

Buzz Report

Office of Spirituality and Formation for Ministry Update

JULY 2019



From the desk of Sr. Kathy...

Dear Friends:

I pray that you and your families had a wonderful 4th of July celebration with family and friends.

You may notice that my office name has changed once again to better reflect what this office offers to chancery, parish staff and parishioners in our parishes. I began my ministry in the Diocese over four years ago, and my ministerial duties have changed and increased. I am happy to continue to offer Spiritual Direction, retreat ministry seminars, the annual Formation for Mission and Ministry and other responsibilities.

In this Buzz News, we'll review what is happening in the world regarding the church, as well as national and local news. I am happy to share that we have been working diligently on the Formation program this summer preparing a retreat entitled "Formed to Live Joyfully: Our Time, Talent and Treasure." We will be addressing the Spiritual Formation pillar this year, as we learn about the gifts that God has given to each one of us. Each person will be taking a Catholic Spirituality Inventory from Sheila Mellick's book, *Uniquely His*. I have purchased this inventory through the generous contribution once again of the Bikulege Family Foundation. We have three years to use this inventory in the Diocese as part of our formation of the laity.

The difference this year is that I am collaborating with the Office of Stewardship and Mission Advancement and we are inviting stewardship and adult leaders from parishes to this retreat morning. After lunch, these leaders will stay for a brief orientation so that they can offer this same retreat to their parishioners. A follow-up bible study will also be offered after the retreat. All materials for parishes will be password protected and put online for easy access. I have received a couple calls from stewardship people about their ability to do such a retreat. No fears, I am confident that all will be adequately prepared to offer this retreat. The yearly schedule is attached with this Buzz News.

Peace and all good,
Sister Kathy Adamski, OSF



Year Five Formation for Ministry Schedule

**YEAR V FORMATION FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY PROGRAM SCHEDULE
FIRST SEMESTER, 2019**

DIOCESAN OFFICES

Day	Date	Time	Location
Tuesday	August 20	8:30 am – 12:30 pm General Session 12:30 Lunch	St. Joseph Columbia

Diocesan Offices: Columbia Deanery

Day	Date	Time	Location
Thursday	August 22	8:30 am – 12:30 pm General Session 12:30 Lunch	Pastoral Center Charleston

Diocesan Offices: Group One

Day	Date	Time	Location
Tuesday	August 27	8:30 am – 12:30 pm General Session 12:30 Lunch	Pastoral Center Charleston

Diocesan Offices: Group Two

ROCK HILL DEANERY

Day	Date	Time	Location
Thursday	September 5	8:30 am – 12:30 pm General Session 12:30 Lunch 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm Stewardship Reps	The Oratory Rock Hill

Parishes in this Session: St. Anne, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Joseph, St. Mary, St. Philip Neri,
All Saints, Divine Savior, Our Lady of Grace, St. Michael Mission

MYRTLE BEACH DEANERY

Day	Date	Time	Location
Tuesday	September 10	8:30 am – 12:30 pm General Session 12:30 Lunch 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm Stewardship Reps	St. Michael the Archangel Murrells Inlet

Parishes in this Session: St. Michael the Archangel,
Precious Blood of Christ, St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom, St. James the Younger, St. Ann (Kingtree)

MYRTLE BEACH DEANERY (Cont'd)

Day	Date	Time	Location
Thursday	September 12	8:30 am – 12:30 pm General Session 12:30 Lunch 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm Stewardship Reps	St. Andrew Myrtle Beach

Parishes in this Session: St. Andrew, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Church of the Resurrection Mission

Day	Date	Time	Location
Tuesday	September 17	8:30 am – 12:30 pm General Session 12:30 Lunch 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm Stewardship Reps	St. Anthony Florence

Parishes in this Session: St. Anthony, St. Anne, St. Mary the Virgin Mother, St. Peter (Cheraw), St. Louis, Our Lady of the Lake Stewardship Team, St. Philip the Apostle, Church of the Infant Jesus

GREENVILLE DEANERY

Day	Date	Time	Location
Tuesday	October 8	8:30 am – 12:30 pm General Session 12:30 Lunch 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm Stewardship Reps	St. Anthony of Padua Greenville

