

# Spring Enrichment

## The Church: our Family, our Story

This past June, Pope Francis said that “to speak of the Church is to speak of our mother, of our family....The Church is all of us.... the whole family....She is founded by Jesus, a people with a long history on her shoulders and a preparation that began long before Christ himself....If we believe, if we are able to pray, if we know the Lord and can listen to His Word, if we can feel Him close and recognize Him in the brethren, it is because others, before us, lived the faith and transmitted it....This is the Church: a great family, in which we are received and learn to live as believers and disciples of the Lord Jesus.” These sentiments have been echoed by our own Bishop, Most Rev. Edward B. Scharfenberger, who has written that “the Church is a family of families, and family for those without family.”

Because we have been here for so long, it takes a long time to tell who we are, to pass on the story of our life as a people. The story continues to grow each day, as people around the world live out their lives of faith in large and small ways. Then, and now, and following, after us, are martyrs, ascetics, pilgrims, warriors, mystics, theologians, artists, humanists, activists, outsiders, saints and even sinners – the whole family. And what a story we have to tell: the story of the God who loves the world so much that God will carry all of the brokenness up onto the cross, so that all of those things die with God. A story that goes from sadness to joy, from sorrow to redemption.

Come. Enter the story. Join us for a family reunion of sorts. “The Church: our Family, our Story” is the theme of this year’s Spring Enrichment. Participants will have ample opportunities to join with their brothers and sisters, to deepen their knowledge of the faith, find out how they can better share the Good News with others, and renew their relationship with the Lord Jesus and His Church. Spring Enrichment offers a wide variety of courses on the faith (some introductory and others more advanced) on various ministries such as liturgy, pastoral care and parish leadership and also offers many sessions that would be of interest to anyone seeking to learn more about their faith. There is something for everyone at Spring Enrichment, even you!



Monday, May 11 – Thursday, May 14  
at the College of St. Rose, Albany

Tuesday, May 12  
at St. Mary’s, Oneonta

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## 2015 Comprehensive Program Guidebook 42<sup>nd</sup> Spring Enrichment

Schedule, Course Descriptions, Speaker Information, Topical & Certification Indices

see [www.rcda.org/springenrichment](http://www.rcda.org/springenrichment) for the latest information and further details  
sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese’s Office of Evangelization, Catechesis & Family Life

## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

### Registration

People may register using the form included in the March 12 issue of The Evangelist or may download and print the registration form from the diocesan website ([www.rcda.org/springenrichment](http://www.rcda.org/springenrichment)). While we will do our best to accommodate walk-in registrations on-site during Spring Enrichment, we ask that **registrations be received by our office no later than Wednesday, May 6**. Registrations received after May 6 will be treated as walk-in registrations.

### Fees & Discounts

While the regular registration fee for each course is \$15 per session, there are some discounts and special “early registration” pricing:

# Classes	1	2	3	4	5-14 classes
Early Registration (by 4/24)	\$12	\$24	\$36	\$40	\$10 for each additional class, capped at \$90 for 9 or more
Regular Registration (after 4/24)	\$15	\$30	\$45	\$50	\$10 for each additional class, capped at \$100 for 9 or more

Payment is to be made via cash or check (in U.S. funds) and registrations will only be processed if accompanied by full payment. There are no refunds.

### Two Locations this Year

New this year there will be two locations or sites for Spring Enrichment. Our main site will be at The College of Saint Rose in Albany and will be the location of most workshops and presentations throughout the program, Monday, May 1 - Thursday, May 14. Our “satellite site” will be at St. Mary’s Church in Oneonta, where participants will be able to view the day’s major presentations streamed live over the internet and take part in several courses offered on-site in Oneonta. See

## ST. ROSE / ALBANY SITE

**Location.** The main campus of The College of Saint Rose is located between Madison and Western Avenues, off North Main Avenue, in Albany. The registration area – where all participants are to check in upon their initial arrival at Spring Enrichment – is located in the first floor entrance to the

College’s Event & Athletics Center, the glass-fronted entrance at 420 Western Avenue. Classes will be held in the St. Joseph’s Auditorium, the Hubbard Interfaith Sanctuary, the Massry Center for the Performing Arts and classrooms throughout campus. The conference Mass (Ascension Thursday) will be at

the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, 900 Madison Avenue.

