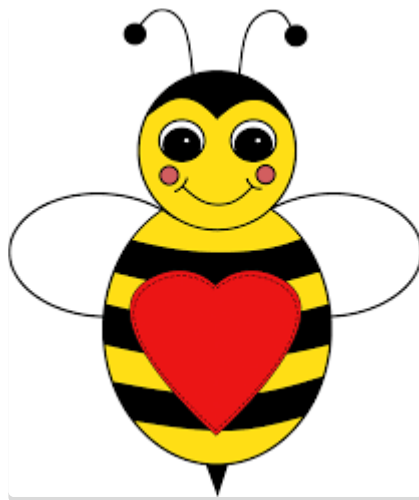


Buzz Report

Office of Spirituality and Formation for Mission & Ministry

February 2022



We Have a New Bishop!



Photo/Doug Deas, *The Catholic Miscellany*

Welcome Bishop-elect Fabre

Staff at the Chancery welcomed our new Bishop-elect Jacques Eric Fabre, CS, on Tuesday, February 22. During the press conference, our current bishop's face looked so happy as he gave his welcoming remarks. We thank Bishop Guglielmone for over 13 years of dedicated service to the Diocese of Charleston.

May the Holy Spirit guide our new spiritual leader in the path of peace and justice, as he brings the Good News of Jesus' love to all in our diocese.

Please read more about him at: <https://themiscellany.org/scalabrinian-father-jacques-e-fabre-named-14th-bishop-charleston>

Global



Praying for Peace in the Ukraine

Please stop today and pray for the people of Ukraine. Yes, the entire world will be affected in various ways, but the true victims are the people. May our prayers rise up like incense and may those responsible for the violence realize the horror of their actions. Please keep all civilians, children and soldiers in your prayers.

During the early morning hours of Thursday, February 24, 2022, President Putin invaded the democratic state of Ukraine. Such a ground invasion has not occurred in Europe since World War II, and I am sure many older persons have memories of that terrible war. My father's parents came from Poland in the early 1900's for a better life and to raise their family in a country that had freedom, economic prosperity, and where foreigners were warmly accepted. Now, a century later, many Ukrainians are fleeing their homeland for safe harbor. I pray Poland and the surrounding countries will be open to these poor families with children.

The Diocese of Charleston Office of Multimedia has released the following message:

In this time of unrest in Eastern Europe, it is important for all people of good will to pray for the preservation of life and the promulgation of peace, particularly in the Ukraine. Pope Francis has dedicated this Ash Wednesday to peace.

"I invite everyone to make March 2, Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting for peace," he stated Feb. 23. "I encourage believers in a special way to devote themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace protect the world from the folly of war."

Let us unite in prayer this Lent for peace under the protection and mantle of Our Lady.

Additionally, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has suggested that anyone wishing to donate to assist the Ukraine can do so through Catholic Relief Services. Visit www.crs.org.



Pope Francis speaks during a meeting with representatives of bishops' conferences from around the world at the Vatican Oct. 9, 2021. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

Synod on Synodality -- Walking Together on Our Path of Faith

PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR HOLDING SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS AND SURVEY COMPLETION HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO APRIL 1, 2022.

Please join us in helping the Church in the third millennium! One can participate via a Listening Session at your parish and/or go online and [take the survey](#).

Thus far, we have only had 2% of our Catholic faithful take the survey; twice as many have viewed the survey, but only one-half of those folks have taken the five minutes to complete the survey. We know that we can do better as communities of faith. This is your chance to let your new bishop and the Holy Father know what is important to you and your faith. Please take the time to participate in this very brief survey!



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Eighth Annual World Day of Prayer and Reflection Against Human Trafficking.

February 8 was chosen for the World Day of Prayer Against Human Trafficking because it is the feast day of Saint Josephine Bakhita, herself a former slave. She was kidnapped at the age of seven and sold into slavery by Arab slave traders.

A sculpture by Timothy P. Schmalz called "Let the Oppressed Go Free" is on display outside the Vatican. The original is a 20-foot-long sculpture, with around 100 figures, and took Schmalz an entire year to create. The statue displayed at the Vatican is a smaller version.

To learn more about the day of prayer visit [here](#). To learn more about Saint Josephine Bakhita, click [here](#). You may read the full story about the sculpture [here](#).

