

# FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Office of Faith Formation Newsletter

October 2022

## Franciscan At Home Catechetical Institute

### Free online Faith Enrichment Courses

We are a partnering diocese so all of our parishes and school are already registered and all parishioners can take courses for free.

*There are a variety of courses at your convenience.*

1. FREE unlimited access
2. Designed for you
3. Lifelong learners, Parents, Mentors, Facilitators, Leaders, Pastoral Care Workers, Social Outreach and Lay Ministers, Mentors
4. **Diocesan Certification Process for Catechists, Parish Catechetical Leaders, Youth Ministers, and RCIA Ministers**

### Register Today!

1. Go to:  
<https://franciscanathome.com/diocese-pensacola-tallahassee>
2. Click on the bottom Blue Button
3. The Sign Up for Free Through Your Institution page will appear
4. Choose Country — United States, Diocese — Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee and Institution — Your Parish/School
5. Click the sign Up box at the bottom
6. Complete your personal information (look for choice of receiving emails)
7. Start your first workshop!

*For more information contact:*

Sister Margaret Kuntz at 850-435-3523 or [kuntzm@ptdiocese.org](mailto:kuntzm@ptdiocese.org)  
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## Adult Confirmation

Bishop Wack will celebrate the  
Sacrament of Confirmation  
for adults baptized Catholic

Sunday, October 30 at 2 pm  
Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Tallahassee

Sunday, November 6 at 2 pm  
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Pensacola

Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 2 pm  
Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Tallahassee

Saturday, May 7, 2023 at 2 pm  
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Pensacola

Check with your parish for information  
and formation.

Or contact Sister Margaret Kuntz at  
850-435-3523 or [kuntzm@ptdiocese.org](mailto:kuntzm@ptdiocese.org)

## Parish Catechetical Leaders Zoom Meetings

Tuesday, October 4  
at 9:30am, 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm CT  
(10:30 am, 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm ET)

Thursday, October 6  
at 9:30am, 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm CT  
(10:30 am, 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm ET)

**Contact Sr. Margaret for link.**

## Welcome New Parish Catechetical Leaders

Erica Maloney — Sacred Heart Cathedral, Pensacola  
Katherine Gale — Christ the King, Freeport  
Tanya Muscarella — Holy Name of Jesus, Niceville  
Patricia Tucker — Little Flower, Pensacola  
Taylor Linn — Nativity of Our Lord, Pensacola  
Joshua Anthony — Resurrection, Miramar Beach  
Kathryn Judd — St. Dominic Parish, Panama City  
Rose Field — St. John Paul II Chapel, Tallahassee  
Elizabeth Thompson — St. Paul, Pensacola  
Rochelle Heibreder — St. Peter, Mary Esther  
Stephanie Allen — St. Vincent de Paul, Madison

## Thanks for Serving as a Parish Catechetical Leader

Jonah Popcek — Sacred Heart Cathedral, Pensacola  
Deana Carmichael — Little Flower, Pensacola  
Chyloe Morgan — Nativity of Our Lord, Pensacola  
Dorothy Imperial — Resurrection, Miramar Beach  
Sister Jean O'Connor — St. Dominic, Panama City  
Alicia Carff — St. Paul, Pensacola  
Susie Rushlau — St. Peter, Mary Esther  
Ruth Dominicus — St. Vincent de Paul, Madison

### Protection and Prevention through Respect: Creating Safe Environments

Plan now for your Safe Environment Session with the children/youth.

Be sure to plan for make-up sessions!  
Remember our goal is 100% participation!

**Remember to rotate the three topics:  
Good Touch/Bad Touch and Relationships,  
Media Safety and Bullying**

**Be sure that all adults with children/youth have  
completed the diocesan requirements for  
background checks and the on-line courses.**

**Thanks for all that you do to create a safe  
environment in your parish for our children  
and youth!**

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Level I Part 2 Catechist Formation  
June 11-17, 2023 at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Milton

Level II Part 1 Catechist Formation  
July 16-22, 2023 at St. Ann Parish, Gulf Breeze

For Brochure and Registration Form go to  
<https://www.ptdiocese.org/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd>

