



# ORE Connections October 2011

*From the Director's desk...*



## THE GATES OF HELL WILL NOT PREVAIL

One day I was expressing my concerns to a former professor that I had in the Seminary about the future of the Catholic Church. I told him that I was worried about what the future would bring; about the shortage of priests, about the lack of young people going to Mass, about the scandals in the priesthood, about the cover-ups of our bishops, etc.

This professor priest, who had been one of my mentors, is someone that I still rely on for good advice. He had studied in Europe and made this observation to me. He said, "we are Americans. Americans are always worried about the future"; whereas Europeans often look back to the past and say, "we've been through this before and worse. Don't worry."

The Gospel from St. Matthew provides me with some consolation. Jesus says to Peter. "Upon you, Peter, I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld (or the gates of hell) will not prevail against it." That very statement is written boldly in stone over the very chair of our first Pope in St. Peter's Basilica. When you visit the Vatican you will see it.

The Church has had a history of rough times and somehow it has survived. I have had the opportunity to teach church history to seminarians and candidates for the permanent diaconate. Church history, like the history of any institution or nation, is filled with the sins and the foibles of human beings. If the Church were simply a human institution, it would have ended many years ago. It might have not survived the first thousand years. But, the Church also has divine origins and because it was founded by Jesus Christ himself, it has survived even the greatest threats and scandals.

Who is this Jesus? Some see Him as a good man who lived on earth many years ago. He died because he preached the way of love and nonviolence which upset the status quo and the people in authority. Others, us, who are his followers and disciples, see Jesus as God who walked the face of the earth with those who came before us.

Jesus is with us. At times, we have become too familiar with Him and His teaching. Sometimes, we take the Lord and what He taught for granted. But, the very thought of Jesus Christ being with us now should put us in a state of awe and wonder. If God is truly with us, and He is, then we have nothing to worry about and no reason to be afraid.

And so, what will it be like in the years ahead? How will it all change? What will our future leadership look like? Who will be our next Pope and what part of the world will he come from? I'm not sure. I wish I knew.

I must confess that one part of me continues to worry about the practicalities of it all, while another side of me wants to believe that the future is all in God's hands and that God will continue to bless us in mysterious ways.

Will that mean that we might have to suffer as Jesus did? I hope not. Nobody wants to suffer. But, if we do, I pray for the grace that I will need and you will need to face the challenges that lie ahead.

I do not want to end on a pessimistic note and so I will not because the Gospel that Jesus preached was and is always optimistic.

No matter what happens, we followers of the Holy One, Jesus Christ, will always be victorious because our faith in God is predicated on our belief in the Resurrection and our assurance of the joys that await us.

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## Youth Ministry

### Youth Ministry Basics Class

Twelve sessions that will help your parish leaders to: Empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today; Draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community; Foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person:

- WINTER SESSION: **January 6-8, 2012** at Trinita in New Hartford. \$135.00 includes materials, meals & lodging. Reserve your spot NOW.
- FALL SESSION NORTH: Saturdays 9:00am-3:00pm: **Oct 15, 29 and Nov 12<sup>th</sup>** at St Therese, Granby. Cost is \$100.00. **Please note the NEW start date of this class. Oct 1<sup>st</sup> was cancelled.**
- FALL SESSION SOUTH: Thursdays 6:00pm-9:30pm starting in September. Blessed Sacrament, Hamden. **Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 27, Nov 3, 10<sup>th</sup>**. Cost is \$100.00

### Christian Leadership Weekend Retreat

Friday, June 15 - Sunday, June 17, 2012



**Retreat Offering:** \$175.00 This two-night retreat offers interested teens of high school age opportunities for growth in personal faith, community building and leadership training. The retreat provides a sacred and restful atmosphere to support teens in the understanding of their Catholic faith. It enables teens to share their creativity and vitality while fostering spiritual growth in each other. The retreat begins on *Friday evening at 7:30 p.m.* and concludes with a family mass on *Sunday* which begins at *11:00 a.m.* Refreshments will follow. Plan ahead and call 860-521-0440 to reserve your spots.

