Pope Francis' Prayer to Virgin Mary for Protection

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.
As you know, the Diocese of Brooklyn has moved our email system from DioNet (First Class) to Microsoft Office 365 – Outlook. If you have not done so already, please take the time today to log into OUTLOOK and set up your email account.

Bishop DiMarzio has mandated that all pastors, administrators, priests, and parish staff cooperate with this important initiative.

The use of DioNet (First Class) will end soon.
The Seed is the Word of God Curriculum Guide

Diocese of Brooklyn

https://dioceseofbrooklyn.org/get-involved/secretariat-for-evangelization-and-catechesis/the-seed-is-the-word-curriculum-guides/

Kindergarten through Grade Two

- Read and tell Bible Stories (Creed)
- Begin to explain the Sacraments (Sacraments)
- Teach private and public prayers (Prayer)
- Demonstrate how Jesus is the model of Christian Living (Morality)

Grade Three through Grade Five

- Link family stories to Bible stories (Creed)
- Foster ongoing sacramental understanding (Sacraments)
- Discuss and use different forms of prayer (Prayer)
- Recognize and honor the dignity of every human person (Morality)

Grades Six through Grade Eight

- Teach about Sacred Scripture (Creed)
- Prepare candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation (Sacraments)
- Demonstrate how to integrate prayer into one’s life; especially the Mass (Prayer)
- Explore how to recognize and confirm the face of Christ in others (Morality)
Asian and Pacific Island Catholics

**POSTPONED**

18th Annual Asian and Pacific Island Catholics Marian Pilgrimage

Due to COVID-19, for health and safety concerns this year’s pilgrimage has been postponed to next year. **Save the date: Saturday, May 1, 2021**
Many excellent resources assist in the work of evangelizing and catechizing our young people, their parents, family members, and those who aid in their education and formation. The Secretariat compiled a list of approved and recommended resources that assist in the implementation of the six goals identified in the *So Be Bold! Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Outreach Plan* at [https://dioceseofbrooklyn.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/FINAL-So-Be-Bold-09-18-2018.pdf](https://dioceseofbrooklyn.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/FINAL-So-Be-Bold-09-18-2018.pdf):

- RENEW International’s *ARISE/LEVÁNTATE and Why Catholic?* [https://new.renewintl.org/](https://new.renewintl.org/)
- Fr. Spitzer’s *Credible Catholic Initiative* [https://www.crediblecatholic.com/](https://www.crediblecatholic.com/)
- *The Joy of Adolescent Catechesis*, A Publication of the Partnership on Adolescent Catechesis, 2017
"There are many opportunities to touch the lives of young adults, and these should be seen as moments for evangelizing outreach. Some of these may require a change in the way we approach evangelization so our outreach is more dynamic, taking the Church into the community where young adults gather rather than waiting for these men and women to come to us."

-Sons and Daughters of the Light

http://www.usccb.org/media/blogs-and-columns/entre-amigos/index.cfm
There are many opportunities to touch the lives of young adults, and these should be seen as moments for evangelizing outreach. Some of these may require a change in the way we approach evangelization so our outreach is more dynamic, taking the Church into the community where young adults gather rather than waiting for these men and women to come to us.

-Sons and Daughters of the Light

We all survive more than we think we can.

-- Joan Didion, Writer

Today's #MicroChallenge

Today, say a prayer for the world, and for healing—that we may get through this pandemic together in a spirit of teamwork, perseverance, and hope.