



ORE Connections September 2011

From the Director's desk... 

"GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD"

Recent studies have shown that families who eat together on a regular basis have very good results. Drug use, including alcohol, is way down among those families who spend time with each other. I would further suggest that families that eat together and worship together regularly have a lower incidence of divorce and a higher degree of happiness.

My brother and I were fortunate individuals. Our parents loved each other very much and loved us as well.

Every night we gathered in our home for a family meal. My Dad worked in a factory as an auto mechanic. The factory's name was New Departure Hyatt. They made ball bearings for General Motors. If my Dad got the opportunity to work later and get some overtime, he would call home to tell my Mom that he would be home a little bit late.

My Mom would inform us children that my Dad would be home in a couple of hours. She would say to us "you can eat at the usual time or you can eat when your father gets home." As I remember it, my brother and I would always respond, "we will wait for Dad to come home and eat dinner then."

Family meals were very important for us. Our table was in the kitchen and folded so that it was half of a circle. My parents sat together and my brother sat at one end and I sat at the other. We had the seats of importance or maybe it was arranged that way so that we would not fight.

My parents made sure that we had nutritional meals but the most important part of it all was being together. We would learn from each other what happened during the day. My brother and I would talk about what took place at school. My parents would talk about how their day at work went. The family meal provided us with the opportunity to get to know each other much better.

As a family, we worshipped at Mass as well. Just as the family meal was a necessity in our lives, so too was Sunday Mass attendance.

My parents emphasized the importance of further education and they also emphasized the importance of our Catholic faith.

I am indebted to my parents for their devotion to us children. They did a good job with us and shared their beliefs and convictions. I was lucky to have a strong family and I thank God for this blessing each day.

Monsignor Motta

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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 12th** at St Therese, Granby. Cost is \$100.00. **Please note the NEW start date of this class. Oct 1st was cancelled.**
- FALL SESSION SOUTH: Thursdays 6:00pm-9:30pm starting in September. Blessed Sacrament, Hamden. **Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 27, Nov 3, 10th**. Cost is \$100.00

Catholic Youth Spectacular (CYS)

We are putting last minute details into place for a GREAT day on **Sept 18th** to welcome 2000 young people to the grounds of St. Thomas Seminary for the 6th annual Catholic Youth Spectacular – some just back from World Youth Day in Madrid. Listen to WJMJ for the PSA's recorded by Archbishop Mansell, Stephanie and Sammy from St. Rose, East Hartford, Nino from St. Maria Goretti, Wolcott, and Brandan from Sacred Heart, Bloomfield. The Garden Rosary is literally taking root as the Hostas and Daylilies spread out in their new home. We also discovered over three days of installation that this Rosary is mostly in the shade so if you have not purchased the Hosta or Daylily requested, please bring a shade plant or ground cover instead. Joia Farmer and Apex Ministry are really looking forward to meeting our youth. It's not too late to attend until it's over but after **Sept 2nd** it's \$30.00 and you will need to bring your own food. We've added hot dogs and coleslaw to the menu this year.

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 well-being 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. For Tickets, Call 860-236-4221 x504. To purchase tickets securely on-line go to 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. \(www.vimeo.org and search for "Life Teen Roman Missal"\)](http://www.vimeo.org) 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.](http://www.vimeo.org)

Caring for God's Creation: Beth Terry – Living Plastic Free



The average American generates about 100 pounds of plastic waste a year. So did Beth Terry, until she read an article about plastic pollution in the oceans and saw a photograph of a dead albatross chick carcass filled with plastic products. Making the connection that her actions were harming a creature she never knew existed, she resolved to live a plastic free life. From January to November 2010, she generated less than 2 pounds of plastic waste. Here is her twelve (12) minute TED Talk [Fake Plastic Fish \(http://tiny.cc/eyvlu\)](http://tiny.cc/eyvlu).

Seven (7) Misconceptions About Plastic and Plastic Recycling: Read more at <http://www.ecologycenter.org/ptf/misconceptions.html>. The article also contains *Five*

Strategies to reduce Environmental Impact of Plastics.



