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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
Bishop John F. Doerfler

150TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT OF VENERABLE BISHOP BARAGA

Mark your calendar now for the 150th Anniversary event of Venerable Bishop Baraga: Celebrating his life, commemorating his death. The two day event will be held Friday January 19 and Saturday January 20, 2018 at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette.

The full schedule of events and registration details will be coming to your parish soon. For specific questions please contact the Bishop Baraga Association at 906-227-9117.

DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELIZATION & EDUCATION
Mark Salisbury

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 17, 2017. The 2017 theme will be "Living as Missionary Disciples." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. To download or purchase resources [click here](#).

FALL EVANGELIZATION WORKSHOPS

To assist parishes in the formation of a parish evangelization plan as called for by Bishop John's Pastoral Letter on Evangelization, the Department of Evangelization & Education will be conducting workshops in each vicariate for pastors and their leadership teams. The workshop will include recommendations on how to develop the plan along with the template to be used to submit parish plans to the diocese. The dates for these gatherings are as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARISH</u>	<u>CITY</u>
Thurs., Sept. 21	St. Ignatius Loyola	Houghton
Tues., Sept. 26	Precious Blood	Stephenson
Thurs., Sept. 28	St. Joseph	Sault Ste. Marie
Tues., Oct. 3	St. Charles Borromeo	Rapid River
Thurs., Oct. 5	St. Mary Queen of Peace	Kingsford
Wed., Oct. 11	St. Peter Cathedral	Marquette
Thurs., Oct. 12	St. Sebastian	Bessemer

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They will be held from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm local time. To register go to <https://form.jotform.us/ggostomski2003/fall-evangelization-workshops>

RCIA CANDIDATES MARITAL STATUS

A reminder to Pastors, Pastoral Coordinators and the RCIA team of the importance of determining the marriage situation of the RCIA candidate and the candidate's spouse which may require an annulment before he/she may enter the Church at Easter. If the candidate or the candidate's current spouse has been married previously, an investigation into these marriages must be made immediately at the onset of the RCIA in the fall. Annulment applications coming to the Marriage Tribunal after the first of the year cannot be completed by Easter. A questionnaire that may be helpful to you is found in [Addendum #1](#) to this communicator.

MARRIAGE MINISTRY

Please consider including the intention below in your Universal Prayers.

That through their marriage, a husband and wife will reflect the love that God himself is. We pray to the Lord

SEE THE SEE

Saturday November 4, 2017 is *See the See*, the Jr. High youth rally! Ben Walther will be returning to lead the day's talks, music, and general fun. Bishop John will be there, Greg will be there, and you should be there too! Registration materials are available on the Youth Ministry webpage of the diocesan website. Check out the [video](#) from last year's event. Registration materials are available [HERE](#).

NET DATES AVAILABLE

The NET (National Evangelization Team) is available to lead retreats around the Diocese of Marquette. The NET Team and ministered in our diocese of decades! They offer excellent retreats geared for High School Confirmation. You could sponsor your own retreat, or collaborate with other parishes in your town/area/vicariate. The available dates are as follows:

Wednesday, November 22, 2017 (this retreat must end by 4pm)

Thursday, January 11, 2018

Contact Kate Swanson at kswanson@holynamecrusaders.com for more information or to register for a NET retreat.

Catholic Schools

PARISH ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

PAAR submissions were due to the Diocese by **August 31, 2017**. If your parish has not yet submitted a 2017 report, please send your PAAR to the Diocese,

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Attn: Cassie LaTourneau as soon as possible. Access to this form is available on the Diocesan website under Administration, Forms, Parish Annual Reports, Parish Annual Report Form, *Parish Annual Administrative Report* in electronic and fillable pdf versions. Please contact Cassie immediately if your parish has not yet submitted a Parish Annual Administrative Report. Cassie can be reached at clatourneau@dioceseofmarquette.org or at 1-800-562-9745, ext. 101.