**Parking.** Parking is available in the lot across from the campus Events & Athletics Center on Western Avenue and in the lot behind the Administration Building at 1000 Madison Avenue.

below for site-specific information and details.

### Check-in

Participants are to check in at the registration area upon their initial arrival on-site for Spring Enrichment. At that time, they will pick up their individual course/workshop schedule, name badge and other conference materials. Name badges are to be worn at all times by conference attendees.

### Course Changes & Cancellations

If a course/workshop is canceled prior to May 6, we will attempt to contact registrants to select an alternate course offering. For courses canceled after that date, registrants will be able to indicate their new course selection at the registration and check-in area. Persons wishing to change course registration from one class to another or select additional courses during the conference itself are asked to do so at the registration area at least one hour before the scheduled start of the class.

### Follow Spring Enrichment on Facebook and Twitter

Participants can access information about the conference not only from the diocesan website ([www.rcda.org/springenrichment](http://www.rcda.org/springenrichment)), but by searching for “Albany Spring Enrichment” on Facebook ([www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)). You can also get late-breaking news and view comments from participants by following us on Twitter ([www.twitter.com/springenrich](http://www.twitter.com/springenrich)).

### Photographs/Videos/Audio Release & Permission

By registering to attend Spring Enrichment, you authorize and give your consent to the OECFL and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany to use and distribute (both now and in the future) your image or voice in photographs, videos, electronic reproductions and audiotapes of such events and activities, and further give your permission for their reproduction for teaching purposes, news releases, publications, promotional materials and community awareness programs. Thank you.

Street parking is also available. Carpooling is strongly encouraged. Maps and directions are available from the college at [www.strose.edu](http://www.strose.edu) (under "About Saint Rose").

**Meals & Refreshments.** Meals and refreshments are available in the Camelot room (1st Floor) in the Campus Center from 7:30AM-5PM and from several off-campus dining establishments in the neighborhood. The Hospitality Desk in the registration area and Resource Center will have information about local dining options.

**The Resource Center.** Our exhibit spaces form a "Resource Center" where attendees will be able to explore displays featuring resources, programs and initiatives and have an opportunity to freely share ideas with local ministry peers. Additionally, diocesan offices and programs will have information about their activities and a handful of publishers and other partners in ministry will be displaying their resources, goods and services.

**Overnight Accommodations.**

Accommodations are available at a variety of area hotels/motels (see the Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau's website at [www.albany.org](http://www.albany.org) under "Stay" for information). In addition, 20 minutes away from the campus is the Carondelet Hospitality Center at St. Joseph's Provincial House (385 Watervliet-Shaker Rd, in Latham), which can provide overnight lodging for \$55 a person (breakfast is an additional \$7) per night. Contact Sr. Pat Conron at the Center directly at 518-783-3536.

**ST. MARY'S / ONEONTA SITE**

**Location.** Spring Enrichment's "satellite site" is located at the former St. Mary's Parish Center at 38 Walnut St, Oneonta, NY 13820. Upon arrival, all participants should check in at the registration area, located in the lower level of the school. In addition to Spring Enrichment's courses and workshops in Oneonta, participants may also attend the Taize Prayer Service at St. Mary's Church at 7PM.

**Parking.** Parking at St. Mary's is either on the street or in the parking lot behind the church building.

**Meals & Refreshments.** The Bereavement Ministry at St. Mary's will be offering attendees the opportunity to pre-order a boxed lunch for \$6. Lunch includes their choice of sandwich, with chips, fruit, cookie and beverage. A separate lunch order form is available for download from the diocesan website

at [www.rcda.org/springenrichment](http://www.rcda.org/springenrichment).

Payment is to be included with the individual's registration and must be received no later than May 6. Information will also be available on-site regarding area restaurants and vendors.

**Exhibits.** Throughout the day, local exhibitors and ministries will be displaying their goods, services and information in the Parish Center's gymnasium.

