



# ORE Connections January 2012

*From the Director's desk...* 

## A MAYONNAISE JAR AND TWO CUPS OF COFFEE

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, or when you're making your New Year's resolutions, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him.

When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar; effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things - your God, family, your children, your health, your friends, and your favorite passions - things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, and your car.

The sand is everything else - the small stuff.

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal."

Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented.

The professor smiled, "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."

Have a safe, happy and blessed New Year!

*Monsignor Motta*

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## Youth Ministry

### Youth Ministry Basics WEEKEND Class – mini retreat

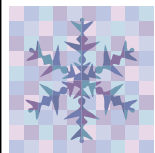
Learn some techniques for starting or updating your ministry with young people. Network with others for new ideas and future collaborations. Classes (12 in the series) can be taken for credit or for general faith formation.



Graduates receive a certificate.

Great for all levels of catechists and youth ministry volunteers. **January 6-8, 2012.** Trinita Retreat Center. 595 Town Hill Road, New Hartford: Starts at 6:00 with light supper. Ends on Sunday @2:30pm. Cost is \$135.00 pp. This cost includes all materials, 6 meals, and youth-friendly lodging (bring your own towels, sheets or sleeping bag). Anyone joining us to make up other classes may incur additional fees of \$30-\$50.00 from what you may have previously paid. Scholarships available. We will attend Mass at Immaculate Conception at some point. Please contact Shawnee before Christmas or no later than Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> to register. [Event flyer Attachment for all e-mail subscribers.](#)

### Youth Minister Winter Retreat



Already taken the Youth Ministry Class? Then come check out Trinita for use with your youth group. Or block out some quiet time to jumpstart some ideas for a new youth program. Join us for networking and meals while you retreat on your own. \$75.00 for the whole weekend.

### Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday February 5, 2012

Have you ever participated? Plan on it for this year: Last year almost 1,000 Catholic parishes participated in Souper Bowl of Caring. That single act contributed over \$1 million to the fight against hunger. Nationally, more than 260,000 youth collected over \$81 million in dollars and food for **local** hunger-relief charities. What a tangible way to demonstrate Jesus' love and compassion to our fellow neighbor in need and be part of this movement to tackle hunger in America! Learn more and register your church today at [www.tacklehunger.org](http://www.tacklehunger.org) to receive your FREE 2012 Playbook with resources to help make your collection a success. You collect money or food at your school or parish and donate it to your favorite local charity. Plan a service blitz that weekend and make a difference in your community and still be on your couch by 6:00 for the kickoff!!



## National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry (NCCYM)

The NCCYM *Living in the Light/ Viviendo en la Luz* will be held at the Dolphin/ Swan Resort in Orlando, Florida **November 29-December 2, 2012.** Bring the spouse and kids and add on some time for a family vacation. Or come by yourself to renew, refresh, and network with over 2000 youth ministers from across the USA and maybe even from Australia or Zambia!!

### Catholic Youth Spectacular (CYS) 2012

Its time to brainstorm the theme and activities for the 2012 CYS with Vince Nims on **September 30<sup>th</sup>.** What do you want to see more of at this event??? The NFCYM Living and Loving Our Faith resource book will be called *Sacraments: Celebrations of Grace.* The readings are from the 26th Sunday in Ordinary time and suggest total commitment to God: Numbers 11:25-29. Psalm 19:8,10,12-14. James 5:1-6. Mark 9:39-43,45,47-48. Call Shawnee with your suggestions. We also hope to incorporate some of the NCYC highlights enjoyed by 5 groups from our archdiocese who attended this past November.



