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## MISSION STATEMENT

*We, the Catholic community of the Diocese of Scranton, are called through Baptism to imitate the servant leadership of Jesus Christ. In union with our Holy Father, the Pope, we proclaim the Gospel faithfully, celebrate the sacraments joyfully, and boldly promote life, justice and peace in northeastern and north central Pennsylvania.*

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## Solemn Novena to Saint Ann Begins July 17

Very Rev. Richard Burke, C.P., rector of Saint Ann's Monastery in Scranton, announces that Passionist Fathers Michael Rowe and Donald Ware will be the preachers for the annual Solemn Novena to Saint Ann. These special days of prayer and preaching extend from Tuesday, July 17, through the Feast of Saint Ann on Thursday, July 26, at Saint Ann's Basilica in Scranton.

The preachers for this year's Novena will focus on the theme, "Just A Closer Walk With Thee."

Father Michael, a native of Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, is rector of Saint Paul of the Cross Cathedral, the center of the Mandeville Diocese, and also teaches in an adjacent Catholic High School and participates in the life and community of the Passionist Volunteers International. Most recently, Father Michael was appointed Vicar General of the Diocese of Mandeville.

Father Don, a Pittsburgh native son, is assigned to Saint Paul of the Cross Monastery in Pittsburgh where he was the Assistant Superior for four years. He takes part in the Retreat ministry and for those in Alcoholics Anonymous. Father Don serves as the Province Director of the Passionist Associates program which fosters a covenanted bonding of the Passionist

Community with laity who find their spirituality focused on the suffering and death of Jesus.

All are invited to join the Novena and Feast Day celebrations at Saint Ann's Basilica for the 10-day period of prayers and devotion.

Services, which include Mass and Novena, are at 8 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. A Novena service only is at 3:30 p.m. each day. Confessions are available before and after each Mass and Novena service. An individual blessing with the relic of Saint Ann takes place after each Novena devotion.

The Novena will conclude on Thursday, July 26, the Feast of Saint Ann, with a Pontifical Mass at 7:30 p.m. celebrated by Bishop Bambera.

#### **Novena on CTV**

CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will broadcast a daily Mass and Novena service Monday through Friday at 12:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, July 21, at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, July 22, at 5:00 p.m.

The Closing Ceremony being held on Thursday, July 26, will air on CTV on Friday, July 27, at 12:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

#### **Catholic Women Hosting Day of Reflection August 1**

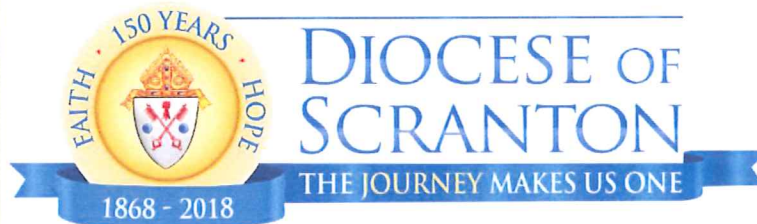
The Scranton Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will sponsor a Retreat Day of Reflection on Wednesday, August 1, at The Villa of Our Lady Retreat House, 245 Meadowside Road, Mount Pocono.

The retreat offering begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 3 p.m. Monsignor Vincent Grimalia, Diocesan Coordinator for Ecumenism and Inter-Faith Affairs, will conduct the retreat and present two program sessions.

Mass will be celebrated during the day-long event, which will also include the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions), private time, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

All Catholic women of the Diocese are invited to attend. Cost is \$35 per person and includes a continental breakfast and luncheon. Deadline for reservations is July 25 and may be secured by forwarding payment to: Helen Oravec, 814 Theresa St., Peckville, PA 18452. Checks should be made payable to the Scranton DCCW.

For more information, contact Helen Oravec at (570-489-5231) or Judy Poltanis at (570-470-1536).



#### **Bishop Leading Pilgrimage to National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**

Another milestone on the year-long celebration of the Diocese of Scranton's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be reached on Saturday, September 22, when Bishop Joseph C. Bambera leads a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

"As we continue to celebrate the founding of our Diocese, I invite all to join me on a journey to this special place of worship, pilgrimage, evangelization and reconciliation," Bishop Bambera said. "It is my hope that by contemplating the work of divine grace in the life of the Blessed Mother, all the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton will be inspired anew by her example and assisted by her prayers."

