

The Joy of Encountering Christ ~ The Family's Hope
La Alegría del Encuentro con Cristo ~ La Esperanza de la Familia



GUIDEBOOK

PROGRAMS, EVENTS, AND INITIATIVES — JANUARY 2015 THROUGH JULY 2015



School of Evangelization
ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Announcing...

The Joy of Encountering Christ – The Family's Hope

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

Pope Francis reminds us that, “To speak of Jesus, we must know him and love him.”

To Know Jesus

With the recent foundation by Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio of the School of Evangelization for 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 faith formation courses for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. In addition to the diocesan offerings found in this Guidebook, 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 Church-goers, 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.

The *Evangelization and Renewal Springboard for 2015-2018: The Joy of Encountering Christ—The Family's Hope* developed by the staff of the School of Evangelization of the Diocese of Brooklyn in collaboration with the Paulist Evangelization Ministries, is a plan that: (1) recognizes the many positive evangelization and renewal strategies and initiatives already part of diocesan and parish life in Brooklyn and Queens, and (2) provides opportunities for people to initially encounter Christ, become reunited with Him and reconnected to the Church, and finally encourage active Catholics to become missionary disciples.

During the next four years, everyone is invited to join in diocesan and parish opportunities organized to help us KNOW JESUS MORE FULLY and LOVE JESUS MORE DEEPLY. Details will be available in early 2015 and the entire *Springboard* will be found online at www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org.



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Welcome to the School of Evangelization!

Thank you for taking the time to look through this School of Evangelization *Guidebook* for the first semester of 2015. Among the many evangelization and renewal offerings already available, you'll notice a special page devoted to *The Joy of Encountering Christ — The Family's Hope* which is our *Evangelization and Renewal Springboard for 2015-2018*. What is an Evangelization and Renewal Springboard? It is a four-year effort on the part of the diocesan School of Evangelization and other diocesan offices and agencies to assist parishes, families, and individuals to grow in the knowledge and love of Christ and His Church by providing practical resources and initiatives that will serve as a "springboard" toward enhanced growth in faith. As we begin this endeavor, let us pray for one another.

Theodore J. Musco
Executive Director, School of Evangelization

Pope Saint John Paul II told the world's youth in Denver, 1993: "This is no time to be ashamed of the Gospel. It is time to preach it from the rooftops!" I was present in the stadium with a larger delegation of young people from the Diocese of Brooklyn to hear those words of the Holy Father. What struck me in that moment was that we were hearing from one of the history's great evangelists that being a Catholic means being on mission all the time in order to announce Jesus Christ and his love for us.

Saint John Paul II went on to tell us that August day in Denver never to be afraid, but rather "to break out of comfortable and routine modes of living in order to take up the challenges of making Christ known." The work of the School of Evangelization, led by competent and faithful lay evangelizers, is dedicated to developing creative programs and sponsoring events that enable Catholics and others in our community to encounter Jesus Christ and his "gospel of joy." The rich variety of offerings attest to the springtime of faith that is being felt throughout the world, from Rome to Brooklyn. May it be a rewarding spiritual harvest for all of us as well.

Very Reverend James Massa
Moderator of the Curia
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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.
Bishop of Brooklyn





Summary of Services Provided to Parishes ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀

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.

Adult Faith Formation

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- ❀ Formation for Adults (Adult Faith Formation)
- ❀ Evangelization Resources
- ❀ Formation for Catechists, Catechetical Leaders and Lay Pastoral Leaders
 - + Living and Leading by Faith Catechist Formation Program (LLF)
 - + Catechetical Leaders Professional Development Program (CLPD)
 - + New Catechetical Leaders Orientation Sessions
 - + MyCatholicFaithDelivered.org Online Catechist Formation (MCFD)
 - + Catholic Distance University Online Courses and Seminars (CDU)
 - + University of Notre Dame Satellite Theological Education Program (STEP)

Pastoral Institute

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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:

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

Marriage, Family, and Respect Life

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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 Groups
 - + 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
- ❖ Infant Baptismal Preparation training and resources
- ❖ 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

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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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- ❖ Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative in collaboration with the Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens

- ❖ Formation for Youth Ministers
- ❖ Diocesan Youth Day
- ❖ World Youth Day
- ❖ Biennial 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 Organization (CYO)

Contact:

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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



Children's Faith Formation

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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
- ❖ Special Needs Religious Education

Administration of Religious Education Programs

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- ❖ The Seed is the Word of God Curriculum, Standards, and Outcomes Guide (revised March 2014)
- ❖ Open the Doors of Faith Initiative (increasing participation in Mass and parish programs)
- ❖ Religious Education Assessments for Students in Grades Five and Eight
- ❖ Parish Religious Education Program assessments and consultation
- ❖ Catechesis for Human Sexuality/Family Life Initiative for Grades Five through Eight
- ❖ Religious Education Program Strategic Planning and Mission Statements
- ❖ Program Handbook consultation
- ❖ Confirmation Prep Program sponsored by the National Initiative on Adolescent Catechesis



Adult Faith Formation

What is Catholic Adult Faith Formation? How do we learn more about our faith and get to know Jesus and His Church better?

OVERVIEW

In *Our Hearts Were Burning With 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. A comprehensive program of adult faith formation should include a study of at least the following:

- ✦ Sacred Scripture
- ✦ Tradition
- ✦ The Creed
- ✦ Personal and Communal Prayer
- ✦ The Sacraments
- ✦ The Ten Commandments and the Eight Beatitudes
- ✦ Catholic spirituality
- ✦ Morality
- ✦ The Church's social teachings
- ✦ The structure and authority of the Church
- ✦ Church history

- ✦ Marriage and family life; single life
- ✦ Vocations
- ✦ The ecumenical movement and interreligious dialogue
- ✦ The nature of lay ministry

Catholic Women Studies Endow Groups

Mission

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."

Women and Girls

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.



Life-Transforming Faith Formation

- ✦ Comprehensive study of the faith
- ✦ Filmed on location in Rome, the Holy Land, and Calcutta
- ✦ A team of expert teachers
- ✦ Solid theology, simply explained
- ✦ Life application throughout every episode

Parish Offerings

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

ONLINE 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.

Catholic Distance University – CDU

For information and to register, go to 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/

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.

LIVING AND LEADING BY FAITH CATECHIST FORMATION PROGRAM

Guiding Statement

Catechesis is the centerpiece of a diocese’s evangelizing activities and is closely linked with all other forms of education in the faith. Effective coordination of catechesis within a diocese ensures a unified and coherent presentation of the faith.

National Directory for Catechesis, p. 253

All who administer or teach in programs of Catholic Faith Formation or in a Catholic School/Academy must be theologically prepared, spiritually mature, and skilled in the methods of religious education/formation.

Explore the website at www.bqonlineformation.org and read the *Living and Leading by Faith Catechist Formation Manual* located in the resource tab.

Diocesan Policy

Every Academy Director, 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 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 available in live or online.

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.

*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

Introduction to Parish Catechesis

5 hrs

Required for Parish Catechists

Course Description:

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

1. about the Parish Catechist
2. about the Learner
3. the Bible and the Catechist
4. spirituality of the Catechist
5. the Ministry of Catechesis

The Ministry of Catechesis

3 hrs

Required for School/Academy Catechists

Course Description:

The Ministry of Catechesis Workshop is the fifth module of the Introduction for Parish Catechists. This workshop is intended for those who are new to the ministry of catechesis or those who are in need of a review or updating in the ministry. The workshop is an opportunity to receive an overview using the PowerPoint presentation either online or in a workbook format. The catechist and his/her administrator will determine how he/she can participate. The credit given for completion of this workshop (outside of the Introduction for Parish Catechists setting) is generally 3 hours to be applied to either the Initial, Ongoing, or Enrichment Formation component (depending on one's placement in the program).



Creed Required for all Catechists **10 hrs**

Course Description:

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 to not only of the core teachings of the faith, but also why specific teachings are maintained in the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

Morality Required for all Catechists **10 hrs**

Course Description:

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.

Prayer Required for all Catechists **10 hrs**

Course Description:

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 grow closer to God.

Sacraments Required for all Catechists **10 hrs**

Course Description:

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.

Our Catholic Traditions **5 hrs**

Course Description:

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.

Introduction to the Bible **5 hrs**

Course Description:

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**

Course Description:

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).



Catechetical Methods I
5 hrs**Course Description:**

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.

"Religion" in Religious Education
3 hrs**Course Description:**

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 classroom levels in light of the Catholic Faith, with sufficient understanding of other religious' 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
3 hrs**Course Description:**

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 their calling 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.

LLF Ongoing Formation Courses

Catholic Spirituality Required for all Catechists
10 hrs**Course Description:**

The main idea for this course is to expose catechists to the historical, theological, and philosophical depth and beauty of Catholic spirituality. 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 Required for all Catechists
10 hrs**Course Description:**

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.

Old Testament Studies
10 hrs**Course Description:**

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.

New Testament Studies 10 hrs

Course Description:

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 on 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.

