Baptized & Sent

The Church of Christ on Mission in the World

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is my pleasure to present the *Secretariat for Evangellization and Catechesis Guidebook for 2019-2020*. This guidebook provides you with an overview of programs, initiatives, courses, and events offered here in the Diocese of Brooklyn. It is presented in such a way that both the new-comer and the experienced disciple can find it helpful. Please take time to read through the 2019-2020 Guidebook and participate in the opportunities that appeal to you.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has designated October 2019 as Extraordinary Missionary Month and provided the theme “Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World.” The theme reminds us of our duty and responsibility to respond to the great commission given to each of us by Jesus to go out into the whole world and spread the Good News.

In an address to the National Directors of the Pontifical Mission Societies on June 1, 2018, Pope Francis instructed, “We have a life to communicate: God, His divine life, His merciful love, His holiness.” We only share our faith when we are well-prepared for the mission.

Please join me in giving thanks to God for the increased interest and enthusiasm found in the hearts of the people of the Diocese in Brooklyn and Queens, demonstrated by the overwhelming success of our programs and initiatives in Brooklyn and Queens. I hope that the opportunities found in this Guidebook continue to be a blessing for you and your loved ones.

With an assurance of my continued remembrance of you in prayer and in the celebration of the Eucharist, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.
Bishop of Brooklyn
There is a universal call to holiness. In the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church *Lumen Gentium*, solemnly promulgated by His Holiness Saint Pope Paul VI on November 21, 1964, we read:

*Finally all Christ’s faithful, whatever be the conditions, duties and circumstances of their lives—and indeed through all these, will daily increase in holiness, if they receive all things with faith from the hand of their heavenly Father and if they cooperate with the divine will. In this temporal service, they will manifest to all men the love with which God loved the world.*

For the catechetical year 2019-2020, the Secretariat staff chose the theme *Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World* since it seems to capture the idea of the universal call to holiness. Quite often, I have the opportunity to meet men and women who have benefited in some way from the various programs and initiatives provided by the Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis or one of our collaborators. Some people I meet are surprised that the diocese and parishes provide these offerings, while others inquire about something that might be of particular interest but is not offered at this time.

Different opportunities impact one’s journey of faith. What are we doing daily to receive with open hearts the measure of holiness granted to us by our loving Father? If we are baptized into Christ (or preparing to be baptized), we must also participate in His mission. We have in this Guidebook a treasure of gifts given to us for our enrichment.

Let’s make a commitment this year to cooperate with God’s plan and become better formed and educated members of “The Church of Christ on Mission in the World.”

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Secretary for Evangelization and Catechesis
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SUMMARY OF SERVICES
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Please contact the staff with any questions regarding the programs and services listed. Some services are offered in a variety of languages.

The Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis

- Prepares and disseminates general information regarding the Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis
- Coordinates Secretariat major events
- Oversees major inter-departmental secretariat initiatives and collaborations:
  1. My Catholic Faith Delivered
  2. Catholic Distance University
  3. RENEW International
  4. Dynamic Parish
- Coordinates diocesan and national initiatives for parish and academy/school programs of Religious Education
- Creates and maintains Secretariat documents and handbooks
- Provides support for Pastors/Administrators, Catechetical Leaders and Pastoral Associates
  1. Hiring Process for New Catechetical Leaders
  2. Parish, Catholic academy, and parish school programs of Religious Education
- Coordinates resources related to Religious Education programs
- Provides and facilitates the use of First Penance, First Eucharist, and Confirmation Proximate Preparation resources
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- Provides opportunities for adult faith formation
- Directs the Holy Spirit Institute for Service and Leadership
- Directs the processes related to Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and RCIA Adapted for Children
  1. Formation of RCIA coordinators and teams
  2. Diocesan Rite of Election for Adults, Rite of Election Adapted for Children, and Call to Continuing Conversion
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- Provides opportunities for young adult formation
  1. Theology on Tap
  2. Mass and fellowship
  3. Small faith sharing groups
  4. Midnight Run
  5. Days of Reflection
  6. World Youth Day
Department for Marriage, Family Formation, and Respect Life Education

• Directs the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Programs
  1. Pre-Cana sessions
  2. Engaged Encounter weekends
  3. FOCCUS® Pre-Marriage Inventory
  4. Natural Family Planning workshops
  5. Training on the Billings Ovulation Method™

• Coordinates Marriage Enrichment and Support offerings
  1. Formation for leaders of married couples
  2. Marriage Encounter Weekends
  3. Annual World Marriage Day
  4. Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration
  5. Retrouvaille weekends for troubled marriages
  6. Beginning Experience weekends for separated, divorced and widows/widowers
  7. Referrals to marriage and family counselors/therapists

• Coordinates family resources
  1. Catechesis for Human Sexuality/Family Life Initiative for grades five through eight
  2. Strong Catholic Families Initiative
  3. Infant Baptismal Preparation training and resources

• Provides Respect Life Education training and resources
  1. Crisis Pregnancy resources
  2. Post-Abortion Ministry/Project Rachel

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• Provides outreach to Parishes, Catholic High Schools, youth, and families regarding youth faith formation
  1. Diocesan Youth Day
  2. World Youth Day
  3. National conventions
  4. Vocation’s Office collaboration
  5. Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) collaboration
  6. Diocesan High School Confirmation Masses for Catholic High School students
  7. Catholic High School staff resource days
  8. Catholic High School Religion curriculum standards and outcomes
  9. Confirmation Preparation programs and retreats

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

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The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)
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The CYO serves the families of the Diocese of Brooklyn by promoting active participation in parish life. Through various athletic programs and other evangelization opportunities, young people learn to be active members of the parish who bring Gospel values to all.

- Organizes and supports athletic leagues and programs for parishes
- Sponsors athletic and volunteer activities
- Offers spiritual-growth opportunities through sportsmanship, cooperation, and community
- Provides Coach as Youth Minister, coaches workshops, and clinics
- Partners with Play Like A Champion Today, University of Notre Dame

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- Creates reports for parish Religious Education program review, assessment, and consultation
- Assists in the development of Religious Education program strategic plans and mission statements
- Provides Religious Education Program Handbook consultation
- Creates and maintains a Religious Education Resource Guide
- Provides Parish Crisis Management Plan review and consultation
- Manages Religious Education program initiatives, such as the Annual Diocesan Religion Bee
DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION

How to Find a Parish Program of Religious Education?

STEP 1
GO TO
www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org

STEP 2
CLICK ON PARISHES
to find a parish in your area

General Information

“Catechesis, as a component of the process of evangelization, needs to go beyond the simple realm of scholastics, in order to educate believers, beginning with children, to encounter Christ, living and working in his Church.”

– Address to Participants in the Plenary Assembly of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization, May 2015.

The uniqueness of the Church is reflected in the uniqueness of each local parish. Mindful of this diversity, in light of local needs, and following Diocesan guidelines, each parish develops and implements 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 participate in Catholic education and formation from at least kindergarten through grade twelve. Every grade level is important as it builds on a child’s or teen’s previous knowledge and experience.

Following Confirmation, it is essential that the newly-confirmed continue to learn more about our Faith and participate in programs of youth ministry that include components of academic learning as well as spiritual growth opportunities. Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, as well as regular reception of the Sacraments, must be a priority in the life of all Catholics.

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As a family of families, the parish remains the ideal home for Catholic families to join together, not only at the spiritual birth of their children at Baptism, but also to be nourished by the Eucharist each Sunday. It is our Diocesan policy that each family’s home parish remains the privileged place for celebrating a child’s First Penance, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. This policy directs families to celebrate the Sacraments of First Penance, First Eucharist, and Confirmation in the parish where they usually celebrate Mass and their Catholic Faith every Sunday.
The Seed is the Word of God Resource for Catechetical Planning

The Seed is the Word of God Resource for Catechetical Planning is the primary resource for organizing our religious education programs in the parishes, schools, and academies of the Diocese of Brooklyn. It provides pastors, administrators, catechetical leaders, catechists and parents the tools necessary to ensure that a well-planned and complete program of religious education is available for every student.

