

Office of Catechesis & Youth Ministry Newsletter

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For Your Calendar

Archdiocesan Events

- Jan 22 **New Directors**
- Jan 25 **Ecumenical Vespers –
Conversion of St. Paul**
- Mar 26 **New Directors Retreat**
- Mar 29 **Catholic Scouts Adult
Awards**
- July 26-31 **Reach Out Reach In**

Other Events

- Mar 5 **Marenda Meeting with
Bishop Callahan**
St. Joseph Center
- Mar 19 **CMD Workshop on
Adolescent Catechesis,**
St. Therese Parish
- Mar 28 **WI Catholic Youth Rally,**
Mount Mary College
- Apr 27-30 **NCCL Conference,**
Detroit, MI
- May 8,9 **Faith-A-Thon, TYME OUT**
- May 27-30 **NALM, St. Paul, MN**
- Nov 19-21 **NCYC, Kansas City**

The Year of St. Paul Continues

What we know of St. Paul is sometimes cluttered with images and conflicting interpretations. We have the image of him being knocked off a horse, the idea that he is the "13th Apostle," or the claim that he is the real "inventor of Christianity" separating Christian doctrine from Judaism. This jubilee year of Saint Paul provides an opportunity for study, discussion and prayer. It is an opportunity to learn more, not only to clarify what we know about the person of Paul, but also to dwell on his teachings and spirituality.

In our liturgical year, we have not only the day commemorating the saint and his martyrdom (the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, June 29), but also the feast of his conversion, January 25. About his conversion, Pope Benedict says: "Before his conversion, Paul had not been a man distant from God and from his Law. On the contrary, he had been observant . . . to the point of fanaticism. In the light of the encounter with Christ, however, he understood that he had sought to build up himself and his own justice, and that with all this justice he had lived for himself. He realized that a new approach in his life was absolutely essential. And we find this new approach expressed in his words: 'The life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.'"

This Sunday, the Archdiocese celebrates the Conversion of St. Paul with an Ecumenical Vespers Service:

January 25, 2009

4:30 PM

St. Vincent Pallotti Church, 201 N. 76th St., Milwaukee

Celebrants: Archbishop Timothy Dolan and

ELCA Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers

Come and join the celebration of this Apostle who "left no stones unturned for unity and harmony among all Christians" (Pope Benedict).

During the Year of St. Paul, we offer links to a bibliography, Pope Benedict's catecheses, and plenty of other resources at:

<http://www.archmil.org/aboutus/ShowResource.asp?ID=2343>

Archdiocesan and Parish Events in the Year of Saint Paul are listed at:
http://www.johnpaul2center.org/images/Year_of_Saint_Paul_Calendar.pdf

Archdiocesan News, Events & Resources

Theology of the Body Workshop

If you want to know more about the Theology of the Body, mark your calendar for this event.

To Fill These Hearts Full: God, Sex and the Universal Longing

Presented by Christopher West – Music by Mike Mangione & The Band

Saturday, February 14, 2009 – 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Milwaukee Public Library's Centennial Hall

Please note that while the subject matter will be very helpful for those teaching high school students, this program is not intended for youth groups, rather it is for people who are 18 years of age or older.

Registration and more information can be found at www.fillthesehearts.org.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Mark your calendar and watch your email for detailed information:

Workshop on Adolescent Catechesis

Thursday, March 19, 2009

9:00 am-3:00 pm

St. Therese Parish, Milwaukee

This Spring, we will host a day-long Workshop on Adolescent Catechesis. The workshop aims to help leaders to grow in their understanding of and vision for adolescent catechesis in all of its settings. It is sponsored by the Center for Ministry Development.

(Detailed information will be forthcoming via broadcast email.)

Resources

“Four Minute Movies”

**A resource for high school religious education and
Confirmation programs**

Teaching about living a Christian life in today's world? Theology students at Marquette University have produced short vignettes on DVD about contemporary Christian disciples. Some are well-

known and some are people whose work is largely unknown. All are motivated by their faith to improve the quality of the lives of others.