The Three Great Monotheisms 10 hrs

Course Description:

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

Course Description:

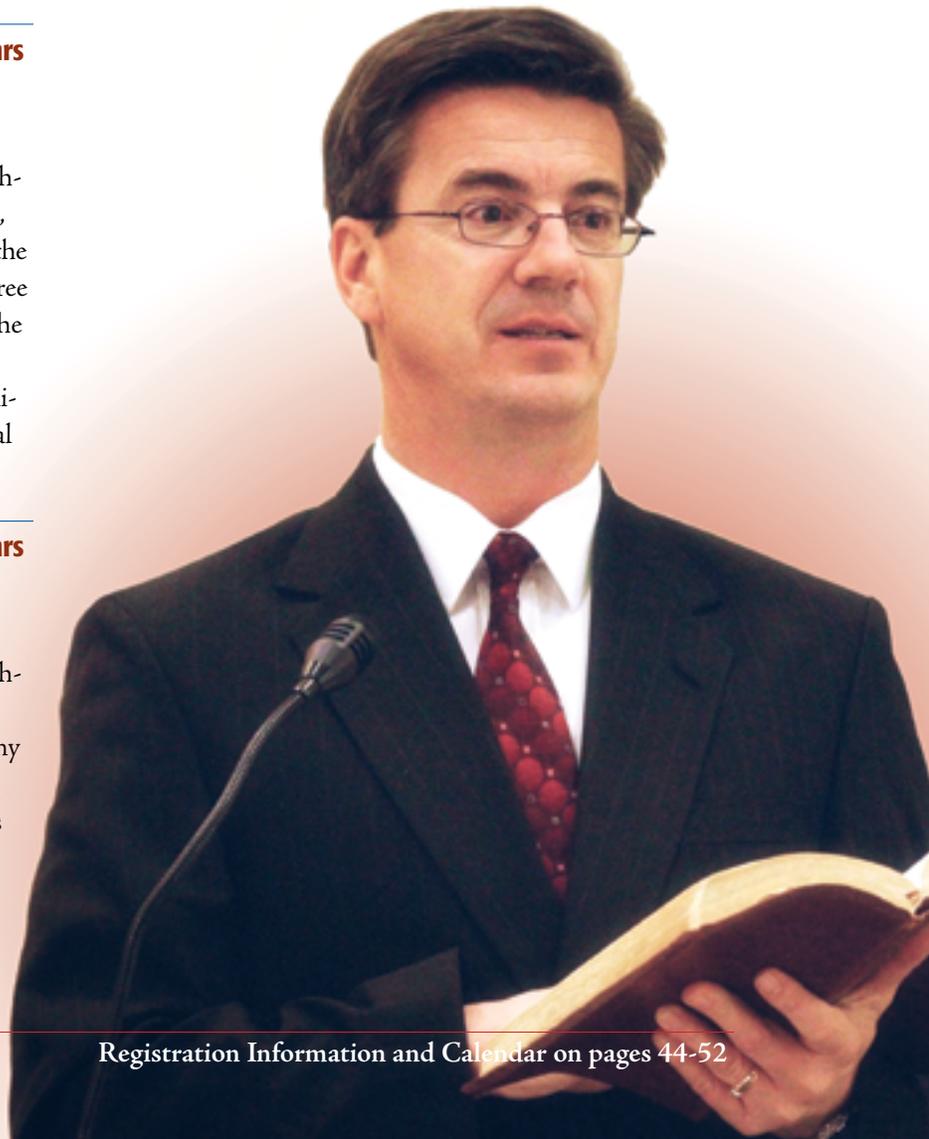
The main idea for this course is to expose catechists to the historical, theological, and philosophical depth and beauty of the lives of the Saints. Throughout the Church's 2000 year history, many men and women have gone above and beyond the call to love, holiness, and God. This course is geared to expose the great heroes and heroines of the Church and reveal them as great models for 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

Course Description:

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 Saint 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

Course Description:

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

Course Description:

“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

Course Description:

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

Course Description:

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

Course Description:

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.

Catholic Identity 3 hrs

Course Description:

“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 worldview 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.)

Youth Ministry 10 hrs

Course Description:

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 four kinds of 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.

Film and Media in Youth Ministry 3 hrs

Course Description:

Film and media is an ever growing element of the new evangelization, offering powerful tools and media 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.

Introduction to Adolescent Psychology 3 hrs

Course Description:

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 appropriately 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.

engage, read, and integrate the Bible into their personal lives. Different methods on how to achieve this will be presented and discussed.

Liturgy Preparation and Youth Ministry 3 hrs

Course Description:

The main idea for this course is to present a brief overview of the Catholic Church’s understanding and love for liturgy. This will be done so as 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 and Youth Ministry 3 hrs

Course Description:

In light of our youth’s ever growing need for spiritual 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.

The Bible and Youth Ministry 3 hrs

Course Description:

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

Theology of the Body for Teens 3 hrs

Course Description:

“The Theology of the Body presents a magnificent vision of the human person. In this talk we will investigate John Paul II’s 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, 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.

LLF Enrichment Formation Courses

Theology of the Body 10 hrs

Course Description:

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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.

Saint John Paul II **10 hrs**

Course Description:

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. Participants are urged to read along and participate in the texts as much as possible.

The Call to Holiness **10 hrs**

Course Description:

“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.

The Gospels **5 hrs**

Course Description:

The Bible is the written Word of God, divided into two main sections; the Old Testament and the New Testament. In the New Testament, we find four accounts of the life of Christ. This course provides the learner with an overview of how the four Gospels are organized and explores key Gospel themes. The learner is encouraged to read and reflect on the Gospels during and after the course.

Pastoral Apologetics II **5 hrs**

Course Description:

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 participant’s 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 of how to refute atheism with sound philosophy and common sense.

Marian Spirituality **5 hrs**

Course Description:

This course will examine Mary as Mother of God and Mother of the Church. By the example of her life, we are all urged to respond to the “universal call to holiness.” The course will also explore various aspects of Mary’s life and how the learner can develop a deeper spiritual life by following Mary’s example.



Saint Paul, Defender of the Faith
5 hr**Course Description:**

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 Saint 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 Saint Paul. This course is an overview of Saint Paul's life and writings. This course should allow learners to not only read from the Acts of the Apostles and the Pauline Epistles, but also hear current commentary on the life and teaching of Saint Paul.

Ecumenical Councils and Vatican II
5 hrs**Course Description:**

Some learners might have lived through the Vatican II years of the 1960's and 70's, but this was not the first Ecumenical Council of the Church. This course explores the reasons for Ecumenical Councils and how the Church grew, sometimes in challenging ways, as a result of them. Vatican II will be highlighted.

The Church and Social Justice
5 hrs**Course Description:**

"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)

Special Workshops

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) 10 hrs

This course is designed for those who assist in or lead the coordination of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process in their parish. An overview of the process and a detailed description of the four periods will be covered during this course. Many particulars related to the RCIA process will be discussed and individual questions will be answered as well.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Adapted for Children 10 hrs

This course is designed for those who assist in or lead the coordination of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Adapted for Children process in their parish. The Children's Catechumenate is vital to a parish's mission to build up the Body of Christ and to call even the youngest ones among us to God and His Church. Many good organizational, pastoral, and catechetical points will be covered as well as many "tips" learned from years of experience.

Catechetical Leaders and Pastoral Leaders

Foundation for Ministry Program

Ten-week, 20 hour program that is designed to meet the needs of women and men who are discerning participation in the Lay Ministry Program or who desire a basic update in theology for ministry, or for members of Parish Pastoral Councils or Parish Planning committees.

Self-Care of the Pastoral Minister

Exercises for developing behaviors and activities that foster a holistic lifestyle. Input on time-management techniques, the importance of thinking positively, and the influence of personal perceptions.



El Cuidado Personal del Líder Pastoral

Ejercicios para desarrollar comportamientos y actitudes que fomentan un estilo de vida integrada. Datos de técnicas para administración de tiempo, la importancia del pensamiento positivo, y la influencia de las percepciones personales.

The Organizational Leader

How to run effective meetings. Working with volunteers.

El Liderazgo en una Organización

Como ejecutar reuniones efectivas. Trabajando con voluntarios.

El Liderazgo como Servicio

El Liderazgo en el contexto del ministerio y de la vida parroquial incluyendo estilos de liderazgo. Los conceptos del Líder como Servidor— características y prácticas.

Leadership as Service

Leadership in the context of ministry and parish life including styles of leadership. The concepts of Servant Leadership – its characteristics and practice.

Preparing and Leading Prayer and Ritual in the Parish Setting

The basis as well as the styles of prayer experiences for group celebrations. Elements, requirements, themes, and formats including the multicultural dimension.

Preparando y Liderando Oraciones y Rituales en la Parroquia

La base, tanto como los tipos de experiencias de oración para celebraciones en grupo. Elementos, requisitos, temas y formatos, incluyendo la dimensión multicultural.

Las Habilidades de Comunicación para Líderes Pastorales

Factores que empeoran e impiden comunicación y el escuchar en contextos del ministerio. Herramientas para facilitar la sensibilidad hacia otras culturas usando el modelo de comunicación orientada al receptor.

Communications Skills for Pastoral Leaders

Factors that enhance and impede communication and listening in ministerial contexts. Tools to facilitate intercultural sensitivity in the receptor-oriented communication model.