Hispanic Youth Congress

A Day long event with Father Espaillat at St. Thomas Seminary. Contact Deacon Ramon Rosado at the Office of Hispanic Evangelization to register or get more information call 860-243-0940

- 8:00 Registration
- 9:00 Intros/ Prayer
- 9:30 First Session: Who am I/ Quien Soy Ya?
- 10:45 Second Session: What is your World/ Cuales Tu Mundo?
- 12:00 Lunch or Chastity/Castidad Workshop
- 1:00 Lunch or Chastity/Castidad Workshop
- 2:00 Fourth Session: Defeating Goliath/Venciendo a Goliath
- 3:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 4:00 Mass

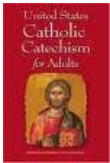
ADULT FORMATION/ EVANGELIZATION/ RCIA

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 Parish 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.



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 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.

Shine, Share, & Serve

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington will present the 1st 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 or www.ourladyofcalvary.com.

RCIA Workshops



Come join us for a series of RCIA workshops designed for those who minister in the RCIA. Each session will cover an overview of the RCIA period and then emphasize certain ministry skills of Rites associated with that period. Both the theory and the practical application will be discussed. You may attend all or some of the sessions. There will be a separate registration form for each workshop. There is no charge for the workshops, but please register so that we can have the proper number of seats and refreshments. If you register and do not attend your parish will be charged \$15.00 per person.

- **Saturday, September 24, 2011– Overview of the RCIA process, Discerning Conversion**, Presenter: Lisa Orchen, Facilitator for STEP, on-line courses, Notre Dame University
- **Saturday, October 22, 2011– Period of the Catechumenate, Celebrating the Rite of Welcome and Acceptance, Dismissal Rite and Breaking Open the Word**, Presenter: Jean Kechejian, Former Diocesan Director of RCIA, Diocese of Bridgeport
- **Saturday, January 21, 2012– Period of Purification and Enlightenment, Celebrating the Rite of Election, Celebrating Scrutinies and Penitential Rites**, Presenter: Lisa Orchen
- **Saturday, March 10, 2012– Period of Mystagogy** Presenter: Lisa Orchen
- **Saturday, March 31, 2012– RCIA Retreat Day for Catechumens, Candidates and Team members– 9 am to 2 pm** Presenter: Jean Kechejian

Adult Confirmation Classes

These preparation classes are offered for adults who have been baptized and received First Communion, but have not yet been confirmed. Registration forms can be found on our web site, www.orehartford.org or through your parish. There is a \$20.00 book fee. Classes will be held at three locations.



- At **Our Lady of Loreto**, 14 Ardsley Rd., **Waterbury, CT** on Mondays September 12,19,26, October 3, 10, 17 from 7:15-9 pm
- At **The Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary**, 467 Bloomfield Ave., **Bloomfield, CT** on Tuesdays, September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, from 7 to 9pm
- At **St. Joan of Arc**, in **Hamden**, 450 W. Todd St., **Hamden, CT** on Thursdays, September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, from 7 to 9 pm.

For directions see our web page,

www.orehartford.org

Catholic Biblical School



Scripture Day Reminder: The first-year Scripture Day is scheduled for **Saturday, Sept 10**, from 9:00-3:00 (sign-in and “coffee and” begins at 8:30). Bring your Bibles, your summer reading assignment, and your hunger for God’s Word!

Upcoming Biblical School

Opportunities for CBS Graduates:

Echoes of Canaanite Concepts in the

Bible: A Second Look with Paul Sansone, **Oct. 15, 2011** at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield from 9:30 to noon. (“Coffee And” begins at 9:00.) The response to Paul’s seminar last



September was so enthusiastic that we asked him to come back this year to explore even more ancient near eastern myths and their impact on our Old Testament. *Whether or not you attended the program last year, all CBS grads will enjoy this seminar.* Registration required by **October 7, 2011**. Look for the registration form in *this* issue of *ORE Connections*.