The document can be found at dioceseofbrooklyn.org/get-involved/secretariat-for-evangelization-and-catechesis/the-seed-is-the-word-curriculum-guides/

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 Secretariat is collaborating with various parish leaders and national organizations to enhance special needs religious education offerings. In 2016, Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio established a Special Needs Religious Education Commission to attend to those with special needs in Brooklyn and Queens. Please contact your parish leaders first to see if a special needs religious education program is available locally.

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

Check the website at www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org and www.ncpd.org (The National Catholic Partnership on Disability) for updated information and resources.

Parent, Family, and Parish Involvement

“If family education regains its prominence, many things will change for the better.” – Pope Francis, May 20, 2015

The staff of the Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis seeks to regularly assist parents in their role as primary educators of their children in the Faith. Family members such as grandparents and aunts and uncles play an essential role in the formation of children and teens in the Faith and must be formed well themselves.

Please contact your parish for information and resources regarding the family’s role and commitment to religious education.

In addition, please visit www.meetmein.church for family events and initiatives.
The Religious Education Assessment Initiative

The Religious Education Assessment Initiative provides the Secretariat, parishes, Catholic academies, and parish schools with current data regarding areas of strength and challenge relating to programs of religious education. Now in its fourth year, this assessment is given to students in grades three, five, and seven in parish programs of religious education, Catholic academies, and parish schools on an alternating year basis. Over 23,000 students have taken the assessment anonymously during the past four years; the goal is to capture information about what our students learn well about our Faith and where they have challenges. The assessment provides data on how well the class, grade, overall parish program, Catholic academy, or parish school does in relation to the results of the entire Diocese. From this information, we can determine where to place our efforts to improve instruction and provide additional catechist formation. The Diocese of Brooklyn collaborates with My Catholic Faith Delivered to provide this assessment.

The Annual Diocesan Religion Bee

The Annual Diocesan Religion Bee, co-sponsored by Sadlier, Inc. in collaboration with the Diocesan Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis, holds competitions on three levels: local, regional, and Diocesan. This event is a wonderful opportunity for our Catholic academy, parish school, and parish Religious Education children and their parents to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Children prepare by studying questions given in advance and compete with other children from similar groups and grade levels. During the competition, some of the study questions will be asked, while other different, but related questions, are also asked to make the Bee more challenging. Regional finalists compete at the Diocesan Final Bee where the winners are recognized by the Bishop or his representative.
General Information

The department of Adult Faith Formation seeks to provide opportunities and resources to parishes and individuals that enable them to encounter Jesus Christ and thereby become missionary disciples in service to the church and the world. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has identified three major goals for the formation of adult Catholics:

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

Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelium Gaudium, invites: “All Christians, everywhere at this very moment to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her; since ‘no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord.’” (EG, 3)

In the words of our Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America, Archbishop Christophe Pierre: “Now it is time for you, the Church of Brooklyn, to be missionary disciples – to put out into the deep for a great catch of new disciples. The mission is daunting, but it is our mission: to make sure that “the joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and minds of all who encounter Jesus” (EG, 1). That is Pope Francis’ dream for the Church – right here in Brooklyn, and he wants this to be your dream too. So, be bold! Be creative! And put out into the deep!”

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

There are many ways that lead a person to want to know more about the Catholic Church. Perhaps a conversation with someone who is Catholic or perhaps attendance at an event provides the necessary “spark”. Those interested in becoming Catholic or wish to know more about the Catholic Faith are welcome to join the RCIA process. This journey of faith can be one filled with many different circumstances but know that it is not a journey that one takes alone.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is designed for adults who, after hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ proclaimed, freely desire to seek the living God and enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. The journey is one of conversion, preparation, and formation which at the proper time leads towards reception of the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) that are received at the Easter Vigil. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, 1)
The process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for all unbaptized adults seeking full initiation through the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. Anyone who is already baptized as a Catholic or received a valid baptism from another Christian denomination (Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopalian, Anglican, Presbyterian or Orthodox) will make a profession of faith and receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

For those who are Eastern (Orthodox) Christians, the Roman Catholic Church recognizes and accepts all sacraments as being valid.

If one does not belong to a Catholic parish, one may go to www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/parishes to find a parish near you and ask the pastor about the ‘RCIA’ process. Whatever your journey of faith is know that we are here to assist you in deepening your knowledge of the Catholic Church through prayer, formation, preparation and communal support.

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**Rite of Christian Initiation Adapted for Children**

Children are inquirers too. They ask questions such as “Why do we go to Church? What is First Communion? Or “When was I baptized?” If, you as a parent or guardian of a child have had similar experiences, then keep reading. The Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for Children is a pathway for unbaptized children between the ages of 8 and 14 who have reached the catechetical age and need formation in order to be baptized, confirmed and receive first communion.

Since September of 1988, children of catechetical age who were not baptized as infants, may not be baptized according to the rite for infant baptism, but rather enter into the RCIA process adapted for children as stated in the “Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) part 2, chapter 1, ‘Christian Initiation of Children Who Have Reached Catechetical Age’:

As with the adult rite, sufficient time is needed for formation into a way of life, not merely knowing about the Catholic faith. A minimum of three years is expected since “The Christian initiation of these children requires both a conversion that is personal and somewhat developed, in proportion to their age, and the assistance of the education they need.” When with prayerful discernment it is decided that the child is ready to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, at one celebration, the child is baptized, confirmed and receives First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil or during the season of Easter.

Accordingly, as with adults, children’s initiation is to be extended over at least three years before they receive the sacraments. Also, as with adults, their initiation is marked by several steps corresponding to the periods of adult initiation that lead up to and follow the steps of their initiation.

It is important as the parent or guardian of the child that:

> “Children seek Christian initiation either at the direction of their parents or guardians or, with parental permission, on their own initiative. Such children are capable of receiving and nurturing a personal faith and of recognizing an obligation in conscience, but they cannot yet be treated as adults. At this stage of their lives, they are dependent on their parents or guardians and are still strongly influenced by their companions and their social surroundings. (RCIA 25)"

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A Consolidated Site for Adult Faith Formation Opportunities
www.bqonlineformation.org

Religious education, CCD, faith formation, or Sunday school is often considered just for children and teens. For many years now, the Church has encouraged all people, regardless of age or academic background, to develop a practice of learning more about our Catholic faith. This is possible in Brooklyn and Queens by investigating what parishes have to offer or by going to www.bqonlineformation.org for a listing of courses, workshops, and events for adults. Adults learn differently from children and teens, so there are many opportunities for you to get to know your faith. Whether you are actively part of your parish or you are just beginning to find out about the Catholic faith, Pope Francis reminds us that we are “a people advancing on its pilgrim way towards God.”
Living and Leading by Faith
Catechetical Leader and Catechist Formation Program (LLF)

The Living and Leading by Faith Catechetical Leader and Catechist Formation Program (LLF), now in its tenth year, provides education and formation opportunities both online through My Catholic Faith Delivered and Catholic Distance University and in classroom settings for all catechetical leaders and catechists in the Diocese of Brooklyn.

The diocesan policy follows:

All who administer or teach in parish programs of religious education or in a Catholic academy/parish school must be theologically prepared, spiritually mature, and skilled in the methods of religious education/formation. Every principal, assistant principal, and teacher in a Catholic academy/parish school, Director of Faith Formation or Coordinator of Religious Education, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation, Coordinator of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Rite of Christian Initiation Adapted for Children, other parish staff with significant catechetical responsibility, and diocesan or parish catechist is expected to fulfill the requirements of Catholic Faith Formation according to the approved Living and Leading by Faith Catechetical Leader and Catechist Formation Program of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn. At least ten (10) hours of approved adult faith formation is required each year and must be recorded on one’s online transcript managed by My Catholic Faith Delivered.

