

The Twenty-first Annual Catechist Convocation
In the Year of the Priest

Proclaimers of the Word



Heralds of the Faith

Saturday, March 6, 2010
Archbishop Carroll High School
211 Matson Ford Road
Radnor, PA 19087

Co-sponsored by the Office for Catechetical Formation
Archdiocese of Philadelphia
&
Archdiocesan Association of Parish Directors, Coordinators and
Administrators of Religious Education

Catechetical Forum celebrates Twenty One Years!

The Catechetical Forum is an annual faith formation event cosponsored by the Office for Catechetical Formation of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Archdiocesan Association of Parish Directors, Coordinators, and Administrators of Religious Education (PDCARE).

What is the Catechetical Forum? In the early 1980's, a group of Archdiocesan Leaders and Parish Directors of Religious Education created a grass roots venue known as the Catechists' Showcase. Using a parish site, this "peer on peer event" provided an annual opportunity for the most experienced and gifted volunteer catechists to share their insights with other volunteer catechists.

In 1989, the Catechists' Showcase was renamed Catechetical Forum, reflecting the broadening scope of topics and experienced presenters. In recent years, the Catechetical Forum has been held at Archbishop Carroll High School in order to accommodate the growth and diversity of participants.

Though the presentations and names have changed over the years, the PDCARE Association keeps true to the original mission of the Catechetical Forum:

The professional and spiritual growth of the parish catechist
through a sharing of theological insights,
teaching methodologies, and practical applications.

This year Catechetical Forum has become a weekend event! In addition to the Catechist Convocation on March 6th, a Teen Convocation will be held on March 7th at Archbishop Carroll High School.

May all who attend the Catechetical Forum 2010, both young and old, deepen their commitment to Jesus Christ and share His message to all whom they meet and teach.

*The Archdiocese of Philadelphia joins
Pope Benedict XVI and
the universal Church in celebrating
the Year of the Priest.*



CATECHIST CONVOCATION SCHEDULE

9:00 – 10AM	REGISTRATION REFRESHMENTS are located in the West Cafeteria and West Gym. Please visit the EXHIBITS in the West Gym.
10:15 – 11: 45 AM	CELEBRATION OF MASS Welcome /Overview of the Day
12:00 – 1:00 PM	SESSION 1/LUNCH
1:15 – 2:15 PM	SESSION 2/LUNCH
2:30 – 3:30 PM	SESSION 3

ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR CATECHETICAL CERTIFICATION

One credit for Catechetical Certification is based on 10 hour courses/sessions.

One elective credit has been granted to the Catechist Convocation
by the Office for Catechetical Formation for participation
in all events of the entire day (9AM–3:30PM).

Course cards are collected **after** the conclusion of Session 3.

EXHIBITORS

The Catechist Convocation Committee thanks the following Exhibitors for their presence and support.

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And many more!*

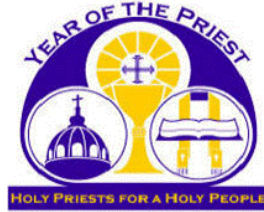


HOMILIST

Reverend Christopher B. Rogers

Ordained in the Jubilee Year 2000, for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Father Christopher B. Rogers is currently the Vocation Director for Diocesan Priesthood in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

The oldest of five children, Father Rogers was raised in Northeast Philadelphia and graduated from Bishop McDevitt High School in 1991. Upon graduation, he entered St. Charles Borromeo Seminary where he completed his college education and theological studies. He spent the first five years of priesthood as parochial vicar of Saints Philip and James Parish in Exton. In 2005, he was named Vocation Director for the Diocesan Priesthood. Father Rogers is convinced that encountering the living presence of Christ in the Eucharist is the greatest gift from God. It is through that gift of encounter that we learn to discern and serve God's call.



DISCURSO DE APERTURA

Victor Valenzuela, Sadlier-Religion

La Catequesis Y La Proclamación de La Palabra

No existe nada más profundo en nuestras vidas que La Palabra de Dios. Como catequistas nuestro cargo es de proclamar y vivir La Palabra. En esta presentación veremos como La Palabra de Dios se puede utilizar en la catequesis como parte integral de nuestras enseñanzas. En fin, esta presentación resultara en estrategias prácticas para implementar Las Sagradas Escrituras en cada sesión catequética.

