

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS FROM THE DIOCESE

Busted Halos—Living Holiness in a Broken World Diocesan Young Adult Retreat for Ages 18 & up September 12—13, 2025

St. Brendan Center for Evangelization and Spirituality, 9840 Beulah Rd., Pensacola, FL 32526

Join young adults from across the diocese for a special retreat September 12-13 at the St. Brendan Center for Evangelization and Spirituality. Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration, Talks and Fellowship will be available throughout. Topics include our identity in Christ, how we are transformed in Him and how we are called to sanctify the world.

Awesome speakers are Clair Gallagher, consecrated virgin for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, instructor at Loyola University and co host of podcast Flourishing Sisterhood. Dr. Luke Arredondo, the Director of the Lay Formation Institute and Chez Filippini, Director of Communications and Marriage & Family Life.

Registration fee \$30 includes meals and lodging at St. Brendan. To register go to: www.ptdiocese.org/youngadult-retreats

Processing Guilt God's Way—A Workshop on Divine Mercy and Mental Health Saturday, August 23, 2025, 10:00 AM—2:15 PM

Location: [St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Pensacola](#)

Reserve your spot for a special workshop on divine mercy and mental health at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Pensacola. This workshop offers a balance approach combining Catholic teaching with psychological insights to help you distinguish between healthy guilt that leads to growth and toxic shame that holds you captive.

Featured speakers are Dr. Luke Arredondo, the Director of the Lay Formation Institute and Dr. Jennifer Brooks, Clinical Psychologist. Registration fee is \$15 and includes a box lunch.

URGENT ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Zac Arnold is a seminarian for the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee who has long been suffering kidney failure and is in need of a transplant. With the support of the Office of Seminarians, his medical team have encouraged him to make a broad appeal across the diocese in the hopes of finding a donor.



Please visit his mini-site for more information at www.nkr.org/sly952. Pray for his speedy recovery as he continues his formation

FOOD PACKING EVENT #3

Help us raise
\$30,000
so we can pack
100,000
meals



to feed
children
& families
in developing
countries

Saturday, September 13



Share God's love —
put your faith
into action

Walton County Fairground
790 N 9th St (Hwy 83), DeFuniak Springs

Two shifts for volunteers
9:00-11:30 AM & 12:30-3:00 PM

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Rich in Hope

Romans 15:13



Dr. Mary Healy
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Pensacola-Tallahassee DCCR

8 am to 6 pm
Register at ptdccc.org

\$35 for first person, \$15 for each
additional family member
Breakfast snacks and lunch included

A Pastoral Advisory Council serves as a consultative body in a Catholic parish, offering advice to the pastor on matters related to the spiritual and temporal well-being of the parish community. It helps the pastor discern the needs of the parish and develop a pastoral plan to address those needs. Essentially, it's a group of parishioners who work with the pastor to guide the parish in its mission.

Here's a more detailed look at the functions of a pastoral council:

- **Gathering Parishioner Input:**
Council members act as a bridge between the pastor and the parish, identifying the needs, concerns, and aspirations of the parishioners.
- **Pastoral Planning:**
They assist in developing a comprehensive pastoral plan that outlines the parish's goals and strategies for achieving them.
- **Evaluating Programs:**
The council reviews the effectiveness of existing programs and recommends adjustments or new initiatives to better serve the parish.
- **Consultation:**
The pastor seeks the council's input on various pastoral matters, including spiritual, social, and temporal needs.
- **Promoting Unity and Collaboration:**
The council fosters communication and collaboration among parishioners, encouraging active participation in parish life.
- **Representing the Parish:**
Members represent the diverse perspectives and needs of the entire parish community.
- **Guiding the Pastor:**
While the council advises, the pastor ultimately makes decisions, but they are informed by the council's input.

Essentially, the pastoral council helps the pastor lead the parish by providing insights, facilitating communication, and contributing to the development of a vibrant and engaged Catholic community.