

# Eucharist: Links Between Church and Home

A workshop on sacramentality for those who work  
with children and families



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**August 30, 2005**  
**St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center,**  
**Romeoville**  
**9:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon**

**Description of the Morning:** "We'll begin this workshop by exploring how the sacraments are a beginning, not an end. Through reflection and discussion, we'll see that the Eucharist celebrates the grace already permeating our lives. We'll appreciate how a sacramental outlook colors our view of ordinary, messy days. Finally, we'll understand what St. Augustine meant when he said, 'there is nothing that cannot become a sacramental encounter.' This session will then suggest ways to strengthen the parish/parent partnership and concrete things parents can do to help their children grow in appreciation of the Eucharist. It will stress practical activities parents can do with children to understand the different parts of the Mass and find the links between church and home. Sometimes we grow overly familiar with the Eucharist--let's take this time to deepen our understanding and revitalize our commitment to a eucharistic way of life."

**Kathy Coffey** is author of *Hidden Women of the Gospels*, *Women of Mercy*, *God in the Moment: Making Every Day a Prayer*, (Orbis) *Dancing in the Margins* (Crossroad), *Immersed in the Sacred: Discovering the Small Sacraments* (Ave Maria), catechetical resources such as *Children and Christian Initiation*, *Baptism and Beyond* and *Confirmation: Anointed and Sealed with the Spirit* (Living the Good News), and many articles in Catholic periodicals like *America*, *U.S. Catholic*, *St. Anthony Messenger* and *Catechumenate*. She taught for fifteen years at the University of Colorado, Denver, and Regis Jesuit University. She has won ten awards from the Catholic Press Association, the Foley Poetry Award from *America* magazine, the Independent Publishers Book Award and the Associated Church Press Award for Editorial Courage.

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Registration Form

Parish name \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Names, positions of people who will attend:

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