



The Professional

The National Directory for Catechesis is out! Read more on page 3!



A TIME TO SOW

from
Tom Quinlan,
Director

This past spring began a process of significant transition to the Religious Education Office. Since April, I have been in consultation with current REO staff members, focused on finding excellent candidates to staff our areas of ministry. As summer progresses, I am pleased to be able to report to you that the office is restored to full staffing, and that those hired will carry forward and build upon, most ably, the legacy of those who have served the REO previously. Before telling you about those coming on board, I want to pay tribute to two women who have been a part of the ministerial life of the Diocese of Joliet for many years and whose tenure at the Religious Education Office ended June 30th.

For over 25 years, **Rosemary Bleuher** served the diocese, both as a member of the REO staff and as



director of the RENEW process. At her diocesan farewell reception, Rosemary reminded Bishop Imesch and all of us that her joining the diocesan structure actually preceded his coming to Joliet.

It's been a very long and wonderful journey in faith, Rosemary. You've watched, along with Bishop Imesch and other long-time veterans of ministry in the diocese,

tremendous growth occur in many parts of our diocese. You have tried to help parishes attend to the faith formation needs of adults, so often overlooked in our church. You have been a tireless advocate for the place of small communities within the framework of (often) very large parishes. You have been a person of challenge and compassion, strength and kindness.

Rosemary, you are esteemed by many in the diocese, both for the person you are and the gifts you have shared with this local church. I, and the members of the REO staff, wish you every grace and much joy in the many years to come.

Rhona Lenhof was a member of the REO staff for 10 years. In her time with the diocese, Rhona worked closely with parish and diocesan colleagues to serve the youth of our diocese well. While she has greatly enjoyed diocesan ministry, Rhona leaves to pursue avenues of ministry with a more direct pastoral focus.

Rhona, you, too, will be missed by so many in the community of catechetical leaders in the diocese. You are a remarkable person and minister, never afraid to follow the Lord's call, never afraid to be authentic.

Much development has occurred under your leadership and time in diocesan youth ministry. And yet, whatever the programmatic impact you have had, your greatest legacy is our experience of you as a powerful believer in



God's providence, a kind and generous model of Christian discipleship. May God bless you for that...and may you have a wonderful future continuing to serve our Lord.

NEW FULL-TIME STAFF MEMBERS

I am most pleased to be able to share with you a brief introduction of each of the new staff members who have come on board here at the diocesan Religious Education Office in recent weeks. I have great confidence that God's Holy Spirit has blessed our diocese and this office with talented individuals who will quickly become effective and valued members of the REO team and the diocesan community. I hope you will have the opportunity to meet them soon.

Since July 1st, **Rosie Owens** is on staff attending to **evangelization, adult formation and small Christian communities**. Rosie brings parish and diocesan adult formation experience to her role here. She also worked for RENEW International for a number of years, both in the US and in England, helping parishes to develop small Christian communities.



After nearly 20 years away from the Joliet Diocese, Rosie and her family moved back to Naperville. Rosie and her husband Dan have been married for 26 years and have three children. The family previously lived in England for 6 years.

During that time, Rosie attained a Masters Degree in Pastoral Studies from Heythrop College, the Jesuit college of the University of London.

Rosie writes:

"It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I join the spirit-filled staff of the Diocesan Religious Education Office. I bring to the office a passion for adult faith formation, small Christian communities and evangelization... My studies with the Jesuits at Heythrop College taught me a love for personal discernment and helping others make decisions through prayerful discernment... I thank God for giving me the opportunity to serve the people of the Joliet Diocese. I look forward to meeting you, praying with you, and growing in faith together."

Effective August 1st, **Paul Mach** joins the staff, attending to **youth ministry and young adult**

ministry. Paul also brings parish and diocesan experience to his role. Most recently, he has been serving as Diocesan Consultant for Youth and Young Adult Ministry in the Diocese of Spokane, Washington. Paul is currently on the board for



National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.

