

DIOCESE OF TRENTON



Preparing for the



WORLD
MEETING OF
FAMILIES

2015 Philadelphia

**PARISH RESOURCE
BOOK**

Most Frequently Asked Questions

What is the World Meeting of Families?

The World Meeting of Families is the world's largest Catholic gathering of families. It is held every three years and sponsored by the Holy See's Pontifical Council for the Family. A theme is chosen that energizes and enlivens the event while adding great depth of meaning to our understanding of families. The theme of the World Meeting of Families – Philadelphia 2015 is "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive," emphasizing the impact of the love and life of families on our society. Since its inception by Saint John Paul II in 1994, the World Meeting of Families has strengthened the sacred bonds of families across the globe.

Is the Pope coming?

It's official! The Holy Father will be present to conclude the World Meeting of Families. It is likely that Pope Francis would arrive for a public welcome on the evening of September 25 at the close of the World Meeting of Families, and end his visit with a public Mass celebrated on the Parkway on Sunday, September 27.

Where can I get more information?

Everyone can stay current with information by visiting

www.worldmeeting2015.org.

The website is well-organized with information on the World Meeting of Families program and schedule, ways to volunteer or donate, places to stay, and things to do. You can sign up for email alerts, like the Facebook page, and follow the Twitter account for more information as well.

How do I register?

Registration is currently open on the World Meeting of Families website.

What is the Diocese of TRENTON NOT Doing?

The Diocese of Trenton will not be handling registrations.

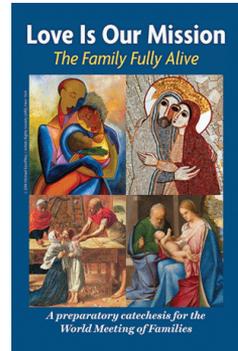
The Diocese of Trenton will not be arranging buses for the event.

The Diocese of Trenton will not be a mediator for hosting families or volunteering. Please go directly to the website.

www.worldmeeting2015.org.

Preparatory Catechesis

“Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive” is available from Our Sunday Visitor for \$9.95, either in paperback or as an e-book.. Lesson plans for K—12 students have been developed by the Dominican Sisters of Nashville and can be downloaded on the website.



What is the Diocese of Trenton doing to help us prepare?

The Department of Catholic Schools has sent out the catechesis and lesson plan links to each school. They will be posting monthly to keep the catechesis and updates on the World Meeting of Families in front of school administrators and teachers.

The Department of Evangelization and Catechesis will make “Love is Our Mission” and other materials available at many diocesan formation events in 2015 for your convenience.

These include all the DCP-Core Theology Sessions:

- History of the Mass – 1/31/15
- Intro to Canon Law – 3/7/15
- Ministry in a Parish Setting – 3/14/15
- Evangelization – 3/28/15
- Documents of the Church – 3/20/15
- Catholic Social Teaching – 4/14/15
- Sacramental Theology – 4/25/15
- Intro to Prayer and Spirituality – 5/2/15

- The RCIA Annual Retreat – 1/24/15 at St. Benedict, Holmdel
- The High School Campus Ministers Meeting on 3/11/15
- The Spring Formation Day for all in Catechesis – 3/21/15 at St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold

The Department of Youth, Marriage and Family Life in collaboration with other pastoral life & Mission Ministries will offer a selection of opportunities to help your parish to support marriages and families in 2015. The Director will contribute a monthly column for the Monitor based on “Love is Our Mission.”

January, 2015

8, 15, 22 & 29	<p><u>“Love is our Mission”</u> - A series for couples presented in Spanish. San Anthony Hightstown 7-9pm. <i>Contact: or 609-403-7151 or 609.403.7175</i></p>
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February

7	<p><u>World Marriage Day Dinner Dance</u> Contact: 609.403.7151</p>
19	<p><u>“The Mission of Love” & “Blessed are the Pure in Heart”</u> - Young Adult Preparatory Catechesis Formation, St. Joan of Arc—Marlton 7—9 pm; <i>Contact 609.406.7410 or 609.403.7175</i></p>
28	<p><u>Pre-Cana Team—Preparatory Catechesis Session I—in Spanish— Christ The King Parish—Long Branch NJ</u> <i>10-3pm Contact 609-403-7151 or 609-403-7175</i></p>

March

22	<p><u>Diocesan Youth Celebration DYC</u> <i>Contact: 609.403.7440</i></p>
28	<p><u>“Life Lessons of Mary”- Young Adult Lent Retreat</u> with Sister Mary Agnes Ryan, 10am to 3:00pm <i>Contact 609.406.7410 or 609.403.7175</i></p>

