

# *The joy of encountering Christ*



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*Becoming  
missionary  
disciples*

## GUIDEBOOK

Programs, Events, and Courses — September 2016 through August 2017



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Since the heart of evangelization is to introduce others to the saving presence and power of the Lord Jesus, it is only fitting that the Diocese of Brooklyn has taken great efforts to provide you with many opportunities for education and formation in the Catholic faith. The Diocesan School of Evangelization is charged with providing educational and formational guidance and support to all priests, deacons, women and men in consecrated life, and the laity of Brooklyn and Queens. Today, as in the past, the Church asks each one of us to respond to Jesus' call for us to "Go and make disciples." What is being asked of me? How can I respond to that call? What can I do to become a "missionary disciple"?

We do have ways to answer those questions practically and positively. I ask you to take some time to read through this **Diocesan School of Evangelization Guidebook 2016-2017**. It contains information regarding the educational and formational programs and initiatives of the Diocese of Brooklyn and provides you with opportunities for personal and spiritual growth. Most of all, it gives us a sense of belonging to the Body of Christ.

We have as a highlight of our Diocesan Evangelization and Renewal Plan called *The Joy of Encountering Christ: The Family's Hope* the goal of searching out those who have been baptized into the Catholic faith but have not connected with the Church or parish in any other way. As we begin this 2016-2017 catechetical year, join us as we continue to seek new and exciting ways to reconnect with those who have left the Church or are otherwise un-Churched. May the great joy that become ours once we have encountered the Risen Christ, our Lord and Savior, be with us and with those with whom we share our faith.

Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.  
Bishop of Brooklyn



The **Diocesan School of Evangelization Guidebook 2016-2017** demonstrates the commitment of our diocese to be a fully missionary Church. The courses, conferences and workshops listed here reflect the pastoral creativity and doctrinal faithfulness of the many clergy, consecrated religious and lay instructors who are involved in the work of faith formation. A debt of gratitude is owed to Ted Musco and his colleagues in the School of Evangelization (SOE) for coordinating such an array of opportunities to grow into our Catholic identity as disciples on mission.

To be a disciple is to be a person of communion and an instrument of Christ's mercy. Our Diocesan Evangelization and Renewal Plan, *The Joy of Encountering Christ: The Family's Hope*, is all about building communities of faith in which the members encounter Christ's love on a daily basis, and in which that same *caritas Christi* "urges them on" (2 Cor 5:14) to bring the joy of faith to others and provide for their other human needs.

The SOE remains committed to responding to the ever-changing needs of our parishes in Brooklyn and Queens. May all of our efforts to live our Catholicism with fidelity and joy bring about a new springtime for our local Church.

Most Reverend James Massa, Ph.D., D.D.  
Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn  
Moderator of the Curia & Vicar for Evangelization







# Welcome to the School of Evangelization!

I am very appreciative of all the work that went into preparing this **Diocesan School of Evangelization Guidebook 2016-2017** and I urge you to take time to review its contents carefully. Keep it in a safe place for reference during the year. For those who find it easier to view online, you can also find it at [www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org](http://www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org).

As we begin to plan for a new year, let's reflect on a resource that has already provided many tremendous benefits to individuals, families, parishes, and the people of the Diocese of Brooklyn. The Diocese of Brooklyn's Evangelization and Renewal Plan for 2015-2018 called *The Joy of Encountering Christ: The Family's Hope* asks each person to examine his or her relationship with God and grow in knowledge and faith in several ways: as an individual, as a family member, and as a member of a parish and the Diocese of Brooklyn. Be a missionary disciple by sharing the happiness and joy that you experience when you've had a joyful encounter with Christ.

**As an individual ...** The Diocesan School of Evangelization's mission is to serve the educational and formational needs of those who seek to know Christ for the first time, or desire a deeper understanding and relationship with Christ Jesus and His Church. **What am I personally doing to encounter Christ in a robust way?**

**As a family member ...** Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)* ... "represents an invitation to Christian families to value the gifts of marriage and the family, ... to persevere in a love strengthened by the virtues of generosity, commitment, fidelity and patience ... and seeks to encourage everyone to be a sign of mercy and closeness wherever family life remains imperfect or lacks peace and joy." **What am I doing to assist my family and friends to grow in faith?**

**As a parish and diocesan member ...** Parishes and the Diocese of Brooklyn are ready to achieve the six goals of the Diocesan Evangelization and Renewal Plan 2015-2018 (see pages 3-5) **What must I do to become, or continue to be, an active and productive member of my parish and the Diocese of Brooklyn? How can I grow in my faith to benefit not only myself but those who I am called to evangelize?**

Please take advantage of the many offerings provided by the Diocesan School of Evangelization, meant to help you enrich your knowledge and faith. As a missionary disciple, be determined to share your joyful encounters with Christ with everyone you meet.

Theodore J. Musco  
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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION



## EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

DECEMBER 8, 2015 – NOVEMBER 20, 2016

Official Year of Mercy website: [www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va](http://www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va)



# THE JOY OF ENCOUNTERING CHRIST — THE FAMILY'S HOPE 2015–2018

## An Evangelization and Renewal Springboard Plan for Parishes, Families, and Individuals in the Diocese of Brooklyn

### Meet Me in Church!

Reconnect and re-engage with the Church, the community, and with God! If you're new to the Catholic Church, discover its irresistible beauty. If you want to know more, mine the treasure of our rich Deposit of Faith. Come and celebrate the joy of a life lived fully in Jesus Christ!



Meet Me in Church is an online hub connecting you to information, courses,

and events in the Diocese of Brooklyn. Go to [www.meetmein.church](http://www.meetmein.church).

### PARISH OFFERINGS

Many parishes offer opportunities for adults to learn more about our Catholic Faith. Please consult local parish bulletins or websites for information regarding Scripture study, small Catholic community groups, courses, workshops, and other gatherings.

### Introduction

*Since the heart of evangelization is to introduce others to the saving presence and power of the Lord Jesus, any pastoral vision that seeks to explain in greater detail the work of evangelization must begin with an opportunity for personal reflection. If we seek to revitalize our Church, to bring new life to our mission to teach and preach the Gospel, and bring others to greater faith, then we must ask some serious questions of ourselves. What does it really mean to me to seek new life and vigor in Christ? What is really being asked of me? What attitudes must I change in my life before I can become an effective agent of evangelization in my family, parish, and neighborhood?*

— Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D

### Part One

**Part One of the Springboard Plan addresses two general ways of encountering Christ leading to a personal relationship with Him and His Church.**

Pope Francis reminds us that, "To speak of Jesus, we must know him and love him." Turning that ideal into practical application, *The Joy of Encountering Christ—The Family's Hope* will provide parishes, families, and individuals in Brooklyn and Queens with opportunities to encounter Christ, either initially or once again, and grow in knowledge of and love for Christ and His Church.

### To Know Jesus

With the recent foundation of the School of Evangelization by Bishop DiMarzio in the Diocese of Brooklyn, WE WANT TO HELP PEOPLE LEARN



ABOUT JESUS MORE FULLY. Partnering with *My Catholic Faith Delivered*, *Catholic Distance University*, and the *Notre Dame STEP Program*, the diocese provides a wide variety of live and online Catholic adult religious courses for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. In addition to diocesan offerings, clergy, women and men in consecrated life, and lay catechetical leaders in parishes and schools/academies in Brooklyn and Queens teach about the Catholic Faith in many and varied ways.

**To Love Jesus**

WE ALSO WANT TO HELP PEOPLE EXPERIENCE JESUS MORE DEEPLY. The Mass, celebration of the Sacraments, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, novenas and processions, and small prayer and Scripture study groups help us joyfully experience the love of Jesus. While some people are seeking an initial encounter with Christ, others have already met Christ at some point in their lives but have not stayed in touch with Him. Others are regular Churchgoers, but have not committed to more than that, while others have made it a practice to remain involved in the life of the parish and reach out to others as true evangelizers.

**Part Two**

**Part Two of the *Springboard Plan* outlines the main components of our pastoral vision.**

There are three themes of this Springboard Plan:

- 1. Encountering Christ
- 2. Becoming missionary disciples
- 3. Experiencing the joy of sharing the Gospel

There are six goals to be achieved:

- 1. Offer multiple opportunities for people to encounter Christ
- 2. Increase Mass attendance: full, active, conscious participation
- 3. Increase daily prayer among all Catholics
- 4. Attract and support inactive Catholics

- 5. Enhance participation in parish life/religious education at all levels of faith formation
- 6. Invite and welcome seekers

Through the lens of the New Evangelization, we help others to:

- 1. Encounter Christ everyday (Year One 2015-2016)
- 2. Grow as missionary disciples (Year Two 2016-2017)
- 3. Put out into the deep through new ways of inviting and reaching out (Year Three 2017-2018)

We accomplish this by:

- 1. Providing various methods to meet the risen Christ
- 2. Developing Parish Evangelization Teams
- 3. Providing specialized training and formation for clergy and parish leadership, catechists, and parishioners
- 4. Forming small groups
- 5. Doing whatever we can to draw people to the Mass and the Sacraments
- 6. Enhancing all programs of faith formation and education

**Part Three**

**Part Three of the *Springboard Plan* provides mutual responsibilities among parishes, families, individuals, and the Diocesan School of Evangelization.**

- A. Form teams in parishes to facilitate the plan:
  - invite and involve adults already formed in ministry
  - invite and involve adults who want to get involved in ministry
    - 1. orient them to the Plan
    - 2. train them in:
      - a. forming and sustaining small group processes

- b. developing forms of invitation and communication
    - develop diocesan wide invitation processes
      1. using media
      2. *Neighbors Reaching Neighbors*
- B. Assist Involved/Somewhat involved Catholics:  
Use parish ministers already trained and prepared in order to:
  - develop a diocesan mandate for renewal programs
  - present and form teams for these programs:
    - ✦ *Living the Eucharist, Symbolon, My Catholic Faith Delivered, Adult Faith Formation, Jesuit Collaborative*
  - develop parish small groups
  - create family activities and designate support groups
    - ✦ family discipleship-the domestic Church
- C. Assist Inactive Catholics:  
Use parish ministers already trained and prepared in order to:
  - offer *Awakening Faith* series
  - follow-up with participants for ongoing group discussion, formation
- D. Assist Seekers:  
Begin with the following:
  - develop specific media tools to invite people to think about Catholic faith
  - orient RCIA and evangelization teams to ongoing invitation
  - train parish receptionists and others to respond to seekers, inquirers, returning Catholics, etc.
  - offer *Seeking Christ* and *Catholics Reaching Out* series opportunities
- E. Assist Youth and Young Adults:  
Develop Youth and Young Adult components for small groups:
  - *ARISE: Together in Christ*
  - *Living the Eucharist*
  - *Theology on Tap* (Young Adults)
  - ministry and service
- F. Assist Families:  
Train religious education and formation community (schools, academies, and parish programs) to reach out to families:
  - develop weekly family home experiences
  - cultivate Vacation Bible School in parishes for all children
  - use *DeSales Media* and *Neighbors Reaching Neighbors* to reach children not involved in religious education
  - train catechetical personnel to invite and involve inactive children
  - make every effort to locate those who were baptized but do not engage in parish/school/academy life

## Part Four

### How do we implement the *Springboard Plan*?

One important way for us to assist in implementing the six goals of the *Diocesan Springboard Plan for Evangelization and Renewal* is to suggest several resources and processes that reach out to “seekers”, inactive Catholics, and those who are already active members of your parish/school/academy. The Parish/School/Academy Evangelization Team will decide which of the following resources will work best to achieve the established goals. Teams may prefer to choose other resources not suggested here. Many resources are adapted for various cultures, so please read the descriptions and details carefully. Go to [www.bqonlineformation.org](http://www.bqonlineformation.org) for information regarding registration for particular meetings that will explain how to implement the program or process.



## Adult Faith Formation

*How can I learn more about our Faith and get to know and love Jesus and His Church?*

### OVERVIEW

In *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us: A Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation in the United States* (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2005), the bishops of the United States identify three major goals of Adult Faith Formation. Adult Faith Formation invites the adult Catholic to:

1. deepen their conversion to the Lord.
2. actively participate in the life of the Church.
3. accept their rightful place in the Church’s mission to evangelize.

Since adults are called to be disciples of Christ through Baptism, programs of Adult Faith Formation assist in better understanding the Catholic Faith as well as its practical application in living a Christian life.

Sponsored by the School of Evangelization, the *Living and Leading by Faith Catechist and Catechetical Leader Program* has been developed to educate adult Catholics. **While they are required for all catechists and catechetical leaders, the courses are open to all adult learners and can be found at [www.bqonline-formation.org](http://www.bqonline-formation.org).**

### Some Diocesan Faith Formation Groups

#### **Arise: Together in Christ**

ARISE: *Together in Christ* is a three-year, parish-centered process of spiritual renewal and evangelization that enables people to deepen their faith, develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others.

#### **Levántate: Unámonos en Cristo**

LEVÁNTATE. *Unámonos en Cristo* es un proceso

de evangelización y renovación espiritual centrado en la comunidad parroquial por un período de tres años, logrando tres objetivos: la renovación de las estructuras diocesanas y parroquiales mediante la formación de las pequeñas comunidades eclesiales; el proceso de maduración en la fe basado en el estudio de la Biblia y en una adaptación del Rito de la Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (RICA); el fortalecimiento de las relaciones humanas y personales en las comunidades parroquiales.

**Contact your parish or call 718-281-9544 for other language options.**

### Endow

**Endow** (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) is a Catholic study program that engages the intellect of women and teenage girls to help them understand their God-given dignity, and respond to our culture’s desperate need for an authentic feminine presence to transform every aspect of life and society.

We believe that education is one of the fundamental aspects of cultural change. Pope John Paul II’s 1995 World Day of Peace message included this important reminder: “Time dedicated to education is time truly well spent, because it determines a person’s future, and therefore the future of the family and of the whole of society.”

**Endow** attracts women from all walks of life who are at various places on their faith journey, as well as pre-teen and teenage girls who are discovering their individual and spiritual identity. We have developed a comprehensive program that is understandable and embraced by women and girls in the pew—because that is who we are too: faithful wives, mothers, daughters, and career women.

### Symbolon

The **Symbolon** series is a compelling presentation of the Catholic Faith. Through beautifully crafted teaching and state-of-the-art video, author and speaker Dr. Edward Sri leads a team of dynamic teachers who provide a clear and comprehensive understanding of what the Catholic Church teaches and how to live it.



## Living the Eucharist

**Living the Eucharist** is a new, parish-based program designed to help revitalize parish life and spirituality through a more profound experience of Sunday Mass. It helps the entire parish—adults, teens, and families—grow in their Catholic faith and live more fully as disciples of Jesus. **Living the Eucharist** runs during Lent for three years. Parishioners can take part in adult and teen faith-sharing groups, family activities, devotional and catechetical Lenten readings, and a prayer campaign.

## Catholicism Study Program

The **Catholicism Study Program** presents the strong, ecclesial dimension of the Catholic Faith – God’s revelation through Jesus Christ and His Church.

Bishop Robert Barron created this groundbreaking program as a thematic presentation of what Catholics believe and why, so all adults can come to a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith.

## The Great Adventure Catholic Bible Timeline

The **Great Adventure Catholic Bible Timeline** study program is designed in such a way that anyone can make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God’s Word. The key to understanding the Bible is finding the story that ties it all together. **The Great Adventure Catholic Bible Timeline** learning system makes the complex simple by helping you to uncover the story woven through Scripture, so that you can make sense of it.

## ONLINE ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSE PROVIDERS

The School of Evangelization partners with **My Catholic Faith Delivered** (MCFD), the **Catholic Distance University** (CDU) in Virginia, and the **STEP Program** at the University of Notre Dame and others to provide online courses that are available for adults to take at any time.

## My Catholic Faith Delivered

For information and to register, please go to [www.bqonlineformation.org](http://www.bqonlineformation.org). See pages 55-57 to learn how to create or access an account.

## Catholic Distance University – CDU

For information and to register, go to [www.cdu.edu](http://www.cdu.edu).

## USCCB Leadership Institute

For information and to register, go to [www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/leadership-institute/](http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/leadership-institute/)

## Notre Dame’s Satellite Theological Education Program – STEP

For information and to register, go to [www.news.nd.edu/news/22528-the-step-program-theology-online](http://www.news.nd.edu/news/22528-the-step-program-theology-online).

**A complete listing of courses and workshops begins on page 44.**

## Pastoral Institute

*How do I deepen my involvement in our Catholic Faith?*

## FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY PROGRAM (FMP)

The ten-week, twenty-hour **Foundations for Ministry Program** (FMP) is designed to meet the needs of women and men who may be discerning participation in the **Lay Ministry Program**, as well as those persons already involved in ministry or on parish pastoral councils who want a theological update. The program addresses major theological themes within the context of the adult learning model.

**Program Description:** The **Foundations for Ministry Program** is offered in English, Spanish, Creole, Mandarin and Polish. Each class session includes time for prayer, vocabulary related to the session, small



and/or large group discussion, lecture, and wrap-up of the session. Each week a different topic is introduced.

The ten topics are:

- Week 1: Theology as a field of study
- Week 2: Emerging role of the laity
- Week 3: Structure and mission of the Church
- Week 4: Jesus: His message, His ministry
- Week 5: Introduction to Sacred Scripture
- Week 6: A people of prayer
- Week 7: Introduction to liturgy
- Week 8: A people of action/morality
- Week 9: One Church/many faces
- Week 10: Theological reflection

## LAY MINISTRY PROGRAM (LMP)

The Lay Ministry Program (LMP) is intended for persons who will assume leadership on a volunteer basis for a particular ministry or project or currently serve as a member of a parish staff. Persons who complete the diocesan program will be prepared to coordinate a particular ministry such as baptism preparation, care of the sick, bereavement ministry, parish outreach, etc. The pastor/administrator, in collaboration with the parish staff/team and in dialogue with the program participant, determines the ministry to which the individual is called. Lay parish staff members are also encouraged to participate to further their development.

The pastor/administrator in collaboration with the parish staff/team recommends candidates to the Pastoral Institute by sending a sponsorship form. The candidate then receives an application packet and information about the interview process. Each candidate attends an interview and is asked to sign a release for a background check that will be conducted by an independent agency.

The formation program is a two-stage process that includes theological content, spiritual formation, ministerial preparation, and a mentoring process. There is the possibility for graduate level studies in theology or

a related field for qualified candidates in the program's Second Stage.

Participants who complete a non-degreed component of the Lay Ministry Program are commissioned as lay pastoral leaders at the Annual Recognition and Commissioning Ceremony presided over by the Diocesan Bishop or his delegate. Participants who complete a degreed program will be recognized at this celebration. Participants who leave the program after completing the Initial Stage will receive a Certificate of Completion at that time.

At the conclusion of the program, participants are expected to participate in 10 hours of ongoing formation each year while in ministry.

## Initial Stage (Two Years) – All Participants

### First Semester

- Orientation and Theological Conference (12 hours)
- Theology of Lay Ministry (8 hours)
- Ecclesiology (16 hours)
- Spiritual Formation Day (6 hours)

### Second Semester

- Old Testament (14 hours)
- New Testament (14 hours)
- Spiritual Formation Day (6 hours)

Online required courses:

Creed (10 hours) and Revelation of God (10 hours)

### Third Semester

- Liturgy and Sacraments (16 hours)
- Ecumenical/Interreligious Dialogue (6 hours)
- Spiritual Formation Day (6 hours)

### Fourth Semester

- Christology (14 hours)
- Moral Theology (14 hours)
- Information Session for Second Stage (3 hours)
- Spiritual Formation Day (6 hours)

Online elective courses: Church History (5 hours) and Catholic Social Teachings (5 hours)

At the end of the Initial Stage, participants will make one of the following elections:

1. Continue to Second Stage in one of the four tracks.
2. End participation and receive a Certificate of Completion for the courses that were taken.

## Second Stage – Preparation for Ministry

1. Volunteer Lay Pastoral Leader Track (includes bereavement, pastoral care of the sick and homebound, consolation, social justice, liturgical ministry, etc.)
2. Catechetical Leader Track (includes Parish Catechetical Leader, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, RCIA, Adult Faith Formation, Sacramental Preparation, Family Life/Respect Life, Special Needs)
3. Pastoral Associate Track

## M.A. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN THEOLOGY

Affirming the Baptismal call of the laity to ministerial leadership within the Church, the **M. A. Scholarship Program in Theology** prepares women and men to serve as parish catechetical leaders, Pastoral Associates, or pastoral leaders in the Diocese of Brooklyn. Sponsored by the School of Evangelization, the program is partially funded by the Catholic Foundation of Brooklyn and Queens.

### Criteria for Acceptance into Program

We have a significant number of candidates for this program. The following criteria will be considered when accepting a person who is in need of a scholarship:

- The applicant is willing to minister in a geographic area that is under-served by professionally prepared lay persons.
- The applicant currently works for the Church.

- The applicant has completed the lay formation program sponsored by the Pastoral Institute.
- The applicant has completed a bachelor's degree with a B+ grade average and possesses the ability to complete the academic requirements of the university or seminary.

## CREOLE PASTORAL INSTITUTE

*“Pass from an elementary to a mature knowledge of the mystery of Christ.”*

Hebrews 6: 1

The Diocesan School of Evangelization is attentive to the pastoral needs of the Creole speaking population of this diocese and promotes a special program called **Kolèj Pastoral**.

The program has been in existence for twenty six years, and the purpose is to provide a thorough biblical and doctrinal formation in the Catholic Faith.

The Bible is studied systematically. First, a general introduction to the history of the Bible is given, then many books are studied one after the other.

Particular emphasis is given to the following books:

- Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Joshua, Samuel Kings, Psalms, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel Amos, Hosea and Maccabees.
- New Testament: the four gospels, the Book of Acts, the Epistles of St Paul, Hebrews.

In the area of doctrine, all the tenets of the Creed are scrutinized. The Sacraments are also studied in detail. Some Papal documents such as *Rerum Novarum*, *Quadragesimo Anno*, *Populorum Progressio*, and the documents of the Second Vatican Council.

Every class has prayer session and a half hour conference on current issues. Lunch can be purchased.

The whole program spans over three years. Classes are given on Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm on a total of fourteen Saturdays from the end of September



to June. As a rule, five days of class are given every second Saturday from September to December; five from January to Easter and four from Easter to June. (Classes are never held on two Saturdays in a row.)

After two years a certificate is given and after three years a diploma is presented to those who successfully complete the program. A yearly weekend retreat is also part of the program.

The location of the program is St. Jerome School at

465 East 29th St., Brooklyn NY 11226 (Train station Newkirk on subway Train #2).

The fee is \$125.00 for the year. Payment by installments is accepted. For registration and all information, please contact: Haitian Apostolate, 332 East 32 St., Brooklyn NY 11226. Tel.: 718-856-3323. Person in charge: Sister Juvenia Joseph, Daughter of Mary.

No more admission is accepted after the first week of October of every year.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

*How can I become Catholic or, if I was Baptized, how can I receive the Holy Eucharist and Confirmation? How is the RCIA process adapted for older unbaptized children?*

### OVERVIEW

Every year on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil, parishes throughout the world welcome new Catholics into their community. Some people are becoming Catholic for the first time, some were baptized Christian and wish to become Catholic, and others want to complete their initiation by receiving the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and the RCIA Adapted for Children are the two processes that the Church invites you to take part in. They both take place in a parish setting. If you do not already belong to a Catholic parish, please go to [www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/parishes/about-our-parishes/](http://www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/parishes/about-our-parishes/) to find a parish near you.

