

HORIZON

"From the rising of the sun to its setting let the name of the Lord be praised" Psalm 113:3

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Why Catholic?



As the **Year of St. Paul** has come to a close, the message of St. Paul continues to echo within our hearts "to be ambassadors for Christ's sake". We are all evangelizers in proclaiming the message of the Gospel "to go out and to make disciples". Plans are underway to prepare for Year III Retreat in September with Fr. Bruce Neili, CSP who will facilitate the Retreat across the Diocese.

Fr. Neili will flesh out how we can fully live the Christian life through the practice of living out the Beatitudes, a challenge that Christ put forth to his disciples. **Life in Christ: Living the Beatitudes** is the theme of the Retreat that will take place from **September 18-24**.

As you plan your parish calendar for the year 2010, below is the schedule for **Year IV, Christian Prayer: Deepening My Experience of God:**

Christian Prayer—Year IV Schedule-2010

Small Community Training

Deanery	Location	Date	Time
Jefferson	SSJ Motherhouse, Watertown	1/23/'10	10am-12noon
Lewis	St. Peter's, Lowville	1/24/'10	1-3 pm
St. Lawrence	Trinity Catholic School, Massena	1/25/'10	7-9 pm
Adirondack	St. Agnes School, Lake Placid	1/26/'10	7-9 pm
Clinton	St. Peter's Emmaus Hall, Plattsburgh	1/27/'10	1-3 pm;7-9 pm
Franklin	Holy Family School, Malone	1/28/'10	7-9 pm

Faith Formation Workshop

Deanery	Location	Date	Time
Jefferson	SSJ Motherhouse, Watertown	4/24/'10	10am-12noon
Lewis	St. Peter's, Lowville	4/25/'10	1-3 pm
St. Lawrence	Trinity Catholic School, Massena	4/26/'10	7-9 pm
Adirondack	St. Agnes School, Lake Placid	4/27/'10	7-9 pm
Clinton	St. Peter's Emmaus Hall, Plattsburgh	4/28/'10	1-3 pm;7-9 pm
Franklin	Holy Family School, Malone	4/29/'10	7-9 pm

Deanery	Location	Retreat	Time
		Date	
Jefferson	SSJ Motherhouse, Watertown	9/18/'10	10am-12noon
Lewis	St. Peter's, Lowville	9/19/'10	1-3 pm
St. Lawrence	Trinity Catholic School, Massena	9/20/'10	7-9 pm
Adirondack	St. Agnes School, Lake Placid	9/21/'10	7-9 pm
Clinton	St. Peter's Emmaus Hall, Plattsburgh	9/22/'10	1-3 pm;7-9 pm
Franklin	Holy Family School, Malone	9/23/'10	7-9 pm



Year of the Priest

Pope Benedict XVI has opened the **Year for Priests** on the Feast of the Sacred Heart on June 19, 2009. The Holy Father's own love for his priesthood and for his priestly duties was expressed in his reflection of his own heart being drawn to the heart of Jesus. The life of the priest is the same call as that of Jesus the priest, the victim who is being called to sacrifice his own life for the sake of his people. The priest lives the mystery of the Cross, that is, lives the gift of being offered up to the Father in continuing the redemptive act of salvation through the celebration of the Eucharist.

Above is the Icon for **Year for Priests**. This icon is "based on a fifteenth century Greek prototype; here Christ is shown in Latin Rite vestments with a gold pelican over His heart, the ancient symbol of self-sacrifice. The borders contain a winding grapevine and altar prepared for the celebration of the liturgy of the Mass; in the borders are smaller icons of Melchizedek and St. Jean-Baptiste Vianney." Marek Czarnecki of Seraphic Restorations in Meriden, Connecticut explains: "I wrote the icon about seven years ago [for seminarians and priests] to be able to see Christ in themselves and themselves in Christ. We often hear that the icon is called a window; in this case, it's also meant to be a mirror." The Good Shepherd reminds the priest that he is to "lay down his life for his sheep." (www.seraphicrestorations.com)

The **Year for Priests** website on the Diocesan Webpage has been established. You will find Bulletin Vignettes, Resources, Prayers and other information regarding diocesan and parish events for priests. Let us pray for all our priests as they grow in their love for Christ.

Resources

Summer Reading! Below are some suggestions for inspirational reading. Check your local and/or your parish library or your nearest Christian Formation Sites for these books or materials:

Mother Teresa: Come, Be My Light by Mother Teresa and Brian Kolodiejchuk

Thoughts of the Cure of Ars by St. John Vianney

The Cure of Ars Today: St. John Vianney by George William Rutler

Portrait of a Parish Priest, St. John Vianney, The Cure of Ars by Lancelot C Sheppard

The Cure of Ars: St. Jean Marie Baptiste Vianney by Fr. Francis Trochu

My Life with the Saints by James Martin, SJ

All Saints: Daily Reflections on Saints, Prophets and Witnesses for Our Time by Robert Ellsberg

Blessed Among All Women: Women Saints, Prophets and Witnesses for Our Time by Robert Ellsberg

Your Sorrow is My Sorrow by Joyce Rupp

The Cup of Our Life by Joyce Rupp

The Church Fathers: From Clement of Rome to Augustine by Pope Benedict XVI

Jesus of Nazareth by Pope Benedict XVI

Introduction to the Devout Life by St. Francis de Sales

The Story of A Soul: The Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux

The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri J.M. Nouwen

The Life of St. Teresa of Avila by Herself (St. Teresa Avila) and J.M. Cohen (Translator)

Journey of A Soul: Autobiography of Pope John XXIII by Pope John XXIII, Dorothy White Translator

Witness to Hope: The Biography of Pope John Paul II by George Weigel

Pope Benedict XVI: A Biography of Joseph Ratzinger by John L. Allen Jr.