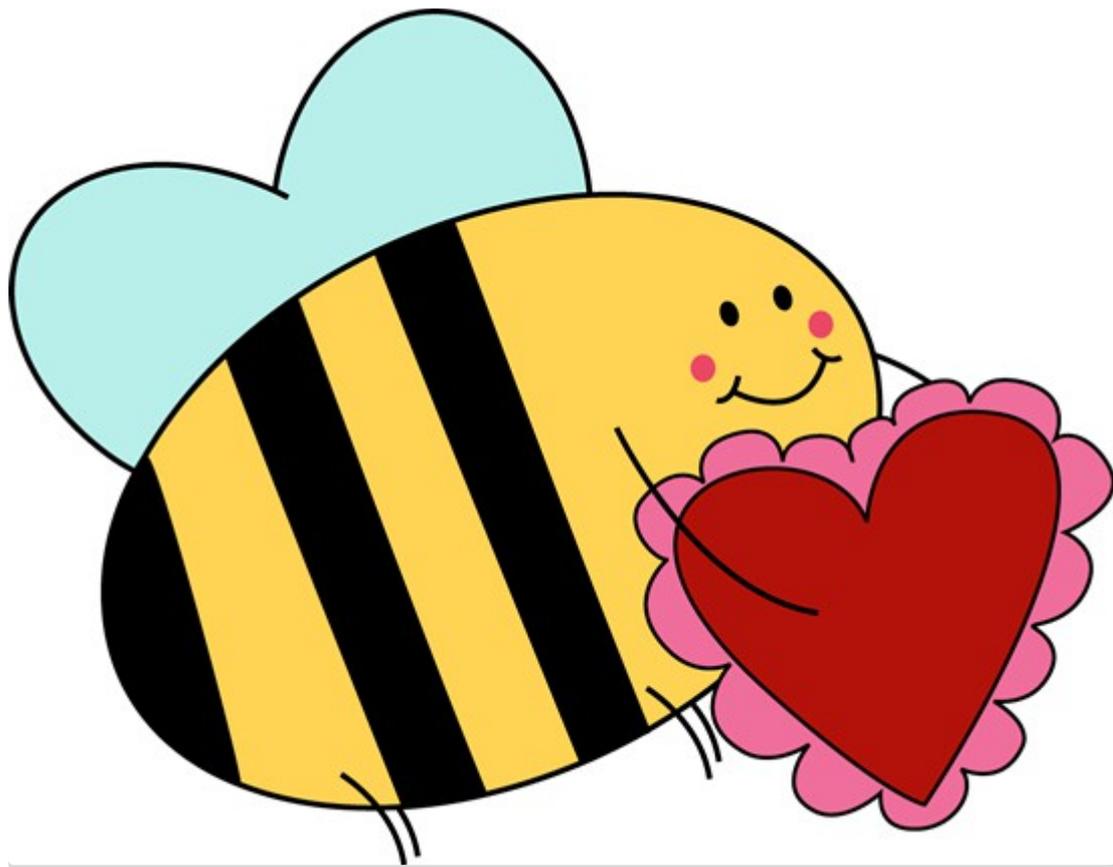


# Formation for Ministry Update

*What's buzzin' in Formation for Ministry?*



## **From the desk of Sr. Kathy...**

February 25, 2019

Dear Friends:

I hope you have had a good start to 2019 and that your ministry has been effective, faith-filled and efficient. We had a great response to our fourth-year seminar of Formation for Mission and Ministry on the topic of Human Formation and the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. Most evaluations were very positive and nearly half of the over 350 who took the inventory said it was their first time in taking this tool. I will be offering a make-up for those who were unable to attend at their parish on April 3 at the West Ashley, Charleston Chancery. I would like to have at least ten people to offer it again. Please call Cathy at 843.261.0504 or e-mail her at: [cathy@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:cathy@charlestdiocese.org) to register.

