

Buzz Report

Office of Spirituality & Formation for Ministry

July 2021



Coming This Fall...

The Vatican wants your input! Watch for a survey which will be emailed to you in the fall in preparation for the next Synod of Bishops with the theme of "For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission."



From the desk of Sr. Kathy...



Dear Friends:

I pray you all had a wonderful July 4th celebration with family and friends. We remember this month the importance of freedom and dignity, especially as we give thanks to all those who are in the armed forces of both our nation and other nations.

I pray too that you have some time this summer to rest and relax with family and friends. We are busy in the Office of Spirituality and Formation for Ministry preparing for our annual formation seminar

presented to all Chancery and office staff of the diocese, as well as parish office staff. Please note the seminar schedule included in the local news section of this newsletter. Additionally, schools and parishes are calling to schedule retreats this year and spiritual direction is going very well with our 35 directors throughout our diocese.

Last week, I began to recall childhood memories of the Latin mass I attended with my parents. In the late 1960's my mother just loved the Latin mass, and it was very difficult for her to attend the liturgy in the vernacular (language of the country). She always said there was a mysterious nature of the mass when the singing began. The music seemed to lift her emotions heavenward.

As we all know, some churches began to offer Latin masses once again. Why would the Pope now restrict the Latin mass by issuing a *motu proprio* (on one's own initiative), a letter of special interest of the Roman Pontiff? After consultation with bishops from around the world, the pope felt it was necessary for the sake of *unity* to reinforce the mass being said in the language of the people. The reason is quite simple: so that the faithful can participate fully in the source and summit of our faith, the Eucharist. Pope Francis, as well as many bishops, believes that saying the mass in Latin does not create an atmosphere of unity. Pope Benedict, after permitting the Latin mass, said that the liturgy would be reviewed if problems arose.

I can surely appreciate the Latin mass and those who attend it. When attending mass throughout our large diocese, I do notice how many young people do not sing the mass parts because they are in Latin. I pray that instead of causing more dissension within our fold, we would appreciate the major reason for the pope's writing—we are after all, "one, Catholic Apostolic church". May we continue to pray for unity among the world's Catholics. If you would like to read the document in its entirety, please click [here](#).

Nationally, I mention the Bishop's Spring meeting that was held online and what our country's spiritual leaders are especially addressing with regard to the Holy Eucharist. It is good for all of us who now can attend mass to reflect on the meaning and purpose of Jesus' presence at the Holy Sacrifice of the mass.

Locally, we commemorated the completion of our bicentennial year as a Diocese with a special mass and celebration at St. John the Baptist Cathedral. Many thank yous to all of you who participated in the bicentennial through your gifts of time, talent and treasure. May our gracious and loving God continue to bless you so that ministries can continue in our beautiful Diocese of Charleston.

All peace and good,

Sr. Kathy Adamski, OSF

GLOBAL NEWS

New Norms Regarding Use of 1962 Roman Missal

After consulting the bishops throughout the world, Pope Francis has decided to modify the norms regulating the use of the 1962 missal granted 14 years ago by his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, as the "extraordinary form of the Roman Rite". The Pope has published the [Motu proprio](#) *Traditionis custodes*, dated 16 July 2021, regarding the use of the Roman liturgy prior to 1970, accompanied by a letter explaining the reasons behind his decision. The responsibility to regulate the celebration of the pre-conciliar liturgy returns to the Bishop, as the moderator of the liturgical life of the diocese: "

