

# Formation for Ministry Update

What's Buzzin' in Formation?

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From the desk of Sister Kathy...



Happy June, friends! It is summer, schools are out of session, vacation plans are being completed, and there is a freshness in the air that the human soul seems to always long for after having gone from winter to summer with no spring. I pray that this summer brings some time for relaxation with family and friends and that you grow closer to God during this time. Note that I have included in this issue the web site to find a mass anywhere you might be traveling this summer.

In this issue of Buzz News, we read that “Unity” is part and parcel of our DNA as His Holiness discusses from the Vatican. Nationally, the Bishops met this month in Baltimore, and there is some early news about their discussions. Second, Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, Chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities has issued the following statement:

“We strongly applaud today’s action by the American Medical Association’s House of Delegates to reaffirm its policy **against** physician-assisted suicide.

Third, Religious Freedom week will be celebrated June 22-29, 2019. Resources are available to commemorate this important week in this Buzz News.

News about our fifth-year Formation for Mission and Ministry program is included in this newsletter. All will be invited to take a Catholic Spirituality Inventory to learn the gifts each has so that we can use these gifts to become Missionary Disciples of the Lord.

Also locally, we are so excited that a weekly televised Sunday Mass will begin airing on July 7 on WCBD, Channel 2. The Mass will be broadcast at 6 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. every Sunday.

Happy Father’s Day to all our Dads and those that relate as Dads to our young children. I know daily I thank God for my wonderful Dad who showed me the meaning of love, compassion and mercy.

Peace and all good, (Franciscan closing)  
Sister Kathy Adamski, OSF

# Pope Francis -- Unity is in the DNA of the Christian Community

VATICAN CITY - An essential characteristic of Christian community is its unity in diversity, and the freedom this gives to Christians to come alive as witnesses of Christ, Pope Francis said Wednesday.

"We too," Francis urged, "need to rediscover the beauty of witnessing to the Risen, emerging from self-referential attitudes, renouncing the withholding of the gifts of God and not yielding to mediocrity."

The selection of Matthias to take Judas' place among the Twelve Apostles, as told at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles, is the "reunification of the apostolic college," the pope said June 12.

This moment "shows how in the DNA of the Christian community there is unity and freedom from oneself, which make it possible not to fear diversity, not to attach oneself to things and gifts and to become martyrs, that is, luminous witnesses of God alive and active in history," he said.

Read more here: <http://m.ncregister.com/60853/d>



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## NATIONAL NEWS

### The Role of the Laity in Sexual Abuse Reform

On June 11, 2019, the USCCB General Assembly met in Baltimore, Maryland, and one of the issues discussed was the laity -- the who and the how in sexual abuse reform. Some of the bishops asked for clarity on proposals to increase transparency and accountability among its members. Two major themes emerged from the interventions. The first was that several members desire to see a binding and clearly defined role for laity in the process of handling accusations against a bishop. The second was the need for -- and lack of -- a clear distinction between cases involving the sexual abuse of minors and those touching sexual misconduct more broadly. (Catholic News Agency)

Read more by cutting and pasting into your browser:

[https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/analysis-the-laity--the-who-and-the-how-in-sexual-abuse-reform-73915?utm\\_source=CNA&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=daily\\_newsletter](https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/analysis-the-laity--the-who-and-the-how-in-sexual-abuse-reform-73915?utm_source=CNA&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily_newsletter)



## CHAIRMAN OF U.S. BISHOPS' PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE APPLAUDS AMA'S ACTION REAFFIRMING OPPOSITION TO PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE

**June 11, 2019**

WASHINGTON—Yesterday, the American Medical Association's House of Delegates voted by a 2 to 1 margin to affirm its longstanding opposition to physician-assisted suicide. Following the vote, Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, Chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities has issued the following statement:

"We strongly applaud today's action by the American Medical Association's House of Delegates to reaffirm its policy against physician-assisted suicide. The practice and promotion of assisted suicide poses grave consequences for our entire society but particularly for persons living with illness, disabilities, or socioeconomic disadvantages. The AMA was right to reaffirm its longstanding view that physician-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role as healer."

