

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?

It is with deep gratitude for all your support to the **Why Catholic?** program. The fruits of the faith-sharing experiences from the Small Community groups abound across the Diocese. One couple shared with me that they were able to help their young children with their understanding of how God loved them so much. They now pray as a family.

As parishes and Catholic schools begin their Calendars for the Fall 2009, below is the schedule for the final Year III **Why Catholic?** program:

- ~Retreat— **September 18-24, 2009**
- ~Sign-Up and Prayer Commitment Sunday—
September 26-27, 2009
- ~Sessions 7-12--October 11—November 15, 2009

The full schedule for the **Retreat September 2009:**

Deanery/Place	Date/Time
Watertown SSJ Motherhouse	Friday - 9 /18/09 7-9pm
Lowville St. Peter's Church Hall	Sunday - 9/20/09 1pm - 3pm
Massena Trinity Catholic School	Monday - 9/21/09 7-9pm
Malone Holy Family School	Tuesday - 9/22/09 7-9pm
Plattsburgh St. Peter's Emmaus Hall	Wednesday - 9/23/09 1:00-3:00pm; 7-9pm
Lake Placid St. Agnes School	Thursday - 9/24/09 7-9pm

Dates for Year IV 2010:

Small Community Leader Training	January 23-28, 2010
Faith Formation Workshop	April 24-29, 2010
Retreat	September 18-23, 2010



Year of St. Paul

Pope Benedict XVI will officially terminate the Year of St. Paul on the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, June 29, 2009 at 5pm at the Papal Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. The following parishes will be celebrating the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul on June 29:

St. Paul's, Black River-- Mass 8 a.m., Holy Hour w/prayer for vocations 10 a.m., Mass (tentative) 5:30 or 7p.m.

St. Paul's, South Colton—Church will be open for prayer from 8 a.m. to 7p.m.—Mass is at 6 p.m.

St. Paul's, Bloomingdale-- 5:00 pm Mass to close the Year of St. Paul with confessions available

All Saints, Mineville-- 6:00 pm Holy Hour followed by Mass at 7:00 PM.

St. Mary's Cathedral, 7:00 pm Mass

A plenary indulgence may be obtained providing the necessary conditions are met: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff.

Let us continue to pray to St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, to guide the Church as she strives to be the Body of Christ.

Lord Jesus, our Salvation, faithful to the mission received from the Father, you sowed your Word of Truth and Love in the world and entrusted the task of evangelizing every being to your disciples and to the whole Church. Help us, through the admirable example of St. Paul and of all the other Apostles through the course of history, to dedicate ourselves entirely to the service of the Gospel; to draw every human creature to you, our Salvation; and to enjoy the fruits of the fulfillment of your Kingdom of justice and peace, of truth and love.. You who are God and who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Day of Prayer and Eucharistic Procession

All are invited to come adore the Blessed Sacrament on the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, June 14, 2009.

~**Celebration of Liturgy -- 11:00 a.m.**

~**Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.**

~**Outdoor Procession -- 2:00 p.m.**

~**Solemn Vespers**

~**Refreshments**

Let us come together as a Diocesan family to pray for a new bishop and to celebrate the saving act of Christ, so that we may be a gift to all, sharing Christ's life and love with the world in need.

Christ Is Priest and Victim

"As Christ offered his body on the cross, his perfect sacrifice fulfilled all others. As he gave himself into your hands for our salvation, he showed himself to be the priest, the altar, and the lamb of sacrifice." (Preface-Easter V)

Year of the Priest

Pope Benedict XVI will open the Year of the Priests on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, June 19, 2009. The theme of the Year is to be "Faithfulness of Christ, Faithfulness of Priests".

In the Letter to the Hebrews, Jesus is the compassionate high priest who is able to sympathize with all of our weakness, one who has been tested in every way, and yet without sin (4:15). Every priest is another Christ who brings to us the face of Christ through his pastoral ministry. What a gift and grace for the life of the Church. Every priest holds the life of the Church in his hands.

Let us continue to pray for Bishop Robert J. Cunningham as he begins his ministry in the Diocese of Syracuse. Let us pray for the new shepherd for our Diocese that he will guide us, the flock, to holiness. Let us pray for our priests who pray and labor untiringly for the people bringing the face of Christ to their people.

Materials and Resources will be forthcoming to celebrate the Year of the Priest in the parishes.

RESOURCES

RENEW International is offering some special prices on the Impact Series that some of the Small Community Faith Sharing groups might want to come together to further faith sharing. The format is the same as used in **Why Catholic?** There are 6-7 topics and each of the copies are \$3.95. They may be ordered from www.renewintl.org/store.

~**At Home in the Catholic Church**, Charles Pinyan explores the riches of our Catholic faith, celebrates its depth, and helps us live it more fully. The topics are:

The Revelation of God
Christian Morality
Music Resources

Eucharist
Social Justice

The Communion of Saints
Living Our Christian Vocations

~**At Prayer with Mary**, John Phalen, CSC and James Posluszny, CSC relates Mary's compassion, faith, and integrity to our everyday lives. The topics are:

Mary, Model of Faith
Mary and Joseph: A New Beginning
Mary: Spouse of the Holy Spirit

Mary: Mother of Sorrows Mary: Mother of Compassion
Mary, Joseph, and Jesus: Family
Mother of the Church Music Resources

~**Awakening the Mystic Within**, Frank X. Tuoti reflects on the universal call to contemplation and the mystical life. (This booklet would be excellent for Year IV on Prayer). The topics are:

The Spiritual Journey
Contemplative Prayer
Recommended Reading

Called to Be Mystics
The Desert Experience
Music Resources

Prayer and the Spiritual Journey
The Fruits of Prayer