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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR PARISH CATECHETICAL LEADERS
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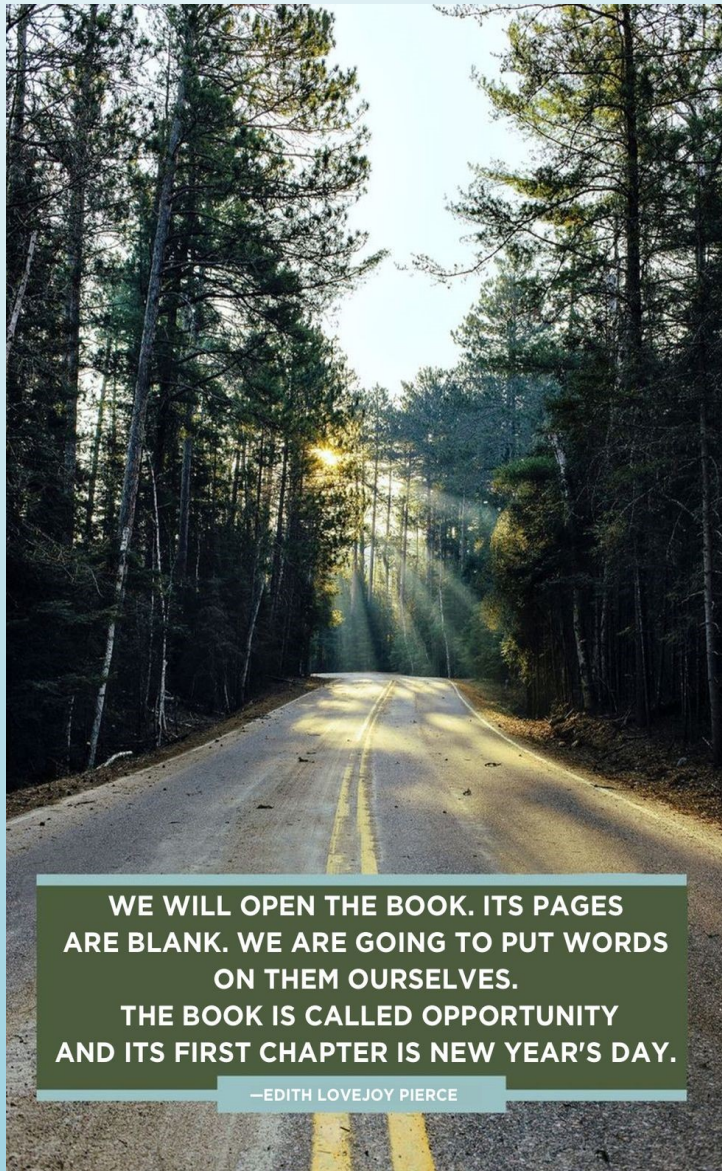


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Blessings in this New Year. As we go forward I am so grateful for each of you and how we minister together for the faith life in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Thank you for being part of our catechetical ministry.

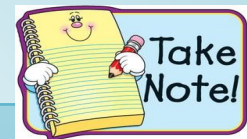


**WE WILL OPEN THE BOOK. ITS PAGES
ARE BLANK. WE ARE GOING TO PUT WORDS
ON THEM OURSELVES.
THE BOOK IS CALLED OPPORTUNITY
AND ITS FIRST CHAPTER IS NEW YEAR'S DAY.**

—EDITH LOVEJOY PIERCE



On January 31st we have a great opportunity to learn together about the **New Directory for Catechesis**. See page two about Father Phillip Ganier, SJ joining us in virtual space to see how Pope Francis is calling the whole church to a new direction in our ministry and to celebrate what we are already doing.



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Mark Your Calendar!
January 31, 2022
Time:

10:00 -12:30 or 6:00-8:30 PM

Reimagining the CCD Classroom:

A Webinar for the Archdiocese of San Francisco on the New Directory for Catechesis

**Hosted by the Office of Faith Formation
 Archdiocese of San Francisco**

Following the Spirit of the Catechetical Directories of 1977 and 1997, the newly published 2020 text invites the Church to re-evaluate, reconsider, and renew how we present the unchanging truths of our faith to our communities. As the Vatican's document which guides how the Catechism should be taught, it asks us to examine the extent to which Evangelization animates not only our teaching methods, but more importantly, the extent to which the living Christ, as revealed in Scripture, is at the center of who we are, how we pray as a family and local community, how sensitive we are to those at the margins, as well as how responsive we are to the pressing needs of our world.