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Courses at St. Rose, Albany: Monday A##-D##, Tuesday E##-H##, Wednesday I##-L## & Thursday M##-N##; at St. Mary’s, Oneonta: Tuesday S##-V##.

In the course schedule section the following abbreviations are used: BC – Basic Certification; IC – Intermediate Certification; AC – Advanced Certification | A – Catechist of Adults; C – Catechist of Children; I – Intergenerational Catechist; L – Lower Grade Catholic School Teacher; T – Catholic School Teacher (all); U – Upper Grade Catholic School Teacher; Y – Youth Minister. For example:

“Learning Styles (IC: C, I, L)” counts towards the intermediate certification topic “Learning Styles” for Catechists of Children, Intergenerational Catechists and Lower Grade Catholic School Teachers.

“Morality or Peace & Justice (AC), Pastoral Care” counts towards either the advanced certification theology/scripture topics “Morality” or “Peace & Justice” and is also a “Pastoral Care” topic.

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE & COURSES

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# MONDAY, MAY 11

## 8:30 am

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### Registration & Check-in

Spring Enrichment's regular registration and check-in area where attendees can pick up their printed name tags, schedules and other information will open in the Atrium of the Campus Evens & Athletic Center at 8:30am and will remain open until 7:30pm this evening. Already registered attendees can also check-in at the Massry Center for the Arts before the Opening Keynote and pick up a temporary name tag.

## 9:30 am

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A01

OPENING KEYNOTE

### One Church, One Family, Many Stories: The U.S. Catholic Experience in the 21st Century

Hosffman Ospino, sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division

*Family & Multiculturalism (AC)*

What does it mean to be Catholic in the United States in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? The answer to this important question most likely will receive a variety of responses in light of the experience of the many voices that today shape our faith communities. Far from being a homogeneous experience, U.S. Catholicism thrives in the diversity that continuously gives it life and renews it. Many are the stories that make us who we are: from the

various immigrant waves from Europe to the building of the largest and most structured Christian denomination in the country to the dawn of a new day as we become more ethnically, culturally, and linguistically diverse. Let us reflect on the challenges and possibilities of being American Catholic today and the implications of our shared experience for Catholic ministry.

## 12 Noon

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### Resource Center: Exhibits & Informational Displays

Throughout Spring Enrichment our "Resource Center" will be a place where participants can explore displays featuring resources, programs and initiatives and have an opportunity to freely share ideas with other local ministry peers. Additionally, diocesan offices and programs will have information about their activities and a variety of publishers and other partners in ministry will be displaying their resources, goods and services. On Monday, the Resource Center will be open from 12pm – 7pm.

## 1:00-3:00 pm

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B01

MAJOR PRESENTATION

### Speaking of God in a Disenchanted World: Religious Education & Secularism

Hosffman Ospino, sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division

*Multiculturalism (AC)*

Religious educators and evangelizers are increasingly concerned about the rising number of people who claim not to believe (or not care about belief) in God. Is it possible to reconcile “the secular” and “the religious”? Are all possibilities of dialogue closed? Are we in the midst of a battle in which only one of these dimensions will emerge victorious? These are

questions that call for reflection about Christianity’s public dimension in our society. This presentation proposes language and strategies to engage in this important conversation, particularly in the context of religious education with youth and young adults.

### B02

#### Learning Styles

Phyllis Cardona

*Learning Styles (IC: C, I, L)*

We will survey the main points of learning theory with a focus on Gardner’s learning styles. We will look at developmental markers to help with age-appropriate lesson planning and will look at ways to include a variety of modalities in a lesson plan to reach a broad spectrum of learners.

### B03

#### Creatively Praying with Children

Theresa May

*Prayer (with Children, IC: C, I, L)*

Prayer can be an awesome encounter with the Holy. We will explore some “tried and true” ideas to lead and engage our young people in creative prayer experiences. We will offer survival tools for all who minister to the young as well as offer samples, resources, and share experiences.