May	
1	<u>Annual Pastoral Care Retreat</u> — Pastoral Care of the Family <i>Contact: 609-403-7156</i>
8 and 9	<u>Marriage Summit</u> — All clergy and parish leaders gather to kick off diocesan plan for strengthening marriage; includes Keynotes and various workshops; to be held at Georgian Court University. <i>Contact: 609-403-7156</i>
28	<u>“Light in the Dark World”</u> - Young Adult Preparatory Catechesis Formation— Chancery from 7-9pm <i>Contact 609.406.7410 or 609.403.7175</i>
30	<u>Pre-Cana team Preparatory Catechesis Formation— Session 2 in Spanish—Christ The King Parish—Long Branch—10:00am-3:00pm; Contact: 609-403-7151 or 609-403-7175</u>

June	
20	<u>Pre-Cana Team</u> — preparatory catechesis in Spanish 10am-3pm; Chancery <i>Contact: 609-403-7175 or 609-403-7151</i> <u>Pareja Vive tu Fe - Preparatory Catechesis—“Two become One” and “A Home for the Wounded Heart”</u> , preparatory catechesis at St. Ann Church, Browns Mills, 10-4pm Date to be announced.

August	
8	<u>“La Familia Plenamente Viva”</u> — “Light in the Dark World” and “A Home for the Wounded Heart “ from Preparatory Catechesis in Spanish at Christ the King Church—Long Branch. Contact 609-403-7151 or 609-403-7175.
13	<u>“Home of the wounded heart ”</u> - Young Adult Preparatory Catechesis Formation at Chancery from 7-9pm <i>Contact 609.406.7410 or 609.403.7175</i>

September	
22- 27	World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia

October

11 and 25	<u>Bishop's Anniversary Blessings</u> Saint Mary's Cathedral and St. Robert Bellarmine <i>Contact: 609-403-7156</i>
17	<u>NJ Young Adult Catholic Conference</u> Theme: "Blessed are the pure of Heart" - Rutgers Campus—New Brunswick 7—9 pm; <i>Contact— 609.403.7175 or 609.403.7410</i>

November

12	<u>"Creating the Future"</u> - Young Adult Preparatory Catechesis Formation at St. Paul Church—Princeton 7—9 pm; <i>Contact— 609.403.7175 or 609.406.7410</i>
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December

5	<u>"Creados para ser participes de su gozo"</u> - Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage—St. Mary's Cathedral, Trenton, NJ. <i>Contact 609-403-7151 or 609-403-7175.</i>
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Holy Hours

"My joy, my pleasure, my delight is to be with you." (Prov 8:31)
All families are invited to participate in a spiritual hour of Adoration with their children. The hour gives families an opportunity to pray together, to give thanks and to renew its commitment of love with Jesus and each other. The Holy Hour will consist of Scripture reading, silent prayer, music, intercessions and witness testimony. You are invited to participate in all four.

Mercer:

St. Anthony (of OLS-SA parish) – Hamilton
February 12, 2015; 7:00pm *Contact 609.403.7155*

Burlington:

St. John Neumann – Mt Laurel
June 25, 2015; 7:00pm *Contact 609.403.7155*

Ocean:

St. Joseph – Toms River

July 23rd, 2015; 7:00pm *Contact 609.403.7155*

Monmouth:

Star of the Sea (of Christ the King Parish) – Long Branch

September 3, 2015; 7:00pm *Contact 609.403.7155*

Diocesan Pilgrimage

November 7, 2015

The Diocese of Trenton invites all Families to a VERY special pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, in Washington D.C. November 7, 2015.

More information will follow at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/

Information from Philadelphia

Website www.worldmeeting2015.org/

Information about:

- How to register
- Parish involvement
- How to Host a Family
- How to be a volunteer

Parish Resource Guide

www.worldmeeting2015.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/ParishPreparationPacketOFFICIAL1.pdf

Resources for:

- Liturgy and Prayer
- Parish Communication
- Adult Faith Formation and Evangelization
- Other Ways to Prepare

World Meeting of Families Prayer

God and Father of us all,
in Jesus, your Son and our Savior,
you have made us your sons and daughters
in the family of the Church.
May your grace and love
help our families
in every part of the world
be united to one another
in fidelity to the Gospel.
May the example of the Holy Family,
with the aid of your Holy Spirit,
guide all families, especially those most troubled,
to be homes of communion and prayer
and to always seek your truth and live in your love.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

*The prayer for the World Meeting of Families is in 18 languages
including American Sign Language. (<http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/>)*



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