Parishes in this Session: St. Anthony of Padua, Blessed Trinity, Prince of Peace, Our Lady of LaVang, St. Paul the Apostle (Spartanburg), Our Lady of the Rosary, Holy Cross

Day	Date	Time	Location
Thursday	October 10	8:30 am – 12:30 pm General Session 12:30 Lunch 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm Stewardship Reps	St. Paul the Apostle Seneca

Parishes in this Session: St. Paul (Seneca), St. Andrew (Clemson), St. Joseph (Anderson), St. Mary of the Angels, Sacred Heart (Gaffney)

Day	Date	Time	Location
Wednesday	November 6	8:30 am – 12:30 pm General Session 12:30 Lunch 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm Stewardship Reps	St. Mary Magdalene Simpsonville

Parishes in this Session: St. Mary Magdalene, St. Mary (Greenville), St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Jesus Our Risen Savior, Holy Spirit Mission. St. Luke, St. Boniface

AIKEN DEANERY

Day	Date	Time	Location
Tuesday	October 22	8:30 am – 12:30 pm General Session 12:30 Lunch 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm Stewardship Reps	St. Mary Help of Christians Aiken

Parishes in this Session: St. Mary Help of Christians, St. Andrew (Barnwell), Our Lady of the Valley, Sacred Heart (Abbeville), Our Lady of Peace, St. Edward, St. Mary Immaculate Conception, St. Gerard, Our Lady of Lourdes, Good Shepherd

**YEAR V FORMATION FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY PROGRAM
SECOND SEMESTER, 2019**

BEAUFORT DEANERY

Day	Date	Time	Location
Tuesday	January 14	8:30 am – 12:30 pm General Session 12:30 Lunch 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm Stewardship Reps	St. Gregory the Great Bluffton

Parishes in this Session: St. Gregory the Great, St. Peters, Beaufort, St. Francis by the Sea, Holy Family, St. Anthony (Ridgeland), St. Anthony Mission (Hardeeville), St. Mary Mission, St. James the Greater Mission, St. Anthony (Walterboro)

CHARLESTON DEANERY

Day	Date	Time	Location
Wednesday	January 22	8:30 am – 12:30 pm General Session 12:30 Lunch 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm Stewardship Reps	St. Benedict Mount Pleasant

Parishes in this Session: St. Benedict, Clare of Assisi, Christ Our King, Stella Maris, Holy Spirit

Day	Date	Time	Location
Tuesday	February 4	8:30 am – 12:30 pm General Session 12:30 Lunch 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm Stewardship Reps	Pastoral Center Charleston

Parishes in this Session: Blessed Sacrament, Nativity, Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, St. Mary of the Annunciation, St. Patrick, St. Joseph, St. Mary (Yonges Island), Our Lady of Good Counsel, Sts. Frederick and Stephen Mission, Sacred Heart

CHARLESTON DEANERY (Cont'd)

Day	Date	Time	Location
Thursday	February 6	8:30 am – 12:30 pm General Session 12:30 Lunch 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm Stewardship Reps	St. John the Beloved Summerville

Parishes in this Session: Immaculate Conception, St. John the Beloved, St. Theresa the Little Flower, St. Philip Benizi, St. Thomas the Apostle, Divine Redeemer, St. John

COLUMBIA DEANERY

Day	Date	Time	Location
Wednesday	February 19	8:30 am – 12:30 pm General Session 12:30 Lunch 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm Stewardship Reps	St. Joseph Columbia

Parishes in this Session: St. Joseph, St. Peters, St. Thomas Moore at USC, St. Martin de Porres, St. John Neumann, St. Anne and St. Jude, Transfiguration, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Mary – Our Lady of Hope

Day	Date	Time	Location
Thursday	February 20	8:30 am – 12:30 pm General Session 12:30 Lunch 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm Stewardship Reps	Corpus Christi Lexington

Parishes in this Session: Corpus Christi, Our Lady of the Hills, Our Lady of the Lake, St. John of the Cross, St. Theresa, Holy Trinity, St. Mark, St. William, St. Ann (Santee)

**Any mission church may attend any session. A reminder call to all parishes will be made by the Office of Spirituality and Formation for Mission one week before the scheduled event. Thank you.