The highlight of my ministry this month was the parish-wide retreat at St. John Neumann in Columbia, SC. We had 63 people attend the retreat. The theme was “Who Do You Say That I Am”, and the topic was well received. Since many of the parishioners were interested in Spiritual Direction, I decided to go back during Lent and speak to those interested. I have found that many of us need a jolt in the arm to get our spiritual lives back on target or to be more meaningful. God has planted the desire within our hearts to get to know him better; we just need to respond by making that first phone call or writing an e-mail.

I am in the midst of planning for Year Five of our annual staff seminar, and I had an initial meeting with our diocesan Stewardship Office and my newly-formed-advisory group. We plan on offering a Catholic Spiritual Inventory so that we can learn our gifts and be willing and able to offer our gifts in service of the Lord. I’m excited about next year’s venture.

We highlight in this Buzz News, the Vatican meeting with the Holy Father and Bishops on the clerical-abuse topic, and both national and local news. I pray you have a blessed month.

Peace and all good,  
Sister Kathy Adamski, OSF



## Don't Miss Out!

A make-up session has been scheduled at the Diocesan Pastoral Center Assembly Hall on **APRIL 3** for those of you who were unable to attend a Year IV Formation for Ministry and Mission event this year. You still have an opportunity to attend on your own or with fellow staff members and take the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and learn about yourself and how to work best with those around you. Lunch is included.

To reserve your spot, contact [cathy@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:cathy@charlestdiocese.org) or call (843) 261-0504.



**Parish staff from St. Benedict attended Year IV FFMM on January 23**



**St. Joseph, Charleston, parish staff take the Myers Briggs Type Indicator on February 5**



**Meeting Sr. Kathy at the St. John Neumann Parish Retreat February 9**



**Retreatants at St. John Neumann February 9**

## **Journey Through this Lent with Dr. Tim Gray**

Set yourself up for a transformative 40 days with FORMED Lenten Reflections. Get daily videos from esteemed Scripture expert Dr. Tim Gray delivered right to your inbox so you don't miss a day of growing closer to our Lord.

<https://formed.org/promo/lent-registration>

# LENTEN REFLECTIONS

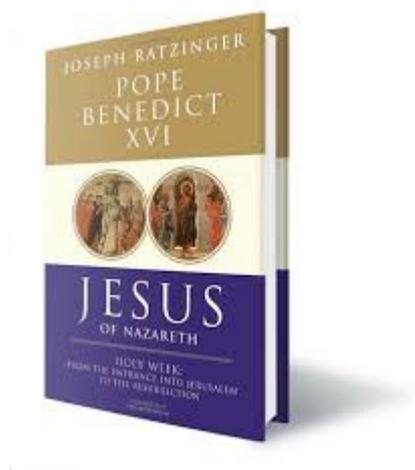
EXPERIENCE THE CATHOLIC FAITH IN A WHOLE NEW WAY

## Relive History's Most Important Week with Pope Benedict XVI

This Lent, walk beside Jesus as we read and discuss Pope Benedict XVI's *Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week* in a book club right on FORMED.

Tune in to FORMED Live on Monday, March 4 at 2pm ET for the book club's kick-off! Father Joseph Fessio, S.J., will share stories of his studies under then-Cardinal Ratzinger and discuss the importance of this great book.

<https://formed.org>



## GLOBAL NEWS

## Pope Francis Convoques Meeting of Bishops on Abuse Crisis

The Organizing Committee of the Meeting gathered in Rome on Thursday 10 January, he said. Afterwards, the Holy Father received in audience the members of the Committee, who updated him on preparations for the Meeting.

The February Meeting will see Presidents of Bishops' Conference from all over the world coming together to discuss, as the title indicates, "the protection of minors in the Church". According to the Vatican Press Office communiqué, the Meeting will include plenary sessions, working groups, moments of common prayer, listening to testimonies, a penitential liturgy, and a final Eucharistic celebration. The Holy Father will be present at the entire convocation.

"The February Meeting on the protection of minors has a concrete purpose: the goal is that all of the Bishops clearly understand what they need to do to prevent and combat the worldwide problem of the sexual abuse of minors. Pope Francis knows that a global problem can only be resolved with a global response. The Pope wants it to be an assembly of Pastors, not an academic conference – a meeting characterized by prayer and discernment, a catechetical and working gathering.