His wife of 8 years, Laura and his daughters Melissa (6) and Lyndsay (4) will be relocating to the Joliet area. Paul is originally from Wisconsin and is excited to return to

the Midwest.

Paul writes:

"We don't know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future." This quote I know to be true! I am looking forward to being part of the ministry community in the Diocese of Joliet. In addition to 15 years working in professional youth ministry, I have experience in RCIA, adult faith formation, young adult ministry, hospital ministry, police chaplaincy, and teaching in Catholic schools. My passion, however, is for youth ministry. I bring enthusiasm for youth, with a strong commitment to the church of today and the church leaders of tomorrow. While parish ministry is rewarding, I have had an incredible experience working on the diocesan level, and I am excited to continue this ministry. The ministry team in Joliet is great, and I am pleased to be working with such a collaborative, energetic group."



Jennifer Lange has been serving as **office manager and secretary to the director** since late June.

Jennifer comes from WGN-TV, where she worked as assistant director for news programming. She lives in Romeoville with her husband of 4 years, Jeff, and

18-month old daughter Gianna. They belong to St. Ambrose Parish in Crest Hill.

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Mary Agnes Maloney brings many years of office work experience to her role as front office receptionist, which she began on July 15nd. Mary Agnes is a long-time resident of Joliet and an active parishioner at St. Paul the Apostle, along with her spry 93 year-old mother, Agnes.

Keeping Up With the Changes!

You might be inclined to think that a scorecard is needed to handle all the changes at the Religious Education Office this summer. Well, if that's the case, I know just where you can find one! Simply look on the back of this (and future) issues of ***The Professional*** for the listing of "who, what and where" for all members of the staff. While some titles of the staff have changed and some responsibilities have been shifted to best utilize our resources, I want to assure you that our commitment remains the same:

To provide you and your parish with effective leadership and service in all your faith formation needs. And to try to do better achieving this each day!

We all look forward to hearing from you to assist you in ministry. And don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about who is responsible for what this year.

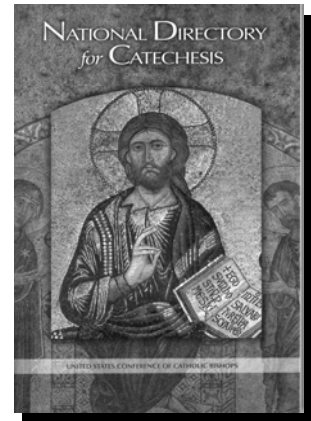
- Tom Quinlan, *Director*

The New *National Directory* A Renewed Vision for Catechesis in the United States

The recent publication of the new *National Directory for Catechesis* provides a perfect opportunity to refocus our attention on how we provide faith formation in dioceses and parishes around the United States. This important new document distills the wisdom of the 1997 Vatican document, the *General Directory for Catechesis*, but is grounded in the particular reality of catechetical ministry in our own country.

While the *NDC* certainly owes much of its content to the *GDC* and other prior documents, reading it can provide greater insight into the unique ways we in the United States organize and provide catechesis, and the particular challenges we face from American culture.

We at the REO suggest that every catechetical leader purchase his or her own copy of the *NDC* to study, mark up and personalize. If you haven't already done so, please see the enclosed insert to order your copy.



Setting the *NDC* in Context

Noting that the ministry of catechesis has received renewed emphasis in the Church in the years since Vatican II, the "Introduction" situates the *NDC* against the backdrop of the mission Christ gave his disciples to evangelize the world. The new document comes to us in the context of the modern reframing of catechesis after Vatican II in key documents such as the *General Catechetical Directory* (1971) the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (1972, 1987 U.S. final version), *Catechesi Tradendae* (1979), and *Sharing the Light of Faith: National Catechetical Directory for Catholics of the United States* (1979).