FOR CATECHISTS

There are two major components of the LLF program, providing ample opportunities for people at all levels of education and formation to participate:

I. Initial Faith Formation

The LLF offers initial formation for new catechists who are required to take the following six courses either online or onsite within in the first four years of beginning work (paid or volunteer) in the diocese:

- The Creed—10 hours
- The Sacraments—10 hours
- Morality—10 hours
- Prayer—10 hours
- Introduction to Catechesis—5 hours
- Introduction to the Bible—5 hours

Exemptions to the Initial Faith Formation requirements are limited to the following:

1. An approved Bachelor of Arts degree or Master of Arts degree in Theology or Religious Studies received within the last ten years
2. A Certificate of Completion from an approved archdiocesan or diocesan catechist formation program within the last ten years.

Academic Degree or Certificate Courses

While enrolled in an approved academic degree or certificate program, the participant is excused from participation in Living and Leading by Faith courses. Successful completion of an academic or certificate course will provide 10 hours of credit once the appropriate form is completed and submitted to the Director of the Living and Leading by Faith Program.
II. Ongoing Faith Formation

Upon completion of the Initial Formation component of 50 hours, a minimum of 10 hours is required every year of active involvement in parish or Catholic academy/parish school work. A certificate of completion will be granted after every 50 hours of successfully completed approved coursework. Please note: courses can only be counted for credit one time.

FOR CATECHEtical LEADERS

All Catechetical Leaders including Directors of Faith Formation, Coordinators of Religious Education, Coordinators of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Coordinators of Adult Faith Formation, Coordinators of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Rite of Christian Initiation Adapted for Children, Catholic Academy, and Parish School Administrators, and other parish staff with significant catechetical responsibility, with any level of experience or education, must complete at least ten hours of approved Living and Leading by Faith credit annually.

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Joann Roa, Director
718-965-7300, ext. 2440
jroa@diobrook.org

My Catholic Faith Delivered (MCFD) provides an online learning system to help Catholics in the Diocese of Brooklyn grow, communicate, learn, and evangelize. Every LLF participant must have an account with MCFD. Follow the instructions found later in this document to create an account. Once an account is established, a personal transcript is created. Our collaboration with MCFD enables us to strengthen the overall faith community. Over 10,000 people are now part of our adult learning community.
CATHOLIC DISTANCE UNIVERSITY

Catholic Distance University (CDU) offers accredited undergraduate and graduate degrees and certificates as well as continuing education programs. Courses offered in the continuing education category are accepted for LLF credit. A special coupon code now permits anyone in our Diocese to take the continuing education courses for a reduced cost.

The promo code is: BROOKLYNMEM17

To review course offerings and to register, go to https://cdu.catalog.instructure.com/ When the course you take is completed, please send your certificate to Christine Georgi so she can enter the course on your LLF transcript (kept on My Catholic Faith Delivered). All CDU courses are the equivalent of ten hours LLF credit but apply to the Ongoing Component ONLY.

WEBINARS

Webinars are offered by various companies and organizations. Due to the variance in the way that webinars are presented and the challenges regarding the approval of the content, participation in a webinar may not be counted towards LLF credit.

APPROVED DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Participation in the Diocese of Brooklyn’s Holy Spirit Institute for Service and Leadership, a Secretariat approved graduate program or certificate in theology, religious education, or other related area takes precedence over the annual LLF requirement of ten hours. Please consult Miss Joann Roa for details and requirements.

ANNUAL LLF CONSULTATION (INTERVIEW) WITH SUPERVISOR

An important part of the LLF Program is regular consultation with one’s supervisor. Each LLF participant should meet at least annually with a supervisor to discern the best course(s) or event(s) based on particular needs. A plan of action should be created and followed. The record of participation is then kept on the transcript created by My Catholic Faith Delivered.
About the Holy Spirit Institute

The Holy Spirit Institute for Service and Leadership of the Diocese of Brooklyn provides high quality formation and education to lay men and women who are called to serve as missionary disciples. The Institute was established in 2017 in tandem with the Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis, which Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D., formed in response to Pope Francis’ invitation at the start of his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel).

About Catholic Distance University

CDU offers accredited online undergraduate and graduate degrees and certificates as well as continuing education programs. Founded in 1983, CDU has educated thousands of students worldwide who wish to deepen their faith through programs that provide the academic and spiritual growth students seek with the flexibility and convenience they need. CDU graduates touch the lives of many as they use their knowledge to help form others in the Faith and educate the next generation of missionary disciples. CDU’s online programs allow you to study from your computer, device, or phone anytime, anywhere!

Lead and Serve

Our programs prepare you to lead and serve through four components—human formation, spiritual formation, pastoral formation, and intellectual formation. Convenient online courses provided by Catholic Distance University provide the intellectual formation, and conferences and seminars within the diocese provide the human, pastoral, and spiritual formation.
Volunteer Lay Leadership Track in English and Spanish

This 2-year program leads to a Diocesan Lay Leadership Certificate granted by Catholic Distance University. Candidates must successfully complete all four components of the Institute, including six courses, at least three of which must be taken online through Catholic Distance University’s Continuing Education program.

Students complete six courses in English or Spanish, including one conference or seminar in human development, one in pastoral development, and a reflection that provides the spiritual formation component required. The numbered courses are offered completely online through Catholic Distance University.

The Diocesan Lay Leadership Certificate provides certification for the following positions:

EVANGELIZATION
• Small Faith Sharing Group Leader, Evangelization Committee Leader, Hospitality Committee Leader, Consolation/Bereavement Committee Leader

FAITH FORMATION
• Special Needs Religious Education Team Leader
• Catechist Mentor
• RCIA Committee Leader

FAMILY LIFE
• Natural Family Planning Group Leader
• Pre-Cana Leader
• Respect Life Committee Leader

SOCIAL JUSTICE
• Disability Advocacy Leader
• Hospital/Prison Visitation Team Leader

Additional training may be required for certain positions.

Volunteer Lay Leadership Track in English and Spanish

Students can choose from the following offerings:

FIRST SEMESTER
• Orientation Conference
• THEO N005 Profession of Faith
• Women’s / Men’s Conference
• Advent Reflection
• Human Development: Strength Finder I
• Pastoral Development Day

SECOND SEMESTER
• THEO N105 Constitution of the Church
• THEO N006 Celebration of the Christian Mystery
• Lenten Reflection
• Human Development: Strength Finder II
• Catechetical Assembly
• Seminar: Christi Fidelis Laici

THIRD SEMESTER
• SCRPT N004 Introduction to Scripture and the Gospel Message
• Advent Reflection
• Human Development: Strength Finder III
• Seminar: Mariology
• Workshops

FOURTH SEMESTER
• THEO N007 Life in Christ
• THEO N008 Christian Prayer
• Final Reflection
• Human Development: Strength Finder IV
• Pastoral Development: Evangelium Nuntiandi
• Exit Presentation
• Workshops
Professional Undergraduate and Graduate Certificate Tracks

Earn an Undergraduate Catechetical Coordinator Certificate or Graduate Certificate for Catholic Educators through Catholic Distance University.

Students complete six online courses through Catholic Distance University plus one conference or seminar in the Diocese of Brooklyn in human development, one in pastoral development, and a reflection that provides the spiritual formation component required.

CATHOLIC DISTANCE UNIVERSITY ONLINE COURSES

Undergraduate Courses
- THEO 304 Foundations of Catholicism
- SCRPT 330 Introduction to Scripture and Salvation History
- THEO 332 Jesus Christ: God, Man, and Savior
- THEO 353 Sacraments: Masterworks of God
- THEO 468 Principles of Moral Theology
- RELED 432 General Catechetics for the New Evangelization

Graduate Courses
- THEO 503 The Catholic Theological Tradition
- RELED 560 Principles of Catholic Education
- THEO 682 Forming a Catholic World View: Catholic Social Teachings
- SCRPT 530 Introduction to Scripture and Salvation History
- SPIR 501 Applied Catholic Spirituality
- THEO 640 Presenting the Faith in the Modern World: Dealing with the Hard Questions

Professional Degree Track

Earn a degree through Catholic Distance University, which has provided distance education for lay leaders in service to the New Evangelization for 35 years.