The process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for all parishes is for:

- All unbaptized adults seeking full initiation through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

- Those baptized in Christian denominations, but not Catholic, who seek to come into full communion with the Catholic Church by making a Profession of Faith and receiving Confirmation and Eucharist. The baptisms of Episcopalians, Lutherans, Methodists, and Orthodox are always valid. All others have to be checked for proper formula and understanding of the Church's intention.
- Those baptized Catholic but who have never been catechized who seek to complete their initiation through Confirmation and Eucharist. The Church does not consider anyone who has received Eucharist as uncatechized, though understandably, further catechesis is needed. Therefore, those who only need Confirmation should not be a part of the RCIA process; should not be a part of the Rite of Election and Continued Call to Conversion; nor can they be confirmed at the Easter Vigil. Their Confirmation would be on Pentecost Sunday in their local parish or at the Cathedral Basilica of St. James. Adequate preparation is needed. On the other hand, those who were Baptized and Confirmed at birth but have never been catechized and wish to receive the Eucharist, would be part of the RCIA process because they are considered uncatechized. Please consult you Pastor/Administrator



## The process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Adapted for Children

There is only one RCIA process; Part I pertains to adults and Part II to its adaption for children.

In conformity with our Diocesan RCIA Guidelines, unbaptized children who are 8-years-old (usually in Grade 3) through Grade 10 in our parishes or our schools/academies should have a catechumenal preparation of a minimum of 3 years and then be fully initiated at the Easter Vigil or at one of the Sundays of Easter. The Church mandate since 1988 is that children who fall into this age bracket cannot receive the Sacraments of Initiation separated from one another, but rather all three Sacraments at one celebration. Unbaptized children under 8 years of age should be baptized according to the Infant Rite.

In the parishes of the Diocese of Brooklyn, the RCIA team must attend diocesan training sessions and Days of Reflection. Each parish organizes the RCIA process according to its particular needs and Diocesan policies. Please consult your Pastor/Administrator or RCIA Coordinator for details. Information can usually be found in the parish bulletin or on the parish website.

## Marriage Ministry

### *What is Marriage Ministry?*

#### OVERVIEW

Marriage Ministry offers practical ways to live out God's perspective for the Sacrament of Matrimony and family life. Ideally, parishes and deaneries should be the places that revitalize good marriages and help renew hurting marriages to keep them healthy and strong.

The diocesan coordinator of Marriage Ministry is available to assist in developing any or all of the initiatives in Marriage Ministry.

Marriage Ministry can be divided into several phases:

- Marriage Preparation
- Marriage Enrichment
- Marriage Support
- Infant Baptismal Preparation

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION

We help couples prepare, not just for the special day of your wedding but for a marriage that will last a lifetime.

In the Catholic Church, Holy Matrimony is a sacrament. Your wedding is not only a very special day for the two of you but it is also a sacred event for the entire Church and we want to be part of your celebration. May your preparation and the wedding celebration itself launch you both into a grace-filled, lifelong commitment to God and to each other!

#### Basic guidelines for marriage in the Church:

1. Bride and Groom must be at least 18 years old.
2. The local parish of either the bride or groom must be contacted at least **six months** prior to the desired wedding date. Call and make an appointment with a priest or deacon.
3. Bride and Groom need to attend a pre-nuptial interview with a priest or deacon from their parish.
4. Bride and Groom need to gather the necessary documents.
5. Bride and Groom need to participate in a Pre-Cana class. This class should be taken within three to six months prior to the wedding date, but no more than a year in advance.
6. Bride and Groom need to schedule meetings with the priest or deacon after Pre-Cana to reflect on their experience, to prepare the wedding liturgy, and to present the documents.
7. If you are getting married in New York, it is necessary to obtain a marriage license from New York State. For more information, call 311 in New York City.



## These are our Pre-Cana Options:

### Introduction to Pre-Cana at [www.Pre-Cana.org](http://www.Pre-Cana.org)

This diocesan Pre-Cana website provides an opportunity for you to become familiar with what Pre-Cana is and the reason why you attend a marriage preparation program. You are able to register online for the diocesan program you wish to attend.

There are several forms of marriage preparation in our diocese; some are held at parishes throughout the diocese, others at the Diocesan Centers. We provide weekend classes and evening classes.

The registration fee is \$200.00 per couple; however, grants are available through our office for those in financial need. No couple is ever turned away due to financial limitations. Please contact us to make the appropriate arrangements. If you do not have internet access, call us and we will mail you a printed copy of the information and the registration form.

### The Weekend Pre-Cana Program

The Pre-Cana program is available in English, Spanish, Italian, Polish, and Creole.

You will have the opportunity to discuss openly with each other your strengths and weaknesses and to share quality time together. A married couple, often joined by a priest or deacon, leads the experience. The presenting couple will share their experiences and present the teachings of the Catholic Church on issues related to the Sacrament of Matrimony.

The weekend program is held either in a parish or at the Diocesan facilities in Brooklyn or Queens, and you can register for the Pre-Cana class that best fits your situation:

- **Catholic Couples Pre-Cana**  
For couples where the Bride and Groom are Catholic and have never been married before to another person. Also for couples married civilly who are looking to convalidate their marriage in the Church, or for couples living in a domestic or

common-law union who are getting married in the Church.

- **Interfaith-Interchurch Couples Pre-Cana**  
Although all our marriage preparation programs have a Catholic identity in their content, these sessions, while still Catholic, will address practical issues relevant to couples where either the bride or the groom is Catholic and the other spouse is not.
- **Re-Marriage Pre-Cana**  
For couples where either the bride or the groom — or both — have been previously married to someone else and have obtained an annulment from an Ecclesiastical Tribunal, or have experienced the death of a spouse and are widows or widowers.

### The Evening Pre-Cana Program

Sessions are from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. on a week night for four consecutive weeks and you must attend all scheduled sessions in order to complete the requirement of the diocesan marriage preparation program. The sessions are presented by a married couple and the small group setting allows deep sharing on topics such as: the Sacrament of Matrimony, communication, family of origin, sexuality and spirituality, and conflict resolution.

To register, log-on to [www.pre-cana.org](http://www.pre-cana.org)  
For more information call 718-281-9540  
or email [precana@diobrook.org](mailto:precana@diobrook.org)

### The Engaged Encounter Weekend

This is an overnight program that begins on Friday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon. The retreat is Catholic in orientation, but is open to couples of any faith. The bride and groom will have the opportunity to reflect honestly and in-depth about their future life together and build a strong foundation for their marriage. Weekends are held at Nazareth Retreat Center in Brooklyn or at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, NY. The cost is \$300 per couple.

For further information or to register, please call 718-253-2983, e-mail paulmoses@optonline.net or log-on to [www.engagedencounter.org](http://www.engagedencounter.org)

### FOCCUS Pre-Marriage Inventory

FOCCUS stands for “Facilitate Open, Caring Communication, Understanding and Study.” The FOCCUS inventory is a 156-item questionnaire designed to help engaged couples appreciate their unique relationship, learn more about themselves, and discuss topics important to their lifelong marriage. The inventory is designed to help couples learn more about themselves and their unique relationship. It is not a test nor meant as a predictor of success or failure in marriage. It is a tool to help couples name and work through issues before marriage. After the inventory has been completed by the couple, a trained facilitator (which can be a priest, deacon, or trained layperson) will generate a personalized couple’s report; this will guide the follow-up discussion with the couple on topics important to their specific situation. The FOCCUS inventory assesses nineteen different categories to help couples sort the challenges and strengths they are bringing into their marriage. Please call 718-281-9540 for more information.

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is an umbrella term for certain methods used to achieve and avoid pregnancies; it is a holistic approach to family planning. NFP is not the “Rhythm” (or Calendar) method. Today’s methods of NFP are based on scientific research and they are effective, they cooperate with God’s plan for marriage and sexuality, and they strengthen the marital relationship. In addition to the NFP introductory session offered to engaged couples during their Pre-Cana class, we offer a separate NFP introductory overview class open to all catechetical leaders through the *Living and Leading by Faith Catechist Formation Program*.

We also offer training in the Billings Ovulation Method™ to married couples. These classes are available in English and Spanish.

Please email us at [precana@diobrook.org](mailto:precana@diobrook.org) or call 718-281-9540 to register.

## Marriage Enrichment

*How can I enrich my Catholic Marriage?*

### OVERVIEW

A healthy marriage reflects the nature of Christ and His relationship toward us, His Church. It provides a secure foundation for all other relationships, it is a source of stability and perspective, and it provides the ideal setting for children to attain family values and to receive their initial faith formation. Cultivating marriages is one of the most powerful ways to foster parish life, as St. John Paul II said in his Apostolic Exhortation *Familiaris Consortio*: “The future of humanity passes by the way of the family.” (FC86)

Marital support exists to help hurting couples to heal and renew their relationship. The specific focus for these couples is on repairing the foundation of their marriage. To provide this outreach effectively, multiple resources are utilized to appropriately cover the couple’s specific areas of need.

### Diocesan Offerings for Marriage Enrichment and Support

#### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** offers an overnight weekend experience designed to give married couples the opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that they can use for the rest of their lives. The weekend provides an environment conducive for couples to spend time together, away from the distractions and tensions of every-day life, while encouraging them to focus on each other and their relationship. It is presented by three married couples and a Roman Catholic priest, and it is available in English and Spanish.



**For more information, log-on to:**

In English: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)  
1-877-697-9963

En español: [www.nyceimm.com](http://www.nyceimm.com)  
718-381-3661  
email: [nyceimm@live.com](mailto:nyceimm@live.com)

**World Marriage Day**

**World Marriage Day** is celebrated the second Sunday in February and it honors the Sacrament of Matrimony; husband and wife united in Christ as the head of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, and joy in married life. In our diocese, many parishes and deaneries have made this day an annual celebration to support married couples in their local communities. While each parish or congregation may customize the fine points, a basic event includes a Eucharistic celebration with the renewal of wedding vows. Our office provides a sample prayer service and liturgy for **World Marriage Day** as well as other suggestions for this celebration in English and Spanish.

**Contact your parish for details regarding their local celebration, or call us at 718-281-9540.**

**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

In an effort to reach out to families and to support the sacrament of marriage, we sponsor an **Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration** to celebrate all anniversaries, but especially milestone anniversaries like 25, 40, 50 or above years of marriage. Couples who attend have the opportunity of being greeted by the Bishop — usually Bishop DiMarzio — and take a commemorative picture with him. There is a reception with light refreshments following the Mass. It is usually held in the spring every year.

**Please contact your parish to register, or email us at [crada@diobrook.org](mailto:crada@diobrook.org) or call 718-965-7300, ext. 5541.**

**Retrouvaille**

This overnight weekend experience provides help for troubled marriages. The word *Retrouvaille* simply means “rediscovery.” Thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending this program.

**For more information please call 718-281-9540 or 1- 800-470-2230, or visit the website [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).**

**Beginning Experience**

This overnight weekend experience provides help for individuals suffering the heartache of divorce, separation and widowhood.

**For information and reservations, call Jim at 718-474-3779, visit the website [www.beginningexperience.org](http://www.beginningexperience.org), or call 718-281-9540.**

**Resources for Marriage and Family**

[www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)

[www.portumatrimonio.org](http://www.portumatrimonio.org)

A website sponsored by the USCCB to support engaged and married couples.

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ web site

[www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

The official Vatican site

[www.familia.va](http://www.familia.va)

Pontifical Council for the Family

[www.cfm.org](http://www.cfm.org)

Christian Family Movement

[www.nacflm.org](http://www.nacflm.org)

NACFLM-National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers



## Family Life Ministry

*What does the Church teach about Family Life?*

### Catechesis for Human Sexuality— Family Life Initiative

Parents are the first and most important educators of their children. They clearly educate by word and example, and their role is irreplaceable. Many Catholic parents and guardians look to the religious education programs and resources of the Catholic School/Academy and parish religious education programs for assistance, particularly in the areas of education in human sexuality and family life.

For this reason, the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation has prepared a Curriculum Guide of standards and outcomes for parents, catechists and students. The purpose of this Curriculum Guide is to offer an understanding of basic life issues that is consistent with Catholic teaching. For example, family and sexuality education in a Catholic context seeks to foster family values, to promote the right to life and the dignity of each human person, to stress the importance of wholesome relationships and personal responsibility, to teach the value of conscience formation, and to give inspiration for living lives that are moral and chaste.

The resource that has been chosen is the RCL-Benziger *Family Life Program*. In addition to each parish and school/academy which uses this resource, you can find information by going to [www.rclbenziger.com](http://www.rclbenziger.com) and selecting Family Life.

### INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents are the first evangelizers of their children; however, they can't give what they don't have. It is crucial that we evangelize parents and equip them properly so that they can pass on their faith to their children. We offer Infant Baptismal Preparation

workshops in English and Spanish. These workshops provide instruction for the parish's baptismal team members on the basics of Infant Baptism. They also provide practical ideas on how to use the preparation session with the parents and godparents as an evangelization opportunity. Participants receive resources that can be utilized in their parish's infant baptismal preparation program to assist parents in becoming the first evangelizers of their children and godchildren. This workshop is open to members of the parish baptismal teams through the *Living and Leading by Faith Catechist Formation Program*. Please check the schedule for offerings.

## Respect Life Ministry

*What does the Catholic Church teach about the sanctity of life?*

### OVERVIEW

Respect Life Ministry upholds the sanctity and dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. To fulfill this vision, we rely on information and direction from the Bishops' Pro-Life Office and the USCCB's annual Respect Life Program.

Respect Life Ministry can be divided into three areas:

- *Education:* An educational/public information effort to inform, clarify and deepen understanding of the basic issues concerning pro-life activities.
- *Pastoral:* A pastoral effort addressed to the specific needs of women with problems related to pregnancy and to those who have had or have taken part in an abortion.
- *Public Policy:* (This area is under the direction of Msgr. Kieran Harrington, Vicar for Communications, through the Office of Government Affairs/DeSales Media in the diocese of Brooklyn) A public policy effort directed toward



the legislative, judicial and administrative areas so as to insure effective legal protection for the right to life.

The diocesan coordinator of Respect Life Education is available to assist you.

## Education

### USCCB Annual Respect Life Program

Our office provides support and resources to parishes to implement the annual Respect Life Program which begins on Respect Life Sunday, the first Sunday in October. Every parish receives the annual Respect Life Program packet that the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities publishes each year to call attention to numerous human life issues. The RL program is highlighted in liturgies and marked by special events; these materials are especially helpful for priests, parish groups and other organizations.

### Gospel of Life Course

This course is based on the USCCB's Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities. It is meant to be an introduction to Respect Life Ministry and it presents a broad view of the Church's Teaching on the dignity of the human person in the areas of Abortion, Euthanasia, Capital Punishment, In-Vitro Fertilization, Natural Family Planning, as well as any other pertinent Pro-Life issues. This class is open to all catechetical leaders through the *Living and Leading by Faith Catechist and Catechetical Leader Faith Formation Program*. Please check the schedule for offerings.

### March For Life

This is a Diocesan sponsored event that sends youth and young adults to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. at the end of January of each year.

## Resources

### Post Abortion Counseling

This aspect of Respect Life Ministry offers a safe place for those who have had abortions to find comfort,

hope, understanding, and healing in the painful aftermath of abortion. We offer opportunities for those who have been hurt by abortion to find peace with themselves and with God; we do not condemn those who have chosen abortion. On the contrary, our approach is very pastoral and they are fully accepted. We are here to help, not to judge. Although the Catholic Church fully rejects abortion, we do not reject those who have had abortions. Men and women can find counseling, forgiveness, and healing after abortion by going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and contacting any of the following ministries:

### Rachel's Helpers

Our own diocesan 10-week Bible study program for individuals who are seeking healing from an abortion-related experience. The program is affiliated with Helpers of God's Precious Infants and takes place with a weekly meeting in a small group setting.

For women: "Forgiven and Set Free"  
718-939-6646. All calls are confidential.

For men, "Healing a Father's Heart"  
718-296-7969. All calls are confidential.

There are no fees, but you must bring your own Bible.

### Rachel's Vineyard

**Rachel's Vineyard** is an overnight weekend retreat program that offers a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. These retreats offer a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing.

[www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

### Project Rachel

**Project Rachel** provides a way for individuals, men and women, to receive the healing grace of God after an abortion. It allows them to move toward reconciliation with themselves, their family, and most importantly, with God.

1-800-593-2273 [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com)

### Entering Canaan

Taking its name from the Exodus experience of the Jewish people from slavery and debasement into the Promised Land, **Entering Canaan** accompanies those who have suffered an abortion on a Sacramental journey into the true Promised Land of the Heart of Jesus. Fundamental to this mission is the belief that each person, no matter what they have done or how they feel, is to be cherished and loved as a unique reflection of God's love.

877-586-4621 [www.postabortionhelp.org](http://www.postabortionhelp.org)

### Abortion Changes You

This confidential website is for those who are touched by abortion, whether the experience happened recently or years ago. **Abortion Changes You** is a refuge for those who wish to tell their story and begin the process of healing.

[www.abortionchangesyou.com](http://www.abortionchangesyou.com)

### Lumina

A post-abortion referral network for hope and healing after abortion.

Email: [lumina@postabortionhelp.org](mailto:lumina@postabortionhelp.org)

Web: [www.postabortionhelp.org](http://www.postabortionhelp.org)

Tel: 718-586-4621 718-881-8009 877-586-4621

### Crisis Pregnancy Counseling

We offer referrals to several programs for women who find themselves with an unplanned pregnancy. Pregnant women in need do not have to feel that abortion is the only option. They can find the immediate help they need at the following numbers. Please consider including these numbers in your parish weekly bulletin:

Crisis Pregnancy hotline	1-800-395-4357
Carenet/Heartbeat hotline	1-800-395-HELP
Birtheright	1-800-550-4900
National Life Center	800-848-LOVE
Bethany Christian Services	1-800-238-4269
Bridge to Life Help Hotline	718-463-1810

### The Life Center of New York

The **Life Center of New York** is dedicated to helping woman and men continue pregnancy through pro-life counseling that is informative, honest, firm, and sensitive to the emotional needs of women. Their guiding principles to which all volunteers and personnel adhere are centered on the belief in protecting and preserving all life. They propose and offer pro-life alternatives to abortion. In addition, they provide emotional, spiritual, and material support including, but not limited to,; referral to emergency housing, diapers, cribs, clothing, etc.

6802 5th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11220

Email: [lifecenterny@yahoo.com](mailto:lifecenterny@yahoo.com)

### The Bridge to Life

A local non-profit organization working to save lives by providing support to women and men who choose life. They offer a number of different services like free pregnancy tests, pregnancy counseling, maternity clothing, infant and children's clothing, baby supplies, etc. Counseling in English, Spanish, or Mandarin.

Sanford Avenue, 23-40 Astoria Boulevard,  
Flushing, NY 11355 Astoria, NY 11102  
718-463-1810 718-274-3577

Website: [www.thebridgetolife.org](http://www.thebridgetolife.org)

email: [thebridgetolife@verizon.net](mailto:thebridgetolife@verizon.net)

### Expectant Mother Care

**EMC** is the only pro-life group in New York State that offers on-site daily ultrasound services through partnerships with supervising physicians.

Website: [www.abortion-options.com](http://www.abortion-options.com)

Email: [emcpregctrs@aol.com](mailto:emcpregctrs@aol.com)

Centers:

37-65 104th Street, Corona, NY 11368 718-401-9400	110-20 Jamaica Ave., Richmond Hill, NY 11418 718-401-9400
195-04 Hillside Ave., Hollis, NY 11423 718-401-9400	44 Court Street, Ste. 1205, Brooklyn, NY 11201 718-596-4300



370 Bay Ridge Pkwy,  
Brooklyn, NY 11209  
718-596-8900

**Housing Young Mother’s with Children**

<b>Providence House I</b> 2518 Church Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11226 718-284-6688	<b>Providence House II</b> 388 Prospect Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11215 718-369-9140
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<b>Providence House III</b> 159-23 89th Avenue Jamaica, NY 11432 718-739-1348	<b>Rose Kennedy Family Center</b> 178 Halsey Street Brooklyn, NY 11216 718-399-0523
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<b>Bethany House</b> 164 Suydam Street Brooklyn, NY 11221 718-574-6300	<b>Sacred Heart of Jesus</b> 450 West 51 Street New York City, NY 212-397-1396
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**Holy Respite**

Sacred Heart of Jesus Convent of the Sisters of Life is a **Holy Respite** located in the heart of Manhattan that provides pregnant women an opportunity to be nurtured as they live side-by-side with Sisters of Life, immersed in a deeply spiritual setting.

[www.Sistersoflife.org/holy-respite](http://www.Sistersoflife.org/holy-respite)

**The Visitation Mission**

A mission of love, in person and by phone, to vulnerable, pregnant women. By providing the emotional and practical resources a woman needs, the Sisters of Life offer hope and allow women the opportunity to respond with courage and dignity to one of life’s most difficult moments. If someone you know is pregnant and in need, please contact **The Visitation Mission** toll free at 1-877-777-1277.

**Support for Parents with an Adverse Prenatal Diagnosis**

**National Catholic Partnership on Disability**  
Excellent information and webinars about supporting families confronted with poor prenatal diagnosis. We-

binar: Threats to the Life of People with Disabilities, Part 1: **Poor Prenatal Diagnosis of Lethal or Non-lethal Conditions & Disability**, <http://www.ncpd.org/webinars/prenatal>

**Elizabeth Ministry**

These sensitively written booklets are available at [www.elizabethministry.com](http://www.elizabethministry.com)

“Prenatal Testing: A Closer Look” informs readers about the medical, emotional, spiritual, and moral issues involved.

“Our Unborn Baby Has a Problem” guides couples who receive a prenatal diagnosis showing their unborn baby has a problem.

**Be Not Afraid**

**BNA** is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide comprehensive, practical, and peer-based support to parents experiencing a poor prenatal diagnosis and carrying to term.  
[www.benotafraid.net](http://www.benotafraid.net)

**Isaiah’s Promise**

This organization was founded in 1996 to provide families, who decide to carry to term after receiving a severe or fatal prenatal diagnosis, support, information, friendship and hope.  
[www.isaiahspromise.net](http://www.isaiahspromise.net)

**Support for Miscarriage, Stillbirth, or Early Infant Death**

Resources available from [www.elizabethministry.com](http://www.elizabethministry.com)

“Mourning a Miscarriage.” An 18-page booklet which helps parents express their sorrow through prayers and written reflections.

“Miscarriage: A Man’s Book.” A 22-page booklet written by a man who has been there.

“Healing Together.” For couples grieving the death of their baby.



## Young Adult Faith Formation

*How do I connect with other Catholics of my age?*

### OVERVIEW

The Diocese of Brooklyn offers support to parishes who wish to minister to Catholic Young Adults (ages 18-39). Using the US Bishops' document *Sons and Daughters of Light* as a reference and guide, we work to help parishes reach young adults.

### Diocesan Offerings for Young Adults

#### Theology on Tap

**Theology on Tap** is an invitation for young adults to learn more about the Faith and to share in the Catholic community, and serves as a springboard for other young adult initiatives.

In the Diocese of Brooklyn, we hold these events periodically throughout the fall and spring in locations in both Brooklyn and Queens.

#### Young Adult Masses

Catholic young adults are often looking for a worship community with peers. The **Diocesan Young Adult Mass** allows for young adults to gather for worship and fellowship/socializing with other young adults.

#### Young Adult Day of Reflection

The Diocese offers annual opportunities for young adults to share in a day of reflection. These days will allow for spiritual growth for Catholic young adults.

