



# ORE Connections August 2011

*From the Director's desk...* 

## Pray for us

*On more than one occasion I have heard people say the "Hail Mary" prayer incorrectly. Many people say "pray for our sinners now and at the*

*hour of our death"*

*instead of "pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death". It makes a big difference theologically.*

*"Pray for us sinners" acknowledges the fact that we are all sinners. It helps keeps us humble and less likely to point our fingers at other sinners.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God Pray for us.*



*God Bless.*

*Monsignor Motta*

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# ADULT FORMATION/ EVANGELIZATION/ RCIA



## Adult Confirmation- Fall 2011

Confirmation classes for baptized adult Catholics who have made their First Communion and are over 18 will be held in three locations this fall: Our Lady of Loreto, Waterbury; St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield; and St. Joan of Arc, Hamden. Registration forms and more information are available on our web site,

[www.orehartford.org](http://www.orehartford.org). The Sacrament of

Confirmation will be celebrated on

**Tuesday, October 25, 2011** at 7:30 pm at St. Thomas Seminary.

## RCIA Workshops

Come for a journey through the RCIA process. These workshops are offered for those with little or no experience in the RCIA ministry. They are designed to teach the basics. Both the theory and the practical application will be examined. All workshops are held at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, 467 Bloomfield Ave, Bloomfield, CT from 9:00 to 12 noon. Registration Forms may be found on our website [www.orehartford.org](http://www.orehartford.org).



**Saturday, September 24, 2011**– “Overview of RCIA and Discerning Conversion”. Presenter: Lisa Orchen, Facilitator for STEP, on-line courses, University of Notre Dame.

**Saturday, October 22, 2011**–“Period of 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 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 to 2 pm, Presenter: Jean Kechejian.

## Lectio Divina Workshop

Learn the ancient art of praying with sacred texts (principally Scripture)!

**Saturday, September 24, 2011**

St. Mary's Parish Center  
Windsor Locks -  
45 Church St.,  
Windsor Locks

Sign in: 9-9:30; Program: 9:30 to 3:30 (4:30 Mass celebrated by Fr. Bill available to attendees)  
Coffee and danish provided for breakfast; beverages throughout the day. Lunch is your own brown bag.

Suggested offering: \$20  
Information and reservations:  
Mary or Larry - 860-623-9132

Presenter: Rev. William Sheehan, OMI  
Fr. Bill Sheehan was ordained in 1965 as a Catholic priest of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. He has served as a Retreat Director and led many Centering Prayer, Welcoming Prayer, Forgiveness Prayer and Lectio Divina workshops all over the world. He resides in Massachusetts.

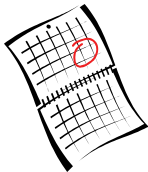
# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Catechetical Sunday 2011

The date 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/catecheticalsunday/](http://www.usccb.org/catecheticalsunday/). 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 Evangeliation. 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>**.



## ROMAN MISSAL – 3<sup>RD</sup> EDITION

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).

"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.



**NEW:** 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/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)

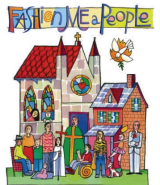
**Textbooks:** Just about every book for every grade for every publisher is being changed. Check with your local representative or the publisher web page to see when the new editions are available. Most publishers are also including downloadable pages of changes, should you have an inventory of books, 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.

## Fashion Me A People

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).



## Faith Formation 2020

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 21<sup>st</sup> century faith formation for your parish. Check out the expanded website at

[www.FaithFormation2020.net](http://www.FaithFormation2020.net).

# YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

## Youth Ministry Basics Class

Twelve sessions that will help your parish 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 all materials, 6 meals and the overnights. Reserve your spot NOW.

**FALL SESSION NORTH:** Saturdays 9:00am-3:00pm: Oct 1, 15, 29 and Nov 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Therese, Granby. Cost is \$100.00.