This track, which requires a 3-year commitment and successful completion of all four components of the Institute, leads to one of four degrees:

- Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts with a Concentration in Catholic Studies (60 credits)
- Bachelor of Arts in Theology (120 credits)
- Master of Arts in Theology (36 credits, no thesis required)
- Master of Arts in Theology and Educational Ministry (36 credits, program portfolio and practicum required)

Those without a Bachelor of Arts degree will begin with six courses towards an Associate of Arts degree or complete the 18-credit Undergraduate Catechetical Coordinator Certificate.

Those with a Bachelor of Arts degree in a non-religious area will pursue the 18-credit Graduate Certificate for Catholic Educators or one of the two Master of Arts degree programs listed above.

For information about CDU’s degree program requirements and courses, visit cdu.edu and select Academics from the menu to find the degree program best suited for you.
Are you an active parishioner who is ready to become a missionary disciple? If so, ask your pastor to nominate you for participation in the Holy Spirit Institute. Email Joann Roa at jroa@diobrook.org or 718-965-7300 ext. 2440 for more information. Candidates should possess adequate reading and writing skills and the ability to work well with others.

**About the Holy Spirit Institute**

For those in the **Volunteer Lay Leadership Track**, payment is due annually by November 1st. A bill will be issued. The total costs include*:

- **The Participant**: $250
- **The Parish**: $350
- **The Diocese**: $350

*per year based on three courses per year for two years

For those in the **Professional Lay Leadership Track**, payment is due annually by November 1st. A bill will be issued. The total costs include*:

- **The Student**: $750
- **The Parish**: $750
- **The Diocese**: $1,000

*per year based on two courses per year for three years

This financial arrangement is made in partnership with CDU. Additional costs are the responsibility of the student.
Haitian (Kolât Pastoral Labib ak Doktrin) Institute

The Diocesan Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis is attentive to the pastoral needs of the Creole speaking population of this diocese and promotes a special program called Kolât Pastoral as part of the Holy Spirit Institute. The program has been in existence for twenty-seven years, and the purpose is to provide a thorough biblical and doctrinal formation in the Catholic Faith. First, a general introduction to the history of the Bible is given, and then many books are studied one after the other.

Every class has prayer session and a half hour conference on current issues. Lunch can be purchased. The 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 through June. As a rule, five days of class are given every second Saturday from September to December; five from January to Easter; and four from Easter to June. Classes are never held on two Saturdays in a row.

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

The spiritual path laid out by ARISE: Together in Christ invites participants to encounter Christ and grow as missionary disciples in powerful small-group settings. This unfolds over five periods of time (called seasons) each of which lasts six weeks. These small groups were organized as a response to achieving our goals set forth in the diocesan plan for evangelization and renewal called The Joy of Encountering Christ—The Family’s Hope. Over 100 parishes and approximately 9,000 people in the Diocese of Brooklyn have participated in this initiative since 2015.

Each season engages the entire parish in a basic Gospel theme:

- Season 1 Fall Encountering Christ Today
- Season 2 Lent Change Our Hearts
- Season 3 Fall In the Footsteps of Christ
- Season 4 Lent New Heart, New Spirit
- Season 5 Fall We Are the Good News!

WHY CATHOLIC? JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM

Why Catholic? has a rich scriptural and catechetical approach that gives a solid foundation for Catholics to express their faith and be able to reach out to others in faith and offers a concrete approach to help adults deepen their Catholic Faith and connect its teachings to their everyday lives.

Why Catholic? explores Catholic teaching with direct quotes from The Catechism of the Catholic Church, The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, scriptural references, and reflection questions covering four themes in 48 sessions designed for faith-sharing in a small group setting that is a supportive environment for evangelization and Adult Faith Formation.

- Catholic beliefs
- Sacraments
- Morality
- Prayer

It is available in Spanish, Haitian Creole, Chinese, Portuguese, Vietnamese, French, English, and Lithuanian.

RENEW International

RENEW International provides comprehensive training for the parish teams and small-group leaders. The following initiatives are currently active in the Diocese of Brooklyn.

For information about the various opportunities, please contact your local parish.

BE MY WITNESS

Be My Witness is a Christ-centered, Spirit-led approach to transforming parishes and forming disciples for the New Evangelization and draws its inspiration from The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis’ landmark document on evangelization.

Be My Witness is presented in two phases:

Phase 1 equips parish staff, leaders, and pastoral councils to lead mission-focused change and to develop a parish pastoral plan focused on evangelization and mission.

Phase 2 includes small faith sharing groups while it also engages and forms parishioners as missionary disciples, ready to become partners in the New Evangelization. The results are the pastoral plans and motivation needed to transform the parish into a “center of constant missionary outreach.”

The Spanish version is titled Sean mis Testigos: Formación para la Nueva Evangelización.

For information, please contact Theodore Musco at tmusco@diobrook.org.
Paulist Evangelization Ministries (PEM)

This team focuses on “Reaching the Unreached” and assisting “Catholics with programs to share their faith, to reach out to seekers and those who are disconnected.”

Some resources are:
- Awakening Faith
- Neighbors Reaching Neighbors
- Seeking Christ
- Catholic Discipleship: Spiritual Exercises and Reflections
- Living the Eucharist

LIVING THE EUCHARIST

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

For more information, please go to www.pemdc.org or consult your parish.

Dynamic Catholic - Dynamic Parish

In 2018, the leadership of Dynamic Catholic chose the Diocese of Brooklyn as one of four pilot dioceses to participate in a new initiative, Dynamic Parish.

Dynamic Parish is a five-year program that will focus on the renewal of the parish using the following themes.

1. Invitation
2. Prayer
3. Study
4. Generosity
5. Evangelization

Cursillo

The Cursillo was first introduced to the people of the Diocese of Brooklyn in 1964 at St Paul’s Center at Humboldt Street in Brooklyn. The Cursillo and Christian Awakening programs are run by Cursillistas, i.e. those who made their experience at St Paul’s Center. The Cursillo is a method of spiritual awakening designed to inform and support your Christian expression of self, others and God. It can be a very powerful and spiritually transformative retreat. Currently available several times annually.

For information on the English speaking Cursillo, please contact:
- Mens’ Cursillo:
  Mike McGovern mike@olscyo.com 516-782-7237
- Womens’ Cursillo:
  AnnMarie Dodd amdodd13@gmail.com 516-236-0586
- Christian Awakening:
  Tom Leavens tmyluv@gmail.com

For information on Spanish speaking Cursillo, please contact the Diocese of Brooklyn at 718-965-7300.
Youth Faith Formation And Outreach

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Youth Ministry works to empower young people — junior high school grades 6-8, and senior high school grades 9-12 — to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today. We work together with adult parish youth ministry leadership, across parishes and schools, to develop comprehensive youth ministry programs. We also collaborate with diocesan agencies and organizations, regional, and national Catholic Youth Ministry leadership on activities and issues of mutual concern and benefit, consistent with the goals of the Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis.

**CHRISTUS VIVIT/CHRIST IS ALIVE**

On March 25, 2019 our Holy Father, Pope Francis, signed his Apostolic Exhortation, *Christus Vivit*. This document, addressed to young people and to the entire people of God, is a response to the recent Synod on Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment. Pope Francis explains that he let himself “be inspired by the wealth of reflections and conversations that emerged from last year’s Synod.” (*Christus Vivit, 4*)

Here are four key concepts from this Apostolic Exhortation:

1. Young people are rich in role models
2. The challenges facing the youth are real
3. The key to making the years of youth count is friendship with the Lord
4. Discerning one’s vocation is how young people can respond to the plan the Lord has for them


**A Pastoral Plan for Outreach to Youth and Young Adults in the Diocese of Brooklyn**

The Diocese of Brooklyn has a rich, long history of catechizing and evangelizing youth and young adults. It is necessary, then, that under the leadership of Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, and in collaboration with the staff of the Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis, this Plan will unify, engage, and mobilize pastoral and catechetical outreach to youth and young adults. This Diocesan Plan provides a framework which is flexible and practical. It is meant to be studied and implemented by the pastor, the parish staff, the parish youth and young adult team, and other collaborators.

The family is an essential part of this outreach.