Víctor es consultor bilingüe a nivel nacional de William H. Sadlier Inc. Por más de 20 años ha estado trabajando en el ministerio hispano. Ha sido maestro de secundaria y ha colaborado en diversos ministerios parroquiales incluyendo pastoral juvenil y educación religiosa, donde tiene una gran experiencia preparando materiales. Terminó sus estudios superiores en el seminario St. Joseph en Mountain View, California y tiene dos años de teología cursados en el seminario St. Patricks. Nació en Arizona de padres mexicanos, ha vivido la mayor parte de su vida en el área de la bahía. Actualmente vive en Alameda, CA.

SESSIONS

- 1. Using Technology to Present Practical Ways to Integrate Social Justice Themes in Religion class**
Sister Margaret Rose Adams, IHM Principal, SS. Simon and Jude Parish, West Chester
What so ever you do to the least of each other . . . Come and see practical ways to implement social justice themes in your classes. Based on the Bishops' call to present a social justice lesson, this workshop will make the process easy. Each participant will be given a CD with ready to use lessons for social justice, game templates, and other reflective short movies
Session 1 (focus on grades K-4) & Session 2(focus on grades 5-8)
Conference Room 2 (*This room is located on the second floor and has no elevator access.*)
- 2. Christ, the Great High Priest**
Reverend Patrick Brady, Chair of Sacred Scripture, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
This workshop focuses on clarifying our understanding of what it means for Jesus to be High Priest, and the relationship of the parish priest to Christ, the Great High Priest. This workshop also includes a discussion on the priesthood of Melchisadeck.
Sessions 1 & 2, Room 204
- 3. The Great Commandment**
Sister William Catherine Brannen, IHM, Elementary Religion Curriculum Chair; Faculty, Villa Maria Academy
This workshop focuses on helping second and third graders to understand more deeply the Great Commandment of Jesus Christ and its relationship to the Ten Commandments.
Sessions 2 & 3, Room 208
- 4. Legal Perspectives for the Catechist**
Timothy Coyne, Esquire, General Counsel, Archdiocese of Philadelphia
This workshop focuses on but is not limited to custody issues, liability, confidentiality, authorities, transportation and electronic communications.
Session 3, Room 200
- 5. Integrating Religion across the Curriculum**
Anita Dixon, Principal, St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, West Chester
This workshop gives an overview of the spiritual dimensions of children and how the classroom teacher can create an atmosphere conducive to learning and growing in the knowledge and love of God.
Sessions 1 & 3 Room 201
- 6. The Ten Commandments and Beatitudes**
Sister Maureen Donati, IHM, Principal, Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Secane
This workshop examines how fourth and fifth graders understand God's call to a life of love and virtue by following the Ten Commandments and the teachings of Jesus Christ.
Sessions 2 & 3, Room 210
- 7. Arise and Call Her Blessed**
Sister J. Sheila Galligan, IHM, Professor of Theology, Immaculata University
This workshop focuses on God's gift of His Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the implications of the special Marian descriptive "Blessed." It also provides a practical way for each of us to claim the title "blessed" as disciples of the Lord.
Sessions 1 & 3, Room 214
- 8. Recall, Recall: An Easy-to-use Method for Life-time Maintenance of Basic Religion Facts**
Sister Barbara Jude Gentry, IHM, Director of Religious Education, SS. Simon and Jude Parish, Exton
Sister Mary James McCaffrey, IHM, Director of Religious Education, Our Lady of Charity Parish, Brookhaven
This session demonstrates simple ways to consistently review previously learned faith knowledge in order that students obtain confidence in understanding and articulating their beliefs.
Sessions 1 & 3, Room 205