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is the largest Roman Catholic church in the United States and North America,



and is one of the ten largest churches in the world. Designated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as a National Sanctuary of Prayer and Pilgrimage, the Basilica is the nation's preeminent Marian shrine, dedicated to the patroness of the United States - the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. It is oftentimes affectionately referred to as "America's Catholic Church."

This will be the 17<sup>th</sup> Diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica. Father Andrew Hvozdovic, the Diocesan Director of Pilgrimages, in collaboration with the deans, pastors, parish life coordinators and parish pilgrimage promoters, have planned the events of the day and coordinated transportation to and from the National Shrine for all regions of the Diocese.

Buses will begin to depart from various locations at 6:00 a.m., with Morning Prayer recited during the ride. Arrival is estimated at 11:00 a.m. and Father Hvozdovic will welcome the pilgrims in the Upper Church at noon.

The afternoon proceeds in the Upper Church with a Tour of Faith and Rosary for World Peace, followed by free time for lunch, touring and private prayer from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

There will be opportunity for Confession at 2:00 p.m. in the Crypt Church. Pilgrims will gather at 3:00 p.m. in the Upper Church to prepare for a Pontifical Mass at 3:15 p.m. with Bishop Bambera as principal celebrant and homilist.

Buses will depart from the National Shrine at 4:45 p.m. and Evening Prayer will be said at 5:30 p.m.

Information about the pilgrimage has been sent to all parishes. Each parish is asked to take its own registration and to collect the \$55 fee per person - then send their full participant list and one check to the Office for Parish Life. If a parish has at least 50 participants, a single bus will be assigned to the parish and will depart from the parish grounds. For those parishes with a smaller delegation, arrangements will be made for combined buses and multiple points of departure throughout the Diocese.

There is also an overnight option for interested parishes - the program, reservations and all arrangements for this will be made by each parish directly with John Madden of Travelworld. If interested in an overnight pilgrimage package, please contact Travelworld directly at 570-342-5790.

### **XLT (Exalt!)**

XLT (Exalt!) will be held Monday, July 16, at Divine Mercy Parish, 312 Davis Street, Scranton. The event, sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations, will consist of Eucharistic Adoration; praise & worship music; a dynamic talk, and reconciliation. A summer cookout will be held at 6 p.m. followed by XLT at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Dominick Costantino at 570-780-2996.

### **Bold Choices Retreat**

*(Finding Your Passion and Living It Fully)*

Young adults (18-35) are invited to attend this retreat at Saint Gabriel's Retreat Center, Clarks Summit August 3-4. The 24-hour retreat will include presentations and interactive sessions on prayer, making choices based in faith, finding your passion, the art of discernment, small group discussion & more. Cost is \$65. For more information and/or to register, visit [vocations.dioceseofscranton.org](http://vocations.dioceseofscranton.org) or call 570-207-1452.

### **Office for Parish Life**

#### ***Invitation to Catechist Camp***

The Office for Parish Life is planning a one-day Catechist Camp for everyone involved in catechetical ministry or family-oriented faith formation. The one-day camp will be presented in five parishes of our Diocese, between August 4 - 10, 2018.

**Saturday, August 4, 2018 (8:30am-3:30pm)**

Holy Rosary Parish, Hazleton

**Monday, August 6, 2018 (1:00-8:00pm)**

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Peckville

**Wednesday, August 8, 2018 (1:00-8:00pm)**

Gate of Heaven Parish, Dallas

**Thursday, August 9, 2018 (1:00-8:00pm)**

St. Lawrence Parish, South Williamsport

**Friday, August 10, 2018 (1:00-8:00pm)**

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Pocono Pines

**FORMAT:**

- \* Welcome Prayer followed by the general session:  
"The Family-at-the-Center Approach to Faith Formation" Catherine Butel
- \* Breakout Session I
- \* Breakout Session II
- \* Camp-inspired Dinner (lunch on August 4)
- \* Practical Steps to Family Faith Formation