Formation for Assistants  
Contact Sister Margaret to arrange

#### Virtual Meetings for Coordinators

Tuesday Evening, October 11  
6 :30 pm CT (7:30 pm ET)  
Thursday afternoon, October 13  
1 pm CT (2 pm ET)

Contact Sister Margaret for link  
Sr. Margaret Kuntz at 850-435-3523 or  
[kuntzm@ptdiocese.org](mailto:kuntzm@ptdiocese.org)

### October Apostleship of Prayer

#### A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

### October is Bullying Prevention Month

The current definition acknowledges two modes and four types by which youth can be bullied or can bully others. The two modes of bullying include **direct** (e.g., bullying that occurs in the presence of a targeted youth) and **indirect** (e.g., bullying not directly communicated to a targeted youth such as spreading rumors). In addition to these two modes, the four types of bullying include broad categories of physical, verbal, relational (e.g., efforts to harm the reputation or relationships of the targeted youth), and damage to property.

Bullying affects all youth, including those who are bullied, those who bully others, and those who see bullying going on.

Check these websites for ideas to prevent bullying!

- [stopbullying.org](http://stopbullying.org)
- <http://www.pacer.org/bullying/>
- <https://www.edutopia.org/blog/bullying-prevention-tips-teachers-parents-anne-obrien>
- <https://pacerkidsagainstbullying.org/>
- <https://pacerteensagainstbullying.org/>
- <http://togetheragainst.org/>

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion  
February 26 - Co-Cathedral, Tallahassee  
March 5—Cathedral, Pensacola

- \* Registration form will be sent beginning of January and due January 27
- \* Be sure all catechumens and candidates have their godparents/sponsor.
- \* Have you checked out the Catechetical Institute track on RCIA?
- \* Watch for more information when the official translation of the Order for Christian Initiation of Adults is published.

### 2023 Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference Registration

*"Behold,*

*I Make All Things New!"*

The 2023 GO! Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference will be January 13th and 14th at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner, Louisiana

**Participant Registration** is now open! Register now to get your discounted early registration rate.

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW](#)**

## October is Respect Life Month

Sunday, October 2 is Respect Life Sunday

As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

The [U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops](https://www.usccb.org/) provides resources to help parishes, schools, families, ministries, and individual Catholics share the Gospel of Life during Respect Life Month and throughout the year.

<https://www.respectlife.org/october>

40 Days for Life

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/>

### Ideas to do with Family or Children/Youth

Say a special prayer for life during session prayers.  
Say a decade of the Rosary each week this month for  
Pro-Life intentions  
Learn about a pro-life saint

Check with Aida Bone in the Office of Advocacy and  
Justice for more ideas!  
[bonea@ptdiocese.org](mailto:bonea@ptdiocese.org)

## Faith Formation and Fellowship for Women

### Women Study Groups

Purpose: To encourage women to grow spiritually through an understanding of God's word while giving support to one another through love, sharing, and prayer.  
Each group choose a book or study for discussion and application to daily living.  
Gatherings include intercessory prayer, and sharing.

### Walking with Purpose

A national organization that helps women and girls know Jesus Christ personally by making Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church relevant and applicable.  
Each group chooses a study from Walking with Purpose and meets weekly giving the women time to reflect and apply scripture to life. It is an opportunity to meet other women and share faith.  
[Walkingwithpurpose.com](http://Walkingwithpurpose.com)

For information on both of these, contact Sister Margaret

## Called and Gifted Workshop

Presented by the Catherine of Siena Institute  
Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 9 am to 4 pm  
Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Church, Niceville

Workshop fee is \$25 (includes materials)  
Lunch will be provided, but donations will be accepted that day to offset the cost.

Register on line at [corcatholic.org/called-and-gifted](https://corcatholic.org/called-and-gifted) or  
call the office at 850-897-7797

For more information or questions,  
visit the parish website or contact  
Michele McCormick at [faithlife@cor.ptdiocese.org](mailto:faithlife@cor.ptdiocese.org).

## Totus Tuus — Totally Yours

From St. John Paul II

Totus Tuus is a weeklong summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through catechesis, Christian witness and Eucharistic worship.

