



DIOCESAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER MARCH - APRIL 2007

DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL DAY 2007: "ENCOUNTERING THE LIVING CHRIST"

The Diocese of Lansing is pleased to announce plans for Catechetical Day 2007. This is an important day for religious educators, youth ministers, Catholic school personnel, adult formation, diocesan staff and clergy. The theme of the day is "Encountering the Living Christ."

The day will feature exhibitors, formation workshops, idea sharing, and faith-building opportunities.

Choose a date and location!

- ◆ Catechetical Day (West) Saturday, October 20 Lansing Catholic High School, Lansing.
- ◆ Catechetical Day (East) Sunday, October 21 - Fr Gabriel Richard High School, Ann Arbor.

The registration fee is \$39 per person with a 10% discount for ten or more from the same parish or school. After the registration deadline of October 4, the registration fee is \$49.

CLEARINGHOUSE FOR PARISH OPENINGS

The Office of Catechesis runs a clearinghouse of information for parishes which have openings for the position of Director / Coordinator of Religious Education,. We share the information we receive from parishes with individuals who are looking for positions. We also share the information we receive from individuals with those parishes which are looking for applicants. If your parish, or you as an individual, are considering a change, our offices want to assist in any way that we can. Even though the Diocese does not hire parish ministers, it is expected to give assistance to this process and to review the background and experience of candidates before a DRE, CYM, or Adult Education position is offered.

You can request a copy of the *Diocesan Hiring Guidelines for Parish Catechetical Leaders* that contain leadership models, job descriptions and approaches to developing a job description, background and skills required for positions, interviewing techniques, and a checklist of duties for a search committee. Contact Michael Andrews at mandrews@dioceseoflansing.org with any questions.

MOTHER'S DAY ADVICE

The Catholic Times is working on a special Mother's Day issue that will feature the best advice given from mothers. If your mother gave you a piece of advice and you treasure it, remember it, ponder it, use it and pass it to others, consider sharing it. Make sure to give your mom credit and include **her** name as well as your name when you send it to: Lisa Briggs, The Catholic Times, 1520 Court St., Saginaw 48602, 989-793-7661 ~ catholictimes2@sbcglobal.net

Catechist Training Opportunities

- None reported.

FIVE THINGS PARENTS CAN DO TO INCORPORATE FAITH into YOUTH SPORTS

- ✓ Pray with your children about the sports they are involved in, not asking for victory, but thanking God for the gift that is sports and pledging to use that gift for God's glory.
- ✓ Speak of Jesus as an athlete – emphasize the strength it took to carry the Cross, how He sacrificed His body for the good of others, how He “lost” to death on Good Friday only to come back and “defeat” death on Easter morning.
- ✓ Introduce your children to Catholic role models in the sports world. (Many can be found at www.catholicathletesforchrist.com/).
- ✓ In Catholic school sports leagues, be an advocate for faith in sports (i.e., encourage prayer before practices and games, promote spiritual mentorship as part of coaching, etc.). Visit www.playlikeachampion.org for helpful information.
- ✓ Model your faith in your own participation in your children's sports. Make sure your actions on the sideline proclaim Christian virtues.

Reprinted with permission from the article "Kansas City Catholic" in the March/April 2007 issue of *Lay Witness* magazine. (c) 2007 Catholics United for the Faith www.cuf.org

Ministry Formation Summer and Fall, 2007

Formation is a requirement for all lay ministers holding positions of leadership in a parish. That includes DRE's, Pastoral Ministers, CYMs and Young Adult leaders.

Siena Heights University, Ministry Formation Program Summer 2007

RST 312 - *Church History* - Dr. Jerry Green

RST 313 - *Ecclesiology* - Dr. Joseph Raab

RST 301 - *Theological Inquiry, Blended On-Line Course* - Dr. Susan Conley Weeks

Siena Heights University, Ministry Formation Program Fall 2007

RST 302 - *Intro. to Hebrew Scriptures* - Jackson, Queen of the Miraculous Medal Parish - Kevin Perrotta

RST 303 - *Intro. To Christian Scriptures* - Ypsilanti, St. John the Baptist Parish - Dr. Mary Dumm

RST 305 - *Ethics* - Flint, St. Pius X Parish - Rev. Bill Wegher

RST 345 - *Liturgical Catechesis* - Lansing, Diocesan Center - Rev. Dwight Ezop

RST 365 - *Catechetical Methodology* - Lansing, Diocesan Center - Michael Andrews

For more information, contact Sister Marilyn Barnett, OP at mbarnett@sienaheights.edu

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2007

1. Youth of the Diocese
2. Religious Education Programs
3. Catholic Schools
4. All Penitents
5. All First Communicants
6. All Confirmandi and Sponsors
7. All Newly Baptized
8. Pope Benedict XVI
9. Bishop Carl F. Mengeling
10. Brian Flynn (St Mary, Westphalia)
11. Cathie Draheim (St Mary, Williamston)
12. Mark Bodensteiner (Holy Trinity Student Parish, Ypsilanti)
13. Tom Clark (St John the Baptist, Ypsilanti)
14. Benita Boss (St Joseph, Ypsilanti)
15. Seminarians of the Diocese
16. Richard Brisson (St Joseph, Ypsilanti)
17. Father David Franco, OSFS (Transfiguration, Ypsilanti)
18. Deborah Keller (St Joseph Academy, Adrian)
19. Brian Wolcott (Fr Gabriel Richard High School, Ann Arbor)
20. Sara Collins (St Francis of Assisi School, Ann Arbor)
21. Anthony Moskus (St Thomas the Apostle School, Ann Arbor)
22. Sister John Dominic, OP (Spiritus Sanctus Academy, Ann Arbor)
23. Lorelei Darga (St Patrick School, Brighton)
24. Maureen Carroll (Holy Redeemer School, Burton)
25. Dan LeBlanc (St Thomas More Academy, Burton)
26. Anthony Perrini (St Mary School, Charlotte)
27. Jane Bilas (St Thomas Aquinas School, East Lansing)
28. Kathleen Christesen (St Peter School, Eaton Rapids)
29. Michael Kehoe (St John the Evangelist School, Fenton)
30. Gail Nigrinelli (Fr Norman DuKette School, Flint)

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE OF LIFE

* * *

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

DUE DATE

Submissions for the next e-Newsletter are due APRIL 12th.

MICHAEL ANDREWS, DIOCESAN OFFICE OF CATECHESIS
300 WEST OTTAWA STREET, LANSING, MICHIGAN 48933
mandrews@dioceseoflansing.org (517) 342-2484