

"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!" - Prayer from the Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, 187

Many people in our part of the province naturally associate July with school being out, making way for long, warm days at the cottage, beach, or family BBQ. For Catholics, this month has traditionally been associated with the Precious Blood of Jesus. Click here to learn more and here for suggestions on how you can honour the Precious Blood. Catholic devotions help our families live our faith in an experiential way, deepening our relationship with Jesus. Admittedly, some devotions like the Holy Rosary in October, or the Holy Family in February are easier to explain to children than others. Luckily many brave catechists have gone before us to help develop resources and activities. Click here for ways you can talk to kids about the Precious Blood of Jesus.

If you don't feel a particular devotion to the Precious Blood, no sweat! There are plenty of activities and devotions to help your family learn more about their faith this summer. Click here to download Gather and Pray's 100+ ideas for your Catholic Summer Bucket List. Alternatively, if you're looking for some wholesome video content for those rainy days indoors, FORMED began a summer series in June called "Summer with the Saints." Each week, subscribers receive an email with content for the whole family featuring that week's spotlighted saint. Click here to sign up to receive the July and August resources. Heads up - the sign up process for FORMED has changed recently, so please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you need help accessing FORMED content.

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Catechesis Summer Gathering July 5
Last reminder for all new and existing catechists - you are invited to attend our summer networking opportunity and discuss best practices. Click here for poster

**Intentional Accompaniment workshop July 16 or Aug 8** Are you interested in honing your relational approach to ministry. <u>Click here</u> to register for a FREE 90 min workshop by CCO.

July 27 World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly This year's theme is "Blessed are those who have not lost hope" (cf. Sir 14:2). Click here for suggestions on how to celebrate the day.

**Euthanasia Healing Retreats July 27** Those who have lost a loved one to Euthanasia are invited to a retreat hosted by St Mary of Egypt Refuge. <u>Click here</u> for poster with more details.

Natural Family Planning Association - Ontario Are you a single woman, mother, or couple looking to better understand God's design for fertility? The Billings Ovulation Method teaches women how to chart their fertility through all life stages. Click here to learn more + connect with an instructor.

Have a question or need support? Want to share about your parish's ministry initiatives? Just want to chat?

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