



# May 2011

## ORE Connections



### From the Director's desk...

#### Another Golf Story

Recently, I listened to a sports psychologist talk about the game of golf. A lot of what he said applies not only to the game but to life itself. What he suggests is that we have a more positive approach to life. Too many of us emphasize the negative things, in golf, we too often ask ourselves what went wrong rather than asking ourselves what was right about our good swings. Why is it that we always dwell on the bad shots rather than the good ones? Why do we question our swing mechanics when the ball doesn't go in the direction we want it to go? Why do we put ourselves down so quickly when we don't get the desired outcome? And when we hit it well, why don't we rejoice in the fact that we have finally done it correctly? Every time we hit a shot that we like, the psychologist suggests we should anchor that feeling with an inner smile or an outward thumbs up. Think about what is right about the way you play and you will play even better. This goes for all sports. If you think you can do it, you are in a better position to do it. If you don't think you can hit the ball over the water, for example, chances are that you won't be able to. Dwelling upon what is wrong with our game keeps us depressed.

Isn't that the same with life? If we constantly dwell upon our imperfections we will be depressed. If we constantly think about our faults and shortcomings we leave no room in ourselves for the beauty that is there. God made us special and beautiful, each in our own unique way. Rejoice in your gifts and your talents and you will be a happier person.

Stop looking at your faults and your failings. It is easy to do that. It is even easier to see the faults and the imperfections in other people. This is not good. It keeps you in a constant state of agitation and irritability. It keeps you down rather than up. Life is too short. Enjoy it more. Look for ways to be nicer to people and they will be nicer to you. When ever you give away love it always is returned to you many times over.

*Emphasize the positive and de-emphasize the negative and I guarantee you will be a happier and healthier individual. Why look at the speck in your friend's eye when sometimes you have a plank in or own that blinds you to goodness in yourself and in other people.*

*Jesus was a positive person. He encouraged us to be good to each other. He went so far as to suggest that we forgive our brothers and sisters 70 times 7 times. He even asked us to forgive our enemies and those who persecute us as he forgave his enemies. That is a pretty difficult thing to do. Some have suggested that it is impossible. I do know from personal experience that when I pray for those who have hurt me, my anger and my resentment towards them often dissipates. There is much too much negativity out there. We've got to loosen up and be more positive if we want to be happier people.*

*I'm trying to preach this as much to myself as I am to you. I've got to stop worrying about the little things and believe that God will provide. I've got to keep my eye fixed on the big picture. Life moves too quickly. I've got to stop and enjoy it more. In fact there are a lot of medical reports out today that state that you can actually increase your lifespan by eliminating stress and negativity. Be nice to yourself and others and you will live longer.*

*When things go wrong we should identify the source of our difficulty, take a deep breath, exhale slowly and then smile from within, thinking, as you do, some pleasant thoughts such as I'm going to be OK and Jesus loves me.*

*We need more laughter in our lives. I think sometimes we take ourselves much too seriously. And, we are much too critical. We've taken that attitude and passed it down to our children. This is not good. We've got to lighten up and smile more. We will feel better and so will the people who surround us.*

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*Well, since I began this article with golf, I suppose I should conclude it with a golf story. Did you hear about the man who fell in love with a woman he had met a few days before. He said to her, I should tell you this before I ask you to marry me. I must confess that I'm a very, very avid golfer. I play the game almost every day of the week. I'm afraid that if you marry me you won't see much of me. And then she said, I too have a confession to make. What he asked? Well she said I think that you should know that I'm a hooker. He said. That's OK honey, just move your right hand a little more to the left.*

*~Monsignor Motta~*

## ADULT FORMATION/ EVANGELIZATION/RCIA

### Lay Ministry

Applications are now being accepted for the Lay Ministry class 2011-2013.

Do you know any lay people who are active in your church in various ministries, but need some training? Our next Lay Ministry classes will begin in September 2011. The Lay Ministry Program could enhance your parish life by providing training for the lay volunteer. The Lay Ministry program is an 18 month formation program that includes classes in theology, spiritual development and pastoral skills as well as a parish internship. For more information check our website, [www.orehartford.org](http://www.orehartford.org) or call Mary Marsan at 860- 243-9465.