It is fundamental for the Holy Father that when the Bishops who will come to Rome have returned to their countries and their dioceses that they understand the laws to be applied and that they take the necessary steps to prevent abuse, to care for the victims, and to make sure that no case is covered up or buried.

Regarding the high expectations that have been created around the meeting, it is important to emphasize that the Church is not at the beginning of the fight against abuse. The meeting is a stage along the painful journey that the Church has unceasingly and decisively undertaken for over fifteen years."

**Photo Credit: [wp-media.patheos.com](http://wp-media.patheos.com)**



## NATIONAL NEWS

### Hispanic Innovators of the Faith

Washington D.C., (CNA) - The Archbishop of Los Angeles made his remarks as he delivered the seventh annual Hispanic Innovators of the Faith Lecture on Feb. 6 at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. In his speech, Gomez offered wide ranging reflections on the state of society, human nature, and the consequences losing touch with God.

"The crisis I see today is this: In our society, we no longer seem to share any coherent or common understanding about what it means to be a human being," said Gomez. "As I see it, this problem is rooted in our society's broader loss of the awareness of God."

Read more at: <https://www.catholic.org/news/national/story.php?id=80137>



## LOCAL NEWS

### Bishop's Annual Appeal

The Bishop's Annual Appeal has begun and Pledge Weekend was February 16, 2019. Each of the United States dioceses has some form of appeal so that the mission of the diocese can continue. Without each of our contributions, crucial ministries would not be effective, faith-filled and efficient. We need your help. The exciting news is that the church of South Carolina is growing quickly. Presently, there are over 200,000 Catholics in our diocese, and the needs are many.

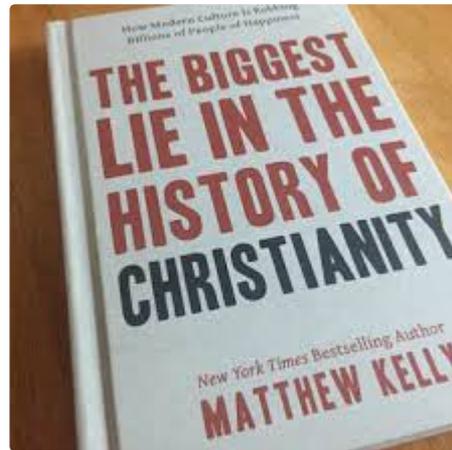
The monies raised by the appeal support the following ministries: Catholic Campus Ministry, Catholic Education, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Outreach Ministries, Retired Priests, Catholic Charities, Vocations, and a host of other projects.

Read more in our Catholic Miscellany at: <http://themiscellany.org/2016/02/11/bishops-annual-appeal-programs-that-can-change-a-life-at-any-age-are-built-by-your-participation/>

## BOOK OF THE MONTH

# The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity by Matthew Kelly Kadadu, LLC 2018

Do you believe it's possible to be happier than you have ever been before? Not for fleeting moments, but consistently? Bestselling author Matthew Kelly believes it is possible--and in his latest book, *The Biggest Lie*, he explains how!



## FACTOID

### Investigation Finds Covington Students Did Not Initiate Confrontation

An independent investigation into the interaction last month between Covington high school students and a Native American man has exonerated the students, the Diocese of Covington has announced.

[https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/investigation-finds-covington-students-did-not-instigate-confrontation-41748?utm\\_source=CNA&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=daily\\_newsletter](https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/investigation-finds-covington-students-did-not-instigate-confrontation-41748?utm_source=CNA&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily_newsletter)

**Photo Credit: Christine Rousselle/CNA**



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
**DIOCESE**  
OF CHARLESTON

## Office of Formation for Ministry

📍 901 Orange Grove Road, Charle...

✉ kadamski@charlestdiocese...

☎ 843.261.0498

🌐 charlestdiocese.org/formati...