### Youth Charity Dance

Bring your youth group to St James Church's 13th Annual Charity Dance on Saturday, **Jan 14<sup>th</sup>** 7:30-10:30 pm at the Parish Center, 767 Elm St. Rocky Hill. The snow date is Jan 21<sup>st</sup>. Theme: *"Teens Going to the Beach for Channel 3 Kids Camp"*. Cost: \$8.00. Bring a new stuffed animal and get a raffle ticket. Sell paper beach items for \$1.00 – they double as decorations. Dress to Impress! One chaperone per 10 kids please. **Full packet attached for e-mail subscribers.** R.S.V.P. to Sharon (860) 712- 5245 [sgpoohbear@aol.com](mailto:sgpoohbear@aol.com) by **January 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Can't come?** Consider donating any of the following: Pillow cases. Stage curtain. Clay for Kiln. Costuming for performing arts. Pillows. Fishing nets. Tarps. Ropes. Rain Coat/ Ponchos. Twin sheets or blankets. First Aid Supplies. Flash lights and Batteries. Golf club and golf balls. Basketballs, Footballs, Soccer Balls. Frisbees.

## Wine, Worship, and Psalms: Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord



We invite your input as we plan retreat and networking days for those who work with youth. What can we provide that will spark your interest and guarantee your attendance? Week night? Weekday?

On a Saturday? Whole day? Half day? Overnight?  
Location? Cost? Topics? Give Shawnee a call.  
Already on the calendar:

**Monday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>** - Day of Reflection with **Mike Patin**. 1:00-4:00 (\$40.00 includes lunch and Mass) - sponsored by NACYML and St James, Randolph, MA. Contact Jim Flanagan 617-922-0024 for more information

**Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** - **Chris Padgett** - sponsored by St Bartholomew, Manchester. Contact MJ Tomsic at 860-646-1613 for more information.

### Disciple Project - Shelter the Homeless

*Good news* - We collected \$2060.84 at the Catholic Youth Spectacular for the Immaculate Shelter. Though we were short of the \$4000.00 goal for it to be fully matched, that donor matched us for the 2068 people that were there so our total gift to the new building fund was \$4128.84!! The youth of this Archdiocese are indeed practicing discipleship through many Corporal Works of Mercy at the Immaculate Conception Shelter and they are grateful for all that we do. Without the generosity of our food groups, they would not be able to provide necessary services for the men.



The *Street Outreach Program*, in operation since 1990, employs staff who travel daily in a van providing essential services to those who are chronically homeless and living in the streets, under bridges, in parks or in abandoned buildings. The outreach team works first to **establish** trust with individuals by offering food, blankets and friendship. With consistent visits and time, trust is established, assessments are made and referrals to case management, health and counseling services - vital steps to ending homelessness. Please take a look at the list below and consider donating one of these items to further extend the outreach ministry. Drop off all donations at the Casa De Francisco (opposite Immaculate on the left side of Hungerford) to Tony Mack, Outreach Coordinator. If you have any questions, contact Tony at (860)724-5156 ext. 801 or email at [TonyM@icshc.org](mailto:TonyM@icshc.org).

- Socks
- Underwear (S, M, L, XL, 2XL)
- Boxers (S, M, L, XL, 2XL)
- T-Shirts (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)
- Deodorants
- Facecloths
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Razors
- Soap and/or body wash

### Faith and Family Night with the CT Whale

Invite a group of tens to attend a fun night of hockey as well as music by Scarlet Fade at the XL Center on March 10, 2012. Ticket Purchases through Hockey Ministries International Northeast support Chapel programs throughout the American Hockey League and Christian Hockey Camps for boys and girls. For our e-mail subscribers click [here](#) to learn more about Scarlet Fade or go to [www.scarletfade.com](http://www.scarletfade.com). For more information about HMI: [www.hockeyministriesnortheast.org](http://www.hockeyministriesnortheast.org). For more information about this event: Rick Mitera - AHL Chapel Coordinator (860) 817-6440 or [rmitera@hockeyministries.org](mailto:rmitera@hockeyministries.org).



*Happy New Year*

Blessings of the Season  
and  
Best Wishes for the New Year!

May we be a people of light bringing  
peace and love into our world.

All of us in the  
Office of Religious Education  
wish you a very Happy New Year.

# Catholic Biblical School

## CBS Faculty Notes

Congratulations to Fr. Aidan Donahue for his appointment as pastor at St. Mary Parish in Milford, CT beginning **January 9, 2012**. Fr. Donahue has taught in the Biblical School since its beginnings and promises to continue as part of our faculty for the foreseeable future. (Thanks be to God!)