## Religious Freedom Week June 22-29

*Religious Freedom Week 2019: Strength in Hope* takes place June 22 – 29. The week begins with the Feast of Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More, ends with the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, and includes the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. This year's Religious Freedom Week is also notable in that it includes the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) and the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In the pilgrimage of this life, hidden with Christ in God and free from enslavement to wealth, they aspire to those riches which remain forever and generously dedicate themselves wholly to the

advancement of the kingdom of God and to the reform and improvement of the temporal order in a Christian spirit. Among the trials of this life they find strength in hope, convinced that "the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come that will be revealed in us" (Rom. 8:18).

-*Apostolicam actuositatem*, 4 (Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People, Vat. II)

Many resources available from our American Bishops at:

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week/index.cfm>



## LOCAL NEWS



## Year Five of Formation for Mission and Ministry

I am thrilled to announce that this year's diocesan formation program will address the "Spiritual Formation" pillar. I have collaborated with the Office of Stewardship and Mission Advancement to offer the retreat "Formed to Live Joyfully Our Time, Talent and Treasure." This year, we will offer a retreat dealing with our gifts and blessings and how we can use these gifts for the honor and glory of God. Each person will take a Catholic Spirituality Inventory so that each can learn what charisms or gifts one is blessed to possess. The difference this year is that "Stewardship leaders" in our parishes are asked to send one or two representatives to this retreat so that they, in turn, will be confident to offer this retreat at their respective parishes.

A brief orientation will be offered after lunch for the stewardship representative. All materials for the retreat and follow-up bible study will be password protected on the Formation for Ministry web link, as well as all videos for the retreat.



## Televised Sunday Mass

New televised Mass for the homebound is now being offered. The Diocese of Charleston and Catholic Extension are pleased to announce that a weekly televised Sunday Mass will begin airing on July 7 on WCBD, Channel 2. The Mass will be broadcast at 6 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. every Sunday. Please be sure to share this news with your neighbors, friends and family who may be sick or homebound. When you or someone you know is unable to get to church due to sickness or physical impairment, the TV Mass offers spiritual comfort and inspiration. Please visit

<https://www.catholicextension.org/stories/televised-sunday-catholic-mass> for more information.



(Photo credit Catholic Mass: 10/16/18 | Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9nl5rkR4IY>)



CONGRATULATIONS to our newly ordained priests, Father Bruce Barnett and Fr. Jimmy Touzeau. May your ministry be blessed and may God grant you peace!

## Vacation Time...

Find a Catholic Church wherever you visit at: [Discovermass.com](http://Discovermass.com)

# Vacation

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## Pilgrimage to Rome

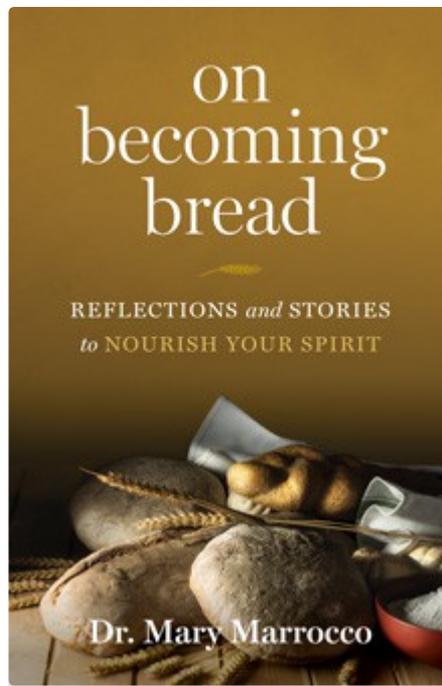
Bishop Guglielmone is leading lead two trips to Rome this year...one with youth and a second with adults. Look for future reports from their trip right here in Buzz News!



## BOOK OF THE MONTH

### New Release from Dr. Mary Marrocco

"On Becoming Bread: Reflections and Stories to Nourish Your Spirit" by Dr. Mary Marrocco. Twenty-Third Publications. "Mary Marrocco takes the truths of Scripture and tradition and the insights of the academy of theology and runs them through the kitchens, malls, hospitals, social circles, and the church circles within which she moves." Fr. Ron Rolheiser, President of the Oblate School of theology, San Antonio, Texas