National

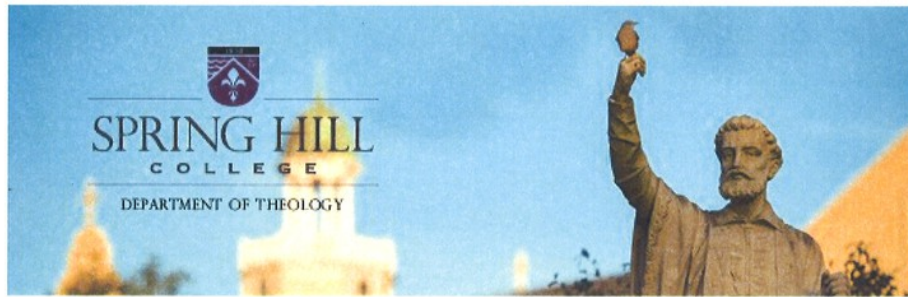


National Marriage Week

The observances of National Marriage Week (February 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 13) are an annual opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. The theme for 2022 was “**Called to the Joy of Love.**”

Please visit the diocesan [Office of Family Life](#) or click [here](#) for resources and information.

Local



NOW FORMING A NEW COHORT FOR DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON *Formation in Ignatian Spirituality and Spiritual Direction*

Certificate of Spiritual Direction/CSD program is designed to guide students to grow in their own personal spirituality and to learn basic skills for contemplative listening and discernment. Hybrid classes combine face to face instruction with online work.

Certificate of Ignatian Spirituality/CIS is designed for those who seek to enrich their personal spirituality, but do not intend to guide others through spiritual direction.

Spring Hill College (Mobile, AL), founded in 1830, is the oldest Catholic college in the Southeast. The CSD program began at our home campus in 1999. The first cohort in the Diocese of Charleston was formed in Fall 2018.

CSD Requirements: 18 credits, two full years (4 semesters & 2 summers/Spirituality Institute)
Year One: Spiritual Direction Seminar/Fall (3 credits); Spirituality & Psychology/Spring (3 credits)
Year Two: Spiritual Direction Practicum I & II/Fall-Spring (4 credits total)

CIS Requirements: 18 credits, same as CSD, but Year Two is replaced by a third summer of the Spirituality Institute

Summer Spirituality Institute: 2 weekends + online (for 2 summers/total of 8 credits; CIS 3 summers/12 credits)
• Core Courses (4 credits total): Prayer & Discernment and Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius
• Spirituality Electives (1-3 credits each, total of 4; for CIS, total of 8)

Class sessions/Locations

Year One & Two (Fall and Spring semesters) meet one Saturday a month (usually 9-2), 4 times each semester (5 times for Year Two): twice online and twice at Our Lady of the Hills, Columbia.

Summer Institute courses meet in June for two summers, either online or at SHC campus in Mobile, for two weeks or two intensive weekends. When possible, also in Columbia.

Prerequisites (these may also be fulfilled as "co-requisites" during the course of CSD program)

- 30 credit hours (or non-credit equivalents) in biblical, historical and moral theology: **NOT** required for CIS
- One individually directed Ignatian retreat (5-8 days), and a second retreat during the course of the program
- Experience of at least one year of ongoing spiritual direction (may also begin at the start of the program)

Cost: \$345/credit hour or \$6,210 for the entire certificate program. Limited to 20 students total (CSD + CIS).

Contact Deacon Tom Whalen by April 30: thomas.whelen@stmarysgvl.org or email theology@shc.edu

Spiritual Direction Cohort Now Forming

Spring Hill College is offering a third class this coming fall for those interested in becoming Spiritual Directors. The Certificate in Spiritual Direction is a two-year program done in the Ignatian tradition. The first year is learning the basic spiritualities; psychology, and the second year is a practicum experience. Please do not hesitate to contact [Sr. Kathy](#) if interested.

VLCFF Online



The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is an online adult religious education and faith formation program you can access, anytime, anywhere via the internet.

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Eric F. Spina
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- Images of Jesus
- Prayer
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Deacon Formation

Lifelong Learning to deepen your Faith

Continuing Education for Those Involved in Parish Ministry

Through our diocesan partnership with the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Classes in Faith Formation, classes average only \$50 per class. Classes start soon and limited financial aid is still available. Click [here](#) for more information. Stretch your horizons!

February Feasts and Celebrations

We have wonderful feasts and ethnic celebrations in the Church this month. For example, February 2nd was the great feast of the Presentation of the Lord also known as Candlemas or the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Day for Consecrated Life. Just as candles are blessed on this day to symbolize Christ as the light of the world, "So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples." (*United Conference of Catholic Bishops*)

Of course, on February 3rd, we had the Feast of St. Blaise, and for over six decades I have had my throat blessed. The feast became especially important when my brother and I had most of our thyroids removed in our early 20's.

We also celebrate Black History Month and so much is taking place in our wonderful state to honor this month. Check out the offerings of the [Intercultural Ministries office](#).

History of Ethnic Ministries



Catholic Schools Week

From January 30 to February 5, we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. I was invited to Blessed Sacrament School in Charleston to share my vocation story. I particularly enjoy being invited to our schools, as I am the product of 20 years+ of Catholic education.