GLOBAL NEWS

New Vatican Constitution to Centralize Power in State Secretariat

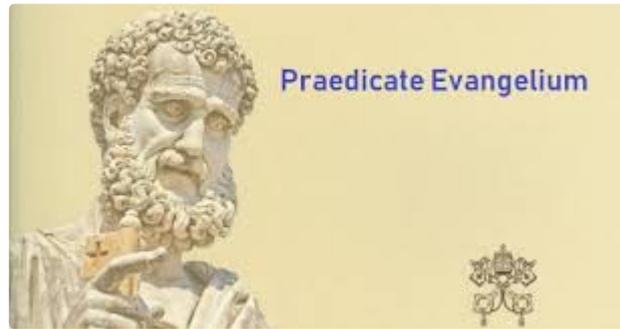
Preach the Gospel (Praedicate Evangelium), is the new governing document for the Roman Curia. This document completes the reforming work already begun of combining various smaller Vatican departments into a more streamlined structure. Bishop Marcello, secretary of the council of Cardinals drafting the document stressed it is a “working draft” still subject to a “confidential consultation.” The Cardinals have been working on this draft for the past five years. Once the constitution comes into force, all Vatican departments will also be known as “dicasteries” rather than the current “congregations” (ancient, executive bodies) or “pontifical councils” (advisory ones that grew out of the Second Vatican Council).

Essentially, the underlying reason for this change is to indicate that the Roman Curia is at the service of local bishops as well as the Pope. But, at a deeper level, the reforms are reportedly being made for

two reasons: to place evangelization at the heart of both the Church's and Vatican's mission and to serve as a reminder that acts of charity are a key element of the faith.

"Pope Francis always underlines that the Church is missionary," states Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga, one of two coordinators of the council of cardinals. "For this reason, it's logical that we put in the first place the dicastery for evangelization and not the one for the doctrine of the faith. In this way, the Holy Father marks a significant sign of reform for all the People of God." The Pope's wish to put "mission" at the center of the new Curia, said it "won't only be a cosmetic change," but, rather, "the impetus for a **change of mentality** that is already underway."

More coming in future months. To read more: <http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/vatican-reform-plan-takes-shape-evangelization-prioritized-over-doctrine>).



NATIONAL NEWS

Archbishop Sheen is One Step Closer to Beatification

Archbishop Sheen, famous television personality and evangelist, was a beloved television catechist during the 1950s and 60s in the United States. His Emmy-award winning television show "Life is Worth Living" reached an audience of millions. In 2012, Benedict XVI recognized the heroic virtues of the archbishop.

The Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints promulgated the decree approving Sheen's miracle on July 6. Bishop Sheen's Beatification is first step in his designation for sainthood.

The miracle involves the unexplained recovery of James Fulton Engstrom, a boy born apparently stillborn in September 2010 to Bonnie and Travis Engstrom of the Peoria-area town of Goodfield. He showed no signs of life as medical professionals tried to revive him. The child's mother and father prayed to Archbishop Sheen to heal their son.

My Irish mother is rejoicing in heaven, as she was an avid follower of the Bishop who truly was the forerunner to our Bishop Barron.



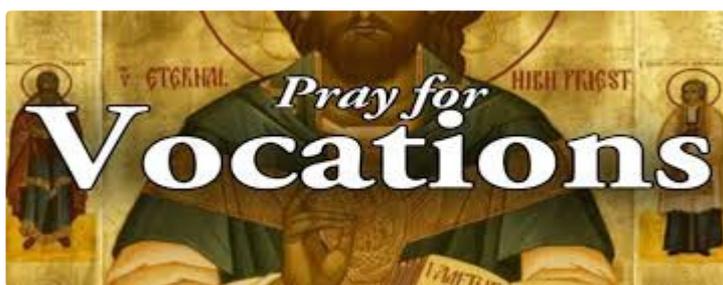
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LOCAL NEWS

As I was walking through the third floor of the Pastoral Center recently, I noticed a new face in the Vocations Office—Fr. Matthew Gray has been named the new Vicar of Vocations for the Diocese. As a former Vocation Director of my Neumann Franciscan Community, I was eager to meet Father and welcome him to the Chancery and his new ministry.