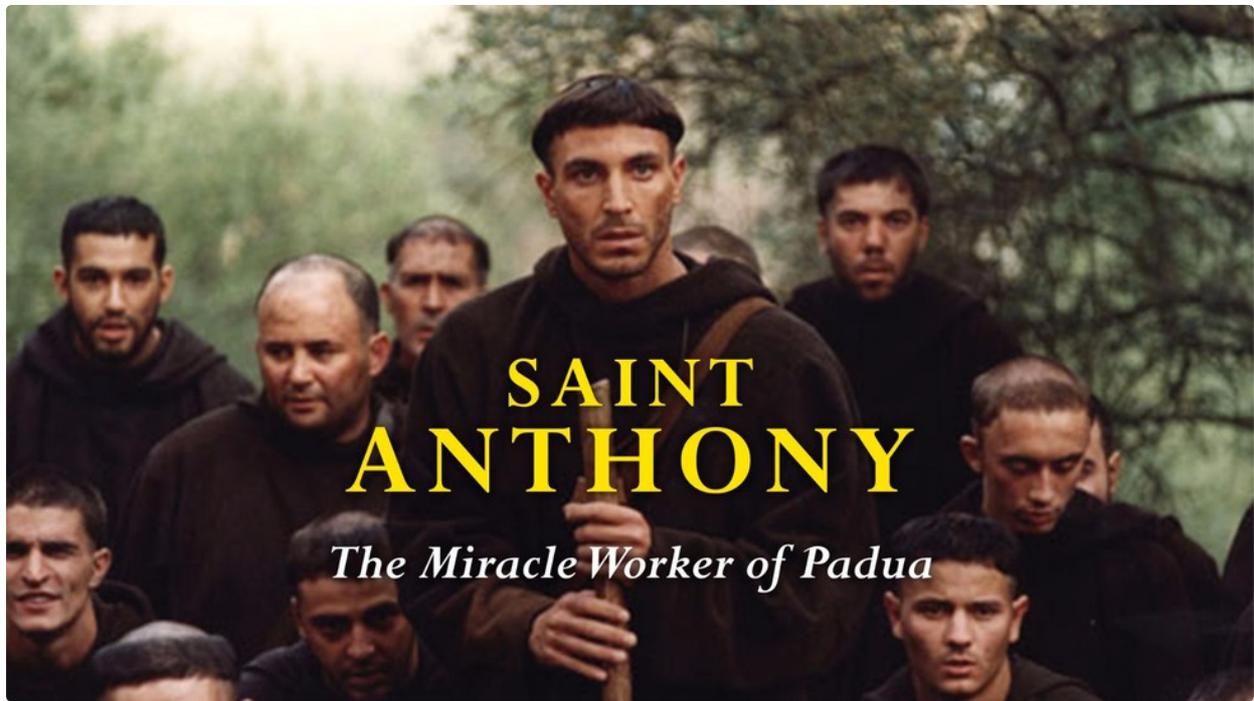


## St. Anthony, the Miracle Worker of Padua Movie

If your parish is a member for Formed.org be sure to check out the first major feature length drama on the life of St. Anthony of Padua, the beloved miracle worker and one of the most popular saints in Christian history. Made in Italy with top-notch acting talent, and superb cinematography, this is an outstanding film on the amazing life of St. Anthony. It presents Anthony as a dynamic and appealing person who sacrificed wealth, popularity, and family for the Kingdom of God.

Born into a Portugese noble family in 1195, Anthony defied his father's wishes that he become a knight and, instead, followed the call of God to become a monk, eventually joining the Franciscans as a follower of St. Francis of Assisi. Anthony became renowned for his powerful preaching and his miracles that won countless souls to Christ. The film follows his travels through Italy, his mission to Morocco, and his meeting with St. Francis. It beautifully portrays the power of his preaching, the holiness of his life, his love for the poor and oppressed, and the wonders of his miracles. Actor Daniele Liotti gives a truly memorable inspiring and performance as St. Anthony.

<https://market.formed.org/catalog/product/view/id/311/s/saint-anthony/>



(Photo courtesy of Formed.org)

## FACTOID

### Happy Father's Day to all our Dads!

Eight facts about US Dads...

1. More dads are staying home to care for their kids.
2. Dads see parenting as central to their identity.
3. Work-family balance is a challenge for many working fathers.
4. Most Americans think men face a lot of pressure to provide financially for their family.
5. It's become less common for dads to be their family's sole breadwinner.
6. Dads are much more involved in child care than they were 50 years ago.
7. When it comes to caregiving, moms and dads are still viewed differently.
8. While they're spending more time with their children, many dads feel they're not doing enough.

Read more: <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/06/12/fathers-day-facts/>



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