### New England Convocation

See the entry under "RELIGIOUS EDUCATION".  
Note: The pre-convocation, August 4-5 (noon-noon) is aimed specifically for those working with the RCIA.

### Offerings from Paulist Evangelization Ministries

New Online courses:

Two-Part Webinar on "Biblical Spirituality for Mission" – with Fr. Frank DeSiano. Two part presentation – May 5 and May 12, 3:00-4:00 ET.

Six-week course on "Keys to Reaching Inactive Catholics" – with John and Therese Boucher – May 2 – June 12.

Twelve-session course on "From Maintenance to Mission: Evangelization and the Revitalization of the Parish" – with Fr. Bob Rivers – May 2 – June 12

For more information or to register – go to [www.pemdc.org](http://www.pemdc.org).

## CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL

### CBS Registration News

All current Biblical School students should have already received copies of the Registration Forms to enroll in next year's classes. Forms are also available on the CBS page of the website or can be obtained by contacting Jill Costa in the ORE Office. Forms are due **MAY 1**. Payment of tuition deposits (\$125) are due on **JUNE 1**.

## Summer Reading ABiblical School Enrollment 2011-12

Enrollment for first-year classes begins May 1. Forms are available online at <http://www.orehartford.org/cbs/CBS%20APPLICATION%202011-12.pdf> or by contacting Jill Costa in the ORE Office. Applicants should make an appointment for an interview with the CBS Coordinator by contacting Jill Costa. All interviews must be complete by Sept 10 and should be *scheduled by August 15, 2011*.

**CBS Tuition Scholarships** are available online at [http://www.orehartford.org/cbs/scholarship\\_fund/Scholarship%20Application%20Current.pdf](http://www.orehartford.org/cbs/scholarship_fund/Scholarship%20Application%20Current.pdf) or by contacting Jill Costa in the ORE Office. Second, third and fourth-year students need to have scholarship applications in by June 1. First-year students must return completed forms by August 15.

### ssignments 2011

Advanced Year: Students entering Years Three and Four of the Biblical School in fall 2011 will be reading *portions (only)* of the important church document, "Interpretation of the Bible in the Church." It is not the entire document, which is rather lengthy and has obscure language. The portions to be assigned will be listed on the assignment sheet, which will be ready by June 1 at the latest. Look for updates in class, in this newsletter, and in the CBS Blog. Assignments are due at the Opening Scripture Day on August 20, 2011.

Year 2: Students entering Year Two in fall 2011 will be reading Donald Senior's book, *Jesus: A Gospel Portrait*. Assignment sheets are available online at <http://www.orehartford.org/cbs/2011-2012/Summer%20Reading%20Assignment%20%20RED%202011.pdf>. Assignments are due at Scripture Day, August 20, 2011.

Summer reading books can be obtained at the Catholic Bookstore or in the St. Thomas Seminary library. BJ also has a few copies of the Donald Senior book (for Year 2) in her office for sale. You'll need to come into the ORE Office to purchase those, if you're interested.

### ATTENTION Second-Year Students in the Biblical School!

*Basic Certificate Eligibility Forms* went out to all Year 2 students in March. All second-year students need to complete and return these forms to BJ in the Office of Religious Education (see address on cover of this newsletter) by **May 1**—even if you do not think you are eligible to receive the Basic Certificate in Biblical Studies this year! *If you did not receive this important form, kindly call Jill Costa in the ORE Office* right away to get this form and to let us know whether you plan to participate in the Award Ceremony.

Students receiving their Basic Certificate will be honored (and will receive their certificates) at the Office of Religious Education Award Ceremony on Wednesday, May 25, 7:30 pm at St. Mark the Evangelist Church in West Hartford.

We will be extending a personal invitation to the ORE Award Ceremony to pastors of eligible Year 2 students. Please note, though, that all are welcome to attend, and you are urged to bring family and friends to share in your achievement.

## ATTENTION Fourth-Year Students in the Biblical School!

End-of-year events for Year 4 students include a day of reflection (Mt. Nebo Day, Saturday June 4) and a special graduation ceremony and reception (Sunday, June 12). Both events are times to celebrate your Biblical School journey. We urge *all* Year 4 students to attend. At graduation, all students who have journeyed through the entire four years will receive either a *Certificate in Advanced Biblical Studies* or a *Certificate of Participation in the Biblical School*.