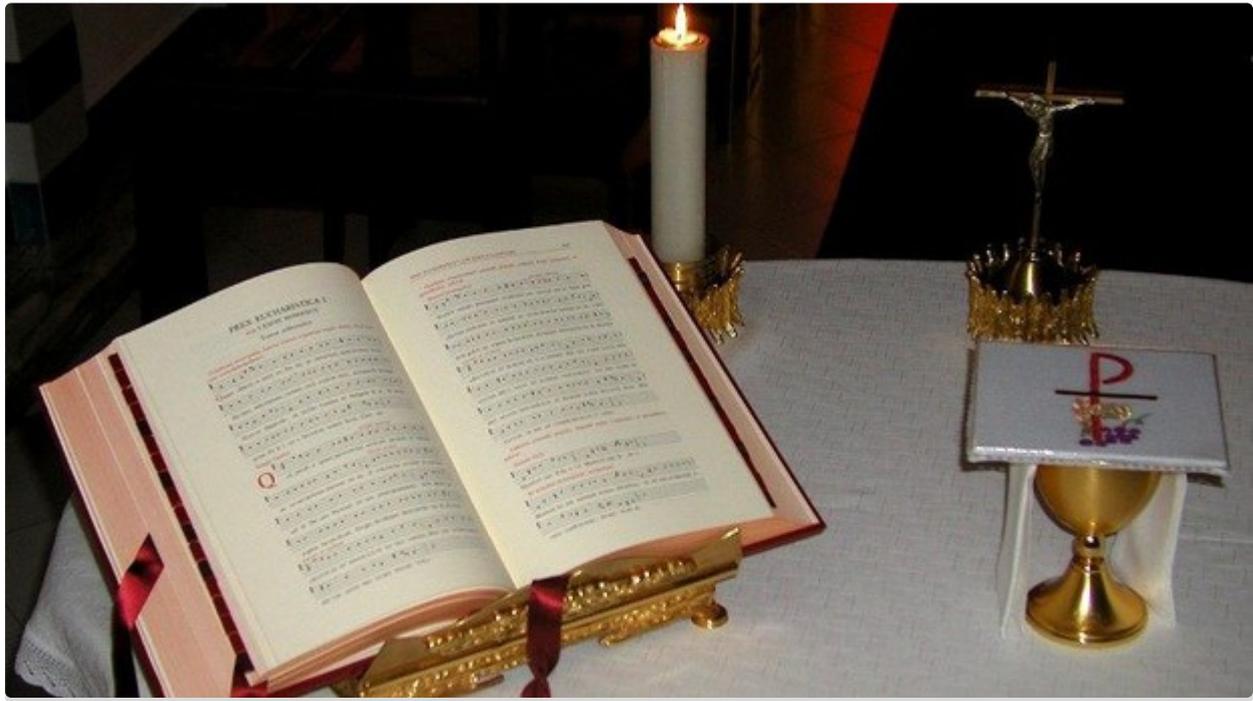


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NATIONAL NEWS

The Meaning of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church

The Spring session of our American bishops dealt with a very important topic to all of us: The Meaning of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church. Perhaps a little recall on the purpose of the ordained ministry is in order here. A major purpose of our ordained clergy is the teach, preach and sanctify. The bishops are the spiritual leaders of the church. And, as such, how one leads must be in conformity with Church teaching. You may find the following paragraph helpful, as we continue to reflect on the meaning of the Eucharist in our own lives.

“Since the conclusion of the Spring Plenary Assembly of the U.S. bishops last week, there has been much attention on the vote taken to draft a document on the Eucharist. The question of whether or not to deny any individual or groups Holy Communion was not on the ballot. The vote by the bishops last week tasked the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Doctrine to begin the drafting of a teaching document on the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. The importance of nurturing an ever deeper understanding of the beauty and mystery of the Eucharist in our lives is not a new topic for the bishops. The document being drafted is not meant to be disciplinary in nature, nor is it targeted at any one individual or class of persons. It will include a section on the Church’s teaching on the responsibility of every Catholic, including bishops, to live in accordance with the truth, goodness and beauty of the Eucharist we celebrate.” ([The Meaning of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church | USCCB](#))

May we each continue to reflect on the meaning of the Eucharist, as we each draw closer to Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist.



LOCAL NEWS

Bicentennial Closing Mass and Reception

On July 11, 2021, the Diocese of Charleston held its Bicentennial Closing Mass and Celebration. His Excellency, Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York, was the presider and homilist at the **4 p.m.** Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Charleston. You may view this special mass [here](#).

We would like to thank all those individuals who participated in the Bicentennial Campaign and made such gracious donations so that the mission and ministry of Jesus will continue in the Diocese of Charleston for future generations. Kudos to our Stewardship and Mission Advancement Team, especially our Director, Mrs. Carrie Mummert. What an awesome accomplishment, **\$69,725,513** from **15,265** Catholics as of July 1, 2021!



