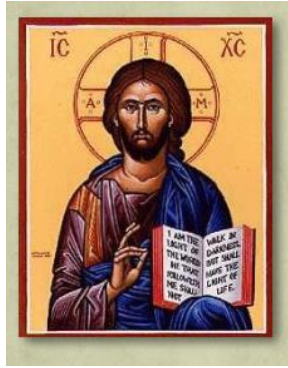


Regional Catechetical Formation Day



Jesus the Teacher

Saturday, September 16th, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Corpus Christi Parish

St. John the Evangelist Church

(Father Lively Center)

49 Winter Street

St. Johnsbury – Vermont

Please register by: September 8th

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. *Nourishing the Domestic Church and Practical Tips for a Successful Classroom* – Ann Gonyaw
 - 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. *Forming Global Disciples: Catholic Social Teaching in the Classroom* – Stephanie Clary
 - 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 Lunch
- 12:50 PM Conclusion & Closing Prayer

Breakout Overviews

***Nourishing the Domestic Church and Practical Tips for a Successful Classroom* – Ann Gonyaw**

Beginning with a brief overview of the Church’s wisdom on the role of parents as the primary educators of their children in the Catholic Faith, we will discover practical ways to support parents in this role both by integrating them into parish programming and infusing faith experiences into the home. This presentation will address both traditional “drop off” religious education programs as well as family catechesis models.

***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.

***Forming Global Disciples: Catholic Social Teaching in the Classroom* – Stephanie Clary**

“Forming Global Disciples” aims to equip religious educators with an abundance of resources to incorporate themes of Catholic social teaching into existing lessons or create new lessons of your own. Gather prayers, readings, sacramental preparations, retreats and volunteer service ideas to share with your ministry team and students. Learn about free speakers and programs available to you from Catholic Relief Services and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

***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!