To receive an e-advertisement that describes the contents of the 7 DVDs (each containing about a dozen Four Minute Movies) and to order the DVDs and Viewer Guides, please contact Michael Duffey at Michael.Duffey@Marquette.edu.

Catechist Formation around the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

District 12 – Learning Experiences for Catechists

Theology

**Tuesday, February 17 from 6-8 pm beginning with dinner
St. Catherine at 5101 W. Center St.**

Contact: Cindy Lieb, D.R.E. at 445-5115 or clieb@saintcatherine.org
Liz Kuhn, D.R.E. at Christ King at 258-2604 x33 or kuhnl@christkingparish.org

Scripture

**Sunday, March 22 from 3 to 4:30 pm
Our Lady of Good Hope at 7152 N. 41st St.**

George Butia, Director of Christian Formation at 352-1148 or butiag@archmil.org

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Youth Ministry News

Reach Out Reach In July 26-31, 2009

Reach Out Reach In (RORI) is an archdiocesan program that invites high school youth to a week of transformation and conversion as they serve and experience solidarity with those in need through simple living. We hope that you will consider offering this opportunity to the youth of your parish, and you (or another adult) are welcome to join your youth for this week of service, prayer and solidarity.

The flyer/registration form for this year can be found at
<http://extra.archmil.org/events/userfiles/RORI2009RegistrationFlyer.pdf>.

Alternate Confirmation Retreats

Sometimes a confirmation candidate is not able to attend their own parish's confirmation retreat. The **TYME OUT Youth Center** wants these youth to have a good retreat experience, either with another parish, or on one of their special retreats. TYME OUT may be able to offer a candidate a place on retreat with another parish. The Center also offers retreats especially for individual retreatants:



February 20-22, 2009

April 3-5, 2009

To make arrangements, contact Margie Lang at (262) 966-1800 or youth@tymeout.org.

For Catechetical & Youth Ministry Leaders

Operation Catechesis II

Assisting parish catechetical programs adversely affected by hurricanes

Four dioceses in the Louisiana and Texas were hit hard by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. Parish buildings were flooded, and **many catechetical programs have been adversely affected.**

The National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) is providing **a way for catechetical leaders, parishes and young people in religious education programs, to come to their aid.**

Individual parishes that suffered loss are now listing their needs online so other parishes across the country can assist them. Needs include textbooks and catechist manuals, supplies and furnishings. If your parish is able to provide needed textbooks or to help replace materials lost in the storms, please contact the parishes directly. **For lists of parish needs and contact information, visit <http://www.nccl.org/>**

Financial assistance is also needed. Visit <http://www.nccl.org/> for donation information.

Year of Saint Paul / Año de San Pablo

Listed below are Year of Saint Paul events sponsored by the John Paul II Center in 2009:

Sunday, January 25, 2009 – 4:30 p.m.

Ecumenical Vespers Service Celebrating the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

St. Vincent Pallotti Parish

Saturday, March 7 – 8:00-11:30 a.m.

Morning of Reflection for Women with Bishop Sklba

Mount Mary College



Friday, March 20, 2009 – 8:00-11:30 a.m.

Paul and His Co-Workers - Breakfast for Parish Staffs

Cardinal Stritch University

Friday, March 20, 2009 – Mass 6:00 p.m. followed by Presentation from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Siguiendo los Pasos de San Pablo (In the Footsteps of Saint Paul)

Principe de Paz/Prince of Peace Parish

Tuesday, June 2, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

Pallium Lecture: Paul, the Church's First Theologian: What Does St. Paul Mean by "the Church?"

Alverno College

Sunday, June 28, 2009

Closing Celebrations of the Year of Saint Paul

8:00 a.m. Mass, Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist, Milwaukee

10:30 a.m. Mass, Saint Paul the Apostle, Racine

For other Year of St. Paul Events in area parishes, visit the Living Our Faith website at

www.livingourfaith.org.

Resources:

New series of Catechetical Talks by Pope Benedict XVI on our Year of St. Paul Resource page:

<http://www.archmil.org/aboutus/ShowResource.asp?ID=2343>

Also on the St. Paul Resource Page: A bibliography of books recommended by local Scripture scholars, Videos on St. Paul, links to Year of St. Paul Websites in English and in Spanish.