Mark Your Calendar:

- **Graduate Bible Seminar:** Sr. Barbara Bozak, CSJ, will be with us on Saturday November 12, 9:30-noon at St. Thomas Seminary.
- **Advent Prophets:** Dr. Harry Nasuti, an Old Testament scholar at Fordham University, will be with us on **Sunday, December 11**, 1:00-3:00 at St. Thomas Seminary.

Catholic Biblical School Grads—Have you received our summer mailing?

If you haven’t received our mailing with details about all our graduate offerings for 2011-12 (including information about a new, graduate-level course in Hartford on the synoptic gospels), please let Jill Costa know in the Office of Religious Education (860-243-9465, ext. 2670).

Biblical School Course Schedules

For additional details and information about holidays, consult the online calendar at www.orehartford.org.

YEAR ONE:

Bloomfield, CT: Mondays 7:00-9:00 pm, Sacred Heart Parish Center
Hamden, CT: Tuesdays, 10:00-noon, Caritas Christi Center
Milford, CT: Wednesdays 7:00-9:00 pm, Christ Redeemer Parish 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

Summer Reading Assignments 2011

Students entering Year One in fall 2011 receive their summer reading assignment at their enrollment interview. The text is Stephen Binz’s book, *Introduction to the Bible: A Catholic Guide to Studying Scripture*, available in the Catholic Book Store at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary. Call Jill Costa if you need further



HISPANIC MINISTRY

PREPARACIÓN para la CONFIRMACIÓN de ADULTOS

Lugar: Seminario San Tomás, 467 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002

Horario: los días martes septiembre 13, 20, 27 & octubre 4, 11, 18 de 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

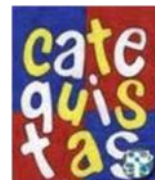
Programa de la Formación Básica para Catequistas 2011-2012

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, 34 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

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

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Other News

"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 Might 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.

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat House



Upcoming events: **September 12, 7-9 pm**, "When Was the Last Time You Told Your Story", with Maria Decsy; **September 22, 7-9 pm**, "Stop the World, I want to Get Off", with JoAnne Ceccarelli-Egan;

September 27, 7-9 pm, "Another Way to Pray, with Dotti Szypulski; **September 28, 9-1pm**, "Seeing God's World Through the Eye of a Camera Lens", with Maryanne Healy; **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.



Upcoming events: **September 11, 7 pm**, "Memorial Mass for the 10th Anniversary of September 11"; **September 16-18**, "Men's Retreat"; **September 23-25**, "Married Couples Retreat"; **September 30-October 2**, "Women's Retreat"; **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". For more information: www.holyfamilyretreat.org.

Caritas Christi Center

Upcoming events: **September 8-November 3, 7-9 pm**, "Evening Spiritual Book Club: Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life by Fr. Richard Rohr", with



Sr. Patricia Cigrand; **September 13, 7-9 pm**, "Saintry Person of the Month Series: Blessed Pope John Paul II", with Sr. Doretta D'Albero; **September 17, 10 am-3 pm**, "Introduction to Centering Prayer Practice", with Sr. Carolyn Severino; **September 19, 7-8:30 pm**, "Learn the Questions Jesus Asked, Part 1", with Sr. Virginia Herbers; **September 21-November 16, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 pm**, "Prayerful Meditation and Movement with the Prayer of St. Francis", with Karen Suppies; **September 11, 6:30-9 pm**, "Film Study: The King's Speech", with Jim Pepitone; **September 18, 7-9 pm**, "Getting the Most Out of the Mass", with Fr. Jeffrey Gubbiotti; **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. For more information, go to www.caritaschristicenter.org.



Upcoming events: **September 13, 7-9 pm**, "Parish Social Ministry Leadership Series: Leadership Skills", at St. Isaac, East Hartford; **September 24**, "Hoof It For Haiti", at St. Elizabeth Seton, Rocky Hill; **September 29, 7-9 pm**, "Parish Social Ministry Leadership Series: Program Planning", at St. Ann, Avon; **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. www.catholicsocialjustice.org.