The Six Goals of the *So Be BOLD!* Plan are:

1. Empower parents and faith-filled families
2. Create vibrant, youth-friendly Parishes
3. Form fruitful partnerships
4. Engage in comprehensive ministry to youth with intentional and systematic faith formation
5. Develop an environment of inclusion, trust, and acceptance
6. Recognize Confirmation preparation as an integral part of a comprehensive approach to youth ministry

(Confirmation is not graduation!)

During the course of this year, many opportunities to study *Christus Vivit* and *So Be BOLD!* will be offered.

Please consult [www.meetmein.church](http://www.meetmein.church) and [www.bqonlineformation](http://www.bqonlineformation) for more information.
CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INITIATIVE (CYMI)

Certificate In Youth Ministry Studies

The Center for Ministry Development supports the CYMI by providing training, resources and consultation to assist the diocesan staff in supporting vibrant youth ministry. This project consists of nine gathered workshops provided on Saturdays over a three-year period. These workshops are provided for the leaders of youth ministry and their teams. The workshop day also includes an element of team planning. Planning work will also be assigned to teams to complete in between workshops.

www.cmdnet.org

This certificate includes the following course of study:

| YEAR ONE |

Principles of Youth Ministry

Principles of Youth Ministry presents the foundational understandings and principles for developing an effective, comprehensive ministry with young and older adolescents. It examines the dynamics of promoting healthy adolescent development and faith growth. It presents the vision and principles for comprehensive youth ministry. It also includes a model for developing comprehensive youth ministry which incorporates developmentally appropriate youth programming, strengthens family life, involves young people as integral members of the faith community, and collaborates with civic organizations in a common effort to promote positive youth development.

Practices of Youth Ministry

Practices of Youth Ministry explores the development of comprehensive youth ministry through the collaborative sharing of the resources in the community. Rooted in a theological and pastoral vision of community life, this course develops foundational understandings that will assist leaders in setting and implementing a vision for dynamic ministry with youth. This will include skills for advocacy, planning, and organizing youth ministry efforts. Methods for collaborative leadership among ministries and within ministry teams will also be developed.

Foundations of Ministry Leadership

Foundations of Ministry Leadership explores the theology, principles, and practices of effective leadership in Christian ministry. Participants explore current leadership concepts and approaches, as well as Christian perspectives on leadership. Participants also learn how to empower individuals and teams of leaders for ministry with youth. The course combines theory presentation with experiential learning as participants explore: (a) leadership theory and an assessment of styles for effective leadership; (b) theological and pastoral foundations for understanding leadership and empowerment; and (c) processes and tools for inviting, preparing and nurturing adult and youth leaders in ministry.

Skills for Christian Leadership

Skills for Christian Leadership addresses the theories and skills needed for principle-centered leadership in ministry. Participants will develop a practical, working understanding of leadership process and skills and the experiential ability to use the skills. The course stresses the application of leadership skills to various ministry settings, problems, and issues.

Principles of Lifelong Faith Formation

Principles of Lifelong Faith Formation presents the foundations and principles for developing effective lifelong catechesis with people of all ages in the parish community. It offers a vision for catechesis which is rooted in Church documents and Tradition. The current context for faith formation in the 21st century will also be explored, along with models for effective parish catechesis. Particular attention will be paid to the development of catechesis with families, children, youth, young adults and adults—in other words, with all ages and stages.

Note: This is an alternative course to Principles of Youth Ministry. Students are not required to take both courses.

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**YEAR TWO & YEAR THREE**

**Pastoral Care**

Pastoral Care explores the principles and methods of caring for young people from various cultures and for their families. The course develops an understanding of the breadth and depth of pastoral care, of family systems and adolescent development, and of the role that cultural identity plays in the development of adolescents. The goal is two-fold: (a) to promote healthy adolescent development from a pastoral care perspective, and (b) to develop preventative interventions for families with adolescents.

**Evangelization and Catechesis**

Evangelization and Catechesis develops the foundations and practices for nurturing faith growth and Catholic identity in young and older adolescents through evangelization and catechesis. Participants will explore a variety of ways to learn about and from Jesus and how to promote a living relationship with Jesus in the lives of adolescents. They will examine a contemporary approach to developing Catholic identity and Catholic practices in the lives of adolescents today. Participants will experience and analyze the “postmodern” culture and develop strategies for faith formation with adolescents in a postmodern world. They will learn creative approaches for evangelization and catechesis and develop skills and methods for evangelizing and catechizing adolescents.

**Prayer and Worship**

Prayer and Worship investigates the foundational role that prayer and worship have in fostering the spiritual growth of youth. Participants develop understandings and practical skills necessary for: (a) preparing liturgy and worship experiences, (b) fostering the prayer life of youth and preparing prayer services, and (c) understanding the role of youth retreat experiences. Participants will apply these understandings by developing a realistic and integrated approach to worship within a comprehensive ministry to youth.

**Justice and Service**

Justice and Service explores the foundations for fostering a justice and service consciousness and spirituality in youth with concepts drawn from Scripture, Catholic social teaching, adolescent development, and contemporary catechetical principles. It develops skills for creating integrated, action-learning models for the justice and service component of a comprehensive youth ministry.

**Planning and Implementing Lifelong Catechesis**

Planning and Implementing Lifelong Catechesis develops the skills needed for development of dynamic catechesis with people of all ages in a parish setting. The course will engage participants in looking at the content of catechesis, fashioning a lifelong faith formation curriculum, teaching for discipleship, and placing catechesis within the context of evangelization. Participants will also be prepared to attend to the pastoral care dimension of catechesis with children, youth, adults and families.
The Joy of Adolescent Catechesis

The Joy of Adolescent Catechesis was written to inspire and challenge those who participate in the ministry of adolescent catechesis. The document discusses the joys and challenges of forming young disciples and empowering them to authentically encounter the person of Jesus Christ through their experience of the Catholic Faith. It strives to critically examine assumptions, offers a dynamic vision and a set of vital outcomes for all leaders, and encourages deep conversation to spark the creation of new patterns of ministry to and with young people. The Joy of Adolescent Catechesis is the result of a collaborative partnership by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, The National Catholic Educational Association and The National Conference for Catechetical Leadership.

For information regarding the document, contact Paul Morisi at 718-965-7300 ext. 5556 or pmorisi@diobrook.org

Center for Ministry Development

Tools for Evaluating Youth Ministry Programming - Program evaluation is a systematic and objective process which compares what the program intended to do with what the program actually accomplished, to determine how the program can be improved. It needs to be a regularly scheduled process.

For information: static1.squarespace.com/static/58b629408419c2fa764ff65c/t/5c51ceed88251b1eedbc456e/1548865261709Tool+for+Evaluating+Youth+Ministry+Programs.pdf

Called to Accompany

The Called to Accompany series invites youth ministry volunteers to learn and explore the many aspects that make a parish youth ministry successful. Through videos and group discussion, volunteers are encouraged to respond to Pope Francis’ call to accompany the youth towards a deep and fulfilling relationship with Christ and His Church.

For information: store.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com/p-32653-called-to-accompany.aspx

Nation Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry

Ministry Networks are sponsored by the NFCYM to support the development of the field of youth and young adult ministry through ongoing conversations centering around current issues, struggles, strategies, and best practices. The moderators for each Ministry Network use online apps (Zoom, Facebook, Google Groups, etc...) to gather interested colleagues together around pertinent topical areas to share, resource, discuss, and ask questions among others within the network. There is no cost to be involved in a Ministry Network, just a commitment to be responsive to others in the Network. You may join as many Networks as you wish.

For information: nfcym.org/joinministrynetworks

New Evangelization Teams Ministries

NET Ministries challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. Every August, 175 young Catholics aged 18-28 leave behind their jobs, school, family, and friends to devote nine months to serving with the National Evangelization Teams (NET). Divided into 16 teams, they travel across the U.S. for nine months to share the Gospel with young people and their families. Since 1981, NET teams have led over 32,000 retreats and ministered to more than 2 million young Catholics. NET Ministries fulfills its mission by:

1. Proclaiming the Gospel of Christ through a personal witness of faith
2. Inviting young people to live for Christ
3. Forming young people in Christian character through the study and practice of their faith
4. Equipping youth workers and young adults with the ministry skills needed for evangelization

NET Ministries is under the ecclesiastical vigilance of the Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. NET is a nonprofit organization incorporated in the state of Minnesota funded through individual donations, program fees and grants and is governed by a national board of directors.

