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**RITE OF ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY FOR HOLY ORDERS AND
INSTITUTION OF ACOLYTE**



Front Row, left to right: John Jorda, Eugene Blockus, Joseph Marcellus, Joseph Sudano, Msgr. David Bohr, Bishop Joseph Bambera, Dcn. Walter Janoski, Gerard Pernot, Joseph Chmiola, Jr., Angel Luis Rivera and Peter Lemoncelli.

Back Row, left to right: William Flowers, Martin Castaldi, Sr., Nicholas Rocco, Matthew Eisley, Stephen Wallo, Frank Zeranski, Steven Miller, John Bubb, John Bankus and Thomas Kostic

Ten Diocese of Scranton men have taken the first ritual step toward becoming deacons during the September 28 celebration of the Rite of Admission to Candidacy at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

The aspirants include John F. Bankus, John F. Bubb, Martin J. Castaldi, Matthew R. Eisley, William D. Flowers, Thomas A. Kostic, Steven J. Miller, Nicholas M. Rocco, Stephen J. Wallo and Frank H. Zeranski.

At the same Mass eight men were also instituted in the ministry of acolyte. As acolytes, their responsibilities will include assisting priests and deacons in the Mass, especially by arranging the altar before consecration, purifying sacred vessels and serving as extraordinary ministers of holy Communion.

Those instituted include Eugene N. Blockus, Joseph J. Chmiola, John C. Jorda, Peter J. Lemoncelli, Joseph Marcellus, Gerard P. Pernot, Angel Luis Rivera and Joseph Sudano.

RED MASS TO BE CELEBRATED AT CATHEDRAL



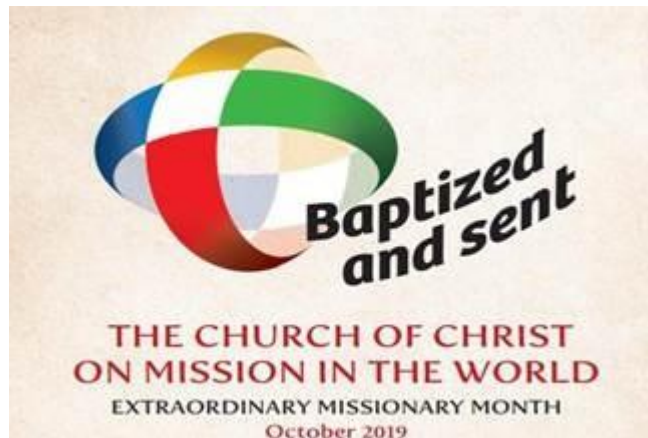
The Diocese of Scranton's annual Red Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 p.m. on Friday, October 11 in the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be the principal celebrant.

Historically, the Red Mass is attended by judges, lawyers and legislators for the purpose of invoking God's blessing and guidance in the administration of justice. Its traditional name is derived from the color of vestments worn by the celebrants of the Mass, symbolizing the tongues of fire which indicate the presence of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, the robes of the attending royal judges were, in ancient days, bright scarlet.

The tradition of the Red Mass originated many centuries ago in Rome, Paris and London. This beautiful liturgy has officially opened the judicial year of the Sacred Roman Rota, the Tribunal of the Holy See.

All are invited to attend the Red Mass. CTV: Catholic Television will broadcast the Mass live on October 11. It will also be available for viewing on the Diocesan website: www.dioceseofscranton.org.

EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH UNDERWAY



Tuesday, October 1, marked the beginning of the Extraordinary Missionary Month.

Pope Francis announced the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*.

"Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World" is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the Extraordinary Mission Month.

There are four dimensions, specified by the Pope, to live more intensely the journey of preparation for the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019:

1. A personal encounter with Jesus Christ alive in His Church through the Eucharist, the Word of God, personal and communal prayer;
2. Testimony: missionary saints, martyrs and confessors of the faith, as an expression of the Church scattered throughout the world;
3. Missionary formation: biblical, catechetical, spiritual and theological;
4. Missionary charity.

To commemorate this unique month of prayer, renewal and learning, the four episcopal regions of our Diocese will host evenings of worship and renewal with the celebration of Mass and a time for reflection afterwards.