Catechesis and Evangelization

Review the meaning of evangelization and explore the relationship between Evangelization and the Catechesis. Identify some of the challenges of “changing parishes” for pastors and their Catechetical Leaders. Discern and formulate components for a renewed model of an evangelizing catechesis in parish life and worship.

Catechesis and Cultural Realities

Identify what is meant by culture? Identify some of the implications of diversity? Suggest ways the Catechetical Leaders can support the evangelization role of family and culture.



Pastoral Institute

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

FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY PROGRAM

The ten-week, twenty-hour *Foundations for Ministry Program* is designed to meet the needs of women and men who may be discerning participation in the three-year *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.

Who is involved?

The most likely candidates for this ten-week program are those persons already involved in ministerial roles in the parish, and those discerning participation in the Pastoral Institute's *Lay Ministry Program*. Other likely candidates are parish pastoral council, finance committee and pastoral planning committee members, those who have been in ministry for a length of time and would benefit from an update in theology for ministry, and catechists seeking enrichment faith formation credits.

What is required or expected?

Each of the ten sessions follows a similar format. There is prayer, vocabulary related to the session, a class activity, small group and/or large group discussion, lecture input and wrap up of the session. At a prayer service concluding the tenth week of the program, a Certificate of Completion is given to each participant who successfully completes the program.

Participants are expected to attend class sessions regularly and on time, to read the material distributed each week, and to take part in class discussions at their comfort level. Participants may be asked to

write a brief response of several paragraphs on a topic presented in class.

How do you register?

Registration takes place online only.
Go to www.bqonlineformation.org.

Other information

The current fee for participation in the program is \$55. Financial assistance may be available.

Program Description: The *Foundations for Ministry Program* is offered in English, Spanish, Creole, Mandarin and Polish. 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

The three-year *Lay Ministry Program* prepares women and men to be volunteer pastoral leaders capable of coordinating a particular ministry in the parish as an individual or a member of a team. Serving under the direction of the pastor/administrator or parish staff member, the individual has limited program responsibility and decision-making authority. The program is offered in English and Spanish.



Who is involved?

The diocesan program for lay ministry is intended for persons who will assume leadership for a particular ministry or project on a volunteer basis. They will serve in collaboration with members of the staff in promoting the mission and vision of the parish community. Persons who complete the diocesan program are 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.

Candidates for the program must meet the following criteria:

- ❖ A fully initiated lay member (including vowed religious) of the Christian faithful who exhibits fidelity to the teachings of the Magisterium. All candidates must provide Sacramental proof (certificates) of Baptism, Confirmation, and Matrimony, where applicable, to their parish office.
- ❖ An understanding of commitment to ministry as rooted in one’s baptismal call.
- ❖ Potential for leadership in ministry and a desire to work collaboratively with clergy, religious and other lay persons.
- ❖ Willingness to participate in a background check which includes a criminal record check and sex offender registry check. There is no search regarding a person’s finances or credit standing.
- ❖ Ability to accomplish the goals of the program:
 - Human Formation* – has desire for personal growth through participation in meetings with an assigned mentor, discernment of one’s gifts for ministry and learning to balance time between ministerial and personal commitments.
 - Spiritual Formation* – is willing to participate in shared prayer and group reflection; understands

the significance of spiritual formation for effective parish ministry.

Intellectual Formation – has the language and writing skills (English or Spanish) to accomplish course work at the first year of the college level.

Pastoral Formation – demonstrates ability to develop the skills and competencies that are needed for a particular ministry and able to function in a public ministerial role.

- ❖ An openness to personal transformation and on-going human development.
- ❖ A relational stance that enables her/him to dialogue with others.
- ❖ Commitment to attendance at classes and Days of Reflection, and to fulfilling the requirements of the program.

What is required or expected?

Orientation

An Orientation consisting of two sessions takes place at the beginning of the first semester. The general information as well as the prayer and learning opportunities that are provided at these sessions set the foundation for successful participation in the *Lay Ministry Program*. Therefore, participation is mandatory with exceptions made only for the direst of situations.

Spiritual Formation

The Days of Reflection, Theological Reflection sessions and Elements of Spiritual Direction sessions are an integral part of the formation program. Therefore, all participants are required to attend these gatherings.

Mentoring Process

Each participant is assigned a mentor from the parish staff or another person delegated by them. The pastor also has the option of selecting a commissioned pastoral leader as a mentor. Meeting with the mentor once each semester is required.



Academic Component – Theology

To fulfill its goal of preparing women and men to assume a leadership role in a parish or agency of the diocese, the Pastoral Institute maintains the following requirements for the theology components of the program.

Consistent class attendance: If half of the sessions for a given course are missed, the participant will repeat that course the next time that it is offered.

Completion of requirements: If at the end of the second or fourth semester, a participant has not completed all of the requirements for all previous semesters, the Pastoral Institute reserves the right to suspend her/him from the program until all requirements have been satisfied. The requirements include submitting an integration paper deemed satisfactory or better for each course, receiving an overall assessment of satisfactory or better for each course, attending Days of Reflection and submitting a completed mentoring report after meeting with her/his mentor.

Writing and Submitting An Integration Paper:

Each course requires the submission of a three to five page Integration Paper. The purpose of the Integration Paper is to help participants master the course material, shape their ideas on course topics, remember the course material better, acquire or enhance critical thinking skills and integrate course learning, life experience, and ministerial formation. A participant who is unable to fulfill the requirements of an Integration Paper will be assessed an “Incomplete” for that course.

Pastoral Formation

Ministerial Discernment: The first step in the Ministry Preparation Process is the discernment of ministry and project for the practicum. The discernment requires the involvement of the participant’s Pastor/Administrator and takes into account one’s gifts and the needs of the parish.

Seminar: Seminars are planned for those ministries selected by participants, e.g., Rite of Christian

Initiation of Adults, Adult Faith Formation, Liturgical Planning, Ministry of Consolation, etc.

Practicum: Having completed all seminar sessions, each participant becomes actively involved in the ministry of one’s choice and is appointed a supervisor from outside the parish. The supervisor meets with the participant and conducts at least two formal ministry observations.

Pastoral Skills Workshops: Participants must attend five pastoral skills workshops.

How do you apply?

A parish or diocesan agency must nominate all candidate(s) for the *Lay Formation Program*. In the spring of each year, a packet of materials is provided to each parish containing the documents related to the acceptance of candidates into the English and Spanish tracks of the lay formation program. These materials are provided through the DioNet system. The pastor/administrator then submits a Nomination/Sponsorship Form. Upon receipt of the Nomination/Sponsorship Form, applicants will be sent a letter directing them to the Pastoral Institute website for the application materials. The Pastoral Institute must receive the complete application package in time to allow sufficient time for review prior to the applicant’s interview with a representative of the Pastoral Institute. These interviews take place in mid-July and mid-August. The Pastoral Institute cannot guarantee acceptance to any candidate whose application is not received by August 1st.

Other information

Tuition is paid each semester and is the shared responsibility of the parish and the participant. The suggested cost sharing is \$150 by the parish and \$75 by the participant per semester per participant. In addition, there is a yearly \$25 book fee. There is also a non-refundable application fee of \$35 and a one-time commissioning fee of \$10. The diocese will cover the remaining cost. Financial assistance may be available.



LAY MINISTRY OUTLINE

FIRST SEMESTER	
Orientation Session 1 The Documents of Vatican II Theological Vocabulary Note Taking Skills General Program Information	6 Hours
Orientation Session 2 Guided Meditation Writing Skills Theological Reflection / Integration Paper Exercise	6 Hours
Theology of Lay Ministry	8 Hours
Ecclesiology	16 Hours
Elements of Spiritual Direction: Listening	2 Hours
Day of Reflection: The Call to Lay Ministry and the Spirituality Needed to Sustain it	4 Hours
SECOND SEMESTER	
Creating Communion in a Culturally Diverse Faith Community	8 Hours
Liturgy and Sacraments	16 Hours
Elements of Spiritual Direction: God Calls: How do I Respond?	2 Hours
Elements of Spiritual Direction: Desiring to Love and Serve God in All Things	2 Hours
Day of Reflection: The Call to Prayer and the Experience of Different Prayer Forms	4 Hours
THIRD SEMESTER	
Old Testament	14 Hours
New Testament	14 Hours
Elements of Spiritual Direction: Energized in Your Service	2 Hours
Day of Reflection: Spirituality for Evangelization	4 Hours

FOURTH SEMESTER	
Orientation to Ministry Preparation Process	3 Hours
Christology	14 Hours
Pastoral Skills: Leadership as Service	6 Hours
Pastoral Skills: Preparing and Leading Prayer and Ritual in the Parish Setting	6 Hours
Pastoral Skills: Communications Skills for Pastoral Leaders	6 Hours
Elements of Spiritual Direction: Led by Christ	2 Hours
Elements of Spiritual Direction: Discerning God's Will	2 Hours
Day of Reflection: The Call to Ministerial Leadership	4 Hours
FIFTH SEMESTER <i>(20 to 25 hour Ministry Practicum begins)</i>	
Ministry Seminar	10 Hours
Ecumenical/Interreligious Dialogue	6 Hours
Canon Law Issues for Parish Ministers	4 Hours
Pastoral Skills: Self-Care of the Pastoral Leader	6 Hours
Elements of Spiritual Direction: Active Indifference	2 Hours
Theological Reflection: Beginning a New Ministry	2 Hours
SIXTH SEMESTER <i>(Ministry Practicum Continues)</i>	
Moral Theology	14 Hours
Pastoral Skills: The Organizational Leader	6 Hours
Elements of Spiritual Direction: What God Intends for Me	2 Hours
Elements of Spiritual Direction: Deepening my Relationships through Spiritual Direction	2 Hours
Theological Reflection: The Practice of Ministry	2 Hours
Synthesis Seminar	6 Hours



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.