### Evening Retreat for Parents & Youth Ministers

*Roller Coaster Ready? Faith, Values and Discipline for the Teenage Years* - **Sunday, November 13, 2011** at Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford. 4:30pm- 8:00pm This evening retreat is a thoughtful and humorous look (by the parents of six - Rick and Fay Lenz) at how to read the road signs and navigate the emotional and spiritual bumps, drops and curves of the roller coaster teenage years. Anyone concerned about the physical wellbeing and spiritual health of teenagers today--parents, grandparents, friends, teachers, youth ministers and relatives of teens are welcome to attend. The evening begins with a buffet dinner and concludes with the Sunday celebration of Mass. Offering of \$35.00. Call 860-521-0440 to reserve your spot.

### Immaculée Ilibagiza

Author of the heartwrenching book *Left to Tell* will speak on Monday, **Oct. 24, 2011**, at 7pm, in the Rice Auditorium at Northwest Catholic High School. Tickets to this extraordinary opportunity are \$20 per person (**\$25 after Oct. 7**) or attend a special, pre-event reception with Immaculée, beginning at 6:30pm; the cost for this event is \$50 per person. Published

in 2007, *Left to Tell* is Immaculée's haunting tale of the 91 days she spent hiding with seven other women in a cramped bathroom in 1994, while nearly a million Rwandans – including most of her family – were slaughtered during a three-month genocide. During her captivity, Immaculée discovered the power and solace of prayer, which helped her to forge a profound and lasting relationship with God and she forgave the man who murdered her family! For more information about the book or the author, visit [www.lefttotell.com](http://www.lefttotell.com). For Tickets, Call 860-236-4221 x504. To purchase tickets securely on-line go to [www.northwestcatholic.org](http://www.northwestcatholic.org) and search "Left to Tell".

### Explaining and Assisting High Schoolers with the New Roman Missal Changes

**LIFE TEEN** has done a great job helping teens understand some of the Mass changes. Check out the following videos. I think you'll find these a very valuable resource. [Word for](#)



[Word \[Teens\]](#) from [Life Teen](#) on [Vimeo](#). ([www.vimeo.org](http://www.vimeo.org) and search for "Life Teen Roman Missal") Here is a video LIFE TEEN put out for youth ministers: [New Roman Missal for Youth Ministers - Word for Word by Life Teen](#) from [Life Teen](#) on [Vimeo](#).

### C.A.F.F.E.I.N.E in the City and Kujenga Planning (Catholic Adolescent Faith Formation and Evangelization in New England)

**Saturday, October 1** at 9:30 am -12:15 noon at St. Katharine Drexel Parish, 175 Ruggles Street, Roxbury, MA. A breakfast gathering of those who minister to youth / young adult in urban parishes to: Boost youth / young adult ministers ability to be effective in ministry in an urban area; Encourage youth / young adult ministers to live out their faith journey and to bring the good news of the Gospel to other youth / young adults; Provide an opportunity to network, pray, support and resource one another. Following the workshop will be a planning session for 2012 Kujenga until 2:00. Please RSVP to [ldesroses@rcab.org](mailto:ldesroses@rcab.org) or 617.746.5810 **ASAP**. A Suggested donation of \$10 is appreciated.. Carpooling from Connecticut may be available by contacting Shawnee 860-243-9465 ext 2672.

### Catholic Youth Spectacular (CYS)

WOW – a good time was had by all. The weather was fantastic and there was a good combination of prayerful and playful options to round out the entertainment and the picnic. We had 2062 participants not including walkups. We raised a total of \$4979.84 during Mass –unfortunately not enough for us to be matched for the Immaculate Conception Building Fund. Thanks to all the leaders who made this happen by bringing your youth. All feedback is welcome as we start planning for the next one.... **September 30, 2012** with Vince Nims, the Roaming Catholic Banana Guy!! Check out the Archdiocesan web site ([www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org)) for a slide show and The Office of Radio & Television ([www.ortv.org](http://www.ortv.org)) for a segment of "Crossroads", 9/24, on the Spectacular.

## **ADULT FORMATION/ EVANGELIZATION/ RCIA**

### **Jump Start Evangelization in Your Parish**



There are many issues affecting evangelization teams – but perhaps the basic difficulty is that it is very hard for interested Catholics to sustain a clear focus about evangelization. Check out Paulist Evangelization

Ministries' (formerly the Paulist National Evangelization Association) new Jump Starter Kit – an assortment of materials, resources, and a DVD to help Catholics interested in evangelization to organize, establish a focus, and develop viable plans for their parishes. Go to [www.pemdc.org](http://www.pemdc.org).

