



Shekina Spirituality

*Inspiring and Empowering Growth in Faith
Programs for Adult Faith Development
Summer/Fall 2026*

June 2026

- **Threshold of Hope Advisory Board**

This second meeting of the Archdiocesan Bereavement Program evaluates and assigns presenters for the Threshold of Hope Training Program. We report on the progress of the parishes that are working to establish their Bereavement Committees. We have a thumbnail report on grieving a spouse.

Time: Wednesday, June 3, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Place: Via Zoom

Facilitator: Sr. Paula Gallagher and Team

To register: Archdiocese of Santa Fe Family Life, Yvette Duran, Director. 505-831-8117, yduran@asfnm.org

- **Emmaus Journey Session: Jesus Christ Yesterday, Today and Forever**

This Scripture class takes in the scope of Jesus Christ yesterday, “I spy him now, but not yet”, Jesus Christ today in the Good News of the Gospel, and Jesus Christ forever, the universal Christ. We will dwell in the First Testament prophets, the Gospel of Matthew, and the later New Testament writings that unfold to this very day.

Time: Saturday, June 20, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Place: Via Zoom

Presenter: Sr. Paula Gallagher IHM

To Register: Corey Lucero, Emmaus Journey Coordinator 505-265-8097, lucero7056@gmail.com

July 2026

- **Women’s Retreat: Lady Wisdom**

This private retreat invites us to get in touch with that part of our hearts in real personal contact with God. We walk with the stories of holy women in Scripture and history who inspire us to live our lives fully, authentically, strongly, and joyfully. They were each women of their time, but their insights transcend time. They will invite us to open ourselves fully to all God has in store for us.

Time: Friday – Saturday, July 10 - 11

Place: Family Retreat Center/hybrid Zoom

Presenter: Sr. Paula Gallagher IHM

To Register: Rebecca Tenorio Schoener, 505-225-4485, tenrat@hotmail.com

- **Basics of Catechetical Formation**

Grasp the basic history of the Church’s catechetical ministry. Study the various stages of human development in line with the spiritual development of both the catechist and the learner.

Time: July 20 – August 23

Presenter: Marie T. Morrison

Place: University of Dayton Virtual Learning for Faith Formation

To Register: <https://vlcff.udayton.edu>

August 2026

- **Jornada de Fe: Images of God Retreat**

Presenters: Ann Kaul & Brian Stafford

Venue: St. John the Baptist Parish Hall & Zoom

Time: August 15, 9 am – 3 pm

Registration Information: Ann Kaul & Brian Stafford, 505-424-1750

- **The Church of the 21st Century**

This is the fourth of the Basic Theology courses of the Archdiocese required for Catechetical Certification. It examines the Church today in Faith and Community, in Sacramental Life and Worship, in Moral Decision Making, in Social Justice concerns and awareness.

Time: Monday Evenings, August 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Registration Deadline: Monday, July 27th.

Venue: Via Zoom

Facilitator: Sr. Paula Gallagher IHM

To Register: Della Montano, Office of Faith Formation dmontano@asfnm.org 505-831-8142

- **The Effective Catechetical Leader: Part IV Excellence in Ministry**

This excellent series of leadership resources is preparing Directors of Religious Education for our parishes for comprehensive ministry. This semester, we focus on how to form collaborative advisory boards, engage parents' support, planning within the flow of the liturgical year, and operational aspects of this ministry.

Time: August 12 and 19, in-person group 10:00 am – Noon.

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, August 5th.

Place: Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Santa Fe/School Building

Facilitator: Sr. Paula Gallagher IHM

To register: Della Montano, Office of Faith Formation

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ONLINE OPTION

Time: August 12 and 26, Online group 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, August 5th.

Place: Via Zoom

To Register: Della Montano dmontano@asfnm.org, 505-831-8142

- **Writers Praying**

This group of spiritual journal writers gathers every three months to share how God anchors us through all the struggles that are forming us. This January session, we will treasure our New Year by asking life the right questions and making intentional choices. We will help one another form ceremonies for common days to enrich our joy and peace.

Time: Friday, August 14, 10 AM to Noon

Venue: Via Zoom

Facilitator: Sr. Paula Gallagher IHM

To Register: Sr. Paula, 505-670-0240, musicwrit7@gmail.com

September 2026

- **Jornada de Fe: Church History: Early Christianity, Persecutions, Heresies**

Presenters: Ann Kaul & Brian Stafford

Venue: St. John the Baptist Parish Hall & Zoom

Time: September 12, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Registration Information: Ann Kaul & Brian Stafford, 505-424-1750

- **Seasons of Hope: Journal Three**

We invite persons experiencing loss through the death of a loved one, physical change, job loss, or major transitions to share this Catholic Bereavement Resource. Through Scripture, faith sharing, and ritual, we find solace for our spirits.