**FALL SESSION SOUTH:** Thursdays 6:00pm-9:30pm starting in September. Blessed Sacrament, Hamden. Call for dates. Cost is \$100.00

## Catholic Youth Spectacular (CYS)

Fifty groups approaching 2000 participants plan to attend the 6<sup>th</sup> annual **CYS - September 18, 2011** with APeX Ministries and Joia Farmer at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary. Twenty groups took advantage of the first Early Bird Special. **Next early bird deadline is July 29<sup>th</sup>**. FINAL deadline is **Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Orientation is Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. Maria Zone, Director of Communications for the Archdiocese, is creating some **Public Service Announcements** and possible TV appearances for the **CYS** and looking for high school youth who:



- 1) are articulate, expressive, and able to think on their feet
- 2) have attended at least one Spectacular – and had a good time - so that they can speak from experience about the event
- 3) plan to attend this year.

If you have youth that fits this description, please e-mail their name and phone number to Shawnee. Maria will interview them over the phone for the final cut.

**Vendor space for fundraisers** – Four parish youth groups have signed up to sell Sandy Candy, cold beverages, baked goods and ice cream to

raise \$\$ for WYD and NCCYM. Call Shawnee if you want to reserve a booth.

If you have youth who want to be **Hospitality Ambassadors** – Greet the buses and direct folks around the Seminary to different stations - *give me those names as soon as you read this*. They will need to arrive around noon the day of the **CYS**. We will meet either August 13<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> at the Seminary to discuss duties. We may also still be installing the Rosary Path on those dates as well and will need assistance.

**“Set aside Six” Offertory Challenge.** Can/will your youth contribute \$6.00pp during Mass??? Can we raise \$12,000.00??? I hope we can since we have a generous benefactor who will **match** the Immaculate Shelter Building challenge when we hit \$4000.00 and donate it in the name of our youth!!

- \$2.00 will go to Catholic Relief Services.
- \$2.00 will go to the Catholic Youth Foundation USA which has been very generous with scholarships to NCCYM and NCCYM.
- \$2.00 will go toward the \$3 Million Immaculate Shelter Building Campaign.

## Disciple Project – Immaculate Shelter Dates and Fundraiser

*Some dates are still available to cook and serve the men at the Immaculate Shelter. Call Shawnee to schedule.*

Bring your friends and family to the Rock Cats Ballpark on **Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>** to raise money for a new building to house our homeless men. The walls and floors leak every spring, the kitchen is inadequate, and the place is not big enough for the 80-150 men they have been housing over this past winter. Tickets are only \$8.00. Game time 7:05. Gates open at 5:35. Rock Cats (Minnesota Twins) vs NH Fisher Cat (Toronto Blue Jays). Football giveaway to the first 1200 fans. Contact Shawnee or call Teresa Wierbicki for an order form 860-724-4823 x103. Form is attached for e-mail customers.



## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

We are collaborating with other diocesan offices on a new initiative that targets young adults, between the ages of 18-39- single, married, with or without children . *WHY?* We are seeing more Young Adults upon the completion of the adult confirmation classes and the Catholic Biblical School who are looking for “something more.” Our mission is *Forming Disciples, Cultivating Faith* and in this case to empower young adults in parishes to get what they need to quench a thirst for God. But what are young adults looking for? What do they need? What do they know? What do they want to learn, feel, experience about their Catholic faith? Do they want to be participants or planners? What are they willing to plan for their peers? What do they want from the Church?

The working title for this project is called, *Thirsty Thursdays: Re-Engaging the Gospel*. Using the word GOSPEL to spark discussion, we created an immediate list of possible topics that might engage young adults. One idea sparked another....