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- 9. Sustaining the Mystery of Christ with Catechesis**
Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill, Director, Office for Worship
All catechesis flows from the words and deed of the Lord revealed in the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. This workshop explores the relationship between the Paschal Mystery of Christ and its further unfolding through catechesis.
Sessions 2 & 3, Chapel
- 10. Teaching Morality to Kindergarten and First Graders**
Barbara Hall, Faculty, Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Southampton
This workshop explores how five, six and seven year olds develop the ability to discern the difference between right and wrong and begin to make moral choices.
Sessions 1 & 2, Room 226
- 11. Pastors' Expectations Concerning Catechesis for First Penance, First Communion & Confirmation**
Reverend Daniel J. Mackle, Pastor, St. Patrick Parish, Philadelphia
The Church entrusts to the pastor the supervision of the preparation for the reception of the sacraments. To assist DREs, catechists, and religion teachers in collaborating in this endeavor, this workshop will review the canon law, church documents and guidelines that indicate the content and methods in this ministry.
Sessions 1 & 2, Room 200
- 12. "YOU Called?" Practical Ways to Inspire Vocations with Elementary School-aged Children**
Kellianne Miley, Elementary Religion Curriculum Committee Member & Faculty, St. Eugene Parish, Primos
This workshop explores how catechists can help students understand the call to the priesthood and religious life through interactive dialogue and hands on activities.
Sessions 2 & 3, Room 209
- 13. Sacramental Preparation Projects for First Penance and Holy Communion**
Mary Miller, Catechist, Sacred Heart Parish, Oxford
Participants of this make and take workshop will create a simple pop-up booklet of the Mass and learn to use easy projects, activities and games which reinforce key sacramental concepts and help to prepare students for their First Penance and Holy Communion.
Sessions 1 & 3, Room 211
- 14. Children as Proclaimers of the Word of God**
Deacon Richard Nightingale, Deacon, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Philadelphia
This workshop assists teachers and catechists in training children for the sacred role of lector. Participants will learn the techniques and tools for effective proclamation of the Word as well as the importance of personal prayer for the proclaimer.
Session 3, Room 206
- 15. Enhance Your Parish's Confirmation Preparation**
Roberta Ortwein, Director of Religious Education, St. Anthony Parish, Ambler
Donna Heeney, Director of Religious Education, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Horsham
Trish Keen, Director of Religious Education, Corpus Christi Parish, Lansdale
Nancy Grabowski, Director of Religious Education, Immaculate Conception Parish, Jenkintown
This workshop presents various models of Confirmation preparation of school-age candidates. Join the discussion group that best fits your parish size and go home with ideas that will enhance your parish's preparation of school-age candidates.
Sessions 1 & 3, Room 227
- 16. Assisting Catechists in Promoting Priestly Vocations (Panel Discussion)**
Reverend Christopher B. Rogers, Vocation Director, Diocesan Priesthood, Facilitator
Reverend Richard Smith, Newly Ordained, Parochial Vicar, Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Morton
Kathy Kozak, Director of Religious Education and mother of Reverend Lawrence Kozak
Sister Rose Mary Walsh, IHM, sister of Reverend William F. Walsh, O.S.F.S.
Tim Coyne, Esq., General Counsel, Archdiocese of Philadelphia and President, Serra Club of Philadelphia
Session 1, Conference Room 1 (This room is located on the second floor and has no elevator access.)

