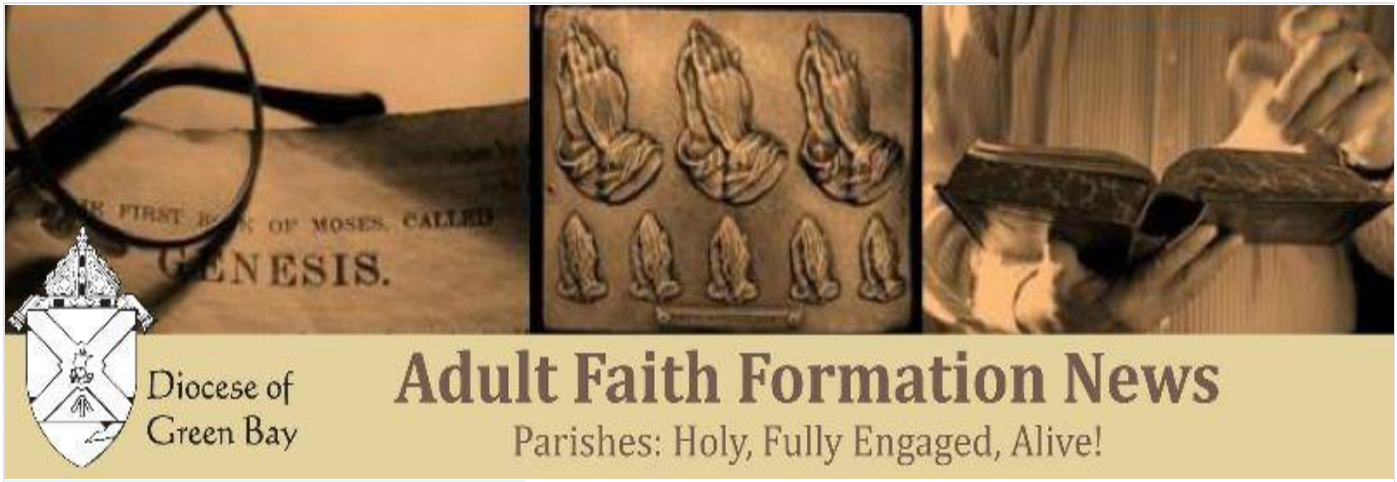

Diocese of Green Bay

Adult Faith Formation News

Parishes: Holy, Fully Engaged, Alive!

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RESOURCES

Adult Faith Formation Sources:

- Adult Faith Formation Resources
- Department of New Evangelization website
- Journey into the Heart of God by Julianne Stanz

Syllabuses: New and Continued

- Fallen-away Catholics: When its your son or daughter
- Hospice Nurses and Heaven
- Good to Great
- America is Heaven
- Patrons of Parishes: Saints, Martyrs and Mystics
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Is Your Parish Willing to Host?

For the upcoming year of 2013-14, the Adult Faith Formation Office of the Diocese of Green Bay is looking to sponsor the following programs. Please know that we will do much of the leg work in preparing for these talks. If your parish is interested, please contact me at your earliest convenience (contact information is at the bottom of the page)! Also know that with some of the talks, we are in the process of securing good speakers.

To read the syllabus of any given talk, please click on the link of your choice in the resource section in the *left* hand column.

New Programs:

1. *Fallen-away Catholics*: When it's your son, daughter or loved one. Practical tips in winning them back.
2. *Hospice Nurses and Heaven*: What awaits us at the hour of our death. A discussion of personal experiences and Church teachings.
3. *Good to Great*: Principles for success in the world of faith and business. Based on Jim Collin's book, *Good to Great*.
4. *America is Heaven*: Learn how Egide Nimubona was empowered by his Catholic faith which then enabled him to escape the genocide of Rwanda-Burundi in 1994.
5. *Patrons of Parishes: Saints, Martyrs and Mystics*: Learn more about some practical tips in becoming a Saint, rising above adversity and acquiring spiritual insights.

- The Hunger for Wholeness

Coordinator's Corner Articles:

- Listening to God
- Evangelization: The Old and the New

July's Extra:

- The Church and the Cinema: What Used To Be

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 11-14, 2013

Lifest in Oshkosh, WI. Music, fun and fellowship. The Diocese of Green Bay will be there! We hope you be too!