Sister Kathy met up with Cardinal Dolan at the Bicentennial Closing Celebration after the mass on July 11.

Courses Offerings in Faith Formation

Through a partnership with the Diocese of Charleston and the Office of Spirituality and Formation for Ministry, University of Dayton's Virtual Learning for Faith Formation community is offering courses at reduced prices. Classes run for 3-5 weeks and are available in both **English** and **Spanish**. **Registration for Cycle 6 begins July 7 and runs through August 18.** Classes begin August 22.

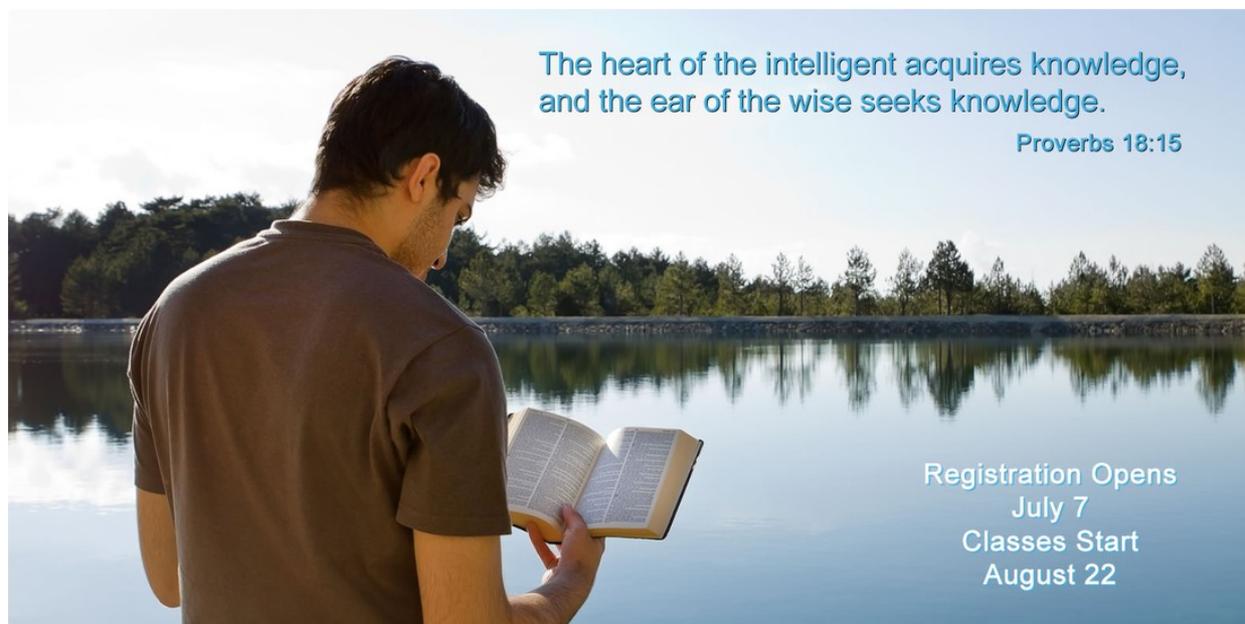
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Contact Sr. Kathy Adamski, OSF in the Office of Spirituality and Formation for Ministry to apply for your grant via email to kadamski@charlestondiocese.org or call 843.261.0498.

[Click Here for Cycle 6 Course Offerings in English](#)

[Click Here for Cycle 6 Course Offerings in Spanish](#)

See what UD has to offer at <https://vlcff.udayton.edu>.



The heart of the intelligent acquires knowledge,
and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

Proverbs 18:15

Registration Opens
July 7
Classes Start
August 22

Year VII Formation for Mission and Ministry Seminar Schedule

For more information on this year's FFMM seminar click [here](#).