Forms requesting information about your participation in these events went out to all Year 4 students in March. Please return them by **JUNE 1**. *If you did not receive a copy of this form, kindly contact Jill Costa in the ORE Office.*

### Opening Scripture Day—DATE CHANGE!

The Year 2 Fall Scripture Day has had to be changed to August 20, 2011. This is the same date as the Advanced-Year Scripture Day. Please schedule your summer plans around this important event. Please make a note of the new date on your calendars and on your reading assignment sheet. The time and place remains the same: 9:00-3:00 at St. Thomas Seminary

## CATHOLIC SCOUTING

Catholic Girl Scouts earning their Family of God, I Live My Faith, Marion, or Spirit Alive medals will be honored at Girl Scout Recognition Sunday. This will take place at the Archdiocese of Hartford Seminary on Sunday, May 1 at 3:00pm.

**May 15, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.:** Archdiocese of Hartford Catholic Boy Scout Recognition Sunday: Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford.

**September 8, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.:** Boy Scout Catholic Committee Meeting Office of Religious Education Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary

**September 24, 2011, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.:** Religious Emblems Counselor Training, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary

**September 30, 6:00 p.m. to October 2, 2011, 11:00 a.m.:** Catholic Boy & Cub Scout Camporee, Camp Strang, Goshen, CT.

**November 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.:** Adult Boy Scout Banquet: Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary Alumni Lounge

## HISPANIC MINISTRY

### Próximos Eventos:

### Meeting & Retreat

*for Hispanic coordinators of parish catechesis*

Saturday June 11, 2011

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

St. Thomas Seminary

467 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, CT

Registration & Information:

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## Position Title: Coordinator of Religious Education

Place: St. Rose of Lima, New Haven

Hire Date: July/August 2011

Part time position: 25 hours/week

Part time Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE) will be responsible for coordinating the parish catechetical / faith formation program. The primary area of responsibility will include the areas of Sacramental preparation (Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation), as well as adult faith formation (including Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, RCIA). As a catechetical leader in the parish, the CRE's ministry is one of empowering the parishioners to realize their baptismal call to holiness, community, mission and ministry, and the call to Christian maturity. From "Called and Gifted for the Third Millennium", the bishops of the United States reflect on the 30th anniversary of the Decree on the Laity.

Relational culture and the individual meeting are essential to ministry at St. Rose of Lima, as we seek to deepen and extend our relationships with one another in this diverse community. This art is an important element of all ministry at St. Rose of Lima.

The CRE is part of a parish staff that is collaborative. Parish staff meets regularly to coordinate with pastor the various areas of ministry.

### Skills, Knowledge, and/or abilities

- The multicultural nature of Saint Rose of Lima requires competence in written and spoken English and Spanish language, cultural sensitivity, and an appreciation of the challenges faced by an immigrant community.

### Educational Requirements:

- Studies in Theology/Religious Education or a minimum of 3 years' work / volunteer experience in Catholic faith formation.

Please contact: Rev. James Manship

Tel: (203) 865-6149

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Important Dates

Mark these dates in your calendars:

September 18, 2011 – Catechetical Sunday (Theme: "Do This in Memory of Me")

November 5, 2011 – Annual Religious Education Congress

### NCCL

The 75th Annual Conference of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership will take place in Atlanta, Georgia, May 22-26, 2011. The theme is: *Celebrating our Past, Shaping the Future; Celebrando Nuestra Historia, Construyendo Nuestro Futuro*. Pre-register NOW and Save – go to [www.NCCL.org](http://www.NCCL.org) and click on 2011 Conference Pre-Registration.