For information: netusa.org

Youth Ministry Access

Youth Ministry Access (YMA) is a subscription website designed especially for Catholic youth ministry leaders in parishes, schools, retreat centers, camps—wherever young people gather in community as young disciples.

For information: www.cmdnet.org/yma

Download hundreds of fully designed sessions and programs based on Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry:

- Connect catechesis to U.S. Bishops’ Adaptation of Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework for the Development of Catechetical Materials for Young People of High School Age
- Expand ministry with retreats, service projects, community building events
- Resources for confirmation preparation, sessions on saints and saintly people, connections to the liturgical year
- Authored by parish youth ministers, diocesan directors, high school campus ministers and teachers, national leaders in Catholic organizations, speakers, and trainers
**Life Teen**

Life Teen is a Eucharist-centered movement within the Roman Catholic Church that leads teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. With the Blessed Virgin Mary as our intercessor and guide, Life Teen seeks to unleash the fullness of the Sacramental power present within the young Church. This site has information on resources, camps, conference, and blogs.

For information: lifeteen.com

**Project YM**

Project YM is equipping Catholic Youth Ministers with what they need to do ministry better. This is a site built around giving you a place to find what youth ministers a place to find what is needed.

The hope is that this site becomes place to connect with others and grow. We know that the Holy Spirit has also placed tools in your community. We hope you will share them with us.

For information: projectym.com

**Prevent Bullying**

The Center for Disease Control’s webpage offers a glance at preventing bullying including further resources to read and research.

For information: www.cdc.gov/Features/prevent-bullying/index.html

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**EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH**

**Steubenville NYC**

Steubenville NYC takes place annually on the campus of St. John’s University in Queens, New York. The 105-acre Queens campus offers a traditional university environment in the world’s most dynamic city. The event begins with the hope of strengthening and inspiring teens and youth groups in their collective journeys to Christ. Evangelistic in nature, these weekend conferences are both a great “introduction” to the Gospel message for new or younger teens, while offering deep and moving experiences of prayer and fellowship for Youth Group regulars.

For information: steubenvilleconferences.com/youth

**Holy Fire**

Holy Fire is a national Catholic one-day faith experience for middle school youth, developed in collaboration with a host diocese and nearby dioceses. Its mission is to ignite the hearts of young people with the love of Christ and to inspire them to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in the world. Holy Fire New York 2020 will be held Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Carnesecca Arena, St. John’s University, Queens, New York.

For information, contact Paul Morisi at 718-965-7300 ext. 5556 or pmorisi@diobrook.org
National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

The National Catholic Youth Conference is a powerful, biennial, three-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers (of high school age) and their adult chaperones. More than 23,000 young people and their chaperones attended 2017 NCYC in Indianapolis. The program includes keynote presentations, prayer, workshops, Mass, and opportunities to participate in reconciliation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as recreational activities, concerts, and exhibits. A key component of NCYC is the thematic park which is a blend of traditional exhibit booths with interactive areas featuring service projects, games, recreation, live musical performances, arts, and sports. Join over 20,000 youth and youth ministers from over 180 dioceses in the U.S. as they gather to celebrate the Faith!

For more information: www.ncyc.info

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)

The Catholic Youth Organization serves the families of the Diocese of Brooklyn by promoting active participation in parish life. Through various athletic programs and other evangelization opportunities, young people learn to be active members of the parish and community who bring Gospel values to all.

The CYO is a parish, Church, and community-based organization consisting of a cooperative union of administrative staff, operational volunteers, pastors, parish athletic representatives, coaches and parents with the common purpose of promoting and maintaining the mission and philosophical goals of the CYO while affording opportunities for continued collaboration with the various departments of the Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis.

Currently 80 parishes within the diocese participate in CYO. Children from an additional 45 parishes participate in CYO programs at sponsoring parishes. There are a total of 17,286 registered participants (multiple sports) in the Catholic Youth Organization.

Athletes wishing to participate in the CYO are required to complete the CYO Athlete registration process including payment of the registration fee to obtain their official CYO Membership Number.

Complete details on the registration process can be found on the CYO website, www.cyodob.org

The membership number will allow each athlete to register at their Parish CYO Program or at a parish program directed by the CYO office. Each parish determines fees that individual members are charged for participation based on league and diocesan fees as well as costs for practice facilities, uniforms, equipment and awards.

The core mission of the CYO is to help the young people to be more Christ-like in the way they live and what they value. The young person is the main focus, not the athletic activity. The CYO emphasizes the following values; Community, Hope, Service, Dignity of Person and Spiritual Growth.

Complete details on the registration process can be found on the CYO website, www.cyodob.org

For more information, contact Rob Caldera at 718.281.9549 or rcaldera@diobrook.org
Young Adult Faith Formation and Outreach

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Diocese of Brooklyn, through the Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis, works to mentor parishes as the way to accompany young adults. Young adults are persons in their late teens, twenties, and thirties who represent diverse cultural, racial, ethnic, educational, vocational, social, political, and spiritual backgrounds. The parishes to do this by connecting young adults with Jesus Christ, connecting young adults with the Church, connecting young adults with the mission of the Church in the World, connecting young adults with a peer community.

SO, BE BOLD!

A Pastoral Plan for Outreach to Youth and Young Adults in the Diocese of Brooklyn

Pope Francis urged young adults “…not to let the world be ruined by those without scruples, who only think about exploiting it and destroying it.” Instead, he said, they should –

“…flood the places where you live with the joy and enthusiasm typical of your youthful age, to irrigate the world and history with the joy that comes from the Gospel, from having met a person: Jesus, who has enthralled you and has drawn you to be with Him.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FOR OUTREACH TO YOUNG ADULTS

MeetMeIn.Church

This site compiles activities for young adult faith formation opportunities across the diocese in Brooklyn and Queens. Check frequently for updated events and programming.

Sons and Daughter’s of Light

This is the USCCB’s document on young adult ministry.


USCCB National Young Adult Summit Videos

In collaboration with the Catholic Apostolate Center; a series of videos was prepared following their 2018 Summit in Washington, D.C.

For information: www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLfYHDueI2yce6TLI219cfKnKfmdb4R

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FOR OUTREACH TO YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Ministry Forum 2018

Here are video resources from the 2018 Young Adult Ministry Forum held in the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida.

For information: www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQg8LzvcUq8&list=PLfYHDueI2yc_6TLI219cfKnKfmdb4RP

USCCB Young Adult Ministry White Paper Submissions

Catholic leaders were invited to submit short white papers on how we might sharpen the vision for young adult ministry. These white paper submissions were chosen for the National Leadership Forum on Young Adult Ministry. They can be viewed and studied in order to learn what was discussed and shared at the National Leadership Forum on Ministry with Young Adults in San Jose, CA.

For information: www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/who-we-teach/young-adults/upload/white-papers-compilation-v01.pdf

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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS

World Youth Day
World Youth Day (WYD) is an international gathering of young people to share in their Catholic faith and to have an encounter with Our Holy Father. This week-long event takes place every two or three years and the location changes each time. The next World Youth Day is scheduled to be in Lisbon, Portugal in 2022.

National Young Adult Ministry Summit
The USCCB’s National Advisory Team on Young Adult Ministry hosts gatherings for all in the Church interested in improving ministry to and with young adults in the Church.
For information: dhancharenko@youngstowndiocese.org.