On February 18, 2022, I facilitated a retreat at Christ Our King-Stella Maris School in Mount Pleasant. It was a joy to be with the faculty, administration, and staff for an afternoon of reflection.



An Afternoon of Reflection at Christ Our King - Stella Maris School



Participants at the Christ Our King - Stella Maris Retreat



Visiting with Fr. Derrick Sneyd at Blessed Sacrament School

Resources



Lent Begins

Loudly boasting or complaining about fasting during Lent and treating others unkindly is not what God wants, Pope Francis said. "Does my fasting end up helping others? If it doesn't, it's fake, it's contradictory and it leads to the path of a double life. I pretend to be Christian -- righteous like the Pharisees, the Sadducees -- but inside I am not," he said in his homily Feb. 16 at morning Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae. (CNS)

I pray Lent is a time for us to pray more and draw closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, share from the wealth of our lives to those most needy, and fast so that we may be filled with the love of Jesus to share with others. Many resources are available, and I hope you take advantage of this wonderful time.

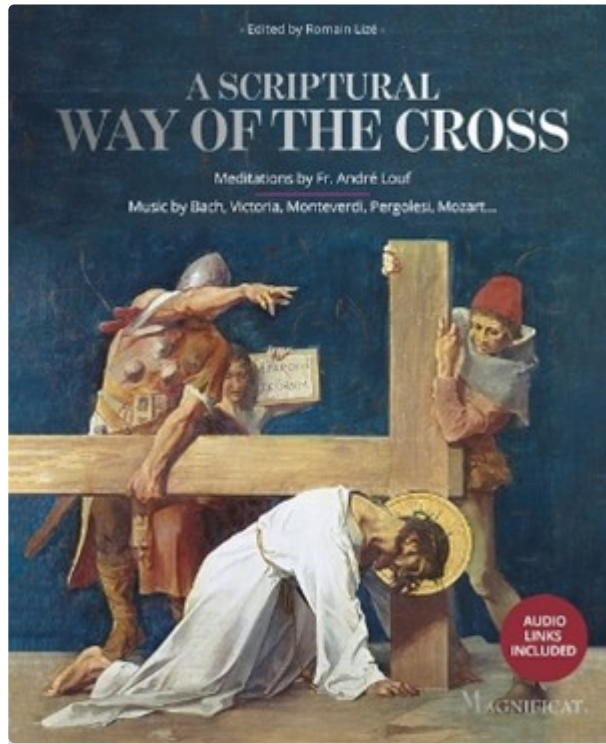


Lenten Reflection Guide

The Lenten Reflection Guide for 2022 from the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns is now available. The guide offers reflections from Maryknoll missionaries, questions, prayers, and actions based on each Sunday's Scripture readings and in light of Catholic social teaching on human rights and Maryknoll mission experience. The guide begins the first Sunday of Lent, March 6, and offers weekly reflections through Palm Sunday, April 10. Use the guide individually or in small groups to reflect on your life patterns, to pray more deeply, and to renew your spirit to face the realities of our world. Available in both English and Spanish.

[Click here to download the Lenten Reflection Guide 2022: Upholding Human Dignity and Human Rights.](#)

Book of the Month



A Scriptural Way of the Cross

To prepare for Lent, take a new look at the journey to Calvary and accompany Jesus on the path of salvation with this unique book! Pray and meditate on 14 Stations of the Cross drawn from Sacred Scripture. These simple yet profound meditations were written by Trappist monk Father André Louf for Pope St. John Paul II. Unite yourself to Christ's Passion aided by over forty pieces of sacred art from masters such as El Greco and Paul Rubens. Each station suggests a prayerful selection of music to help you enter the scene more fully, with audio links on YouTube, Spotify, Apple Music, and Deezer. Music suggestions include Bach, Charpentier, Pergolesi, and more!

Offered by Ignatius Press. Click [here](#) to order.

Quote of the Month

A Powerful Message for Reflection

This Maya Angelou quote is a favorite of S. Alma Pukel.

"People forget what you said. People forget what you do. But people never forget how you make them feel." -- Maya Angelou

Movie of the Month

Chiara Lubich Trailer



Love Conquers All

Portraying the life of Chiara Lubich, the founder of the Focolare Movement, this powerful movie tells the dramatic story of the spiritual and human adventure of a young teacher from Trento, Italy, who, amidst the devastation and despair from the bombings of World War II, was called to build a better, more united world, becoming a strong witness and advocate of universal brotherhood as a prerequisite for dialogue and peace among men. Directed by the acclaimed filmmaker Giacomo Campiotti (Mary of Nazareth; St. Philip Neri), it reveals a charismatic figure who chose love as the compass of life, and found her mission and purpose through the passage from the Gospel, "May they all be one."


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