

Department of
Evangelization & Catechesis

Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
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“Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.” (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 164)

Faith in Action – Be Part of the Diocesan Chrism Mass by pouring the Sacred Oils:

The Chrism Mass will be held at 7:00 pm on Friday April 12 at 7:00 pm. Sherri and I are working with Sandy Reisberg on recruiting volunteers who can help during the Mass pouring the sacred oils into the vessels to be distributed to parishes.

The pouring of the oils must be done during the Mass so the volunteers would not be participating in the Chrism Mass. Our task is to recruit teen volunteers from parishes to help. It would be a wonderful experience

for current Confirmation candidates since this Chrism will be used at their Confirmation Mass. Each teen volunteer would also receive service hours. We need 30 to 35 for this project. In the past we have ordered pizza or Subway platters for the volunteers. Sandy Reisburg will provide more information for those interested, but ideally they would arrive around 6:30 pm wearing clothes that can get dirty in case they spill oil on themselves.

If you can help with recruiting and teens agree to help with the project please do the following:

- Contact Sherri (ssimmer@dmdiocese.org) or me (jgaffney@dmdiocese.org) and let us know the number and names of the teens
- Please let us know if we can e-mail an information sheet directly to them and their parents or if you would like that to be sent to you (include teens and parent's e-mail address)



I need to know by noon on Monday, April 8 if you have teen volunteers so that the information sheet can be e-mailed by Tuesday. The Chrism Mass is beautiful and many people from around the diocese work very hard to make the celebration look like the many faces of the diocese. Even if your teens may not be able to assist, I encourage you to have them attend as part of their formation. I hope your teens can be part of this beautiful celebration. Thank you for your help.

Leadership Roundtable – The Protection of Minors in the Church:



The Vatican meeting, "The Protection of Minors in the Church," concluded and bishops are now back in their home countries to address the twin crises of abuse and leadership failures.

To support the efforts of Catholics in addressing the crises and moving the church towards recovery and reform, Leadership Roundtable is publishing the top recommendations that were generated at the Catholic Partnership Summit, held February 1-2, 2019, in Washington, D.C.

More than 200 lay, religious, and ordained Catholic leaders and experts from 43 dioceses participated in the summit. Together, the participants identified some of the root causes of the crises, lifted up best practices, and created a robust set of actionable recommendations. We have grouped the recommendations according to accountability, co-responsibility, and transparency: similar to the themes that the Vatican used to structure their three-day meeting.

Because of our important work with children and youth we invite you to review these recommendations, to share them broadly – especially with your pastor and deacons, and to implement them in your local community in order to promote recovery and reform.

Catholics are more than ready to create a new culture of leadership and a new response to abuse. The crises of abuse and leadership failures have affected each of us and thus it is up to us to work together to heal the body of Christ.

Catholic Partnership Summit Report link: https://leadershiproundtable.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/CatholicPartnershipSummit_SummitReport_Final.pdf

Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL) Virtual Gathering – March 19 at 12:30 pm:

This is an opportunity to gather with other PCLs from across the country to explore time commitments in the delivery of children's faith formation especially as it can relate to a shared model for parishes under one pastor, or a clustered model in partnership with parishes close to you. Is there a way in which NCCL can be part of the solution? Your insights are greatly appreciated.



PCLs seem to be running out of time no matter the parish, diocese, state or program size. The model of children's religious education ministry in Catholic parishes emphasizes and relies

heavily on the PCL to develop, execute and improve a complex ministry. The value, time and energy that the PCL brings is incredible and yet programs struggle to not have burnout at the PCL level. This presentation will describe a research project that is taking a time-based objective approach to unpacking time commitments in order to identify a modified delivery model for children's religious education ministry. The presenter for the day is Patrick Son who is currently in the Executive Master's in Leadership program at Georgetown University and a former PCL in Southern California.

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Youth Ministry Leader Opening – St. John the Apostle in Norwalk:



St. John the Apostle is seeking a part-time Youth Minister who will continue to build a comprehensive program for our high school and junior high youth. The YM will be responsible for recruiting, training and working with a Core Team of adults in promoting spiritual growth, developing leadership, and drawing young people into the life, mission and work of the faith community.

Interested applicants should submit resumes and two letters of recommendations to: Melissa Hill, Director of Religious Education at melissahillstjohns@hotmail.com

A Time to brag – Anne Marie Cox from the Catholic Mirror needs pictures:

The Catholic Mirror would like to feature a photo collage of faith formation children and teens helping at fish dinners for a photo package for April's paper, which comes out right before Easter. If your young people are selling cookies, doing clean-up or cooking or anything like that, please send a picture or two to Anne Marie Cox at acox@dmdiocese.org. Please include the names of the children and/or youth and the name of your parish community. Thank you.