#### Grilling With God

This is an opportunity for young adults to spend time together in prayer and discussion. Beginning with a Holy Hour, the event is followed by a BBQ with a presentation from a guest speaker and ends with Q&A sessions and discussions.

#### Brooklyn Catholic Youth College Night

Once each year we gather the Catholic college students for an evening of Confession, Mass with a bishop, keynote presentation, and fellowship.

For current information, please consult [www.meetmein.church](http://www.meetmein.church)

## Adolescent Faith Formation – Youth Ministry

*How does a teenager become involved, and stay involved, in the Catholic Church?*

### OVERVIEW

The School of Evangelization seeks to fully form people from all stages of life in the true faith in Jesus Christ. We believe that with a good vision, as well as good programming, we can reach out to the multicultural youth in grades six through twelve (ages 13-17) of the Diocese of Brooklyn through parish programs of effective and comprehensive youth ministry.

The School of Evangelization, in conjunction with the Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens, sponsors the *Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative*. The *Initiative* was formulated in 2012 to provide parishes with financial and professional development resources to hire and support a Youth Minister for at least their initial three years of ministry. The professional development component includes initial and ongoing formation of the appointed youth minister and the youth ministry team. A parish, or groups of parishes from a Deanery, may apply for inclusion into the *Initiative* by participating in the application process. Those parishes and groups of parishes selected for the *Initiative* are responsible for



selecting team members who will attend three professional development trainings each year for three years, other required meetings and events, as well as design and implement Catholic youth ministry programs in their designated parish or parishes.

Saint John Paul II tells us that “Catechesis cannot be dissociated from the Church’s pastoral and missionary activity as a whole.” As we strive to best serve the youth in our local parishes, we look to what the Bishops of the United States provide as guidelines for youth ministry. *Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry* is the bishops’ document on Catholic youth ministry in the United States. Here we find detailed goals, themes, and components for effective youth ministry.

The entire parish community is faced with the task of ministering to youth. The comprehensive ministry approach includes a variety of roles:

- Youth Minister: the facilitator for parish ministries for youth
- Youth Ministry Coordinating Team: youth and adults who organize the programs and initiatives
- Program Leaders: adults and youth who lead specific programs and ministry strategies
- Support Roles: adults and youth who provide support for youth ministry through a variety of roles including clerical support, hospitality, transportation, etc.

Contact your Pastor/Administrator to get involved.

## Diocesan Offerings for Youth Ministry

### Youth Ministry Professional Development

Please refer to course descriptions on page 51, and go to page 55 for registration instructions.

### Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative

Providing parishes and groups of parishes with a part time, paid, and trained youth minister.

### Brooklyn & Queens Catholic High School Confirmation Preparation

Establishing proximate prep sessions and other resources for the Catholic High Schools to prepare their candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

### Diocesan Confirmation Retreats

Organizing several cost-effective opportunities for Confirmandi to have a Confirmation Retreat experience.

### High School Confirmation Programming

Working to plan the Sacrament of Confirmation for the Catholic High School Programs.

## Diocesan Youth Ministry Gatherings

### Youth Ministry Convocations

Gatherings twice a year to allow our youth ministers to come together, hear presentations about their ministry, and to obtain resources.

### Catholic High School Gatherings

Meetings are held twice a year to allow our high school chaplains, campus ministers, and religious chairpersons to gather to share best practices and see the diocesan programs for high schools. A third meeting is held every Summer for professional development for these leaders to come together, hear presentations about their ministry, and to obtain resources.

### College Campus Minister Gatherings

Four times each year the College Campus Ministries come together to share their experiences and discuss collaborative efforts to best meet the needs of college students in Brooklyn and Queens.

## Local Offerings for Youth

### Junior High School Rally

This event gathers students from the Catholic schools or academies for a morning of retreat activities, a keynote presentation, and Mass. These events occur several times during the academic year.

### **Brooklyn Catholic High School Rally**

To better serve the Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Brooklyn, we host a day specifically for the Catholic High Schools. The day includes Mass with a bishop, keynote presentation, praise and worship music, Eucharistic Adoration, and fellowship.

### **Brooklyn Catholic Youth Day**

This day is geared to engage parish youth programs that minister to Junior High and High School aged teens. There are separate tracks for different age groups. The day includes Mass with a bishop, keynote presentation, praise and worship music, Eucharistic Adoration, and fellowship.

### **Diocesan Confirmation Retreats**

Several times each year retreats are offered for those in Junior High School or High School who are preparing for Confirmation.

### **Holy Hour & Fellowship for Vocations**

An opportunity for teens to gather in prayer, and for Adoration, with contemporary music and fellowship.

## **National and International Opportunities**

### **National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry**

Sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, this is the largest conference in the country for adults who minister to and with Catholic youth. Join thousands of your colleagues—youth and campus ministers—for three days of inspiring keynote presentations, challenging workshops, dynamic prayer and worship, extensive networking, hundreds of resource exhibits, and good-hearted entertainment.

### **World Youth Day**

World Youth Day (WYD) is a worldwide encoun-

ter with the Pope which is typically celebrated every three years in a different country. We work with the pilgrimage office to plan and organize the Diocesan group for WYD. As part of the preparations, there are formation events geared toward engaging with the pilgrims to build relationships and prepare them for their WYD experience.

### **Continuing the Journey**

**Continuing the Journey** is a weeked-long adult conference for all those who minister to and work with youth—Catechists, Youth Ministers, Volunteers, Priests, Consecrated Persons, and Campus Ministers.

### **Steubenville NYC**

**Steubenville NYC** takes place on the campus of St. John's University in Queens, New York. The 105-acre campus offers a traditional university environment in the world's most dynamic city. The event hopes to strengthen and inspire teens and youth groups in their collective journeys to Christ. Evangelistic in nature, this conference is both a great "introduction" to the Gospel message for new or younger teens, while offering deep and moving experiences of prayer and fellowship for youth group regulars.

### **National Catholic Youth Conference**

**The National Catholic Youth Conference** is an exciting, biennial three-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for Catholic teens and their adult chaperones. The schedule includes keynote presentations and concurrent workshops addressing a wide variety of topics. There are also opportunities for Liturgy, Reconciliation, prayer and worship, recreation, concerts, exhibits, and an interactive thematic park. NCYC is open to high school age young people. Most participants are Catholic. Many are leaders in their local parishes, schools, and/or diocese, though many are just beginning to connect with their faith.



# Catholic Youth Organization – CYO

## OVERVIEW

The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) is a Parish, Church, and Community-based organization in the Diocese of Brooklyn. It consists of a cooperative union of an Administrative Staff, Operational Volunteers, Pastors, Parish Athletic Representatives, Athletic Directors, Coaches, and Parents with the common purpose of promoting and maintaining the mission and philosophical goals of the CYO.

## Mission and Values

The Catholic Youth Organization serves the youth of the Diocese of Brooklyn by helping young people to be more Christ-like in the way they live. The young person is the main focus, not the athletic activity. Through sports and other programs, the CYO seeks to form a well-rounded individual who will be prepared to live in society with honor, dignity, and Christian values promoting Church, Family, and Community.

CYO sponsors the following athletic programs:

- Soccer
- Track
- Swimming
- Volleyball
- Baseball
- Softball
- Basketball

## Special Programs and Tournaments

### Cheerleading

A number of CYO parishes have cheerleading programs for girls. These programs are invited to perform at our year end Diocesan Championships.

### Basketball Pre-Season Tournament

CYO Basketball, working together with Catholic High Schools in the diocese, hosts a Pre-Season

Basketball Tournament for boys and girls in grades 7 and 8. The tournament is held during a two week period at the end of September and early October.

### Christmas Holiday Tournaments

CYO offers Christmas Holiday Tournament opportunities for Basketball and Volleyball. These special tournaments are held in December at local Catholic Schools in our diocese.

### CYO Coaches Workshops

CYO holds annual coaches workshops and clinics focusing on the coach being a Youth Minister: Youth Minister Through Athletics. When sports are rooted in the mission and values of your parish, the coach becomes a youth ministry leader who is ministering to young people on behalf of the faith community. Once a coach accepts the responsibility to coach in the Catholic Youth Organization, they accept the responsibility to maintain a standard for excellence.

### Community Outreach

CYO works with local professional teams and venues offering the youth of our diocese many wonderful opportunities such as playing at Madison Square Garden and The Barclays Center, and participating in special programs at Yankee Stadium and Citi Field. CYO teams with the Coaches vs. Cancer Foundation and Team First to assist the youth in our diocese.

### CYO Hall of Fame

The CYO Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the Catholic Youth organization in the Diocese of Brooklyn as a player, coach, clergy, coordinator, official, parish representative, athletic director, or other member of the community whose accomplishments and actions have brought life to the mission, philosophy, and values of the Diocese of Brooklyn CYO. The Annual CYO Hall of Fame Mass, Dinner, and Induction Ceremony is held in May.



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## Children's Catechesis

*How can my child be educated  
 in the Catholic Faith?*

### OVERVIEW

The uniqueness of the Church is reflected in the uniqueness of each local parish. Mindful of this diversity and in light of local needs, and following Diocesan guidelines, each parish develops a religious education program.

Education and formation in the Faith is not only in preparation for the Sacraments; it is ongoing. Children and teens participate in Catholic education and formation from at least kindergarten through grade twelve. Every grade level is important as it builds on a child's or teen's previous knowledge and experience. Following Confirmation, it is essential that the newly-confirmed continue to learn more about our Faith and participate in programs of youth ministry that include components of academic learning as well as spiritual growth opportunities. Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, as well as regular reception of the Sacraments, is a priority in the life of all Catholics.

It is a long-standing diocesan policy that all children must receive at least two full years of catechesis, including academic instruction in the Faith, before they are permitted to receive First Penance and First

Eucharist. Preparation for Confirmation begins immediately following the reception of First Eucharist. Reception of Confirmation is in grade eight. However, we know that the faith formation of our children involves more than academic instruction. Each child must be gradually formed into the full image of the Lord Jesus by developing a mature life of prayer, culminating in full, conscious, and active participation with the parish community at Sunday Eucharist. Since such participation is usually not possible without the cooperation of their parents and guardians, faith formation must also involve every child's family, school/academy community, and the entire parish community in prayer, witness, and celebration.

Parishes provide opportunities for parents to actively participate in four to six sessions before a child receives First Penance, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. These proximate preparation sessions begin or end with Sunday (Saturday Vigil) Mass and are meant to bring together families from the parish to explore certain themes. For specifics, please contact your local parish.

As a family of families, the parish remains the ideal home for Catholic families to join together, not only at the spiritual birth of their children at Baptism, but also to be nourished by the Eucharist each Sunday. It is our diocesan policy that each family's home parish remains the privileged place for celebrating a child's First Penance, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. These norms reflect this policy by directing families to celebrate the Sacraments of First Penance, First Eucharist, and Confirmation in the parish where they usually celebrate their Catholic Faith every Sunday.

### Special Needs Religious Education

Every child encounters Christ in a different way. Some children have special needs that can be addressed on the parish level. Currently, the School of Evangelization is collaborating with various parish leaders to enhance special needs religious education offerings. Please contact your parish leaders first to



see if a special needs religious education program is available locally.

**If there is no special needs religious education program in your parish, please call 718.281.9544.**

### **How to find a parish program of Religious Education**

Go to the diocesan website [www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org](http://www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org) and click on Parishes to find the parishes in your area.

## Collaborators

### APOSTOLIC MOVEMENTS AND NEW ECCLESIAL COMMUNITIES PRESENT IN THE DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

#### Apostolate for Family Consecration

The Apostolate for Family Consecration is an international lay movement founded in 1975. It is focused on helping families of the Apostolate and of other movements to learn the Catholic faith more deeply, live it more profoundly and share it more actively. This is done by using multi-media resources and methods modeled after Saint John Paul II's "Catechesis of the New Evangelization" and his Eucharistic, Marian and family-centered spirituality. The Apostolate specifically serves parishes through its "Be Not Afraid Family Hours" which draw families together weekly for an hour of formation, prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and fellowship. It also establishes "Lay Ecclesial Teams" whose members meet regularly for formation and support, perform apostolic and evangelization service for the parish, and provide formation resources to other movements. These ministries are supported by the Apostolate's extensive formation video library, which includes commentaries

by Francis Cardinal Arinze on Ecclesia de Eucharistia, the Sacrament of Redemption and the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy; the 24 hour Family land Television Network which is available on satellite and cable; Catholic Family land Camp and Conference Center in Ohio; and the Consecration in Truth Catechetical Series for schools and parishes. The Apostolate for Family Consecration operates in North America, Latin America, Asia, Europe and Africa, with its largest center based in Bloomingdale, Ohio.

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#### Charismatic Renewal

##### English, Spanish, Filipino, Haitian, Indian and Korean

The Charismatic Renewal is a personal experience of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, who brings alive in new ways the graces of our baptism. The Holy Spirit not only sets on fire all that we have already received, but comes again in power to equip us with His gifts for service and mission. The Charismatic Renewal is present in our diocese in six languages: English, Spanish, Tagalog, Haitian, Indian and Korean. Each group language has a Diocesan Coordinating Committee. We have over 280 Prayer Groups in the Diocese. The Renewal also has a Diocesan Youth Committee with a total of 15 Youth Groups, as well as many Prayer Groups which have a Youth Ministry. Every Prayer Group has a Leader and a Steering Committee. All of these meet

every month for prayer and leadership formation. There is also a yearly three-day Retreat for the "servants" as well as a yearly Leaders' Retreat. Every Prayer Group is encouraged to host a Life in the Spirit Seminar in the eight weeks after Easter. The Escuela de Evangelizacion St. Juan Pablo II: the Hispanic Charismatic Renewal in the Brooklyn Diocese has a team trained in the program of the "Kekako" movement - kerygma, charism and community. These independent schools - founded in Guadalajara, Mexico and Santiago, Dominican Republic - offer a series of weekend courses more than 24 on every aspect of Catholic life and evangelization. The courses follow a participative dynamic developed in the school for maximum participation. The



“Escuela” will come into any parish that invites them to offer a basic cycle of three courses and then explore future development with the parish.

La Renovación Carismática es una experiencia personal de la presencia y el poder del Espíritu Santo, que reaviva en nuevas formas a las gracias de nuestro bautismo. El Espíritu Santo no sólo enciende en el fuego de su poder todo lo que ya hemos recibido, sino que viene de nuevo con poder para equiparnos con sus dones para el servicio y la misión. La Renovación Carismática está presente en nuestra diócesis en seis idiomas: inglés, español, creole, tagalo, indiano y coreano. Cada uno de estos grupos étnicos tiene un Comité Coordinador Diocesano. Contamos con más de 280 grupos de oración en la diócesis. La renovación también cuenta con un Comité de la Juventud Diocesana con un total de 15 grupos de jóvenes, así como muchos grupos de oración que tienen ministerio de jóvenes. Cada grupo de oración tiene un comité coordinador y un líder. Todos estos grupos se reúnen una vez al mes para orar y recibir formación de líderes. Todos los años se organiza un retiro anual de tres días para los “servidores”, así como retiro para los líderes. Se anima a cada grupo de oración a que después de la Pascua organice un Seminario de Vida en Espíritu, el cual dura ocho semanas. La Escuela de Evangelización San

Juan Pablo II: la Renovación Carismática Hispana en la Diócesis de Brooklyn cuenta con un equipo capacitado en el programa del movimiento “Kekako” - kerigma, carisma y comunidad. Estas escuelas independientes - fundadas en Guadalajara, México y Santiago, República Dominicana - ofrecen una serie de cursos de fin de semana - más de 24 - en todos los aspectos de la vida y de la evangelización católica. Los cursos siguen una dinámica participativa desarrollada en la escuela para la máxima participación. La “Escuela” vendrá en cualquier parroquia que les invita a ofrecer un ciclo básico de tres cursos y luego explorar el desarrollo futuro de la parroquia.

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**Communion and Liberation**

The Fraternity of Communion and Liberation is an ecclesial movement whose purpose is the education to Christian maturity of its adherents and collaboration in the mission of the Church in all the spheres of contemporary life. It began in Italy in 1954 when Fr. Luigi Giussani established a Christian presence in Berchet High School in Milan with a group called Gioventù Studentesca (Student Youth), GS for short. The current name of the movement, Communion and Liberation (CL), appeared for the first time in 1969. It synthesizes the conviction that the Chris-

tian event, lived in communion, is the foundation of the authentic liberation of man. Communion and Liberation is today present in about seventy countries throughout the world. There is no type of membership card, but only the free participation of persons. The basic instrument for the formation of adherents is a weekly catechesis called “School of Community.”

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## Comunidad Siervos de Cristo Vivo

The CSCV was founded in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic 32 years ago by the Servant of God Fr. Emiliano Tardif M.S.C., Deacon Evaristo Guzman and Mrs. Maria Armenteros Malla. Living in today's world, the members of the CSCV are to establish a charismatic and evangelistic community, not necessarily cohabitating under the same premises, under the supervision of the Diocesan Bishop. Each member of the CSCV has been called by our Lord Jesus Christ to live three fundamental vocations: 1. A contemplative life (Personal and communal prayer, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament), 2. An evangelized life. (To live his baptismal call to proclaim the good news of Jesus), 3. A transformation (To grow in holiness). Faithful to its Charisma, the spirit of its founders and the constitutions, the CSCV will always seek to be inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit, allowing Him be the soul and principal agent of all its actions in order to grow in unity and love amongst its members. The Ministry of Evangelization is carry on through the following events: a) Weekend Healing Retreats for Men and Women as well as Couples, b) Evangelization School, Fr. Emiliano Tardif M.S.C. (Courses for spiritual growth), c) Spiritual help through prayers of intercession, counseling, telephone line assistance, d) weekly grupo de oración on Wednesday mornings and asamblea de oración every Thursday night, e) youth group every Friday night and youth weekend retreats, f) daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, g) monthly 40 hours of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and h) Evangelistic events such as congresses, one day retreat, afternoons for children and families. Each person that comes to our House of Prayer is welcomed and offered the spiritual help they need.

La CSCV fue fundada en Santo Domingo, República Dominicana hace 32 años por el Siervo de Dios Rev. Emiliano Tardif M.S.C., Diácono Evaristo Guzmán y la señora María Armenteros Malla. Viviendo en el mundo de hoy, los miembros de la CSCV están llamados a establecer una comunidad carismática y de evangelización, no

necesariamente cohabitando en las mismas instalaciones, bajo la supervisión del Obispo Diocesano. Cada miembro de la CSCV ha sido llamado por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, a vivir tres vocaciones fundamentales: 1. Una vida contemplativa (oración personal y comunitaria, la adoración del Santísimo Sacramento), 2. Una vida de evangelización. (Para vivir su llamado bautismal de proclamar las buenas nuevas de Jesús), 3. Una transformación. (Para crecer en santidad). Fiel a su carisma, el espíritu de sus fundadores y las constituciones, la CSCV siempre tratara de ser inspirada y guiada por el Espíritu Santo, permitiéndole a Él que sea el alma y artífice principal de todas sus acciones con el fin de crecer en unidad y amor entre sus miembros. El Ministerio de Evangelización lo lleva a cabo a través de los siguientes eventos: a) retiros de sanación interior de fin de semana para hombres y mujeres, así como parejas, b) Escuela de Evangelización Padre Emiliano Tardif M.S.C. (Cursos para el crecimiento espiritual), c) ayuda espiritual a través de oraciones de intercesión, el asesoramiento, la asistencia de la línea telefónica, d) grupo de oración todos los miércoles por la mañana y asamblea de oración cada jueves por la noche, e) del grupo de jóvenes todos los viernes noche y retiros de fin de semana para jóvenes, f) la adoración al Santísimo Sacramento, g) 40 horas de adoración mensual al Santísimo Sacramento y h) eventos de evangelización tales como congresos, retiros de un día, actividades para los niños y las familias. Cada persona que visita nuestra Casa de Oración es bienvenida y se le ofrece la ayuda espiritual que necesitan.

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## Comunidad Hermanos Unidos en Cristo

La Comunidad Hermanos Unidos en Cristo: nació con la finalidad de evangelizar y ayudar a las personas más necesitadas. Fue fundada por el Señor Félix Rodríguez el 17 de Septiembre del 2007. De ella se desprenden las diferentes agrupaciones que componen la misma, las cuales son: Grupo de Oración Carismática Cenáculo María Modelo de Fe: el cual se reúne en la parroquia de Santísima Trinidad, en Brooklyn los lunes de 7:00 pm a 9:00 pm; Grupo de Oración Hermanos Unidos en Cristo: Es un grupo de oración de la Renovación Católica Carismática el cual se reúne cada miércoles en la parroquia de Todos los Santos; Grupo de Oración Jóvenes Unidos con Jesús y María se reúnen todos los viernes en la parroquia de Todos los Santos; Comité Altagraciano el cual junto con la parroquia de Todos los Santos celebra en grande el día de la bienaventurada virgen María con la advocación de la Virgen de la Altagracia. Apostolados: Visitar los hogares es uno de los ministerios que más satisfacción nos da ejercer en la comunidad. Es en los hogares donde podemos palpar más frecuentemente la necesidad que tiene el hombre de Dios. Hay tantos hogares destruidos por las drogas, el alcohol, la violencia doméstica, etc. Es nuestra misión llevarle esperanza a tantas almas que han perdido ya toda esperanza. Cadena de Oración con el fin de interceder por cada una de las personas que solicitan oración, cada día se unen más y más personas a esta cadena de oración con el propósito de ver la gloria de Dios. Hasta el momento contamos con más 200 personas que están en constante oración por todas las intenciones que tenemos. Los 2000 Ave María los segundos sábados de cada mes orando por los hogares pidiendo la paz de Cristo nuestro señor junto a la Virgen María Reina de la Evangelización. La Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento, todos los sábados iniciando a las 9 de la mañana y finalizando a las 9 de la mañana del domingo, estamos ante el Santísimo Sacramento alabando y adorando al y dando gracias por todo su amor y misericordia. Cenáculos, además de los apostolados, también hemos trabajado fuertemente con los hogares. María Gutiérrez en conjunto con la comunidad HUEC ha tenido la oportunidad de abrir 15 cenáculos en diferentes casas.

En estos Cenáculos se comparte la palabra de Dios y el rezo del Santo Rosario pidiendo por las familias. La Fundación Hermanos Unidos en Cristo: es una institución no gubernamental, sin fines de lucro que trabaja con los más necesitados especialmente en la República Dominicana. La Fundación HUEC ha trabajado fuertemente en las distintas misiones que tenemos ubicadas en la República Dominicana y New York. La Comunidad Terapéutica Hermanos Unidos en Cristo: es el primer programa de drogadictos interno en la República Dominicana que trabaja con la fe católica. Dicho programa inicio el 2 de febrero del 2011, con 6 jóvenes, de los cuales 3 son nativos de San José de las Matas y 3 de Santiago. Se empezó a implementar de manera ambulatoria, pero al ver la necesidad de las personas con este tipo de problema, decidimos habilitar un hogar donde permanecieran internos por dos años dándoles psicoterapia, formación espiritual. En la Actualidad ya tenemos un lugar con capacidad para 50 personas, aunque en estos momentos contamos con solo 15 internos. En la ciudad de New York estamos trabajando de forma ambulatoria los martes en Brooklyn en la parroquia de Todos los Santos 115 Throop Ave y los miércoles en Manhattan en la iglesia la Anunciación en el 88 Convent Ave. La Revista Despertando con Jesús: esta revista es publicada con la finalidad de evangelizar a nuestros miembros y asociados en los Estados Unidos y República Dominicana, además, con los fondos económicos que se recaudan con la venta de esta revista apoyamos el sostenimiento de nuestra Comunidad Terapéutica. La revista contiene las lecturas diarias de la misa, la vida de los santos, reflexiones, oraciones ayudando así con la formación catequética y finalmente los testimonios de lo que Dios ha realizado entre nuestros servidores. La Emisora Jesús Y María FM a través de la cual se continúa con la misión evangelizadora a través de la radio.