### B04

NEW

#### God's Uncommon Justice in Job & the Hebrew Bible - Part 1 of 4

Michael Dick

*Hebrew Scripture (AC)*

Everything we do in this world is based on “Justice.” Our paychecks, mortgage contracts, court proceedings, rules for football. But is God “just”? In the Hebrew Bible, the Book of Job explores “God’s Justice” in a crisp exchange that borders on blasphemy. This class will investigate this controversial book in the Bible, and

will address the question, “How is God just?” Participants are asked to read the Book of Job prior to this class. Part 1 of 4; see also F06, J06 & N05.

### B05

RETURN

#### Women Witnesses

JoAnn Stankavage

*Christian Scriptures (AC) & Evangelization*

In this age of the New Evangelization what does it mean to be a witness? We will explore the example of some New Testament women to see what they can teach us. Bring your Bible to this class.

### B06

#### Many Voices, One Table

Margaret M. Anderton

*Morality and Peace & Justice (AC)*

The greatest moral thinkers of every age have said that the true measure of the greatness of a society can be found in how that society treats its most vulnerable members. What does this mean in our twenty-first century postmodern, post-Christian global world? Whose voices dominate the conversation? Whose voices need a place at the Table? What is our role? (Course formerly given as “Who is my Neighbor?”)

### B07

NEW

#### Do We Have to Forgive? (And if so, How?) - Part 1 of 2

Fred Boehrer and Fr. Bob Longobucco

*Spiritual Renewal (AC), Forgiveness & Reconciliation*

Jesus asks us to forgive seventy times seven times. That seems like a lot. Let’s learn about our Church teachings, and their application to everyday life, including pastoral situations. Part one will explore themes of apology and forgiveness. Part 1 of 2; see also C08.

### B08

NEW

#### Jesus as Spiritual Director

Sr. Kitty Hanley

*Spiritual Renewal (AC)*

Although most of Jesus’ encounters with people are one-time events rather than regular spiritual direction meetings, we can learn much from his interactions. We will look at several Gospel passages to explore the ways in which Jesus directs both the men and women in the Scriptures and us!

### B09

NEW

#### Dementia & Communities of Faith

William Hinrichs

*Pastoral Care*

This session will offer an introduction to dementia in general and Alzheimer’s disease in particular, and will explore the impact the disease has on individuals, families and congregations. This interactive workshop will provide practical tips for effective pastoral visits, as well as creative possibilities for congregational ministry to individuals and families impacted by dementia. Clergy, parish nurses, pastoral care coordinators, volunteer parish pastoral care visitors as well as anyone caring for

an individual with Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia will find this session of interest.

## 4:00-6:00 pm

C01

### The Call & Mission of the Catechist & Youth Minister

Nancy Paino

*Call & Mission of the Catechist & YM (BC: C, Y, A & I)*

This course offers new catechists working with either children or adults or in an intergenerational setting and youth ministers a deeper understanding of their call to be disciples. It will also explore the qualities and characteristics of those engaged in this ministry, the goals of catechesis, and the challenges of passing on that faith to the next generation. It will also include an overview of the Albany Diocese's program and requirements for catechist/youth minister certification.

C02

### Delightful Discipline

Theresa May

*Creative Discipline with Children (BC: C, I, L)*

Delightful discipline offers a few new ways to address the age-old issue with which catechists have struggled for years. Come and celebrate the gift of catechizing as we share ways to engage our young people without fear.

C03

### Introduction to Hebrew Scripture

Beth Carlin

*Hebrew Scripture (BC)*

This overview of the Old Testament will introduce the participant to the origins of these books, a sense of how we interpret them and a feel for the way these early seeds of faith can grow and bear fruit today. Same topic as T02; see G03 & U02 for "Christian Scripture".

C04

### Introduction to Social Justice

Deacon Walter Ayres

*Social Justice (IC)*

Through stories of faith and our own experience, we shall explore what social justice is, and why it is essential to our faith in God, our following of Jesus, and our life as Catholic Christians.