**BREAKOUT SESSION TOPICS:**

<i>Family Service Projects: the Why? And the How?</i>	Jennifer Hayes
Housel	
<i>From Faith Formation to Youth Ministry</i>	Shannon Kowalski
<i>Living the Faith vs. Learning the Faith</i>	Luis Rivera
<i>Rest for the Weary: Taking Sabbath Time</i>	Mary Anne Malone
<i>Unlikely Disciples: An Exploration of "Hidden" Gifts and Growth in Ministry</i>	Kitty Scanlan
<i>What You Need to Know about Safe Environment</i>	Kathleen Bolinski

If you are a parent, a parish or school religion teacher/catechist, a youth minister or a volunteer in any parish or school ministry involving children, youth and families, this day is designed for you. Please join us at the location that is most convenient for you. Cost for the day is \$20. To register, go to:

**<http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/holinessandmission/invitation-to-catechist-camp/>**

For more information, contact Mary Anne Malone: (570) 207-2213 or [mary-anne-malone@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:mary-anne-malone@dioceseofscranton.org)

***Extraordinary Minister of Communion Training***

The Office for Parish Life will offer an all-day training session for new Extraordinary Ministers of Communion on **Saturday, July 21 from 9:00AM to 2:30PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton.** Candidates for the training should have the approval of his or her pastor/parish life coordinator. There is no fee for the training and lunch will be provided. To register, please complete the [Extraordinary Minister of Communion registration form](#).

***National NFP Awareness Week - JULY 22 - JULY 28, 2018***  
***2018 theme:***

***Generations of Love***  
***Humanae Vitae (1968-2018)***  
***Celebrate God's Gift of Married Love!***

*"Celebrate and reverence God's vision of human sexuality."*

The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) which



articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother.

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is a national educational campaign. For further information, and ideas about how to celebrate in your parish, go to

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/awareness-week/index.cfm>

### ***Misal Romano, Tercera Edición***

Publishers are now printing ritual editions of the U.S. *Misal Romano, Tercera Edición* available on May 1, 2018. This new edition may be used beginning on the weekend of Pentecost (May 20, 2018), and usage is mandatory as of the First Sunday of Advent (December 2, 2018).

Publication information, as of mid-February 2018, is as follows:

¢ **Catholic Book Publishing Co.** ([CatholicBookPublishing.com](http://CatholicBookPublishing.com) 877-228-2665)-Altar and Chapel editions

¢ **Liturgical Press** ([LitPress.org](http://LitPress.org) 800-858-5450)-Altar and Chapel editions

¢ **Magnificat** ([Magnificat.net](http://Magnificat.net) 970-416-6670)-Altar edition

Please visit the USCCB website ([USCCB.org/cultodivino](http://USCCB.org/cultodivino)) for articles and other resources on the new *Misal*.

### ***Roman Missal "Book of the Chair"***

Upon the request of pastors to provide a lighter book for altar servers to hold, the Holy See has authorized a "Book of the Chair" edition of the *Roman Missal, Third Edition* entitled, *Excerpts from the Roman Missal*, and is now available from the following publishers:

¢ **Catholic Book Publishing Co.** ([CatholicBookPublishing.com](http://CatholicBookPublishing.com) 877-228-2665)

¢ **Liturgical Press** ([LitPress.org](http://LitPress.org) 800-858-5450)

¢ **World Library Publications** (<http://www.wlp.jspaluch.com/> 800-566-6150)

¢ **Magnificat** ([Magnificat.net](http://Magnificat.net), 970-416-6670)

### ***Misal Romano Workshops***

The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) will host a series of workshops on the *Misal Romano* for clergy, music ministers, and lay leaders. The schedule features a three-hour afternoon session for clergy and lay leaders, and a separate evening session for music ministers, and all sessions will be bilingual. The nearest workshops will be held on June 11 in Baltimore, Md. and June 27 in Trenton, N.J. For more information, please visit <https://fdlc.org/misalworkshops>

### ***Parish Sponsor Couple Program for Marriage Preparation***

Pairing engaged couples with sponsor couples is an effective way to prepare engaged couples for marriage, because it gives them personal attention, builds a bridge into your parish community and gives them mentors to rely on through the early years of marriage. A parish sponsor couple program also helps the married couple strengthen their own marriage. The Office for Parish Life now offers a program for parish use. In four sessions, couples will explore and discuss the same topics currently covered in the popular Diocesan Pre-Cana Days of Reflection. Contact Jennifer Housel, Coordinator for Marriage and Family Life, to discuss starting this in your parish. ([jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org), 570-207-2213 x 1104)

### ***Worldwide Marriage Encounter celebrates 50 years***

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience is a retreat for those couples who want to learn tools to improve their marriage. It is an opportunity to take time away, to focus on the marital relationship. During these weekends couples recommit to their relationship, finding renewed passion and intimacy.