September 7, 2013

Hearts United: Historic rosary rally for peace and the family. For more information *click here*

September 20, 2013

Get away and get closer to God. Attend the Young Adult Retreat at Holy Name Retreat House on Chambers Island. For more information, contact: *Phil Lawson, Leader of Young Adult Ministry*

FEATURED PARTICIPANTS:

A big thank you to all are helping to spread the Gospel through our adult faith formation programs in 2013-14:

Abbot Nicholas and Hieromonk Maximos from Holy Resurrection Monastery

Continued Programs:

Light of the East:

This talk will focus on the "practical mysticism" of the Eastern Churches and how this understanding of the basic vocation to holiness can help fuel the New Evangelization.

2. *Surge of the Heart:*

   How does prayer and meditation helps us overcome the obstacles and trials of life? Learn practical ways in which we can listen to God in prayer and better understand how we can accept his will in all things.

3. *The Hunger for Wholeness:*

   This adult faith formation program is a series of talks on the purpose and beauty of human sexuality as intended by God. It unpacks for listeners the time-tested principles of marriages that are made to last.

A More Ambitious Goal!

Historian, Arnold Toynbee, once said, "It is a paradoxical but true and important principle of life that the most likely way to reach a goal is to be aiming -- *not at the goal itself* -- but at some more ambitious goal beyond it."

In the month of July, Catholics celebrate the feast day of St. Benedict. When this great Saint set out to found twelve monasteries in Italy, he had one ambitious goal: to seek Christ in prayer and in solitude. Yet, by doing this, the monastic movement he inspired not only renewed the Catholic Church time and time again in centuries to come, but it laid the foundation for a new Christian civilization. These were the blessed but *unintended* consequences of seeking Christ.

What is our goal for adult faith formation? If it is simply to get more people involved, we just might miss our goal! Indeed, increasing parish participation presupposes that we aim for a higher goal: Fostering a personal relationship with Christ. With this, not only does the Church begin to make sense but our life brims with purpose! As Bishop David Ricken said, "We become fully alive when we root everything we are and do in the person of Christ and live our lives out of that relationship."

Egide Nimubona from St. Pius X in Appleton, WI

Pat Coonen from St. Edward parish in Mackville, WI

Pat Webster from St. Louis parish in Dyckesville, WI

Deacon Paul Zenefski from St. Mary's parish in Maplewood, WI

Cheryle Stinski from St. Patrick's parish in Menasha, WI

Peggy Duemling from Catholic Youth Expeditions in Baileys Harbor, WI

Fr. Patrick Beno from St. Agnes parish in Green Bay, WI

Mary Pogue from Most Blessed Sacrament parish in Oshkosh, WI

Sharon Brabson from Stella Maris parish in Egg Harbor, WI

Debra Brandt from St. Anthony's parish in Tigerton, WI

Penny Biwer from St. Joseph's parish in Sturgeon Bay, WI

Judy Brown from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish in Green Bay, WI

Gerald Berg from St. John the Baptist parish in Howard, WI

Mitch and Amber Nonn from St. Pius X parish in Appleton, WI

Tina Poppe and Sara Sprister from St. Pius X in Appleton, WI

We are still are in need of speakers for *Patrons and Parishes: Saints, Martyrs and Mystics* and *Surge of the Heart*. If you are interested in helping out, please contact me!

THE COORDINATOR'S CORNER

-Practical tips for everyday spirituality & evangelization-

- In prayer, many of us do all the talking. But do we know how to listen to God? What is a practical way in which the Lord speaks to the human heart? What do the Saints in this regard? To read more, click on the following link: ***Listening to God: One Practical Way***

- If the New Evangelization is to bear much fruit as the original or "old" evangelization did in the first millennium, then it should draw from it whatever is good in the Old Evangelization. As Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew, *"Every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."* (13:52) What are some similarities and dissimilarities between the new and the old? And what can we learn from the old? To read more, please click on: ***Evangelization: The New and the Old***

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