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.

Clare Gallery

The Clare Gallery at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry (St. Patrick-St. Anthony, Hartford) has announced an exhibition – "Le Point Vierge: Mary and the Catholic Imagination". This exhibition is free and open to the public and extends from **August 25 to October 23, 2011**. A reception and artist lecture will be held on Saturday, **September 10, 5-7 pm**. The exhibition directs its focus on the varied images of the Virgin Mary, within the context of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. For more information: www.spsact.org (click on "Community Life", then Clare Gallery) or 860-756-4034.

Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center

"Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola", a Women's Retreat, will be held **September 16-18** at the Renewal Center in Putnam. For more information: 860-928-7955, x105 or www.immaculateconceptionsite.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The Archdiocese of Hartford is participating in “Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner With Your Children”, sponsored by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University. Statistics show that children are much less likely to abuse drugs and alcohol if they regularly have dinner with their families. Archbishop Mansell encourages families throughout the Archdiocese to come together for a meal on **Monday, September 26, 2011**. We are encouraging every family in the Archdiocese to take the time to be together, share a meal, and enjoy each other’s company. Additional information is being mailed to each pastor and is also available on the Archdiocesan website – www.archdioceseofhartford.org. Parish catechetical leaders are also receiving additional information and resources.

University of Dayton Online Courses

Registration for Cycle 6 is now up. The Cycle starts **September 25** and runs through October 29. Registration closes on **September 21**. For a list of course offerings, go to <http://vlc.udayton.edu>. Check out the Certificate in Catechesis and the new Certificate in Youth Ministry.



Harry Potter

In the July 12 edition of the Vatican newspaper, L’Osservatore Romano, reviewers say that Harry Potter film champions values. Some of the comments are: “Eternal life is reached through death, not without it. And Harry Potter, although he never declared himself a Christian, calls on the dark magician to mend his ways, repent for what he has done and recognize the primacy of love over everything so he will not be damned for eternity”. The “Deathly Hallows” demonstrates that “from the pure of heart like the young Harry, ready to die for his friends,” come big lessons”. The film also teaches that “it’s possible to change the world. It is Harry, with his inseparable friends, who demonstrates that it is possible to vanquish evil and establish peace. Power, success and an easy life do not bring the truest and deepest joys. For that we need friendship, self-giving, sacrifice and attachment to a truth that is not formed in man’s image”. What a good catechetical moment!

Catechetical Sunday

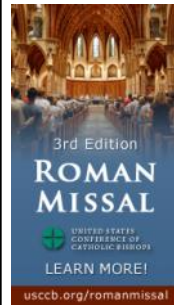


The date for Catechetical Sunday is **September 18, 2011**. The theme for this year is “Do This in Memory of Me”. All of the information, including clip-art, a reflection on the Eucharist, two catechist/teacher in-services, teaching aids on the Eucharist and Mass, bulletin inserts, family resources and an intergenerational retreat are available for free downloads at www.usccb.org. The Catechetical Sunday website also includes numerous articles in English and Spanish and the document, “Happy Are Those Who Are Called to His Supper: On Preparing to Receive Christ Worthily in the Eucharist,” by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

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 16th.

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. **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.

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.

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.

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

NEW: Congratulations to Christa Rakich, Director of Music at St. Mark the Evangelist Church in West Hartford – the winner of the Archdiocesan Composition Competition. She will receive her award at the Blessing and Commissioning of Musicians at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford on September 8, sponsored by the local Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. All are welcome!

“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.Dioceeseoflansing.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.



Free from Pflaum Publishing – for students, teachers, and catechists – including leaders’ guides and student handouts. “Hands” for primary grades, “A Blessing for the New School Year” for intermediate grades, and “Sharing

Your Light” for catechists and teachers. Just go to www.pflaum.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. If you didn’t receive a copy of the brochure and registration information, everything is available on our website – 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.