His relocation to the southern part of the Archdiocese does, however, change Fr. Donahue's availability to teach in certain northern locations. So beginning in January, Fr. Donahue will no longer be teaching the Year 2 class in Bloomfield on Wednesday nights. He will, however, continue teaching the Year 2 class in Cheshire on Monday nights.

We are pleased to announce that Deacon Robert Pallotti will take over for Fr. Donahue in Bloomfield. Dr. Pallotti joined the regular Biblical School faculty this year and will become the permanent instructor for the Year 2 class on Wednesday nights, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Bloomfield.

## Course Scheduling Note

Christmas break extends for three weeks this year. The last week of class before Christmas will be **December 12-16, 2011**. We will reconvene all classes the week of **January 9-13, 2012**. For details, check your CBS academic-year calendar or go to [www.orehartford.org](http://www.orehartford.org) and click on "Calendar" at the top of the page. (Feel free to contact Jill Costa for step-by-step instructions for accessing the CBS online calendar.)

## A Biblical Journey in Music

Mr. Ernani Domingos, CBS Class of 2015, is preparing a vocal recital inspired by his studies in the Biblical School, to be scheduled on a Saturday in late February. Everyone is welcome. Details will be available in the February edition of ORE Connections and online through our Bible Blog at <http://www.orehartford.org/blogs/blogs.htm>.



Reminder:

The Christmas season doesn't end on December 25! Don't deprive yourself of a truly festive season, celebrating the whole season, right through Epiphany on January 6 ("Three King Day). Live each day of the Christmas season in the joyous knowledge that our Lord has triumphed over sin and death; God has redeemed us all by becoming one with us, a human being born of woman. ("Incarnate," in theological terms.) Merry Christmas!

## Save the Dates!

Continuing education for graduates and friends will resume in March, weather permitting. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the following opportunities to enrich your devotion to God's Word:

- ◆ **March 25, 2012, 12:00-4:30 pm**, St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield: Is Natural Disaster God's Punishment for Sin? Open to the public, our 2012 "Celebration of Sacred Scripture" features Sr. Dianne Bergant, senior professor at Chicago's Catholic Theological Union. Registration is required by **March 16, 2012**. Forms will be available in the February edition of OREConnections.
- ◆ **April 28, 2012, 9:30 am-noon**, St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield: The Resurrection Body According to Paul and his Successors. Intended for Biblical School graduates and others with background in the New Testament, Dr. Adela Yarbro Collins of Yale Divinity School will be our speaker.

## Students Save the Dates!

- ◆ Required Lenten Scripture Day for Year 1 Students: **March 31, 9:00am-3:00 pm**, St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield. Topic: Exploring the New Exodus: The Paschal Mystery and Christian Living in Light of Israel's Exodus with Celia Sirois of St. John Seminary, Brighton, MA.
- ◆ Required Lenten Scripture Day for Year 2, 3 and 4 Students: **March 25, 2012, 12:00-4:30 pm** St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield. Topic: Is Natural Disaster God's Punishment for Sin? with Dr. Dianne Bergant, CSA.



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## Other News

### Our Lady of Calvary Retreat House

Upcoming events: **January 8**, 2:45, "Celebration of Giving; **February 9**, 6-8:30 pm, "Keepint the Faith, Keeping the Commitment: An Evening for Married Couples"; **February 16-19**, "Winter Silent Directed Retreat"; **February 28**, 9-1 or 7-9 pm, "Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America"; **March 7**, 7-9 pm, "We Lift Our Eyes"; **March 20**, 6-9 pm, "Pysanky (Egg Decorating) Workshop"; **March 25**, 1:30-3 pm, "Perfect Imperfections"; **March 27**, 9-1 or 7-9 pm, "Women in the Church". Check out these events and the theme retreat weekends at [www.ourladyofcalvary.com](http://www.ourladyofcalvary.com).