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 – Pastoral Center Assembly Hall, Charleston

- 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Lunch Provided
- Diocesan & Catholic Charities Staff in the Beaufort and Charleston Deaneries

Thursday, August 26, 2021 – Pastoral Center Assembly Hall, Charleston

- 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Lunch Provided
- Alternate Session for Diocesan & Catholic Charities Staff in the Beaufort and Charleston Deaneries who are unable to attend on August 24

Tuesday, August 31, 2021 – St. Joseph Church, Columbia

- 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Lunch Provided
- Diocesan & Catholic Charities Staff in the Aiken, Columbia, Greenville, Myrtle Beach, and Rock Hill Deaneries

ROCK HILL DEANERY

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 – The Oratory, Rock Hill

- 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Lunch Provided
- St. Philip Neri (Fort Mill), St. Anne (Rock Hill), St. Catherine of Siena (Lancaster), St. Joseph (Chester), St. Mary (Rock Hill), All Saints (McCormick), Divine Savior (York), Our Lady of Grace (Lancaster), St. Michael Mission (Great Falls)

MYRTLE BEACH DEANERY

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 – St. James the Younger, Conway

- 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Lunch Provided
- St. James the Younger (Conway), St. Andrew (Myrtle Beach), Our Lady Star of the Sea (North Myrtle Beach), St. Denis Mission (Bennettsville), St. Joseph Mission (Darlington)

Thursday, September 9, 2021 – St. Michael the Archangel, Murrells Inlet

- 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Lunch Provided
- St. Michael the Archangel (Murrells Inlet), Precious Blood of Christ (Pawleys Island), St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom (Georgetown)

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 – St. Ann, Florence

- 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Lunch Provided
- St. Ann (Florence), St. Anthony (Florence), St. Mary the Virgin Mother (Hartsville), St. Peter (Cheraw), St. Louis (Dillon), St. Ann (Kingstree), St. Patrick Mission (Johnsonville), St. Philip, the Apostle (Lake City), St. Ernest Mission (Pageland), Church of the Infant Jesus Mission (Marion), Church of the Resurrection Mission (Loris)

GREENVILLE DEANERY

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 – St. Anthony of Padua, Greenville

- 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Lunch Provided
- St. Anthony of Padua (Greenville), St. Mary (Greenville), Blessed Trinity (Greer), Prince of Peace (Taylors), Our Lady of La Vang (Greenville), St. Paul the Apostle (Spartanburg), Sacred Heart (Gaffney), Our Lady of the Rosary (Greenville)

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 – St. Mary Magdalene, Simpsonville

- 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Lunch Provided
- St. Mary Magdalene (Simpsonville), St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Simpsonville), Jesus, Our Risen Savior (Spartanburg), Holy Spirit Mission (Laurens), St. Luke (Easley), St. Boniface (Joanna), Holy Cross (Pickens), St. Augustine (Union)

Thursday, October 7, 2021 – St. Andrew, Clemson

- 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Lunch Provided
- St. Andrew (Clemson), St. Paul the Apostle (Seneca), St. Francis of Assisi Mission (Walhalla), St. Joseph (Anderson), St. Mary of the Angels (Anderson)

AIKEN DEANERY

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 – St. Mary Help of Christians, Aiken

- 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Lunch Provided
- St. Mary Help of Christians (Aiken), St. Andrew (Barnwell), Our Lady of the Valley (Gloverville), Sacred Heart (Abbeville), Our Lady of Peace (North Augusta), St. Edward (Murphy's Village), St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception (Edgefield), St. Gerard (Aiken), Our Lady of Lourdes (Greenwood), Good Shepherd (McCormick)

BEAUFORT DEANERY

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 – St. Gregory the Great (Bluffton)

- 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Lunch Provided
- St. Gregory the Great (Bluffton), St. Peter (Beaufort), St. Francis by the Sea (Hilton Head Island), Holy Family (Hilton Head Island), St. James the Greater Mission (Walterboro), St. Anthony (Ridgeland), St. Anthony Mission (Hardeeville), Holy Cross Mission (St. Helena Island), St. Mary Mission (Allendale), St. Anthony (Walterboro)

CHARLESTON DEANERY

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 – Christ Our King, Mount Pleasant

- 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Lunch Provided
- Christ Our King (Mount Pleasant), St. Benedict (Mount Pleasant), St. Clare of Assisi (Charleston), Stella Maris (Sullivan's Island)

