

Newsletter



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

Catechetical Leaders: Deanery Gathering

The Office of Catechesis and Youth, from the desire to be a greater resource for directors of religious education and youth ministers in their vital work, will continue to provide our deanery gatherings and luncheons throughout this upcoming fall. Each gathering will include an opportunity to gather and connect through the celebration of Mass, food with social time, a presentation of a specific topic, fruitful conversation and prayer. To RSVP, email Neil Albaña at nalbana@bismarckdiocese.com or accept the Outlook calendar invite coming to you in the next few weeks.

Friday, October 27 - Minot Deanery Gathering
Friday, November 3 - Bismarck & Mandan Deanery Gathering
Friday, November 10 - Dickinson Deanery Gathering
Friday, November 17 - Williston Deanery Gathering

Catechetical Institute

The Bismarck Diocese has partnered with Franciscan University of Steubenville to make accessible to our parishes the Catechetical Institute and its wealth of resources. The Catechetical Institute offers a vast array of catechetical resources for the parish that range from both continued formation on a spiritual, intellectual, human and pastoral level. This includes priests, parish catechists of all types, Catholic school teachers and parents—the primary educators of their children.

These are some of the certification tracks that Catechetical Institute offers: priestly catechetical renewal, ministry of parenting, catechist, parish catechetical leader, Catholic schools, youth ministry, pastoral accompaniment and more.

If these are resources that you would like access to for your parish leaders (pastors, DRE, catechists), for the 2023-2024 academic year, please contact Neil Albaña at nalbana@bismarckdiocese.com.

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Emmaus Youth Retreat: Info Webinar

The Office of Catechesis and Youth has partnered with University of Mary to bring a beautiful Eucharistic retreat experience to all the five deaneries of the diocese (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, Mass and be led by University of Mary students.

We have set up an information webinar to discuss details of our vision for these retreats and address some important logistical questions you may have such as timeline, registration, etc.

For more information regarding the webinar and the Emmaus Youth Retreats, please visit this [link](#).

Pray for our youth!

This summer has been filled with formative and edifying opportunities to lead youth and their peers into a deeper relationship with Our Lord. From Cor Christi, Steubenville and the World Youth Day pilgrimage, please pray for all those who have attended, those attending and those who will be impacted by their encounter with Christ.