**HOLY FAMILY**  
PASSIONIST  
RETREAT CENTER

Upcoming events: **January 6-8**, "Women's Retreat"; **January 13-15**, "Men's Retreat"; **January 20-22**, "Men's Retreat"; **January 25**, (day or evening) "Journey Within to the Place of Listening", with Deacon Arthur Miller; **January 27-29**, "Women's Retreat"; **February 1**, (day or evening), "How Have We Experienced the Changes in the Mass", with Fr. David Cinquegrani; **February 3-5**, "Men's Retreat"; **February 5**, "Freedom Sunday: Interreligious Dialogue on Human Trafficking and Slavery"; **February 10-12**, "Men's Retreat"; **February 11**, "Tai Chi: Meditation in Motion (Day Retreat)", with Francis Hoal Tran; **February 14**, "Valentine's Day Buffet Dinner and Wine Tasting"; **February 17-19**, "Centering Prayer Retreat: Deepening Our Consent", with Therese Saulnier; **February 17-19**, "Men's Retreat"; **February 22** "Ash Wednesday - Our Lenten Journey: Consumed by God", with Br. Michael Moran; **February 24-26**, "Firefighters' Retreat"; **February 24-26**, "Men's Retreat"; **February 25**, "The Role of Zen in the Spirituality of Thomas Merton", with Rev. Robert Jingen Gunn. For more information: [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org).

### Caritas Christi Center



Upcoming events: **January 9** (7-8:30 pm), Questions Jesus Asked Part 4: What Jesus Asked of God and Satan", with Sr. Virginia Herbers; **January 12 - February 16** (six Thursdays, 7-9 pm), "Evening Spiritual Book Club: The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen, with Sr. Patricia Cigrand; **January 25** (6:30-9 pm), "Film Study: Seabiscuit", with Jim Pepitone; **January 25-February 29** (six Wednesdays, 10-noon), "Day Spiritual Book Club: The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen", with Sr. Patricia Cigrand; **February 9-March 28** (seven Wednesdays, 6:30-8 pm), "Prayerful Meditation & Movement with the Prayer of St. Francis", with Karen Suppies; **February 15** (6:30-9 pm), "Film Fest: Amazing Grace", with Jim Pepitone. For more information, go to [www.caritaschristicenter.org](http://www.caritaschristicenter.org).

### Passionist Retreat Center



Upcoming events: **January 6-8**, "Women's Retreat"; **January 13-15**, "Men's Retreat"; **January 20-22**, "Men's Retreat"; **January 25**, (day or evening) "Journey Within to the Place of Listening", with Deacon Arthur Miller; **January 27-29**, "Women's Retreat"; **February 1**, (day or evening), "How Have We Experienced the Changes in the Mass", with Fr. David Cinquegrani; **February 3-5**, "Men's Retreat"; **February 5**, "Freedom Sunday: Interreligious Dialogue on Human Trafficking and Slavery"; **February 10-12**, "Men's Retreat"; **February 11**, "Tai Chi: Meditation in Motion (Day Retreat)", with Francis Hoal Tran; **February 14**, "Valentine's Day Buffet Dinner and Wine Tasting"; **February 17-19**, "Centering Prayer Retreat: Deepening Our Consent", with Therese Saulnier; **February 17-19**, "Men's Retreat"; **February 22** "Ash Wednesday - Our Lenten Journey: Consumed by God", with Br. Michael Moran; **February 24-26**, "Firefighters' Retreat"; **February 24-26**, "Men's Retreat"; **February 25**, "The Role of Zen in the Spirituality of Thomas Merton", with Rev. Robert Jingen Gunn. For more information: [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org). Paul Catholic High School in Bristol. The keynote speaker is Ken Doran, Religion Consultant for William H. Sadlier, Inc.

## Catholic Scouting

### Spiritual Activity Day Saturday January 14, 2012



We would like to invite any Girl Scout in the 2nd to 12th grades who would like to work on their religious emblems to attend this retreat day. These spiritual activities will help you start on your booklet, as many of the activities will be covered that day.

We will also be able to help you continue your journey after you leave us for the day. This retreat is a requirement for anyone working on their religious emblems. Girls who complete the program will be awarded their medal at a special ceremony on **June 3, 2012**.

