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APCL Newsletter February/March



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Our Mission:

United in Jesus Christ and in the Catholic Traditions, we are catechetical leaders who support, challenge and enrich one another and collaborate to further effective faith formation in the local and global church.

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Looking for an event? What to invite others to your event? In our efforts to help one another find & share events, we have created a page on our website to share what is available within our Archdiocese. Visit our page at <http://www.apclindy.org/events-1> to see what's available or to post your upcoming event.

Archdiocesan Day of Reflection for Professional Ministers

Journey Through Lent with Mary



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Reflect with author Beth Leonard, pray and worship, confession available, create

with Cookies & Canvas, enjoy the beautiful retreat center campus, and prepare for Lent!

When: February 28, 2017 | 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM |
Confessions 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM and 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Where: Mary Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center in Bloomington.

Cost: \$30.00-Register at: <http://www.archindyym.com/professional-devlopment>

APCL Members: \$10 subsidy. Please register at the \$30 rate and APCL members will be assessed \$20.

Constitution and Bylaws Approved!- Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote on the updates to the APCL Constitution and Bylaws this past December. They were approved and are available on the APCL website.

Resource Highlight:

Bishop Robert Barron's 'Catholicism The Pivotal Players Volume 1'

Bishop Barron's 'Pivotal Players' series showcases a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who helped shape the life of the Church as well as changing the course of western civilization. This video series looks at historical figures like St. Francis of Assisi, Blessed John Henry Newman, and more. For more information, or to preview the series visit, www.Wordonfire.org



More than a Sacrifice: Making Lent Count

Excerpted from *Catechist Journey*-February 4, 2016 article by Joyce Donahue

The meaning of Lent is found not in itself, but in its destination. It's more than interior housekeeping for its own sake. Lent is our journey toward the light of the Risen Christ; it is a journey to rediscover our identity in the waters of Easter.

In the document *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy), the Church identifies two purposes of Lent: 1) to prepare for the Paschal Mystery through works of penance and 2) to recall or prepare for Baptism. (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 109) We need to keep these purposes in mind as we develop our lessons about Lent.

Sacrosanctum Concilium says we should teach four things about the penitential nature of Lent. **1. Sin has social consequences.** Help students know that sin affects not only themselves, but others. **2. Penance is a virtue.** Teach that penance is a way of making reparation; it is good medicine that makes us stronger in the face of temptation. **3. The Church plays a role in doing penance.** The Church invites the faithful to do penance, namely through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Provide opportunities for students in grades three and up to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. **4. Pray for sinners.** Explain that we have a duty to help others resist the temptation to sin by praying for them. Include such prayers in the classroom as much as possible.

Lent is a community pilgrimage of fasting, prayer, and giving alms. This pilgrimage brings us to the waters of Easter, where we will rededicate ourselves as Christ's people. Refreshed by the waters of His grace, we are empowered to spread the message of God's love in word and action.

"More than a Sacrifice: Making Lent Count" by Joyce Donahue is reprinted with permission of Loyola Press. For more faith formation resources, visit <http://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com>.

Upcoming Sainly Celebrations

January 31	St. John Bosco
February 3	St. Blaise
February 5	St. Agatha
February 6	Paul Miki & Companions
February 10	St. Scholastica
February 11	Our Lady of Lourdes
February 14	Saints Cyril and Methodius
February 22	The Chair of St. Peter
February 23	St. Polycarp
March 3	St. Katharine Drexel
March 7	Saints Perpetua & Felicity
March 9	St. Frances of Rome
March 17	St. Patrick
March 18	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
March 19	St. Joseph

Did you know? On the Gregorian calendar, Easter is the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon, which is the first full moon on or after March 21. Easter always falls between March 22 and April 25. This year it's April 16!

Ash Wednesday is on March 1! Below are just a few websites which have a variety of resources to help you with your programs this year. Happy planning!

Loyola Press: www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent

Dynamic Catholic: www.dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever

CRS: www.crsricebowl.org/parishes

USCCB: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent

Ignatian Spirituality: <http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent>

EWTN: www.ewtn.com/faith/lent