**G – God.** Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Grace. Genesis. Guilt. Gaudium et Spes.

**O – Outreach.** Ownership. Offertory. Ordinary Time. Oppression.

**S – Social.** Sacraments. Sacrifice. Salvation. Service. Sin. Stewardship. Sexuality.

**P – Prayer.** Peace. Pastoral Care. Parenthood. Paschal Mystery. Psalms. Poverty. Politics.

**E – Evangelize.** Empower. Eschatology/ End of times. Eucharist. Evangelists.. Evil.

**L – Leadership.** Liturgy. Lay Ministry. Life. Lord’s prayer. Love. Lumen Gentium



You can help us move this project forward by letting us know if your parish:

1. Has or wants to start programs for young adults
2. Has young adults who might attend a focus session to brainstorm ideas
3. Has young adults who have the desire and capacity to plan events for their peers

If you have specific names, please forward to Shawnee with a phone number and an e-mail address.

## CYO Basketball Program

The responsibility for the CYO Basketball Invitational Tournament, the play that leads up to it and qualification to the New England Invitational Tournament transitions to the Office for Catholic Schools this month. They are in the process of



hiring a Director of School Support Services whose job will be multi-faceted but includes the sports programs. There will be a final gathering of CYO Deanery Directors and their families on **Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>** at Rock Cat Stadium. Game time 7:05. Rock Cats (Minnesota Twins) vs NH Fisher Cat (Toronto Blue Jays).

## HISPANIC MINISTRY

### Programa de Formación Básica para Catequistas Hispanos

St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield  
Martes 6pm – 9 pm

Oficina de Family Life, Hamden  
Miércoles 6pm – 9pm

Centro Parroquial Santa Rosa de Lima,  
Meriden

Jueves 6pm – 9pm

Más información en seguida.

### Preparación de la Confirmación de Adultos

Seminario San Tomás,  
467 Bloomfield Ave,  
Bloomfield, CT

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



# Catholic Biblical School

## Are you or is someone you know ready to explore the Bible?

Registrations for the Catholic Biblical School Class of 2015 are pouring in. Don't miss out on the only Catholic Biblical studies program authorized for the Archdiocese of Hartford by Archbishop Henry Mansell. College credit for these courses is **optional** but can be arranged through St. Thomas Seminary. (More information is provided below and on our website at [www.orehartford.org/cbs.htm](http://www.orehartford.org/cbs.htm))

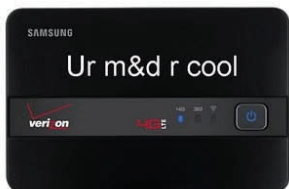


## Catholic Biblical School Grads—Have you received our recent mailing?

If, by *mid-August*, 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.

### CBS Online!

Ever wonder how God would communicate with Moses if he had lived in today's digital culture? Maybe our fourth commandment would look something like this:



The Vatican urges us all to use up-to-date media to promote the gospel. In that spirit, the Catholic Biblical School blog offers timely information about the Bible and resources for learning more about Scripture—and we sometimes even do it with a sense of humor! Check us out at <http://bjdhorehartford.blogspot.com/> (Or contact Jill Costa for assistance.)

## Scripture Days Scheduled for August 20!

The Year Two Opening Scripture Day begins at 8:30 and the Advanced Year Scripture Day (Year 3 and 4 students) begins at 9:00 am. "Coffee and" for each group begins one half-hour before the presentation starts.

Don't forget to bring with you your completed summer reading assignment and your Bible. For more links to your assignment, go to the CBS webpage (<http://www.orehartford.org/cbs.htm>) and scroll down to the section "Continuing Summer Registration and Summer Reading."

## Application and Enrollment Information

Application forms are online or you can contact Jill Costa in the ORE Office to receive materials through email or by post. Those who wish to apply for enrollment need to make an appointment for an interview with the CBS Coordinator (BJ) by contacting Jill Costa. All interviews must be *scheduled by August 15 and completed by Sept 9, 2011*. (Optional college credit is available through St. Thomas Seminary.)