Who is involved?

Women and men who have completed a bachelor's degree with a B+ grade average and who are interested in serving the Church as pastoral leaders may apply. The program is also open to those who have a Master's Degree in another field (e.g., education, administration, social services) and who need to supplement it with theological studies. A Certificate in Theology (18 credits) would answer their need.

What is required or expected?

Program Components

Spiritual Formation: Theological Reflection Groups, Days of Reflection, prayer, liturgical life in the parish.

Academic Preparation: the completion of a Master's Degree or Graduate Certificate in Theology, Pastoral Ministry or Religious Studies.

Pastoral Skills: competencies in those areas that contribute to effective parish leadership, e.g., communication, team building, group dynamics, conflict resolution, etc.

Generally, the university or seminary will require 33-39 credits for the M.A. Degree. The time required for completion will depend on the number of courses an individual can take during any semester. Colleges generally stipulate the outside time limit for completing the degree.

How do you register?

- ✦ After the program is announced in January by the School of Evangelization, the applicant submits a Statement of Interest to the Director of one of the sponsoring agencies – either the Office of Faith Formation or the Pastoral Institute. This step normally will take place during February.

The applicant is encouraged to begin the application process with the university as soon as possible and to contact the institution(s) and request their application materials. This process often takes considerable time.

Criteria for Acceptance into Program

Because 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 possesses the ability to complete the academic requirements of the university or seminary.

Financial Arrangements

Financing will depend on several factors: the individual's contribution, the possible availability of scholarships through the St. John Paul II Fund for Lay Leadership and the Pastoral Institute Scholarship Fund of the CFBQ, and the college's discount in tuition. St. John's University and Fordham University give sponsored students a 50% and 40% tuition discount, respectively. The applicant is responsible for all other costs including general fees, books, matriculation fees,



etc. The CFBQ scholarship, if granted, would apply to tuition only.

Scholarships from CFBQ will only be made available should there be sufficient funds available from the applicable endowments. If funds are available, priority will be given based on the factors indicated above. If scholarships are not granted for a particular academic year, applicants will be given priority consideration if CFBQ funds become available for a subsequent year.

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 2 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/ 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 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.

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 8 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.



Necessary components of the RCIA process

The Catechumenate is a process leading to conversion and acceptance of following the way of the Lord in our daily lives. The various components contribute toward this goal:

- ✦ formation in Sacred Scripture
- ✦ catechesis (learning about our faith)
- ✦ celebration of the various Rites throughout the process
- ✦ prayer with the parish community
- ✦ involvement in social and apostolic life of the parish.

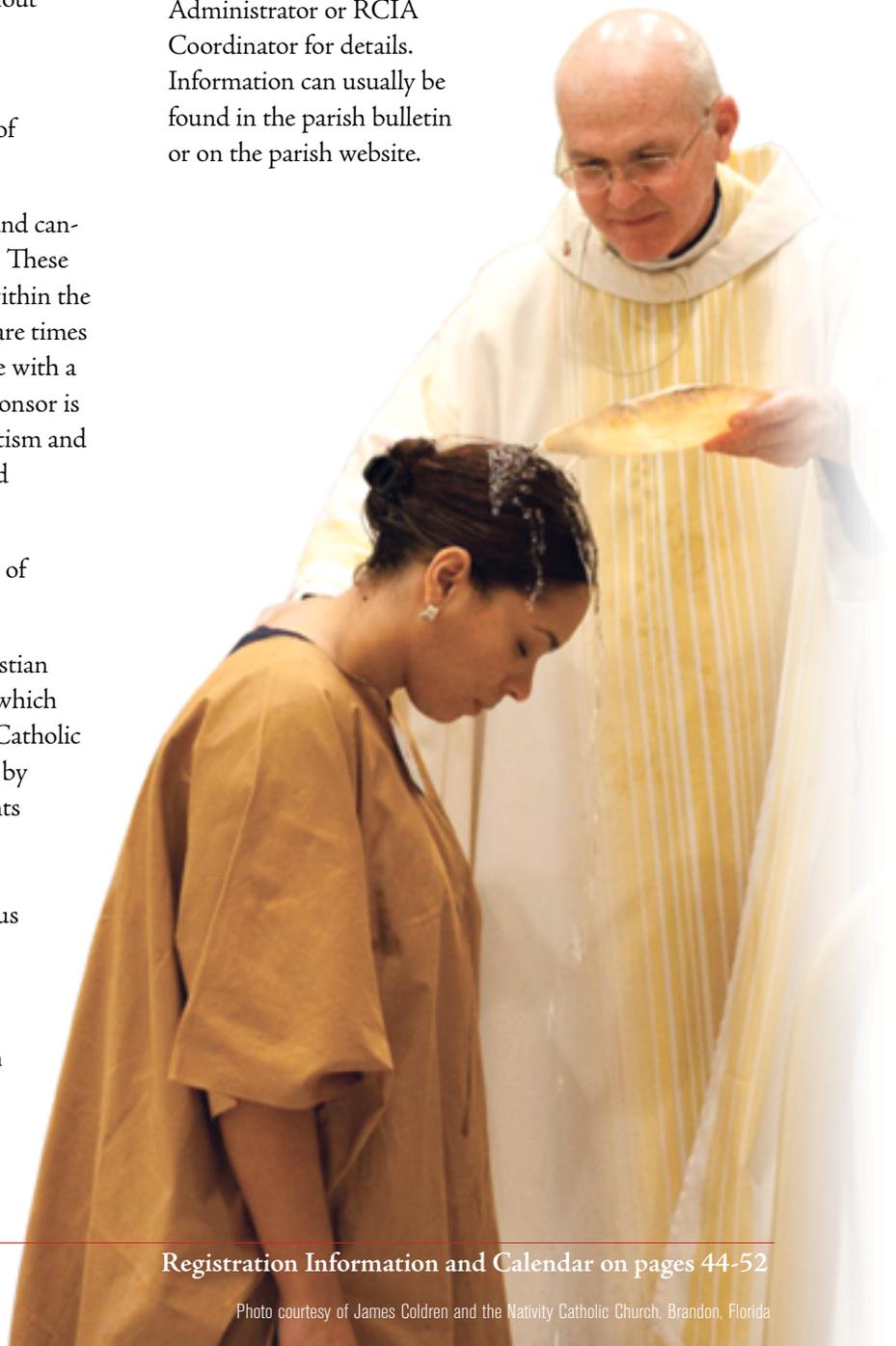
Sponsors who accompany the catechumens and candidates contribute greatly to their formation. These sponsors may come from a prepared group within the parish willing to accept this ministry. There are times when the catechumen or candidate may come with a person who desires to be the sponsor. The sponsor is not the godparent for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, though some catechumens and candidates may so choose.

The website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) tell us...

The RCIA, which stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church. It includes several stages marked by study, prayer, and rites at Mass. Participants in the RCIA are known as catechumens. They undergo a process of conversion as they study the Gospel, profess faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church, and receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. The RCIA process follows the ancient practice of the Church and was restored by the Second Vatican Council as the normal way adults

prepare for Baptism. In 1974, the Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults was formally approved for use in the United States.

In the parishes of the Diocese of Brooklyn, the RICA team has the opportunity to attend diocesan training sessions and Days of Reflection. Each parish organizes the RCIA process according to its particular needs. Please consult with 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 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 mentioned in this document.

