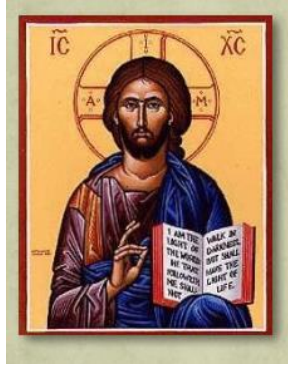


Regional Catechetical Formation Day



Jesus the Teacher

Saturday, October 28th, 2017
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Holy Cross Church
416 Church Road
Colchester – Vermont

Please register by: October 20th

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

***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.

***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!