## First-year Course Schedule

First-year classes take place at selected locations throughout the Archdiocese. The locations for Year I (2011-12) classes are:

**Bloomfield, CT:** Mondays 7:00-9:00 pm, Sacred Heart Parish. Instructor: Ms. Marcia Franko, MA

**Hamden, CT:** Tuesdays, 10:00-noon, Caritas Christi Center. Instructor: Sr. Jewel Renna, CND

**Milford, CT:** Wednesdays 7:00-9:00 pm, Christ Redeemer Parish. Instructor: Ms. Marcia Franko, MA

**Plantsville, CT:** Thursdays 7:00-9:00 pm, St. Aloysius Parish Center. Instructor: Sr. Jewel Renna, CND

## CBS Tuition Scholarships

Available through the Sr. Jewel Renna Scholarship Fund. Application forms can be found online at [www.orehartford.org/cbs.htm](http://www.orehartford.org/cbs.htm) or by contacting Jill Costa in the ORE Office. We must receive completed forms by **August 15**.

## Upcoming Biblical School Opportunities for CBS Graduates

**Seminar: Canaanite Mythology and the Old Testament** 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 the September issue of *ORE Connections*.



### Are you looking to extend and deepen your knowledge of the Bible?

Catholic Biblical School Graduates are now invited to register to attend first-year classes this year as auditors, free of charge. However, you *must* follow guidelines for participation and register by **September 1, 2011**. Details and registration forms have been sent in the July graduate mailing.

**Explore the Synoptic Gospels** in a relaxed atmosphere with Dr. Tom Casey of the Biblical School Faculty. No homework, opportunity to ask questions and explore issues in a deeper way, with more time and attention devoted to these important biblical books. Registration information is provided in the July graduate mailing.

### Summer Reading Assignments 2011

**Advanced Year:** Students entering Years Three and Four of the Biblical School in fall 2011 will be reading *portions (only)* of the important church document, "Interpretation of the Bible in the Church."



**NOTE:** You are not asked to read the entire document. An abridged version of this document, suitable for this summer reading assignment, is available online or by request from Jill Costa in the ORE Office. Written assignments

based on the reading are due at the Opening Scripture Day on **August 20, 2011**.

**Year 2:** Students entering Year Two in fall 2011 will be reading Donald Senior's book, *Jesus: A Gospel Portrait*. Assignment sheets are available online or by contacting Jill in the ORE. Written assignments are due at Scripture Day, August 20, 2011.

**Year 1:** 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.

### Looking for a Bible Class or Enrichment Workshop?

#### The Complete Catholic Biblical School Calendar is ONLINE!

Here's how to find it:

1. Type into your web browser (or click on this link): [www.orehartford.org](http://www.orehartford.org) (This is the URL for the Office of Religious Education website.)



2. Click on the "Calendar" link, located at the center of the grey-colored, horizontal menu bar at the top of the page.

3. Click on the words "ORE Hartford" that appear *in black* in the box that appears on the white horizontal menu bar. This menu bar is located *between* the dark red title bar above and the days of the week (Monday, Tuesday...) below.

4. Scroll down to choose "Catholic Biblical School." The CBS calendar will appear. To scroll from month to month, click on the blue arrows in the top left-hand corner



## OTHER NEWS

### Welcome

Please welcome Jennifer McClintock as the new Coordinator of Catholic Scouting and Communications for the Office of Religious Education.

Jennifer comes to us from St. Bridget Church in Manchester and started with the ORE in July. She can be reached at [jmclintock@adh-ore.org](mailto:jmclintock@adh-ore.org) or 860-243-9465, ext. 2675.

## CATHOLIC SCOUTING

**September 8, 2011**

**time TBD**

Catholic Boy Scout Catholic Committee Meeting  
Office of Religious Education  
Archdiocesan Center at  
St. Thomas Seminary

**September 17, 2011**

**time TBD**

NCCS Region One Conference  
Brattleboro, Vermont

**September 24, 2011**

**8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m**

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