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 them 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. See below for registration information.
6. Bride and Groom need to schedule a final meeting 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 the steps to follow to complete your Pre-Cana class:

Introduction to Pre-Cana at www.Pre-Cana.org

This diocesan Pre-Cana website will provide an opportunity for you to become familiar with what Pre-Cana is and the reason why you attend a marriage preparation program. It contains useful information as well as some insightful exercises for you to complete in order to prepare for marriage. You will be 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 have 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 call 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 bride and groom are Catholic and have never been married before to another person. Also for couples married civilly who

Pre-Cana Schedule

Location	Type	Fri-Evening 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Saturday 9 am - 5 pm
310 PPW	Catholic	1/9/2015	1/10/2015
ICC	Interfaith	1/9/2015	1/10/2015
310 PPW	Catholic	1/23/2015	1/24/2015
ICC	Catholic	1/23/2015	1/24/2015
Presentation of BVM	Spanish	1/30/2015	1/31/2015
310 PPW	Catholic	2/6/2015	2/7/2015
ICC	Catholic	2/20/2015	2/21/2015
310 PPW	Interfaith	2/20/2015	2/21/2015
ICC	Catholic	2/27/2015	2/28/2015
Resurrec-Ascenc	4 Eves-Catholic-W	3/4/2015	3/25/2015
310 PPW	Catholic	3/6/2015	3/7/2015
ICC	Catholic	3/6/2015	3/7/2015
310 PPW	Catholic	3/13/2015	3/14/2015
ICC	Interfaith	3/13/2015	3/14/2015
310 PPW	Remarriage	3/13/2015	3/14/2015
St. Anthony of Padua	Spanish	3/13/2015	3/14/2015
310 PPW	Catholic	3/20/2015	3/21/2015
ICC	Catholic	3/20/2015	3/21/2015
OL Mt. Carmel -Bklyn	Catholic	3/20/2015	3/21/2015
St. Rosalia	4 Eves-Catholic-T	4/7/2015	4/28/2015
St. Sebastian	4 Eves-Catholic-T	4/7/2015	4/28/2015
St. Sebastian	4 Eves-Spanish-W	4/8/2015	4/29/2015
ICC	Catholic	4/10/2015	4/11/2015
St. Joan of Arc	Catholic	4/10/2015	4/11/2015
310 PPW	Interfaith	4/10/2015	4/11/2015
St. Elizabeth	4 Eves-Catholic-T	4/14/2015	5/5/2015
ICC	Catholic	4/17/2015	4/18/2015
St. Finbar	Catholic	4/17/2015	4/18/2015
Transfiguration	Spanish	4/17/2015	4/18/2015
ICC	Catholic	4/24/2015	4/25/2015
310 PPW	Catholic	4/24/2015	4/25/2015

Location	Type	Fri-Evening 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Saturday 9 am - 5 pm
310 PPW	Catholic	5/1/2015	5/2/2015
OL Miraculous Medal	Catholic	5/1/2015	5/2/2015
ICC	Interfaith	5/1/2015	5/2/2015
Resurrec-Ascenc	4 Eves-Catholic-W	5/6/2015	5/27/2015
ICC	Catholic	5/8/2015	5/9/2015
310 PPW	Interfaith	5/8/2015	5/9/2015
St. Joan of Arc	Spanish	5/8/2015	5/9/2015
ICC	Catholic	5/15/2015	5/16/2015
St. Finbar	Catholic	5/15/2015	5/16/2015
310 PPW	Catholic	5/29/2015	5/30/2015
ICC	Catholic	5/29/2015	5/30/2015
OL Mt Carmel-Queens	Catholic	5/29/2015	5/30/2015
St. Finbar	Spanish	5/29/2015	5/30/2015
Resurrec-Ascenc	4 Eves-Catholic-W	6/3/2015	6/24/2015
St. Sebastian	4 Eves-Catholic-Th	6/4/2015	6/25/2015
310 PPW	Catholic	6/5/2015	6/6/2015
ICC	Catholic	6/5/2015	6/6/2015
Mary's Nativity	Remarriage	6/5/2015	6/6/2015
Ss. Simon & Jude	4 Eves-Catholic-T	6/9/2015	6/30/2015
ICC	Catholic	6/12/2015	6/13/2015
310 PPW	Interfaith	6/12/2015	6/13/2015
310 PPW	Catholic	6/19/2015	6/20/2015
ICC	Catholic	6/19/2015	6/20/2015
Transfiguration	Spanish	6/19/2015	6/20/2015
310 PPW	Catholic	6/26/2015	6/27/2015
ICC	Catholic	6/26/2015	6/27/2015
310 PPW	Catholic	7/10/2015	7/11/2015
ICC	Catholic	7/17/2015	7/18/2015
St. Anthony of Padua	Spanish	7/17/2015	7/18/2015
310 PPW	Catholic	7/24/2015	7/25/2015
ICC	Interfaith	7/24/2015	7/25/2015



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 weekend program consists of two parts:

1. Friday evening session
(7:30 PM - 9:30 PM)
2. Saturday session
(9:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

You are asked to attend both sessions in order to complete the requirement of the diocesan marriage preparation program.

We will provide continental breakfast, lunch, and all the necessary materials.

Evenings 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.

For more information call 718-281-9540

or email precana@diobrook.org

To register, log-on to www.pre-cana.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 \$340 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

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*. Please check the schedule for offerings.

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 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.”

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
1-877-697-9963

En español: www.nycemm.com
718-381-3661
email: nycemm@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 Mass to celebrate 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 precana@diobrook.org or call 718-281-9540.





MARRIAGE SUPPORT

Marital support exists to help hurting marriages 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.

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.

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, or call 718-281-9540.



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 them 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.

RESOURCES FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

www.foryourmarriage.org

www.portumatrimonio.org

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

www.usccb.org

The United States Catholic Bishops' web site

www.vatican.va

The official Vatican site

www.familia.va

Pontifical Council for the Family

www.cfm.org

Christian Family Movement

www.nacflm.org

NACFLM-National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers



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 Ministry is available to assist you in developing any or all of the initiatives mentioned in this document.

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 Formation Program*. Please check the schedule for offerings.





PASTORAL CARE

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

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

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.

www.postabortionhelp.org

877-586-4621

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

Lumina

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

Email: lumina@postabortionhelp.org

Web: 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
- Birthright 1-800-550-4900
- National Life Center 1-800-848-LOVE
- Bethany Christian Services 1-800-238-4269
- Bridge to Life Help Hotline 718-463-1810

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, Flushing, NY 11355
718-463-1810
- 23-40 Astoria Boulevard, Astoria, NY 11102
718-274-3577
- Website: www.thebridgetolife.org
email: 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.abortioptions.com
- Email: emcpregctr@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, Suite 1205, Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-596-4300
- 370 Bay Ridge Pkwy., Brooklyn, NY 11209
718-596-8900

Housing Young Mother’s with Children

Providence House I
2518 Church Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11226
718-284-6688

Providence House II
388 Prospect Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11215
718-369-9140

Providence House III
159-23 89th Avenue
Jamaica, New York 11432
718-739-1348

Rose Kennedy Family Center
178 Halsey Street
Brooklyn, New York 11216
718-399-0523

Bethany House
164 Suydam Street
Brooklyn, New York 11221
718-574-6300

Sacred Heart of Jesus
450 West 51 Street
New York City, New York
212-397-1396



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. This “spiritual tent” allows women a place to rest, to get their feet on the ground again, and to grow in their authentic identity as women and mothers.

The Visitation Mission

is 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. Webinar: 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

“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

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

Support for Miscarriage, Stillbirth, or Early Infant Death

Resources available from 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 Young Adults stay involved in the Church?

OVERVIEW

The Diocese of Brooklyn offers support to parishes who wish to minister to Catholic Young Adults (ages 18-39). Using the document *Sons and Daughters of Light*, we work to help parishes reach the following goals and objectives.

Goal 1: Connecting Young Adults with Jesus Christ

To foster the personal and communal growth and education of young adults toward a relationship with Jesus Christ, leading to Christian maturity.

Objectives

Spiritual formation and direction: To help young adults develop their spiritual life rooted in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as their redeemer and savior.

Religious education/formation: To help young adults appreciate the teachings and traditions of the Church through catechesis, religious education, and pastoral care.

Vocation discernment: To help young adults understand vocation as primarily a call to holiness and Christian maturity lived through single or married life, the priesthood, the diaconate, or religious life.

Goal 2: Connecting Young Adults with the Church

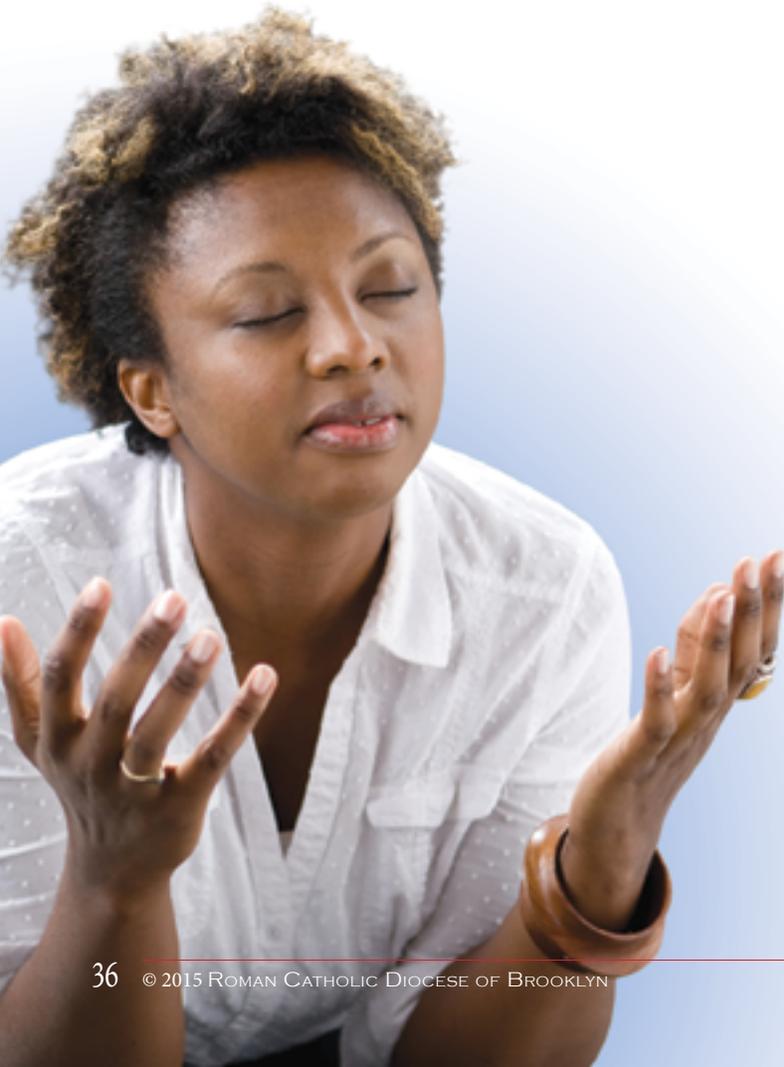
To make contact with young adults and invite and welcome them to participate in the life and mission of the Christian community, which proclaims Jesus Christ by preaching the Gospel.

Objectives

Evangelizing outreach: To identify places where young adults gather and to personally connect them with the Church by listening to their concerns, hopes and dreams, and welcoming them into a community of faith.

Forming the faith community: To invite, empower, and enable young adults to participate in the life of the Church through worship, community life, small faith communities, and evangelizing efforts, and on committees, in ministries, and in Catholic movements and organizations.

Pastoral care: To provide activities, visitations, and counseling opportunities which respond to the spiritual and developmental needs of young adults.





Goal 3: Connecting Young Adults with the Mission of the Church in the World

To invite young adults, through healthy relationships, work and studies, to embrace the mission of Christ to promote the building of the kingdom of God in the world today, thereby bringing about the transformation of society.

Objectives

Forming a Christian conscience: To help young adults form their conscience based on the Gospel and on the Church's moral and social teachings.

Educating and working for justice: To provide educational and service opportunities for young adults to practice the Gospel values of justice, peace, and care for the less fortunate in the workplace, at home, and in the local community.

Developing leaders for the present and the future: To invite, train, support, and mentor young adults to be leaders in society and Church life.

Goal 4: Connecting Young Adults with a Peer Community

To help young adults develop relationships with peers who share similar values and beliefs which nurture and strengthen their faith, thereby creating communities of support.

Objectives

Forming faith communities of peers: To provide opportunities for young adults to find among their peers the necessary support and encouragement as they journey through life and fulfill their mission to the world.

Developing peer leadership: To help young adults become leaders, not only among their peers, but within the larger community.

Identifying a young adult team: To urge each parish, movement and organization, and campus to identify a team to advocate and respond to the needs of young adults.

DIOCESAN OFFERINGS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap is an invitation for young adults to learn more about their 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.

For current information, please consult www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org or like us on Facebook at "Faith Formation."



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 part-time Youth Minister for 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 that will attend three professional development trainings each year for three years, as well as designing and implementing Catholic youth ministry programs in their designated parish or parishes.

Today, perhaps even more than ever, youth are inundated with negative media and other distractions. We have to fight for their attention and their willingness to accept their role in the Church. One important point, however, is to remember that most teens are looking for truth and joy, both of which can only truly be found by encountering our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the job of the parish leadership to guide them to find

that truth and joy. It is through this involvement and interaction that the faith will be passed along to all who seek to know the love of Christ.

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 bishop’s document on Catholic youth ministry in the United States. Here we find detailed goals, themes, and components for effective youth ministry.

Comprehensive Youth Ministry Approach

The entire parish community is faced with the task of putting these ideas into action. Through the various parish staff members (i.e. pastors, parochial vicars, directors of faith formation/coordinators of religious education, youth ministers, catechists, parents, etc.) this can be accomplished over time. 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.



DIOCESAN OFFERINGS FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Professional Development

Please refer to course descriptions on pages 14 and 15, and go to page 44 for registration instructions.

Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative:

- ❖ Providing parishes and association of parishes with a part time, paid, and trained youth minister.

Catholic Youth Organization Faith Formation Initiatives:

- ❖ Working with the CYO office to organize opportunities for faith formation.

World Youth Day:

- ❖ Worked with the pilgrimage office to plan and organize the Diocesan group to WYD Rio.

Pro-Life & Chastity Education:

- ❖ Works to bring pro-life and chastity education to parish youth ministry programs and Catholic Schools/Academies.

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.
- ❖ **Confirmation Proximate Preparation:** establishing proximate prep lessons and resources for parish programs.

National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry

- ❖ Organized a group of youth ministry leaders to attend NCCYM to see the big picture of their ministry and its landscape.

Holy Hour & Fellowship

- ❖ An opportunity for teens to gather in prayer with contemporary music and fellowship.

Youth Ministry Convocations

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

East New York Youth Ministry Evangelization

- ❖ Working with parishes to collaborate on youth ministry efforts to evangelize the East New York area (St. Michael-St. Malachy's, St. Sylvester, St. Rita, Blessed Sacrament, Mary, Mother of the Church, The Jornada, and Jovenes de Valor).

March For Life

- ❖ Worked with DeSales to send youth to the March for Life in Washington, D.C.



CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION – CYO

The Catholic Youth Organization 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 with the core value to help the young people to be more Christ-like in the way they live. The young person is the main focus, not the athletic activity. Through the varied media of sports and other programs, the CYO promotes participation and sportsmanship with the leadership necessary 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.

Sports Programs

Soccer

CYO offers two Soccer seasons for boys and girls in grades 1 through 8. The Fall Season begins in September and concludes in November with the Diocesan Championships. The Spring Soccer Season begins in April and concludes in June with the Diocesan Championships.

Track

CYO offers Track during three seasons of the year. The year begins with the Cross Country season in the Fall, moves to Indoor Track in the Winter, and returns outside in the Spring for Outdoor Track. It encompasses all levels from young beginners to soon-to-be-high school stars.

Swimming

The CYO Swimming Program is one of our largest participation sports with over 3,000 swimmers from over 30 teams (boys and girls). The boy's season begins in October and concludes with the Diocesan Championships in January at Eisenhower Park. The girl's season begins in January and concludes in April with the Diocesan Championships at Eisenhower Park.

Volleyball

CYO Volleyball is offered for girls in grades 3 through High School and begins in January and concludes in April with the Diocesan Championships held at local Catholic High Schools.

Baseball

CYO Baseball is offered for boys in grades 3 through High School. The season begins in April and concludes in June with the Diocesan Championships being held at local Catholic High School Baseball Fields.

Softball

CYO Softball is offered to girls in grades 3 through High School. The season begins in April and concludes in June with the Diocesan Championships. CYO will begin a High School CO-ED Softball league in the Spring of 2015.

Basketball

CYO Basketball is our largest program with 800 teams participating during the Fall and Winter. Basketball is offered for boys and girls in grades 2 through High School. The season begins in October and concludes in March with the Diocesan Championships at local Catholic High School courts. CYO also offers a Summer Basketball League for boys and girls in grades 3 through 8. The summer league games are played on outdoor courts in NYC parks.



The summer league begins in June and ends in early August. CYO will also be offering Summer Camps beginning in the Summer of 2015.

Special Programs and Tournaments

Cheerleading

A number of CYO parishes have a Cheerleading programs for girls. These programs are invited to perform at our year end Diocesan Championships. CYO will be creating a Cheerleading Showcase.

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 grade 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 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.

Diocesan Youth Day

CYO and the parish programs will sponsor CYO members to participate at the annual Diocesan Youth Day.

CYO Hall of Fame

The CYO Hall of Fame is to recognize individuals that 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 formed/educated in the 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, each parish is encouraged to develop a religious education program.

Education and formation in the Faith is not only in preparation for the Sacraments; it is ongoing. Children and teens should be participating 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 a Catholic.

Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist, and Confirmation

The New Evangelization invites us to catechize those who are part of our Church and all persons of good will. The manner by which we are prepared for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation, and how we continue to receive them over a lifetime, is critical to our life of Faith. This is especially true for our children; those who attend our Catholic Schools/Academies, those who are enrolled in our religious education programs (including those who are home-schooled, as well as those who are not in any organized program at this time.

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 and must last at least two full years. However, we know that the faith formation of our children involves more than academ-





ic 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 community, and the entire parish community in prayer, witness, and celebration.

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 and First Eucharist. These norms reflect this policy by directing families to celebrate the Sacraments of First Penance and First Eucharist in the parish where they usually celebrate their Catholic faith every Sunday.

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. 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 program 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 sex-

uality 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 who uses this resource, you can find information by going to www.rclbenziger.com and selecting Family Life.

Proximate Preparation for the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist, and Confirmation

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.

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 offerings. Please contact your parish leaders first to see if a special needs program is available locally.

If there is no special needs program in your parish, please contact Sr. Alice Michael at 718.965.7300, ext. 5583.

How to find a parish program of Religious Education

Go to the diocesan website www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org and click on Parishes to find the parishes in your area.



How to Register for Courses and Events

Register Online - It's easy!