## **New England Convocation for Catechetical Leadership**

Save the date! August 5-7, 2011 at the Springfield Marriott. The pre-convocation is August 4-5 (noon-noon). Workshops are: "The RCIA: An Introduction", with Fr. Stanley Szczapa and "RCIA Adapted for Children", with Diana Dudoit Raiche. The Convocation begins on Friday, August 5, with lunch and ends Sunday at 11:00 with brunch. The keynote – "The Future Church" – is on Friday. The speaker is John Allen. Workshops include: "Evangelizing Catechesis: Compelled, Impelled, Propelled" with Carole Eipers; "Integration of Cultures into Community" and "Formando Discipulos. Cultivando la Fe", with Sr. Ruth Bolarte; "Mistagogia Y El Proceso de Aprender La Fe" and "Conocer y Celebrar en El Siglo XXI", with Fr. Juan Calderon; "Stories and Songs of Our Faith", with ValLimar Jansen and Tom Kendzia; "Entrepreneurial Discipleship: Business Not as Usual", with Rob Brancatelli; "A 'Holy' Different Kind of Kid: Younger Adolescents" with Maureen Provencher; "Creativity in Ministry: Reaching Out to Young Adults" with Mary Jane Silvia; "Is the Life I Am Living the Life That Wants to Live in Me?" with LaVerne Bertin; and a panel discussion with Carole Eipers, Ruth Bolarte and Rob Brancatelli. Registration forms are available on our website.

### **New England Convocation Scholarships**

A limited number of scholarships are available for the New England Convocation. Scholarships are for the conference registration fee. Copies of the application forms (in English and in Spanish) are available on our website or call Pat Keck. Forms must be completed and submitted no later than May 15, 2011.

### **Your Source for Resources for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation Needs**

Don't forget the Archdiocesan Catholic Bookstore, now located at the Archdiocesan Center in Bloomfield. They have a wonderful selection of books, cards, and gift items. The hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm; Thursday 9:30 – 7:00 and Saturday 9:00 – 2:00.

### **Boston College Summer Institute**

Check out the summer institute's offerings – [www.bc.edu/stsummer](http://www.bc.edu/stsummer) - courses available from Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, Ronald Rolheiser, Michael Himes, Richard Clifford, Richard Gaillardetz, Tom Groome, Kenneth Himes, Michael Joncas and more.

### **Annual Catechetical Leader Retreat**

Deacon Bruce Bonneau, Assistant Director for Adult Evangelization and Spirituality for the Diocese of Fall River will be our guest retreat director on Wednesday June 1, 2011 at Enders Island in Mystic. This event is open to all parish catechetical leaders – DREs/CREs, Youth Ministers and RCIA Coordinators. Spend a day in prayer and meditation on Long Island Sound. The registration form/flyer is on our website.

## **Annual Awards Ceremony**

Be sure to get your forms in ASAP. The Awards Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at 7:30 at St. Mark the Evangelist Church in West Hartford. All of the information, including the forms the Religious Education Service and Youth and Adult Awards can be found on our website – [www.orehartford.org](http://www.orehartford.org). Take this opportunity to honor your catechists, youth and others who work with our youth.

### **Free Webinar Series from Ave Maria Press**

May 10: Sr. Kieran Sawyer, "Teens and Chastity: Implementing the USCCB's New Document, Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living:  
May 24: Charles Wilber: "Economic Stewardship: Catholics Spending and Acting Justly"

For more information or to register (space is limited), go to [www.avemariapress.com](http://www.avemariapress.com)

### **Religious Education Congress**

Save the date!!! Saturday, November 5, 2011 at St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol. Our keynoter this year is Ken Doran, National Religion Consultant for William H. Sadlier.

### **Online Workshop with John Roberto**

Presented by Paulist Evangelization Ministries – "Envisioning the Future of Faith Formation". This presentation envisions the future of faith formation in churches using four scenarios which describe the religions and spiritual profiles of people in the community. June 16, 3:00-4:00 ET. For more information or to register – [www.pemdc.org](http://www.pemdc.org).

### **Our Sunday Visitor**

Please welcome Chris Monaghan as our Sales Representative for Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division (formerly Harcourt Religion Publishers). He can be reached at [cmonaghan@osv.com](mailto:cmonaghan@osv.com) or 1-866-239-8705 or 5 Willow Street, Worcester, MA 01603.

### **Saint Mary's Press**

Also welcome Teresa Chapman, the Eastern Sales Consultant for Saint Mary's Press. She can be reached at 1-866-457-5526 or [tchapman@smp.org](mailto:tchapman@smp.org).

