

# Diocese of Amarillo

April, 2013

*Why Catholic, Porque Ser Catolico—Renew International*



## **Pope Francis, our Holy Father!**

On March 19, 2013, Pope Francis was installed as our new leader for the Catholic Church. Thousands of people around the world joyfully gave thanks to God for a leader who will guide our Church—spiritually and with a great sense of understanding the poor, the marginalized and those who need help. The Holy Father has set an example of all us as we continued to live as committed Christians throughout the world. God be praised !

Let us thank God for the gift of unity and community as we celebrate the life of Pope Francis in our midst.

## **Year Three in RENEW**

Once again during this Lenten Season we are off to a great start in Renew—Praying and Dialoging with one another about SACRAMENTS. What a tremendous opportunity for us as adults to go back in our lives and recapture the beauty of the Seven Sacraments and those Sacraments that we have personally received. As we look back at the First Eucharist, First Penance, and Confirmation, we remember and treasure those times as moments of Grace! During these first sessions we took a second glance as grateful people to God for His unbounding goodness and mercy. Through the Sacraments we are indeed enriched by the Grace of God, and our spiritual journey becomes an open path to follow the light of Christ.

During this time of Lent lead-

ing into the glorious Easter Season, RENEW has been a guide to prayer, discussion and breaking open the Word of God in the midst of our prayer groups. In such a setting our understanding of the Scriptures takes on new meanings, new challenges, and new ways to strengthen our spiritual life in this hum drum busy world in which we live.

It is indeed gratifying to know that so many parishioners are engaged in the process of RENEW.

To this calling, we thank our God for His presence among us. May each of the prayer groups strive to be united even more closely during this Easter Season.

As Church, let us welcome the individuals who will take part in the Easter Vigil Service. We extend a welcome to all catechumens!

Gratefully, Sister Janet, SSND



## **Comments From Around the Diocese!    Comentaríos de alrededor de la Diócesis!**

I am a strong believer that catechism starts at home. That is why our Diocese's Renew program is so important! We as adults need to fully know and understand our Catholic faith in order to show and teach our children the beauty of our faith! We come to Mass to affirm our faith; we need Renew to learn our faith.

*Leticia Borunda*

Christ the King, Sunray Tx

**Soy una creyente que cree fuertemente que el catecismo comienza en casa. ¡Por eso el programa de “Renew” de nuestra Diócesis es importante! Nosotros como adultos necesitamos completamente saber y comprender nuestra fe Católica para poder enseñarles a nuestros niños lo hermoso de nuestra fe. Venimos a Misa para afirmar nuestra fe; necesitamos el programa “Renew” para aprender sobre nuestra fe.)**

**Leticia Borunda – Cristo Rey, Sunray TX**

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It is just so wonderful when God starts working in the hearts of our small groups! We are not only growing in our prayer life and becoming closer as a community but we are learning about our faith through the Catechism of our awesome church. It is so remarkable when you can see in the eyes of our members that aha moment of understanding. Thanks be to our most awesome God, He blesses our small groups!

Jackie Adams

Saint Laurance, Amarillo TX

**¡Es tan maravilloso cuando Dios empieza a trabajar en los corazones de nuestros pequeños grupos! No solamente estamos creciendo en nuestra vida de oración y acercándonos como comunidad pero estamos aprendiendo sobre nuestra fe por medio del catecismo de nuestra hermosa iglesia. Es tan extraordinario cuando puedes ver en los ojos de nuestros miembros ese momento de comprensión. ¡Gracias a nuestro más hermoso Dios en cómo está bendiciendo nuestros pequeños grupos!)**

**Jackie Adams – Saint Laurence, Amarillo TX**

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Why Catholic has been good in our community. We have had many good experiences in our sessions. After the Lenten Session, this time around we will meet monthly in our prayer groups.

David Salinas

St. Teresa, Friona, TX

**¿Por qué ser Católico? ha sido bueno en nuestra comunidad. Hemos tenido muchas buenas experiencias en nuestras sesiones. Después de la Sesión de Cuaresma, en esta ocasión nos reuniremos mensualmente en nuestros grupos de oración)**

**David Salinas – St. Teresa Friona TX**

Important Notice: Please mark your calendar for Sept. 14, 2013—this is the day of the **Diocesan celebration of YEAR OF FAITH**. This is a day to witness to the strong truth of our FAITH alive in Jesus Christ! Do not come alone invite a relative or friend to come with you.

## UP-COMING DATES TO REMEMBER AND SHARE WITH PRAYER GROUPS

Faith Enrichment: English Session: Why Catholics Go to Confession Spanish Session

### LA PRESENCIA DE CRISTO EN LA EUCARISTIA

Sept. 27	Central Deanery, Amarillo	St. Mary's Cathedral —6:30pm
Sept. 28	North Deanery, Dumas	Sts. Peter and Paul — 9:00am to 11:30am
Sept. 28	East Deanery, Pampa	St. Vincent de Paul — 1:30pm to 4:30pm
Sept. 29	South Deanery, Hereford	St. Anthony — 2:00pm to 4:30pm
Nov. 8	Central Deanery, Amarillo	St. Mary's Cathedral — 6:30pm
Nov. 9	North Deanery, Dumas	Sts. Peter and Paul — 9:00am to 11:30am
Nov. 9	East Deanery, Pampa	St. Vincent de Paul — 1:30pm to 4:30pm
Nov. 10	South Deanery, Nazareth	Holy Family — 2:00pm to 4:30pm

*Encountering the Sacraments with  
a Fresh Understanding  
of God's Grace!*

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# Diocesan Year of *Faith* Celebration

## Celebrate the Year of Faith & The New Evangelization

Saturday, September 14th, 2013  
Amarillo Civic Center  
Activities begin at 9:30am

*Presentations on the Domestic Church,  
and Faith in the Marketplace.*

*Cardinal Rodriguez will preside with Bishop Zurek,  
priests and deacons of the Diocese at 4:00pm Mass.  
All in the Diocese of Amarillo are invited.*



Bishop Zurek  
of Amarillo



Cardinal Rodriguez  
of Honduras



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