



Ten Ways to Grow Closer to Christ this Summer, 2017

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Archdiocesan Women's Conference

Saturday, January 27, 2018

More Information coming soon!

<p>#1 Pray through the Day</p>	<p>Start your Day with Prayer: http://www.beginningcatholic.com/daily-catholic-prayer Liturgy of the Hours for Families: http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=6367 Conclude the Day with an Evening Examen: http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-examen</p>
<p>#2 Join a Men's or Women's Group</p>	<p>Start a Men's Group and Fuel your Faith: https://www.dbqarch.org/offices/adult-faith/small-christian-communities/mens-resources/ Gather your Girlfriends and Form a Catholic Book Club: http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/column/starting-a-book-club-2704/ Join an Online Women's Book Study: <i>Who Does He Say You Are?</i>: http://womeninthenewevangelization.com/wine/index.php/summer-book-club/</p>
<p>#3 Care for Our Common Home</p>	<p>Living Out Pope Francis' Encyclical, <i>Laudato Si: On Care For Our Common Home</i>: http://nacflm.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Vogt-Handout-NACFLM-on-Laudato-Si.pdf <i>Prayers For Mother Earth</i> Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vGTqe-KsnOU St. Francis of Assisi's <i>Canticle of the Sun</i>: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MShtNly61uw</p>
<p>#4 Exercise Your Mind</p>	<p>Start a Prayer Journal: https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/how-to-keep-a-prayer-journal/ Summer Reading Suggestions from the U.S. Catholic Book Club: http://www.uscatholic.org/bookclub Study in a Summer Course with Dayton Virtual Learning: https://vlcff.udayton.edu/</p>
<p>#5 Be Adventurous</p>	<p>Summer Ideas for Families: http://catholicmom.com/2013/05/15/summer-activities-for-you-and-your-kids/ Create a Summer Bucket List: http://lifeteen.com/cym/blog/my-youth-ministry-summer-bucket-list/ Outdoor Scavenger Hunt Adventures: http://cymhub.com/tag/scavenger-hunts/</p>
<p>#6 Plant a Garden</p>	<p>Plant Seeds of Faith: http://faith.5minutesformom.com/8546/planting-the-seed-of-faith/ Plant a Catholic Garden: http://www.catholichomeandgarden.com/the_catholic_garden.htm Prayer for a Garden: https://www.ncronline.org/blogs/prayer-garden</p>
<p>#7 Participate in a Catholic Experience</p>	<p>Honor Our Lady of Fatima on the 100th Anniversary of Mary's Apparition in Fatima: https://www.pinterest.com/dbqarch/saints-our-lady-of-fatima/ Stop at New Melleray Abbey to Join in Mid-Day Prayer: http://www.newmelleray.org/ Pray, Hike, and Enjoy Praying Outdoor The Way of the Cross at St. Donatus Catholic Church, St. Donatus, IA: https://50mmimages.wordpress.com/2015/06/14/st-donatus-and-the-outdoor-way-of-the-cross/</p>
<p>#8 Focus on Family- the Domestic Church</p>	<p>Five Ways to a Stronger Family Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tXCCg8zocTU Day-by-Day Living for Families as the Domestic Church: https://www.pinterest.com/dbqarch/day-by-day-living-for-the-domestic-church/ Ten Summer Ideas For Catholic Families: http://catholicexchange.com/10-summer-ideas-catholic-family</p>
<p>#9 Practice Mercy</p>	<p>Start Seeing Others through Mercy: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cDDWvj_q-o8 Fifty Corporal Works of Mercy Ideas for your Summer Bucket List: https://focusoncampus.org/content/50-corporal-works-of-mercy-ideas-for-your-summer-bucket-list How To Practice Works of Mercy Today: http://www.thedivinemercy.org/news/How-Can-We-Practice-the-Corporal-Works-of-Mercy-Today-3153</p>
<p>#10 Find Personal Leisure Time</p>	<p>Check off your list: <i>Ten Classic Movies all Catholics Should See</i>: http://catholic-link.org/2015/11/27/10-classic-movies-for-catholics/ Check out these 2017 Summer Movie Trailers: : http://churchofsaintmary.com/summer-movie-night-series/ Reconnect with/Visit an Old Friend: http://intentblog.com/5-simple-ways-to-reconnect-with-old-friends/</p>