

# Newsletter



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

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Level 1 and 2 Courses Offered

There will be two new Catechesis of the Good Shepherd courses offered in the Bismarck Diocese for both level 1 and level 2. Dates and locations include CGS level 1 courses offered during one weekend of October, December, April and May (each from Friday to Sunday) and a CGS Level 2 course offered on July 8-13 (part 2 in summer of 2025). Courses will be hosted at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck. Registrations for both courses are now open. To learn more or if you would like to register for the courses, please visit [here](#).

## March for Life Pilgrimage, Washington D.C.

Registration is now open for the diocesan pilgrimage to the 2024 national March for Life in Washington D.C. The March for Life is a peaceful gathering of people who march on Capitol Hill as a witness to the dignity of unborn life. Roe v. Wade was overturned on June 24, 2022, effectively bestowing power to the states to enact their own abortion policies. While this is an important step in legally defending life in our nation, abortion is still legal in 28 states. Because of this, we will continue to march in the defense of life from conception to natural death in our nation. This year's pilgrimage will be from January 15-20, 2024, and includes sightseeing of the area along with the annual march. For more information and to register, please visit [our website](#). Registration closes on December 1, 2023.

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Committee

In response to the growth of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program within our diocese, the Office of Catechesis and Youth has established the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) committee. The committee is born out of the great desire to further support our catechists who have been trained in CGS to assist parishes, faith formators, Catholic schools and catechists with the faithful implementation of CGS in their own parishes and schools according to the Catholic Montessori Method and sound Catholic doctrine. The CGS Committee will serve as a liaison to all CGS catechists throughout the diocese and exist as a resource for continued formation and assistance. For more information, please visit [this link](#).

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## Emmaus Youth Retreats

In response to the National Eucharistic Revival and the growing demand for retreats across the diocese, the Office of Catechesis and Youth has partnered with the University of Mary to bring a beautiful Eucharistic retreat experience to all the five deaneries of Bismarck (Bismarck, Mandan, Minot, Dickinson and Williston). These Eucharistic retreats are geared towards youth in grades 6-9 and for all youth in preparation to receive the sacrament of confirmation. The retreat will feature talks, music, Eucharistic adoration, and Mass, all led by University of Mary students.

Please encourage students in your parish to sign up for the upcoming fall dates: October 29 in Bismarck, November 19 in Minot and December 10 in Williston. For more information and to register a group, please visit [this link](#).