Presenter: Fr. Phillip Alcon Ganir, S.J.



Born in Seattle and raised in Honolulu, Fr. Phillip Alcon Ganir, S.J. joined the US West Province of the Jesuits in 1999 after graduating from the University of Hawaii at Mānoa in Political Science and Asian Studies. In addition to the spiritual, pastoral, and academic training required of Jesuits, he completed music degrees at the Manhattan School of Music and the University of Notre Dame, and worked as an Associate Pastor at St. Ignatius Parish, Sacramento. Currently a PhD Candidate in Catechetics at the Catholic University of America, he is writing his dissertation on the intersection of music and catechesis by exploring the catechetical potential of the repertoire of Scottish composer, Sir James MacMillan.

To register, fill in the form below and mail to: OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION, Archdiocese of San Francisco, One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA 94109, or fax to (415) 614 5650

Registration cost : \$10.00



2 1/2 hours Catechist
 Certification given—Nature
 & Purpose of Catechesis

NAME _____

Phone _____ Email _____

PARISH _____

PARISH ADDRESS _____

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Confirmation Dates

These Confirmation dates throughout the Archdiocese may be a help to your candidate who will not be able to attend your parish celebration of Confirmation. Your Pastor should contact the Pastor of the parish for permission for the candidate to attend.



Schedule of Confirmations for Jan-Jun 2022:

Parish	Pastor	Day	Date	time	presider
IHM	Fr. Mazza	Saturday	01/15/22	11:00 AM	Fr. Howell
St. Charles	David Gbiorso	Sunday	01/23/22	5:00 PM	Archbishop
St. Matthew Catholic Shool	Msgr. John Talesfore	Thursday	01/27/22	5:30 PM	Archbishop
Saint Hilary	Roger G. Gustafson	Saturday	01/29/22	10:00 AM	Archbishop
Saints Peter & Paul	Fr. Tho Bui, SDB	Sunday	01/30/22	12:00 PM	Archbishop
St Gregory Church	Fr Mark Reburiano	Saturday	02/05/22	5:00 PM	Archbishop
St. Gabriel	Fr. Hamilton	Saturday	02/05/22	?	Bp Daly
St. Stephen	Fr. Michael Lilledahl	Friday	02/25/22	5:00 PM	Fr. Howell
Holy Angels Church & School	Fr. Alex L. Legaspi	Saturday	02/26/22	10:00 AM	Fr. Howell
Nativity Menlo Park	Msgr. Otellini	Friday	03/18/22	7:00PM	Fr. Howell
St. Pius Church	Fr. Tom Martin	Friday	04/01/22	6:30 PM	Fr. Howell
St. Philip the Apostle	Fr. Mario Farana	Saturday	04/02/22	5:00 PM	Fr. Howell
Church of the Visitation	Fr. Thuan	Saturday	04/09/22	1:00 PM	Archbishop
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redwood City	Msgr. Romulo Vergara	Friday	04/22/22	5:30 PM	Archbishop
St. Augustine Parish	Rev. Raymund M. Reyes	Saturday	04/23/22	2:00 PM	Fr. Howell
St. Thomas More Church & School	Fr. Rick Vandewater	Friday	04/29/22	5:00 PM	Archbishop
St. Ignatius Parish	Fr. Greg Bonfiglio, SJ	Friday	04/29/22	5:00 PM	Fr. Howell
Our Lady of Angels	Fr. Michael Mahoney, OFM Cap	Saturday	04/30/22	10:00 AM	Archbishop
St. Robert	Father Arnold Zamora	Saturday (A)	04/30/22	10:30am	Fr. Howell
St. Robert	Father Arnold Zamora	Saturday (B)	04/30/22	12pm	Fr. Howell
St Raymond Catholic Church, Menlo Park	Father Jerome Cudden	Saturday	04/30/22	5:00 PM	Archbishop
Mission Dolores Basilica	Fr Francis Garbo	Saturday	04/30/22	5:00 PM	Fr. Howell
Notre Dame des Victoires	Rev. Juan Gonzalez, S.M.	Sunday	05/01/22	12:15 PM	Archbishop
St. Catherine of Siena	Fr. John Ryan	Sunday	05/01/22	3:00 PM	Fr. Howell
Saint Bartholomew	Arsenio G. Cirera	Sunday	05/08/22	11:00 AM	Archbishop
Our Lady of Loretto	Fr. Tony Vallecillo	Friday	05/13/22	6:30 PM	Fr. Howell
St. Anselm Church & School	Fr. William Brown	Saturday	05/14/22	11:00 AM	Fr. Howell
Our Lady of Mercy Parish	Rev. Fr. Domingo Orimaco	Wednesday	05/18/22	5:00 PM	Fr. Howell
St. Isabella	Rev. Cyril O'Sullivan	Friday	05/20/22	3:00 PM	Archbishop
Holy Name of Jesus	Fr. Daniel Nascimento	Friday	05/20/22	5:00 PM	Fr. Howell
St. Peter Parish	Father Moises Agudo	Saturday	05/21/22	10:00 AM	Archbishop
St. Denis Parish	Fr. Paul O'Dell	Saturday	05/21/22	11:00 AM	Fr. Howell
St. Bruno	Fr. Brillante	Sunday	05/22/22	3:00 PM	Archbishop
St. Dunstan Church, Millbrae	Fr. Joseph Glynn, C.S.Sp.	Tuesday	05/24/22	5:10 PM	Fr. Howell
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Parish (Novato)	Fr. Felix Lim	Saturday	06/04/22	6:00 PM	Fr. Howell
St. Timothy Faith Formation	Reverend Alner Uy Nambatac	Saturday	06/11/22	5:00 PM	Fr. Howell
Saint Veronica Church	Father Patrick J. Driscoll	Friday	06/17/22	6:00 PM	Fr. Howell
St. Paul's Church	Fr. Mario Farana	Saturday	06/18/22	4:30 PM	Fr. Howell

