



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF GRAND ISLAND

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Join us in Seoul, South Korea!
World Youth Day 2027
AUGUST 1 - 10, 2027

Come with us to Seoul for World Youth Day 2027! Experience spiritual awakening and Korean culture alongside other young Catholics from around the globe. This is more than just a trip. It is a life-changing encounter with your faith and with the world.

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Sneak Peak Webinar
Tuesday, August 11th
7:00PM CST
6:00PM MST

Register Here!

Our diocese is spiritually and logistically preparing for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea, and we invite your parish to journey with us.

Every community can participate by committing to being "prayer warriors" and offering intentional prayers during liturgies and distributing the official patron saint prayer cards which have been mailed to each parish.

Parishes can also encourage young adults (ages 19–35) to join the diocesan delegation and offer financial help through parish fundraisers, scholarships, or sponsorships.

Please visit gidiocese.org/WYD to find more trip information, registration details, and printable prayer card files to help our young adults step forward in hope. There is also a sneak peak webinar coming up soon.



On Monday, August 3, the Church marked exactly one year before WYD Seoul 2027. Check out a recording of the WYD local organizing committee's livestream on [their YouTube channel](#) announcing the theme song for WYD 2027.



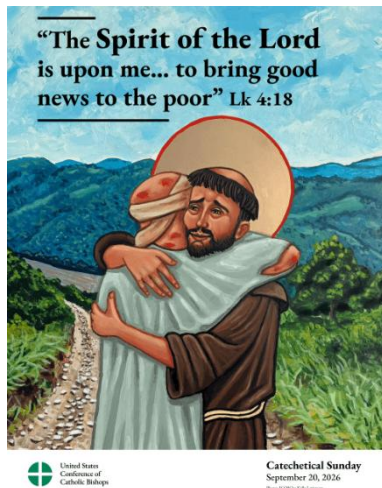
Confirmation Toolkit

Confirmation Prep Webinar with YDisciple

Tues. Aug. 11, 12:30 CST

One year ago, we launched the **Confirmation Toolkit** with one hope: *that more young people would encounter Jesus through authentic relationships and meaningful conversations as a foundational part of their Confirmation prep, not despite it.*

RSVP Today



**Find
Resources Here!**

Catechetical Sunday 2026 Sunday, September 20th

- **Catechetical Sunday** began with the 1935 Vatican document *Provido sane consilio*, which encouraged recognition of the Church's teaching ministry and those who serve as catechists.
- In the United States, the celebration was first observed through national catechetical congresses held alongside Vatican celebrations.
- Since 1971, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has provided annual resources to help parishes celebrate Catechetical Sunday locally.
- The **third Sunday in September** is designated as Catechetical Sunday in the United States.
- During parish celebrations, catechists are often **commissioned for their ministry**, recognizing their important role in forming disciples.
- Catechetical Sunday reminds all Catholics that, through **Baptism**, we share in the mission of handing on the faith and witnessing to the Gospel.
- It is an opportunity for the entire faith community to **renew its commitment to evangelization and catechesis**.



To talk more about running Alpha in your particular context, you can schedule a time with **Scott Bagshaw** [here](#). To chat about how to run Alpha Youth in your context, you can schedule a meeting **Rick Grinstead** [here](#).

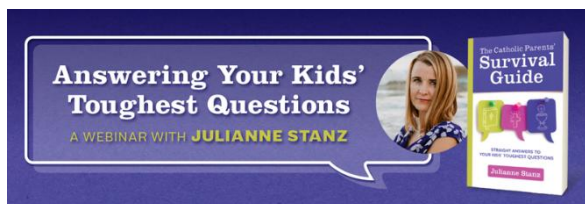
Alpha Launch: Catholic Context Webinar

[Recording](#)

[Online Trainings](#)

[Alpha in Catholic Context](#)

[Alpha Youth in a Catholic Context](#)



Raising a Catholic family can be challenging, especially when it comes to discussing faith with our children. Sometimes we all need a little encouragement and tips on how to address issues of faith respectfully, honestly, and accurately. In this webinar, author and mother Julianne Stanz will share wisdom, strategies, and tools to help parents, grandparents, catechists, and other caring adults respond to children's questions about Catholic beliefs, ethics, morality, and faith practices in a manner that will resonate with them.

[Video Recording Here!](#)



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connects ministers, volunteers, and pastoral workers with the basic foundation for healthy and fruitful ministry to and with

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Attend a 2026 Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Experience on:

Sept. 18-20, Grand Island, NE

Nov. 6-8, Grand Junction, CO

Questions, contact Brenda & Gary Granger: 402-370-5839 Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early. Contact Victor & Lupita Corona at 651-343-2348 for information about upcoming Spanish WWME Weekends.

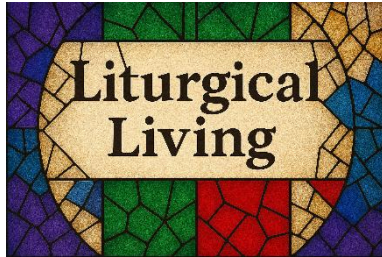
For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.wwme.org or follow us on Instagram and Facebook.



- **Sacred Table** is a national initiative of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM). It is a partnership between parishes and parents that helps provide practical resources, engagement, and collaboration.
- **The Heart of the Family Series (Notre Dame)**
Free video series with family discussion guides and activities designed to help families live as a domestic church.
- **The Dominus Project**
Through coaching, consultation, and practical formation, The Dominus Project helps accompany parents and parishes to build a culture of

faith where Jesus is truly Lord of the home.

- **Growing Up Catholic**
Family-centered sacramental prep.



Transfiguration of our Lord August 6th

The story of the transfiguration is related in Matthew 17:1–8, Mark 9:2–8, and Luke 9:28–36. Jesus and three of his apostles, Peter, James, and John, went up Mount Tabor to pray. On the mountain, Jesus began to shine with bright rays of light. Then the prophets Moses and Elijah appeared next to him and Jesus spoke with them. Jesus was called "Son" by the voice of God the Father, recalling the events of Jesus' baptism about three years prior. Peter, amazed, says, "Lord, it is well that we are here." Saint Thomas Aquinas considered the transfiguration "the greatest miracle" in that it complemented baptism and showed the perfection of life in Heaven. In 2002, Pope Saint John Paul II introduced the Luminous Mysteries to the Rosary, which include the transfiguration.

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With gratitude and prayers,
Emily, Katie & Michalene
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