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The *First* National Gathering on Lifelong Faith Formation
presenting the most innovative thinking, practices, and resources
for faith formation across the entire lifecycle

Thursday January 11—Saturday January 13, 2007
Grosvenor Resort Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida

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Join us for the *First National Gathering on Lifelong Faith Formation*. Three days filled with:

- **general sessions, mini-courses and workshops** that present the most innovative thinking, practices, and resources for faith formation across the entire lifecycle, including sessions in Spanish
- **worship** experiences that celebrate and deepen our faith
- **networking** opportunities that connect leaders from across North America

Specially Designed for Parish, School, and Diocesan leadership

pastors, catechetical coordinators and all catechetical leaders, Catholic school principals and teachers, RCIA and sacramental preparation leaders, liturgists and music directors, and coordinators of youth ministry, young adult ministry, adult faith formation, and family ministry

2007 Program

Thursday, January 11, 2007

10 a.m. Registration begins

1-5 p.m. In-Depth Mini-Courses

1. **The Vocation of the Leader**—Dr. Catherine Carotta and Dr. Michael Carotta
Through the use of music, poetry, story, reflection, discussion, and research, this retreat-like session will help each of us revisit our callings, identify characteristics of those who sustain commitments, and explore specific practices which respond to the challenges putting our vocational lives at risk.
2. **Fundamentals and Practices of Lifelong Faith Formation**—Leif Kehrwald and Joan Weber
Part 1: On the Parish Campus. *We will look at several proven practices integrating intergenerational learning into the parish's overall faith formation program. Effective implementation strategies from parishes which have been doing lifelong, intergenerational catechesis will be shared, along with research on the positive results of generations learning together.* **Part 2: On the Home Front.** *Imagine if we could help families and all parishioners recognize that the ordinary (and extraordinary) experiences of their daily lives are connected to God and the Catholic faith! We will explore practical ideas, strategies and resources that your parish can use to help families and individuals.*

3. **New Directions for Adolescent Catechesis**—Tom East, Cheryl Tholcke, Ann Marie Eckert, and Sean Lansing
How can we help youth to understand and apply their faith to everyday life? The National Study on Youth and Religion (Christian Smith, University of North Carolina) provides helpful information about how youth understand religion and apply knowledge of the faith. The National Directory on Catechesis, a document of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, provides direction for faith formation of adolescents. Participants in this mini-course will analyze the current situation of adolescent catechesis and review the insights from this study and this important bishops' document to shape our continued ministries with youth.

 4. **The Sacraments and Lifelong Faith Formation**—Maureen Kelly
This mini-course addresses two foundational issues: 1) processes/approaches for sacramental preparation and the 2) the role of continuing catechesis on the sacraments throughout life.

 5. **Spirit, Song, and Story: The Role of Music in Faith Formation**—Sarah Hart and Tom Tomaszek
Music shapes faith. Music enhances, inspires, challenges and gives voice to faith. Music celebrates faith in personal and communal moments. This interactive session will explore the issues, strategies and best practices for using music effectively to enhance lifelong faith formation efforts. It will include suggestions and music resources for pastoral leaders, teachers, youth ministers and catechists to use in their intergenerational events and programs.

 6. **Equipping Catechists and Leaders for Lifelong Faith Formation**—Vikki Shepp and John Roberto
This mini-course will focus on one of the most important issues in catechesis: the formation of leaders for teaching and faith sharing. Participants will explore processes, tools, and resources for training catechetical leaders for facilitating and teaching learning programs for all ages, including intergenerational learning programs. A variety of models for training and new resources for catechist formation will also be presented.

 7. **Spanish: Catequesis Integral: Una Respuesta a las Necesidades de la Iglesia Actual**—Marina Cecchetto-Capani
Este curso hará una lectura de la Iglesia Actual y luego dará los fundamentos Bíblicos, Teológicos, Pastorales y Metodológicos de la Catequesis Integral. El mismo tiene como objetivo crear un espacio de reflexión para luego lograr una aplicación de los lineamientos de la Catequesis Integral a las realidades eclesiales particulares.
- 7:00 p.m. General Session: The Faces of Lifelong Faith Formation – A Multimedia Experience**—Conference Team: Mariette Martineau (CMD), Diane Lampitt (Harcourt), Bill Huebsch (Twenty-Third) and Tom Tomaszek (OCP). Special Guest: Dr. Gabriel Moran. Music by Sarah Hart, Bob Hurd, and Jaime Cortez.
- 9:30 Reception (sponsored by Twenty-Third Publications)

Friday, January 12, 2007

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast (sponsored by Harcourt Religion Publishers)

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. General Session: Contemporary Faith-Filled Living—Rev. Robert Duggan

(simultaneous translation into Spanish)

Disciples are “made, not born.” If this is as true today as it was in the early days of Christianity, what are the “technologies” a 21st century community ought to employ as it seeks to produce faithful, faith-filled followers of Jesus Christ? What wisdom can we draw from Scripture, our Catholic Tradition and contemporary approaches to formation/transformation?