C05

RETURN

### "He came to His own, and His own did not recognize Him" - Recognizing Divinity in the Gospel of John - Part 1 of 3

Fr. Patrick Butler

*Christian Scriptures (AC)*

"Narrative theology" encompasses a variety of specific approaches to theology, interpretation and application. Most generally, it is that approach to theology that finds meaning in story. It is associated with the idea that we are not primarily to learn ethics from Scripture, but rather to learn to relate to God, and to play our part in the great narrative of salvation. This course will look at a number of stories in John's Gospel, (Nicodemus, the Woman at the Well, the Woman caught in adultery, and the Resurrection), that show how one recognizes divinity in ones presence and the change of perspective in ones life that comes from that recognition. Part 1 of 3; see also G05 & K05.

C06

### 20+ Centuries of Catholic Christianity - Part 1 of 2

Deacon Neil Hook

*Ecclesiology (AC), Church History*

This first part will cover the period from

apostolic times to the period prior to the Protestant Reformation. It will include material on the beginnings and growth of the early Christian community, the heresies that would arise in an attempt to define who Jesus was and the Church's response in the early ecumenical councils. It will also look at the period of the barbarian invasions and the "dark ages". This class will also explore briefly the first major rupture in the Church – the split between the Eastern and Western Churches – and will also explore the growth of the papacy and its influence as well as the time of the Avignon Papacy. Part 1 of 2; see G06 for Part 2.

C07

NEW

### Do We Have to Forgive? (And if so, How?) - Part 2 of 2

Fred Boehrer and Fr. Bob Longobucco  
*Spiritual Renewal (AC)*

Jesus asks us to forgive seventy times seven times. That seems like a lot. Let's learn about our Church teachings, and their application to everyday life, including pastoral situations. Part two will examine themes of forgiveness and reconciliation. Part 2 of 2; see also B07.

C08

NEW

### Keeping the Gate: A Best Practices Workshop for Safe Environment

Brian Evers

*Elective (AC); Catechetical/YM Leaders*

This interactive workshop will discuss the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* and how we can best provide a Safe Environment in our parishes and schools. Focusing on

curriculum that we can use with our children and youth, new advances with the Virtus program and background

check trainings and how we report. We will also discuss the role that we have as ministers in our online presence

especially Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc.

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## 7:00-9:00 pm

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D01

MAJOR PRESENTATION

### **Collaboration: Fostering the Mission of Jesus**

Br. Loughlan Sofield, ST

*Parish, Catechetical & Youth Ministry Leaders*

There is an African saying, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, let's work together." The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in the document, *From Words to Deeds*, defines collaboration as, "the working together of all the baptized, each contributing specific personal gifts." Collaboration, therefore, is completely based on the concept of

gifts and is directed to the involvement of utilizing the gifts of all. Both the Church and by business world have extolled the value of collaboration. This presentation will focus on the value of collaboration and addressing the obstacles which impede collaboration.

D02

NEW

### **The Adult as Faith Learner**

Joyce Solimini

*Adult Learner (BC: A, I); Learning Styles*

We need to integrate God's Story with our own Story throughout our whole lives. This session will explore the particular characteristics of the adult as faith-learner, and challenge us to consider these characteristics in the learning opportunities we offer to the adults in our parishes.

D04

NEW

### **Introduction to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church***

Fr. James Kane

*Catechism of the Catholic Church (IC)*

This course will offer an introduction to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and illustrate the ways it may be a tool for growth in knowledge and wisdom when it is used well as a resource. Same course as U03.

attractive? Is there anything that Catholic catechists, youth ministers and liturgists might learn from these churches? This session will use case studies to point out some of the methods used by non-mainstream religions to serve those seeking spiritual sustenance.

D06

NEW

### **Premeditated Mercy: A Spirituality of Reconciliation - Part 1 of 3**

Fr. Patrick Butler

*Peace & Justice or Spiritual Renewal (AC); Forgiveness & Reconciliation*

Joseph Nassal writes, "We normally hear the word premeditated in conjunction with murder. It implies a willful intent...a thoughtful, calculated act of violence that results in the killing of another human being." Premeditated mercy is the parallel opposite of premeditated murder. It implies "a deliberate, thoughtful, and willful act to forgive, to be reconciled, to live at peace with others, even those who have betrayed us, forsaken us, abandoned us, threatened us." This course will

