



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. **Catechist Congress.** Our Department of Family Catechesis will be sponsoring a Diocesan catechist congress on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center for all parish catechists in the areas of children's catechesis, youth evangelization and RCIA/Adult Faith Formation. The congress will be in both English and Spanish. Details and registration information for the congress are available at www.catecheticalleadershipphx.org.
2. **Overview of Updated Catechist Formation Process.** Our parish catechetical and youth evangelization programs rely on well trained catechists to pass the Faith on to others. Our new catechist formation process is currently being implemented over a three year timeline. Details of the new process and can be seen at www.catecheticalleadershipphx.org.
3. **Catechetical Sunday.** This year, Catechetical Sunday, September 20, 2009, will focus on the theme, "Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word." All Catechetical Sunday 2009 materials are available in HTML and PDF format at no cost. Download all materials (ZIP format) at <http://www.usccb.org/catecheticalsunday/>.
4. **Phoenix Website for the Year for Priests.** Please visit our Year for Priests website at www.phoenixpriest.org.

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 September are:

1. General Prayer Intention: That the word of God may be better known, welcomed and lived as the source of freedom and joy
2. His mission intention: That Christians in Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar, who often meet with great difficulties, may not be discouraged from announcing the Gospel to their brothers, trusting in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray for each other as we manage our programs during the hectic time of Fall!

Resources

Prayerbreaks by Michael John Poirier: Michael John Poirier has put together a website focused on helping those who lead busy lives to stop and to remember to pray. You can read about this at www.prayerbreaks.com.

NCCL Resources on the H1N1 flu virus: To help us prepare for virus, the NCCL has put together some resources at www.nccl.org under the 'News' section.

Upcoming Events

1. **January Leadership Conference.** Pastors are encouraged to send their leaders and coordinators in the areas of children's catechesis, youth evangelization and RCIA/Adult Faith Formation to our January Leadership Conference, January 6-8, 2010 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Information and registration is available at www.januaryleadershipconference.org. The conference will be in both English and Spanish
2. **Catechist Congress,** Saturday, January 9, 2010.
3. **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. **Advent Parish Staff Retreats** are scheduled for December 8th, 10th and 11th. Please plan on bringing your entire staff for a day of prayer, reflection, and renewal with Retreat Master Fr. Bill Parker C.Ss.R. Flyers with complete details will be sent to Parishes this month.
3. **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.

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