"We can study the whole history of salvation, we can study the whole of Theology, but without the Spirit we cannot understand. It is the Spirit that makes us realize the truth or—in the words of Our Lord—it is the Spirit that makes us know the voice of Jesus." —Pope Francis





Course on the Eucharist

Beginning new year, the online SPM will be hosting a course on the Eucharist. I believe that it is an excellent course and I encourage all of you to sign for

it. I also ask the Catholic School Religion Teachers to also sign up for this information course and it will help them in explaining the Mystery of the Eucharist to their students.

<https://www.sfarch.org/eucharist/>



Catechist Certification given -Liturgical Life

10 hours Catechist Certification given—Nature & Purpose of Catechesis



The Archdiocese of San Francisco has started a synod process. Coordinators have been named in all parishes to facilitate the process. All catechetical Leaders are asked to contact the parish coordinator so you can include people in your programs and invite them to be part of the process.

Outline of process



The Laudato Si Action Platform guide is now available. This guide explains the

program and includes some specific ways to incorporate the seven areas of the platform into our lives. You can download the document below.

Action Plan

If you haven't already, you're invited to sign up to participate in the [Laudato Si Action Platform](#) alongside others from around the globe. In this way, you will remain up-to-date about programs and events in the Archdiocese and will be able to share your own ideas as well.

A PROGRAM AND SERVICE OF THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.

VIRTUS[®]Online

A friendly reminder that the annual VIRTUS student training deadline is coming up on January 31st, 2022. If your parish program will not be able to complete the student training by January 31st, or if you have any questions about implementing the VIRTUS student program, please contact Karen Guglielmoni (Archdiocesan Safe Environment Coordinator for Children and Youth) at 415.614.5578 or

guglielmonik@sfarch.org.

“Every Student, Every Year”



National Gathering on Christian Initiation[™]

A Conference for Catechumenal Ministers and Pastoral Leaders

Evaluating and Revitalizing the RCIA in Your Parish

A thorough assessment of our parish's catechumenal ministry is beneficial for the life and vibrancy of the faith community. The NGCI team members will use the RCIA ritual text and the 2020 *Directory for Catechesis* to guide participants through an honest evaluation process. While we will celebrate the good work that is being done in the parish community, we will also ask the hard questions and raise the bar as we strive to fully implement the Church's vision. Finally, participants will have the opportunity to develop a strategic plan that includes a more fruitful collaboration with clergy and full inclusion of the baptized faithful in the initiation process.

Register now to take advantage of the Early Bird discount

Early bird pricing is available through March 2, 2022

Visit NGCI.org for additional details and registration information.



“the single most critical factor in an effective parish catechetical program is the leadership of a professionally trained parish catechetical leader.” (NDC, Chapter 8 No. 5)

2021-2022 Foundational Training Course for Parish Catechetical Leaders

The Foundational Training Course is a series of workshops conducted by the Office of Faith Formation to assist parish catechetical leaders in their practice of their ministry in accordance with the Certification Standards and Core Competencies set forth in the National Certification Standards for Lay Ecclesial Ministers, in particular, Standard No. 5 — the Professional Practice of Ministry.