Time: Saturdays, September 12, 19, 26, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Place: The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Santa Fe, School Building

Facilitator: Sr. Paula Gallagher IHM

To register: Sr. Paula 505-670-0240 musicwrit7@gmail.com

- **Introduction to Scripture**

This is the first of the Basic Theology courses of the Archdiocese required for Catechetical Certification. It examines the process of how the Bible was formed, highlights of the Jewish First Testament and Gospels, the life and times of Jesus, and the early Church and early Christian writings after the Gospel.

Time: Monday evenings, September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Registration Deadline: Monday, September 14th.

Place: Via Zoom

Presenter: Sr. Paula Gallagher IHM

To Register: Della Montano, Office of Faith Formation, dmontano@asfnm.org, 505-831-8142

- **Great Women of the New Testament**

We study the encounters of Jesus with women in the Gospels and the roles women played in the early days of the Church. This series helps women explore their earliest Christian roles and identify more closely with those women who were touched by the person and spirit of Jesus Christ.

Time: Tuesday Evenings, September 22, 29, and October 6, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Place: Via Zoom

Presenter: Sr. Paula Gallagher IHM

To Register: Archdiocese of Santa Fe, Pastoral Ministries Division

Michelle Montez, Director mmontez@asfnm.org

Denise Frias, Executive Secretary dfrias@asfnm.org 505-831-8165

October 2026

- **Jornada de Fe: Church History: Papal Authority, Charlemagne, Christendom**

Presenters: Ann Kaul & Brian Stafford

Venue: St. John the Baptist Parish Hall & Zoom

Time: October 10, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Registration Information: Ann Kaul & Brian Stafford, 505-424-1750

- **Crossing the Threshold of Hope**

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe is encouraging every parish to develop a bereavement support ministry to console and pray with those experiencing loss. This is a three-part training offering for parish bereavement committees. We will focus on the theology of hope and of body, the stages and manifestations of grief, and becoming ourselves wounded healers in support of others.

Time: Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Place: Via Zoom

Facilitator: Sr. Paula Gallagher and Team

To register: Archdiocese of Santa Fe Family Life Office

Yvette Duran, Director 505-831-8117, ydurand@asfnm.org

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Time: Saturdays, October 10, 17, 24, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Place: The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Santa Fe, School Building

Facilitator: Sr. Paula Gallagher IHM

To register: Sr. Paula 505-670-0240 musicwrit7@gmail.com

November 2026

- **Pope Leo: Voice of Peace in a Season of War**

This discussion will gather the pastoral perspective and initiatives of Pope Leo's initial impact on the Church and the world. We will reach his teachings, examine his travels, and discuss his first encyclical, "Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence"

Time: Tuesday evenings, November 3, 10, 17, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Place: Via Zoom

Presenter: Sr. Paula Gallagher IHM

To Register: Archdiocese of Santa Fe, Pastoral Ministries Division

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- **Bereavement Ministry Enrichment:**

These two evenings are offered to deepen our understanding of the many ways our people struggle with loss and their grief.

How Children Grieve Wednesday, November 4, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Facilitators: Doddie Espinosa Ortega and Sr. Paula Gallagher IHM

How Men Grieve Wednesday, November 11, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Facilitators: Ray Jojoya and Sr. Paula

To register: Archdiocese of Santa Fe Family Life Office, Yvette Duran. yduran@asfnm.org, 505-831-8117

- **Jornada de Fe: Church History: Schism and Catholic Renewal**

Presenters: Ann Kaul & Brian Stafford

Venue: St. John the Baptist Parish Hall & Zoom

Time: November 7, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Registration Information: Ann Kaul & Brian Stafford, 505-424-1750

- **The Light and the Dark of Grief: A Bereavement Day of Prayer**

This time of prayer seeks to give solace to those honoring a loss in life. Together we pray over the mystery of it all, and our Church's beautiful November feasts of All Saints/All Souls and Communion of the Saints. We share wisdom on how to live on with our losses and heal. We lean into the beautiful image of walking each other home.