### **Shine, Share, & Serve**

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington will present the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference on the Laity, **Saturday, October 22, 9 am-3 pm**. This conference is open to all professionals and volunteers who work in and for the Church, as well as all those who are looking to find their place in the Church or who feel a longing to share their gifts in building up the Kingdom of God. The keynote address – “Shine God’s Light” will be presented by Bishop Peter Rosazza. Noranne Wamester will present “Share God’s Love” and Barbara Meyer will present “Shape God’s People”. For more information – 860-677-8519, [olcretreat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olcretreat@sbcglobal.net) or [www.ourladyofcalvary.com](http://www.ourladyofcalvary.com).

### **RCIA WORKSHOP**

There will be a RCIA Workshop on **Saturday, October 24, 2011** from 9:00 am to 12 noon at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary.

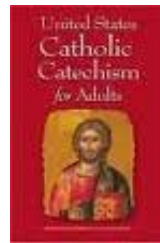
The topic will be the period of the Catechumenate, Celebrating the Rite of Welcome and Acceptance and the Dismissal Rite. Our presenter is Mrs. Jean Kechejian, from the Diocese of Bridgeport. To register call Mary Marsan 860- 243-9465 or [mmarsan@adh-ore.org](mailto:mmarsan@adh-ore.org).

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### **Reaching Inactive Catholics**

Paulist Evangelization Ministries is offering “With a Shepherd’s Heart: How to Welcome Returning Catholics” in an online program (Catholic Speakers Online), Thursday, October 13, 2011. For more information and/or to register: [www.pemdc.org](http://www.pemdc.org).



The new USCCB website now has some good introduction videos (FREE!) on the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. The videos are: Overview, The Creed, The Sacraments, Christian Morality, and Prayer. Check them out at [www.usccb.org/media/video](http://www.usccb.org/media/video) and click on “Faith Formation”. There are also some additional videos: Way of the Cross, Introduction to Sacraments, Anointing of the Sick, Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Holy Orders, Matrimony and Penance.

## **Catholic Scouting**

### **Upcoming Events and Important Dates**

**November 6, 2011**

Boy Scout Banquet  
6:00pm

Archdiocesan Center at  
St. Thomas Seminary

**January 19, 2011, 7pm**

Committee Meeting  
Office of Religious Education  
Bloomfield, CT

**April 29th 2012**

Boy Scout Sunday

### **Girl Scouts**

**October 6, 2011 7pm**

Committee Meeting  
Office of Religious Education  
Bloomfield, CT

**November 11/12, 2011**

Retreat  
More info to come

**April 22, 2012**

Girl Scout Sunday



## Catholic Biblical School



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### CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Enrollment in the Biblical School for the 2011-12 academic year stands at 176, including students in our new graduate section: Synoptic Gospels and the Gospel of Mark. *Forty-one* of our students are enrolled for college credit (4.5 credits per year!) through St. Thomas Seminary's *Certificate in Biblical Studies* program.

### IMPORTANT CLASS SCHEDULING NOTES:

The following changes have been made to the CBS first-year class schedule:

- The Bloomfield section of Year One is now meeting at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary. (Our numbers have outgrown the room at Sacred Heart Parish!)
- The Milford section of Year One has been cancelled.

### Upcoming Biblical School Opportunities for CBS Graduates:

*Please take note: It is VITAL that participants register for all events by completing a registration form. We need to receive your form for each event by the deadline!!! (Forms can be mailed, faxed, or emailed. See forms for details.)*



1. Echoes of Canaanite Concepts in the Bible: A Second Look with Mr. Paul Sansone, Oct. 15, 2011 at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield from 9:30 to noon. ("Coffee And" begins at 9:00.) Registration required by Friday, October 7, 2011. Contact Jill Costa to register. (Required registration forms were included in the Sept. issue of ORE Connections.)
2. Women in the Bible with Dr. Barbara Bozak, CSJ, Saturday, November 12, 9:30-noon at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. ("Coffee And" begins at 9:00.) Registration required by Friday, November 4, 2011. The required registration form included in this issue of ORE Connections. Contact Jill Costa for details.
3. Advent Prophets with Dr. Harry Nasuti, Professor of Old Testament at Fordham University, will be with us on Sunday, December 11, 1:00-3:00 at St. Thomas Seminary. ("Coffee And" begins at 12:30.)