*It is led by young adult missionaries.*

The methodology, structure, content, and enthusiasm of Totus Tuus is concerned with not only teaching the Faith, but also igniting the hearts of the team members and the young people they encounter. .

There is a program for K through 6th grade in the morning and a program for Middle and High School in the evening.

This summer six parishes experienced Totus Tuus:  
*St. Dominic/Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Rita, Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, St. Ann, GB.*

Topics next summer are:  
The Mystery of Salvation and  
the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

We are currently deciding what changes we as a diocese would like to make including extending to Pre-K and increasing the activities as well as Changing parts of the evening program.

**We definitely will be looking for young adults from our diocese to be the missionaries.**

If you are interested in learning more or know someone to become a missionary, email Sister Margaret Kuntz at [kuntzm@ptdiocese.org](mailto:kuntzm@ptdiocese.org).

## Young Adult Groups

### *Tallahassee Catholic Young Adults*

Facebook: Tallahassee Catholic Young Adults

1st Saturday Brunch at 9:30 am at Good Shepherd  
Community Center

3rd Tuesday is Taco Tuesday  
Book Study — Habits for Holiness

Every other Monday (October 18) at 6 pm at  
Good Shepherd

### *Panama City*

More to come!

### *Niceville/Fort Walton/Crestview/ Okaloosa and Walton Counties*

Facebook

Emerald Coast Catholic Young Adult Ministry

3rd Thursday Pub Theology at Props Brewery (255  
Miracle Strip Parkway in Fort Walton Beach at 6 pm

Wednesdays Young Adult Rosary at 6:30 pm  
at St. Peter Parish

### *Pensacola Young Adults Escambia/Santa Rosa Counties*

Facebook: Pensacola Catholic Young Adults

Mondays Bible Study at 7 pm

at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Thursdays Men's Group

Saturdays Kneeler Drop

(Social and Discussion of

Sunday Readings) at 10:30 am

at Constant Tea and Coffee

Game Night is coming

## World Youth Day is August 2023

A diocesan celebration for all young adults is  
being planned for either August 6 or 7.

Gathering will include prayer, presentations,  
food, small groups and joining virtually the Pope  
in Lisbon.

Planning team is being developed.  
Contact Sister Margaret to join it.

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## Dates to Note

October 15-16

October 16

October 23

October 30

November 5

November 6

November 24

November 27

December 25

January 14

January 22

January 27

January 28

February 12

**February 18**

February 19

February 22

February 26

**March 1**

March 4

March 5

March 12

March 18

March 19

March 26

April 2

April 3

April 4

April 7

April 7

April 8

April 9

April 16

April 23

May 7

June 7-11

June 11-17

July 16-22

High School Campout

Registration forms for Adult

Confirmation on October 30 are due

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Confirmation on November 6 are due

Adult Confirmation at Co-Cathedral,  
Tallahassee

Middle School Retreat in Panama City

Adult Confirmation at Cathedral

Pensacola

Thanksgiving

First Sunday of Advent

Christmas

Emerald Coast Walk for Life, Pensacola

Sunday of the Word of God

Rite of Election Forms due

High School Youth Conference

Jubilee Mass, Co-Cathedral, Tallahassee

**Retreat Day for PCL and Youth**

**Ministers at Resurrection Parish in  
Miramar Beach**

Jubilee Mass, Cathedral, Pensacola

Ash Wednesday

Rite of Election, Co-Cathedral,  
Tallahassee

**Protection and Prevention through  
Respect Forms due**

Middle School Retreat at St. Peter  
Parish in Mary Esther

Rite of Election, Cathedral, Pensacola

Third Sunday of Lent – Scrutinies

Retreat Day for Women sponsored by  
the Women Study Groups

Fourth Sunday of Lent – Scrutinies

Fifth Sunday of Lent – Scrutinies

Palm Sunday

Registration forms for Adult

Confirmation on April 16 are due

Chrism Mass

Holy Thursday

Good Friday

Easter Vigil

Easter

Adult Confirmation – Co-Cathedral

Registration forms for Adult

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Adult Confirmation -- Cathedral

Christian Leadership Institute

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Level1 Week 2 Catechist Formation

St. Rose of Lima, Milton

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Level II Week 1 Catechist Formation

St. Ann Gulf Breeze