He seemed eager and willing to hear any suggestions from this not-so-young-former director. I was so happy to learn that he will be attending the National Religious Vocation Conference for new vocation directors. I shared with him how much I learned and how he will be able to connect with other new directors.

Vocation ministry is dear to my heart, and I pray that many of our parishes will invite Fr. Gray to youth group or young adult meetings. It is crucial for young people to meet priests, religious sisters and brothers. I met a young person recently who was around 25, and she told me she had never met a religious sister, much less a Franciscan. One of the major reasons that individuals are not discerning religious life is that no one ever invited them to see what the life was all about. Invite someone in your parish whom you think has the kind of generous heart to commit to a wonderful life of service and prayer. A second reason young people do not enter the priesthood or religious life is that parents do not promote the life among their children. If you think your child may have a calling, gently invite them to all your family and church community has to offer. Get them involved in the parish...that is where it all begins. I began teaching religious ed as a young woman at 19, with no college background, but a love for God. Take the risk!



Are You Seeking Direction?

WHAT ARE THE GIFTS OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?

- Notice and savor your own experience of God
- Integrate spirituality into your daily life
- Find understanding, encouragement and affirmation
- Share challenges, losses, or disappointments
- Celebrate joys and accomplishments
- Grow in relationship with God, self, others, and creation
- Deepening freedom to live a more authentic life



The Office of Spirituality and Formation for Ministry falls under the auspices of the Secretariat of Evangelization and Education of the Diocese of Charleston, SC.

Please see our website for more information on all that the office offers to parishes, schools, parishioners and all people of good will.

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Peace and All Good!



“The art of spiritual direction lies in our uncovering the obvious in our lives and in realizing that everyday events are the means by which we encounter God.”

Marilyn Joyce, OSF

MINISTRY OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTION



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?

Spiritual direction is about responding to God's invitation to draw closer in relationship. It is meant to help a person learn how to be attentive to God's presence and action in her life and to make choices based on that awareness

WHO ARE SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS?

Catholic Spiritual Directors in the Diocese of Charleston have all received extensive training and formation in the art of spiritual direction, and bring years of experience to this ancient ministry. Our directors consist of men and women, who are priests, deacons, married, single or are members of a religious community. Each has a deep commitment to ongoing spiritual formation and growth, both personally and with those they companion

From all eternity, God has called you, by name, to love.

Fr. Adrian van Kamm, CSSp.

WHAT HAPPENS IN A SPIRITUAL DIRECTION SESSION?

The subject matter of spiritual direction is what seems significant in the life of the person seeking direction. It could be exploring a dream or critical issue, discerning life choices, discovering ways to pray, or simply acknowledging a longing or question that persists over time.

The spiritual director/companion remains present to the directee through deep listening, evocative questions, support, and creating a safe environment where one can openly and prayerfully explore where God's spirit is leading.

HOW OFTEN DOES SPIRITUAL DIRECTION OCCUR?

Most common is a monthly appointment for an hour. The need of the person seeking direction is always honored. The director and directee agree on a convenient location and time for meeting.

IS THERE A COST?

Since directors have been trained professionally, many have a sliding fee scale and which is discussed at the initial meeting.



In the midst of a busy life, many people find it difficult to notice God's actions in their daily affairs. Yet, at the deepest level, all of us long for a more conscious experience of God's presence and love. Each of us has a sacred story unfolding and inviting our attention. Spiritual direction provides a place to notice, reflect, discern and discover where God is present and active in our everyday lives.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, President of Oblate School of Theology, Austin Texas states:

“Spirituality, is not an answer one ever arrives at; or, spirituality is not something one achieves; rather, spirituality is something one walks toward...it is a journey. Sometimes in the journey, we take baby steps and at other times, we take larger steps. One thing is very important....that we are moving in the right direction.”