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Mass at Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish
Kingston

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Mass at Christ the King Parish
Archbald

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Mass at Resurrection Parish
Muncy

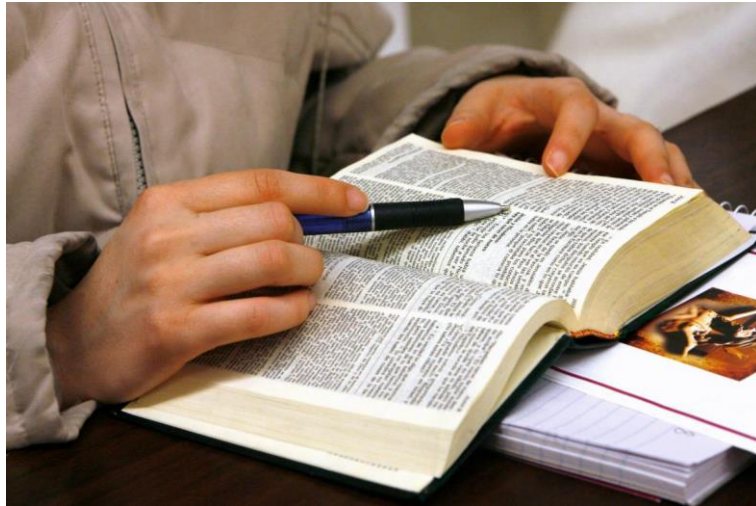
Wednesday, October 30, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Mass at Our Lady of Victory Parish
Tannersville

For more information on the month,
visit <http://www.october2019.va/en/mmsott2019.html>

**WORD CONVOCATION
(Convocation for Catechists)**



**Saturday, October 19, 2019
Diocesan Pastoral Center
330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton**

**Registration is now open.
Visit: www.dioceseofscranton.org**

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

The Keynote Speaker will be Sister Janet Schaeffler offering a presentation entitled, *"Committed Catechists, Faithful Followers: Prayerful, Passionate, Peace-filled."* Janet Schaeffler, OP, is an Adrian Dominican Sister who has spent many years in parish and archdiocesan catechetical ministry. Sister Janet currently accompanies others on their faith-journey through days of reflection/retreats, parish missions, workshops, catechist formation opportunities, adult faith formation opportunities and Myers-Briggs explorations as well as online courses through Crossroads at Boston College, the VLCFF at the University of Dayton and the Vibrant Faith Institute.

The convocation will also feature Dr. Joseph White. Dr. White is a child and family psychologist and national catechetical consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Publishing and Curriculum. He has worked as a parish catechetical leader and spent seven years as director of Family Counseling and Family Life in the Diocese of Austin. A

frequent guest on Catholic television and radio, Dr. White is the author of 10 books and numerous articles on catechesis and ministry.

Dr. White will offer two workshops, "How to NOT Be BORING: Getting Children's Attention and Keeping It" and "Future Full of Hope: Keeping Kids Catholic."

For more information, please contact Jacki Douglas: jdouglas@dioceseofscranton.org or (570) 207-2213, ext. 1100.

BISHOP'S YOUTH AWARDS PROGRAMS UNDERWAY



A total of 799 young adults from the Diocese of Scranton are in the process of receiving Bishop's Youth Awards this fall. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera has already been principal celebrant at three Masses throughout the Diocese of Scranton to present the awards to deserving 8th and 12th grade students who have been nominated by their school or parish.

The final Mass is expected to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 7 at Saint Boniface Parish in Williamsport.

Congratulations to all of our young adults receiving awards. Look for additional coverage in the October 10th edition of *The Catholic Light* newspaper.

STUDENTS "GO GOLD" TO RAISE AWARENESS



September was Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, a time to acknowledge the thousands of children and their families who are dealing with a cancer diagnosis. Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green recognized the significance of the month by having students wear gold shirts and form a large gold ribbon outside of the school on Friday, September 27.

In addition, the school held a "Compassion Change Drive" in which students collected money to be sent to the Jesse Rees Foundation which will use the donated funds to send "Joy Jars" to kids battling cancer.

Throughout the month of September, students also wrote positive messages for those bravely battling cancer on gold and white hearts which have been displayed on a wall inside the school.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND IS HERE



Appeal Commitment Weekend will be held in parishes in October with most parishes scheduling this collection for the weekend of October 5 & 6.

Prior to this weekend, all parishioners will receive a brochure/pledge envelope in the mail.

Appeal Commitment Weekend provides an opportunity for everyone to consider a gift in support of the ministries of the Diocese as well as submit a prayer intention that will be remembered at a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Bishop Bambera at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton, at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 17.

If you'd like more information about the 2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal, visit www.AnnualAppeal.org

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

You are also encouraged to visit the Facebook pages of other Diocesan departments. They are listed on our website at: <http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/media/social-media/>

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