Since the 1979 *National Directory for Catechesis*, "the renewal of catechesis in the United States has included the recovery of some of the evangelizing enthusiasm of the early Church" and has benefited from the "generous dedication of bishops, pastors, catechetical leaders and catechists. Many praiseworthy initiatives and efforts have produced

positive results in the catechetical instruction and formation of adults, youth and children.” (*NDC p.7*)

In other words, we have done well in renewing catechesis in light of the call of Vatican II. The publication of this new *NDC*, following more than a dozen documents, statements and pastoral plans for the United States published since the 1979 *NCD*, represents a continuing commitment to Jesus’ call to spread the Good News.

A Vital Ministry

The *NDC* is very clear that it does not come to us as a sign that there is something lacking in the way we provide catechesis. Rather, it begins by affirming “signs of vitality” in catechetical ministry in the United States. These include:

- Reliance of catechesis on Scripture and Tradition
- Favorable reception of previous documents on catechesis by leadership and textbook publishers
- Increasing involvement of the bishops of our country in catechesis
- Serious efforts from dioceses and parishes to plan catechetical initiatives
- Ethnic, racial and cultural diversity in the Church of the U.S.
- Systematic formation and certification of catechists
- Increasing lay involvement in catechesis
- Increasing involvement in catechesis by clergy and religious
- Awareness of the missionary character of catechesis
- Implementation of the *RCIA*
- Growing prominence of adult catechesis
- Commitment to serving persons with special needs
- Strengthening of the catechetical component of comprehensive youth ministry
- Efforts by Catholic schools to become more authentic communities of faith and centers of evangelization
- More substantive treatment of Catholic social teaching
- Continuing improvement of catechetical resources, texts, materials and aids
- Growing awareness that catechesis in the U.S. should use the latest communications technology

These are all positive signs that catechesis in the United States is alive and healthy. We have done well. Now, it is time to take stock of the changes in our culture, our Church and the world around us and see where to focus our attention to do even better.

Challenges

When we read the new *NDC*, we should feel both affirmed in our ministry and challenged to continue to adjust and grow to meet the tensions of our U.S. social and cultural situation. These include challenges to be faithful to Church doctrine, and the tensions resulting from the gap between faith and everyday life, the gap between rich and poor, the frantic pace of everyday life, rejection of authority by young people, consumerism and materialism, and the pervasiveness of technology in our lives, to name but a few. The bishops offer the new *NDC* hoping to provide principles, guidelines, insights and methodologies to address these challenges.

Together, we share a demanding and rewarding role in the Church as catechetical leaders. The *National Directory for Catechesis* is meant to be a gift to us and to Catholicism here in the U.S. Joyce Donahue will write short articles on various noteworthy aspects of the *NDC* for upcoming issues of our office newsletter. Our office will be looking for additional ways to assist you in processing and implementing the *NDC*. Please be sure to share any suggestions you might have on how we can serve you in this regard.

Evangelization Tid-Bits

'The ministry of
evangelization does not
consist in following a recipe,
but in letting the Spirit open
our hearts to God's word so
that we can live and
proclaim God's word to
others. So, let the Spirit
work!'

(*Go and Make Disciples, 21*)

Protection of Minors: Policy for Employees and Ministry Volunteers

As we prepare for the beginning of many catechetical programs that serve children and youth, parish catechetical leaders need to be sure to operate in accordance with the following diocesan policy:

Prior to beginning employment/volunteer service, all persons involved with minors on a regular, recurring basis, or those who would have the opportunity to be alone with children during parish, school or religious education sponsored events are required to present the following:

- *Results of a criminal background investigation (subject to the conditions of the Diocese of Joliet).*
- *Written acknowledgement that the person has read and understood the **Pastoral Policy Regarding Sexual Abuse of Minors** and the **Standards of Behavior for Those Working with Minors**.*
- *Proof of attendance at a **Protecting God's Children** program. (Proof of previous completion of the program will be accepted.) Exceptions need the approval of the Diocesan Superintendent of Schools or the Diocesan Director of Religious Education.*

It is important to inform new catechists and other volunteer ministers that these measures are in place to take reasonable precautions to ensure that only appropriate adults have ministerial access to minors. Further, the requirement to attend **Protecting God's Children** is part of the Church's concerted effort across the country to train ministers to be attentive to the signs of sexual abuse of minors and what to do if it is suspected.