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## Contemplative Outreach

Contemplative Outreach is a spiritual network of individuals and small faith communities committed to living the contemplative dimension of the Gospel in everyday life through the practice of Centering Prayer. The contemplative dimension of the Gospel manifests itself in an ever-deepening union with the living Christ and the practical caring for others that flows from that relationship. Our purpose is to share the method of Centering Prayer and its immediate conceptual background. We also encourage the practice of Lectio Divina, particularly its movement into Contemplative Prayer, which a regular and established practice of Centering Prayer facilitates. We identify with the Christian Contemplative Heritage. While we are formed by our respective denominations, we are united

in our common search for God and the experience of the living Christ through Centering Prayer. We affirm our solidarity with the contemplative dimension of other religions and sacred traditions, with the needs and rights of the whole human family, and with all creation.

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## Cursillo Movement (Spanish)

The Cursillo Movement is a positive instrument for the renewal of our communities and the church as a whole. The Cursillo's main goal is to Evangelize and form Christian communities through each person who lives a Cursillo weekend. The Cursillo three day weekend primarily concentrates and focuses on the person of Jesus and His teachings. We also have talks regarding about our goals, Faith, Study, Action, Grace, Lay Leadership and the Sacraments. We have a section for reconciliation. During the Cursillo we encounter Jesus, who knows us and loves us. We realize that we are called to be part of the task to evangelize our families and communities. We receive an understanding of what true Christian values are and we realize that without God in our lives we can do nothing. The understanding of True Christian values awakens in us a desire to actively participate and serve in the Church and in our communities. We learn that we all have gifts and functions which need to be developed so that they can be used for the benefit and glory of God through Church and communities. When we live a Cursillo we can honestly say that our lives change completely for the better. We become better persons, husbands, wives, parents, sons, and daughters, leaders in our Church and communities and better citizens. We have an active participation in all of the

ministries of the Church. The Cursillo awakens the desire of the participants to serve in all Parochial activities.

El Movimiento de Cursillos de Cristiandad es un instrumento positivo para la renovación de nuestras comunidades y la iglesia en su conjunto. El principal objetivo del Cursillo es evangelizar y formar comunidades cristianas a través de las personas que viven el fin de semana de Cursillo. El fin de semana del Cursillo dura tres días y se concentra principalmente en la persona de Jesús y sus enseñanzas. Además, se dan enseñanzas sobre nuestros objetivos a decir: la fe, el estudio, la acción, la gracia, el liderazgo laico y los sacramentos. Tenemos una sección para la reconciliación. Durante el Cursillo nos encontramos con un Jesús que nos conoce y nos ama. Nos damos cuenta de que todos estamos llamados a ser parte de la tarea evangelizadora de nuestras familias y comunidades. Comprendemos mejor lo que son los verdaderos valores cristianos y nos damos cuenta de que sin Dios en nuestra vida no podemos hacer nada. El poder comprender mejor los verdaderos valores cristianos despierta en nosotros el deseo de participar activamente y servir en la Iglesia y en nuestras comunidades. Reconocemos que todos tenemos dones y ministerios necesitan desarrollarse con el fin de que puedan ser utilizados para la gloria de Dios y beneficio de la iglesia y las comunidades. Cuando vivimos un Cursillo



honestamente podemos decir que nuestras vidas cambian por completo. Nos convertimos en mejores personas, esposos, esposas, padres, hijos, hijas, líderes de nuestra iglesia y de las comunidades y mejores ciudadanos y tenemos una participación más activa en todos los ministerios de la Iglesia. El Cursillo despierta el deseo de los participantes de servir en todas las actividades parroquiales.

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**Divine Mercy Apostolate**

The Divine Mercy Apostolate started in the Brooklyn Diocese to answer our Lord's call through St. Faustina to bring anew the riches of His unfathomable mercy. The Apostolate sees itself not so much as spreading a devotion, important as that is, but even more so as a means of evangelization. Aware that many people no longer practice their faith because they feel they are unworthy of God due to past sins and mistakes, the apostolate seeks to reassure all people that every sin is forgiven if we return to the Lord

with confident trust in Him. The apostolate is present in Most Precious Blood and St. Patrick parishes in Brooklyn and at Our Lady of Mercy parish in Forrest Hills. There are others that continue to offer periodically Divine Mercy Cenacles and days of reflection on Divine Mercy.

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**Familia Misionera Apóstoles de la Palabra**

El movimiento Eclesial "Apóstoles de la Palabra" fue fundado por el Pbro. Flaviano Amatulli Valente, sacerdote italiano en la Diócesis de San Andrés Tuxtla Veracruz en el país de México. El 02 de julio de 1978. Desde allí se difundió el movimiento a diferentes diócesis del país mexicano. Tal vez nunca como ahora en la historia de la Iglesia son actuales aquellas palabras de Cristo: «La cosecha es abundante y los obreros son pocos» (Lc 10,2). Apóstoles de la Palabra representa una respuesta más al anhelo de Cristo de que aumenten los «obrerros del Evangelio». Los Apóstoles de la Palabra tiene como objetivo general y supremo reunir en una sola familia a todas las categorías de fieles, para ayudarles a vivir con mayor eficacia y plenitud su vocación cristiana en un espíritu eminentemente misionero.

Sus objetivos concretos son los siguientes: a) dar a conocer la Palabra de Dios por todos los medios posibles; b) favorecer entre la juventud la práctica de un año de servicio apostólico a la Iglesia; c) crear y aplicar un sistema misionero popular; d) impulsar la Promoción y Defensa de la

Fe Católica; e) fundar y atender centros de evangelización, centros de formación cristiana para laicos, centros de misiones y librerías.

El movimiento esta divide en tres ramas:

1. Fraternidad
2. Instituto
3. Movimiento eclesial, el cual tiene las siguientes divisiones:
  - a. Misioneros Voluntarios.
  - b. Promotores y defensores de la fe.
  - c. Grupos de música, los misioneros de los enfermos y pastoral bíblica.

Apostle of the Word was founded on July 2nd, 1978 in the Diocesis of San Andrés Tuxtla Veracruz, México by our Founder Father Flaviano Amatulli Valente, FMAP as an Ecclesial movement. It is an international missionary community at the service of the Catholic Church, whose purpose is to deliver the Word of God through all means



possible. Our goal is to encourage the missionary spirit of all baptized and promote the defense of the Catholic Faith.

The Movement is divided into three branches:

1. Fraternity
2. Institute
3. Ecclesial Movement: Consists of the followings departments:
  - a. Volunteer missionary.
  - b. Promoters and defenders of the faith.
  - c. Music groups, Missionaries of the sick and
  - d. Biblical pastoral are others departments.

Our Mission: To be at the service of the Catholic Church in the mission of the evangelization, promoting the practice of a temporary service to the Catholic Church, abundantly using the Bible to strengthen the Catholic faith.

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## Focolare Movement

Chiara Lubich, 23, together with a small group of friends, realized that God is the only ideal worth living for and as a result they focused their lives on the Gospel. Many others followed. Their goal became one of striving towards the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer to the Father: "May they all be one" (JN17:21). A spirituality of unity came to life and gave rise to a movement of spiritual and social renewal. In 1962 the Movement was approved by St. John XXIII. Since 1961, the Focolare Movement has been present in the United States. The Work of Mary seeks to give a contribution to the fulfillment of Jesus' last prayer to the Father, "May they all be one" (Jn 17:21) with the aim to bring unity among all Christians and to work for universal brotherhood. The Focolare Spirituality or the Spirituality of Communion, as John Paul II described it, is focused on a gospel-based love which, when put into practice revives individuals and communities bringing a new spirit to every expression of life. Focolare Members become familiar with the word of God, put it into practice and share their experiences on living the Gospel. This communion fosters a deeper union with God and unity with others. It is this unity that builds the Christian community whose life overflows into active participation in all aspects of Parish

life and beyond to the larger human family. Throughout the years fruitful dialogues have opened up in the Catholic world, among individuals, groups, movements and associations, to contribute to the strengthening of unity; among Christians of different churches in order to work together towards full communion; among believers of different religions to foster universal fraternity; and with people of good will with no religious affiliation to work together to safeguard human values such as freedom, respect for human rights, solidarity and peace. Our movement serves all members of society. The Focolare spirituality is having an impact on family life, the youth world and all areas of ecclesial and secular life. The Focolare is open to all.

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## Hearts Home, USA

In answer to our world's widespread cry of loneliness and despair, Heart's Home strives to foster and spread a culture of compassion; a culture based on, and ignited by, genuine friendship, heartfelt compassion, and the life-changing power of beauty. Heart's Home was founded in 1990 by Father Thierry de Roucy, who envisioned Heart's Home as a presence of warmth and consolation to humanity as Mary was to her son Jesus at the foot of the Cross. The Heart's Home centers are welcoming community houses run by full time volunteers who have chosen to answer God's call by dedicating at least 14 months of their lives to service of the poor or/and by permanent members, priests or sisters. Together, they have a strong community life, prayer life and strive to build friendships to all those they encounter, by visiting them on a regular basis and welcoming them at the house. They strive to build a culture of compassion in all level of society. It started as a volunteer program and developed quickly into an ecclesial movement that was officially approved by the Roman Catholic Church in 2000 through Estanislao Esteban Cardinal Karlic, Archbishop of Parana (in Argentina) as a Private Association of the Faithful. Each Heart's Home is animated by a community of 4 to 8 young adults immersed in an underprivileged area, sharing an intense life of prayer (liturgy of the hours, daily Mass, daily adoration, daily rosary) and a ministry of compassionate friendship with the most suffering and isolated individuals in their neighborhoods. In addition to building individual friend-

ships, Heart's Home also facilitates the gathering of people from all walks of life for national or religious celebrations, in hope of breaking the walls of isolation and fostering within the community a sense of solidarity, increased faith and belonging. Desiring to embody the presence of Mary at the foot of Her Son's cross, Heart's Home missionaries strive to be a presence of compassion, mercy and consolation, a refuge of love and tenderness, hospitality and warmth. This presence may also entail aiding those in need with day-to-day services such as shopping and cooking, providing links to appropriate resources such as welfare and rehabilitation centers, and bringing the Holy Eucharist to the sick and homebound. Since 1990 more than 1,400 volunteers from 38 nationalities have become part of this radical adventure with God leading them to a new country, a new heart and a new gaze. From their missionary experience new branches were born. The Heart's Home Center at 108 St Edwards Street in Brooklyn, is one of the Movement's 46 centers and two villages spread throughout the world.

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## Hermandad de Emaús

Somos una hermandad de hombres y mujeres, laicos comprometidos, profesantes de la católica, que después de un encuentro personal con Jesús, por medio a un retiro de Emaús, hemos tomado la firme decisión de seguir a Cristo, dando testimonio de vida con nuestras familias, sirviendo a la Iglesia y a la Comunidad. También somos una hermandad de crecimiento espiritual, profundización en la fe, la oración y el conocimiento de Dios. El objetivo principal de los retiros de Emaús es, atraer personas que necesitan un espacio para reflexionar, acercarse a Dios y

de esta forma, facilitar el camino de la reconciliación con Cristo. Profesamos un Jesucristo vivo que por medio a estos retiros, resucita en nuestros corazones. Leer LUCAS 24, 13-35.

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## Jornada Movement

As an Ecclesial Movement of the Diocese of Brooklyn, the Movimiento de Jornadas de Vida Cristiana, provides a community for young men and women to journey into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, to mature in their knowledge of Him, and renew their love for Him. Living one's Jornada, the central retreat of the movement, along with their post-Jornada formation, provides the youth with the necessary tools to discern and accept Christ's call, to be His disciple and become an instrument in bringing His presence to others; namely to evangelize youth by means of other youth. We endeavor to serve the youth through prayer (especially the celebration of the Eucharist), study, service and social activities. We commit ourselves to the maturing of the spirit, mind and body of our youth so that they may become faithful, loving, and generous members of the Church.

Como un Movimiento Eclesial de la Diócesis de Brooklyn, el Movimiento de Jornadas de Vida Cristiana, le ofrece una comunidad en la cual a hombres y mujeres jóvenes puedan vivir una jornada que les lleve a una relación personal con Jesucristo, a madurar en el conocimiento de

Él, y renovar su amor por Él. El joven al vivir el retiro de la Jornada, punto central del movimiento, junto con su formación post-Jornada, le proporciona las herramientas necesarias para discernir y aceptar la llamada de Cristo a ser su discípulo y convertirse en un instrumento para llevar Su presencia a los demás; es decir, para evangelizar a los jóvenes por medio de otros jóvenes. Nos esforzamos por servir a la juventud a través de la oración (especialmente la celebración de la Eucaristía), el estudio, el servicio y las actividades sociales. Nos comprometemos a alcanzar la madurez del espíritu, la mente y el cuerpo de nuestros jóvenes a fin de que puedan llegar a ser fieles, amorosos y generosos miembros de la Iglesia.

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## Jovenes de Valor

We are a Catholic Youth Movement supported by the Diocese of Brooklyn aspiring to lead, educate and empower all people of the world towards an authentic relationship with Christ, where all the gifts of the Holy Spirit may flourish and be used in expanding God's kingdom here on earth. In using all means of communication, we aim to help all people discover the purpose for which they were made.

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## Koinonia St. John the Baptist

La *Koinonia Juan Bautista* es una comunidad evangelizadora al servicio de la Nueva Evangelización constituida como Asociación privada de fieles, perteneciente a la Iglesia Católica y canónicamente aprobada, que cuenta con varios miles de miembros entre familias, consagrados, consagradas y sacerdotes. El nombre *Koinonia Juan Bautista* indica las líneas que lleva la comunidad, lo que es y lo que hace: un pueblo de amigos llamado a evangelizar con el poder del Espíritu Santo basados en el ejemplo de Juan Bautista que testimonió y anunció a Jesús. La Comunidad nace el 1 de enero de 1979, Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios por iniciativa del sacerdote Rev. Ricardo Argañaraz, que, después de una fuerte experiencia del Espíritu Santo, junto a un pequeño núcleo, compuesto por dos hermanos y una hermana, se retira a una localidad en la montaña perdida en la región de Vicenza, llamada Camparmò (Italia), donde comienza una vida dedicada a la oración, al trabajo manual y al estudio. El carisma de la *Koinonia Juan Bautista* es: la promoción de la Nueva Evangelización a través de actividades evangelizadoras y de formación de diferente naturaleza, y la constitución de comunidades. Lo que la distingue es el primer anuncio del Evangelio, la apertura a los signos carismáticos y una intensa vida comunitaria ejercitándose activamente para responder a las necesidades de la Iglesia proponiendo una Nueva Evangelización que sea nueva en el ardor, nueva en los métodos, nueva en la expresión según las indicaciones del Magisterio Eclesiástico. La Escuela de Evangelización a través de cursos y seminarios específicos y de una metodología activa-participativa, ésta se propone difundir el Evangelio por medio de la formación de evangelizadores que sepan de manera sencilla, práctica y creativa anunciar la Buena Noticia, servir con espíritu evangélico y vivir plenamente y con alegría la vida cristiana. La Escuela ofrece programas formativos a diferentes niveles: formación en la vida cristiana, formación de evangelizadores y formación de formadores de evangelizadores.

*Koinonia John the Baptist* is an evangelization community at the service of New Evangelization. It is constituted as a

private association of believers belonging to the Catholic Church and is canonically approved. Among its thousands of members are families, consecrated. The name *Koinonia John the Baptist* indicates the inherent characteristics of the community: its nature and its purpose. It is a people of friends called to evangelize in the power of the Holy Spirit, following the example of John the Baptist, the one who witnessed and pointed to Jesus. The community was born on January 1st, 1979, the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God by the initiative of the priest, Fr. Ricardo Argañaraz who, after a powerful experience of the Holy Spirit and together with a small group consisting of two brothers and a sister, withdrew to a secluded, mountainous location in Vincentino called Camparmò, to begin a life dedicated to prayer, work and study. *Koinonia John the Baptist's* charism is the promotion of New Evangelization through evangelization activities, various training programmes and the formation of community. What distinguishes the *Koinonia* is its primary announcement of the Gospel, its openness to charismatic signs and its intense community life. It strives to respond to the needs of the Church by proposing a New Evangelization which is new in its ardour, new in its methods and new in its expression, according to the Magisterium of the Church. Through specific courses and seminars and an active-participative methodology, it aims to spread the Gospel by training evangelizers who know how to announce the Good News in a simple, practical and creative way, serve with an evangelical spirit and live christian life fully and with joy. The School offers training programs at various levels: formation in Christian life, training evangelizers and forming the trainers of evangelizers.

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## LAMP Ministries

LAMP's main objective is to work with those people who are materially poor, and focusing on evangelization. LAMP Ministries is a Catholic lay missionary association, comprised of people who serve among the materially poor, with a focus on evangelization. LAMP missionaries may be married couples, single men and women, as well as religious sisters and priests. People who experience a call to become a LAMP missionary commit to being a missionary for at least one year, or preferably two years. During this time, LAMP missionaries are provided ongoing training and support to assist them in their work with the materially poor including parishes and homeless shelters. LAMP missionaries work to support and strengthen the faith commitment of the people and parishes they serve. As people begin to realize the extent of God's love for them, they begin to develop a better sense of themselves,

which enables them to take responsible steps in improving their condition. LAMP missionaries carry out their mission primarily in the urban environment of the greater New York area. Materially poor parishes cannot afford full salaried personnel to reach out to the people in the community through home visits, working with youth, adult religious education, Scripture sharing groups, etc. LAMP missionaries may perform these or any other types of service depending on the needs of the particular parish and the talents and desires of the LAMP missionary.

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## Lazos de Amor Mariano

Lazos de Amor Mariano es un movimiento con un carisma laical, apostólico, misionero y comprometido, fundamentado en tres pilares: La devoción a la Santa Eucaristía, amor filial a la Santísima Virgen María y obediencia al Santo Padre. Fue fundado el 16 de julio del año 1999, día de la Virgen del Carmen, durante el pontificado de Juan Pablo II, por el laico José Rodrigo Jaramillo Fernández, en la ciudad de Medellín (Colombia) y que ahora se ha extendido por varios países incluyendo Ecuador, Venezuela, Panamá, Uruguay, México, Perú, Brasil, España, Nueva Zelanda, Italia, Aruba y Estados Unidos. El carisma de la Asociación: A partir de una profunda experiencia personal con Jesucristo que lleve a una vivencia radical de los compromisos bautismales, por la consagración total a Jesús por María, consumirse en ardor apostólico por la salvación de las almas. Ayudar a todos los cristianos con quienes se entre en contacto, a vivir tan arduosamente su Bautismo, que los haga discípulos y misioneros de Cristo, para que nuestros pueblos tengan vida en abundancia. Ayudar a sus miembros en su camino de santificación personal en su estado particular y su vocación específica de misión en el mundo. Como discípulos y misioneros de Cristo, reavivar el fuego de la fe, la esperanza y la caridad en los corazones

de los hombres, a través del anuncio kerigmático que les lleve a una auténtica conversión de vida conforme al evangelio. Propagar una auténtica devoción a la Santísima Virgen María por medio de la Consagración Total a ella según el método de San Luis María Grignon de Montfort, que lleve a los fieles a una unión más estrecha con Cristo en su Iglesia. En respuesta a la afirmación del Señor: **“Todo lo que hacéis a estos mis pequeños me lo hacéis a mí”** (Mt 25, 40) no solo contemplamos a Jesús a través de los Sacramentos, la Palabra, la oración, etc., sino también a través del hermano pobre y desamparado. Nuestro apostolado principal son los retiros espirituales. Realizamos retiros Espirituales mensuales en español y en Inglés, para jóvenes mayores de 13 años y adultos sin límite de edad; con una duración de 3 días, iniciando el viernes a las 7 PM y terminando el domingo a las 6:30 PM. Todos los viernes de la semana realizamos un grupo de oración. El grupo de oración de nuestra comunidad está enfocado para todo tipo de público, niños, jóvenes, adultos, matrimonios, familias enteras; iniciamos abandonándonos en los brazos de nuestra madre a través del rezo del Santo Rosario Meditado, luego conoceremos las historias de los grandes héroes de nuestra iglesia: Los Santos y terminamos con una charla con diversos y apasionados temas, seguido de la Oración final. El Grupo de Oración son todos los viernes a



las 7:30 P.M. en la iglesia St. Matthias localizada en: 58-15 Catalpa Ave, Ridgewood, NY 11385.

## Bonds of Marian Love

Bonds of Marian Love, is a private association of the faithful with a laical, apostolic, missionary and committed charism, based on three fundamental pillars: the devotion to the Holy Eucharist, a filial love to the Most Blessed Virgin Mary and the obedience to the Holy Father. Our Movement was founded on July 16, 1999, day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, during the pontificate of St. John Paul II. Mr. Jose Rodrigo Jaramillo Fernandez started the Movement in the city of Medellin, Colombia and it is present in Ecuador, Ecuador, Venezuela, Panamá, Uruguay, México, Perú, Brasil, España, Nueva Zelanda, Italia, Aruba y Estados Unidos. Our charism flows from a profound encounter with Jesus Christ, which, through the total consecration to Jesus through Mary, provokes: radically living in accordance with our baptismal promises, a strong love towards Jesus in the Eucharist, and a total adhesion to our Holy Mother Church. We desire to reach everyone, including families, children, and young people, through an Evangelization that is new in its ardor, new in its methods and new in its expression, using the universal spirituality of Saint Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort. The primary apostolate of the Movement is leading spiritual conversion retreats, almost monthly, for children, young people, and dating or married couples. On Thursday nights, members

of the Movement and other faithful join in a moment of adoration and reparation before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, through the prayer of the Holy Rosary and personal prayer. This moment of prayer occurs simultaneously in different parishes of the cities where the Movement is located. Its purpose is to guide souls to the recognition and adoration of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Another day of the week, usually Wednesday, is destined to the preparation for the total consecration to Jesus through Mary, using the method of Saint Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort. This process of preparation is open to everyone, but it starts after each retreat as a way to follow up with the people who have attended that retreat. Every Friday since the day that the Movement was founded, and in every city where the Movement is, a prayer group open to everyone is conducted. The Holy Rosary is prayed, the life of a saint is shared, and the Word of the Lord is preached in the light of the Magisterium of the Church. Conversion and the pursuit of sanctity are strongly and unceasingly exhorted.

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## Legion of Mary

The purpose of this association of Catholics is to make its members better Catholics and to raise the spiritual level of the entire community through direct contact with and interest in every member and potential member of the Mystical Body of Christ. The Legion of Mary is at the disposal of the Bishop of the diocese and the Parish Priest for every and any form of social service and catholic action which these authorities may deem suitable to the legionaries and useful for the welfare of the church. Every legionary is required to carry out a weekly apostolic work in the spirit of faith and

in union with Mary. Annual Events and works the Movement Sponsors: ACIES- consecration to Jesus through Mary; Annual General Reunion; An Outdoor Function; Congress; True Devotion to Mary, Day of Recollection, Annual weekend retreat for young adults and older adults, Book Barrow, Pilgrim Virgin Home visitation program, Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the home. Knocking on doors, Parish census, Subway Rosary; Street Contacts; Respect for life, Abortion counseling, Bereavement, Nursing home, hospital and jail visits, Members also work with the Religious Education and RCIA programs, Junior legion meetings for ages 7 to 18 train youths in apostolate.