Sundays At Six
Join the Brooklyn Jesuits every Sunday at 6:00 PM for Mass and fellowship with young adults from around the diocese.
For information: olrbrooklyn.org

Theology on Tap
Theology on Tap offers an innovative solution to one of today’s most pressing pastoral concerns: how to reach out to young Catholic adults. Through this outreach to young adults we are able to catechize, evangelize, and build small faith sharing communities.
For information: meetmein.church

Grilling With God
This evangelization program allows young adults to gather for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, fellowship, catechisis, and small faith sharing. These events are diocesan sponsored and are hosted in the summer months at several parishes throughout the Diocese of Brooklyn.
For information: meetmein.church

Brooklyn Frassati Fellowship
The Frassati Fellowship of NYC is a Catholic community of young adults helping one another grow in faith through friendship. In the footsteps of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, we aspire to live a life of the Beatitudes. Activities include opportunities for service, faith formation, and fellowship, ranging from hikes to Bible studies to mission trips and more. Events are held monthly at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph and Divine Mercy Parish.
For information: frassati.nyc

Astoria/Long Island City Young Adult Mass and Holy Hour
This gathering of young adults allows for them to have Mass and Holy Hour on a regular basis. Typically, this is held at Most Precious Blood Church in Astoria.
For information: www.facebook.com/pg/AstoriaLICYoungAdults/about/?ref=page_internal

FOCUS SEEK
FOCUS SEEK is an invitation to college students everywhere to explore life’s bigger questions: who we are, where we’re going and what we seek along the journey. As FOCUS’ national conference, SEEK encourages all participants to come explore what they truly seek: to learn about the faith, to share in friendship, to be encouraged in their unique vocation — and to experience the love, hope and very real presence of Jesus Christ through His Church.
For information: seek2019.com

FOCUS SLS
Our Leadership Summit (SLS) is designed to train leaders in discipleship, prayer, and small-group facilitation. Hosted every other year in between the SEEK conferences, SLS is an event where leaders not only learn the essentials of evangelization, but also put it into practice by teaching their peers the essentials. In this way, SLS gives attendees the training and resources to become disciple-makers — and through it, they receive the confidence and valuable life skills to become the leaders their world, desperately needs.
For information: www.sls20.org
Marriage Preparation

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Diocese of Brooklyn helps couples prepare, not just for the special wedding day, but for a marriage that will last a lifetime. In the Catholic Church, Holy Matrimony is a sacrament. The wedding is not only a very special day for the couple, but it is also a sacred event for the entire Church, and the Church wants to be a significant part of it.

dioceoseofbrooklyn.org/marriage/marriage-and-family

This diocesan Marriage and Family website provides an opportunity for couples to become familiar with what Pre-Cana is and the reason for attending a marriage preparation program.

How to register for Marriage Preparation

You are asked to register online for the diocesan program you wish to attend at bqonlineformation.org/precana

PROGRAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

There are several options for marriage preparation in our diocese. Sessions are held in various locations throughout the diocese.

Option 1. Weekend Pre-Cana Classes
All Day Saturday (9:00 AM—5:00 PM)

Engaged couples will gather to discuss several topics, all presented in the context of the life experience by a qualified, married couple. The topics discussed during the Saturday Pre-Cana may include the following: Communication, Self Awareness, Morality in Marriage, Living the Sacrament of Matrimony, Intimacy and Sexuality, Natural Family Planning, and Wedding Liturgy Planning.

After each talk, participants will ask you to work on some of the exercises in the workbook. You will be asked to join your future spouse to discuss your answers together. This will provide the opportunity to reflect and share your thoughts and feelings on each topic and work on any areas of concern. The Pre-Cana program is available in English, Spanish, Italian, Polish, and Creole.

Option 2. The Engaged Encounter Weekend Retreat

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 engaged couple will have the opportunity to reflect honestly and in-depth about their future life together, and how to build a strong foundation for their marriage.

For more information or to register, please call 718-253-2983, email paulmoses@optonline.net, or log onto http://engagedencounter.org/

Option 3. Weekday Evenings Pre-Cana Classes

Classes are from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM on a weeknight for several consecutive weeks; you must attend all scheduled sessions to complete the requirement of the diocesan marriage preparation program. The sessions are presented by a qualified married couple, and the small group setting allows for sharing on topics such as: Communication, Self Awareness, Morality in Marriage, Living the Sacrament of Matrimony, Intimacy and Sexuality, Natural Family Planning, and Wedding Liturgy Planning.

For the complete Pre-Cana Schedule, please check page 50

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Marriage Enrichment

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

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 priest, and it is available in English and Spanish.

For information, (in English) www.wwme.org or call 1(877) 697-9936 (en Español) www.nycemm.com o llamas (718) 381-3661 o email nycemm@live.com

REFOCCUS MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT INVENTORY

The REFOCCUS Marriage Enrichment Inventory is a packet of five questionnaires that a married couple can use and score by themselves, as part of a weekend retreat, or in five weekly evenings in which the general topical areas are discussed with other couples. REFOCCUS is ideal for married couples who wish to spend time and energy on their relationship but desire a little direction and skill building assistance in doing so.

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 in collaboration with the Office of Family and Sanctity of Life for the Eparchy of Saint Maron in Brooklyn. We also offer training in the Billings Ovulation Method™ to married couples.
World Marriage Day is celebrated annually on the second Sunday in February and 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.

Resources are available to parish leaders in English and Spanish. Contact your parish for details regarding a local celebration.

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In support of married couples, the Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis through this department sponsors an Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass and Celebration to honor those commemorating a wedding anniversary, but especially a milestone anniversary like 25, 50, 75 or above years of marriage. Couples who attend have the opportunity of being greeted by a Bishop and taking a commemorative photo with him. A reception with light refreshments follows the Mass.

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

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

The diocesan approved resource is the RCL-Benziger Family Life Program.
NEW FAMILY INITIATIVES

Strong Catholic Families - Strong Catholic Youth
A collaborative effort by four national Catholic organizations to help church leader envision how the Catholic Church can more effectively partner with parents to help bring home the faith. The Strong Catholic Families initiative is designated to motivate and engage parents to embrace their responsibility for the faith development of their children and grow the domestic church of the home. This initiative is a follow-up to the 2018 World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland. It is available in English, Spanish, Polish, and soon in Chinese.

Diocesan Family Catechesis Initiative
Families are asked to register with our department and receive monthly family faith formation activities to do at the home via email and text.

Advent Calendar
Advent is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ’s second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord’s birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas). The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops provides family Advent resources such as Blessing of an Advent Wreath, Blessing of a Family Christmas Nativity Scene, and a Family Advent Calendar.
For information, go to www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent

Lenten Calendar
The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops provides a resource that fortifies the Lenten journey with the words of the Church Fathers and Pope Francis featured.
For information, go to www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/lent-calendar.cfm
October Family Rosary

October has many traditions. There’s post-season baseball, tailgating at football games, apple picking and, of course, Halloween. Most importantly, however; there is the tradition of praying the Rosary. The parishes of the Diocese of Brooklyn will participate in “Rosary Coast to Coast” offered on October 13, 2019. The encouragement of the people of God to pray the rosary for the intentions of the Church, for their communities, and for their personal needs is always laudable. The faithful of our local church will be encouraged to pray the rosary in connection with the Feast of Our Lady for the needs of the Church, the nation, and the world.

Infant Baptism Preparation

Parents are the first evangelizers of their children; however, “they can’t give what they don’t have.” Parents must be equipped properly so that they can pass on the Faith to their children. Baptismal preparation workshops are offered at various times and in various locations in English and Spanish. These workshops provide instruction for the parish’s baptismal team members on the basics of infant baptism preparation. They also provide practical ideas on how to use the preparation session with the parents and godparents as a means of evangelization. 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 Diocesan Living and Leading by Faith Formation Program.

NEW INITIATIVE

Baptism Matters by RENEW International

Baptism Matters is a new program from RENEW International, a leader in creating and supplying faith resources for the Church for over 40 years.

This program consists of three parts for parents and godparents:

1. **Online** – there are online learning modules for parents and godparents that teach:
   a. the history of baptism and the catechetical basics of the sacrament and how it is celebrated
   b. how the celebration of the sacrament can influence the faith lives of the entire family
   c. practical ideas and stories from other families about ways they have included faith in their everyday lives, and how they are passing this faith onto their child or godchild.

2. **In-Person** – before celebrating the sacrament, the baptism team and the children’s families gather to share prayer and scripture and to grow in faith and community. Freed from having to spend time explaining the sacrament, ministers have the opportunity to spend quality time with the families, and really get to know them and their needs.