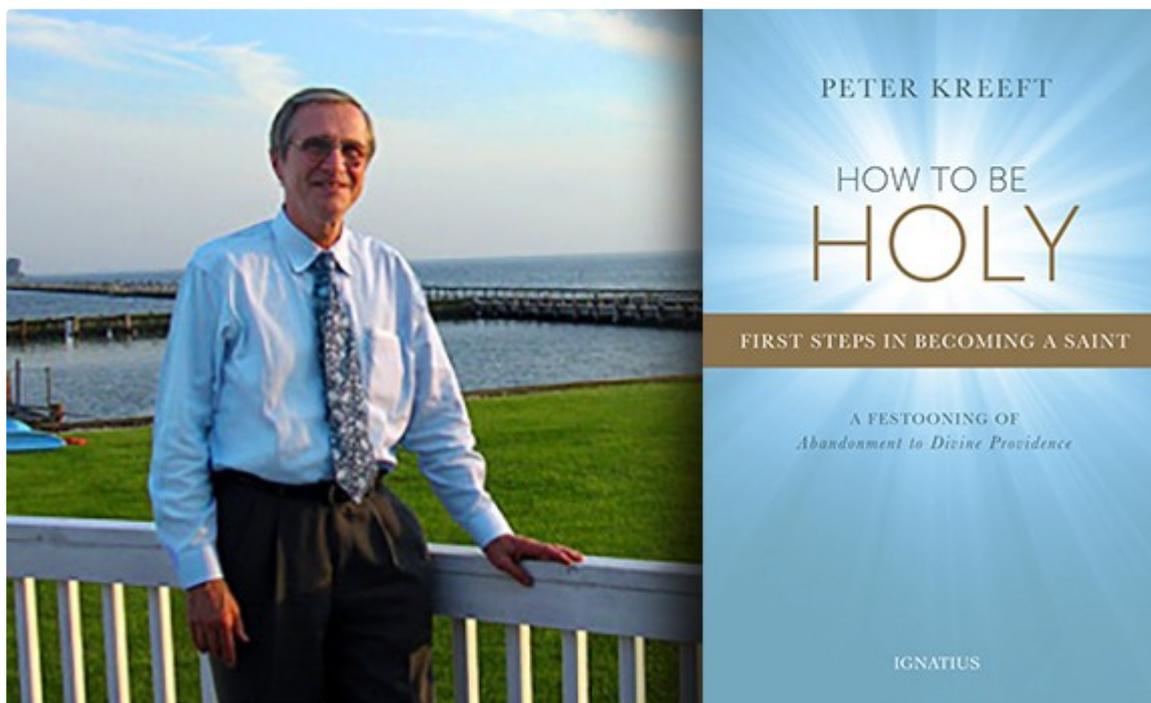
Blessed is She helps foster community through daily devotions sent directly to your inbox. They have created reflection studies on the Catechism and Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and resources for women, as well as offers free daily emails with devotions based on the lectionary.

They are offering a complimentary copy of their Blessed Conversation Study on the Mysteries of the Rosary. It is a coil-bound workbook with four studies (20 sessions total) authored by four writers intended for women's group study complete with Scripture, reflections, and questions for reflection and discussion. They also have a free study on the Trinity available for download in Spanish.

To see their full offering of studies, visit <https://blessedisshe.net>.

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BOOK OF THE MONTH



How To Be Holy: First Steps In Becoming A Saint by Petter Kreeft

Available from Ignatius Press, this work draws upon the spiritual classic Abandonment to Divine Providence by Jean-Pierre de Caussade, SJ.

FACTOID

From CARA (Center for Applied Research of the Apostolate), Georgetown University

Independent researcher Marcia Romanansky's data from CARA's annual reports on the state of the U.S. diaconate to estimate some details about this understudied group:

Using survey responses for 2014-2015, she found "the number of wives of active deacons is 14,555, a figure based on the finding that 93 percent of the 15,650 active deacons are married."

The majority of the deacons' wives are 59 years of age or older. The percentage of white active deacons (and likely their wives) declined from 81 percent in 2006-2007 to 78 percent in 2014-2015, while at the same time, the proportions increased to 16 percent and 3 percent, respectively, for Hispanic and African American.

The education level of the wives is similar to their husbands: 19 percent have graduate degrees in a secular field, 10 percent have graduate degrees in a religious speciality, 34 percent have a bachelor's degree, 19 percent have some college or an associate degree.



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