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## Marian Catechist Apostolate

The heart of the Marian Catechist Apostolate is to fulfill Christ's directive to proclaim the Gospel to all nations, so that in knowing God, all might love Him; that in loving Him, all might serve Him; that in serving Him, all souls might be saved. To this end, the purpose of the Marian Catechist Apostolate is twofold: 1) To cultivate love of the Holy Eucharist, devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and unswerving loyalty to the Holy Father and the Magisterium (the teaching authority) of the Catholic Church, 2) To prepare members to share the gift of Christ's truth and love, as found in its fullness in the teachings and practice of the Catholic Church, through the Apostolate of Catechesis. Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus book. The mission of the Apostolate is to form and nurture catechists for the teaching and sharing of the Catholic Faith. Marian Catechists must be heroic souls whose spiritual and doctrinal formation equips them for active participation in the new evangelization of America. Understanding that the foundation of all true and effective catechesis is a vibrant spiritual life, the spiritual formation

of each Marian Catechist is vitally important; our efforts to share the Faith will be futile unless our lives attest to its beauty and richness. We become authentic witnesses to Our Lord Jesus Christ through a holiness of life and a life of prayer that develops and is nurtured slowly over time. In addition to growing in personal holiness, members of the Apostolate are formed doctrinally by learning the Faith in a manner that is both challenging and deeply rewarding. Each of the four courses in our doctrinal formation is designed for home-study, although assistance is available from the International Office upon request. Under the patronage of St. Padre Pio the MCA's mission is especially directed to family catechesis utilizing the resources of both the Apostolate for Family Consecration and the MCA Manual and other orthodox materials using the Montessori method of teaching.

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## Movimiento de Evangelización y Orientación Familiar

The "Movimiento de Evangelización y Orientación Familiar" (M.E.O.F.) is an Apostolic and Independent movement looking to respond to the needs of the family with a Catholic Guidance and Formation Program in the Diocese of Brooklyn. It is an effective instrument of evangelization for families in our community seeking the

unity and solidarity of the couple as the central core and the most important unit of our society: THE FAMILY. The M.E.O.F. provides to the pastors and their parish communities, pastoral assistance in this specific field. The program of formation and training takes place in bimonthly meetings on the team families through a sequence of practical reflections on events and experiences of daily life which are assessed in light of the Scriptures. The main



objective of the meetings is to incorporate the teachings into the family life, changing behaviors, modifying goals and improving their way of life through a commitment of action. This commitment is specific, honest, easy-to-apply, and is freely accepted by the team and each couple, emphasizing the importance of dialogue between spouses and between parents and children. Within parishes, the M.E.O.F. promotes experiences of faith, conversion, prayer, interpersonal relationships and fraternal love, thus achieving the integration of families to the life of the Church through their participation in parish life.

El Movimiento de Evangelización y Orientación Familiar (M.E.O.F.) es un Movimiento Apostólico e Independiente que quiere hacerse presente ante las necesidades de la familia con un programa de Orientación y Formación Católico en la Diócesis de Brooklyn. Es un instrumento efectivo de evangelización para las familias de nuestra comunidad que busca la unidad y la solidaridad de la pareja como eje central del núcleo más importante y valioso de nuestra sociedad: LA FAMILIA. El M.E.O.F. ofrece a los párrocos y a sus comunidades parroquiales una ayuda pastoral en este campo específico. El programa de estudio y formación se desarrolla en reuniones quincenales de los pequeños Conjuntos de Familias (Equipos), por medio de una secuencia de reflexiones prácticas sobre acontecimientos y

experiencias de la vida real que son analizadas a la luz de la Palabra de Dios. El objetivo principal de las reuniones es incorporar las enseñanzas en la vida matrimonial cotidiana para cambiar su manera de ser, pensar y vivir a través de un compromiso de acción. Este compromiso, consiste en una aplicación concreta, sincera y fácil de cumplir, que es libremente aceptada por el equipo y cada matrimonio, destacando la importancia del diálogo especialmente entre esposos y entre padres e hijos. Dentro de las parroquias, el M.E.O.F. promueve experiencias de fe, conversión, oración, relaciones interpersonales y amor fraternal, logrando así la integración de las familias a la vida de la iglesia a través de su participación en la vida parroquial.

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## Movimiento Juan XXIII

El Movimiento Juan XXIII es una asociación internacional, de fieles, constituida de acuerdo a los cánones del Derecho Canónico de la Iglesia Católica, e inspirada en los principios que emanaron del Concilio Vaticano II. Nace en Puerto Rico, en la Diócesis de Arecibo, creada bajo el pontificado del Papa Juan XXIII, para ser “un movimiento de evangelización” y trabajar principalmente por aquellos alejados de la Iglesia y marginados, también, de la sociedad. El Movimiento Juan XXIII no trabaja para sí, busca ser fermento y servir como una plataforma de lanzamiento; trabaja hacia fuera. Un movimiento que desde sus orígenes sale en busca de los olvidados y de los marginados, de los más alejados, de aquellos que por su problemática viven en le anonimato de la vida pensando que el Evangelio no

puede ser predicado para ellos y necesitan que alguien los encuentre y les anuncie a Jesucristo: para ellos es el Movimiento Juan XXIII. En el cumplimiento de esta Misión, el Movimiento Juan XXIII tiene una mística propia, un carisma, un don que el Señor le ha confiado, una espiritualidad de auténtico servicio, enmarcada en el Amor, la Entrega y el Sacrificio y expresada en esta opción de vida: “Con Cristo Todo, Sin Cristo Nada”. Para alcanzar sus objetivos, el Movimiento Juan XXIII, en fidelidad al Evangelio, a la Tradición y al Magisterio de la Iglesia, emplea medios y recursos propios: 1. Retiros de evangelización de tres días preparados en todos sus aspectos para que las personas mediten y mejoren sus vidas. Se utilizan recursos: teológicos (doctrina), sobrenaturales (sacramentos, oración, acción de la Gracia y sacrificio), psicológicos (testimonios personales y otros), pedagógicos

(metodología aplicada para que el mensaje llegue bien a los destinatarios). 2. Seguimiento que comienza con la clausura del retiro y su finalidad es acoger, acompañar y formar al retirista nuevo, desarrollando su vida cristiana. 3. Triduo de oración, anualmente, en el fin de semana más cercano al 11 de octubre, fiesta de San Juan XXIII. 4. Misiones con predicaciones públicas, abiertas a la comunidad, utilizando conferencias bíblicas, mensajes kerigmáticos y testimonios personales. 5. El Movimiento Juan XXIII mantendrá su campo apostólico dentro de los límites diocesanos para los cuales ha recibido la correspondiente aprobación. Si fuera solicitada una misión en otra diócesis, primero obtendrá la aprobación necesaria del Ordinario del lugar. **Objetivos Generales:** 1. Llamar a la conversión a las personas que están alejadas o al margen de la Iglesia. Crear un clima pastoral para que las acciones organizadas logren que los llamados cambien su conducta de vida y hagan una opción por Jesucristo. 2. Fomentar la máxima formación integral de sus miembros mediante la oración, los sacramentos, los estudios catequéticos y teológicos y el apostolado individual y en equipo, como un camino de conversión hacia la común vocación a la santidad. 3. Procurar que los miembros del movimiento vivan su compromiso bautismal sembrando en todos y en cada uno de ellos que es Iglesia,

motivando la participación de su realidad y necesidades con una total entrega de servicio en comunión con la Iglesia local y sus Pastores. 4. Procurar la participación del Movimiento Juan XXIII en las actividades y pastoral diocesana en coordinación con el Ordinario del lugar y sus representantes. **Objetivos Específicos:** 1. Celebrar retiros de tres días, con los temas, dinámicas y prácticas devocionales que se han escogido y han sido practicadas desde los inicios hasta el presente. 2. Organizar retiros de seguimiento, propios del Movimiento Juan XXIII, para las personas que han participado en la primera experiencia. 3. Organizar la reunión semanal a nivel diocesano para fomentar la formación integral de sus dirigentes y miembros que aspiran a trabajar en los retiros. 4. Organizar la reunión semanal a nivel parroquial o inter-parroquial para fomentar la formación integral de sus miembros y procurar su participación en las actividades de sus respectivas parroquias, manteniendo la vinculación de los miembros entre sí y con el movimiento.

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## Neocatechumenal Way

### (a post-baptismal catechumenate)

Today, the process of secularization has led many people to abandon the faith and the Church. Therefore, it has become necessary to open, as in the Primitive Church, an itinerary of formation to Christianity for both those near the Church and those who have gone away. The Neocatechumenal Way is not a movement. It is a post-baptismal catechumenate that can help the parishes to provide a place, within the parish structure, where people can begin to rediscover the significance of being a Christian. It is an instrument at the service of the Bishop and pastors to

recover the faith of a great number of people who have abandoned it.

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## Pax Christi

Rooted in Gospel nonviolence and Catholic Social Teaching, Pax Christi Metro New York (PCMNY) educates and advocates for peace and social justice locally and globally through prayer, study, and action. PCMNY is a regional chapter of the international Catholic peace movement that was founded in 1945 in France as a prayer pilgrimage for reconciliation between France and Germany at the end of World War II. In time, it spread throughout Europe and to the other continents. It was Pope Pius XII who first referred to Pax Christi as the international Catholic peace movement. PCMNY is one of nearly 20 regions of PCUSA. Our geographic area extends throughout the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn. While most of our members are not affiliated with any local group, we do have several active local groups in parishes, colleges, and high schools. Each of these groups may choose its own focus, for example Israel/Palestine, immigration, or

the environment. In addition, the groups may work together and with other peace and justice organizations on shared concerns. PCMNY is probably best known around the metropolitan area for its annual Good Friday Way of the Cross across Manhattan in which about 500 people commemorate the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus in the lives of people today. We publish a newsletter, Kerux, three times a year and interim updates at Kerux Live! both at our website, and we have a sizable e-mail action alert network, a Facebook page, and a fledgling Twitter account. We also provide weekly Sunday bulletin reflections via e-mail and seasonal reflections at our website.

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## Pro Sanctity Movement

Pro Sanctity is an Ecclesial Movement founded in Italy in 1947 by Father Guglielmo Giaquinta (later the Bishop of Tivoli) as a way to counteract the chaos and confusion that World War II had caused in the life of many people, especially the young. The mission of the Pro Sanctity Movement, “for holiness,” is to promote the “universal call to holiness” and offer people the means to respond to this call in daily life. Its work of evangelization tries to make this call known, loved and lived. Working for the spiritual formation of God’s people, the Pro Sanctity Movement, present in many countries, seeks to address the mind with theology, the heart with spirituality, and the hands with ministry. To achieve this, the Movement develops spiritual

and social programs to help ordinary people of all ages to understand and deepen their commitment to God, help them respond to His call to holiness and become witnesses and apostles of holiness. The Pro Sanctity Movement is open to all. Three major events are celebrated each year by the universal Pro Sanctity Family: Day of Universal Sanctification on or around November 1st, Feast of Our Lady of Trust celebrated the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, and Founder’s Day celebrated on or around June 15.

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## Rosary for Life

The Mission of Rosary For Life is to promote reverence and respect for all human life, especially the life of the unborn, through prayerful invocation of Mary the Mother of God and our Mother, utilizing the following guideline: Members pledge to pray the traditional 15 decades of the Rosary once a week, on a specific day and at the scheduled time chosen by the member at the time of commitment.

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## St. Paul's Cursillo & Christian Awakening Programs

The Men's and Women's Cursillo weekends (English speaking) are a method of spiritual renewal to support & inform Christian expression of self, others & God. The Men's Cursillo is for single & married men over the age of 25, and the Women's Cursillo is for single & married women over the age of 25. The aim of the weekend is to help men & women develop personally & spiritually so they may create a better living environment through the living out of their Catholic Christianity. The Young Adult Christian Awakening is a method of spiritual renewal to support & inform Christian expression of self, others & God for single men and women, ages 18-25. The aim of the weekend is to help young adults develop personally & spiritually so they may create a better living environment through the living out of their Catholic Christianity. The Christian Awakening program is designed to help Juniors and Seniors in high school come to a deeper understand-

ing of self, others and God. The Christian Awakening is a peer run program in which the basics of Catholic Christianity are presented through talks, small groups and discussions. The program runs from Thursday evening to Sunday afternoon. It is an excellent opportunity to explore one's spirituality, and helps to develop leadership potential.

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## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

At its core, Worldwide Marriage Encounter's (WWME) message is simple: "Love one another as I have loved you." Our efforts to make this vision a reality include offering very practical concepts and tools that can assist married couples, priests and religious live Jesus' commandment to love one another; to live in healthy and life-giving relationships. We in the WWME movement have seen ourselves as part of the evangelizing mission of our Catholic Church. Through our weekend, we bring to couples a renewed awareness of the power of their sacramental

call and to our priests a renewed awareness of the spousal relationship with the People of God that is to be lived out in the sacrament of Holy Orders. On every weekend, we bring a message of hope and promise to all who are committed to living the values of relationship in their lives. The Marriage Encounter weekend is a positive and personal experience for a couple. It offers them a technique of loving communication that they can use for the rest of their lives. It's an opportunity to look deeply into their relationship with each other and with God. It is a time to share their feelings, hopes, fears, frustrations and joys. Worldwide



Marriage Encounter’s Mission of Renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic “experience” and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle. A Marriage Encounter emphasizes communication between husband and wife through a weekend experience. It gives couples the opportunity to look deeply into their relationship with each other and with God, resulting in a deeper love, understanding

and closeness like they have never shared before.

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**Youth 2000**

Youth 2000 began in Europe in 1990 in response to the call of Pope John Paul II at World Youth Day in Compostella, Spain in 1989 for a decade of evangelization of youth leading up to the coming of the next millennium. The Purpose of Youth 2000 is three-fold:

1. To bring young people to a personal encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist
2. To foster love for the Blessed Virgin Mary especially by praying the Rosary and
3. To root young people deeply in the fullness of truth and life found in the Catholic Church.

Jesus in the Eucharist offered to the Father as a living sacrifice at Mass and remaining among us as the object of

our love and adoration is the absolute heart and center of Youth 2000. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available throughout the weekend. The highlight of the weekend for many is a deeply moving Eucharistic healing service. From start to finish, the festival is interwoven with lively and inspiring hymns of praise and peaceful meditation songs. The power of the Eucharist is able to change the lives of young people, draw them close to the hearts of Jesus and Mary and strengthen them in their Catholic faith.

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**OTHER GROUPS**

**The Catholic Teachers Association**

If you are a Catholic who teaches or serves as an administrator in a public school of New York City, please consider joining this association.

The Catholic Teachers Association:

- Helps foster the religious, professional, and social formation of its members.
- Furthers the moral and spiritual education of the children and youth in the schools of New York City.

- Develops effective intercommunication with the Bishop and organizations of the Diocese and with all others having similar purposes and objectives.
- Informs the general public in matters affecting the welfare of the children and youth in the schools, of teachers and parents or of the Church and society as a whole.
- Monitors and reacts to policies and issues regarding moral and spiritual values affecting the welfare of children.

- Gives support to the principles and teachings of the Church as they relate to education.

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**The Jesuit Collaborative**

The Jesuit Collaborative is a nonprofit organization that helps people grow closer to God through prayer and retreats in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus. The Collaborative fosters collaboration between lay and religious men and women and offers a variety of innovative retreats and programs in diverse formats and settings to meet people where they are in their spiritual lives.

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**Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts**

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# Living and Leading by Faith Catechist and Catechetical Leader Formation Program

The *Living and Leading by Faith Catechist and Catechetical Leader Faith Formation Program* provides Catholic faith formation for those who teach or administer in parish programs of religious education or Catholic schools and academies.

Explore the website at [www.bqonlineformation.org](http://www.bqonlineformation.org) and read the *Living and Leading by Faith Catechist and Catechetical Leader Program Formation Manual* located in the resource tab.

## Diocesan Policy

Every Principal, Assistant Principal, and Teacher in a Catholic Elementary School/Academy and every Director/Coordinator/Administrator of Religious Education/Formation program and Diocesan or Parish Catechist is expected to fulfill the requirements of Catholic Faith Formation according to the approved *Living and Leading by Faith Catechist and Catechetical Leader Faith Formation Program of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn*.

Each school/academy/parish has a local *Living and Leading by Faith Administrator* who meets annually with each catechist and catechetical leader. The local *Living and Leading by Faith Administrator* may be your School/Academy Principal, Director of Faith Formation, Coordinator of Religious Education, School/Academy Religion Coordinator, or other local *Living and Leading by Faith* coordinator.

Every catechist and catechetical leader must meet annually with the local LLF Administrator in order to complete a Plan of Action regarding your faith formation.

Collaboratively create your Plan of Action for the year and give a copy of your Plan to your local LLF administrator for your file.

**Select the appropriate courses/workshops/retreats from [www.bqonlineformation.org](http://www.bqonlineformation.org) available in live or online options.**

Once you have successfully completed your course/workshop/retreat, keep the original copy of the Certificate of Participation for your personal file and give a copy of the Certificate of Participation to your local LLF Administrator for the office file.

Classes may be offered in Spanish, Creole, Polish, and other languages as needed.

Every catechist and catechetical leader must have an account with *My Catholic Faith Delivered*. See page 55 to create an account.

*The secret to being a good catechist is to live what you preach.*

Pope Benedict XVI speaking to the bishops of Costa Rica

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS BY COMPONENT

### LLF Initial Formation Courses

\* indicates required courses for this component

#### Introduction for Catechists \* 5 hrs No Fee

Catechists who are new to parish/school/academy programs will begin their catechist formation program with their parish/school/academy catechetical leader by participating in a five module program that includes the following:

1. About the Catechist
2. About the Learner
3. The Bible and the Catechist
4. Spirituality of the Catechist
5. The Ministry of Catechesis



**Creed\*** **10 hrs \$25.00**

From the Early Church onwards, there has always been a need to clarify and affirm what the Catholic Church truly believes as a united whole. The Apostle’s Creed and the Nicene Creed both were developed in order to affirm the unity of Christ’s people and bring others to God in truth. This course is important because it reminds catechists not only of the core teachings of the faith, but also why specific teachings are maintained in the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

*Available online*  
*Available online in Spanish*

**Morality\*** **10 hrs \$25.00**

In this ten hour course, learners will explore some of the important principles and themes of Catholic morality such as constant conversion, the call to holiness, free will, grace, stewardship, and the formation of conscience. Attention will also be given to what is sometimes called “morality in action” or social morality, “option for the poor,” the dignity of work, the rights of workers, sexuality, health care, and end of life issues.

*Available online*  
*Available online in Spanish*

**Prayer \*** **10 hrs \$25.00**

All catechesis must lead to and flow from liturgy and prayer. This ten hour course begins with a review of various forms and types of prayer. There will be an extensive treatment of the historical development of the liturgy and on the various feasts and seasons celebrated by the Church. The significance of each and the connection between prayer and liturgy will be explored as a means to help both teachers and students come to know and be closer to God.

*Available online*  
*Available online in Spanish*

**Sacraments\*** **10 hrs \$25.00**

This ten hour course will present an overview of the life and the mission of the Church (the Body of Christ) in the modern world. Special attention will be given to the principle of sacramentality and to understanding and celebrating each of the seven graced encounters

with Christ which we call the sacraments.

*Available online*  
*Available online in Spanish*

**Our Catholic Tradition** **5 hrs \$10.00**

This course is designed to aide participants in understanding the significant role that Tradition plays within the Catholic faith and how both Scripture and Tradition, as the deposit of faith, are meant to bring the faithful into an ever deepening relationship with the Trinity through Christ. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly states, “This living transmission, accomplished in the Holy Spirit, is called Tradition, since it is distinct from Sacred Scripture, though closely connected to it. Through Tradition, the Church, in her doctrine, life, and worship perpetuates and transmits to every generation all that she herself is, all that she believes.” The sayings of the holy Fathers are a witness to the life-giving presence of this Tradition, showing how its riches are poured out in the practice and life of the Church, in her belief and her prayer.” (CCC: #78)

**Introduction to the Bible** **5 hrs \$10.00**

This course is designed to bring learners into a deeper appreciation for the word of God. Important ideas will be discussed such as why certain books of the bible are approved while others are not, as well as how and why the bible is organized the way it is. This course should not only bring learners to appreciate the bible but also give them a deeper inclination to read and seek God through both the old and new testaments.

**Multi-cultural Catechesis** **5 hrs \$10.00**

Just as all races, ethnicities, and cultures in the world are represented in the population of the United States, so too do they find a home within the Catholic Church. Each group brings its own language, history, customs, rituals, and traditions “for building up the body of Christ” (Eph 4:12). Since persons can only achieve their full humanity by means of culture, the Catholic Church in the United States embraces the rich cultural pluralism of all the faithful, encourages the distinctive identity of each cultural group, and urges mutual enrichment. At the same time, the Catholic Church



promotes unity of faith within the multicultural diversity of the people. (NDC 11C 1) Excerpt taken from Embracing the Multicultural Face of God: Cultural Diversity and Catholic Identity, Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church, USCCB: Washington, D.C., 2010.

**Catechetical Methods I 5 hrs \$10.00**

Teaching and learning are part of the same process. The one who teaches inevitably learns and the one who learns, in turn teaches. The process of religious education involves the same elements as that of secular education; added to this process, however, is the dimension of evangelization. Religious educators have a unique opportunity and a special gift to transmit the faith to others. As catechists, the way in which you communicate matters of faith to others will often be as important as the content you communicate. Respect for culture, experience, and sensitivities of each student are of special importance in catechesis.

**“Religion” In Religious Education 5 hrs \$5.00**

This course is designed to aid catechists in understanding core principles of “religion” both as a term in general as well as how to present and teach religion within different courseroom levels in light of the Catholic Faith with sufficient understanding of other religions’ stances. The goal of this course is to aide catechists in being able to properly present religion to others as well as establish guidelines for comparison of different religions so that catechists may be better fit to answer students whole-heartedly and within the faith.

**Vocation Awareness I 5 hrs \$10.00**

This course is designed to bring learners into a deeper appreciation for their own and others vocations. God calls everyone to service in one form or another and it is up to the children of God to properly discern their calling and to help others fulfill theirs as well. Whether a person is called to the priesthood, a brotherhood, a sisterhood, marriage, or even as a lay consecrated each person is called to love God and others with the gifts and talents that they have been given. Vocations are different ways of answering the call to God and others by participating in a process that is a life long dedication of service and love.

**Ongoing Formation Courses**

\* indicates required courses for this component

**Catholic Spirituality\* 10 hrs \$25.00**

The main idea for this course is to expose catechists to the historical, theological, and philosophical depth and beauty of Catholic spirituality. As the conversion of others is obtained by the personal practice and joy of the faith this course has two main objectives: 1. To aide catechists in understanding and becoming more spiritual and closer to God by teaching them different spiritual traditions and concepts, and 2. To aide catechists with the means necessary to teach proper Catholic spiritual practices to students eager to discover and express their love for God and from God properly.

**The Revelation of God\* 10 hrs \$25.00**

This course is designed for learners to be able to take the more important concepts and ideas that are presented in the initial formation Creed course and develop them to a more profound level. During these ten hours, the catechist will develop a deeper understanding of the theology of God, building upon previous knowledge and personal faith in light of the idea of God’s revelation. The problem of good and evil, as well as the Mystery of the Trinity, will be addressed to not only bring learners closer to God and the good but also to discuss different pedagogical methods for conveyance.