D03

### **Renewing the Vision (of Youth Ministry)**

Rosemary Gavin

*Vision of YM (BC: Y, I & U)*

This interactive workshop will break open the United States Catholic Bishops' statement, *Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry*, as we begin to unfold and discover the eight components of youth ministry. See also E05 & I03

D05

NEW

### **What Can Catholics Learn from Non-Denominational Churches: Worship, Youth Ministry and Faith Formation for All Ages**

Fr. Richard S. Vosko

*Ecclesiology or Elective (AC); Parish, Catechetical & Youth Ministry Leaders*

In some parts of the country Catholic churches are struggling to maintain their memberships while some non-denominational churches are flourishing. What is it about these emerging and growing congregations that is so

explore how we make these sacred connections of mercy within ourselves and our relationships. Part 1 of 3; see also H04 & L07.

D07  
NEW

**Mine the Gold from your Faith Memories**

Marni Gillard  
*Spiritual Renewal (AC)*

Key experiences have affected our faith journey: a person we met, a challenge we faced, a healed hurt. Sharing a memory, our own faith deepens and we

touch the heart of the listener. In this workshop the presenter will share brief memory tales and offer strategies for recollecting and sharing faith-related memories with others. With one listener, we'll each share a memory and hear back how it touched that listener's experience of faith.

D08  
NEW

**Nurturing the Well-Planted Seed: Bringing out the Best in our Children**

Dona Fragnoli  
*Family Life & Parenting; Methodology*

*Elective (AC)*

This workshop is designed for anyone who works with our youth as well as parents with kids of all ages. We will explore key strategies to strengthen our children to face a world that pulls them in many directions. These key strategies include how to love one another, serve one another and nurture the seeds that strengthen us. "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." (Matthew 13:37-38) Join us for this fun, interactive and enlightening experience.

**TUESDAY, MAY 12** at the College of St. Rose, Albany

**8:30 am**

**Registration & Check-In Area & Resource Center/Exhibits open**

Registration & check-in at the College of Saint Rose site, Albany will be open in the Atrium from 8:30am – 7:30pm. Our Resource Center/Exhibits will be open from 8:30am-7pm this evening. .

**9:30-11:30 am**

E01  
MAJOR PRESENTATION

**Forgiveness & Reconciliation: Gifts of God**

Br. Loughlan Sofield, ST  
*Spiritual Renewal (AC); Forgiveness & Reconciliation; Parish, Catechetical & Youth Ministry Leaders*

St. John Paul II stated that if you search the scriptures, there are just two gestures that are characteristic of Jesus, healing and forgiveness. There are many writers today who claim that the essence of Christianity is forgiveness. One of the primary roles of leaders is to model forgiveness for the entire Christian

community. This presentation will explore various aspects of forgiveness, including: the implications of not forgiving; models of forgiveness; reasons for forgiving; and, the distinction between forgiveness and reconciliation. Simulcast to St. Mary's in Oneonta as S01.

E02  
**Who is Jesus Christ?**

Fr. James Kane  
*Jesus (BC)*

In this "Christology 101" session, Fr. Jim

Kane will be taking a theological look at Jesus Christ, focusing on the mystery of the Incarnation and Redemption and a review of the many titles for Jesus found in the New Testament. Same topic as J02.

E03  
RETURN

**St. Juan Diego & Our Lady of Guadalupe: My Puppet tells the story**

Sr. Vivian Giulianelli, SA  
*Mary & the Saints (IC) or  
Methodology/Techniques (AC)*

This presentation introduces or reinforces devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and the model of faith that Juan Diego offers. We will reinforce the lesson taught about Our Lady and the Saint by way of a puppet. It is a hands-on workshop - how to tell the story, how to make the puppet (out of a wooden spoon) and how to decorate it and would be most useful for catechists and school religion teachers in Grades 1-4.

### **E04 Evangelization & Outreach**

Mary Harrison  
*Evangelization & Outreach (IC)*

Is evangelization one of the “back burner” components of your parish’s faith formation or youth ministry program? Does the word “evangelization” bring uncomfortable images to your mind? If the answer is “yes,” then don’t miss this opportunity to learn how to make evangelization an integral and natural part of your parish’s program.