## Biblical School Course Schedules

For additional details and information about holidays, consult the online calendar at [www.orehartford.org/cbs.htm](http://www.orehartford.org/cbs.htm). Directions for accessing the calendar appear at the bottom of the CBS page.

### YEAR ONE:

- Bloomfield, CT: Mondays 7:00-9:00 pm, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary
- Hamden, CT: Tuesdays, 10:00-noon, Caritas Christi Center
- Plantsville, CT: Thursdays 7:00-9:00 pm, St. Aloysius Parish Center

### YEAR TWO:

- Cheshire, CT: Mondays 7:00-9:00 pm, Epiphany Parish Center
- Bloomfield, CT: Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 pm, Sacred Heart Parish Center
- West Hartford, CT: Thursdays 10:00 am-noon, St. Mark the Evangelist Parish Center
- Milford, CT: Thursdays 7:00-9:00 pm, Christ Redeemer Parish Center

### ADVANCED YEARS (THREE AND FOUR)

- Cheshire, CT: Mondays 7:00-9:00 pm, Epiphany Parish Center
- Hamden, CT: Tuesdays 7:00-9:00 pm, Caritas Christi Center (at Mt. Sacred Heart)
- Bloomfield, CT: Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 pm, Sacred Heart Parish Center
- Plantsville, CT: Fridays 10:00 am-noon, St. Aloysius Parish Center

### SYNOPTIC GOSPELS AND MARK (CBS GRADS ONLY)

### Hartford CBS at the Religious Education Congress

If you've always wondered what the Biblical School is all about, come see our exhibit at the ORE Congress on November , 2011, at St. Paul High School in Bristol. Volunteers (CBS students and graduates) are needed to talk to adults interested in learning more about our programs. Contact BJ at the ORE for more information.

## Other News

### Evenings of Discernment with Prayer for Peace

Opportunity for: Catholic Women and Men Considering Vowed Life or Priesthood, ages 18-45, 7:30-9:00 pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month (October 25, 2011; November 22, 2011; January 24, 2012; February 28, 2012; March 27, 2012, April 24, 2012. To register contact: Sr. Ann: 203-245-0401,



[amcgovern@mercyne.org](mailto:amcgovern@mercyne.org)

### Our Lady of Calvary Retreat House

**Upcoming Events: October 3, 9 am-1pm/7-9 pm**, "The Twelve Steps: A Spiritual Recovery Program", with Fr. John Powers; **October 6, 9am-1pm/7-9 pm**, "The Awakening

Universe”, with Gregory Kay; **October 22, 9am-3pm**, Shine, Share & Shape: 1st Annual Conference on the Laity”, with Bishop Peter Rosazza, Noranne Wamester and Barbara Meyer; **October 23, 9am-3 pm**, “Relaxation and Renewal Day: A Holistic Health Retreat”; **October 25, 7-9 pm**, “Making Sense of the Book of Job”, with Mark Dursin; **October 27, 9 am-1 pm/7-9 pm**, “Autumn Speaks”, with Kathy Irr; **November 1, 9 am-1 pm/7-9 pm**, “An Extended Family”, with Sr. Mary O’Brien. Check out these and their theme retreat weekends at [www.ourladyofcalvary.com](http://www.ourladyofcalvary.com).



