

Congratulations to our Culinary Winners:

1st Prize Seared Tuna
By Andy McAlexander &
Patrick Murphy

2nd Prize Fried Oyster
By Neill O'Connell &
Jeff Massey

3rd Prize BBQ Sushi Rolls
John D. Sullivan &
Scott Barnes

Bishop's Award
Veal Meatballs over
Polenta

By Michael Dragon

Thank you to all who participated
in our Annual Pre-School
Fundraiser. We wish to thank the
other contestants who did a
wonderful job as well:
David Davis, Miffie Hollyday,
Russell Richardson,
Brian & Monique Murray & Candy
MacManus, Jim & Sheila Herberman,
Stafford & Bill Von Hoene & Jason
Carnes, Chris Manion, Ali Barrett
& Memori Spence, Candace Abuvala &
Lisa Hinds, Brian Spence & Cory
Craig, Cindy Weldon & Donna
Hellings, Nick Gallo, and George
Thorning. Hope to see you all
back next year!!!!

Events to Put on Your Calendar

May 16th – Deanery Gathering
with
Bishop Ricard

May 21st – Pre-School Graduation

May 27th – Parish Appreciation
Dinner & Celebration

June 15th – 19th - VBS

....Dinner and Spirit Nite will follow...

CROCS CALENDAR

FOR MAY

May 6th - May
crowning

May 13th - Bring
Decorated
Poster for Lenten Journey
Celebrate St. Therese of
Liseux

May 20th - Putt Putt
Nite
Meet at Golf Garden at
5:30 PM

May 27th - End of year
celebration

Calling All Volunteers

VBS IS RIGHT AROUND THE
CORNER!!! If you would like
to be part of the team, St.

Rita wants you! VBS is June
15th - 19th
9:00 am to 11:30 am. Contact
Laurie Borick
at 622-0923.

**St. Rita CCW
Will end the year with
a dinner at Enzo's
Restaurant on May
21st at 6:00 PM
There are several
entrees available and
the \$20 cost includes
salad, entrée, tea,
soda or coffee. To
RSVP call the office at
267-2558.**

**The Men's Club
Last meeting is
scheduled for May
28th. Further details in
next week's bulletin.**

ON WEALTH

*Nothing is more fallacious than wealth. It is a hostile
comrade, a domestic enemy.*

—St. John Chrysostom

FROM OUR BISHOP

Bishop's Call to Attend Deanery Gatherings

To my dear brothers and sisters
in the parishes and missions
of the West Central Deanery
of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee:

I invite you, the Catholics of this deanery, to gather
with your families and friends and to celebrate the treasure of
our Faith.

All are welcome on Saturday, May 16 to St. Mary
Parish. The Festivities begin at 9:30 am with Mass at 10:00 am.
The entire day is free to all and will include Mass, lunch and fun
for all ages. Most important, it will bring us - clergy, religious
and laity together as Church.

This West Central Deanery Gathering is one of four to
be called across the diocese as the centerpieces of our *Year of
Faith Engaged: Sharing Christ's Message Since 1559*. The
importance of these Gatherings can not be underestimated. In
times such as these, we must hold the light of Faith high so that
all may see and be strengthened.

Every generation of disciples is challenged to make
their time and place reflect Christ's kingdom on earth. Ours is a
time of historic opportunity – not only in our country, but also in
our state and our region. Our values and beliefs are
countercultural. Our times call us to embody the Beatitudes and
to stake our lives on the Good News.

We confidently accept the challenge to ensure that the
threads of faith, woven so strongly in God's grace, remain
animated and unbroken. It is by God's providential guidance
that these opportunities for reflection and action should
converge at this very challenging time in our church, our
diocese and our nation.

On the eve of our thirty-fifth anniversary as a diocese, I
earnestly encourage your participation in this event. Our
gracious God willed that the seeds of faith, sown in hope 450
years ago in our region, would flourish and grow into our time
and beyond.

Let the light of hope shine in us for all to see.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,



Most Reverend John H. Ricard, SSJ
Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee