



Catechetical Leader

Department of Family Catechesis

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Latest News

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.. Isaiah 7:14.

1. **January Leadership Conference Price Reduction:** Due to the generosity of a few speakers and others involved in the conference, we have been able to reduce the cost from \$299.95 to **\$249.95!** We have adjusted the schedule and modified the presentations to ensure the same quality of content but within a more condensed time frame and at a reduced cost. For complete details visit Information and registration is available at www.januaryleadershipconference.org. Because of our furlough, registration is due by December 15, 2009. Sessions will be in both English and Spanish.
2. **Catechist Congress 2010.** The January 9th Catechist Congress is full in English. For complete details and/or to register your catechists in Spanish please visit www.catecheticalleadershipphx.org and click on Catechist Congress.
3. **USCCB Launches Advent/Christmas Website.** To help parishes and families prepare for the seasons of Advent and Christmas the Conference of Catholic Bishops has launched a great new interactive website. www.usccb.org/advent/

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 December are:

His General Intention: That children may be respected and loved and never be the victims of exploitation in its various forms.

His intention for the missions: That at Christmas the peoples of the earth may recognize in the Word Incarnate the light which illuminates every man and that the Nations may open their doors to Christ, the Savior of the world.

Resources

Health Care Reform Issues: To receive the latest updates on the Health Care Reform debate visit the USCCB site www.usccb.org/healthcare for accurate information and printable materials for adults.

KINO Library: KINO has been updating its collection. Please come by and visit or check out the catalog online at <http://kinoinstitute.org/english/library.php>

Upcoming Events

1. **January Leadership Conference.** The conference will be January 6-9, 2010 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Information and registration is available at www.januaryleadershipconference.org.
2. **Catechist Congress,** Saturday, January 9, 2010.
3. **Deanery Meetings for Catechetical Leaders** now available online at www.catecheticalleadershipphx.org under 'Deanery Meetings'. Please note that, in this round of meetings, we will be asking you for your feedback on catechist formation, in particular, the issue of how to assess catechists in their doctrinal formation.
4. **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.
5. **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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