Upcoming events: **October 4, 11, 18, 25, 7-9 pm**, “A Four Part Course in Contemplative Spirituality: Entering the Mind and Heart of Christ”, with Timothy St. Onge; **October 7-9**, “Men’s Retreat”; **October 12, 10 am-2 pm or 6-9 pm**, “Heaven: Eye Has Not Seen, Ear Has Not Heard”, with Sr. Elissa Rinere; **October 15, 10 am-5 pm**, “Labyrinth Day of Mindfulness and Self Care for Women”, with Cheryl Jones; **October 21-22**, “Yoga for Light and Peace: On the Road to Assisi”, with Maureen Dagon, Nancy Murray, Dr. Brandon Nappi; **October 21-23**, “Dealing with Anger: Building a Culture of Compassion”, with Patricia Plouffe St. Onge, and Dr. Timothy St. Onge; **October 28-30**, “Living in the Present Moment”, with Sr. Carol Marozzi; **October 30, 4:30-8 pm**, “Friends and Family Celebrate Cancer Survivors: Using Humor to Thrive and Not Just Survive”, with Sr. Colette Hanlon; **November 2, 10 am-2 pm or 6-9 pm**, “A Needy God: Annual St. Paul of the Cross Lecture”, with Fr. John Baptist Pesce; **November 4-6**, “Men’s Retreat”; **November 5, 10 am-4 pm**, “Tai Chi: Meditation in Motion”; **November 10-13**, “A Brush with God: Icon Painting Retreat, with Rev. Peter Pearson; **November 11**, “Healing Our World From the Inside Out”, with Paula D’Arcy; **November 12**, “The Twelve Steps and Promises for Everyone”, with Fr. John Powers; **November 13**, “Roller Coaster Ready? Faith, Values and Discipline for the Teenage Years”, with Rick and Fay Lenz; **November 18-20**, “Zen Spirit-Christian Spirit: Meditation as a Christian Contemplative Practice”, with Fr. Robert Kennedy; **November 18-20**, “Women’s Matt Talbot Recovery Retreat”, with Sr. Marguerite Tierney; **November 24**, “Thanksgiving Day Eucharist”. For more information:

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

### Caritas Christi Center

Upcoming events: **October 3, 7-8:30 pm**, “The Questions Jesus Asked – Part 2”, with Sr. Virginia Herbers; **October 4, 7-9 pm**, “Surviving Divorce”, with Sr. Mauryeen O’Brien; **October 12, 7-8:30 pm**, “Changes in the New Missal: An Invitation to Renewal”, with Sr. Doretta D’Albero; **October 17**, “Meyers-Briggs Personality Inventory: A Tool for Self-Knowledge (Session 1)” with Sr. Mariette Moan/Jeanne Mazzariello; **October 18**, “Beyond Death’s Door”, with Sr. Mauryeen O’Brien; **October 19**, “Film Study: Freedom Writers”, with Jim Pepitone; **October 24**, “Meyers-Briggs Personality Inventory (Session 2)”; **October 25**, “Coffee Klatch, Vatican II: Chaos or Challenge?”, with Dr. Joan Kelly; **October 25**, “New Life Seminar: Separated and Divorce”, nine Tuesdays, with Sr. Patricia Cigrand/Brenda Lazar; **October 26**, “Parenting: A Sacred Journey”, with Lisa Velazquez; **October 29**,



“Ongoing Centering Prayer Group”, with Sr. Carolyn Severino; **November 1**, “Coffee Klatch: Vatican II, Session 2; **November 2**, “Meyers-Briggs Personality Inventory”, Session 3. For more information, go to [www.caritaschristicenter.org](http://www.caritaschristicenter.org).



Upcoming events: **October 4, 7-9 pm**, “Parish Social Ministry Leadership Series: Program Planning”, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Hamden; **October 18**, “Annual OCSJM Dinner”; **October 25, 7-9 pm**, “Parish Social Ministry Leadership Series: Building Capacity”, at Assumption, Ansonia; **October 26, 6:30-9 pm**, “Becoming a Voice for Justice”, St. Patrick-St. Anthony, Hartford; **October 29, 8:45 am-1 pm**, “The Power of One: Building on the Positive to Make a Difference”; **November 3, 7-9 pm**, at Franciscan Urban Center, Hartford; “Parish Social Ministry Leadership Series: Opportunities for Faith Formation”, at St. John of the Cross, Middlebury; **November 10, 7-9 pm** “Parish Social Ministry Leadership Series: Opportunities for Faith Formation”, at St. Paul, Kensington. Go to: [www.catholicsocialjustice.org](http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org).

### “The Mighty Macs”

A Catholic Movie to hit the big screen!!! It’s 1971. Cathy Rush is a woman ahead of her time, and she’s about to embark on an adventure for the ages. “The Mighty Macs”, coming to theaters **October 21**, is based on the inspiring true story of the original women’s basketball Cinderella team: tiny Immaculata College and their improbable run toward sports history.