### Boy Scouts

Committee Meeting  
January 19th 7:00

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Catechetical Leaders Survey

The results of the national Catechetical Leaders Survey are now available online for your information. Included are: academic credentials, parish responsibilities, salaries and benefits, support and staffing, professionalism, job satisfaction, perceived effectiveness and technology. This makes for some interesting reading. To access the results, go to: <http://trresearch.web.officelive.com/default.aspx>



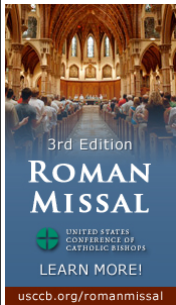
## Religious Education Congress



Save the date! Saturday, November 3, 2012 at St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol. The keynote speaker is Ken Doran, Religion Consultant for William H. Sadler, Inc.

## The New Roman Missal

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).



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”.

## DRE Connect

There is a new online community created by Loyola Press, specifically for parish faith leaders. It's called DRE Connect. It allows you to connect, consult, and grow with other parish faith leaders. It offers you the chance to improve your professional skills and become a mentor for your peers. DRE Connect puts you in touch with the greater community of Catholic Faith Formation Leaders; allows you to share photos, events, and resources and more with your peers; and gives you the opportunity to pass along your passion for ministry as you share your knowledge with other DRE's. Check out DRE Connect today. It only takes a minute to sign up for your FREE membership and begin connecting! Start sharing now at <http://dreconnect.loyolapress.com/home>.



## 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 **January 24, 2012; February 28, 2012; March 27, 2012, April 24, 2012**. To register contact: Sr. Ann: 203-245-0401, [amcgov-ern@mercyne.org](mailto:amcgov-ern@mercyne.org)

## Mid-Atlantic Congress



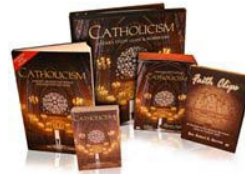
Save the Date! The Mid-Atlantic Congress for Pastoral Leadership, **March 8-10, 2012** at the Baltimore Hilton in the Inner Harbor. Keynoters include

Father James Martin, Most Rev. Gerald Kicanas, and Dr. Adele Gonzalez. Workshops on: adult catechesis, mass media, youth ministry, evangelization, liturgical catechesis, children's catechesis, music, scripture, spirituality and much more. For more information – [www.midatlanticcongress.org](http://www.midatlanticcongress.org).

In advance of the 2012 elections, the U.S. bishops reaffirmed their 2007 document, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, in this coming election cycle and beyond, as the “continuing teaching of our bishops’ Conference and our guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy.” The USCCB is launching a new website for Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: [www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship).



## “Catholicism” Videos



An excellent new resource is now available! **Catholicism** is a groundbreaking Documentary Film Series and multi-media Study Program released by **Word on Fire**. The ten, 50-minute DVD episodes take viewers around the world and

deep into the Faith, spanning over 50 locations in 15 countries. **Catholicism** illustrates the truth, goodness, and beauty of the Catholic Faith in an epic media experience. The videos are created and hosted by Father Robert Barron, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Professor at Mundelein Seminary, and founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. The ten episodes include: The Teachings of Jesus; The Ineffable Mystery of God; Mary, the Mother of God; Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure; The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church; The Mystery of the Church's Sacrament and Worship; The Communion of Saints; Prayer and the Life of the Spirit; The Last Things. This is a great resource for adult faith formation, RCIA, youth ministry, etc. For more information, go to [www.catholicword.com](http://www.catholicword.com) or contact Peggy Galus at [pgalus@catholicword.com](mailto:pgalus@catholicword.com) or 800-932-3051, x307.



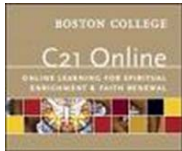
Cycle 2 for the University of Dayton Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (online training for catechetical leaders and catechists) is scheduled for February 26 – March 31. Registration begins January 10 and ends February 22. Go to <https://vlc.udayton.edu/calendar/> for more information and to register.