Please note that the possibility of "exceptions" only refers to the **Protecting God's Children** component. Ministry volunteers should attend a **Protecting God's Children** training prior to beginning ministry with children and youth. Catechetical leaders should do all they can to assist them to achieve this training as soon after joining up as a catechist/minister as possible, including searching the diocesan website for upcoming training sessions in the area.

In the event that training prior to the first session proves impossible (i.e. a parishioner becomes a catechist very soon before the beginning of sessions), a formal request is to be made to the appropriate diocesan director (Tom Quinlan for parish formation, Sr. Helen Jean Kormelink for Catholic schools). This request may come via email or letter/fax, and must list the name of the person(s) needing training and the upcoming training to which they commit to attend. With approval, this will permit the individual to temporarily minister in the interim. A form will be available on the REO website that parishes may use for this purpose.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Small Christian Communities in the Early Church

"Small Church communities not only foster the faith of individuals, they are living cells which build up the body of Christ. They are to be signs and instruments of unity. As basic units of the parish, they serve to increase the corporate life and mission of the parish by sharing in its life, generously, with their talents and support."

National Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Called and Gifted for the Third Millennium* (Washington, DC: United States Catholic Conference 1995) 11.

Jesus gathered his friends to pray, reflect, eat and share life experiences together before sending them out to spread the Good News. After Pentecost, the disciples traveled far and wide preaching, baptizing and establishing small communities of believers. They met in homes, at times living communally. In these home communities, they shared stories of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, reflecting upon its meaning in their lives.

Today, around the world Catholics are gathering as the early Christians did to pray, read Scripture, reflect, share, and answer a call to action. Like 2000 years ago, people are finding life in a small Christian community by sharing faith with fellow Christians. The community provides support to live a life in Christ while residing in a materialistic, consumer based society.

The REO is committed to the development, support and organization of small Christian communities in our Diocese. For more information, contact Rosie Owens @ rowens@dioceseofjoliet.com or phone (815)727-6411 ext 264.

CATECHETICAL LEADERSHIP

Contract Renewal Materials for 05-06

Please complete the materials and send a copy to the Religious Education Office, attention Catechetical Associate of Leadership & Formation. These materials can be accessed on the REO website. From the REO homepage, select For Parish Staff, then Parish Catechetical Leader Website and enter the password "vision". If you have any questions, please contact Helen Johnson at hjohnson@dioceseofjoliet.org or 815/727-6411 ext 261.

Formation Opportunities are close to home!!!

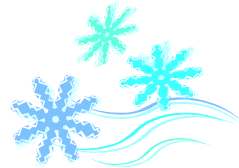
The Institute of Pastoral Studies of Loyola University Chicago at Romeoville will be offering 2 courses at St. Charles Pastoral Center this fall:

- *Moral Theology & Catholic Social Teaching with Mary Elsbernd*
(Sept. 17, Oct. 1, 15, & 29, Nov. 12 and Dec. 3)
- *The Gospel of Mark with Paula Hiebert*
(Sept. 10 & 24, Oct. 8 & 22, Nov. 5, and Dec. 10)

Plan now to attend the **Leadership Day/Pastor & Staff Workshop/ Luncheon on Sept. 30, 2005** at St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Plainfield. **Neil Parent**, Executive Director of the National Conference of Catechetical Leaders will be featured. Invitation and registration information is enclosed.



Winter Retreat with Lee Nagel sponsored by Benziger Publishers. Mark your calendars and plan now to spend a morning in reflection on either **Friday, January 20, 2006** at St. Charles Pastoral Center or **Saturday, January 21, 2006** in the Kankakee area. The program is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 12 noon.