FOURTH FRIDAY COUNT

All schools are reminded that the Fourth Friday Count Form will be emailed to them on Monday, September 11, 2017. Please take up the count of each student who is present at the school on Friday, September 15, 2016 and send it electronically to Cassie LaTourneau at clatourneau@dioceseofmarquette.org.

SAVE THE DATE

The upcoming principal meeting is Wednesday, September 27, 2017 from 10:00am to 4:00pm ET at the Diocesan Office.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

All schools are reminded they are required to submit all agenda and minutes from school council meetings, and supporting committee meetings to our office after each meeting. Minutes and agendas can be sent to Cassie LaTourneau, clatourneau@dioceseofmarquette.org.

COMMUNICATION SERVICES

John Fee

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 29, 2017

The U.P. Catholic newspaper plans to publish its annual Priesthood Sunday issue on October 27th. If your organization, parish or school is interested in placing an appreciation advertisement for your pastor and/or other priests, please use this link: <https://form.jotform.us/72285339784166>.

If you have problems with the link or need additional information, please contact Deacon Steve Gretzinger at 1-866-452-5112 / upc@new.rr.com. Ad requests received after October 5th will be placed in our November 17th issue.

Other great ideas to honor your priest(s) can be found at: www.priestsunday.org

FREEDOM TO SERVE

A series of "Freedom to Serve" ads, produced by Michigan Catholic Conference, are currently being seen on television. The ads address the right for Catholic charitable agencies, health care facilities, and schools to provide services to the general public in accordance with their faith-based mission, without unnecessary or burdensome intervention from the state or federal government. Parishes, missions, schools and all Catholics are encouraged to promote this message by sharing the ads through social media, websites and other places. To learn about the initiative and to share the ads, visit www.CatholicsServe.com.

OCTOBER ROSARY RALLIES

Each year, America Needs Fatima holds the Public Square Rosary Crusade, with thousands of rosary rallies in cities all across the country simultaneously praying for our country and the world. These Public Square Rosary Rallies take place on the closest Saturday to Oct. 13, feast of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun, with this year being the centennial. If your parish or group is hosting a rosary rally this Oct. 14, or during the month, please send the date, time and location as well as the sponsor to The U.P. Catholic for publication in the Oct. 6 issue and online at www.dioceseofmarquette.org/fatima. Please send by email to news@dioceseofmarquette.org or mail to The U.P. Catholic, 1004 Harbor Hills Dr., Marquette, MI 49855. Listings need to be received by Sept. 20. To learn more or to register your rally visit www.americaneedfatima.org.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Timothy Thomas

UPCSA WEEKEND IS SEPTEMBER 23/24, 2017

The theme for our 50th UPCSA is "Go into my Vineyard". UPCSA materials have been distributed to churches. Included are tri-fold brochures to be distributed with the pledge cards and authorization cards. Single-fold Bulletin Inserts should be placed inside the parish bulletins on UPCSA weekend. The record of pledges spreadsheet, used to transmit your parish member pledge and payment info to the diocese, will be emailed to your parish soon. The UPCSA handbook, containing updated timelines, tips, sample letters and other useful information you need, is available now on our website at www.dioceseofmarquette.org/upcsa along with other resources. Contact Wendy Negri at wnegri@dioceseofmarquette.org or at 800.562.9745 ext. 104 with any UPCSA questions.

2017 PARISH GOVERNANCE REPORT

The Governance Report will be due to the Diocese by **September 30, 2017** and has been included in [Addendum #2](#) as well as on the Diocesan website under Administration, Forms, Parish Annual Reports, *2017 Parish Governance Report*. Completed reports or questions should be sent directly to Irene McCauley at imccauley@dioceseofmarquette.org or at 1-800-562-9745, ext. 135.

DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

Terri Gadzinski

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

When it comes to supporting the Church for the long-term future, the charitable gift annuity is one method favored by many. Learn why and calculate your

benefits at dioceseofmarquette.planmygift.org/charitable-gift-annuities. Contact Terri for more information at tgadzinski@dioceseofmarquette.org.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ADVANCEMENT

Were you busy last month when the topic *The Annual Fund* was offered? No problem – the session recording and handouts are available on our [Stewardship Resources Page](#). Click [here](#) to view the recorded webinar!

