

DIOCESAN WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

February 2018



Seniors Study Session

Creation Spirituality. This six week course offered by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND, D.Min will offer participants and opportunity to understand and find ways to practice a Christian vision of Earth Centered Spirituality. The course will draw on scripture, poetry, ancient prayers, and the lives of the saints and prophets. The course will be held at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. West, Tuesdays from 1:30-3:30 March 2017, April 3, 10, 17 & 24. Cost is \$ 35.00. To register contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or call her at 905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

Seniors Study Session

Amoris Laetitia. This 5 week study session will give you an opportunity to study carefully Pope Francis' encyclical. The course consists of a series of well-made videos and discussions facilitate by Mr. David Dayler, Director of the Office for Discipleship and Parish Life. Pope Francis invites us to study this document carefully when he says, "...I do not recommend a rushed reading of the text. The greatest benefit...will come if each part is read patiently and carefully..." Join us we explore this important text for Adult Faith Formation. The course will be held at the Chancery Office, Mondays 1:30 – 3:30, February 5, 12, 26 March 5, 12. Cost is \$35.00. To register contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or call her at 905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

Seeing the Word Session

On February 1, 2018 at the Chancery Office, the Liturgy Office will be hosting a Seeing the Word session for those who may be interested in delving a little deeper into God's Word through the illuminations of the Saint John's Bible. We will focus on a particular illumination from one of the volumes of the Saint John's Bible, giving participants an opportunity to experience the illumination through Visio Divina. We will be having one session a month until June, with a new illumination and theme every month. The sessions will be in the afternoon from 1:30pm-3:30pm. We ask that those interested please contact Anthony De Feo at the Liturgy Office at adefeo@hamiltondiocese.com to register. All are welcome.

Rite of Election 2018 – Guelph

On Sunday, February 11, the Rite of Election for those parishes in the Bruce-Grey, Wellington, and Waterloo deaneries takes place at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate at 1:30 p.m. This is an occasion where the Church is invited to celebrate with the catechumens who will be celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation at the upcoming Easter Vigil. The celebration will be presided by His Excellency, Bishop Crosby who, in the presence of the community, declares the Church's approval of the catechumens for the celebration of the three initiation sacraments. All are welcome to join us for this beautiful celebration.

Rite of Election 2018 – Hamilton

On Sunday, February 18, the Rite of Election for those parishes in the Brant, Halton, and Hamilton deaneries takes place at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 p.m. This is an occasion where the Church is invited to celebrate with the catechumens who will be celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation at the upcoming Easter Vigil. The celebration will be presided by His Excellency, Bishop Crosby who, in the presence of the community, declares the Church's approval of the catechumens for the celebration of the three initiation sacraments. All are welcome to join us for this beautiful celebration.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Workshop

The Liturgy Office will be hosting a workshop for leaders of the Children's Liturgy of the Word program in the parishes on Thursday, February 8, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Parish in Hamilton. Registration for this workshop is required. More details about the workshop and registration will be made available in the coming weeks. Please continue to check the Diocese website for more details as they become available. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Anthony De Feo at the Liturgy Office at adefeo@hamiltondiocese.com.

Parenting Tip 103

Parents often ask their children what they would like to be when they grow up, but the better question to reflect on is 'who' you want to be when you grow up. Lessons learned in childhood, along with the modelling from significant adults in their lives set a foundation for the adults our children become. Do you expect respect, the use of manners, that your children treat others with caring and compassion? Are you modelling the traits of a good parent and spouse? Do you help them to see how God can and does support them as they grow to develop the gifts they have been given to use in our world? Good people are happier and healthier people, so help your child develop the 'who' part of themselves and what they will be will take care of itself!

Marriage Tip 83

In February we celebrate love on Valentine's Day, but love is an action word, needed every day of every month. This year try something different for Valentine's Day – make a commitment to tell each other on the 14th of every month what it is you love about each other. An attitude of gratitude, recognizing the good in the other and making a point of telling each other why you are in love is a great way to put love into action and it helps you to never take your love for granted.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your **25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2018**? If you are, you are invited to join couples from across the Diocese for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 10, 2018** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. Refer to the poster in the church or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Join the "Call for Conscience" in the Hamilton Diocese

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. **The Diocese of Hamilton wants to protect the rights of all healthcare workers.** Visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, write a letter (samples available at the back of the Church or on their website) to your Provincial Member of Parliament and consider adding your e-mail address to the Conscience Coalitions network to receive future information. We all need to join the "Call for Conscience" taking place between February 6 and March 31st.

Retrouvaille

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most couples don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. Retrouvaille can help. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend **March 16, 2018**, please call **905-664-5212** or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

Pornography Addiction among Children and Teens...It's Time to Talk

Learn more about the issue, its impact on our children and how you can protect your children, grandchildren, students and all children. *Over 18* is a documentary that looks factually at the issue. To find Parishes and dates where you can see this informative piece, go to www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/pornography-help. For more information contact Teresa Hartnett (Director of Family Ministry) at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

Persons Separated and Divorced Hamilton Programs

LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1) is a ten week support program starting Tuesday, March 6 (7:00 pm to 9:30 pm), at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The program is for persons experiencing difficulties as a result of a separation or divorce. For more information or to register, please contact the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249, or register on line at www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php. Cost is: \$35.00. Past participants are welcome to inquire about further Levels programs (Level 2, 3 & 4) starting the same week. Please pass this information on to anyone you know who may be helped by this program.

Persons Separated and Divorced Kitchener Programs

LEVEL 1 - (Learning to Cope), and LEVEL 2 (Accepting the Situation) are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Topics are meant to offer hope and personal growth and include: the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, guilt, loneliness, forgiveness, trust, singleness and children. Course fee: \$35.00 (Level 1), and \$45.00 (Level 2). Both Level 1 & 2 will be held Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks, starting March 20 from 7pm – 9pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener. Contact the Family Ministry Office at (905)528-7988 ext. 2249 to register, or do so at www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php. If you know of someone who might be assisted by these programs, please pass this information on.

Come Join Us to Find the “Keys to Loving Relationships”

“Keys” is a ten week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking to develop the skills needed to have the most meaningful relationship you can with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better “me” in all your relationships! The program runs Thursday evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. starting March 1, at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The cost is \$45.00. For more information or to register, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249 or register at www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php.