Spring in Chicago is a wonderful time of the year and attending the **annual meeting**



for the **National Conference of Catechetical Leaders** will also offer you a wonderful experience!!!

Mark your calendars today (**April 30 to May 4, 2006**) and begin making plans. Don't miss this opportunity to gather with catechetical leaders from across the United States & Canada!

CATECHIST INFORMATION



Catechist Initial Formation Days

The following dates have been scheduled:

- Saturday, September 10, 2005
Christ the King, Lombard
- Saturday, September 17, 2005
Immaculate Conception, Elmhurst
- Saturday, September 24, 2005
Corpus Christi, Carol Stream
- Saturday, October 1, 2005
St. Charles Pastoral Center, Romeoville

- Saturday, October 15, 2005
St. Dominic, Bolingbrook
- Saturday, January 14, 2006
St. Charles Pastoral Center,
Romeoville

Registration materials are enclosed. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Johnson, Catechetical Associate for Leadership & Formation 815-727-6411 ext 261 or hjohnson@dioceseofjoliet.org.

Catechist Institute sponsored by the Joliet – Will DRE Cluster

Catechists and Catechetical Leaders are cordially invited to attend this institute on **Saturday, October 22, 2005** at the Holiday Inn – Bolingbrook. Registration Fee - \$10.00 per person. Continental Breakfast and Boxed Lunch will be served. The day begins with check-in at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude with lunch beginning at 12:10 p.m. Speakers and workshops are:

Keynote: “*Christ is Life*” - Dr. Carol Eipers
Workshops:

- Prayer I* - Sr. Clarita Schumacher, OSF
- Prayer II* - Susan Tutaj
- Helping Children with ADD* - Dr. Madonna Healy
- Unnamed Woman of the Christian Scriptures* - Dr Pat Moran
- Family Involvement in Faith formation of Children* - Dr. Jacquelynne Pokorny

CHILD CATECHESIS



Gearing Up for Touching Safety Instruction

Here are some important clarifications and updates about the Child Touching Safety Instruction component of Safe Environment, to help you plan.

There is no need for anyone to feel panic about this requirement. First and foremost, this is about making sure instructional opportunities are *offered* and not about insisting that each and every parent and child attend...participation is ultimately left in the hands of parents, whose choice on this matter must be respected. All we are asking is for parishes to offer the instruction in a reasonable manner.

Directors of parish faith formation programs involving children in grades K-5, should take the following steps:

- Determine if the parish program needs to provide touching safety instruction, by contacting local public school district(s). If they offer instruction on personal safety to prevent child sexual abuse, you do not have to.
- If the public school(s) provide instruction to prevent child sexual abuse, request a letter of verification. A copy of the letter should go to the REO, attention Joyce Donahue.
- If the parish is required to offer instruction:

either

1. order a diocesan-modified Talking About Touching kit * by mailing or faxing the order form you received via email or at your cluster meeting to the REO, (check our web page or call Joyce Donahue if you cannot locate yours)

or

2. submit to the REO information about an alternate child sexual abuse prevention program you will be using, so that it can receive approval.

- Schedule sessions for children and parents. Parishes are recommended to offer a showing of the parent video even if not required to instruct children – it's a great parenting resource about talking to and listening to children.

- Plan to attend the August 12, 2005 meeting to pick up the Talking About Touching kit and get more information. (Orders for TAT Kits received after July 15 cannot be guaranteed for delivery by August 12.) If you cannot attend, contact Joyce Donahue for a web link to much of the information that will be presented.

Information on how to report when parish instruction is scheduled will be available August 12. We hope to make the ability to report available right on the diocesan web page.

Tracking Participation:

The only information the diocese needs for the Audit this year is when and by what means parishes will provide instruction. For next fall, we will be required to report how many children and parents attended sessions during the 2005-06 school year, so there will be a need to keep track of numbers in attendance this year to provide for the 2006 audit.