### **New Features for Parents**

From "Faith First" – two new online series – "Catholic Parenting 101" and "Los Lazos Familiares" – feature helpful tips and information for Catholic parents as they deal with some of the hurdles life can present. These series are available at <http://faithfirst.com/family.html>. The first topic is "Confronting the Challenges of Bullying". FaithFirst is a program of RCL Benziger.

### **Catechetical Sunday 2011**

The date is September 18, 2011. The theme for this year is "Do This in Memory of Me". As we get closer to the date, materials will be available online from USCCB.

## Changes to the Roman Missal

For updates on workshops, resources, bulletin notices, etc. – [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org)

Check out Joe Proprocki's (Loyola Press) blog for a series of ten articles on the new Roman Missal. To date, 10 articles are available. These are aimed at people in the catechetical ministry. Go to [www.catechistsjourney.com](http://www.catechistsjourney.com) and search for "Roman Missal."

Save the date! Monsignor James P. Moroney, rector of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Worcester, will be coming to the Archdiocese of Hartford to present several workshops on the Roman Missal. A session on Friday, June 3 is for all Archdiocese of Hartford priests and a session on Saturday, June 4 is for all deacons, parish ministers, and anyone interested in attending. Both workshops will be held at the Archdiocesan Center in Bloomfield. Registration forms are available on our website.

Vicariate workshops have been set up for Catholic school personnel and parish Religious Education personnel. Father David Baranowski, Director of the Office for Divine Worship, will be the presenter. There is a choice of 3 locations/dates:

- Tuesday, May 3 at St. John of the Cross, Middlebury
- Tuesday, May 10 at St. Rita, Hamden
- Tuesday, May 17 at St. Mark the Evangelist, West Hartford

Registration forms can be found on our website – [www.orehartford.org](http://www.orehartford.org) - or contact Pat Keck for more information.

"Parish Guide to Implementing the Roman Missal Third Edition" is now available from USCCB. The document was developed by the Committee on Divine Worship, and is intended to provide parishes with a road map for promoting and implementing the newly translated texts and for

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Weeklong Youth Christian Leadership Institute (YCLI)

**10:00am, Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> to 3:00pm, Friday July 1, 3:00.** Fr Marot CYO Center - Woonsocket, RI. The YCLI is designed for young people between the ages of 15 to 19 (or at least entering 10th grade fall 2011) who are now or who will be in parish, school, or diocesan leadership roles - parish youth groups, student council representatives, class officers, athletic team captains, etc. YCLI includes:

- **Skills Workshops** dealing with leadership skills and styles, communication & planning skills, group dynamics and consensus seeking;
- **Support Groups** offering opportunities to grow in personal faith and awareness including: Christian Leadership, prayer, call to ministry and affirmation;
- **Prayer and Worship** through candidate-planned experiences and liturgies;

**Practice or "learning by doing"** - candidates take responsibility for planning and leading different parts of the program.

Cost is \$190.00 per person with a \$10.00 discount for four or more youth from the same parish (or sent as a group from the same Catholic School). Space is limited to 56 persons. \$90.00 deposit (NON-REFUNDABLE -but transferable) due by Friday, June 10th. Upon receipt of your deposit, a complete information packet with medical and permission slips will be sent. Balance (\$100.00) is due June 24<sup>th</sup>. Some scholarships available by contacting Shawnee Baldwin. For more information see attached flyer (for e-mail subscribers) or go to [www.ymcypov.org](http://www.ymcypov.org)

### Catholic Youth Spectacular (CYS)

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual CYS - September 18, 2011 with APeX Ministries and Joia Farmer at the Archdiocesan Center at St Thomas Seminary. Information at [www.youthspectacular.net](http://www.youthspectacular.net). Registration and pre-event activities begins at noon. We kickoff with the music of Joia Farmer and transition to APeX Ministries with a giant icebreaker break! After APeX dazzles us with death-defying juggling and Christian witness we have many prayerful, playful, and picnic options until we end with Mass at 5:30. Get your \$50.00 deposit in TODAY.

