



Diocesan Centre News & Notes

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February 12 - 14
(French)

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April 30 - May 2 *
(English)

June 4 - 6 *
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Happy New Year!

I hope this news bulletin finds you well. Here is what is happening in the various ministries at the diocesan level - some will be new to you and some will serve simply as a reminder.

Rediscovering Catholicism

The Bishop will be speaking on **Wednesday, January 20th** at 7:00 p.m. at **Blessed Sacrament** as a follow up to the "Matthew Kelly talk" and the book Rediscovering Catholicism. We are looking into making additional copies available, including some for the French parishes. I suggest people visit our website for details and I will send out a bulletin announcement once I know more.

Family Resource Centre

I am putting together a committee to advise on activities for young children and their families. This committee will meet a couple of times a year to brainstorm and to plan. Currently, there are four activities in the works.

- **Jesus + You** - A two-page newsletter for children ages 5 to 10. I have included the inaugural issue with this bulletin. It is being sent to children who participated in the VBS and the Advent kickoff. **If you would like copies for the children in your parish let me know and I will make them available to you.**
- **Lenten Kickoff** - For children and their parents, similar to the Advent Kickoff.
- **CatChat Music Concert**. Saturday, May 8, 2010. A CatChat concert is an interactive experience of nonstop fun with The Cat.Chat Man, Moses the Cat & special guests. We will use this as a lead in to the VBS.
- **Vacation Bible Schools (VBS)** - Again this summer there will be a number of VBSs. Dates TBA.

Life Resource Centre

In November we hosted a euthanasia talk by Alex Schandenbergh. The plan is to host a similar talk in French, although no date has been set. In addition, we are looking at hosting the COLF workshop on Euthanasia, which many of you participated in a few years ago. Again no set date.

Lay Formation

World renowned Catholic biblical scholar, Stephen Binz will be presenting *Praying with the Bible: An Introduction to Lectio Divina* at Blessed Sacrament on **Thursday, February 11th** at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a **workshop for extraordinary ministers of communion** on **February 27th** at 10:00 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament. Father Sean will be speaking on the topic of taking communion to shut ins. There will be a similar workshop in French in March, details will follow.

Diocesan Website

We have a special page devoted to Parish Activities in the Diocese so if you have specific events you would like mentioned please send them along. If you are hosting a **Parish Mission** this Lent please let us know ASAP (assuming you have not already done so) so that we can post the information on the website. Marie will soon start looking after regular updates to the website so things should be more current.

For more information about these events go to www.alexandria-cornwall.ca