Regarding Safe Environment Instruction For Grades 6-12:

The diocesan committee, chaired by chancellor, Sr. Judith Davies, expects to decide on resources for instructing students in grades K-12 later this summer, with the intent of having some parish and school programs pilot them in the late Spring, '06. The full requirement for parish and school programs to offer instruction for grades 6-12 begins with the '06-'07 school year.

*** PLEASE DO NOT ORDER "TALKING ABOUT TOUCHING" KITS DIRECTLY FROM COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN.** These will not receive the diocesan discount or the modifications.

Lastly, if you have questions about how to design your sessions, or other matters, please do not hesitate to call Joyce Donahue at 815-727-6411. She will be happy to work with you to help you customize this to your parish reality.



CURRICULUM

Assessing Faith Formation

This year the Curriculum Committee will expand to complete one last task, along with input from teachers and catechists: development of methods to assess faith formation. This will enable school and REP personnel to determine how well students are learning about and internalizing their faith.

The diocesan philosophy of assessment does not necessarily require traditional tests and grades. Rather, we believe, as stated in the Introduction to the *Faith Formation Curriculum and Standards*:

"Assessment of all necessary elements of faith formation should be holistic. Faith formation cannot be assessed solely on academic standards in the same manner as other subjects. The outcome of faith formation is to form disciples who "work actively with others to spread the Gospel and build up the Church by witness of their lives and by professing their faith." (RCIA, 75.4)

Watch for more information on assessment as the committee meets and develops ideas.

Cluster Meeting Information

Please consider attending your local cluster meeting for information and to connect with others ministering in your area. Upcoming meetings:

- DAFF:** 12 noon, August 28, St. Charles Pastoral Center, Romeoville
- Ford-Iroquois DRE/CRE Cluster:** 6:30 p.m., St. Edmund, Watseka
- Joliet-Will DRE/CRE Cluster:** 10a.m., September 15, Immaculate Conception, Morris
- Kankakee-Grundy DRE/CRE Cluster:** 1 p.m., September 8, St. Joseph, Manteno
- North East Dupage Cluster:** 10 a.m. August 18, St. Walter, Roselle
- Parish YM Cluster:** 10 a.m., September 15, St. Charles Pastoral Center, Romeoville
- Special Needs Cluster:** 1 p.m., August 23, St. Charles Pastoral Center, Romeoville
- West Dupage DRE/CRE Cluster:** August 11, Denise Klimas' home, Naperville

MEDIA

Media Center Membership

Have you ever looked into the cost of renting a computer or video projector? Many of the companies in the area charge between \$200.00 and \$400.00 per day or more! The Media Center provides projector rentals for \$50.00 (in some cases \$25.00) per rental period –



not per day! There are 6 projectors available – four portable and two “large venue” projectors. Plus, there are now two laptop computers available for rental! Not interested in paying rental fees every time you rent equipment? The Media Center has an unlimited equipment rental membership available for just \$275.00 annually. And there is much, much more than projectors. Other available equipment includes portable sound systems, VCRs, DVD players, projection screens, microphones (corded and wireless), digital cameras – video and still, and professional grade “walkie-talkies.” Imagine that – for the cost some companies charge to rent one projector for one day, your parish can rent any of our equipment throughout the year!



It does not stop there. The Media Center has over 10,000 book, video, and audio titles available for rental. Multiple shipping methods are offered if you are not able to come to Joliet to pick them up. Parishes may

choose to pay as they use the resources or purchase an unlimited usage membership annually. You can view the Media Center collection online at www.dioceseofjoliet.org/reo (click the link for Media Center). You will also find the



Member Services Booklet online that describes the membership options. Take a look to see how the Media Center is able to support your catechetical ministry through videos, books, or equipment.

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Contact **Brian Topping** with any questions or for more information.

