



Catechetical Leader

Department of Family Catechesis

E-Update

Latest News

"He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry" (Mt 4, 1-2)

- Growing in Love for Christ this Lent.** We pray that this time of Lent is one of deepening our love for Christ. [In his Lenten message](#), Pope Benedict calls us to renew the practice of fasting, allowing it to become a time of focusing intensely on the love of the Lord Jesus. Even in the midst of a busy catechetical season, the Lord invites us to renew His love for Him.
- Applications for Credentialing and Recredentialing.** Every spring, our Department asks parish leaders in catechesis and youth evangelization to pause for the purpose of reflecting on our professional development. If you have not already done so, please familiarize yourself with the credentialing guidelines on our website, www.catecheticalleadershipphx.org.
- Awards to recognize service in catechetical leadership.** The forms to nominate leaders for recognition of service in catechetical leadership are now up on our website. Simply go to our catechetical leadership and open the Awards page. The St. Teresa of Avila award is given in recognition leadership in catechesis; the St. Therese of Lisieux award is given by the entire Department of Family catechesis in recognition of service. Nomination forms are due by April 15.

Announcements/Prayer Intentions

If you have any special prayer intentions, please share them with us so we can ask other leaders to pray for them.

The Pope's intentions for March are:

- The general intention: That all nations of our world may grow in appreciation of the dignity and value of women and their roles in society.
- The missionary intention: That all the bishops, priests, consecrated persons, and laity of the Catholic Church in China may strive to be instruments of unity, communion, and peace, as enjoined by the letter sent to them by Pope Benedict XVI.

Resources

Lenten Resources. The USCCB has launched a special website full of great Lenten Resources. It includes audio/video resources, tips on living the Catechism, resources and a link to the Holy Father's Lenten message. You can view this at <http://www.usccb.org/lent/>. Our Sunday Visitor has a Lenten Poster for RE Families from OSV <http://www.osv.com/Portals/0/images/pdf/LentenGuidePoster.pdf>.

Financial Resource. As anxieties grow over the economy, a great resource available to us is the Phil Lenahan's "7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free." The small-group study Leader's Kit includes the book, the participant workbook, the leader's guide, the leader's DVD, a sessions DVD, and a preview DVD with support tools. You can read up on these materials by going to www.osv.com.

Upcoming Events

- Celebration of Gratitude and Hope: Change in date!** The date of annual Celebration of Gratitude and Hope has been change to Thursday, May 28th, from 10am to 2pm. Registration information will be available over the next weeks.
- Lenten Retreat for Parish Leaders:** We are excited to have a Lenten Retreat for parish leaders this Thursday, March 12th at Mt. Claret. Frs. Charlie Goraieb and Paul Sullivan will be leading us in a reflection on Pope Benedict XVI's *Spe Salve*, his encyclical on Christian Hope. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch. To register for it, please to go www.catecheticalleadershipphx.org under 'Formation Opportunities'.
- The Human Experience.** For those of you who missed Grassroots Films and *The Human Experience* on January 26th at the Herberger., they're coming back!
 - * Monday, March 16th at 7pm at the Harkins Valley Art on Mill Ave in Tempe
 - * Tuesday, March 17th at 7pm at the Herberger Theatre in downtown Phoenix

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