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Greetings!

Diversity & Unity

Pope Francis – gets our attention in his Pentecost homily...

“What is it that unites us?”... the Holy Spirit. A gift. Our gift to share. But temptations come... narcissism, victim hood, and pessimism.

[Read homily here.](#)

Come Holy Spirit. Awaken in us a desire to serve, to do good. Amen.

Emily Filippi
Director
Office of Christian Formation



“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit” (1 Cor 12:4)

Pentecost Amid A Pandemic



The Cry of your People

Come Holy Spirit If ever I needed your comfort, consolation and advocacy, it's now.

If ever WE needed your active presence uniting us in love, it's in this moment.

If ever we needed courage and wisdom as we serve your beloved people, it's today. Come, Holy Spirit!

[Click here](#) to read the full article.

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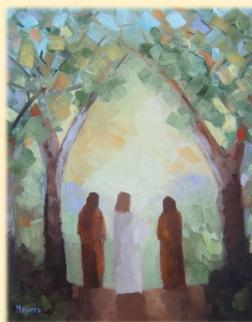
Important News!



As we anticipate a unique summer, I ask for your prayers for the seminarians of the diocese as they continue their formation to, God-willing, become priests who can be good shepherds in the Diocese of Richmond. Fr. Brian Capuano

[Click here](#) to read Fr. Capuano's full letter.

[Click here](#) for seminarian parish assignments for summer and pastoral year placements.



RCIA

Journey of Faith

RICA

Camino de Fe

The June RCIA Newsletter came out June 1. Main features:

- Register for RCIA Roundtable June 9 & June 10
- Upcoming trainings for the summer. **Take a poll!**

If you are involved in RCIA Ministry and you didn't get the newsletter, click [here](#) to view it and then send a message to RCIA@richmonddiocese.org to be added to the distribution list.

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SAVE THE DATE

HERALDS OF FAITH

A Catechetical Celebration with Bishop Barry Knestout

Saturday, August 29, 2020 at
Our Lady of Nazareth, Roanoke
Parish Catechists and Leaders



Free Workshops for ALL in Ministry Recordings from [NCCL's Witness Conference!](#) You do NOT need to be a member or have registered for the conference. All are available online until August 19. **Check out our top picks first:**

- Navigating Digital Catechesis; Amy McEntee, RCL Benziger
- Six Tools for a More Effective Catechesis; Joe Paprocki, Loyola Press
- Transforming the Parish Through Communities of Practice; Dr. Jane Regan



Virtual Learning Community
For Faith Formation

Have you been debating with yourself about taking a University of Dayton course? I have. If you have ever taken a course, I am the person in the office to mail you your certificate.

Sadly, I had never taken a course until recently. When Dayton offered a [free 3-week course called "Hope in Times of Crisis"](#) my excuses were eliminated. I am so glad I took the course. The course began at a time that I was feeling overwhelmed in the wake of this scary

- Before, During, and After COVID-19: The Sacramental Life of the Church; Panel of Diana Macalintal, Fr. Tom Reese, Fr. Richard Fragomeni and Ellie Hildalgo

In Spanish:

- Antes, Durante y Despues Coronavirus: La Vida Sacramental De La Iglesia; Panel of Dr. Hosffman Ospino, Dra. Maria del Pilar Silveira; Dr. Felix Palazzi

virus. Reading the assignments and reading how others were dealing with this quarantine, helped me get a better perspective on what was happening around the world and in my little world.

I might even try a five-week course this summer. What about you? [Click here](#) to find out the courses now being offered this summer. Nina Henry, Office of Christian Formation

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