

Catechetical Sharing

*News and Notes from the Office of Faith Formation
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May 2016

Greetings!

“There is so much noise in the world! May we learn to be silent in our hearts and before God” - *Pope Francis, November 18, 2014, Twitter.*

I know this is an exciting and busy time of year! There are so many celebrations – First Communion, graduations, weddings, end of school year – all of these are wonderful things! As you wind down the catechetical year, plan some time for your own spiritual life. Amidst the busyness and “noise” of the season, I hope you are able to find quiet in your heart. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, I pray that you are able to experience God’s grace within your own life and extend His mercy into the lives you touch.

I have not been able to reach all of the deanery faith formation groups yet, but I’m still trying! I will be using an online scheduling format called “doodle” to try to find the best day and time for a meeting in your deanery. When you receive the invitation, please click on it and mark all of the dates and times you may be able to attend. I will pick the best day and time for the most people and then confirm the date, time and place of the meeting. Hopefully, this will help in choosing a time when most folks can attend, sometime in June.

Please mark your calendar for the Annual Faith Formation Leaders’ Meeting on Saturday, August 20. The meeting will be held at the religious education school building of Immaculate Conception Parish in Dublin, GA. More details will be sent in July. Please monitor your e-mails and plan to attend!

We would like to acknowledge the four NCCL Conference Scholarship recipients: Bettye Middlebrooks (St. Peter Claver, Macon); Sarah Fleetwood (St. Frances Cabrini, Savannah); Marisol Soler (St. Francis Xavier, Brunswick); and Bertha Capetillo (St. Paul, Douglas). Congratulations! I hope you are able to take away many new ideas, friends, and are invigorated in your ministry at the NCCL Conference in Jacksonville!

Blessings,



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Bertha Capetillo – St. Paul, Douglas



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Sign-up details to come! Watch your e-mail in July!

Prayer: The Faith Prayed

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That prompted a reader to e-mail me with an example of a seeker who had just recently showed up at her parish. He is a baptized Christian with a strong relationship with Jesus. He is already going to Mass in her parish. He seems excited to learn more about liturgy and the sacraments.

The reader's question was, if full initiation is only allowed at the Easter Vigil, which is about eleven months away, how can this seeker's preparation be "brief"?



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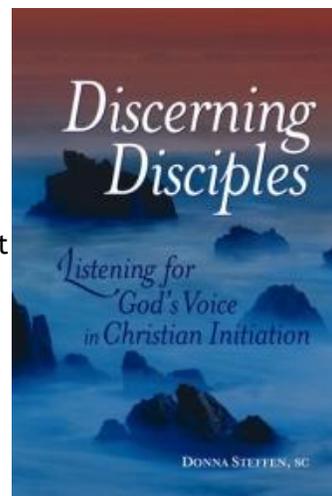
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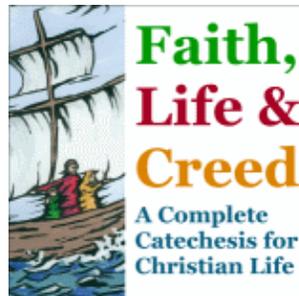
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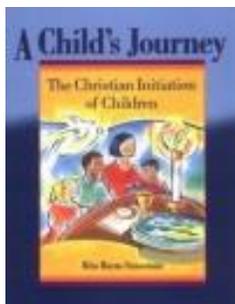
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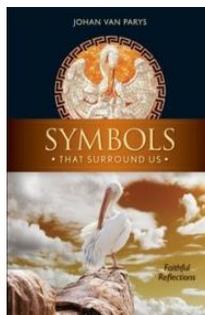


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