Upcoming Special Needs Conferences

Aug. 12 - Autism & Asperger Syndrome in Dixon, IL. Featured speakers: Temple Grandin, Eustacia Culter, Jeanette McAfee M.D., For further information contact Future Horizons at (800) 489 – 0727 or visit FutureHorizons-Autism.com

Sept 21 - Practical Effective Interactive Strategies Asperger Syndrome, Non-Verbal Learning Disorder, and High-Functioning Autism - Downers Grove. Sponsored by HEALTHEducation Network. (800) 839 – 4584 or www.health-ed.com.

September 25-27 - Network of Inclusive Catholic Educators (NICE) - Irene, SD.

For information, call NICE office at 1-888-532-3389, or Joyce Donahue (815)-727-6411 for a copy of the brochure.

Special Needs Internet Resources

For those ministering to persons with special needs and their families, there are a variety of organizations posting resources on the Internet. Here are just a few that you may wish to bookmark:

www.ncpd.org National Catholic Partnership on Disability – the USCCB office for disability concerns

www.autism-society.org Autism Society of America (ASA) page – resources and news

www.autismillinois.org Autism Society of Illinois

www.hiad.org Heartland Chapter, Illinois Association of the Deaf

www.ncod.org National Catholic Office for the Deaf

www.nfb.org National Federation of the Blind

www.nafim.org National Apostolate for Inclusion Ministry

www.namidupage.org National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, DuPage chapter

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www.nichcy.org National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities

www.thearc.org The Arc of the United States

<http://homeschoolcentral.com/special.htm> Home School Central Special Needs links

We hope that as many people as possible will attend the Special Needs Mass on **Sunday, October 9**, 1 pm at St. Paul the Apostle in Joliet. It is important for us to gather to celebrate a church where all are truly welcome, and to pray for a society in which barriers will no longer keep persons with special needs from living lives that fulfill the promise of God's gifts in them. Please mark your calendar now and consider attending this Mass as a sign of our solidarity in Christ.

If you wish to help with this Mass or if you have questions about special needs, please contact **Joyce Donahue** at (815) 727-6411.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Another successful *Youth Leadership Conference* was experienced in late July by hundreds of youth from parishes across the diocese.

Monthly Youth Ministry Meetings

Thanks to all who participated in the monthly meeting for Director's and Coordinator's of Youth Ministry. Our next meeting will take place September 15, 2005 at 10:00 am at St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville. We hope you have a great summer, and we hope to see you at YLC or World Youth Day!

World Youth Day 2005 In Germany



The REO sponsored trip to World Youth Day 2005 in Cologne, Germany will take place on August 11-22, 2005. 146 youth and 58 adults will be traveling to Germany as part of that pilgrimage. Plus, there are at least four other parishes from the Diocese that are going on separate itineraries. Altogether, close to 300 people from the Diocese of Joliet will be making the pilgrimage to Cologne, Germany for World Youth Day with Pope Benedict XVI. Please keep all of the pilgrims in your prayers for a safe and Spirit-filled experience!

Paul Mach to Join the Pilgrimage

As mentioned in Tom Quinlan's article this month, Paul Mach will be joining the REO in August with responsibilities for Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Paul is looking forward to traveling with the parishes and pilgrims of our diocese, and will be with the Air France pilgrims. Please join us in welcoming him!

REO Flight Groups

Remember to arrive at the airport three hours prior to your flight for check-in. Parishes are responsible for getting their pilgrims to and from the airport.



Passports and Identification

Remember to bring with you three copies of your passport, as well as the actual passport itself. Group leaders will also need one copy of each of your pilgrim's passports "just in case." Also, leave a few copies of your passport at home with your parents or a loved one.

Phone Tree and Rental Cell Phone Numbers

As parish group leaders receive the rental cell phones, please contact Brian Topping with your cell phone number. Also, develop a phone tree for your parish so that the group leader is not calling families of each pilgrim for updates and information.

NET Team

Helen Johnson will be the temporary contact for NET Team. Please direct any questions about NET to her.