*Available online*

**Old Testament Studies 10 hrs \$25.00**

The main idea for this course is to provide learners with a chance to deepen their overall knowledge and passion for the Old Testament with emphasis upon the main teachings of Catholicism and how it incorporates Sacred Scripture as an essential aspect of the faith. This course will focus on how the Old Testament is broken up into different books and sections and what the main aspects are for each section both historically and theologically. Learners will be given an opportunity to read and discuss different texts after each section is explained in order to provide a deeper faith and understanding of the Old Testament.

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**New Testament Studies** **10 hrs \$25.00**

The main idea for this course is to provide learners with a chance to deepen their overall knowledge and passion for the New Testament with emphasis upon the main teachings of Catholicism and how it incorporates Sacred Scripture as an essential aspect of the faith. This course will focus on how the New Testament is broken up into different books and sections and what the main aspects are for each section both historically and theologically. Learners will be given an opportunity to read and discuss different texts after each section is explained in order to provide a deeper faith and understanding of the New Testament.

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**The Three Great Monotheisms** **10 hrs \$25.00**

The main idea for this course is to expose catechists to the historical, theological, and philosophical differences and similarities between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. This course will review the main differences and similarities between the three religions so as to clarify the Catholic faith and the faith of others. This course reveals the historical and scriptural continuity between these great religions in light of the theological and philosophical basis for the belief in one God.

**Lives of the Saints** **10 hrs \$25.00**

The main idea for this course is to expose catechists to the historical, theological, and philosophical depth and beauty of the lives of the Saints. Throughout the Church's 2000 year history many men and women have gone above and beyond the call to love, holiness, and God. This course is geared to expose the great heroes and heroines of the Church and reveal them as great models towards living our own paths towards love of man and God. This ten hour course permits students to be both exposed to the basics of understanding why Catholics pray with the saints, amongst other basic topics, as well as delve deeper into the lives of particular saints in an attempt to see their similarities and differences to aide us on our individual paths within the Church.

**Mariology** **5 hrs \$10.00**

The main idea for this course is to expose catechists to the beauty of the theology and tradition within the Catholic Church behind Mary, the Mother of God. Particular emphasis is given to Marian theologians, such as Pope John Paul II, in order to expose the role, significance, and importance of Mary in light of the fundamental idea of "Ad Jesum Per Mariam," or "To Jesus through Mary." This course is designed to cover the main theological concepts that surround the Blessed Mother in order to instill in others a proper devotion and respect for the "Theotokos" or "God-Carrier."

**Catechetical Methods II** **5 hrs \$10.00**

Catechetical Methods II is an extension course for Catechetical Methods I. Whereas the first course covered the very basics of teaching catechesis, both in light of teacher and student relationship and material, as well as the practical aspects of teaching (such as lesson plans and evaluations), this second part goes more deeply into the Catholic documents that specifically deal with teaching the faith. Such documents as The General Directory for Catechesis, The National Directory for Catechesis, The Catechism of the Catholic Church, and relevant encyclicals and other works such as Evangelii Nuntiandi, the works of Saint John Paul II, and the Second Vatican Council will be presented.

**Liturgy** **5 hrs \$10.00**

"The word 'liturgy' originally meant a 'public work' or a 'service in the name of/on behalf of the people.' In Christian tradition it means the participation of the People of God in "the work of God." Through the liturgy Christ, our Redeemer and High Priest, continues the work of our redemption in, with, and through his Church. In the New Testament, the word 'Liturgy' refers not only to the celebration of divine worship but also to the proclamation of the Gospel and to active charity. In all of these situations it is a question of the service of God and neighbor. In a liturgical celebration the Church is servant in the image of her Lord, [...] she shares in Christ's priesthood (worship), which is both prophetic (proclamation) and kingly (service of charity)." (CCC: 1069-70)



**Pastoral Apologetics I** 5 hrs \$10.00

“On January 24, 1999, Pope John Paul II issued a “call to arms” for Catholics to aggressively confront the challenge of Protestant evangelism. Addressing more than a million people in Mexico City, the Holy Father urged Catholics to ignore the seductions of ‘fallacious and novel ideologies’ and to spread the word of the Church. [...] Vatican II in its Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity said: “This sacred Synod earnestly exhorts laymen, each according to his natural gifts and learning, to be more diligent in doing their part to explain and defend Christian principles (no. 6).” (Chacon, F. and J. Burnham. *Beginning Apologetics 1*. San Juan Catholic Seminars: NM, 1998.)

**Ecumenism** 5 hrs \$10.00

This course offers participants an explanation regarding how the Catholic Church views ecumenism and the purpose that ecumenism is meant to fulfill for God’s people. The word ecumenical comes from the Greek word *ecumene* meaning the whole inhabited earth. It is used by Christians to designate the universal or the whole Christian community worldwide. Since the last century it has been used to designate the call for the universal unity of the Christian Church, especially overcoming the divisions between East and West, and of the Reformation churches of the sixteenth century. This course evaluates both the proper and improper interpretive and practical aspects of ecumenism in order to aid participants in understanding and respecting other religions but not by decreasing the Truth of the Catholic faith or holding truth as relative between all religions.

**Church History** 5 hrs \$10.00

The main idea behind this course is to familiarize catechists with the rich and complicated history of the Catholic Church in order to better equip them to teach and defend the faith. This course is meant to help catechists develop a synthetic unity of the historical development of the Church as it is always going ever deeper into the truth of Christ, with an understanding of the diverse cultures that its development took and takes place within.

*Available online*

**Catholic Identity** 5 hrs \$10.00

“Papal interventions and Roman documents repeatedly emphasize that certain characteristics must be present for a school to be considered authentically Catholic. Like the marks of the Church proclaimed in the Creed — one, holy, catholic, and apostolic — so, too, does the Holy See identify the principal features of a school as Catholic: a Catholic school should be inspired by a supernatural vision, founded on Christian anthropology, animated by communion and community, imbued with a Catholic world view throughout its curriculum, and sustained by gospel witness. These benchmarks help to answer the critical question: Is this a Catholic school according to the mind of the Church?” (Miller, Michael J. *The Holy See’s Teaching on Catholic Schools*. Solidarity Association: Georgia, 2006.)

**Parables of Mercy** 5 hrs \$10.00

Jesus uses Parables to illustrate God’s loving compassion and mercy as a defining characteristic of the Kingdom of God. This loving compassion and mercy reaches out to embrace everyone, even sinners and Gentiles.

**Corporal Works of Mercy** 10 hrs \$25.00

An overview of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, this course will focus on the importance of aiding the spiritual and bodily necessities of our “neighbors” as a response to our relationship with Jesus and God’s gift of love and mercy.

**Enrichment Formation Courses**

**Theology of The Body** 10 hrs \$25.00

“The Theology of the Body presents a magnificent vision of the human person. In these talks, Saint John Paul II has given a catechesis which is centered on the human person, understood within the mystery of Christ. Going back to the biblical ‘beginning’ as recorded in Genesis, the Pope discusses the bodily dimension of human personhood, sexuality, and marriage in the light of biblical revelation. Starting from three primordial human experiences -original solitude, original unity, and original nakedness- he outlines a theology of the nuptial meaning of the body. A key theme is the



communion of persons, which is a reflection of the Trinity. Within this framework, the Pope also considers the meaning of chastity for the sake of the kingdom.” (John Paul II. *Theology of the Body: Human Love in the Divine Plan*. Boston: Pauline Books and Media, 1997. Book Jacket.) This course is designed to present the main ideas of *Theology of the Body* to participants so that they may teach it in turn to the youth of the diocese.

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**Saint John Paul II** **10 hrs \$25.00**

This course is designed to present the life and work of Saint John Paul II with particular emphasis on his philosophical and theological contributions to the Catholic Intellectual Tradition and their significance for contemporary Catholic education and formation. This course presents excerpts of the major writings of Saint John Paul II in a topical fashion.

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**The Call to Holiness** **10 hrs \$25.00**

“All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity. All are called to holiness: ‘Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.’ In order to reach this perfection the faithful should use the strength dealt out to them by Christ’s gift, so that ... doing the will of the Father in everything, they may wholeheartedly devote themselves to the glory of God and to the service of their neighbor. Thus the holiness of the People of God will grow in fruitful abundance, as is clearly shown in the history of the Church through the lives of so many saints.” (CCC: 2013) This course is dedicated towards educating participants in ways of fulfilling their call to holiness and helping others fulfill their call to holiness as well.

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**The Gospels** **5 hrs \$10.00**

The main idea for this course is to provide the learner with a chance to deepen their overall knowledge and passion for the Gospels with particular emphasis upon the four evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. This course focuses on each of the four Gospels in turn while discussing each author’s literary styles, the nature of the synoptic Gospels, as well as coverage of particular

texts that provide insight into both the history and theology of Catholicism.

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**Pastoral Apologetics II** **5 hrs \$10.00**

This course is designed to take participants even further than Apologetics I into proper knowledge and defense of the Catholic Faith. This course will first provide a basis for the Catholic doctrine of the Real Presence from the Old and New Testaments, early Church Fathers, and history. It will also provide practical ways to increase participants’ knowledge and love of Christ in the Eucharist. Next, this course will trace the roots of atheism and the New Age movements while providing participants’ with knowledge how to refute atheism with sound philosophy and common sense.

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**Marian Spirituality** **5 hrs \$10.00**

The main idea for this course is to expose catechists to the beauty of the spiritual tradition within the Catholic Church behind Mary, the Mother of God while building upon the previous Mariology course. Particular emphasis is given to Marian theologians, such as Blessed John Paul II, in order to expose the spiritual role, significance, and importance of Mary in light of the fundamental idea of “Ad Jesum Per Mariam,” or “To Jesus through Mary.” This course is designed to go further than the main theological concepts that surround the Blessed Mother in order to instill in others a proper spiritual devotion and respect for the “Theotokos” or “God-Carrier.”

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**St. Paul: Defender of The Faith** **5 hrs \$10.00**

The main idea for this course is to provide learners with a chance to deepen their overall knowledge and passion for Saint Paul with emphasis upon his history, and his contributions to the teachings of Catholicism including his role in the New Testament Canon. This course will focus on the main aspects of the Epistles of St. Paul, both historically and theologically. Learners will be given an opportunity to read and discuss different texts after sections are explained in order to provide a deeper faith and understanding of the Saint Paul.





**Ecumenical Councils and Vatican II 5 hrs \$10.00**

The learners will have a chance to deepen their overall knowledge and understanding of the history of the Catholic Church through its shaping and development in Ecumenical Councils. Learners will be exposed not only to the developments of the Church through Vatican II, but also the councils of Nicea I, Constantinople I, Ephesus, Chalcedon, Constantinople II, Constantinople III and Nicea II. What ecumenical councils are, the important questions they addressed, and the answers they give are all subject matter for the course.

**Pastoral Skills Workshops**

Ongoing and Enrichment

**Communication and Listening Skills for Pastoral Leaders 6 hrs \$10.00**

This workshop will explore the process of communication, from the sender who speaks the message, to the receiver who interprets it. Included are verbal and non-verbal aspects of communication, tips for effective communication, empathic listening skills—listening to understand, and receptor-oriented communication with regard to inter-cultural communication.

**Leadership as Service 6 hrs \$10.00**

This workshop will explore the three S's of the leadership challenge: Service, Style, and Situation. It will assist learners in articulating their own understanding of leadership and leadership style. This exploration will be grounded in theological reflection on our call to ministry and Jesus as servant leader.

**The Church and Social Justice 5 hrs \$10.00**

“The Church’s social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. It offers moral principles and coherent values that are badly needed in our time. In this time of widespread violence and diminished respect for human life and dignity in our country and around the world, the Gospel of life and the biblical call to justice need to be proclaimed and shared with new clarity, urgency, and energy.” (Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions, p. 7)

*Available online*

**Preparing and Leading Prayer and Ritual in the Parish Setting 6 hrs \$10.00**

This workshop will help participants understand the movements of prayer and their preferred prayer styles, so that they may more effectively lead others in prayer. Elements, requirements, themes and formats including the multicultural dimensions will be presented.

**Self-Care of the Pastoral Minister 6 hrs \$10.00**

This workshop will help participants reflect on their current ministry experience and how they can take care of themselves so that they can be of service to God’s people. Included will be input on time-management techniques, the importance of thinking positively and the influence of personal perceptions.

**The Organizational Leader 6 hrs \$10.00**

This workshop will explore leadership in the context of facilitating effective meetings, utilizing a group dynamic exercise to set the stage for discussing: how to run a meeting, understanding group dynamics, and working with volunteers.

## Ministry Seminars

Ongoing and Enrichment

### Adult Faith Formation **10 hrs \$25.00**

The seminar includes an introduction to Church documents on adult faith formation, including Our Hearts were Burning within Us, the GDC and NDC and Sons and Daughters of the Light. The topics of fostering mature faith, approaches to adult faith formation, how adults learn and the pivotal importance of the parish are included.

### Ministry of Consolation **10 hrs \$25.00**

This seminar covers meeting with the family of the deceased in preparation for vigil service and Mass of Christian Burial, preparing and leading a vigil service, preparing for the Mass of Christian Burial and formation of a parish team to serve in the ministry.

### Liturgical Planning **10 hrs \$25.00**

Using the General Instruction of the Roman Missal as a guide, the students will develop an understanding and appreciation for working collaboratively in creating meaningful liturgies and prayer services.

## Youth Ministry

Ongoing/Enrichment

### Basic Youth Ministry **10 hrs \$25.00**

This course has the objective of revealing the ideas presented in Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry. Renewing the Vision offers a leadership system with several roles to meet the needs of emerging leaders. The Ministry Coordinator develops the leadership system and coordinates the variety of people and programs in the overall youth ministry. The Coordination Team is usually made up of youth and adults who plan the overall youth ministry. These leaders keep their eye on the big picture and help to connect the various programs and leaders into a coordinated effort. The Program Leaders carry out specific parts of the program.

### Pastoral Care Ministry **10 hrs \$25.00**

The seminar will review scripture passages related to the healing ministry of Jesus, setting boundaries for visiting the sick and home-bound, the ritual for bringing communion to the home-bound or to persons in nursing homes and the stages of dying.

### Social Justice Ministry **10 hrs \$25.00**

This seminar begins with a definition of social justice ministry in the parish context as rooted in scripture and the baptismal call to ministry. The development and major themes of Catholic Social Teaching are presented.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Encountering Christ **3 hrs \$5.00**

During this workshop, we will explore the practical ways by which the Pastor, RCIA coordinator, RCIA Team members and Parish Leaders, will assist the candidates and catechumens on their journey to the Easter Vigil and beyond. There are many of the RCIA process areas that need to be enhanced, and this workshop will provide many practical ideas and resources. It is necessary for every RCIA coordinator and RCIA team member to attend.

### Youth Ministry II **10 hrs \$25.00** (Consists of the following 5 courses)

#### Film and Media in Youth Ministry **2 hrs \$5.00**

Film and media is an ever growing element of the new evangelization, offering powerful tools and mediums through which to reach out and convey the message of the Gospels. This course elucidates the benefits and challenges for ministry while engaging film and media as a resource. This course will also present and go over numerous and diverse Catholic resources that are currently available to potentially enhance Youth Ministries in schools and parishes around the diocese.

#### Liturgy Preparation For Youth Ministry **2 hrs \$5.00**

The main idea for this course is to present a brief



overview of the Catholic Church’s understand- ing and love for liturgy. This will be done to set the foundations for a more specific conversation regarding proper and improper liturgy in the eyes of the church and how to prepare and incorporate the youth faithful into full participation of worship and liturgical services.

**Retreats for Youth Ministry 2 hrs \$5.00**

In light of our youths’ ever growing need for spir- itual reflection and private personal development towards Christ, retreats are the perfect medium to provide such progress in their lives. Retreats are therefore an integral part of the new evangelization and the call to constant conversion. This course is about conveying the nature and purpose of retreats and addressing questions concerning how to use retreats in youth ministry effectively to bring our faithful youth ever closer to Jesus Christ.

**Praise and Worship in Youth Ministry 2 hrs \$5.00**

As we look to engage our young Church, it is important to know how to use various forms of prayer to bring them into a personal encounter with the risen Lord. This course will instruct youth ministers how to use praise and worship music as a form of prayer, in both liturgical and non-liturgical settings

**Best Practices in Youth Ministry 2 hrs \$5.00**

Working in youth ministry, it is important to connect those who are veterans with those who are new to the ministry for discussions and sharing of ideas. This course allows for the sharing of ideas to best engage the teens of our diocese.

**Youth Ministry III 10 hrs \$25.00**  
(Consists of the following 5 courses)

**Introduction to Adolescent Psychology 2 hrs \$5.00**

The main idea for this course is to present a brief account of developmental psychology to aide ministers in reaching out to the youth faithful as well as to better prepare ministers to identify and understand general differences between normal and abnormal psychological activity in teens. This is not a course geared at turning youth ministers

into psychologists, but one that is meant to aide ministers in identifying basic issues that may need professional attention in the youth, how to appro- priately deal with minor or major psychological outbursts professionally and lovingly, as well as to provide basic understanding of the neurological and cognitive functions of teenagers so ministers can more appropriately meet their needs.

**Using the Bible in Youth Ministry 2 hrs \$5.00**

Within the Catholic Church’s obligation to spread the Good News is the responsibility to bring the Gospel to the youth of our diocese. This course is meant to be a presentation and conversation on how to integrate the rich and beautiful Catholic tradition of sacred scripture into the hearts of the young faithful in our care. This course will review basic Catholic teaching regarding the Bible and discuss ways to get the youth faithful to seriously engage, read, and integrate the Bible into their per- sonal lives. Different methods on how to achieve this will be presented and discussed.

**Preparing Teens for Confirmation 2 hrs \$5.00**

In this session, we will look at the best methods on how to ensure that the confirmation candidates are ready to complete their initiation to the Catholic Church. In addition, resources will be shared to show the different available teaching aids for this important moment in a young person’s life.

**Adolescent Development & Culture 2 hrs \$5.00**

In this session, we will look at the various devel- opmental needs and generational characteristics of younger and older adolescents. Who are the youth we serve? What do they value? We will explore some of the findings of the National Study of Youth & Religion (NSYR) as well as additional research.

**Theology of the Body for Teens 2 hrs \$5.00**

“The Theology of the Body” presents a magnificent vision of the human person. In this talk we will investigate Saint John Paul II’s catechesis which is centered on the human person, understood within the mystery of Christ. Going back to the bibli- cal ‘beginning’ as recorded in Genesis, the Pope discusses the bodily dimension of human person-

hood, sexuality, and marriage in the light of biblical revelation. Starting from three primordial human experiences –original solitude, original unity, and original nakedness- he outlines a theology of the nuptial meaning of the body. A key theme is the communion of persons, a reflection of the Trinity. The Pope also considers the meaning of chastity

for the sake of the kingdom.” (John Paul II. Theology of the Body: Human Love in the Divine Plan. Boston: Pauline Books and Media, 1997. Book Jacket.) This course is adapted for and designed to present the main ideas of Theology of the Body for ministry with teenagers.

## Marriage, Family Life, Respect Life Education

Ongoing/Enrichment

### Gospel of Life **5 hrs \$10.00**

“Man is called to a fullness of life which far exceeds the dimensions of his earthly existence, because it consists in sharing the very life of God.” This course offers participants an opportunity to look at one of St. John Paul II key encyclicals, *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life). This encyclical is a “pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life!” The Gospel of Life, which is inseparable from the entire Gospel of Christ, is fundamental to the Church’s mission to the world. This course examines the roots of human violence. It reviews the history of man created in the image of God. Using the encyclical as a guide, participants will address specific actions against life such as abortion, euthanasia and the death penalty.

### Introduction to Baptism **2 hrs \$5.00**

This workshop offers training and resources that can be utilized in parish baptismal preparation programs. This workshop focuses on the Theology of Baptism, the Rite of Baptism and models for parents’ sessions. Individuals will have opportunity to engage in conversation with people from other parishes and deaneries and see what they are doing, as well as preview a sample PowerPoint presentation participants can start using at their local parishes.

### Marriage Ministry Overview **2 hrs \$5.00**

This course will provide the opportunity for married couples to acquire the necessary skills to become Pre-Cana ministers. It will cover topics such as Communication in Marriage, Conflict Resolution, Morality and Decision Making, Living the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, Children: The Gift of New Life and Sexual Intimacy. Participants will learn the requirements for Marriage in our diocese, as well as a basic Wedding Liturgy Planning. This course is open to couples already involved in Marriage Preparation Ministry at the diocesan or parish level, as well as married couples recommended by their pastor for this specific ministry.

### Introduction to Natural Family Planning **2 hrs \$5.00**

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is an umbrella term for certain methods used to achieve and avoid pregnancies. NFP reflects the dignity of the human person within the context of marriage and family life, promotes openness to life, and recognizes the value of the child. By respecting the love-giving and life-giving natures of marriage, NFP can enrich the bond between husband and wife. This course will present the myths and realities of Natural Family Planning.

### Sexuality in Marriage and Natural Family Planning **2 hrs \$5.00**

The course will examine the sexuality within marriage. It will go the Church’s teaching and history of Natural Family Planning. It will examine the Church’s views on contraception from a historical perspective, using especially Blessed Paul VI



encyclical *Humanae Vitae* and St. John Paul II Apostolic Exhortation *Familiaris Consortio*. This course presents what does the Church teach about married love and how does it relate to Natural Family Planning.

**Spirituality of the Married Couple 2 hrs \$5.00**

“Spirituality” is a way to live out one’s religious beliefs. A spirituality of marriage, therefore, is a way

to help husbands and wives live out the vocation of marriage in light of faith. This course will present a distinctive marital spirituality that is sacramental, communitarian, and missionary. A marital spirituality shows how couples reveal Christ, build community, and reach out to others in love. It is a powerful way to describe how Catholic couples live out their vocation of married life.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

**Encountering Christ 3 hrs \$5.00**

During this workshop, we will explore the practical ways by which the Pastor, RCIA coordinator, RCIA Team members and Parish Leaders, will

assist the candidates and catechumens on their journey to the Easter Vigil and beyond. There are many of the RCIA process areas that need to be enhanced, and this workshop will provide many practical ideas and resources. It is necessary for every RCIA coordinator and RCIA team member to attend.

**For All Catechetical Leaders**

Ongoing/Enrichment

**Leadership Qualities and Management Skills in an Age of Technology 5 hrs \$10.00**

This course will help identify the context of rapid technological advances in the Third Millennium. You will explore what a Catechetical Leader needs to know about technology. We will present five key aspects of a competent leadership, and identify and select ten of the most important leadership qualities and management skills for a Catechetical Leader.

**Forming a Vision of Catechesis Through the Lens of Evangelization 5 hrs \$10.00**

In this course, we will review the meaning of Evangelization and explore the relationship between evangelization and catechesis. We will identify some of the challenges of “changing parishes” for pastors and their catechetical Leaders, and discern and formulate components for a renewed model of an evangelizing catechesis in parish life and worship.

**Appreciating Culture and Diversity in Families and in Parish Life 5 hrs \$10.00**

In this course, we will identify what is meant by culture. Culture defines the values, beliefs and traditions and ways of life of a group of people in a particular time and place. We will identify some of the implications of diversity. Diversity is the condition of having or being composed of differing elements or characteristics. We will suggest ways the Catechetical Leaders can support the evangelizing role of family life and culture.