The Course is recommended

- ⇒ To those who are new or nearly new in parish catechetical leadership role
 - ⇒ As a ‘refresher’ and ‘update’ to those who are already in catechetical leadership role.
 - ⇒ To those who are considering catechetical leadership roles in the near future.
- ◆ The Course specifics are cited on the side panels.
 - ◆ Participants may choose to attend all or any of the courses.
 - ◆ A Certificate of Completion will be awarded to participants who had attended the entire series.

The courses will be Conducted virtually via Zoom

Daytime: 1:30 to 4 pm
Evening: 6:00 to 8:30 pm



To register call Anelita
415-614-5651



2022 Topics & Schedule of Sessions

February 7— Program Planning

- ⇒ Essentials for Developing Parish Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Program Handbook for Families and Volunteers
- ⇒ Calendaring and Time Management
- ⇒ Budget, Record Keeping and Forms

March 7— Program Administration

- ⇒ Recruitment, Supervision and Support of Volunteers in Ministry
- ⇒ Catechist Training and Formation

April 4— Program Administration

- ⇒ Planning and Conducting Meetings with Parents and Catechetical Staff/ Volunteer Team
- ⇒ Communication Skills and Conflict Management

May 2 — Program Assessment & Evaluation

- ⇒ Creating Assessment and Evaluation Tools for Faith Formation Program
- ⇒ Self-Assessment Process for Parish Catechetical Leaders based on the National Certification Standards for Lay Ecclesial Ministers



Questions???

Need more information about this program?

Call **Anelita Reyes(415) 614-5651** or email reyesa@sfarchdiocese.org.

“Whenever you begin any good work you should first of all make a most pressing appeal to Christ our Lord to bring it to perfection.”
- St. Benedict

Cathedral Pilgrimage



January 30, 2022 4:00 PM

All in our parish RCIA's are invited to attend

**We gather in the Mother Church of our archdiocese to journey
with Mary, The First Evangelizer,**

through the shrines of the Cathedral with prayer and song.

“How are we called to be an evangelizer in today’s world”

Yes, our RCIA group will be attending

Parish Name _____ City _____

Number attending ____ Adults ____ Children

Español # _____ asistir English # _____ attending

Parish Contact _____ Email _____

Phone Number _____

Return to Fax: 415-614-5505; email Kearneys@sfarch.org ; or mail: Office of Worship, One Peter Yorke Way, SF

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- ALTAR SERVING

Sunday January 9, 2022
Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame CA Time TBD

CONFIRMATION RETREATS

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

TIMES WILL BE DETERMINED BASED ON PARISH SCHEDULE FOR MASS

\$35 PER PARTICIPANT

MARIANOC@SFARCH.ORG

JANUARY 29, '22 - TBD

FEBRUARY 26, '22 - ST. DUNSTAN PARISH, MILLBRAE

APRIL 9, '22 - TBD

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ESPAÑOL



Recordatorio que el 31 de enero es la reunión del **Nuevo Directorio para la Catequesis**. se invita a todos los líderes catequéticos parroquiales a asistir.

Adjunto vea el volante .

Presentación en ingles



La Arquidiócesis de San Francisco ha iniciado un proceso de sínodo. Se han nombrado coordinadores en todas las parroquias para facilitar el proceso. Se solicita a todos los líderes catequéticos que se comuniquen con el coordinador parroquial para que pueda incluir personas en sus programas e invitarlos a ser parte del proceso

Esquema del Proceso



Peregrino de la Catedral

Enero 30, 2022 4:00 PM

Todos los RICAs de nuestras parroquias están invitados a asistir

Nos reunimos en la Iglesia Madre de nuestra arquidiócesis para caminar con María, la Primera Evangelizadora,

por los santuarios de la Catedral con oración y canto.