Calendar of Events

For a complete calendar of Youth Ministry events, see the REO website at www.dioceseofjoliet.org/reo. Click on the link for calendar. Contact Brian Topping with any questions.

National Catholic Youth Conference

Please start inviting your youth to join you and the rest of the delegates from the Diocese of Joliet, for **NCYC** this fall in Atlanta, Georgia, October 27 – October 30, 2005. This four-day event will amaze your young leaders through the sheer number of faith-filled peers they will encounter. The quality training and experience they will receive will be invaluable to your ministry.

~ BULLETIN BOARD ~

JAFF Meeting- September 1, 2005
10:00 AM to 12 Noon
St. Charles Pastoral Center

NCEA Conference – April 18-21, 2006
New Orleans, LA

NCCL Annual Meeting –
April 30 – May 4, 2006
Chicago, IL

OTHER AGENCY EVENTS**Loyola University/IPS**

Catholic Social Teaching, Mary Elsbernd, OSF, PhD, starting September 15, 2005

The Gospel of Mark, Paula Hiebert, PhD, starting September 10, 2005

New Wine Lay Ministry Program begins in September for the Greater Joliet Area. Contact the Office of Ministry Formation at (815) 834-4001.

Office of Ministry Formation Workshops

St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center

Cost is 35\$ per person incl. Lunch.

Call (815) 834 – 4003 to register

- Theological Reflection with Yvonne DeBruin

Thursday, September 8, 2005 - 9:00am – 3:00pm

- Ritual for Ministry-Habits that Nourish our Soul Felicia Wolf, OSF - presenter

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

9:00am – 3:00pm

- Developing a Discerning Heart with Yvonne DeBruin , M.P.S.

Thursday, September 22, 2005

9:00am – 3:00pm



Pray for Rain!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 28, 2005	REO Board, REO: contact Tom Quinlan
August 9-10, 2005	Catholic School Teachers Catechist Formation, SCPC: contact Joyce Donahue
August 11-22, 2005	World Youth Day , Cologne, Germany: contact Brian Topping
August 12, 2005	Child Touching Safety Instruction, SCPC: contact Joyce Donahue
August 25, 2005	Directors of Adult Faith Formation, SCPC: contact Tom Quinlan
August 25, 2005	REO Board, SCPC: contact Tom Quinlan
August 30, 2005	Workshop: Kathy Coffey, SCPC: contact Joyce Donahue
September 10, 2005	Catechist Initial formation Day, Christ the King, Lombard: contact Helen Johnson
September 15, 2005	Parish YM Meeting, SCPC: contact Brian Topping
September 17, 2005	Catechist Initial formation Day, Immaculate Conception, Elmhurst: contact Helen Johnson
September 18, 2005	CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
September 22, 2005	REO Board, SCPC: contact Tom Quinlan
September 24, 2005	Catechist Initial formation Day, Corpus Christi, Carol Stream: contact Helen Johnson
September 30, 2005	Pastor-Staff Leadership Day , St Mary Immaculate, Plainfield: contact Helen Johnson
October 1, 2005	Catechist Initial formation Day, SCPC: contact Helen Johnson
October 9, 2005	Special Needs Mass, St Paul, Joliet: contact Joyce Donahue
October 15, 2005	Catechist Initial formation Day, St Dominic, Bolingbrook: contact Helen Johnson
October 20, 2005	Parish YM Meeting, SCPC: contact Brian Topping
October 27, 2005	REO Board, SCPC: contact Tom Quinlan
November 17, 2005	Parish YM Meeting, SCPC, 10am-noon contact Brian Topping
December 1, 2005	Adult Faith Association Retreat/Reflection Day, location TBA: contact Rosie Owens
December 1, 2005	REO Board Meeting, SCPC, 10am-noon: contact Tom Quinlan
December 8, 2005	Parish YM Meeting, SCPC, 10am-noon: contact Brian Topping

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