### Annual Respect Life Conference

The 12th Annual Respect Life Conference will be held at Holy Angels Parish Center in South Meriden on **Saturday, October 15, 9 am-3 pm**. The Cost is \$20 per person. Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life and Missionaries of the Gospel of Life, will be the keynote speaker. For more information, or to register, call (203) 235-3822.

### Walk in Their Footsteps and Race for Awareness

A 2.5 mile walk and 5K run event sponsored by St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Waterbury, is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 23, 2011 in Library Park, Waterbury. Start time is 1:00 pm. Participants in this learning experience will gain an increased awareness of the multiple effects of poverty, while supporting our services to the hungry, homeless, and mentally disabled in our community. To obtain information forms, or to register online, visit our website, [www.stvincentdepaulmission.org](http://www.stvincentdepaulmission.org). You may also call the Mission office, 203-754-0000 or Deacon George, 860-274-9310.

### 40 Days for Life Campaign

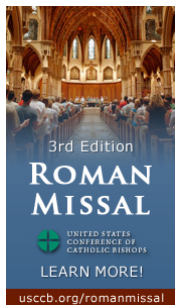
The Pro-Life Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford began its *40 Days for Life Campaign* on September 28<sup>th</sup> with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Mansell. A prayer vigil, outside of Hartford GYN Center, an abortion clinic in Hartford officially marked the beginning of a daily vigil that will take place at the Center through November 6<sup>th</sup>. For information about the *40 Days for Life Campaign* and how to become a participant, call the Pro-life Ministry at 203-745-7300.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Catechetical Sunday 2012

For those who plan far ahead, the focus for 2012 is on the New Evangelization. The 2012 Catechetical Sunday theme is: "Catechists and Teachers as Agents of the New Evangelization". The date for 2012 is September 16<sup>th</sup>.

## The New Roman Missal



The new Roman Missal will take effect on the first Sunday of Advent, 2011. For updates on workshops, resources, bulletin notices, etc. –

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

**NEW: Explaining and Assisting High Schoolers with the New Roman Missal Changes...Life Teen has developed several videos designed for teens, youth ministers, and parents. They**

**are excellent!!! To view them, go to <http://vimeo.com> and search for "Life Teen Roman Missal". They are also available for purchase at [www.lifeteen.com](http://www.lifeteen.com).**

**NEW: Workshop – Wednesday, October 12, 7-8:30 pm, "Changes in the New Missal: An Invitation to Renewal", at Caritas Christi Center in Hamden, with Sr. Doretta D'Albero, ASCJ. Suggested donation: \$10. To register, call 203-281-2569.**

**NEW: "Come and See (Your Role at Mass)" DVD from Joe Paprocki – designed to not take away excessive time from already-too-short schedules and doesn't just teach the changes but teaches the liturgy as a whole and treats the changes within that context. Includes Leader Guide. To order or for more information, go to [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com).**

**NEW: Evening Retreat – "How Have We Experienced the Changes in the Mass?", Wednesday, February 1, 2012, 10 am-2 pm or 6-9 pm at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford. Retreat Offering: \$35 (day retreat includes lunch, evening retreat includes dinner. Presenter: Fr. David Cinquegrani, C.P. For more information or to register, go to [www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar).**

**NEW: Free videos on USCCB – 29 videos (FREE!) to view on their new website. Go to [www.usccb.org/media/video](http://www.usccb.org/media/video) and click on "Roman Missal".**

"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. The Diocese of Lansing has created an excellent document – "Praying the Mass with Children and Adolescents: A Catechist's Guide to the New Translation". It is a series of lesson plans for catechists to assist children and teens (and adults) to know and understand the new responses at Mass. More than that, this guide was written with the greater objective of assisting catechists and those catechized grow in a deeper encounter with the living Christ in and through the liturgy. For a free download –

[www.Dioceseoflansing.org/catechesis\\_k12/](http://www.Dioceseoflansing.org/catechesis_k12/)

[Roman\\_Missal\\_Children\\_Adolescents.pdf](http://www.Dioceseoflansing.org/catechesis_k12/Roman_Missal_Children_Adolescents.pdf). (note: the "spaces" in the web address are really under-scores)

Textbooks: Just about every book for every grade for every publisher is being changed. Check with your local representative or the publisher web page to see when the new editions are available. Most publishers are also including downloadable pages of changes, should you have an inventory of books, and are not yet ready to purchase new textbooks.