We have 27 group deposits anticipating 955 participants. Ask us about the BOGO recruiting contest –Bring one, Get one. **Bring a new parish/ school and you both get one free \$20 ticket!** Also- contribute to the breaking open the Theme contest in the category of song, poetry, skits etc.- winners will perform on stage before Mass. Call Shawnee for specifics.

### Weekend Christian Leadership Retreat

June 17-19, 2011 – Begins at 8:00 Friday and ends at noon on Sunday. Learn more about being a Christ-like leader with teen leaders from across the region. Deepen your understanding of and discover new ways to share our Catholic faith. \$175.00 retreat offering. Please respond by May 17<sup>th</sup> by calling 860-521-0400 ext 112 or [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org).

### DIAMOND evening of Reflection

"Facet"nating people shining brilliantly!! DRE's, CYM's, and other youth serving volunteers gather to network, pray, eat and learn together. (**D**edicated **I**ndividuals, **A**dvocates for adolescents, **M**entors and community builders, **O**bservers of faith, **N**etworking and collaborating, **D**eveloping servant leaders). Give Shawnee a call if you can host one of these in your deanery.

### Holy Family Sunday Night Youth Retreats

Mark your calendars and call Theresa Wiss 860-760-9712 to make your reservations for a night of reflection for your youth (presentation, workshops, reconciliation, dinner). 2:30-6:30. \$35.00 September 25, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup>, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, March 11, 25<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Youth Ministry Basics Class

Classes continue at St. Dunstan, 1345 Manchester Rd, Glastonbury on Friday, May 13 - Evangelizing Youth, Justice and Service, Praying w/Youth (5:45-9:45). To register call Shawnee Baldwin. For a description of all the classes go to [www.orehartford.org](http://www.orehartford.org). Classes in Hamden (summer/fall) and New Milford (fall/ winter) being formed.

## Kujenga Leadership Weekend

DEADLINE IS APPROACHING - Kujenga-Viongozi are the Swahili words that mean, "to build leadership." This New England conference ( July 29-31, 2011) at Salve Regina College in Newport, RI. The theme is "Ask Not What Your Church Can Do For You, But What You Can Do For Your Church."

The conference targets African-American youth and young adults to develop leadership skills in the African-American Catholic tradition with Christ at the center of their lives, but all youth are invited to attend. Space is limited. Cost is \$90.00 by June 3<sup>rd</sup>. \$125 by June 10<sup>th</sup>. Contact Shawnee for registration materials [sbaldwin@adh-ore.org](mailto:sbaldwin@adh-ore.org) 860-243-9465 ext 2672.

## National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

New England Diocesan Directors of Youth Ministry (NEDDYM) package includes lodging (17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>) at the Sheraton Keystone Crossing, full breakfast Nov 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>, Box breakfast Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, Box lunch and Dinner on Nov 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, Pizza Party on Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, Regional T-shirt, Transportation from airport to hotel to convention center Nov 17-20<sup>th</sup> and conference registration. Cost is \$850 Single, \$700 Double, \$625 Triple and \$580 Quad. Airfare is not included. Check out [www.NFCYM.org](http://www.NFCYM.org). A \$250.00 deposit is due by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Multiple scholarships available- Deadline May 1st.

## National Catholic Collegiate Conference (CCC)

This exciting conference - a creative collaboration of NFCYM, NCYAMA <http://ncyama.org/> and NCSC - for 18-25 year olds is designed to provide a healthy transition for college-aged young adults from an adolescent experience of the Church to an adult understanding the faith. It will run simultaneous with and independent of NCYC on November 17-19 at the JW Marriott, Indianapolis (\$163.00) within walking distance of the convention center and the Lucas Oil Stadium. Cost is \$195 per person and participants can register directly. Contact Paul Jarzembowski at 815-834-4047 or [paul@ncyama.org](mailto:paul@ncyama.org) Flyer at: <http://ncyama.org/documents/cccsavethedatefullpage.pdf>

## CYO Basketball

Winners at the ORE/ CYO tournament: SCHOOL: 5/6 boys-St. Rita, Hamden; 7/8 Boys- Corpus Christi, Wethersfield; 5/6 girls-St. Timothy, West Hartford; 7/8 girls-St. Timothy, West Hartford. PARISH: 5/6 boys-Corpus Christ, Wethersfield; 5/6 girls-Incarnation; 7/8 boys Sacred Heart, Wethersfield; 7/8 girls-Sacred Heart, Wethersfield.

