



DIOCESE OF WINONA-ROCHESTER

YOUTH MINISTRY AND FAITH FORMATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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OSV TALKS

Did you know there is a Catholic version of TED Talks? OSV Talks has 14 different categories of talks including Parent and Family Life, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Hispanic Experience, Religious Disaffiliation, and more. This is a great resource to educate yourselves, catechists, and parents. For more information, visit <https://www.osvtalks.com/>

SANCTUARY: MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE

Mental Health support for young people and families is an ongoing battle. Help educate yourself with Sanctuary Mental Health resources found [HERE](#). All of their resources are free, and they offer 8-session courses to equip yourself in ministering to others with mental health needs. You can also subscribe for the most recent updates.

MINISTRY DAYS

As a reminder, our diocesan Ministry Days 2022, “My Flesh for the Life of the World: Encountering Jesus Anew,” will be held Tuesday-Wednesday, June 14-15, at St. Mary’s University in Winona focusing on the National Eucharistic Revival Diocesan Year initiated by the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Registration is coming soon, and more information can be found [HERE](#).

FAITH VACATION?



It is hard to believe that summer is right around the corner. As you may be wrapping up another faith formation year, we all know that forming ourselves in the faith and a relationship with Jesus Christ does not go on vacation! Below are some things to consider in equipping families to stay connected to Jesus this summer:

- Come up with a Summer Vacation Guidebook (physical and/or digital) with all of your parish opportunities for families and youth this summer. Make this available to your families, if possible, before the end of the Faith Formation year.
- Host parish leadership training(s) for catechists, leaders, and teens.

- Encourage families to pray together this summer. One resource you can point them to is The Praying Family at theprayingfamily.weebly.com where they can get ideas for setting up a prayer space in their home, download prayers, and sign up for email updates to purchase prayer kits.

- Develop a summer newsletter that goes beyond event opportunities, but also focuses on faith enrichment. Consider encouraging parents or teens to enrich their understanding of the Eucharist for the upcoming Eucharistic Revival by taking a Revive course at <https://eucharisticrevival.org/>, and maybe even start a study group that meets to discuss was learned.

DIVINE RENOVATION

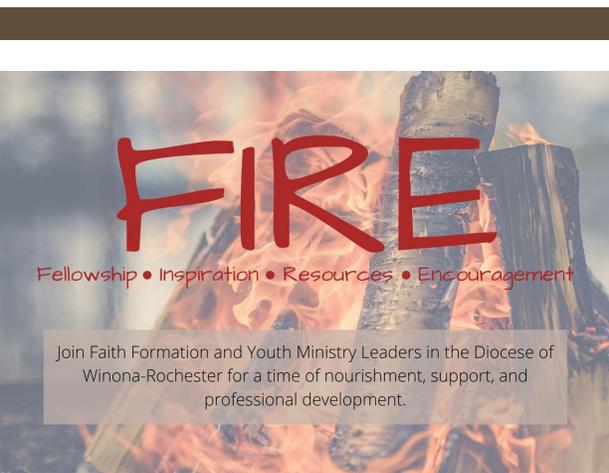
You may be familiar with Divine Renovation through the book by Fr. James Mallon titled the same. Since the creation of that book, many parishes are rethinking their approach to ministry, and now Divine Renovation is more than a book, but is a ministry to parishes. They are hosting a conference July 18-20 in Dallas, TX and are offering discounts for parish teams of 4 or more. If you or a team from your parish would like to attend but would need help financially to get there, contact Dana at dpetricka@dowr.org for scholarship availability. For more information on the conference, visit divinerenovation.org/drusa2022. You can also download their free resource called "3 Keys to Unlocking Your Parish" at the conference website. This resource includes three sessions to walk through together as a parish leadership team to evaluate how your parish is doing in evangelization, leadership, and trusting in the Holy Spirit.



FIRE RETREAT APRIL 28: WE ARE RESURRECTION PEOPLE

Our FIRE Retreat will be held on Thursday, April 28 from 9am - 2:15pm at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in St. Charles, led by Fr. Tim Biren. In the midst of so much suffering, there is hope, and we are a Resurrection people! The discussions and talks will focus on keeping our eyes set on hope and Resurrection this Easter season.

For the full schedule and to register, click [HERE](#). This is our last FIRE of the year, and we hope you can make it!



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