



Office of Advocacy & Justice

"The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society is proper to the lay faithful." Pope Benedict XVI

JUNE 21 to JULY 4, 2012 FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM FORTNIGHT4FREEDOM.ORG

The Fortnight for Freedom began on Thursday, June 21, on the Vigil of the feast of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher.

Join Catholics around the country in praying for the protection of religious freedom. Visit the [Diocese of Orlando Fortnight for Freedom](#) page for prayer and educational resources.

All parishes will hold a special Mass and the end of the Fortnight on July 4th. [Find the Mass nearest you.](#)

Many parishes are hosting events throughout the Fortnight. Check our [Parish Activities](#) listing for events in your area. Email advocacyjustice@orlandodiocese.org to submit your parish events.

Prayer for the Protection of Conscience Rights

Father, we praise you and thank you for your most precious gifts of human life and human freedom. Touch the hearts of our lawmakers with the wisdom and courage to uphold conscience rights and religious liberty for all. Protect all people from being forced to violate their moral and religious convictions. In your goodness, guard our freedom to live out our faith and to follow you in all that we do. Give us strength to be bold and joyful witnesses. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Year of Faith: Bringing the Light of Christ



A **Convening for Ministry Leaders** will be held on Saturday, July 28 at the San Pedro Center. Fr. Ben Berinti will present on the **50th Anniversary of Vatican II**, showing how, "the texts have lost nothing of their value or brilliance" and continue to give life to the Church today. Other sessions include: "**Living the Light**" on living the Gospel in the light of justice (in English and Spanish) and "**Witnessing to the Light**" - a best practices panel by local parish ministry leaders. Cost for the day is \$20 and includes lunch. Space is limited -[REGISTER NOW!](#)

Save the Date! September 24, 2012 Faithful Citizenship Presentation Annunciation Catholic Church Presentation for Clergy: 4pm-6pm Presentation for the Public: 7pm-9pm

This election year all Catholics have an opportunity to be Faithful Citizens. And this year it is more important than ever! On September 24 come learn:

- How to inform your conscience
- What are the threats to our religious freedom
- Why the Church supports Amendment 6 and 8
- What is the Catholic's role in political participation

More information on our speakers and topics below.

Register to attend by mailing:
advocacyjustice@orlandodiocese.org



Bishop John Noonan of the Diocese of Orlando will speak on Forming Your Consciences in an election year.



Kathy Saile, Director of Domestic Policy at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will speak on Political Responsibility & Protecting Human Life.



Michael Sheedy, Associate Director for Health at the Florida Catholic Conference will speak on State Voter Education and Amendment 6 and 8.

Featured Resource:

Torture: An Intrinsic Evil—A Catholic Study Guide

A workshop focusing on the issue of torture-- and the need to explore this topic using the teachings of the Church. Through interviews of torture survivors, and discussion of Catholic social teaching, this module aims to inspire thoughtful reflection and conversation of the issue.

[Download the study guide here.](#)

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Calendar of Events June 21-July 4

Fortnight for Freedom. [Click here for resources.](#)

July

16-18: SHARE Symposium on Post-Abortion Healing in Alamitos Bay, CA. Visit www.sharesymposium.org for more information

28: Year of Faith - Bringing the Light of Christ: San Pedro Center, 9:30am-:230pm

Save the Date! September 24 Faithful Citizenship presentation in Altamonte Springs. [Download the flyer for more information.](#)

August

4: Journey of Faith and Justice Retreat, St. Peter's Church, Deland

September

24: Faithful Citizenship Presentation, Annunciation Catholic Church, Altamonte Springs. [Download the flyer for more information.](#)

October

6: Helpers Mass and Rosary Procession

6: Life Rally for Youth at Holy Family, Orlando

7: Respect Life Sunday

12-13: Respect Life Conference, Jacksonville, FL

November

2-3: Rachel's Vineyard Post Abortion Retreat

3: Helpers Mass and Rosary Procession

18: Million Meals Challenge - Orlando, Rosen Shingle Creek

For more information or to submit an event to the calendar, contact the Office of Advocacy and Justice at 407-246-4819 or eclayton@orlandodiocese.org

