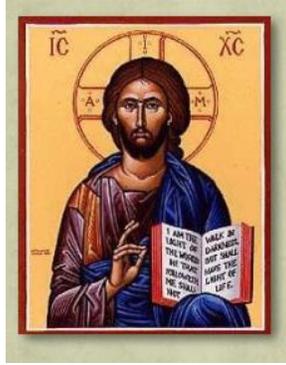


Regional Catechetical Formation Day



Jesus the Teacher

Saturday, October 21st, 2017
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Christ the King Church
66 South Main Street
Rutland – Vermont

Please register by: October 13th

Cost: \$10 includes morning refreshments, lunch and materials.

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Email: _____

Parish Name: _____

Parish Town: _____

Your Role in Religious Education: _____

Choice for: **Breakout Session #1** _____

Breakout Session #2 _____

**See Schedule and Workshop Overviews on Pages 2

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Catechist Formation Day Schedule

- 8:00 AM Check-In begins
- 8:15 AM Mass
- 9:00 AM Opening Prayer - Welcome
- 9:10 AM Keynote - *“The Life of a Catechist: Disciples Forming Disciples”* – Father Peter O’Leary
- 10:00 AM **Breakout Sessions #1:**
- A. *Unlocking the Liturgy for Children [and Adults]: The Art of Celebration* – Josh Perry
 - B. *On Eagles’ Wings: Letting the Spirit Pray in us with Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus* – Teresa Hawes
 - C. *Evangelization: An Invitation to God’s Love – Practical Strategies for Catechists in Leading Others Closer to their Faith* – Chris Poirier
 - D. *Engaging Your Students: Keeping Them on Task and Learning* – Laura MacLachlan
 - E. *Dusting off the Catechism: From Your Bookshelf to Your Nightstand* – Michael Hagan
- 10:45 AM Break
- 11:00 AM **Breakout Sessions #2: Same as Above**
- 11:45 AM Small Group Networking Session-by Grade Levels
- 12:10 PM *Youth Ministry Opportunities & Resources* – Bill Gavin
- 12:30 PM Lunch
- 1:15 PM Conclusion & Closing Prayer

Breakout Overviews

***Unlocking the Liturgy for Children [and Adults]: The Art of Celebration* – Josh Perry**

A liturgical theologian once lamented on the fact that our celebration of liturgy, especially the Mass, has become “wall-to-wall words.” Indeed, all too often liturgical celebrations are “wall-to-wall explanations, exhortations, commentaries, words [where] silence is abhorred, fragrance is forgotten, gestures are half-hearted, movements are unrehearsed, everything is hurried” (Children in the Assembly of the Church, 5). No wonder Mass is boring. Moving beyond merely words, we explore some ways we can unlock the silence, gestures, postures, movements, visual elements, and objects that are also inherent in liturgy.

***On Eagles’ Wings: Letting the Spirit Pray in us with Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus* – Teresa Hawes**

Prayer is the breath of the Spirit moving and transforming us. The landscape of that process can be disconcertingly different from one moment to the next. Thérèse will be our spiritual guide to help us remain steadfast in the depths of Love, trusting and surrendering to His work in and through us so that we may become more and more His instruments in the world.

***Evangelization: An Invitation to God’s Love – Practical Strategies for Catechists in Leading Others Closer to their Faith* – Chris Poirier**

Evangelization is not a term that most contemporary Catholics associate themselves with, but has been a distinct and expressed mission for all Christians since the founding of the Church. As Catholics we are called to “practice our faith” in many ways which includes touching the hearts of others with the inspiration of our holy lives and inviting them to share in the fullness of divine Truth, which is the Catholic Church. This presentation will provide practical strategies for Catechists in extending an invitation of God’s love to their students & parents and others in their community.

***Engaging Your Students: Keeping Them on Task and Learning* – Laura MacLachlan**

There are lots of different personalities in your classroom! This workshop focuses on making the most of the one hour that you have every week to get children to listen, learn and open their hearts and minds to love God. You will leave with tips for classroom management, active participation and re-engage yourself in the learning process.

***Dusting off the Catechism: From Your Bookshelf to Your Nightstand* – Michael Hagan**

Saint Pope John Paul II calls the Catechism of the Catholic Church a “cause for profound joy for the Universal Church”. In this talk, I will explain how the Catechism is so much more than a reference book. Yes, it looks big and boring, but it is a spiritual treasure that YOU CAN READ. As I explain why and how it was written and what it contains, I hope to convince you that this is a book that belongs on your nightstand, not your bookshelf!