1. Go to: www.bqonlineformation.org



2. Click the Register button and choose:

✦ Local Courses/Events
or Online Classes



3. Select the event you want and “add to cart” then click “Checkout Now” and follow the prompts.



4. Login with the information you set up and your confirmation will be emailed.



If you had taken a class in 2013 or 2014 and have never used our system before, please log in with your first and last name all lower case all together @dob.aaa

The password is your last name with the first letter capital.
Example: christinegeorgi@dob.aaa **Password:** Georgi

If you need more information or help, please email as at:
Live Classes/Events: cgeorgi@diobrook.org
Online Classes: brooklynsupport@mycatholicfaithdelivered.com



Catechetical and Pastoral Calendar

JANUARY 2015 THROUGH JULY 2015

This calendar is subject to change. For updated information go to www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org.

EVENT	TO REGISTER	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Youth and Young Adult Ministry Convocation	www.bqonlineformation.org	Tues. 1/6/15	6:30 pm	St. Mark School 2602 East 19th Street Brooklyn, NY
World Meeting of Families Workshop	www.bqonlineformation.org	1/13/15	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	St. John's University 8000 Utopia Parkway Queens, NY
Young Adult Mass	N/A	Tues. 1/13/15	7:30 pm	Immaculate Conception Astoria 21-47 29th Street Long Island City, NY
RCIA Workshop Spanish	www.bqonlineformation.org	Wed. 1/14/15	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Blessed Sacrament School 187 Eculid Avenue Brooklyn, NY
RCIA Workshop	www.bqonlineformation.org	Thurs. 1/15/15	10:00 am – 11:30 am	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
RCIA Workshop	www.bqonlineformation.org	Thurs. 1/15/15	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Diocesan Office 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY
Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative	By Invitation	Sat. 1/24/15	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
Foundations for Ministry Program in Mandarin (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Sat. 1/24, 31 2/07, 14, 21, 17 3/21, 28 4/18, 25, 2015	12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	St. John Vianney 140-10 34th Avenue Flushing, NY
Fourth Semester Day of Reflection (Class of 2016) Lay Ministry Program	By Invitation	Sun. 1/25/15	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Diocesan Office 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY
RCIA Children's Catechesis	www.bqonlineformation.org	Mon. 1/26/15	10:00 am – 11:30 am	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
RCIA Children's Catechesis	www.bqonlineformation.org	Mon. 1/26/15	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Diocesan Office 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY
Wprowadzenie do Biblii (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Mon. 1/26/15 & 2/2/15	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Parafia Matki Bozej Czestochowskiej 24th Street, Brooklyn, NY
Catholic High School Professional Development	By Invitation	Fri. 1/30/15	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY

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EVENT	TO REGISTER	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Youth and Young Adult Holy Hour	N/A	Fri. 1/30/15	07:30 pm	Most Precious Blood Astoria 32-23 36th Street Long Island City, NY
Evangelization Congress	www.bqonlineformation.org	Sat. 1/31/15	8:00 – 3:30 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
Ministry Preparation Process Orientation (Class of 2016) Lay Ministry Program	By Invitation	Sat. 1/31/15	9:30 am – 12:30 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
Catechetical Leaders Update Meeting	www.bqonlineformation.org	Mon. 2/2/15	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
Catechetical Leaders Update Meeting	www.bqonlineformation.org	Mon. 2/2/15	Noon – 2:00 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
Catechetical Leaders Update Meeting	www.bqonlineformation.org	Tues. 2/3/15	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Diocesan Office 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY
Multicultural Catechesis (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Tues. 2/3/15 & 2/10/15	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Our Lady of Mercy School 70-25 Kessel Street Forest Hills, NY
Foundations for Ministry Program in English (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Tues. 2/3, 10, 24 3/3, 17, 24 4/14, 21, 28 5/5, 2015	7:15 pm – 9:15 pm	Immaculate Conception 86-45 Edgerton Boulevard Jamaica, NY
Catechetical Methods II (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Wed. 2/4/15 & 2/11/15	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Our Lady of Mercy School 70-25 Kessel Street Forest Hills, NY
Foundations for Ministry Program in English (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Wed. 2/4, 11, 25 3/4, 18, 25 4/15, 22, 29 5/6/15	7:15 pm – 9:15 pm	Blessed Sacrament School 187 Eculid Avenue Brooklyn, NY
Foundations for Ministry Program in Spanish (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Wed. 2/4, 11, 25 3/4, 18, 25 4/15, 22, 29 5/6/15	7:15 pm – 9:15 pm	Blessed Sacrament School 187 Eculid Avenue Brooklyn, NY
Theology of the Body for Youth Ministers (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Thurs. 2/5/15	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	St. Margaret School 66-10 80th Street Middle Village, NY
Pastoral Apologetics I (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Thurs. 2/5/15 & 2/12/15	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Diocesan Office 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY
Foundations for Ministry Program in Spanish (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Thurs. 2/5, 12, 26 3/5, 19, 26 4/14, 21, 28 5/5/15	7:15 pm – 9:15 pm	Immaculate Conception 86-45 Edgerton Boulevard Jamaica, NY

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Fourth Semester Day of Reflection (Class of 2016) Lay Ministry Program	By Invitation	Sun. 2/8/15	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Archbishop Molloy H. S. 83-53 Manton Street Briarwood, NY
School/Academy Religion Coordinators	By Invitation	Tues. 2/10/15	4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Diocesan Office 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY
School/Academy Religion Coordinators	By Invitation	Wed. 2/11/15	4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend	Contact: 1-877-NYS-WWME	2/13/15 – 2/15/15	Call for information	Call for information
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Valentine's Masquerade Ball	Contact: Artecas 347-808-0210	2/14/15	Call for information	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
Lay Ministry Sunday Celebration	www.bqonlineformation.org	Sun. 2/15/15	4:30 – 7:30 pm	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs 110-06 Queens Boulevard Forest Hills, NY
ENDOW Facilitator Training	www.endowgroups.org	Sat. 2/21/15	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
Rite of Election for Children	N/A	Sat. 2/21/15	2:00 pm	Cathedral-Basilica St. James 250 Cathedral Place Brooklyn, NY
Rite of Election	N/A	Sun. 2/22/15	2:00 pm	Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph 856 Pacific Street Brooklyn, NY
Rite of Election	N/A	Sun. 2/22/15	4:30 pm	Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph 856 Pacific Street Brooklyn, NY
Best Practices for Youth Ministry (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Mon. 2/23/15	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
Modlitwa (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Mon. 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 2015	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Parafia Matki Bozej Czestochowskiej 24th Street, Brooklyn, NY
SOE Advisory Board Meeting	By Invitation	Tues. 2/24/15	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
Vocation Awareness (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Tues. 2/24/15	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Mary's Nativity-St. Ann 46-02 Parsons Boulevard Flushing, NY
Youth and Young Adult Holy Hour	N/A	Fri. 2/27/15	7:30 pm	Most Precious Blood Astoria 32-23 36th Street Long Island City, NY
Second Semester Day of Reflection (Class of 2017)	By Invitation	Sun. 3/1/15	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Diocesan Office 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY

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Preparing Teens for Confirmation (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Mon. 3/2/15	6:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Diocesan Office 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY
Creed (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Mon. 3/2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2015	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	St. Mark School 2602 East 19th Street Brooklyn, NY
Lenten Evening of Reflection	www.bqonlineformation.org	Tues. 3/3/15	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Diocesan Office 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY
Theology of the Body (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Wed. 3/4, 11, 18, 25 4/1/15	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	St. Mark School 2602 East 19th Street Brooklyn, NY
Catholic Spirituality (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Thurs. 3/5, 12, 19, 26, 4/16, 2015	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Our Lady of Mercy School 70-25 Kessel Street Forest Hills, NY
Diocesan Women’s Conference	www.bqonlineformation.org	Sat. 3/7/15	8:00 am – 3:30 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
Catechesis and Culture Realities (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Tues. 3/10/15 & 3/17/15	4:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Our Lady of Mercy School 70-25 Kessel Street Forest Hills, NY
Philip Course (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Thurs. 3/12, 26 4/16, 23, 30 5/7/15	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Academy 111-10 115th Street So. Ozone Park, NY
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend	Contact: 1-877-NYS-WWME	3/13/15 – 3/15/15	Call for information	Call for information
Second Semester Day of Reflection	By Invitation	Sun. 3/15/15	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Archbishop Molloy H.S. 83-53 Manton St. Briarwood, NY
World Meeting of Families Workshop	www.bqonlineformation.org	Thurs. 3/19/15	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	St. John’s University 8000 Utopia Parkway Queens, NY
El Liderazgo en una Esuna Organizacion (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Sat. 3/21/15	9:30 am – 3:00 pm	Diocesan Office 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY
The Organizational Leader (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Sat. 3/21/15	9:30 am – 3:00 pm	Diocesan Office 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY
Best Practices for Youth Ministry (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Mon. 3/23/15	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	SS. Simon and Jude 185 Van Sicklen Street Brooklyn, NY
6th Annual Afternoon Catechetical Gathering	www.bqonlineformation.org	Tues. 3/24/15	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Saint Nicholas of Tolentine 150-75 Goethals Ave. Jamaica, NY