Sí, nuestro grupo de RICA asistirá

Nombre de la Parroquia _____ Ciudad _____


Número de asistentes ____ Adultos ____ niños Español # ____ asistir English # ____ attending

Contacto parroquial _____ Correo electrónico _____

Número de Teléfono _____

Regrese al fax: 415-614-5505; envíe un correo electrónico a Kearneys@sfarch.org; o por correo: Oficina de Adoración, One Peter Yorke Way, SF 94109


January

		Pope's intention for the month: Human Fraternity	May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brother and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all	Kick off of Respect Life Essay Contest begins
1	Feast Mary, Mother of God	New Years Day		
2	Epiphany of the Lord			
3	New Year's Day Observed	Pastoral Offices are closed		
7 & 8	Diocese of Reno Annual Diocesan Conference	"Blessed Bendecidos And Grateful		www.reno-diocesan-conference.org
8-9	High School Retreat	Open to all High School students	Redwood Glen Retreat Center	Marianoc@sfarch.org
9	Baptism of the Lord			
9	Liturgical Training—Youth in Service		Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame	Marianoc@sfarch.org
11	Deanery 11 PCL meeting	3:30 Virtual	All are invited to join	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle arbucklec@sfarch.org
13	Deanery 10 First Confession Parent Mtg	7:00 PM	Our Lady of Angels	
16	Ordinary Time Begins	2nd Sunday		
17	Martin Luther King Day	Pastoral Offices are closed		
24	Deaneries 8 & 9 DRE Meeting	10 am to 12 noon	virtual	Anelita Reyes reyesa@sfarch.org
22	Walk for Life West Coast.			Walk for Life Information
29	Archdiocesan High School Confirmation Retreat	10:00 AM	Candidates must register with parish	Marianoc@sfarch.org
30	Cathedral Pilgrimage for RCIA	4:00 PM		Laura Bertone Bertonel@sfarch.org
31	New Directory Meeting	10:00-12:30 Or 6:00-8:30	Virtual	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle arbucklec@sfarch.org
31	Mission Office Art Work	Due for school year 2021-2022		Information

February

Pope's intention for the month: Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and healed

1	Chinese New Year Begins			
1	Black History Month Begins			
2	Presentation of the Lord			
4	Marin Deanery	12:30 Virtual	All are invited to attend	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle arbucklec@sfarch.org
7	Foundational Training	1:30 to 4 pm 6:00 to 8:30 pm	virtual	Anelita Reyes reyesa@sfarch.org
11	SF DRE Friday cluster	10 am to 11:30 am	virtual	Anelita Reyes reyesa@sfarch.org
14	Valentine's day	How are you practicing being a loving person		
17	Deanery 10 PCL Meeting	10:00-11:30	TBA	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle arbucklec@sfarch.org
21	President Day	Pastoral Offices are closed		
22	Deanery 11	3:30 PM Virtual	All are invited to attend	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle arbucklec@sfarch.org
26	Archdiocesan High School	10:00 AM St. Dunstan Parish	Candidates must register with parish	Marianoc@sfarch.org
28	Deaneries 8 & 9 DRE	10 am to 12 noon		Anelita Reyes reyesa@sfarch.org
28	SF DRE Monday cluster	6 pm to 7:30	Virtual	Anelita Reyes reyesa@sfarch.org

March

Pope's intention for the month: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God

1	Women's History Month			
2	Ash Wednesday	Lent Begins	Do you have your Rice Bowls ready to give out?	
5	Catechists' Retreat	3:00 to 5 pm	Virtual	Anelita Reyes reyesa@sfarch.org
6	Rite of Election	4:00 PM St. Mary Cathedral		Office of Worship Laura Bertone bertonel@sfarch.org

March

7	Foundational Training Session 6	1:30 to 4 pm 6 to 8:30 pm	virtual	Anelita Reyes reyesa@sfarch.org
9	Lenten Retreat for catechists and PCLs	6:30-7:45	Virtual	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle arbucklec@sfarch.org
16-19	LA Religious Education Congress			
19	Feast of St. Joseph Patron of the Archdiocese			
22	Deanery 11 PCL Meeting	3:30-4:45	Virtual All are invited	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle arbucklec@sfarch.org
25	Annunciation of the Lord			
28	Deaneries 8 & 9 DRE Meeting	10 am to 12 noon	virtual	Anelita Reyes reyesa@sfarch.org
		Pope's intention for the month: Fundamental Rights	We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under	dictatorship, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis
3	Deanery 10 First Communion Parent Meeting	2:30	Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Center	
4	Foundational Training Session 8	1:30 to 4 pm 6 to 8:30 pm	virtual	Anelita Reyes reyesa@sfarch.org
9	Archdiocesan High School Confirmation Retreat	10:00 AM	Candidates must register with parish	Marianoc@sfarch.org
10	Palm Sunday			
15	Good Friday	Pastoral Offices are closed		
16	Passover Begins			
17	Easter Sunday			
18	Easter Monday Holiday	Pastoral offices are closed		
21	Deanery 10 PCL Meeting	10:00-11:30	TBA	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle arbucklec@sfarch.org

