

# **2010-2011 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:

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Sincerely,

Joyce Donahue

## Catechist Initial Formation Day Registration Form

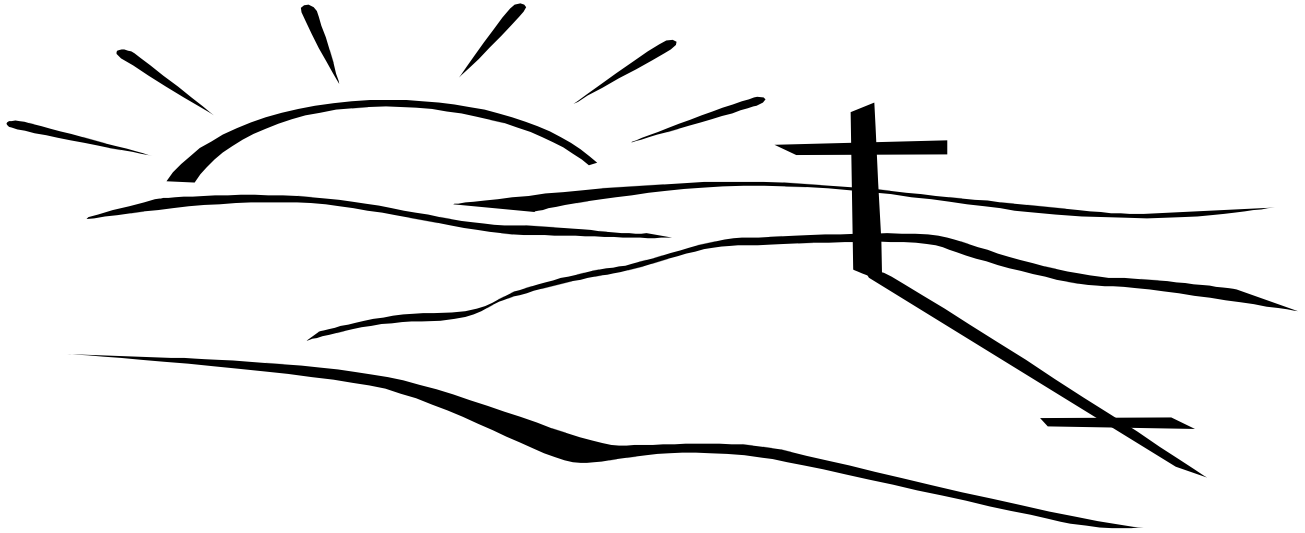
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Name City

**Please indicate the session you will be attending:**

	<b>Program Date</b>	<b>Registration and/or Cancellation Deadline</b>	<b>Location</b>
	August 28, 2010 Saturday, 9:00-1:00	Friday, August 20, 2010	St Isadore, Bloomingdale
	September 11, 2010 Saturday, 9:00-1:00	Friday, September 3, 2010	St Mary, Mokena
	September 11, 2010 Saturday, 9:00-1:00	Friday, September 3, 2010	St Michael, Wheaton
	September 18, 2010 Saturday, 9:00-1:00	Friday, September 10, 2010	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Naperville
	September 25, 2010 Saturday, 9:00-1:00	Friday, September 17, 2010	St Anne, Channahon
	September 25, 2010 Saturday, 9:00-1:00	Friday, September 17, 2010	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Darien
	October 1, 2010 Friday, 6:00-10:00	Friday, September 24, 2010	St. Joseph, Addison
	October 2, 2010 Saturday, 9:00-1:00	Friday, September 24, 2010	St Martin of Tours Kankakee
	October 23, 2010 Saturday, 9:00-1:00	Friday, October 15, 2010	St John the Baptist Joliet





**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*