### **E05 Components of Comprehensive Youth Ministry I**

Loretta Putorti  
*Components of Comprehensive Youth Ministry 1 (IC)*

Ministry with adolescents focuses on three essential goals: empowering them to live as disciples of Jesus in our world today; drawing them to responsible

participation in the life, mission and work of the faith community; and fostering the personal and spiritual growth of each young person. Comprehensive Youth Ministry utilizes each of the Church’s ministries – advocacy, catechesis, community life, evangelization, justice and service, leadership development, pastoral care, prayer and worship – in an integrated, balanced way. In this session after first getting a broad overview of Comprehensive Youth Ministry we will focus on the “community life” and “prayer and worship” components. Part 1 of 2; see I03 for Part 2. See C01, C04, C08, E04, F01, G02, G04, I04, J04, J05, K08, M04, N01, T01 & U04 for component-specific sessions.

### **E06 Cycle B: Mark's Gospel**

Marcus Gigliotti  
*Christian Scriptures (AC)*

As we are hearing, interpreting, and praying Mark’s gospel, this session will provide background to the gospel, its history of interpretation, Mark’s audience, date, setting, purpose, characteristics and themes in the gospel, and viewing the gospel through a horizontal reading (comparison with Matthew, Luke, and John), and vertical reading (narrative and thematic elements in the gospel itself).

### **E07 An Introduction to the History of Christianity - Part 1 of 2**

Fr. Edward Kacerguis  
*Ecclesiology (AC) & Church History*

A two part course that will introduce participants to the personalities, movements, culture, social, institutional, intellectual, aspects that have come to form what is called the Christian community of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Part 1 of 2, see also I06.

### **E08 History of the Liturgy - Part 1 of 2**

Robert Conway  
*Liturgy & Prayer (AC)*

This two part course overviews the development of Christian liturgy from its roots in the synagogue form of Jewish worship to the present day. Part 1 examines Christian worship in the early Church, the development of Eucharistic Prayers, the effect of imperial Rome’s legalization of Christianity in the 4th century, Eastern liturgy, and the development of the Roman Mass during the Middle Ages. Part 1 of 2; see also F07.

### **E09 Healing Touch: An Energetic Approach to Healing & Relaxation**

Sr. Rita Jean DuBrey, CSJ  
*Spiritual Renewal (AC)*

Participants in a prayerful environment will learn interventions for self-care and relaxation. They will grow in their awareness of the gifts that they have been given to be used in serving God’s people. Healing touch promotes physical, emotional and spiritual health and healing.

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**1:00-3:00 pm**

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### **F01 MAJOR PRESENTATION Creative Catechesis for the Next Generation**

Michael Theisen, sponsored by RCL Benziger

*Methodology Elective (AC)*

When we gather together young people are we just "playing games", "hoping to survive" or are we intentionally "forming disciples"? How can we be faithful to our catechetical calling to echo the faith and lead young people down the road of

discipleship while making sure that we actively engage their head, hearts and hands in their own learning process? Let's have some fun as we creatively answer these questions together. Simulcast to St. Mary's in Oneonta as T01.

**F02  
Leading & Facilitating Small Groups**

Mary Fay  
*Small Groups (BC: A, I)*

So many times we gather and the leader says "let's break into small groups" and the feeling of the people present is "not this again." Small groups can be very positive and allow for maximum participation by the people who are gathered. We will discuss the reasons for small groups and when they can be used effectively. How do we engage as many participants as possible? How do we get feedback from the group in an efficient manner that is constructive for the total group? How can our time in small groups be positive and growth producing? We will also see that the work that is done in preparation for the group is so important to a successful experience.

**F03  
Images of God**

Fr. Tom Konopka  
*Images of God (IC)*

"And who do you say that I am?" This course will attempt to answer this question as we explore our understanding of God and how this understanding shapes our sharing of the Christian message.

**F04  
Leading Prayer with Adults**

Sr. Kitty Hanley  
*Prayer with Adults (IC: A, I)*

Participants will learn basic principles for preparing and leading prayer with adults,

practical strategies, and will share in some prayer experiences.