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- 17. Incorporating Technology into the Safe Environment Lessons**
Kathy Schmitt, Elementary Religion Curriculum Committee Member & Director of Religious Education, St. Eleanor, Collegetown
Susan Gallen, Coordinator of Religious Education, St. Eleanor Parish, Collegetown
This workshop assists catechists and teachers to present Safe Environment Lessons more effectively by using technology, scriptural and catechetical themes.
Sessions 1 & 3, Room 213
- 18. Creative Ways to Enliven the Faith**
Sister Claire Sullivan, IHM, Director of Religious Education, Holy Name Parish, Diocese of Camden
Do you want prayer to come alive in the hearts of children? Would you like to learn creative ways to reinforce what you have already taught? Come and see that prayer and faith can lead the children to a joyful experience of Jesus.
Session 2, Room 223
- 19. Actividades creativas que vivifican la Fe**
Hna. Claire Sullivan, IHM, Director de Educacion Religións, Holy Name Parish, Camden
¿Quieres que la oración tenga vida en los corazones de los niños? Te gustaría aprender maneras creativas para reforzar lo que has enseñado? Ven y veras que la oración y la fe pueden guiar a los niños a una experiencia gozosa de Jesús.
Session 3, Room 223
- 20. Teenagers, Morality and Right Judgment: You Can Make a Difference!**
Sister Danielle Therese Teti, IHM, Theology Teacher, Villa Maria Academy
This workshop explores how to teach morality/moral issues to teens through the Commandments and Beatitudes.
Sessions 2 & 3, Room 212
- 21. African American Catholic Spirituality—Plenty of Good Room!**
Reverend Stephen D. Thorne, Director, Office for Black Catholics
This workshop details the spiritual gifts that African Americans bring to our Church. Indeed, there is “plenty of good room” in the Church for all.
Sessions 1 & 2, Room 206
- 22. Managing Challenging Behaviors**
Daniel Thrash, Professor, St. Joseph University; Consultant, Ken-Crest Services
This interactive workshop focuses on current topics in behaviorism and how to manage challenging behaviors in church and classroom settings.
Sessions 2 & 3, Library
- 23. Planning Retreats for Students Preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist**
Sister Lisa Marie Valentini, MSC, Vocation Director, Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
This workshop focuses on prayers and activities which will help children to prepare for the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.
Sessions 2 & 3, Conference Room 1 (*This room is located on the second floor and has no elevator access.*)
- 24. Inteligencia Múltiple, Como Parte del Proceso Enseñanza-aprendizaje en la clase de Religión**
Victor Valenzuela, Consultor bilingüe a nivel nacional, William H. Sadler Inc.
En este taller se explorarán, en forma práctica, formas de implementar métodos efectivos en la enseñanza de la religión. Se presentarán diferentes métodos de aprendizaje poniendo énfasis en las diferentes inteligencias, como método que ofrece la oportunidad a los estudiantes de aprender y vivir las enseñanzas de la iglesia.
Session 3, Room 204
- 25. Scripture and Music in Prayer with Children**
Sister Kelly Francis of the Holy Spirit, a member of the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth
The most sacred and important role of a catechist is leading a child or young person to an encounter with Jesus Christ. This workshop shows how Jesus is alive and speaks to us in His Holy Word, Scripture, and how they, in turn, can respond to Him through prayer, gesture and music.
Sessions 2 & 3, Room 207

CATECHIST CONVOCATION REGISTRATION FORM

(Please print clearly. Complete one form for each participant)

Name _____

Address _____
Street City/Town State Zip

Telephone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Special Needs: ___yes (Please describe on the back of this form.)

SESSIONS

Indicate the Session NUMBER or "L" for lunch on space next to the session.

Session 1 _____ Session 2 _____ Session 3 _____

N.B.: Choice of sessions is on a first come basis. If the session is full, you will be assigned to another workshop.
If you do not select a session, you will be assigned.
Those who are seeking an elective credit must attend a Session 3 workshop.

LUNCH

Select one: ___Turkey ___Chicken Breast ___Salad ___Tuna

CREDIT FOR CATECHETICAL CERTIFICATION

One elective credit towards Archdiocesan Catechetical Certification (or update) is granted for participation in the entire day. Course cards are distributed **only** during the Registration Period (9-10AM).
Course cards are collected after Session 3 (3:30PM). NO EXCEPTIONS.

I have read and understand the conditions to receive one elective credit towards Catechetical Certification through my participation at Catechist Convocation.

Signature _____

Parish of Service _____ City _____

REGISTRATION FEE AND DEADLINE

Registrations deadline: \$30.00 per person/includes lunch

Registrations deadline: **FEBRUARY 11, 2010**
NO WALK-INS

Please make checks payable to: **"PD/CARE Association"**

Mail form and *check to: Sally Grande/St. Eugene Parish
200 South Oak Avenue
Primos, PA 19018

**Parishes may send one check with multiple forms.*