District DRE/DYM Meetings:

Directors of Religious Education and Youth Ministry are strongly encouraged to attend their respective District DRE/DYM meetings that take place monthly throughout the Archdiocese. Important: If your district has scheduled meetings beyond those printed below, please contact Bonnie Bresnahan at 414-758-2240, or via email bresnahanb@archmil.org so they will appear in subsequent newsletters. Thank you for your cooperation! (Updated: 1/21/2009)

<p>District 1 (Kenosha County)</p> <p>K.A.R.E. Group Contact: Colleen Reddy (262) 656-7362 or delanevj@archmil.org</p>	<p>District 8 (Fond du Lac County)</p> <p>Tuesday, February 3, 1:00 p.m. at Presentation, North Fond du Lac</p> <p>Contact Person: Terese Markl (920) 324-5400 ext. 25 or childfam@stjoeschurch.org</p>
<p>District 2 <i>RADRE</i> (Racine County)</p> <p>Monday, February 16, 12:00 noon at St. Edward, Racine</p> <p>Contact Person: Susan Gehrig (262) 633-9005 or gehrigs@archmil.org</p>	<p>District 9 (Sheboygan County)</p> <p>Tuesday, February 17, 1:00 p.m. at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Rectory, Sheboygan</p> <p>Contact Person: Barb Leonhardt (920) 452-2759 or leonhardtb@archmil.org</p>
<p>District 3 (Walworth County)</p> <p>Thursday, March 12, 10:00 a.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine, Union Grove</p> <p>Contact Person: Anne Trautner (262) 248-8526 or rep@stfrancislg.com</p>	<p>District 10 (Ozaukee County)</p> <p>Tuesday, March 24, 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph, Grafton</p> <p>Contact Person: Terry Mahler (920) 994-8033 or mahlert@archmil.org</p>
<p>Districts 4/5 (Waukesha County)</p> <p><i>DREs:</i> Wednesday, February 11, 9:30 a.m., at St. Dominic, Brookfield – with Youth Ministers.</p> <p><i>DYMs:</i> Wednesday, February 11, 9:30 a.m. at St. Dominic, Brookfield – with DREs</p> <p><i>DRE Contact Person:</i> Kay Hokans (262) 547-2763 ext. 206 or khokans.cf@tds.net</p> <p><i>DYM Contact Person:</i> Deb Olla (262) 783-4248 or debbie.olla@stdominic.net</p>	<p>District 12 (Milwaukee County North, Northwest, West)</p> <p>Wednesday, January 21, 12:00 noon at St. Catherine, Milw.</p> <p>Contact Person: Liz Kuhn (414) 258-2604 ext. 33 or kuhnl@christkingparish.org</p>
<p>District 6 (Washington County)</p> <p>Wednesday, February 11, 9:30 a.m. at St. John, Rubicon</p> <p>Contact Person: Maureen Mitchell (262) 628-1141 or mmitchell@sgabrielp.org</p>	<p>District 13 (Milwaukee County East, Central, North Shore)</p> <p>Wednesday, March 18, 12:30 p.m. at Shahrazad Restaurant, 2847 N. Oakland Ave. (across the street from Oakland Trattoria).</p> <p>Contact Person: Rita Capriolo (414) 918-1131 or capriolor@archmil.org</p>
<p>District 7 (Dodge County)</p> <p>Thursday, February 12, 9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart, Horicon</p> <p>Contact Person: Bill Thimm (920) 485-0694 or wjtsheart@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>Districts 14/15/16 (Milwaukee County South, Southwest)</p> <p><i>DREs:</i></p> <p><i>DYMs:</i> Thursday, February 12, 9:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes, Milwaukee</p> <p>DRE Contact Person: Jim Beuscher (414) 425-3101 or beuscherj@stmaryhc.org</p> <p>DYM Contact Person: Carol Fischer (414) 421-0690 or carol@st-alphonsus.org</p>