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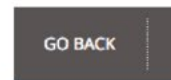
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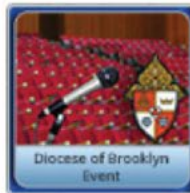
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RCIA Course - Welcome	8/15/2014	77.8m			100%	
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8/9/2015	144.7m	20%	20%	100%	

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Faith Foundations (Public)	01/02/2013	12/15/2014	✓
1st Grade: Our Heavenly Father (Rv4)	09/21/2015	09/08/2015	✓
1st Grade: Our Heavenly Father (Rv4)	08/22/2012	09/08/2015	✓
3rd Grade: Our Life with Jesus (Rv4)	08/22/2012	12/03/2014	✓

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# School of Evangelization Calendar

## SEPTEMBER 2016 THROUGH JUNE 2017

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EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative Orientation	Thursday, September 8, 2016	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Session One: New or First Year Catechetical Leaders (choose one of two)	Thursday, September 8, 2016	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Diocesan Offices 310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn
Session One: New or First Year Catechetical Leaders (choose one of two)	Friday, September 9, 2016	10:30 am – 1:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Year of Mercy Youth Rally	Friday, September 9, 2016	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	St Gerard Majella Church, Queens
ARISE: Together in Christ Sign up Sunday	Sunday, September 11, 2016	To Be Announced By Individual Parishes	Parishes
Catechetical Summit for All Pastors and Directors/Coordinators with Bishop DiMarzio	Monday, September 12, 2016	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Holy Hour	Friday, September 16, 2016	7:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Most Precious Blood Church, Brooklyn
Catechetical Sunday Catechetical Year begins today	Sunday, September 18, 2016	To Be Announced By Individual Parishes	Parishes
ARISE: Together in Christ Sign up Sunday	Sunday, September 18, 2016	To Be Announced By Individual Parishes	Parishes
Fall Youth and Young Adult Ministers Convocation	Monday, September 19, 2016	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Annual CYO Parish Athletic Representative Meeting	Monday, September 19, 2016	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
SOE Instructors Meeting	Monday, September 19, 2016	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center Douglaston
Opening Service For College Campus Ministries	Tuesday, September 27, 2016	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Cathedral Basilica of St. James, Brooklyn
Youth Leadership Day	Saturday, October 1, 2016	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Church, Jamaica
Annual Marriage Ministry Convocation	Wednesday, October 5, 2016	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative Monthly Meeting	Thursday, October 6, 2016	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Young Adult Year of Mercy Pilgrimage of Brooklyn	Saturday, October 15, 2016	9:00 am – 5:00 pm Mass	Various Locations in Brooklyn
Theology on Tap	Monday, October 17, 2016	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Donovan's, Queens
Catholic High School Meeting	Tuesday, October 18, 2016	3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston



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Enriching Confirmation Parish Leadership Team Conference	Tuesday, October 18, 2016	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Catholic High School Meeting	Wednesday, October 19, 2016	3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Diocesan Office 310 Prospect Park West
Confirmation Retreat	Friday, October 21, 2016	4:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Holy Hour	Friday, October, 21, 2016	7:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Leadership Conference	Saturday, October 22, 2016	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Theology on Tap	Monday, October 24, 2016	7:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Donovan's, Queens
Special Needs Religious Education Conference	Thursday, October 27, 2016	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Confirmation Retreat	Friday, October 28, 2016	8:30 am – 2:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative Training Session One	Saturday, October 29, 2016	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Fall Brooklyn Catholic High School Rally	Friday, November 4, 2016	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Ss. Simon and Jude Church, Brooklyn
Fall Brooklyn Catholic Youth Day	Saturday, November 5, 2016	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Ss. Simon and Jude Church, Brooklyn
Annual Lay Ministry Fundraiser	Saturday, November 5, 2016	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Dyker Beach Golf Club, Brooklyn
Theology on Tap	Tuesday, November 8, 2016	7:30 pm – 10:00 pm	To Be Announced
Fall Catechetical Leaders Update Meeting (choose one of three)	Monday, November 14, 2016	10:30 am – 1:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Fall School/Academy Religion Coordinators Meeting	Monday, November 14, 2016	4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Fall Catechetical Leaders Update Meeting (choose one of three)	Monday, November 14, 2016	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Fall School/Academy Religion Coordinators Meeting	Tuesday, November 15, 2016	4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Diocesan Offices 310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn
Fall Catechetical Leaders Update Meeting (choose one of three)	Tuesday, November 15, 2016	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Diocesan Offices 310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn
Theology on Tap	Tuesday, November 15, 2016	7:30 pm – 10:00 pm	To Be Announced
Holy Hour	Friday, November 18, 2016	7:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Most Precious Blood Church, Brooklyn
Fourth Annual Evangelization Congress	Saturday, November 19, 2016	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	St. Francis Preparatory High School, Queens
Joint Diocesan Jornada Thanksgiving Mass and Celebration	Wednesday, November 23, 2016	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Transfiguration Church, Brooklyn
Advent Reflection	Tuesday, November 29, 2016	4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston





EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Advent Reflection	Tuesday, November 29, 2016	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Advent Evening of Prayer	Tuesday, December 6, 2016	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative Monthly Meeting	Tuesday, December 13, 2016	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Confirmation Retreat	Friday, December 16, 2016	4:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Holy Hour	Friday, December 16, 2016	7:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
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Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative Training Session Two	Saturday, January 7, 2017	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Session Two: New or First Year Catechetical Leaders (choose one of two)	Monday, January 9, 2017	10:30 am – 1:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Session Two: New or First Year Catechetical Leaders (choose one of two)	Tuesday, January 10, 2017	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Diocesan Offices 310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn
Winter Brooklyn Catholic Youth Day	Saturday, January 21, 2017	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	St. Margaret Church, Queens
Special Needs Religious Education Conference	Thursday, January 26, 2017	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	St Brendan Church, Brooklyn
March for Life	Thursday, January 26 to Friday, January 27, 2017		Washington, D.C.
Winter Convocation for Youth Ministry	Tuesday, January 31, 2017	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Ss. Simon and Jude Church, Brooklyn
Second Annual Men's Conference	Saturday, February 11, 2017	10:00 am – 3:30 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Holy Hour	Friday, February 17, 2017	7:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Most Precious Blood Church, Brooklyn
Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative Monthly Meeting	Tuesday, February 23, 2017	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	To Be Announced
Lay Ministry Weekend Conference	Saturday, February 25, 2017	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	St. Andrew Avellino Church Queens
Lay Ministry Weekend Local Parish Celebration	Saturday, February 25 to Sunday, February 26, 2017		Local Parishes
Fourth Annual Women's Conference	Saturday, March 4, 2017	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Rite of Election Adapted for Children	Saturday, March 4, 2017	2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Cathedral-Basilica of St. James, Brooklyn
Rite of Election for Adults	Sunday, March 5, 2017	2:00 pm and 4:30 pm	Former Bishop Ford High School, Brooklyn

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Downstate NY Youth Minister Training Day	Saturday, March 11, 2017	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	To Be Announced
Winter School/Academy Religion Coordinators Meeting	Monday, March 13, 2017	4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Diocesan Offices 310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn
Winter Catechetical Leaders Update Meeting (choose one of three)	Monday, March 13, 2017	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Diocesan Offices 310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn
Winter Catechetical Leaders Update Meeting (choose one of three)	Tuesday, March 14, 2017	10:30 am – 1:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Winter School/Academy Religion Coordinators Meeting	Tuesday, March 14, 2017	4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Winter Catechetical Leaders Update Meeting (choose one of three)	Tuesday, March 14, 2017	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Lenten Reflection	Thursday, March 16, 2017	4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Most Precious Blood Church, Brooklyn
Lenten Reflection	Thursday, March 16, 2017	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Most Precious Blood Church, Brooklyn
Holy Hour	Friday, March 17, 2017	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center Douglaston
Spring Brooklyn Catholic Youth College Night	Sunday, March 19, 2017	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	St. Thomas Moore Chapel at St. John's University
24 Hours for the Lord Vatican Event: Diocesan and Local Observances including Family Day	Friday, March 24 to Saturday, March 25	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
Religious Education Assessment Period Year Three Group	Saturday, March 25 through Saturday, April 8, 2017	To Be Announced Locally	Year Three Parishes and Schools/Academies
Spring Brooklyn Catholic High School Rally	Friday, March 31, 2017	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Spring Brooklyn Catholic Youth Day	Saturday, April 1, 2017	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Eighth Annual Catechetical Gathering	Thursday, April 6, 2017	4:00 pm – 6:30 pm	St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church Queens
Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative Monthly Meeting	Thursday, April 6, 2017	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	To Be Announced
Holy Hour	Friday, April 21, 2017	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Most Precious Blood Church, Brooklyn
Mass of the Neophytes and Candidates with Conference	Saturday, May 6, 2017	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	To Be Announced
Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative Monthly Meeting	Tuesday, May 16, 2017	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	To Be Announced
Annual Diocesan Recognition Mass and Commissioning Celebration	Thursday, May 18, 2017	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	St. Nicholas of Tolentine, Queens (tentative)
Holy Hour	Friday, May, 19, 2017	7:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston



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Wedding Anniversary Mass	Saturday, May 20, 2017	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative Training Session Three	Saturday, May 20, 2017	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
Catholic High School Confirmation	Sunday, May 21, 2017	2:30 pm -4:00 pm	Holy Family Church, Queens
Second Annual Diocesan Religion Bee Finals Final Round	Tuesday, May 23, 2017	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
CYO Hall of Fame Mass, Dinner, and Induction Ceremony	Friday, June 2, 2017	6:00 pm – 12:00 am	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston
NY State (Region 2) Youth Minister Retreat Sunday,	Friday, June 2 to June 4, 2017		To Be Announced
Catholic High School Confirmation	Sunday, June 04, 2017	11:00 am – 12:30am	Cathedral- Basilica of St. James, Brooklyn
Catholic High School Professional Development Day	Tuesday, June 13, 2017	8:30 am – 3:00 pm	To Be Announced
Catechetical Leaders Retreat	Wednesday, June 14 and Thursday, June 15, 2017	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
Steubenville NYC Conference	Friday, July 21 to Sunday, July 23, 2017	To Be Announced	St. John's University, Flushing

## Pre-Cana Schedule

**SEPTEMBER 2016** Go to [www.pre-cana.org](http://www.pre-cana.org) to register.

QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      St. Joan of Arc                      82-00 35 Avenue, Jackson Heights NY 11372                      September 9 and 10                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Diocesan Offices                      310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215                      September 9 and 10                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Astoria                      23-25 Newton Avenue, Astoria NY 11102                      September 16 and 17                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Diocesan Offices                      310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215                      September 16 and 17                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Pre-Cana catolica (Español)</b>                      Presentation of the B.V.M.                      88-19 Parsons Blvd., Jamaica NY 11432                      23 y 24 de septiembre                      Viernes: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Sabado: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Remarriage Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Diocesan Offices                      310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215                      September 16 and 17                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>

QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Interfaith Pre-Cana (English)</b> Immaculate Conception Center 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11375 September 23 and 24 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b> Diocesan Offices 310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215 September 23 and 24 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b> Immaculate Conception Center 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11375 September 30 and October 1 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b> Mary Queen of Heaven 1395 East 56 Street, Brooklyn NY 11234 September 30 and October 1 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b> Diocesan Offices 310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215 September 30 and October 1 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>

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QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English) – 4 Tuesday Evenings</b> St. Elizabeth 94-20 85 Street, Ozone Park, Queens 11416 October 4, 11, 18, &amp; 25 Tuesdays: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Polski Przygotowawczy do Malzenstwa</b> Our Lady of Czestochowa – St. Casimir 183 25th Street, Brooklyn NY 11232 01 pazdziernika Sobota : 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English) – 4 Wednesday Evenings</b> St. Sebastian 39-60 57 Street, Woodside NY 11377 October 5, 12, 16, &amp; 26 Wednesdays: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English) – 4 Tuesday Evenings</b> SS. Simon and Jude 185 Van Sicklen Street, Brooklyn NY 11315 October 4, 11, 18, &amp; 25 Tuesdays: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b> Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Astoria 23-25 Newton Avenue, Astoria NY 11102 October 21 and 22 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b> Diocesan Offices 310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215 October 21 and 22 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>

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QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English) – 4 Wednesday Evenings</b> Resurrection – Ascension 85-18 61st Road, Rego Park, NY 11374 November 2, 9, 16, &amp; 23 Wednesdays: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English) – 4 Tuesday Evenings</b> St. Rosalia 63-01 14 Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11219 November 1, 8, 15, &amp; 22 Tuesdays: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM</p>



QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Pre-Cana catolica (Español)</b>                      St. Joan of Arc                      82-00 35 Avenue, Jackson Heights NY 11372                      4 y 5 de noviembre                      Viernes: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Sabado: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Diocesan Offices                      310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215                      November 4 and 5                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Interfaith Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Immaculate Conception Center                      7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11375                      November 4 and 5                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Pre-Cana catolica (Español)</b>                      St. Finbar                      138 Bay 20th Street, Brooklyn NY 11214                      4 y 5 de noviembre                      Viernes: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Sabado: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Remarriage Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Mary's Nativity                      46-02 Parsons Blvd., Flushing, NY 11355                      November 18 and 19                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Polski Przygotowawczy do Malzenstwa</b>                      St. Stanislaus Kostka                      607 Humboldt Ave., Brooklyn NY 11211                      05 listopad                      Sobota : 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Immaculate Conception Center                      7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11375                      November 18 and 19                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      St. Finbar                      138 Bay 20th Street, Brooklyn NY 11214                      November 18 and 19                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Diocesan Offices                      310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215                      November 18 and 19                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>

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QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Immaculate Conception Center                      7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11375                      December 2 and 3                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Diocesan Offices                      310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215                      December 2 and 3                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Immaculate Conception Center                      7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11375                      December 9 and 10                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Diocesan Offices                      310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215                      December 9 and 10                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>



QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b> Immaculate Conception Center 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11375 December 16 and 17 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Pre-Cana catolica (Espanol)</b> Transfiguration 263 Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11211 16 y 17 de diciembre Viernes: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Sabado: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Polski Przygotowawczy do Malzenstwa</b> Holy Cross 61-21 56 Road, Maspeth NY 11378 03 grudnia Sobota : 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b> Diocesan Offices 310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215 December 16 and 17 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>

**JANUARY 2017** Go to [www.pre-cana.org](http://www.pre-cana.org) to register.

QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b> Immaculate Conception Center 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11375 January 20 and 21 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b> Transfiguration 263 Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11211 January 6 and 7 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Interfaith Pre-Cana (English)</b> Immaculate Conception Center 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11375 January 27 and 28 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b> Diocesan Offices 310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215 January 6 and 7 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Pre-Cana catolica (Espanol)</b> Presentation of the B.V.M. 88-19 Parsons Blvd., Jamaica NY 11432 27 y 28 de enero Viernes: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Sabado: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b> Diocesan Offices 310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215 January 20 and 21 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>

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QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English) – 4 Wednesday Evenings</b> Resurrection – Ascension 85-18 61st Road, Rego Park, NY 11374 February 1, 8, 15, 22 Wednesdays: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Interfaith Pre-Cana (English)</b> Diocesan Offices 310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215 February 3 and 4 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b> Immaculate Conception Center 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11375 February 3 and 4 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	



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QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Immaculate Conception Center                      7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11375                      March 10 and 11                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Interfaith Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Diocesan Offices                      310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215                      March 3 and 4                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Pre-Cana catolica (Español)</b>                      St. Anthony of Padua                      135 Avenue &amp; 128 Street South, Ozone Park, NY 11420                      10 y 11 de marzo                      Viernes: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Sabado: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Remarriage Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Diocesan Offices                      310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215                      March 10 and 11                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Polski Przygotowawczy do Malzenstwa</b>                      Our Lady of Consolation                      184 Metropolitan Ave., Brooklyn NY 11211                      11 marca                      Sobota : 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Brooklyn                      275 North 8th Street, Brooklyn NY 11211                      March 17 and 18                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Immaculate Conception Center                      7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11375                      March 24 and 25                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Diocesan Offices                      310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215                      March 31 and April 1                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>

**APRIL 2017** Go to [www.pre-cana.org](http://www.pre-cana.org) to register.

QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English) 4 Tuesday Evenings</b>                      Mary's Nativity                      46-02 Parsons Blvd., Flushing, NY 11355                      April 4, 11, 18, 25                      Tuesday: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English) – 4 Tuesday Evenings</b>                      St. Rosalia                      63-01 14 Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11219                      April 4, 11, 18, 25                      Tuesdays: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English) – 4 Wednesday Evenings</b>                      St. Sebastian                      39-60 57 Street, Woodside NY 11377                      April 5, 12, 19, 26                      Wednesdays: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Diocesan Offices                      310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215                      April 7 and 8                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Pre-Cana catolica (Español)</b>                      St. Joan of Arc                      82-00 35 Avenue, Jackson Heights NY 11372                      7 y 8 de abril                      Viernes: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Sabado: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Pre-Cana catolica (Español)</b>                      Transfiguration                      263 Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11211                      7 y 8 de abril                      Viernes: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Sabado: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>

QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English) – 4 Tuesday Evenings</b>                      St. Elizabeth                      94-20 85 Street, Ozone Park, Queens 11416                      April 11, 18, 25, and May 2                      Tuesdays: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Diocesan Offices                      310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215                      April 21 and 22                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Immaculate Conception Center                      7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11375                      April 21 and 22                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Diocesan Offices                      310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215                      April 28 and 29                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Immaculate Conception Center                      7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11375                      April 28 and 29                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      St. Finbar                      138 Bay 20th Street, Brooklyn NY 11214                      April 28 and 29                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>

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QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Immaculate Conception Center                      7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11375                      May 5 and 6                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Diocesan Offices                      310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215                      May 5 and 6                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Pre-Cana catolica (Español)</b>                      St. Joan of Arc                      82-00 35 Avenue, Jackson Heights NY 11372                      5 y 6 de mayo                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Polski Przygotowawczy do Małżeństwa</b>                      St. Stanislaus Kostka                      607 Humboldt Ave., Brooklyn NY 11211                      06 maja                      Sobota : 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Remarriage Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Astoria                      23-25 Newton Avenue, Astoria NY 11102                      May 5 and 6                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Interfaith Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Diocesan Offices                      310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215                      May 12 and 13                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English) – 4 Wednesday Evenings</b>                      Resurrection – Ascension                      85-18 61st Road, Rego Park, NY 11374                      May 10, 17, 24, and 31                      Wednesdays: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Diocesan Offices                      310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215                      May 12 and 13                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>



QUEENS	BROOKLYN
	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      St. Finbar                      138 Bay 20th Street, Brooklyn NY 11214                      May 12 and 13                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
	<p><b>Pre-Cana catolica (Español)</b>                      St. Finbar                      138 Bay 20th Street, Brooklyn NY 11214                      19 y 20 de mayo                      Viernes: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Sabado: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>

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QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Immaculate Conception Center                      7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11375                      June 2 and 3                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Diocesan Offices                      310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215                      June 2 and 3                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Remarriage Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Mary's Nativity                      46-02 Parsons Blvd., Flushing, NY 11355                      June 2 and 3                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English) – 4 Tuesday Evenings</b>                      SS. Simon and Jude                      185 Van Sicklen Street, Brooklyn NY 11315                      June 6, 13, 20, 27                      Tuesdays: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Pre-Cana catolica (Español) – 4 martes por la tarde</b>                      Mary's Nativity                      46-02 Parsons Blvd., Flushing NY 11355                      6, 13, 20, 27 de junio                      Martes: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Interfaith Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Diocesan Offices                      310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215                      June 9 and 10                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English) – 4 Wednesdays Evenings</b>                      Resurrection – Ascension                      85-18 61st Road, Rego Park, NY 11374                      June 7, 14, 21, 28                      Wednesdays: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Diocesan Offices                      310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215                      June 16 and 17                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Immaculate Conception Center                      7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11375                      June 9 and 10                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>                      Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Brooklyn                      275 North 8th Street, Brooklyn NY 11211                      June 16 and 17                      Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM                      Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>

QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Pre-Cana catolica (Español)</b> St. Anthony of Padua 135 Avenue &amp; 128 Street South, Ozone Park, NY 11420 9 y 10 de junio Viernes: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Sabado: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b> Diocesan Offices 310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215 June 9 and 10 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b> Immaculate Conception Center 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11375 June 16 and 17 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Polski Przygotowawczy do Malzenstwa</b> St. Frances de Chantal 1273 58th Street, Brooklyn NY 11211 17 czerwca Sobota : 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Pre-Cana catolica (Español)</b> Presentation of the B.V.M. 88-19 Parsons Blvd., Jamaica NY 11432 16 y 17 de junio Viernes: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Sabado: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b> Diocesan Offices 310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215 June 23 and 24 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b> Immaculate Conception Center 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11375 June 23 and 24 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	

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QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b> Immaculate Conception Center 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11375 July 7 and 8 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b> Diocesan Offices 310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215 July 7 and 8 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Interfaith Pre-Cana (English)</b> Immaculate Conception Center 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11375 July 14 and 15 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b> Diocesan Offices 310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215 July 21 and 22 Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>





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QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>            Mary's Nativity            46-02 Parsons Blvd., Flushing, NY 11355            August 4 and 5            Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM            Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>            Diocesan Offices            310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215            August 11 and 12            Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM            Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>            Immaculate Conception Center            7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11375            August 11 and 12            Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM            Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Catholic Pre-Cana (English)</b>            Diocesan Offices            310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215            August 25 and 26            Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM            Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Remarriage Pre-Cana (English)</b>            Immaculate Conception Center            7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11375            August 18 and 19            Friday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM            Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>	

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**SEPTEMBER 2016** Go to [www.bqonlineinformation.org](http://www.bqonlineinformation.org) to register.

QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Foundations for Ministry in Spanish</b> St. Teresa Parish <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i> \$55.00 (20 hrs) September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, November 2, 9, 16, 30, December 7 7:15pm-9:15pm</p>	<p><b>Foundations for Ministry in Spanish</b> St. Matthew <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i> \$55.00 (20 hrs) September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, November 3, 10, 17, December 1, 15 7:15pm-9:15pm</p>
<p><b>Foundations for Ministry in English</b> Resurrection-Ascension Parish <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i> \$55.00 (20 hrs) September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 9, 16, 30, December 7 7:15pm-9:15pm</p>	<p><b>Foundations for Ministry in English</b> St. Matthew Parish <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i> \$55.00 (20 hrs) September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, November 3, 10, 17, December 1, 15 7:15pm-9:15pm</p>
<p><b>Introduction to Catechesis in English</b> 5 hrs FREE <i>Initial</i> Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston TBA September 27 &amp; October 4 6:30pm-9:00pm</p>	<p><b>Foundations for Ministry in Creole</b> St. Matthew Parish <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i> \$55.00 (20 hrs) September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, November 3, 10, 17, December 1, 15 7:15pm-9:15pm</p>
<p><b>Introduction to Catechesis in Spanish</b> 5 hrs FREE <i>Initial</i> Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston TBA September 27 &amp; October 4 6:30pm-9:00pm</p>	<p><b>Introduction to Catechesis in English</b> 5 hrs FREE <i>Initial</i> Xaverian High School TBA September 29 &amp; October 6 6:30pm-9:00pm</p>
	<p><b>Introduction to Catechesis in Spanish</b> 5 hrs FREE <i>Initial</i> Xaverian High School TBA September 29 &amp; October 6 6:30pm-9:00pm</p>

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QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Prayer</b> 10 hrs \$25.00 <i>Initial</i> Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Sr. Virginia Barry, C.S.J., M.A. October 4, 11, 18, 25 4:00pm-6:30pm</p>	<p><b>Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy</b> 10 hrs \$25.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i> Ss. Simon and Jude Parish Dcn. Christopher Wagner, M.A. October 5, 12, 19, 26 4:00pm-6:30pm</p>



QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Gospel of Life</b>                      5 hrs \$10.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston                      Christian Rada, M.A.                      October 6 &amp; 13                      7:00pm-9:30pm</p>	<p><b>Morality</b>                      10 hrs \$25.00 <i>Initial</i>                      Holy Name Parish                      Rev. Ray Basilious, Ph.D.                      October 6, 13, 20, 27                      6:00pm-8:30pm</p>
<p><b>Basic Youth Ministry Training</b>                      10 hrs \$25.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      Holy Child Jesus Parish                      James Walters, Ph.D.                      October 6, 13, 20, 27                      7:00pm-9:30pm</p>	
<p><b>Parables of Mercy</b>                      5 hrs \$10.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      St. Robert Bellarmine Parish                      Rev. William McLaughlin, M.Div., M.A.                      October 17 &amp; 24                      4:00pm-6:30pm</p>	
<p><b>Enriching Confirmation Parish Leadership Team Conference</b>                      2 hrs \$10.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      \$15.00 at the door                      Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston                      October 18                      7:00pm-9:00pm</p>	
<p><b>El Evangelio de la Vida</b>                      5 hrs \$10.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston                      Christian Rada, M.A.                      October 20 &amp; 27                      7:00pm-9:30pm</p>	
<p><b>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Leadership Team Conference</b>                      3 hrs \$10.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      \$15.00 at the door                      Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston                      October 22                      9:00am-12:00pm</p>	
<p><b>Special Needs Religious Education Conference</b>                      3 hrs \$10.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      \$15.00 at the door                      Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston                      October 27                      6:30pm-9:00pm</p>	
<p><b>CYMI Training Session 1 Overview of Youth Ministry</b>                      7 hrs FREE <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston                      October 29                      8:30am-4:00pm</p>	

QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>CYMI Training Session 1 Pastoral Care of Adolescents and their Families</b>                      7 hrs FREE <span style="float: right;"><i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i></span>                      Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston                      October 29                      8:30am-4:00pm</p>	

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QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Catholic Identity</b>                      5 hrs \$10.00 <span style="float: right;"><i>Ongoing</i></span>                      Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Academy                      TBA                      November 10 &amp; 17                      6:30pm-9:00pm</p>	<p><b>Parables of Mercy</b>                      5 hrs \$10.00 <span style="float: right;"><i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i></span>                      St. Mark Catholic Academy                      Sr. Maryann McHugh, C.S.J., M.S.                      November 9 &amp; 16                      4:00pm-6:30pm</p>
<p><b>The Gospels</b>                      5 hrs \$10.00 <span style="float: right;"><i>Enrichment</i></span>                      St. Elizabeth Parish                      Rev. Kevin Abels, M.Div.                      November 14 &amp; 21                      6:30pm-9:00pm</p>	<p><b>Self-Care of the Pastoral Minister</b>                      6 hrs \$15.00 <span style="float: right;"><i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i></span>                      Diocesan Office                      Richard Hutter, M.A.                      November 12                      9:30am-3:00pm</p>
<p><b>El Cuidado Personal del Lider Pastoral</b>                      6 hrs \$15.00 <span style="float: right;"><i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i></span>                      Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston                      Rudy Vargas, IV, D.Min.                      November 19                      9:30am-3:00pm</p>	<p><b>El Cuidado Personal del Lider Pastoral</b>                      6 hrs \$15.00 <span style="float: right;"><i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i></span>                      Diocesan Office                      Rudy Vargas, IV, D.Min.                      November 12                      9:30am-3:00pm</p>
<p><b>Self-Care of the Pastoral Minister</b>                      6 hrs \$15.00 <span style="float: right;"><i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i></span>                      Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston                      Richard Hutter, M.A.                      November 19                      9:30am-3:00pm</p>	<p><b>Catechetical Methods I</b>                      5 hrs \$10.00 <span style="float: right;"><i>Initial</i></span>                      Blessed Sacrament Parish                      Beverly Madar, M.A.                      November 15 &amp; 22                      4:00pm-6:30pm</p>
<p><b>Evangelization Congress</b>                      8 hrs \$25.00 <span style="float: right;"><i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i></span>  <b>\$35.00 at the door (materials and lunch are not guaranteed)</b>                      (St. Francis Preparatory High School                      Various Speakers and Workshops                      November 19                      8:00am-4:00pm</p>	
<p><b>Advent Reflection</b>                      2 hrs FREE <span style="float: right;"><i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i></span>                      Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston                      November 29                      4:00pm-5:30pm                      Includes Dinner from 5:30pm -6:30pm</p>	



QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Advent Reflection</b>                      2 hrs FREE <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston                      November 29                      6:30pm-8:00pm                      Includes Dinner from 5:30pm -6:30pm</p>	

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QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Church and Social Justice</b>                      5 hrs \$10.00 <i>Enrichment</i>                      Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish                      Joyce Mennona, M.A.                      December 5 &amp; 12                      4:00pm-6:30pm</p>	<p><b>Catholic Identity</b>                      5 hrs \$10.00 <i>Ongoing</i>                      St. Anselm's Catholic Academy                      Bro. Robert Duffy, O.S.F., M.S.                      December 1 &amp; 15                      6:30pm-9:00pm</p>
<p><b>Marian Spirituality</b>                      5 hrs \$10.00 <i>Enrichment</i>                      Resurrection Ascension Parish                      Dcn. Philip Franco, Ph.D.                      December 7 &amp; 14                      6:30pm-9:00pm</p>	<p><b>Catechetical Methods II</b>                      5 hrs \$10.00 <i>Ongoing</i>                      Most Precious Blood Parish                      Dcn. Christopher Wagner, M.A.                      December 6 &amp; 13                      4:00pm-6:30pm</p>

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QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Three Great Monotheisms</b>                      10 hrs \$25.00 <i>Ongoing</i>                      Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Academy                      Sr. Virginia Barry, C.S.J., M.S.                      January 4, 11, 18, 25                      4:00pm-6:30pm</p>	<p><b>Liturgy</b>                      5 hrs \$10.00 <i>Ongoing</i>                      St. Mark Catholic Academy                      Beverly Madar, M.A.                      January 10 &amp; 17                      4:00pm-6:30pm</p>
<p><b>The Revelation of God</b>                      10 hrs \$25.00 <i>Ongoing</i>                      Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Academy                      Fran DeLuca, M.S.                      January 5, 12, 19, 26                      6:30pm-9:00pm</p>	<p><b>Forming a Vision of Catechesis Through the Lens of Evangelization</b>                      5 hrs \$10.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      Ss. Simon and Jude Parish                      Christian Rada, M.A.                      January 24 &amp; 31                      4:00pm-6:30pm</p>
<p><b>CYMI Training Session 2 Planning for Renewed Efforts in Youth Ministry</b>                      7 hrs FREE <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston                      January 7                      8:30am-4:00pm</p>	<p><b>Special Needs Religious Education Conference</b>                      3 hrs \$10.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      \$15.00 at the door                      St. Brendan Parish                      January 26                      6:30pm -9:00pm</p>



QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>CYMI Training Session 2 Catechesis with Youth/ Formation in Catholic Identity</b>                      7 hrs FREE <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston                      January 7                      8:30am-4:00pm</p>	
<p><b>Spirituality of the Married Couple</b>                      2 hrs \$5.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston                      Christian Rada, M.A.                      January 25                      7:00pm-9:30pm</p>	
<p><b>Foundations for Ministry in English</b>                      St. Mary Magdalene Parish <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      20 hrs \$55.00                      January 24, 31, February 7, 28,                      March 7, 14, 28, April 4, 25, May 2                      7:15pm-9:15pm</p>	
<p><b>Foundations for Ministry in English</b>                      Holy Child Jesus Parish <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      20 hrs \$55.00                      January 26, February 2, 9, March 2, 9, 23, 30,                      April 6, 27, May 4                      7:15pm-9:15pm</p>	

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QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Catechetical Methods I</b>                      5 hrs \$10.00 <i>Initial</i>                      Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Academy                      Fran DeLuca, M.S.                      February 9 &amp; 16                      4:00pm-6:30pm</p>	<p><b>Introduction to the Bible</b>                      5 hrs \$10.00 <i>Initial</i>                      St. Matthew                      Dcn. John Cantirino, M.A.                      February 6 &amp; 13                      4:00pm-6:30pm</p>
<p><b>Men's Conference</b>                      7 hrs \$25.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>  <b>\$35.00 at the door (materials and lunch are not guaranteed)</b>                      Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston                      February 11                      8:00am-3:30pm</p>	<p><b>Parables of Mercy</b>                      5 hrs \$10.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      St. Bernadette School                      Rev. Ray Basilius, Ph.D.                      February 8 &amp; 15                      4:00pm-6:30pm</p>



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QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Women's Conference</b>                      7 hrs \$25.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>  <b>\$35.00 at the door (materials and lunch are not guaranteed)</b>                      Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston                      March 4                      8:00am-3:00pm</p>	<p><b>Catholic Spirituality</b>                      10 hrs \$25.00 <i>Ongoing</i>                      St. Matthew                      Sr. Maryann McHugh, C.S.J.                      March 8, 15, 22, 29                      6:30pm-9:00pm</p>
<p><b>Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy</b>                      10 hrs \$25.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      Holy Trinity Parish                      Sandra Jean, M.S. Ed., M.A.                      March 6, 13, 20, 27                      4:00pm-6:30pm</p>	<p><b>Gospel of Life</b>                      5 hrs \$10.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      Diocesan Offices                      Christian Rada, M.A.                      March 8 &amp; 15                      7:00pm-9:30pm</p>
<p><b>Creed</b>                      10 hrs \$25.00 <i>Initial</i>                      Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Academy                      Rev. William McLaughlin, M.Div., M.A.                      March 7, 14, 21, 28                      4:00pm-6:30pm</p>	<p><b>Lenten Reflection</b>                      2 hrs FREE <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      Most Precious Blood Parish                      March 16                      4:00pm-5:30pm                      Includes Dinner from 5:30pm -6:30pm</p>
<p><b>Oracion</b>                      10 hrs \$25.00 <i>Initial</i>                      St. Sebastian's Parish                      Juan Perez, M.A.                      March 16, 23, 30 &amp; April 6                      6:30pm-9:00pm</p>	<p><b>Lenten Reflection</b>                      2 hrs FREE <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      Most Precious Blood Parish                      March 16                      6:30pm-8:00pm                      Includes Dinner from 5:30pm -6:30pm</p>
	<p><b>El Liderazgo como Servicio</b>                      6 hrs \$15.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      Diocesan Offices                      Rosa Gomez, M.A.                      March 18                      9:30am-3:00pm</p>
	<p><b>Leadership as a Service</b>                      6 hrs \$15.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      Diocesan Offices                      Marva Chevalier, Ph.D.                      March 18                      9:30am-3:00pm</p>
	<p><b>El Evangelio de la Vida</b>                      5 hrs \$10.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>                      Diocesan Offices                      Christian Rada, M.A.                      March 22 &amp; 29                      6:30pm-9:00pm</p>

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QUEENS	BROOKLYN
<p><b>Leadership as a Service</b> 6 hrs \$15.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i> Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston Marva Chevalier, Ph.D. April 1 9:30am-3:00pm</p>	<p><b>The Organizational Leader</b> 6 hrs \$15.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i> Diocesan Offices Rev. Michael Lynch, S.T.L. April 1 9:30am-3:00pm</p>
<p><b>El Liderazgo como Servicio</b> 6 hrs \$15.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i> Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston Rosa Gomez, M.A. April 1 9:30am-3:00pm</p>	<p><b>El Liderazgo en una Organizacion</b> 6 hrs \$15.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i> Diocesan Offices Rudy Vargas, IV, D.Min. April 1 9:30am-3:00pm</p>
<p><b>Catechetical Methods II</b> 5 hrs \$10.00 <i>Ongoing</i> St. Elizabeth Parish Rev. Mark Swartzvagher April 3 &amp; 17 4:00pm-6:30pm</p>	<p><b>Marian Spirituality</b> 5 hrs \$10.00 <i>Enrichment</i> Former Immaculate Heart of Mary School Sr. Maryann McHugh, C.S.J., M.A. April 4 &amp; 11 6:30pm-9:00pm</p>
<p><b>Introduction to the Bible</b> 5 hrs \$10.00 <i>Initial</i> Holy Child Jesus Eileen Goetzger, M.A. April 5 &amp; 12 6:30pm-9:00pm</p>	<p><b>Preparando y Liderando y Rituales en la Parroquia</b> 6 hrs \$15.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i> St. Edmund Preparatory High School Dcn. Guillermo Gomez April 8 9:30am-3:00pm</p>
<p><b>Sadlier-LLF 8th Annual Gathering</b> 2 hrs FREE <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i> St. Nicholas of Tolentine TENTATIVE April 6 4:00pm-6:00pm</p>	<p><b>Preparing and Leading Prayer and Ritual in a Parish Setting</b> 6 hrs \$15.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i> St. Edmunds Prep High School Nancy Azarro, M.A. April 8 9:30am-3:00pm</p>
<p><b>The Organizational Leader</b> 6 hrs \$15.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i> Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston Sr. Angela Gannon, C.S.J., M.A. April 8 9:30am-3:00pm</p>	<p><b>Sacraments</b> 10 hrs \$25.00 <i>Initial</i> St Anselm Catholic Academy Richard Hutter, M.A. April 24, May 1, 8, 15 4:00pm-6:30pm</p>
<p><b>El Liderazgo en una Organizacion</b> 6 hrs \$15.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i> Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston Rudy Vargas, IV, D.Min. April 8 9:30am-3:00pm</p>	<p><b>Appreciating Culture and Diversity in Families and in Parish Life</b> 5 hrs \$10.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i> Former Immaculate Heart of Mary School Beverly Madar, M.A. April 25 &amp; May 2 6:30pm-9:00pm</p>



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<p><b>Preparando y Liderando y Rituales en la Parroquia</b>            6 hrs \$15.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>            Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston            Dcn. Guillermo Gomez            April 29            9:30am-3:00pm</p>	
<p><b>Preparing and Leading Prayer and Ritual in a Parish Setting</b>            6 hrs \$15.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>            Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston            Nancy Azarro, M.A.            April 29            9:30am-3:00pm</p>	

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<p><b>Ecumenism</b>            5 hrs \$10.00 <i>Ongoing</i>            St. Robert Bellarmine Parish  <b>TBA</b>            May 4 &amp; 11            6:30pm-9:00pm</p>	<p><b>Lives of the Saints</b>            10 hrs \$25.00 <i>Ongoing</i>            St. Bernadette School            Sr. Virginia Barry, C.S.J.            May 3, 10, 17, 24            4:00pm-6:30pm</p>
<p><b>Communication Skills for Pastoral Leaders</b>            6 hrs \$15.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>            Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston            Sr. Mary Ann McHugh, C.S.J., M.S.            Sr. Alice Reichmeider, O.P.            May 13            9:30am-3:00pm</p>	<p><b>Communication Skills for Pastoral Leaders</b>            6 hrs \$15.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>            Diocesan Office            Sr. Mary Ann McHugh, C.S.J., M.S.            Sr. Alice Reichmeider, O.P.            May 6            9:30am-3:00pm</p>
<p><b>Las Habilidades de Comunicacion para Lideres Pastorales</b>            6 hrs \$15.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>            Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston            Rudy Vargas, IV, D.Min.            May 13            9:30am-3:00pm</p>	<p><b>Las Habilidades de Comunicacion para Lideres Pastorales</b>            6 hrs \$15.00 <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>            Diocesan Office            Rudy Vargas, IV, D.Min.            May 6            9:30am-3:00pm</p>
<p><b>CYMI Training Session 3 Team Building and Volunteer Management</b>            7 hrs FREE <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>            Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston            May 20            8:30am-4:00pm</p>	
<p><b>CYMI Training Session 3 Praying with Youth/            Building Community with Youth</b>            7 hrs FREE <i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i>            Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston            May 20            8:30am-4:00pm</p>	

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<p><b>CYMI Training Session 3 Concluding Seminar/Planning for Future Growth in Youth Ministry</b>  <i>PLEASE NOTE YOU CAN ONLY REGISTER FOR THIS COURSE AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED WORKSHOPS #1-8</i>                      7 hrs FREE <span style="float: right;"><i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i></span>                      Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston                      May 20                      8:30am-4:00pm</p>	
<p><b>Leadership Qualities and Management Skills in an Age of Technology</b>                      5 hrs \$10.00 <span style="float: right;"><i>Ongoing or Enrichment</i></span>                      St. Margaret Catholic Academy                      Dawn Hewitt, M.A.                      May 30 &amp; June 6                      4:00pm-6:30pm</p>	

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<p><b>Sacramentos</b>                      10 hrs \$25.00 <span style="float: right;"><i>Initial</i></span>                      Resurrection Ascension Parish                      Juan Perez, M.A.                      June 1, 8, 15, 22                      6:30pm-9:00pm</p>	

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<p><b>Morality</b>                      10 hrs \$25.00 <span style="float: right;"><i>Initial</i></span>                      Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston                      Dawn Hewitt, M.A.                      July 5 &amp; 6                      9:00am-3:00pm <span style="float: right;">BRING YOUR LUNCH</span></p>	<p><b>Creed</b>                      10 hrs \$25.00 <span style="float: right;"><i>Initial</i></span>                      Diocesan Office                      Bro. Robert Duffy, O.S.F., M.S.                      July 10 &amp; 11                      9:00am-3:00pm <span style="float: right;">BRING YOUR LUNCH</span></p>
<p><b>Sacraments</b>                      10 hrs \$25.00 <span style="float: right;"><i>Initial</i></span>                      Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston                      Sr. Marie Mackey, C.S.J., M.S., M.A.                      July 17 &amp; 18                      9:00am-3:00pm <span style="float: right;">BRING YOUR LUNCH</span></p>	<p><b>The Revelation of God</b>                      10 hrs \$25.00 <span style="float: right;"><i>Ongoing</i></span>                      Diocesan Office                      Bro. Robert Duffy, O.S.F., M.S.                      July 12 &amp; 13                      9:00am-3:00pm <span style="float: right;">BRING YOUR LUNCH</span></p>
<p><b>Catholic Spirituality</b>                      10 hrs \$25.00 <span style="float: right;"><i>Ongoing</i></span>                      Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston                      Sr. Marie Mackey, C.S.J., M.S., M.A.                      July 19 &amp; 20                      9:00am-3:00pm <span style="float: right;">BRING YOUR LUNCH</span></p>	<p><b>Prayer</b>                      10 hrs \$25.00 <span style="float: right;"><i>Initial</i></span>                      Diocesan Office                      Bro. Robert Duffy, O.S.F., M.S.                      July 24 &amp; 25                      9:00am-3:00pm <span style="float: right;">BRING YOUR LUNCH</span></p>





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### **Keith Goldberg**

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# Summary of Services Provided to Parishes and Schools/Academies

Please feel free to contact us with any questions regarding the programs and services listed. Most services are offered in English and Spanish; some are offered in additional languages.

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### Contact:

Theodore Musco  
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[tmusco@diobrook.org](mailto:tmusco@diobrook.org)

- Formation for Adults (Adult Faith Formation)
- Evangelization Initiatives:
  - ✦ *ARISE: Together in Christ*
  - ✦ *LEVANTATE: Unámonos en Cristo*
  - ✦ *Living the Eucharist*
- Formation for Catechists and Catechetical Leaders
  - ✦ *Living and Leading by Faith Catechist and Catechetical Leader Faith Formation Program (LLF)*
  - ✦ Catechetical Leaders Professional Development Program (CLPD)
  - ✦ New Catechetical Leaders Orientation Sessions
  - ✦ [MyCatholicFaithDelivered.org](http://MyCatholicFaithDelivered.org) Online Catechist Formation (MCFD)
  - ✦ Catholic Distance University Online Courses and Seminars (CDU)
  - ✦ University of Notre Dame Satellite Theological Education Program (STEP)
  - ✦ United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

- Administration of Religious Education Programs
  - ✦ *The Seed is the Word of God Curriculum, Standards, and Outcomes Guide* (revised March 2014)
  - ✦ Religious Education Assessments for Students in Grades Five and Eight
  - ✦ Parish Religious Education Program assessments and consultation
  - ✦ Religious Education Program Strategic Planning and Mission Statements
  - ✦ Program Handbook consultation
  - ✦ Confirmation Prep Program sponsored by the National Initiative on Adolescent Catechesis

## Pastoral Institute

### Contact:

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- Formation for Lay Pastoral Leaders
  - ✦ Foundations for Ministry Program (Ten Week Course)
  - ✦ Lay Ministry Program (Three Year Program)
  - ✦ Pastoral Institute Parish Liaisons
  - ✦ Pastoral Institute Scholarship Fund
- Pastoral Associates Coordination
- Masters Program Scholarship Program
- Lay Ministry Program Alumni Association



### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and RCIA Adapted for Children

**Contact:**

Joann Roa  
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- Formation for RCIA Coordinators and Teams
- Diocesan Rite of Election for Adults and Rite of Election Adapted for Children
- Parish and deanery assistance and consultation

### Marriage, Family Life & Respect Life Education

**Contact:**

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- Marriage Preparation
  - ✦ Pre-Cana classes
  - ✦ Engaged Encounter Weekends
  - ✦ FOCCUS© Pre-Marriage Inventory
  - ✦ Natural Family Planning Workshops
  - ✦ Training on the Billings Ovulation Method™
  - ✦ Theology of the Body for Adults
- Marriage Enrichment
  - ✦ Formation for Leaders of Married Couples
  - ✦ Marriage Encounter Weekends
  - ✦ Marriage Enrichment Workshops
  - ✦ Retreats/Workshops for couples and families
  - ✦ Annual World Marriage Day
  - ✦ Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration
- Marriage Support
  - ✦ *Retrouvaille* weekends for troubled marriages
  - ✦ *Beginning Experience* weekends for separated, divorced and widows/widowers
  - ✦ Referrals to Marriage and Family Counselors/Therapists

- Catechesis for Human Sexuality/Family Life Initiative for Grades Five through Eight
- Infant Baptismal Preparation training and resources
- Baptism Initiative
- Workshops on the Pastoral Care of the Family in difficult situations
- Respect Life Education training and resources
- Crisis Pregnancy resources
- Post-Abortion Ministry/Project Rachel

### Young Adults

**Contact:**

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- Formation for Coordinators of Young Adults
- *Theology on Tap*
- Monthly Mass and Fellowship
- Seasonal Bible Studies
- Highlighting Evangelization Efforts
- Midnight Run
- Days of Reflection
- World Youth Day

### Adolescent Faith Formation

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- Formation for Youth Ministers
- Diocesan Youth Day
- World Youth Day
- National Conventions

- Confirmation Retreats
- Theology of the Body workshops for teens
- Pilgrimages
- Holy Hours in collaboration with the Diocesan Vocations Office
- Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) collaboration

**Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative  
(in collaboration with the Catholic Foundation  
for Brooklyn and Queens)**

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**Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)**

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- Sports leagues and programs for parishes
- Spiritually based athletic and volunteer activities
- Spiritual growth through sportsmanship, cooperation and community
- Coach as Youth Minister; coaches workshops and clinics

**Catholic High Schools**

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- Diocesan High School Confirmation celebrations
- Staff Resource Days
- Religion Curriculum Standards and Outcomes

**Faith Formation Initiatives**

**Contact:**  
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- Parent workshops
- Religious education media resources
- First Penance, First Eucharist, and Confirmation Proximate Preparation Sessions for Candidates and Families
- Parish Crisis Management Plans review and consultation
- Multi-cultural catechesis planning and program implementation/assessment
- Pre-School catechesis planning and program implementation/assessment
- Retreats and Days of Reflection
- *ENDOW*
- *Symbolon*

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