## Using Music in the Catechetical Program...

### [Top Music Countdown](#)

Here is a resource that can provide you with the tools to spark dialogue about values and relationships. Every month Cornerstone Media uses "the music that young people listen to everyday" to create the **Top Music Countdown**. "This monthly report evaluates the values in 25 of the top songs on the charts, and gives you ways to incorporate these songs into your program. Additional articles keep you up-to-date with youth culture and give you creative and effective ways to incorporate elements of their music and culture into your program. For only \$99 per year, your subscription gives access to your entire church, school or organization!" This makes it really affordable because you can share the cost with others in your parish.

If you are interested, check it out at <http://www.cornerstonemedia.org/>. You can also use some of their *Free Resources* or even join their *E-Club*.



**Boston College C21 Online** announces 3 workshops which will begin on **January 25: *Encountering Jesus, Growing Faith: Adults in an Evangelizing Church, and Spiritual Practices.*** Check

them out at [www.bc.edu/c21online](http://www.bc.edu/c21online).



### **RCL Benziger launches "Sister Rose Goes to the Movies,"**

RCL Benziger is excited to announce the launch of an internet resource that will help families and educators choose appropriate movies for young people to view. "Sister Rose Goes to the Movies" (<http://sisterrosemovies.com>) is a new website featuring Daughter of St. Paul and media expert Sister Rose Pacatte offering insight with a moral, theological, educational and artistic perspective into films both new and old. Always honest, often amusing, she is director of the Pauline Center for Media Studies in Culver City, California, and earned a M.Ed in Media Studies from the University of London. Sister Rose is well known nationally and internationally for her work in media literacy education for parents and teachers within the context of culture, education and faith formation.

Sister Rose is the co-author of the series *Lights, Camera ... Faith! A Movie Lover's Guide to Scripture*, and a popular speaker at education and media conferences throughout the country. There is truly "nun better" than Sister Rose Pacatte at guiding Catholic adults to help young people make good movie viewing choices. Inquiries should be directed to Harry Johns II, the director of marketing at RCL Benziger ([hjohns@rclbenziger.com](mailto:hjohns@rclbenziger.com)).

## ADULT FORMATION/ EVANGELIZATION/ RCIA

### **RCIA WORKSHOP**

Our third RCIA In-Service Workshop will be held on Saturday, **January 21, 2012** from 9:00 am to 12 noon at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary. The topic will be the period of Purification and Enlightenment; Celebrating Rites and Scrutinies. Our presenter is Ms. Lisa Orchen. To register call Mary Marsan, (860)243-946, e-mail her at [mmarsan@adh-ore.org](mailto:mmarsan@adh-ore.org), or return the enclosed flyer by **January 10, 2012**.



### **SAVE THE DATE RCIA -RITE OF ELECTION**

The Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph on **Sunday, February 26, 2012** at 3pm. Registration forms will be mailed out by the Office of Religious Education at the end of January.

### **LOOKING AHEAD ADULT CONFIRMATION**



Our next Adult Confirmation Program will begin in **April 2012**. We will have three locations. Classes will be held in West Hartford (English and Spanish), Hamden and Waterbury (English only). Adult Confirmation will be celebrated on **May 22, 2012** at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. For more details and the registration forms go to our web site, [www.orehartford.org](http://www.orehartford.org).

### **LAY MINISTRY**

What dreams do you have for your parish? Imagine how our parishes could be transformed if more adults received a theological and spiritual education. How can we empower more of the laity to accept their baptismal call to participate more fully in the life and ministry of the church?

The Lay Ministry Program can help. Our next class will begin in **September 2012**. This training is a 2 year process which includes classes in theology, scripture, 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 contact Mary Marsan.

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Próxima Sesión: *La Sagrada Escritura*

Seminario San Tomas  
467 Bloomfield Ave. Bloomfield, CT  
Martes, 10 de enero 2012  
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Padre Ivan Ramirez

Parroquia Santa Rosa de Lima  
35 Center St. Meriden, CT  
Jueves, 19 de enero 2012  
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Padre Israel Rivera

Parroquia San Anthony/ Sagrado Corazón  
25 Gold St. New Haven, CT  
Miércoles 25 de enero 2012  
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Padre Francis Snell



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