11:00 a.m. Workshops

1. Faith Formation with Children—Maureen Kelly

The session will explore practical strategies, approaches, activities for making children’s catechesis vibrant and exciting.

2. Maturing the Tapestry: Weaving the Threads of Faith with the Threads of Life in Adult Formation—Sr. Edith Prendergast

Mature faith is described as “living, explicit, fruitful.” The session will provide processes for developing a maturing adult faith. Strategies, approaches, activities for making adult faith a vibrant and lived reality will be explored.

3. Empowering Family Faith in Our Community—Leif Kehrwald

This workshop will explore ways to teach families a four-step process that helps them recognize God’s gracious activity in their lives, respond to it, and grow in faith as a family. It will cover the key concepts and essential tools for promoting family faith development at home and in the parish. We recognize that families come in many shapes, sizes and configurations. We will explore practical and proven methods for embracing the realities and diversities of today’s family, and bringing a family perspective to our ministry.

4. Prayer and Faith Formation—Dan Schutte

This workshop will explore the role of prayer within catechetical sessions and how to develop a catechesis for prayer.

5. Popular Music and Faith Formation—Anna Scally

Jesus knows exactly how to work in different cultures. Let’s rediscover these gems of wisdom in our ministry with our young people. We will explore the most effective ways to make Jesus relevant to young people. Incorporating the music of young people is not a gimmick. This really works. Reminder: you do not need to be an expert on popular music for this approach to work. You just need to be open.

6. Justice and Lifelong Faith Formation—Sean Lansing

This workshop will engage participants in understanding the importance of catechizing for justice for all ages. There will be a special focus on practical strategies for implementing age specific and intergenerational justice education and service opportunities.

7. **Spanish: Un Llamado a Celebrar: La Preparación Sacramental Para la Familia De Hoy**—Ida Miranda

Como catequistas somos dotados con la gran oportunidad de ayudar y apoyar a los padres de familia en su rol como “principales educadores en la formación de la fe” de sus hijos e hijas en la preparación para la celebración de los Sacramentos de Iniciación. En este taller daremos pautas prácticas para facilitar la evangelización, la conversión, y la catequesis de la familia dentro de los eventos de preparación sacramental. Por medio de la música, las parábolas, la reflexión, y la celebración aprenderán a involucrar a la familia inactiva para que experimenten y lleguen a ser miembros participativos y comprometidos.

12:30 p.m. Lunch break

2:15 p.m. Resource Demonstrations-Round 1

Hands-on demonstrations of new resources for lifelong faith formation from Harcourt Religion, Twenty-Third Publications, Oregon Catholic Press, and the Center for Ministry Development

3:15 p.m. Resource Demonstrations-Round 2

4:15 p.m. Workshops

1. **Faith Formation of Young Adolescents**—Tom East and Ann Marie Eckert

More than ever, adolescents age 11 -14, need to hear the faith story and have leaders who can walk with them on their journey as young disciples. This workshop will explore the dynamics of catechesis and evangelization with young adolescents through the sharing of practical strategies, tested methods, suggestions, and resources from the fields of young adolescent ministry and faith formation.

2. **Come, Follow Me: Sharing Faith with Young Adults**—Joan Weber

The National Directory for Catechesis describes young adults as needing a “non-threatening place where they can freely express their questions, doubts, and even disagreements with the Church and where the teachings of the Church can be clearly articulated and related to their experience.” This workshop explores strategies for making vibrant catechesis a reality in parish life, in both young adult specific faith formation programs and in intergenerational experiences. We will explore the content, processes, and environment for effective young adult catechesis as well as evangelizing strategies to connect with young adults.

3. **Liturgy and Faith Formation**—Rev. Robert Duggan

In ancient times the liturgy was referred to as the Church’s “school of faith.” Contemporary understandings of ritual underline its powerful formative capacity. Official Church documents have also recently highlighted “liturgical catechesis” as an important way that people are to be formed in faith. This workshop will explore the role of liturgy in faith formation and unpack what “liturgical catechesis” is all about.

