



Pastoral Formation Institute

Alumni "You are the light for all the world." Mt.5:16

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Congratulations Mary Toole!



Mary is a PFI graduate, the first president of the PFI Alumni Association and just received her Masters from the Seminary.

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Dear PFI Colleague,

June is filling our calendars with all kinds of celebrations. Whether a wedding, special anniversary, a young tot's first ballet recital, graduation, the end of another school year, each listed in the litany of gatherings have one thing in common: the celebration of *someone's* significant journey. Although the lunch tables are a buzz with the exchange of gift suggestions, meal planning and "How am I ever going to get it all done" chat, deep down inside each of us is a humble gratitude for the gift of family and friends.

PFI is no different. Year I classes are making arrangements for summer gatherings. They do not want to break the rhythm of prayer, learning and faith-sharing they've become accustomed to. Year II brings a bittersweet closure to a familiar pattern of life that has significantly affected their thinking, praying, attitudes and personal relationships.

What were your thoughts on those final days of PFI? How do those two years continue to impact your life? How are you doing as a disciple of Jesus?

The [PFI Facebook group](#) is now up and running. It is called: "DRVC PFI Discussion Forum". If you already have a Facebook account, send me a friend request if you would like to become a member of the group, or you can request to join the group directly.

[Applications for the 2011-12](#) academic year are available to download or by contacting [Estelle Peck](#). Remember your personal, *enthusiastic* invitation is the best way to invite someone to join PFI.

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Class Site schedules are listed in [Spanish](#) and [English](#). Posters, pamphlets, and applications are [available online](#) or from your Deanery/Parish reps. Contact [Joan McGovern](#) for PFI Alumni deanery/parish representatives contact information if you want to be more involved with the Alumni.

2011-2012 Ministry Leadership Courses

- "[Catechetical: Go Out to World and Share the Good News](#)" (35 hours) with Ellen Zafonte, St. Frances de Chantal, Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 28 thru July 28, 2011, 6:30-9:30 pm; or 14 Wednesdays; 9:00 a.m.-11:30 am. Fall, '11 and Winter, '12; St. James, Seaford; or with Kathy Roberts at St. John Nepomcene, Bohemia; Specific Dates/Time TBA. Contact [Sr. Mary Alice Piil, CSJ](#) or [Estelle Peck](#) for catechetical ministry scholarships.
- "[Social Justice: Love Beyond Measure](#)" 35 hours; Saturdays in Fall, '11 & Winter, '12; Catholic Charities; Hicksville, Dates TBA.
- "[Liturgy: The Unending Symphony](#)" 15 hours*; Choice of two Class Sites: East End with Sr. Mary Alice Piil, CSJ and Western L.I. with Rev. Msgr. Andrzej Zglejszewski. Three Saturdays; Fall, 2011; Specific Dates/Times TBA.
- "[Family Ministry: The Circle of Life](#)" with Kathy Logan and Sr. Jo Ann Bonauero, SC; 10 hours*; Tuesdays; 9:30 a.m.-11:30 am; Oct. thru Nov; St. William the Abbot, Seaford.
- "[Ochos Habitos para un Ministerio Eficaz](#)": Fall, '11- Winter-'12 with Jose de Jesus. Times/Date TBA.

**Please Note: Family (10 hrs.) and Liturgy (15 hrs.) Leadership Courses are core curriculum only. To fulfill the required 35 hours for completion of a specific track, choice of a variety of electives (including workshops, conferences, classes, etc.) will be offered throughout the year and may be applicable to several tracks. For example: Baptism Preparation Training may be applied to the Family Ministry or Liturgy Track. Contact [Estelle Peck](#) for more information.*

English and Spanish speaking weekend hosts and interviewers are needed for the 2011-2012 academic year. Contact [Maria Sarra](#) for hosting; [Tina Rine-DeTrano](#) for interviews.

Dates to Remember

- [Graduation](#): Thursday, June 30, 7:30 p.m., St. Agnes Cathedral.
- [Scripture On the Waters of Long Island with Suzanne Richards](#): "Bible on the Bluff" Wednesday, July 6, 6:30 at Villa Immaculata, Riverhead (Note change of location by popular request from our East Enders!) and "Scripture on the Sound" on August 31, 6:30 p.m., at Sunken Meadow Park. Bring lawn chairs.
- [Meet and Greet](#): Please join the Events and Leadership Teams in greeting our new graduates and perspective

applicants at the Seminary on Sunday, July 24 from 2-4 pm for a lovely afternoon. This is a perfect opportunity to bring along someone who is thinking about joining PFI. Enjoy light refreshments, staff and alumni presentations as well as a tour of the seminary. **Please [RSVP](#) if you know you can make it.**

- **[PFI Family Picnic](#)**: Sunday, September 25, at the Seminary. More to follow after the Picnic Planning Team meets on Thursday, June 9, 7 pm at St. John of God, Central Islip: Contact [Jill Meise](#) or [Gilberto Guevara](#) (*Si habla Ud. Espanol*) if you would like to help.
- **["Sight and Sound"](#)** Lancaster, PA; Date: October 15, 2011. Cost: \$110 includes bus, admission to theatre and dinner at Millers. Full payment (non-refundable) required upon registration by Aug. 1.

Reminder: Have you updated the [PFI Census](#) lately?

Hope to see you on Facebook. Blessings to all!

Estelle Peck

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