John Roberto just redesigned and expanded the **Faith Formation 2020** online resource center. The new menu system will make it easier to learn about Faith Formation 2020, develop new initiatives in faith formation, and find the resources you need to

design and implement 21st century faith formation for your parish. Check out the expanded website at www.FaithFormation2020.net.

The National Catholic Partnership on Disability

is offering a webinar on **Tuesday, September 13**, from 2-3 pm EDT. The topic is “Symbolic Catechesis and Other Tools in Catechetical Ministry for Students with Disabilities”. This webinar provides tools for catechetical ministry with those having mild to severe disabilities. The use of symbolic catechesis and sacred spaces which engages all



of the senses will be explored. Adaptive methodology that utilizes Montessori teaching principles to help children develop an informed and genuine relationship with God will be shared. Cost of the webinar is \$45 (if you are a member of NCPD, or NCCL, or Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, the webinar is free). For more information on this webinar or on many of the other webinars NCPD offers, or to register, go to www.ncpd.org/webinars.



RCL Benziger has launched a new website, www.BeMyDisciples.com, to create a community of disciples. The new website allows visitors to share their own stories of discipleship by uploading blog entries or short videos. Inspirational

videos from a catechist, a DRE, a pastor, a parent and a student offer food for reflection so that others may share their thoughts, ideas and inspiration. Visit the site and share your story with others.

The Center for Ministry Development has announced the Winter 2011-12 upload to the **Fashioning Faith**



website. Subscribers can now access the 30 new resources along with the hundreds of others that are also available on the site. The 3 new topics are Call and Vocation, The Ten Commandments, and the Wisdom Writings of the Old Testament. Other featured resources include: How to Read the Bible, Lectio Living, Facilitator Background for each topic, Justice Challenges, and Full Lesson Plans for Intergenerational, Adult, Youth and Child Sessions. For more information or to subscribe, go to www.fashioningfaith.org.



“**The Gospel for All Ages**” – Launch the new school year with a parish-wide event. Foster whole community catechesis with a Fall Festival as the theme of a parish-wide event. “Gospel for All Ages” online program from Pflaum Publishing provides you with publicity ideas, a sample schedule, a gathering ritual, and more. It is available online, and it’s FREE. Go to www.pflaum.com.



Check out the Fall 2011 Update for online courses at **Boston College School of Theology and Ministry**. The first set of courses begins **September 28** (“Christian Faith and Moral Character”, “Spirituality Matters”, “What Makes Us Catholic, Part 1”. “The Eucharist: At the Heart of Catholic Life” begins October 12. Beginning **October 19** is “Autumn Blessings: Spirituality in the Second Half of Life”, and “Jesus Foretold and Fulfilled” begins **November 30**. Just go to www.bc.edu/c21online.

Early Childhood Religion Readiness



A webinar for kindergarten teachers, pre-school catechists, teachers, principals and catechetical leaders on early childhood religious education will be presented **Wednesday, September 21, 3:30-5 pm (EST)** and repeating

Saturday, September 24, 11 am-12:30 pm (EST). The event is the first in a series hosted by RCL Benziger. The webinar will be offered by faculty from the University of Dayton's early childhood program and from the university's early childhood demonstration school, the Bombeck Family Learning Center. Each webinar session is limited to 100 computers. Catechists, DREs, parents, teachers and pastors are encouraged to gather in locales to view the webinar as a group. Registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. The deadline for registration is September 16. If interested, send an email to DanMulhall, dmulhall@rclbenziger.com, to receive a webinar invitation and access code. Participants will need access to a computer with speakers and be able to receive downloads in a timely manner.

9/11 Anniversary

The Catholic Church Remembers, a website to mark the tenth anniversary of 9/11, will highlight people's firsthand experiences of pain and hope from the disaster. The USCCB site – www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/september-11 - includes video vignettes (some with Cardinal Egan, archbishop-emeritus of NY), bulletin notices, intercessions, homily notes, etc.

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 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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