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5. **Music and Ritual in a Culturally Diverse Church**—Bob Hurd
This session will explore the issues, strategies and resources that are at play in enabling local assemblies to celebrate their unity and rich diversity in worship. How do we worship with an intercultural awareness that diversity is a gift from God, not a burden to be overcome? What are the practical realities that liturgists, clergy and musicians face in preparing worship in diverse communities? Bob will provide examples of useful strategies that parishes and schools can employ to become more responsive and create realistic pastoral plans.
6. **Forming Disciples as Stewards**—Leisa Anslinger and Rev. Jan Kevin Schmidt
As people are formed as disciples and stewards, their lives begin to change, and so does the life of the parish community. Explore elements of faith formation for all in the parish that contribute to this living discipleship.
7. **Spanish: Forming Lay Ministers for the Hispanic Community**— Giovanni Perez
Reflexionaremos sobre la necesidad de formación continua del laicado a la luz del llamado de todos los Bautizados. Echaremos un vistazo a algunos desafíos con los que nos podemos enfrentar y visualizar con esperanza a los dones con los que el laicado puede y debe traer al servicio del Pueblo de Dios.

Saturday, January 13, 2007

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. **General Session: Teaching for Faith-Filled Living**—Dr. Catherine Carotta and Dr. Michael Carotta (simultaneous translation into Spanish)
This presentation will shed light on the soulful dimensions of the call to teach, and invite each of us to consider the specific challenges we face in teaching for the spiritual growth.

11:00 a.m. **Workshops**

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2. **Intergenerational Faith Formation**—Leif Kehrwald and Joan Weber
This workshop will present the “how-to’s” of intergenerational learning. Participants will learn a process for designing and facilitating intergenerational learning, models for introducing intergenerational learning into parish life, and resources for intergenerational catechesis.
3. **Being, Knowing, and Knowing How: Ministry in Culturally Diverse Parishes**—Alejandro Titus-Aguilera
Participants will gain a deeper and yet practical understanding on how to build one church in a culturally diverse community. Come explore the interaction between different cultural groups and

unfold nine practical steps to build community across cultural boundaries and within different ministerial areas.

4. RCIA and Lifelong Faith Formation—Jim Schellman

This workshop explores how adult initiation at its best takes place in a context of lifelong faith formation and how catechumenal formation models what lifelong faith formation could look like.

5. Preparation of Catechists for Lifelong Faith Formation—Gloria Majerus

The National Directory for Catechesis states, “effective Catechesis depends on virtuous and skilled catechists”. As Catechetical leaders, how do we call forth catechists; how do we train the catechists: how do we nurture and sustain the catechists and more importantly how do we challenge the catechist to engage in Life-Long formation? These and many more questions will be explored in this workshop. This session will prove beneficial for anyone in the role of Catechist formation.

6. From Success to Significance: Faith Formation in the Later Middle Years of the 50s and 60s—Dr. Richard Johnson

The later middle age years are a time of dramatic spiritual growth potentials that call for striking redefinitions in all the life arenas: career, family, relationships, self, leisure, and of course the spiritual life arena. All too often however later middle age are the “forgotten years” of adult faith formation. After years of primarily pursuing success, Later Middle Agers now become interested in discovering new life significance. This presentation outlines how we can capture and incorporate this fundamental need of pursuing life significance into our faith formation efforts. This presentation offers a panoramic view of the special spiritual developmental needs of this age group, and gives practical suggestions for relevant programmatic efforts to ignite the energy depth of this group.

7. Spanish: Music and Faith Formation in the Hispanic Community—Jaime Cortez

This session will provide practical recommendations and musical resources that can assist parishes and pastoral leaders in celebrating sacraments and faith moments within the Hispanic community. Jaime will also provide suggestions to help unify the Hispanic and English-speaking cultures and to bridge the gap between the English-speaking and Spanish-speaking members of the parish. Appropriate ways to honor personal and family prayer rituals within the parish community will also be discussed.

12:30 p.m. Lunch break

2:15 p.m. Workshops

1. Faith Formation of High School Youth—Tom East and Cheryl Tholcke

How can we share a living and lived faith with this generation of young disciples? How do we evangelize youth and their families? This workshop will provide a synthesis of the most recent research about high school youth ministry and adolescent faith formation. This will include practical suggestions and resources for parishes in developing faith formation, adolescent catechesis, and confirmation preparation.

