

2009-2010 Catechist Initial Formation Day



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Dear Catechist,

You have answered the call to share the Catholic faith! You need to begin envisioning yourself as a facilitator in God's plan. You do not need to change yourself; all you need is to become thoroughly convinced that you can make a difference.

The fundamental tasks you have as a catechist is to proclaim Christ's message, to join in the effort of developing community, to lead people to worship and prayer, and to be a motivator for service to others. Wow! That's a steep challenge for anybody.

In order to support you in this awesome role as catechist, the Diocesan Religious Education Office will offer several Catechist Initial Formation Days. This experience will serve as an introductory focus to the role of catechesis in the Church's ministry. The day will explore:

- The qualities of a catechist
- The role of the Spirit in both the vocation of the catechist and the overall catechetical ministry of the Church
- The four critical roles of the catechist:
 1. Storyteller
 2. Teacher-companion
 3. Leader of prayer
 4. Witness for justice

The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 per person, which includes materials and refreshments. If for some reason you are unable to attend the session for which you registered, you may switch to one of the other scheduled sessions. However, this adjustment needs to be communicated with your parish Director of Faith Formation, who in turn will inform the REO. Check out the registration due dates on the next page.

Please complete the registration form on the next page and return it to:

_____ by _____.

Sincerely,

Joyce Donahue

Catechist Initial Formation Day Registration Form

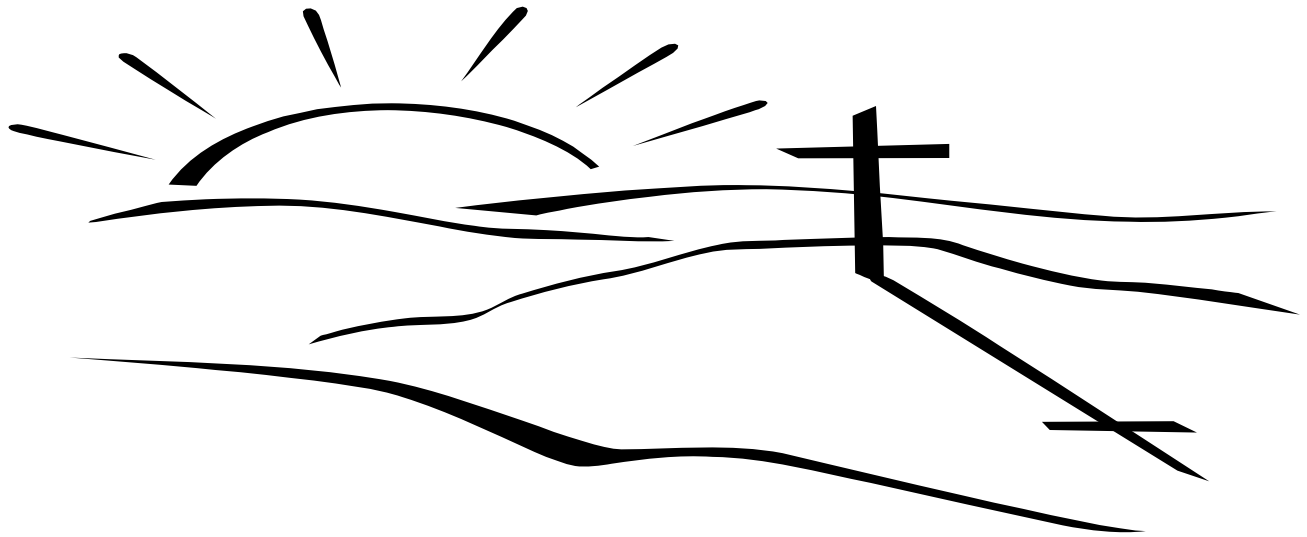
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Please indicate the session you will be attending:

	Program Date	Registration and/or Cancellation Deadline	Location
	September 12, 2009 Saturday, 9:00-1:00	Friday, September 4, 2009	St Isidore, Bloomingdale
	September 12, 2009 Saturday, 9:00-1:00	Friday, September 4, 2009	St Mary's, Mokena
	September 26, 2009 Saturday, 9:00-1:00	Friday, September 18, 2009	St Michael's, Wheaton
	October 2, 2009 Friday, 6:00 – 9:30pm	Friday, September 24, 2009	Christ the Servant, Woodridge
	October 10, 2009 Saturday, 9:00-1:00	Friday, October 2, 2009	St Anne, Channahon
	October 17, 2009 Saturday, 9:00-1:00	Friday, October 9, 2009	Christ the King, Lombard
	November 7, 2009 Saturday, 9:00-1:00	Friday, October 30, 2009	St. Joseph, Bradley





A Catechist's Prayer

**Lord God, you are the source of all love,
truth, and goodness.**

**You are the source of my being
true path for my journey.**

**Grant to me the courage
to live according to your Word.**

**Instill in me,
through the gift of your Holy Spirit,
the desire and the wisdom to share
your love, your truth, your goodness
with my students.**

**Help me to use my time
to better prepare myself
for this sacred responsibility.**

**For I so need to offer myself
in your service
with all of the patience,
perseverance, and love
that you have first shown to me.**

**I ask no more than this, Lord,
in the name of your Son,
and my Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Jack McBride