Time: Saturday, November 7, 2026, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Place: The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Santa Fe, School Building

Facilitator: Sr. Paula Gallagher IHM

To Register: Sr. Paula, musicwrit7@aol.com, 505-670-0240

- **Bringing in the Sheaves: A Thanksgiving Day of Prayer**

This Blessings of Age retreat for Seniors is an ingathering: thanks for the persons and memories of our past, growing in gratitude practice and abundance consciousness in the present, prayers of gratitude for blessings the Lord has in store we have yet to receive. We encourage each other to become cornucopias and to love giving thanks.

Time: Saturday, November 21, 9:30 am– 12:30 pm

Place: TBA

Facilitator: Sr. Paula Gallagher IHM

To Register: Deacon Robert Vigil, Pastoral Outreach Office 505-831-8174, rvigil@asfnm.org

December 2026

- **Jornada de Fe: Church History: Enlightenment, Vatican I, Modern Ideologies**

Presenters: Ann Kaul & Brian Stafford

Venue: St. John the Baptist Parish Hall & Zoom

Time: December 5, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Registration Information: Ann Kaul & Brian Stafford, 505-424-1750

- **Come: An Advent Retreat for Seniors**

This time of Advent prayer invites us to stillness and listening for the whisper of God.

The mystery of the Incarnation is an ongoing fascination. Each year of our lives, the Lord calls us nearer, still nearer into his every faithful, ever amazing love.

Time: Wednesday, December 2, and/or Saturday, December 5, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Venue: TBA

Facilitator: Sr. Paula Gallagher IHM

To Register: Sr. Paula at 505-670-0240/musicwrit7@aol.com

[All About Shekina Spirituality Ministry](#)

- The Shekina program offerings focus on inspiring, enriching, encouraging, and empowering the ongoing faith development, especially of our Catholic laity. We focus on areas of scripture, heritage of our Catholic faith, liturgical seasons, developmental spirituality, spiritual friendship, bereavement support, and creative spiritual growth. The ministry also offers liturgical season retreats and individual spiritual companionship. (Please contact Sr. Paula Gallagher IHM for information)
- We teach for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Pastoral Ministries Division, the Deanery Schools of Ministry of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, The University of Dayton online learning, and for various parish groups and gatherings, by invitation. Since its inception, Shekina has reached a variety of senior gatherings, school retreats, in-home Bible studies, Third Order Franciscans, St. Vincent de Paul, Hospice, and other bereavement support groups.
- Be invited to join us for any of these offerings. Any of these topics can be adapted to the location and times of a group you may like to gather. There is also a master list of topics we have developed over the years of Shekina Ministry. Let us know if we can be of service to you on your personal spiritual journey, or for your communities that gather for ministry and faith sharing.

Our Winter/Spring 2026 Shekina Presenters



Sr. Paula Gallagher IHM is an Adult Faith Presenter/spiritual director in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, teaching scripture, Catholic spiritual heritage, theological reflection on developmental spiritual issues, presenting liturgical season retreats, and offering bereavement support. She has served in parishes and retreat centers in the dioceses of Brooklyn, NY, Newark, NJ, Scranton, PA, Nelson, BC, Canada, and New Mexico. Sister Paula presents offerings through the Pastoral Ministries Division, Office of Faith Formation, and Family Life Office of the Archdiocese. Musicwrit7@gmail.com. 505-670-0240).



Marie Turney Morrison, MA, is a facilitator for the University of Dayton Virtual Learning Faith Formation program. She is a catechetical leader and catechist, a middle school youth minister, facilitator for a weekly Bible study, and presenter for the Formation for Christian Service, Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Marie also serves as master catechist for her home parish of Santa Maria de la Paz, Santa Fe, NM. mariesantafe@gmail.com, 505-982-0507, Cell 505-629-9169



Ann Kaul is a lifelong Catholic and educator. She is committed to sharing her knowledge of the Catholic faith with others through RCIA and now as Co-director of Jornada de Fe School of Ministry. She believes that a lively, developed Catholic faith will guide and inspire lives that reflect that faith in service to others. She believes faith continues to develop lifelong, giving us a firm foundation of knowledge and understanding of God and His Church. Ann has been a mathematics instructor at UNM, Santa Fe Community College, and a research scientist at Los Alamos. Ann.kaul@yahoo.com, 505-424-1750, Cell 505 690-4433



Brian Stafford believes Jornada de Fe School of Ministry is a place for people to explore their interests and grow skills based on the roots of their faith. He serves as Secretary for Religious Education and Adult Faith Formation at St. John the Baptist Parish. He has been a Computer Science instructor, Business Programs and Graphic Arts instructor at UNM. He is a Knights of Columbus officer and a 4th degree Knight. secanre@cybermesa.com, 505-424-1750