



Office of Christian Formation

Co-Worker Connection

Greetings!

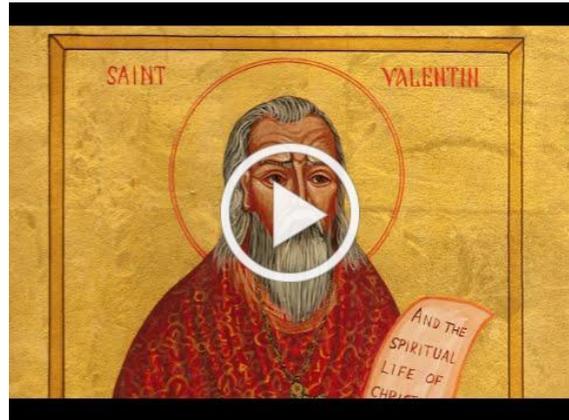
Who is St. Valentine?

"Love is patient; love is kind..."

[1 Corinthians 13](#)

Join the challenge of [Joyce Rupp...](#)
to learn these words by heart.

Emily Filippi
Director
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Christian Formation Staff Announcements!

**We welcome
Megan Cottam, Associate Director
(Part Time), to our diocesan staff!**

Megan is responsible for Pathways Catechist Formation and a resource for ongoing formation; implementation of the diocesan *Instruction for Sacraments*, including strengthening family faith formation; and resources to compliment our diocesan Curriculum. Megan can be reached at mcottam@richmonddiocese.org or (804) 622-5149.



Megan Cottam

Sheri Kemp, Associate Director, is now responsible for RCIA, including Rite of Election with Office of Worship, training and retreats for RCIA leaders and teams. Sheri continues her support for all catechetical leaders, providing opportunities for ongoing formation and orientation/training for new leaders with *Upper Room* retreat as well as the Mentor program. Sheri can be reached at skemp@richmonddiocese.org, or (804) 622-5113.

[All OCF staff](#) continue to serve our parishes and pastors in their catechetical formation needs.

Rite of Election 2019



Bishop Barry C. Knestout announced these dates, times, and locations of the Rite of Election 2019. All children and adult catechumens must be registered, whether attending or not, to be included in the rite which names them as the elect of the Church. **Registration closes February 25, 2019.**

Saturday, March 9 at
9:30am
**Our Lady of Perpetual
Help, Salem**
Deanery: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Saturday, March 9 at
3:00pm
**Cathedral of the Sacred
Heart, Richmond**
Deanery: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Sunday, March 10 at
3:00pm
**Church of the Holy
Family, Virginia Beach**
Deanery: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Register Now!

Baptism: A Journey from Certainty to Paradox, from Slavery to Freedom



Photo courtesy of Belmont Abbey College,
Belmont, NC

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It happened again in mid-January. I came face to face with a paradox. “Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it has no life.” “Don’t you know that those of you who have died with Christ will rise with him?” “Our sister died with Christ in baptism. May she rise with him in glory.” Sitting among hundreds who loved her, gently weeping for all the plans and people, all the wine and wisdom we’d no longer share, this paradox of dying and rising enveloped me. Paradox.

[Read more...](#)

Lending Library



We have added above new videos to our collection. In addition to bible studies the Resource Lending Library has a collection of short videos on diverse topics, including grief, aging, prayer and children. To view a list of all the short videos, [click here](#).

Use this link to request a resource
(<https://www.librarycat.org/lib/cdrlendinglibrary>)
Password: lending

Pathways Dates & Locations for 2019

All parish catechists in our diocese are expected to attend Pathways Catechist Training. This one-day, instructor-led, interactive program of prayer, learning, and reflection is for all who hand on the faith to adults, youth, and children in our parishes. Participation in Pathways, as well as diocesan safe environment policies, certifies the catechist in our diocese. Leaders, [click here](#) for a flyer to share with your catechists.

March 2, 2019
Holy Family, Virginia Beach

March 16, 2019
Incarnation, Charlottesville

[Register Now](#)



Theology Roundtable



The intersection of Christology and the Christian Scriptures

A Free online interactive Seminar Featuring:
Dr. Marc Pugliese and Dr. Dan Lloyd
Wednesday, February 27, 2019 from 7:00-8:00pm. [Click Here](#) for details.

Upcoming Events Office of Ethnic Ministries

Culture and Faith : “Remembering Our History: Contributions of the Redemptorists”

| **February 21, 2019** Father Kenneth Gaddy C.Ss.R , Archdiocese of Baltimore, keynote speaker.

Redemptorist priests in the Diocese of Richmond; their work, impact and accomplishments with Black Catholics.” **Thursday, February 21, 7:00 – 8:30pm** at the Pastoral Center. [Click here](#) for details and registration.

OneWe | February 23, 2019

Based on the invitation made by Pope Francis to cultivate a culture of encounter, the

Office of Ethnic Ministries presents “One World Encounter in the Love of God” (OneWe). OneWe begins with the creation of an intercultural parish team to provide: intercultural encounters, intercultural prayer groups, a welcoming environment, and inclusion of newcomers, strengthening different cultures’ relationships. [Click here](#) for details and registration.

Christian Formation supports, educates, and empowers ministry leaders to become Spirit-filled disciples leading others to Christ.

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