## 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. If you didn't receive a copy of the brochure and registration information, everything is available on our website – [www.orehartford.org](http://www.orehartford.org).



Save the date! The annual conference will be held **January 5-7, 2012** in Orlando, Florida. It is hosted by the Center for Ministry Development and Our Sunday Visitor. This year's theme is "Formed by Eucharist – Sent in Mission". For more details and registration information, go to [www.cmdnet.org](http://www.cmdnet.org).



All 12 dioceses in New England will be celebrating **Religious Education Month** in November. For suggestions on how to celebrate and for clip art, visit our website – [www.orehartford.org](http://www.orehartford.org).



Loyola Press has announced a new product— *Adaptive First Eucharist Preparation Kit for Children with Autism and Other Special Needs*. The kit contains eight pieces to enable children with autism and other special needs to participate fully in their faith, including picture cards to use during Mass that remind children of participatory behavior and a matching puzzle that helps the child distinguish between the Eucharist and ordinary food. The kit includes social stories and picture exchange communication (PECS) strategies). To find out more, go to

[www.loyolapress.com/adaptive-first-eucharist-preparation-kit.htm](http://www.loyolapress.com/adaptive-first-eucharist-preparation-kit.htm).

### Webinar Week



John Roberto, Lifelong Faith Associates, has announced Webinar Week – online learning from Vibrant Faith Ministries, scheduled from October 11-13. This webinar week

makes it possible to attend seminars from the comfort of your home or office. A computer and a phone line (preferably a land line) are all you need to participate. The webinar topics include: Faith Formation 2020, Growing in Faith@Home, How to be a Spiritual Leader, Becoming a Cross+Generational Church, Social Media 201, Curious? How the Four Key Faith Practices Work in Your Brain, and Coaching Your Leaders to Excellence. The cost is \$89.95, and the registration deadline is October 5<sup>th</sup>. For more information, go to [www.vibrantfaith.com](http://www.vibrantfaith.com) and click on “Learn Online”.

## Congratulations Patricia Keck

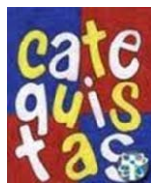
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and to love goodness,  
and to walk humbly with our God."  
-(Micah 6:8)



## HISPANIC MINISTRY

Programa de la Formación Básica para  
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Este programa es una formación y educación básica para todos los catequistas hispanos. Las sesiones se tomaran acabo mensualmente por siete meses. Todo material será distribuido en las sesiones; en adición, la inscripción es gratuita. Esto será para el beneficio del ministerio catequético de su parroquia. Por favor ¡no

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Región 1 pertenece a las parroquias de: Enfield, Hartford, East Hartford, Torrington  
Lugar: Seminario San Tomas, 467 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT  
Horario: 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Día: MARTES  
**Fechas: Oct. 11, Nov. 15, Dic. 13, Ene. 10, Feb. 7, Mar. 20, Abr. 17**

Región 2 pertenece a las parroquias de: Bristol, New Britain, Waterbury, Meriden, Wallingford  
Lugar: Centro Parroquial de Santa Rosa de Lima, 35 Center St., Meriden, CT  
Horario: 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Día: JUEVES  
**Fechas: Oct. 13, Nov. 17, Dic. 15, Ene. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 22, Abr. 19**

Región 3 pertenece a las parroquias de: New Haven y West Haven  
Lugar: Oficina de Family Life, 412 Ridge Rd, Hamden, CT  
Horario: 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Día: Miércoles  
**Fechas: Oct. 12, Nov. 16, Dic. 14, Ene. 25, Feb. 29, Mar. 28, Abr. 25**

Ultimo día para inscribirse: **30 de septiembre del 2011**

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Para más información sobre los eventos y programas, por favor contacten:

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## **Job Opening**

St. Gabriel Parish, Windsor, CT, is actively seeking a new Youth Minister to begin this Fall. If you would be interested in applying for this paid, part-time position, send resume to [gabrielchurch@comcast.net](mailto:gabrielchurch@comcast.net) or to St. Gabriel Church, 379 Broad Street, Windsor, CT, 06095. Major responsibilities include: Act as an advocate and link for youth; recruit, form and support adult and youth leaders in youth ministry; promote the faith formation of youth; empower youth for Christian ministry; and administer the parish ministry with youth.

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