Thursday, January 13, 2022 – Pastoral Center Assembly Hall, Charleston

- 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Lunch Provided
- Blessed Sacrament (Charleston), Church of the Nativity (Charleston)
- Cathedral of St. John the Baptist (Charleston), St. Mary of the Annunciation (Charleston), Sacred Heart (Charleston), St. Patrick (Charleston), St. John (North Charleston), Sts. Frederick and Stephen Mission (Edisto Island), St. Joseph the Worker (Charleston), Our Lady of Good Counsel (Folly Beach), Holy Spirit (Johns Island)

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 – Immaculate Conception, Goose Creek

- 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Lunch Provided
- Immaculate Conception (Goose Creek), St. John the Beloved (Summerville), St. Theresa, the Little Flower (Summerville), St. Thomas the Apostle (North Charleston), St. Philip Benizi (Moncks Corner), Divine Redeemer (Hanahan), Our Lady of Peace Mission (Bonneau)

COLUMBIA DEANERY

Thursday, January 27, 2022 – TBD

- 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Lunch Provided
- St. Joseph (Columbia), Minor Basilica of St. Peter (Columbia), St. Thomas More (USC), St. Martin de Porres (Columbia), St. John Neumann (Columbia), St. Anne & St. Jude (Sumter), Transfiguration (Blythewood), Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Camden), St. Ann (Santee)

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 – Corpus Christi, Lexington

- 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Lunch Provided
- Corpus Christi (Lexington), Our Lady of the Hills (Columbia), Our Lady of the Lake (Chapin), St. John of the Cross (Batesburg-Leesville), St. Theresa (Winnsboro), Holy Trinity (Orangeburg), St. Mark (Newberry), St. William (Ward), St. Mary, Our Lady of Hope (Manning)

PROPHETS

YESTERDAY & TODAY



RESOURCES

Online Retreat: Lessons from the Workshop of St. Joseph

Virtual Catholic Conference is offering a live, guided online retreat July 23-25.

The three-day event begins Friday evening July 23 and concludes Sunday afternoon July 25, drawing you into meditation on the rich lessons of St. Joseph's life which are still applicable to life today. Led by Fr. Daniel Brandenburg, LC, you will deeply experience the life of St. Joseph by reflecting on his 14 stations, see Jesus from a fresh perspective through the lens of St. Joseph, and learn how to serve God and your families with courage by reflecting on the life of St. Joseph and the patriarchs that preceded him. Register [here](#).

Lessons from the Workshop of St. Joseph

A live guided retreat from the comfort of your favorite place



Daily Ignatian Reflections from Magis Center for Catholic Spirituality

Click [here](#) for reflections on the daily readings.