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EVENT	TO REGISTER	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Youth Confirmation Retreat I	www.bqonlineformation.org	Thurs. 3/26/15	4:00 pm	Most Precious Blood Astoria 32-23 36th Street Long Island City, NY
Marriage Ministry Spring Convocation	www.bqonlineformation.org	Thurs. 3/26/15	7:00 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
Youth and Young Adult Holy Hour	N/A	Fri. 3/27/15	7:30 pm	Most Precious Blood Astoria 32-23 36th Street Long Island City, NY
Leadership as a Service (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Sat. 3/28/15	9:30 am – 3:00 pm	Diocesan Office 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY
El Liderazgo en una Esuna Organizacion (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Sat. 3/28/15	9:30 am – 3:00 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
The Organization Leader (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Sat. 3/28/15	9:30 am – 3:00 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
Vocation Awareness (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Mon. 3/30/15	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	St. Anselm CA 365 83rd Street Brooklyn, NY
Sixth Semester Theological Reflection (Class of 2015) Lay Ministry Program	By Invitation	Tues. 3/31/15	7:00 pm – 9:15pm	Diocesan Office 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY
Three Great Monotheisms (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Wed. 4/1, 15, 22, 29 5/6/15	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	St. Mark School 2602 East 19th Street Brooklyn, NY
Intermediate Youth Ministry (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Thurs. 4/9, 16, 23, 30, 2015	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
Sakramenty (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Mon. 4/13, 20, 27 5/4/15	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Parafia św. Stanisława Kostki 185 Driggs Street Brooklyn, NY
Catechesis and Evangelization (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Mon. 4/13/15 & 4/20/15	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	St. Anselm CA 365 83rd Street Brooklyn, NY
Ecumenism (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Tues. 4/14/15 & 4/21/15	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Mary's Nativity-St. Ann 46-02 Parsons Boulevard Flushing, NY
Sixth Semester Theological Reflection (Class of 2015) Lay Ministry Program	By Invitation	Wed. 4/15/15	7:00 pm – 9:15 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
"Religion" in Religious Education (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Thurs. 4/16/15	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Diocesan Office 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY

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Brooklyn Catholic Youth College Night	www.bqonlineformation.org	Fri. 4/17/15	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	St. Thomas More Church St. Johns University 8000 Utopia Pkwy Jamaica NY
Annual Diocesan Youth Day	www.bqonlineformation.org/ bcyd	Sat. 4/18/15	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph 856 Pacific Street Brooklyn, NY
Leadership as a Service (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Sat. 4/18/15	9:30 am – 3:00 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
El Liderazgo como Servicio (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Sat. 4/18/15	9:30 am – 3:00 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
Mass of the Neophytes	N/A	Tues. 4/21/15	8:00 pm	Cathedral-Basilica St. James 250 Cathedral Place Brooklyn, NY
Pastoral Apologetics II (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Thurs. 4/23/15 & 4/30/15	4:00 pm – 6:30 pm	St. Anselm CA 365 83rd Street Brooklyn, NY
Youth and Young Adult Holy Hour	N/A	Fri. 4/24/15	7:30 pm	Most Precious Blood Astoria 32-23 36th Street Long Island City, NY
Wedding Anniversary Mass	Register Through Your Parish	Sat. 4/25/15	11:00 am	Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph 856 Pacific Street Brooklyn, NY
Preparando y Liderando Oraciones y Rituales en la Parroquia (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Sat. 4/25/15	9:30 am – 3:00 pm	Diocesan Office 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY
Preparing and Leading Prayer and Ritual in the Parish (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Sat. 4/25/15	9:30 am – 3:00 pm	Diocesan Office 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY
Synthesis Seminar (Class of 2015) Lay Ministry Program	By Invitation	Sat. 4/25/15	9:30 am – 3:00 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
Sacraments (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Mon. 4/27 5/4, 11, 18 6/1/15	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Mary's Nativity-St. Ann 46-02 Parsons Boulevard Flushing, NY
Preparando y Liderando Oraciones y Rituales en la Parroquia (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Sat. 5/2/15	9:30 am – 3:00 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
Preparing and Leading Prayer and Ritual in the Parish (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Sat. 5/2/15	9:30 am – 3:00 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
Prayer (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Tues. 5/5, 12, 19, 26 6/2/15	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Mary's Nativity-St. Ann 46-02 Parsons Boulevard Flushing, NY

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Catholic Spirituality (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Wed. 5/6, 13, 20, 27 6/3/15	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	St. Anselm CA 365 83rd Street Brooklyn, NY
Las Habilidades de Comunicacion para Lideres Pastorales (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Sat. 5/9/15	9:30 am – 3:00 pm	Diocesan Office 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY
Communication Skills for Lay Pastoral Leaders (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Sat. 5/9/15	9:30 am – 3:00 pm	Diocesan Office 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY
Wyznanie wiary (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Mon. 5/11, 18 6/8/15	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Parafia Matki Bozej Czestochowskiej 24th Street, Brooklyn, NY
World Meeting of Families Workshop	www.bqonlineformation.org	5/12/15	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	St. John's University 8000 Utopia Parkway Queens, NY
Las Habilidades de Comunicacion para Lideres Pastorales (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Sat. 5/16/15	9:30 am – 3:00 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
Communication Skills for Lay Pastoral Leaders (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Sat. 5/16/15	9:30 am – 3:00 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
"Religion" in Religious Education (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Thurs. 5/21/15	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Our Lady of Mercy School 70-25 Kessel Street Forest Hills, NY
School of Evangelization Recognition Celebration	See information posted on Firstclass	Thurs. 5/21/15	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph 856 Pacific Street Brooklyn, NY
Catholic High School Confirmation	N/A	Sun. 5/24/15	10:30 am	Cathedral-Basilica St. James 250 Cathedral Place Brooklyn, NY
Youth and Young Adult Holy Hour	N/A	Fri. 5/29/15	7:30 pm	Most Precious Blood Astoria 32-23 36th Street Long Island City, NY
Catholic High School Confirmation	N/A	Sun. 5/31/15	2:30 pm	Holy Family 175-20 74th Avenue Flushing, NY
The Revelation of God (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Mon. 6/1, 8, 15 22, 29, 2015	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Mary's Nativity-St. Ann 46-02 Parsons Boulevard Flushing, NY
Ecumenical Councils and Vatican II (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Tues. 6/2/15 & 6/9/15	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	St. Mark School 2602 East 19th Street Brooklyn, NY
Grilling with God	N/A	Wed. 6/3/15	6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Holy Child Jesus 111-11 86th Avenue Richmond Hill, NY

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SOE Advisory Board Meeting	By Invitation	Wed. 6/3/15	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
Morality (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Wed. 6/3, 10, 17 24, 7/1, 2015	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	St. Mark School 2602 East 19th Street Brooklyn, NY
Theology of the Body (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Thurs. 6/4, 11, 18, 25, 7/2, 2015	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Mary's Nativity-St. Ann 46-02 Parsons Boulevard Flushing, NY
Grilling with God	N/A	Wed. 6/10/15	6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Holy Child Jesus 111-11 86th Avenue Richmond Hill, NY
Supervisor's Meeting Lay Ministry Program	By Invitation	Mon. 6/15/15	2:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Diocesan Office 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY
The Church and Social Justice (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Tues. 6/16/15 & 6/23/15	4:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Our Lady of Mercy School 70-25 Kessel Street Forest Hills, NY
Grilling with God	N/A	Wed. 6/17/15	6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Holy Child Jesus 111-11 86th Avenue Richmond Hill, NY
Grilling with God	N/A	Wed. 6/24/15	6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Holy Child Jesus 111-11 86th Avenue Richmond Hill, NY
The Revelation of God (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Tues. 7/7/15 & 7/14/15	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Diocesan Office 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY
Catechesis and Evangelization (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Wed. 7/8/15 & 7/15/15	9:00 am – 11:30 am	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
Pastoral Apologetics II (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Thurs. 7/9/15 & 7/16/15	9:00 am – 11:30 am	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY
Multicultural Catechesis (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Thurs. 7/16/15	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Diocesan Office 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY
Mariology (Brooklyn)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Mon. 7/20/15	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Diocesan Office 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY
Lives of the Saints (Queens)	www.bqonlineformation.org	Mon. 7/20/15 & Tues. 7/21/15	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	ICC, Douglaston 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY

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Appendix

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 provides 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, Philipino, 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, 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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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 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 forgiving 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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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 encounters, 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 friendships, 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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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 use 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 *Koinonía 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 communitary 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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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 legions 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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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 sizeable 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 Sanc-

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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 understanding 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 Reconcili-

ation 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 that 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 other 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 setting to meet people where they are in their spiritual lives.

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Mission The mission of the School of Evangelization is to serve the formational and educational needs of those who seek to know for the first time, or desire a deeper understanding and relationship with, Christ Jesus and His Church by providing guidance, support, and resources to clergy, women and men in consecrated life, and the laity of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn.

Vision The School of Evangelization serves clergy, women and men in consecrated life, and the laity as the center for all Catholic catechetical and pastoral formation and Catholic educational resources and initiatives of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn. The School of Evangelization seeks to provide programs, processes, and initiatives of lifelong formation and education for all by collaborating with those in parish leadership.



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