2. Mystagogy and Lifelong Faith Formation—Jim Schellman

This workshop explores how mystagogy as a part of the year and methodology within adult initiation is the heart of lifelong faith formation.

3. **Embracing the Vision: Sacramental Preparation and the Parish Community**—Sr. Linda Gaupin

Leading people to sacraments is one of the most important things we do as Church. This workshop will provide a whole new context for doing sacramental preparation that is rooted in the total parish community and promotes the formative power of liturgical prayer. It will examine how we lead children, youth or adults preparing for a sacrament while at the same time deepening the sacramental spirituality of their parents/guardians and the entire community.

4. **Turning toward the Face of God: Conversion through Faith Formation**—Bill Huebsch

Conversion to Christ precedes catechesis. And once experienced, it's conversion that leads a person to undertake his or her journey of faith, not facts or knowledge about Catholicism - which is mainly what the textbooks in classrooms or other catechetical gatherings provide. A person who has not yet really met Jesus Christ and decided to follow Christ, can sit in a classroom or gathering and study religion, but until there is conversion, that person won't be a dedicated follower of Christ. This workshop will explore methods that give rise to the possibility of conversion, ones that work in real catechetical settings of all kinds.

5. **Being, Knowing, and Knowing How: Ministry in Culturally Diverse Parishes**—Alejandro Titus-Aguilera (repeat)

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6. **Our Spiritual Pace Quickens: Faith Formation in the Elder Years of the 70s, the 80s, and Beyond**—Dr. Richard Johnson

The challenge of faith formation in the elder years is upon us now. The elder years are a time of enhanced personal and spiritual integration like no other, a time for developing a keener spiritual vision of life, and a time for "re-mem-bering" ourselves. The elder years offer time for seeing the wonderful spiritual patterns that are woven into our lives, and time to discern how God has been calling us throughout our lives. Our churches are filled with senior adults, yet we don't seem to have a clear vision of how to cultivate the rich spiritual growth potentials within them. All too often our senior adult ministry efforts start and end with social events. We can, and must, do better! This presentation offers the nuts & bolts of successful faith formation with elder adults from an entirely new perspective.

7. **Spanish: Catequesis para Adultos: Hacia una Madurez en Vida de Fe**—Marina Cecchetto-Capani

Basándose en los últimos documentos eclesiales, y en la observación del rol del adulto en la Iglesia, este taller tiene como objetivo presentar y reflexionar sobre la importancia de la formación continua de los que conforman la comunidad eclesial. El taller incluirá un momento de trabajo grupal en el que los participantes podrán elaborar propuestas originales para la implementación de la formación continua en sus comunidades.

4:00 p.m. **General Session: Best Practices in Lifelong Faith Formation**

5:00 p.m. **Eucharist**

Registration Information

- Registration Fee: \$195 until December 11, 2006. Postmarked after December 11: \$225.
- Registration Deadline: It is important to register early because space is limited at the hotel. January is vacation season in Orlando, so it is important to book airfares early as well!
- Please complete and mail the registration form to the Center for Ministry Development, P.O. Box 699, Naugatuck, CT. You may send a check or use VISA or MasterCard. If you are charging your registration to VISA or MasterCard you can fax it to: 203-723-1624. If you have questions, call toll free 888-723-2433.
- Refunds are made prior to December 11, 2006, less a \$50 processing fee per person. There are NO REFUNDS after this date.

Hotel Information

The site of the 2007 *Fashion Me A People Gathering* is the **Grosvenor Resort Walt Disney World**, adjacent to Downtown Disney. The hotel offers excellent sleeping rooms and extensive recreation facilities including an aquatic center with swimming pools and tennis courts. The hotel also offers a variety of Walt Disney World services and continuous free shuttle buses to reach any Walt Disney World park or facility.

- The per room rate is \$107 per night until December 11, 2006. There are a limited number of rooms at the \$107 rate, so please reserve your room early.
- The hotel has extended the discount rate of \$107 several days before and after the Gathering.
- All participants need to make their hotel reservations directly with the Grosvenor Resort Hotel. Call 800-624-4109 and ask for the Center for Ministry Development rate for your stay.
- From Orlando International Airport take the Mears Shuttle to the hotel. For reservations and rates call 407-423-5566 or online at: www.mearstransportation.com/mears-shuttle-orlando.asp.
- For more information about the hotel go to: www.grosvenorresort.com.

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