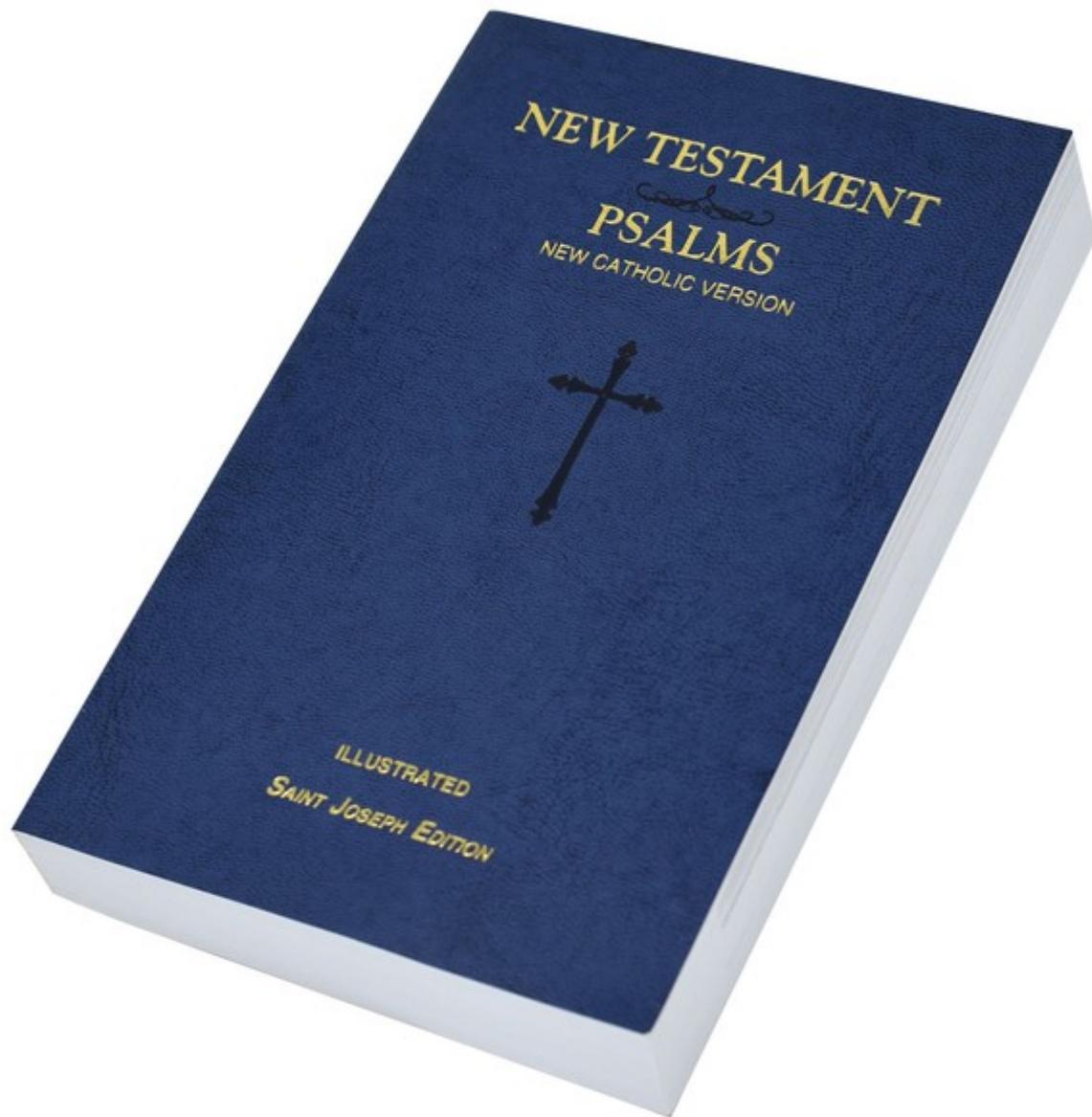


BOOK AND MOVIES OF THE MONTH

St. Joseph New Catholic Version New Testament And Psalms

The popular NCV New Testament and Psalms are now together in one volume. Both texts are complete with informative footnotes, illustrations, and the words of Christ in red. This New Catholic Version translation, in conformity with the Church's translation guidelines, is intended to be used by Catholics for daily prayer and meditation, as well as private devotion and group study. The NCV New Testament and Psalms is available in four different bindings.

Available beginning August 30, 2021. Click [here](#) to order.



The Chosen

"The Chosen" from AngelStudios.com is the first ever multi-season series about the life of Christ. See Jesus through the eyes of those that met him. Now streaming for free.

A charismatic fisherman wrestling with debt. A troubled woman wrestling with demons. A gifted publican ostracized by his family and friends. A religious leader struggling with his beliefs. Come see what they saw.

Click [here](#) to view Seasons 1 and 2.



Underground Railroad

Amazon's *Underground Railroad* series is now available and teaches the Black history we do not know well enough. This is a good accompaniment to the Year VII Formation for Mission and Ministry Seminar.

From Academy Award winner, Barry Jenkins, and based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Colson Whitehead, "The Underground Railroad is a new series that chronicles Cora Randall's desperate bid for freedom in the Antebellum South. After escaping a Georgia plantation for the rumored Underground Railroad, Cora discovers no mere metaphor, but an actual railroad beneath the Southern Soil. You can view the trailer for the series by clicking the link below.



[🔗 The Underground Ra...](#)

FACTOID

Americans Have Favorable Opinion of the Holy Father

63% of U.S. adults have a "very" or "mostly" favorable opinion of Pope Francis, according to a Pew Research Center survey conducted in March.

Please continue to pray for Pope Francis as he recovers from his scheduled surgery on July 4.



Pope Francis waves to the crowd as he leaves after delivering the Angelus noon prayer from the window of his studio overlooking St. Peter's Square on Sunday July 18. (AP Photo/Alessandra Tarantino)



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