3. **Follow-up** – RENEW provides targeted emails at strategic points in the child’s life, such as birthdays and baptism anniversaries, up until about age 5, or the time to begin religious formation. This will help to keep families engaged and continue support as their child grows. There is also a moderated online group so parents can keep in touch, and get to know other families in their parish, and in other parishes as well.

More information can be found on www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org
FAMILY RESOURCES

Recommended Resources
Loyola Press Family Webpage
www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/family
The Daily Dozen of Catholic Parenting Workbook
www.catholicfamilyresources.com/book-store
Strong Catholic Family Faith
www.catholicfamilyfaith.org
Strong Catholic Families Website
nfcym.org/strongcatholicfamilies
100 Resources for Catholic Families
thekennedyadventures.com/100-resources-catholic-families
Parents and Parenting

Recommended Books for Parish Catechetical Leaders
Church on the Move: 52 Ways to Get Mission and Mercy in Motion, by Joe Paprocki (Loyola Press, 2016)

Recommended Books for Parents
Raising Faith-Filled Kids by Tom McGrath, (Loyola Press, 2000)
Our Family Prays: Catholic Prayers & Traditions, (RCL Benziger, 2015)
A Catholic Parent’s Tool Box: Raising Healthy Families in the 21st Century, by Joseph D. White, PhD., (Our Sunday Visitor, 2014)
10 Things Pope Francis Wants You to Know about the Family by Joshua J. McElwee (Liguori, 2016)
Our Catholic Family by David Dziena and Gloria Shahin (Pflaum, 2015)
Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families by Barbara Matera (LTP, 2016)

RESPECT LIFE RESOURCES

USCCB Annual Respect Life Program
The Department 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 published to call attention to numerous human life issues. The Respect Life Program is highlighted in liturgies and marked by special events; these materials are especially helpful for clergy and lay leaders.
For information, please call 718-281-9540 or email Christian Rada at crada@diobrook.org

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 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 issue. This class is open to all catechetical leaders through the Living and Leading by Faith Formation Program.
Go to bqonlineformation.org and check the schedule for offerings.

March for Life Grant
The March for Life grant is available to Catholic parishes and Catholic academies/parish schools in the Diocese of Brooklyn. The purpose of this grant is to provide a subsidy to offset the cost of chartering a bus or buses to bring parishioners or students to the March for Life in Washington, DC. A Catholic organization sponsored by a parish may also apply for funding through this grant (i.e. Knights of Columbus council, etc.).
For information, please call 718-281-9540 or email Christian Rada at crada@diobrook.org

Rachel’s Helpers Post-Abortion Ministry
There is hope after abortion. Are you burdened with memories of your abortion? Do you suffer with flashbacks? Take this opportunity to experience a beautiful plan of healing by sharing with others in a very sensitive manner with prayer and scripture reflections. This will help foster the joy of healing in the mercy of Christ. Your experience is completely confidential. The Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis sponsors a Post-Abortion Bible Study program called Forgiven and Set Free, for women who have had an abortion and are seeking a spiritual healing from this experience.
Please call 347-702-2352, ALL CALLS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.
ASSOCIATED GROUPS

Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING
Website: ccosbq.org
Paul Stanton, Chairman
Tel: 718-438-4575 (Home) | 347-446-8608 (Cell)
Email: pdstanton@aol.com

QUEENS SCOUTING CHAPLAIN
Deacon Vincent Lino
Saint Anastasia Church
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Email: Dcvin2015@gmail.com

BROOKLYN SCOUTING CHAPLAIN
Deacon James Noble
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
Tel: 718-871-1310 X 34 (Rectory)
718-854-8960 (Home) | 917-882-3101 (Cell)

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

The Catholic Teachers Association:
• Helps foster the religious, professional, and social formation of its members
• Furthers the moral and spiritual education of the children and youth in the schools of New York City.
• Develops effective communication with the Bishop, organizations of the Diocese, and with all others having similar purposes and objectives.
• Informs the general public in matters affecting the welfare of the children and youth in the schools, of teachers and parents, and 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.

Contact information: Theodore Musco
Email: tmusco@diobrook.org
## Major Events and Important Dates Calendar 2019-2020

Please use this calendar to assist with your planning for 2019-2020. Information regarding each event will be available during the year at [www.bqonlineformation.org](http://www.bqonlineformation.org) and posted on DioNet/FirstClass. All calendar information is subject to change.

### September 2019

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<td>Holy Spirit Institute for Service and Leadership Orientation Day</td>
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<td>Fourth Annual Catechetical Summit with Bishop DiMarzio For all Pastors/Administrators, Catechetical Leaders, Principals, and Coordinators of Youth Ministry</td>
<td>Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019</td>
<td>6:30pm-9:00pm</td>
<td>St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church, Queens</td>
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<td>Catechetical Sunday Theme “Christ Our Mission” Catechetical year begins today</td>
<td>Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019</td>
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<td>Week of Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019</td>
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<td>Session One: New or First Year Catechetical Leaders</td>
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<td>Eight Annual Evangelization and Catechetical Congress “Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World”</td>
<td>Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019</td>
<td>8:00am-4:00pm</td>
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# October 2019 Extraordinary Missionary Month

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<td>Introduction to Catechesis in English</td>
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<td>Fall Catechetical Leaders Update Meeting (choose one of three)</td>
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<td>10:30am-1:00pm</td>
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<td>Fall Catholic Academy/Parish School Religion Coordinators Meeting (choose one of two)</td>
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<td>Annual Marriage Ministry Convocation</td>
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<td>Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019</td>
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<td>7:00pm-10:00pm</td>
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<td>Session Two: New or First Year Catechetical Leaders</td>
<td>Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020</td>
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<td>Youth and Young Adult Ministry Convocation</td>
<td>Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020</td>
<td>7:00pm-9:00pm</td>
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<td>Friday, Jan. 24, 2020</td>
<td>All Day</td>
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<td>Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Trust for Religious Education Grant Application Due</td>
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<td>Master’s Degree Scholarship Program Application Due</td>
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<td>Mid-Atlantic Catechetical Congress</td>
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<td>Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative Application Due</td>
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<td>Midwinter Recess NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES</td>
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<td>Sadlier-LLF 11th Annual Gathering</td>
<td>Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020</td>
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<td>St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church, Queens</td>
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<td>Ash Wednesday</td>
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<td>Child Lures Form due to the Safe Environment Office</td>
<td>Due by Friday, Feb. 28, 2020</td>
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<td>Rite of Election Adapted for Children</td>
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<td>Call to Continuing Conversion</td>
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<td>Call to Continuing Conversion</td>
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<td>Sunday, March 1, 2020</td>
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<td>500 19th Street (former Bishop Ford High School), Brooklyn</td>
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<td>Annual Religious Education Assessment Initiative</td>
<td>Saturday, March 2, to March 21, 2020</td>
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<td>To be announced by individual schools, academies, and parishes</td>
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<td>Tuesday, March 10, 2020</td>
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<td>Holy Fire Junior High Event</td>
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<td>Center for Ministry Development Training Session 2</td>
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<td>Saturday, May 2, 2020</td>
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<td>St. Clare Church, Queens</td>
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<td>Annual Diocesan Recognition Mass and Celebration</td>
<td>Thursday, May 14, 2020</td>
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<td>St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church and Hall, Queens</td>
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<td>Annual CYO Hall of Fame Mass and Dinner</td>
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<td>Center for Ministry Development Training Session 3</td>
<td>Saturday, May 16, 2020</td>
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<td>Catholic High School Confirmation (Queens)</td>
<td>Sunday, May 17, 2020</td>
<td>3:00pm Mass</td>
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<td>Memorial Day Weekend NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES</td>
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<td>Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass</td>
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<td>Catholic High School Confirmation (Brooklyn)</td>
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<td>Catechetical Leaders Retreat</td>
<td>Thursday, June 25 to Friday, June 26, 2020 1:00pm-1:00pm</td>
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<td>Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference NYC 2020</td>
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# Pre-Cana Class Schedule

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