

Newsletter



Office of
Family Ministry
& Respect Life
and
Office of
Catechesis
& Youth

Corazon Retreat for Troubled Marriages

The Office of Family Ministry is offering the Corazon retreat for couple with a marriage in crisis. The next weekend is **Dec. 11-13**. All confidences are kept and privacy upheld for anyone inquiring about or attending a Corazon retreat. Please feel free to hand out brochures or suggest the weekend to those whom you feel may need or wish to attend. If couples have questions, please have them contact Amanda at 701-204-7205. For registration or additional information, please visit: bismarckdiocese.com/corazon.

National Night of Prayer for Life

It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in 1531 that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the Unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these feasts. All nations of the world have been invited to participate in this Night of Prayer, beginning **Tuesday, Dec. 8**, as we ask Our Blessed Mother to protect life and the family; to renew the Church and to establish peace. All parishes are asked to participate in prayer to end abortion and restore God's blessings. For more information, questions or to confirm your parish participation, please visit the website: NationalNightofPrayerforLife.org.

ND March for Life

Dedicated pro-life members of the Diocese of Bismarck, University of Mary and the Diocese of Fargo are planning a powerful local respect life event at the State Capitol in Bismarck in conjunction with the national March for Life event held each year in Washington, D.C. Save the date for **Friday, Jan. 29**. More details to come! Please visit www.umary.edu/ndmarchforlife to sign up for email updates as they are made available.

USCCB December Resources

Each month, the USCCB publishes *This Month in Ministry* providing free resources to parishes to assist in building their ministry and strengthening their parish family. This month's edition includes important dates and saints' feast days, examples of bulletin inserts and social media posts, free shareable resources and more! To view the December resources, [click here](#).

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Max's Mission

Max's Mission boxes are available at the Diocesan Center for Pastoral Ministry office for anyone who may need more. Please be sure to hand these out to couples experiencing miscarriage or infant loss. For more information about the Max's Mission program, please visit: bismarckdiocese.com/maxsmmission or call Amanda at 701-204-7205.

9 Days for Life Novena and Other Respect Life Information for January

January is right around the corner, which means it will be soon time to join thousands nationwide in praying for the respect of life. The annual novena, *9 Days for Life*, will take place from **Tuesday, Jan. 21 – Wednesday, Jan. 29**. Sign up for the novena at 9daysforlife.com. For parish resources, such as printables, graphics and sample announcements, please visit respectlife.org/leaders-resources. Also available is a January "action guide" with more ideas and activities for building a culture of life and observing the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*.

Seek Conference

SEEK21 is a one-of-a-kind event where thousands gather as small groups to ask the big questions about joy, peace, hope and salvation. This year, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) is bringing SEEK to you and those entrusted to your care! From **Feb. 4 – 7, 2021**, people will gather across the country in living rooms, campus centers and parishes for a four-day live broadcast event encountering the heart of the Gospel. There has never before been a Catholic conference of this magnitude focused on the Gospel message. Set aside the distractions and enter a space alongside thousands of others who are seeking a new encounter with the Lord, a new chance to pursue holiness, a new moment for our Church. Come away knowing Jesus Christ and have the confidence and tools to share and live the Gospel in your day-to-day life. For more information, visit seek.focus.org or contact Chris at 701-204-7208.

New Year on the Horizon

As 2020 closes and 2021 quickly approaches, we encourage you to take some time to reflect on and relish how good the Lord is in light of this year's joys, challenges, disappointments and victories. May the New Year come with increased blessings and graces for you and your loved ones!

