



Catechetical Leader

Department of Family Catechesis

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Latest News

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. Acts 2:42

1. **Ralph Martin** will be our guest speaker for the Fall Kickoff. Ralph is the President of Renewal Ministries and is the author of several books and CD's on the Catholic Church and spirituality. He is the Director of Graduate Programs in The New Evangelization at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. If this is your first time learning about Ralph, please read about him at <http://www.renewalministries.net/staff.php#rmartin>.
2. **Updated Confirmation and First Eucharist Policy** will be available for download by the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, August 15, 2009. Please note that it will only be available electronically on the internet as a pdf file. The policy will be available at www.catecheticalleadershipphx.org under 'Diocesan Sacrament Policies'.
3. **Bishop Olmsted has approved the new catechist formation process**, which will be implemented over a three-year period, beginning this year. The current process will remain in effect until June 30, 2012. To allow us to assess the curriculum and solicit the input of catechetical leaders, three parishes have begun the new process as test sites. If you are interested in attending any of these sessions, please contact us for details and information.

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 August are:

1. General Prayer Intention: That public opinion may be more aware of the problems of millions of displaced persons and refugees, and that concrete solutions may be found for their often tragic situation.
2. His mission intention: "That those Christians who are discriminated against and persecuted in many countries because of the name of Christ may have their human rights, equality and religious freedom recognized, in order to be able to live and profess their own faith freely "

We welcome all new catechetical leaders to our Diocese and pray the God will bless them abundantly this year and beyond!

Resources

Updated Publisher's Directory on the FC Website: Please visit our updated Children's Catechesis website, www.childrenscatechesisphx.org, to see an updated list of publishers and regional representatives. Feel free to contact them to schedule training from your catechists on your curriculum.

USCCB Catechetical Sunday now online: Next year's catechetical theme will be "Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word". Visit www.catecheticalleadershipphx.org and click on the 'Church Documents & Catechetical Resources' page for more information.

Upcoming Events

1. **Fall Kick Off for Parish Leaders:** Be sure to join us for our Fall Kickoff, August 18 or 19, as we examine our call to holiness. Many of you are familiar with Ralph Martin and his excellent book "Fulfillment of All Desires" which looks at what the great saints of Church have said about our call to know, love and serve the Lord. Don't miss this great opportunity for prayer, formation and fellowship." Full details and registration information is available online at www.catecheticalleadershipphx.org under our 'Formation Opportunities' section.
2. **The schedule for Deanery Meetings for Catechetical Leaders**, including a new fall Deanery "Meet & Greet" luncheon, is now available online at www.catecheticalleadershipphx.org under 'Deanery Meetings'.
2. **Catechist Formation Opportunities.** Do you have upcoming catechist formation opportunities in your parish? Many catechists are looking for sessions to complete their catechist certification, so please contact us at the email addresses below so we can put these sessions on our catechist formation website, www.catechistphx.org.
3. **2009-2010 Calendar for Catechetical leaders.** Download this year's 'Save the Date' calendar at www.catecheticalleadershipphx.org under 'Formation Opportunities'.

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