973. Organizers have since begun reaching out to conduct rallies in other states.

"We are thrilled to bring a state March for Life to Pennsylvania," said Bethany Peck, Director of Grassroots Engagement for March for Life. "We feel strongly called to expand the impact of the March for Life by facilitating state-wide March for Life events in state capitols across America."

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference and the Pennsylvania Family Council have been very active in working on pro-life legislation. Both groups helped pro-life lawmakers in the state House of Representatives pass the Down Syndrome Protection Act as well as the Compassion and Care for Medically Challenging Pregnancies Act. This fall they will work to secure passage for both of these bills in the Senate along with a fetal heartbeat bill expected to be introduced in September.

### **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT PLANNED**



**Our Father is calling you home to heal.**

An intimate spiritual journey for those seeking to heal the impact of abortion in their life.

*November 1 - 3, 2019*

For registration information contact:

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For information about the retreat experience or other locations, call: 1 - 877 - HOPE - 4 -ME, or visit  
[www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

### **DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE IN LAY MINISTRY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2019**

The Office for Parish Life encourages parish leaders to consider application for the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* for Fall 2019!

The *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* is a ministry formation program designed to equip and advance the servant leadership capacities of individuals serving their parish in areas such as:

- Parish Pastoral Councils,
- Directors of Religious Education and Catechists,
- Liturgical Coordinators,
- Parish Staff,
- 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, *Diocesan Certificate* candidates enrich their knowledge, while also learning practical tools for effective parish ministry in their faith communities.

The Office for Parish Life looks forward to welcoming new candidates into the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* program!

Prospective candidates are encouraged to contact Kitty Scanlan, Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation, at 570-207-2213, or by email at [Kitty-Scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Kitty-Scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org) for application information, materials, and application submissions.

**SUMMER BAZAARS, PICNICS AND FESTIVAL SEASON IS IN FULL SWING!**



The Diocese of Scranton's new website features dozens of summer bazaars, picnics and festivals that are being planned across the 11 county Diocese. Now that the calendar has turned to the month of August...this is the prime time for fellowship, faith and fun!

The list is constantly being updated and changed as new submissions come in.

For the current list, visit:

<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/media/summer-bazaars-picnics-and-festivals/>

If you have an event that you would like to feature in the listing, email information to:

[EDeabill@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:EDeabill@dioceseofscranton.org)

For a listing of all Diocesan and parish events, visit: [Calendar](#)

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