Congratulations to Corpus Christi 7/8 grade school boys who won the division at the New England CYO Basketball Tournament in Manchester, NH. Congrats to St. Timothy 5/6 grade school girls and Corpus Christi 5/6 grade parish boys made it to the finals.

## 2011 World Scholar-Athlete Games

June 26-July 4<sup>th</sup> the Institute for International Sport hosts its 5<sup>th</sup> World Scholar-Athlete Games (WSAG) in the greater Hartford area. The Games – founded in 1993 on the belief that common activities, such as sport and the arts, can foster understanding and friendship amongst students from differing backgrounds - welcome 15-19 year old scholar-athletes (21 sports) and scholar-artists (8 programs), from all 50 states and over 160 nations, to explore common ground, conduct leadership training and develop peace initiatives through Sports and the Arts. Participants take part in the Games Theme Days Program which serves as a forum to unite participants in discussion of global issues. The Games are followed by the World Youth Peace Summit which features keynote speakers: Colin Powell, Al Gore, and Greg Mortenson – author of *Three Cups of Tea*. This event is in need of volunteers. <http://internationalsport.com/wsag/> or call Caitlin Cunningham at 401-874-9193

## MWTS Camp 2011

Moving With The Spirit - Faith, friendships, fun ... Let God reach into your heart at MWTS Summer Camp - June 24-26 at Holy Apostles College and Seminary (33 Prospect Hill Rd., Cromwell, CT 06416). An opportunity for students in grades 9 to 12 who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and how they can live it in the world. Start Friday, 6/24 3-5:00 p.m. Depart Sunday, 6/26 at 3:00 p.m. The registration fee is \$125 which includes all meals. Contact: Heather Voccola (860) 490-8314 or [heather.voccola@gmail.com](mailto:heather.voccola@gmail.com).

## Institute for New Youth Ministers (INYM) – August 1-4, 2011

Designed to prepare new youth ministers with 0-4 years experience by addressing "all the things I wished someone told me before I started in youth ministry". Co-sponsored by National Association of Catholic Youth Ministers Leaders (NACYML) and Cultivation Ministries, the INYM will help new youth ministers focus on developing the right vision, the right lifestyle, the right relationships, and the right practical methodologies for disciple-making youth ministries. Chicago Staff includes Mike Patin, Bob McCarty, Ela Milewska, Michael Novelli and Frank Mercadante. You will find more information on the schedule, location and costs at [www.cultivationministries.com](http://www.cultivationministries.com). Questions? Contact Frank Mercadante: [frank@cultivationministries.com](mailto:frank@cultivationministries.com), or 630 513-8222.

## NACYML Online Courses - Hot Topics on Thursdays

From the National Association of Catholic Youth Ministry Leaders (NACYML) [www.NACYML.org](http://www.NACYML.org) \$25.00 per course for members. \$30.00 for non-members.

May 19 - Does Evangelization Work Today? - Frank Mercadante (Cultivation Ministries)

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**CREDO:** Web site [www.geocities.com/credocath](http://www.geocities.com/credocath) Get a newsletter by writing to P.O. Box 1236, Glastonbury, CT 06033.

**St. Patrick, Enfield:** Saturdays 7:00-8:30. Contact: Michael LaBarre: (203) 803-0790.

**St. Rose, New Haven** (Spanish): Sundays at 6:00 p.m.  
Contact: German Hernandez: (203) 865-6149

**St. Mary, New Haven:** Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Contact: John Alvaro (203) 562-6193 [John.alvaro@yale.edu](mailto:John.alvaro@yale.edu)

**Rock Group Holy Hour:** Fridays: 7:15 pm: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Waterbury; 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday: Holy Spirit, Newington; 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday: St. Bartholomew, Manchester. 4<sup>th</sup> Friday: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Meriden;

[www.therockgroup.org](http://www.therockgroup.org)

**Bustedhalo.com** A website to surprise, challenge & support you in making meaningful faith connections.

**Catholic Underground: Saturdays 7:30pm - 10:30pm.** St. James Church, 896 Main Street, Manchester. Check out [www.catholicundergroundct.com](http://www.catholicundergroundct.com)

### Catholic Underground CT

Find Young Adult groups, Eucharistic Adoration, Latin Mass, Bible Study, Retreats, Speakers, and more in your area at [www.ConnecticutUnderground.com](http://www.ConnecticutUnderground.com). You never know when a new group or event will pop up, so check out the Latest News section and the Event Calendar regularly.