2017 LEGACY OF FAITH CATHOLIC SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following award recipients, who were recognized at their respective parishes this past summer, and will be recognized by the Bishop's Ambassadors on Oct 5, for their extraordinary lifetime service to the Catholic Church:

- Judy Boyle of St. Michael Church, Marquette
- Rev. Joseph Gouin, pastor of American Martyrs in Kingsford

BISHOP'S AMBASSADORS ORGANIZATION HAS EXPANDED

The Legacy of Faith Bishop's Ambassadors organization has expanded from exclusively Legacy of Faith donors to include any donor who meets the \$25,000 gift commitment criteria to any endowed fund of the diocese. The Bishop's Ambassadors organization, which is now under the umbrella of the Upper Peninsula Catholic Foundation, serves to pass on the Catholic faith through endowment building and grant making.

UPPER PENINSULA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION NEWS

Recently adopted mission and vision statements:

- Mission: In Jesus Christ, the U.P. Catholic Foundation connects faith with charitable giving through long-term support for the future needs of Catholic ministries in the Diocese of Marquette.
- Vision: To build up the ministry of Christ in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan through long-term sustainable support to parishes, Catholic schools, diocesan ministries, and other Catholic charitable causes serving in the Diocese of Marquette. To provide an accessible, sustainable, reliable, and social responsible means for donors to transform lives and glorify God. To live out our faith in Jesus Christ, our hope for the future, and our love of God and neighbor.

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RCIA Candidates – Marital Status Questionnaire

Name _____ Phone _____

Have you ever been baptized? Yes ____ No ____

If “yes”, how old were you? _____

What religion? _____

Where? _____

When? _____

1. ____ I am single and have never attempted marriage. (Stop here if you have never been married.)

2. ____ I am not married presently, but have been married in the past.

Please list all of your previous marriages:

#1

Name of former spouse **Marriage Date**

Place of Marriage **Married by Whom**

#2

Name of former spouse **Marriage Date**

Place of Marriage **Married by Whom**

(Continue on back of this form if necessary.)

3. ____ I am currently married.

If currently married, please complete the following information regarding the marriage to your present spouse.

Name of your Spouse **(Maiden name, if woman)** **Marriage Date**

Place of Marriage **Married by Whom**

Religion of present spouse

This Section Pertains to the Previous Marriages of your Present Spouse

Has your present spouse been married before? Yes ____ No ____

If "yes" complete below:

Please list all previous marriages of your present spouse:	
#1	
_____ Name of your husband's former spouse	_____ Marriage Date
_____ Place of Marriage	_____ Married by Whom
#2	
_____ Name of your husband's former spouse	_____ Marriage Date
_____ Place of Marriage	_____ Married by Whom
(Continue on back of this form if necessary.)	

If the RCIA candidate or the candidate's current spouse has been married previously, it is absolutely necessary to consult with the pastor and/or the Marriage Tribunal to determine whether or not an annulment (s) is necessary.

The examination of previous marriage situations must be done immediately upon entering the RCIA process.

**DIOCESE OF MARQUETTE
2017 PARISH FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE REPORT**

PARISH or MISSION NAME: _____ CITY: _____

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED members of the Parish Finance Council for

_____, _____, Michigan, hereby
(Parish/Mission Name) (City)

state that during the preceding year, we met as a Council on the following dates:

WE FURTHER state that a copy of the Parish Annual Financial Statement
was provided to the parishioners on _____.*
(Date)

DATED: _____ Pastor: _____
Signature

Finance Council Members:
(Include Name and Professional Title, if Applicable)

Name	Email Address	Signature

* Please enclose a copy of the Financial Statement as of June 30, 2017 provided to parishioners.

Submit by **September 30, 2017** to Diocese of Marquette, 1004 Harbor Hills Drive,
Marquette, MI 49855