The next weekend, closest to Scranton, runs from July 13-15. It will be held in Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA. Interested persons can apply for the weekend by phone, or call WWME® for more information: 610-449-1859. Additional information about the weekend, and about WWME, can be found at <http://www.wwme.org/>

### ***Catholic Engaged Encounter***



An Engaged Encounter is a retreat weekend for engaged couples. It is an opportunity to gather with other engaged couples, to enjoy time both in groups and alone as a couple, and to dialogue about your future married life together.

A team of married couples, as well as a priest, present ideas related to many pertinent topics. The weekend concludes with a Sunday Mass celebration. With your pastor's permission, an Engaged Encounter Weekend can qualify as PreCana preparation.

Engaged Encounter Weekends are held throughout the year, both through the Diocese of Camden and through the Diocese of Harrisburg. To learn more about Engaged Encounter, or to register for a weekend, go to <http://www.engagedencounter.org/>

### ***Looking to Have a Workshop for Your Liturgical Ministers?***

Are your cantors or choir members in need of training on the basics of the ministry? Could your lectors or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion use a "refresher" course or a day of reflection? Board Members of the Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians are here to help and are willing to travel to provide a workshop or session for your parish ministers. Please contact David Baloga at 570-207-2213 or at [David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org) for more information.

### ***150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Scranton***

¢ **The Anniversary page on the Diocesan website** has been updated with new items and refreshed with an easy-to-navigate format. Explore it at: <http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/media/150th-anniversary-page/>

¢ **A liturgical resource to assist parishes in commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Scranton all year long** is available on the Diocesan website. This resource includes hymn suggestions, an introduction to the liturgy, homily topic points, and intercessions for the Universal Prayer. This resource also includes the Anniversary logo, a calendar of events for the year, suggestions for local parish participation, and a parish liturgical resource to help commemorate the Anniversary year. Go to <http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/media/diocese-of-scranton-150th-anniversary/> and scroll down to "Parish Participation Kit."

¢ **Be sure to "like" Diocese of Scranton 150th Anniversary on Facebook.** This is the central location on social media with all information about the anniversary, pictures, videos and events going on in the different parishes and schools throughout the Diocese. Help us spread the word by sharing the page! We encourage everyone to use the hashtag **#DoS150** on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram when posting about Diocesan, parish and school events related to the 150th Anniversary Year.

¢ Thanks to the parishes who have been notifying us of your Anniversary related events so we can post these on the 150th Anniversary Facebook page. **We are also collecting photos and visual effects** from your various Anniversary activities for an exhibit to conclude the year.

¢ **The hymn, "There Is One Body and One Spirit"** commissioned specifically for the 150th Anniversary is now available for parishes to sing throughout the year and beyond. [Click here](#) to download the **simplified piano/vocal score, assembly edition, SATB choral arrangement, solo voice/guitar arrangement, instrumental parts and sample audio recording** from the diocesan website.

¢ **Historic Sites in the Diocese - there's an app for that!** One of the ways we can partake in the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese is through a visit to some of the historic sites here. The Office of Parish Life 2018 calendar features a number of those locations, and now there is a free app to guide you there. *The Diocese of Scranton Pilgrimage app* includes directions to each site, a description of what you will find when you arrive, a brief history, some photos and a "punch card" to help you keep track of the sites you have visited. Get the app and get on the road! (You can also use the app to

enjoy a virtual pilgrimage without leaving home.) The app is easy to get: simply search for "Diocese of Scranton" on the **Android/Google Play App Store** or the **iOS/Apple App Store**.

#### Mark Your Calendar

For a listing of Diocesan and parish events, go to: [Calendar](#)

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You are also encouraged to visit the Facebook pages of other Diocesan departments. They are listed on our website at:

<http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/media/social-media/>

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