## OTHER

### Office of Catholic Social Justice Ministry

Make sure to put these important dates in your calendar: June 11, 2011 – Bishop Rosazza Social Justice Conference  
More details will be available soon. Check out their website and join their mailing list – [www.catholicsocialjustice.org](http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org).

### Caritas Christi

Upcoming events: “Sainly Person of the Month Series: Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen”, May 2 and May 4; “Prayerful Meditation and Movement with the Prayer of St. Francis”, six Wednesdays, May 4-June 8; “The Forgiveness Prayer Practice” May 7; “Conversion Series: Blind Bartimaeus”, May 10; “Film Fest: The Great Debaters”, May 11; “Encounters with Christ: Experiences of the Risen Christ”, May 16; “Conversion Series: The Rich Young Man”, May 17; “Conversion Series: The Woman at the Well”, May 24; “Encounters with Christ: The Spirit of Christ Among Us”, June 2; :Sainly Person of the Month Series: Blessed Pope John Paul II”, June 6 or 13; “Film Fest: Invictus”, June 8.. For more information or to register, go to [www.caritaschristicenter.org](http://www.caritaschristicenter.org) or call 203-281-2569.

### Our Lady of Calvary Retreat House

Upcoming events: For more information or to register – [www.ourladyofcalvary.com](http://www.ourladyofcalvary.com), [olcretreat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olcretreat@sbcglobal.net), (860) 677-8519.

## Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center

Upcoming events: “Men’s Retreat”, May 13-15, June 10-12; “Men’s Spirituality Evening Retreat: Recovering the Felt Presence of God, May 4; “Acceptance, Stress Reduction & Self-Care: An Overnight Retreat for Women”, May 6-7; “Mothers Day Mass and Brunch”, May 8; “The Heart of Creativity: Contemplation, Art and Mystery”, May 20-22; “Men’s Matt Talbot Recovery Retreat”, May 20-22; “Holy Family’s 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Liturgy”, May 22; “Love is Letting Go: Couple’s Evening Retreat”, May 25; “Women’s Retreat: God Changes Everything”, June 3-5; “Zen Spirit-Christian Spirit: Meditation as a Christian Contemplative Practice”, June 10-12; “Retreat for Music Ministers”, June 14 and 15; “11<sup>th</sup> Annual Gerald J. Kristofak Memorial Golf Tournament”, June 16; “Christian Leadership Retreat for Teens”, June 17-19; “Inter-Congregational Sister’s Retreat”, June 19-24; “Directed Retreat”, June 19-24; “8<sup>th</sup> Annual Children’s Peace Festival”, June 16. For more information or to register, go to [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org).

### Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry

New leadership workshops for May:

May 3 – “Integrating Parish Social Ministry into Parish Life” – St. Louis Church, West Haven

May 5 – “Integrating Parish Social Ministry into Parish Life” – Sacred Heart, Torrington

May 6 – “First Friday Lunch” – OCSJM Office, New Haven  
Noon – 1:00 – “Human Trafficking”

### DRE Job Opening

St. Maria Goretti Parish, Wolcott, CT has an opening for a DRE to minister to approx 300 students from K to Confirmation class. There are presently 227 students from K - 7th grade and 71 students in the Confirmation preparation classes. For more detail, please contact Donna at 203-879-4608.



## INTERNET DIRECTORY

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### *2011 Calendar*

Reminder: Go to [www.orehartford.org](http://www.orehartford.org) and click on calendar. All of our events for Religious Education, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, RCIA, Adult Confirmation, Biblical School, Catholic Scouting, Lay Ministry, and CYO Sports are included. You can list the events by date, print the calendar, click on an event/workshop to get all of the information regarding times and locations or you can search for an event. If you have any questions, contact Pat Keck.

Remember to check often. New events will be added and others updated.

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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