April

22	Earth Day	Do something with Laudato Si		
24	Respect Life Essay Contest Mass	11:00 AM	St. Mary Cathedral	
25	Deanery 8 & 9 PCL Meeting	10 am to 12 noon		Anelita Reyes reyesa@sfarch.org
26	Deanery 11 PCL Meeting	3:30-4:45	Virtual	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle arbucklec@sfarch.org
May				
6-7	Adult Confirmation Classes	Friday 6:00-8:30 PM & Saturday 10:00-4:00	All adults 17 years of age and older are invited with permission of their pastor	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle arbucklec@sfarch.org
7	Youth Confirmation at St. Mary Cathedral			
8	Mother's Day			
12	Pius X Dinner and Recognition	6:30 PM	St. Mary Cathedral with Archbishop Cordileone	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle arbucklec@sfarch.org
24	Deanery 11 PCL Meeting	3:30-4:45	Place: TBA	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle arbucklec@sfarch.org
24	World Day of Prayer for the Church in China			
29	Ascension of the Lord			
30	Memorial Day	Pastoral offices are closed		
June		Pope's intention for the month: The Beauty of Marriage	Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a	Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.
5	Pentecost Sunday			
5	Adult Confirmations	11:00 AM St. Mary Cathedral		Office of Worship Laura Bertone bertonel@sfarch.org
12	Feast of the Most Holy Trinity			
16	Deanery 10 PCL Meeting	10:00-11:30	TBA	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle arbucklec@sfarch.org
19	Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ			
20	Juneteenth	Pastoral Offices closed		
28	Deanery 11 PCL Meeting	3:30-4:45	Place: TBA	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle arbucklec@sfarch.org
12-14	National Gathering in Christian Initiation	"Evaluating and Revitalizing the RCIA in Your Parish"	Chicago, Ill	LTP.org

New Year Blessing for Clocks and Calendars

On New Year's Eve, as the old year gives way to the new, we pray together this blessing by Edward Hays, taken from his book *Prayers for The Domestic Church: A Handbook for Worship in the Home*.

Holy Creator, you who live outside of time, and reside in the imperishable moment,
we ask you on the beginning of this New Year your blessing upon your gift of time.

Bless our clocks and watches, you who kindly direct us to observe the passing of minutes and hours.

May these markers of time make us aware of the miracle of each second of life we experience.

May these our ticking servants help us not to miss that which is important
while you keep us from machine-like routine.

May we be ever free from being clock watchers and instead become time lovers.

Bless our calendars, these ordered lists of days, weeks and months,
of holidays, holydays, fasts and feasts – all our special days of remembering.

May these servants, our calendars, once reserved for the royal few, for magi and pyramid priests,
now grace our homes and our lives.

May they remind us of birthdays and other gift-days as they teach us
the secret that all life is meant for celebration and contemplation.

Bless, O Divine Marker of Time, this new year, each of its 365 days and nights.

Bless us with new moons and full moons:

bless us with happy seasons and long life.

Grant to us, O God, this new year's gift of a year of love.

Amen.

Blessings





Family Catechesis Ideas from the Archdiocese New York

Check out their webpage

<https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/youth-faith-formation/catechetical/family-catechesis/>

Evangelize your parish by catechizing the family! Family catechesis has proven to be a powerful experience for thousands of families within the Archdiocese and across the nation. Children and teens need to become lifelong Catholics and members of the church which starts by involving the whole family in the life of the church. What is Family Catechesis?

“Family-centered catechetical programs are opportunities for parents to catechize their children directly, for spouses to catechize each other and for children to catechize one another and their parents” (National Directory for Catechesis #61.2).

What is the goal and mission of Family Catechesis in Parish Religious Education?

- help families learn how to pray and to discuss their faith together
- help parents better understand their role as primary catechists
- bring families together in order to share and deepen their Catholic faith
- strengthen the relationship between the family and the Church
- establish ongoing Catholic faith practices within the family life

integrate the family into the parish community

What are the nine models of family catechesis?

Explore the models below to determine what would work best for you, your catechetical team and the families you serve.

Intergenerational Whole Community Family Catechesis

Multi-Media Family Catechesis

Family Prayer Celebration

Activity-Centered Family Catechesis

Family Christian Service Project

Family Christian Holiday Celebration

Family Pilgrimage

Family Retreat Day

How many of these are you doing in your parish? Are there more you can add?

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