**F05  
NEW  
Living Gospel: Sts. Joseph & Peter**

Living Gospel Ministry  
*Using the Bible with Different Ages (IC: C, A, I, L) or Methodology Elective (AC)*

Discover the secret of bringing to life for your listeners stories from the Bible. The husband and wife team of Matthew & Tina Zawisza will discuss acting technique and exercise, acquiring and writing scripts, rehearsals, getting rid of those nerves, enhancing a message with a visual, and finding and delivering our message using Sts. Joseph and Peter as examples.

**F06  
NEW  
God's Uncommon Justice in Job & the Hebrew Bible - Part 2 of 4**

Michael Dick  
*Hebrew Scriptures (AC)*

Everything we do in this world is based on "Justice." Our paychecks, mortgage contracts, court proceedings, rules for football. But is God "just"? In the Hebrew Bible, the Book of Job explores "God's Justice" in a crisp exchange that borders on blasphemy. This class will investigate this controversial book in the Bible, and will address the question, "How is God just?" Participants are asked to read the Book of Job prior to this class. Part 2 of 4; see also B04, J06 & N05.

**F07  
History of the Liturgy - Part 2 of 2**

Robert Conway  
*Liturgy & Prayer (AC)*

Part 2 continues the overview of the history of the development of Christian liturgy – the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist – from the Middle Ages to the present day. The impact of the Reformation on liturgy and the reforming response of Council of Trent will be examined. The Church's liturgical reforms and renewal in the 18<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> centuries will be explored. Part 2 of 2; see also E08.

**F08  
End of Life Decision-Making: Catholic Teaching & Legal Options**

Kathleen Gallagher  
*Morality or Peace & Justice (AC), Pastoral Care*

This course will guide students through Catholic Church teaching on end-of-life treatment and care decisions, including discussions of ordinary vs. extraordinary means and the special case of medically-assisted nutrition and hydration. It will also cover planning in advance for end-of-life care, covering all legal options in New York State, with a particular emphasis on the health care proxy.

**F09  
NEW  
Appreciative Inquiry for Parish Planning and Multi-Parish Planning**

Deacon Frank Berning & Roslyn Webber  
*Parish Leaders, Pastoral Planning*

Appreciative Inquiry in the Catholic

Church – In troubled times it's easy to focus on what's wrong, but the usual problem-solving approach to life often provides more discouragement than effectiveness. Our brows knit in conversation on the negative, while

answers to our problems elude us. Appreciative Inquiry reveals that those answers are often already present in our experience. It helps us explore when things have worked well, when things were at their best, and identify the

causes of success. Join us for a stimulating conversation about what is going well in our parishes – our LCC's and our diocese and how we can build on our success.

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## 4:00-6:00 pm

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### G01

#### MAJOR PRESENTATION

#### **Pope Francis: A Story of the Church in the Modern World**

Bishop Howard Hubbard

*Ecclesiology and Peace & Justice (AC)*

Having just started the third year of his pontificate, there is no doubt that Pope Francis has brought numerous changes to the papacy. He has captured our hearts by his simple and powerful words. His priorities are reflected in his name: Francis, a saint for the poor, peace, creation and reform of the Church. During this session our Bishop-emeritus, Most Rev. Howard J.

Hubbard – who has been described as “a Pope Francis’ bishop before there was a Pope Francis” – will reflect on the impact that the Holy Father has had on the church and the world during his first two years in office and look ahead to what we can expect from him in the coming years. Simulcast to St. Mary's in Oneonta as U01.

### G02

#### **Adolescent Discipleship**

Nancy Paino

*Adolescent Discipleship (BC: Y, I, U)*

You have been asked to work with a group of junior or senior high school students and are unsure how to help them grow as disciples of Jesus Christ while taking part in your weekly sessions. This course will explore the challenges and developmental needs of younger and older adolescents within the context of their culture. It will help you help them to connect faith in God to their lives by cultivating an understanding of today's youth.

the Church approaches the Bible, the origin of the books and some interesting selected readings. Its intent is to raise the understanding and interest of those new to reading the Bible. Same course as U02; see C03 or T02 for “Hebrew Scripture”.

### G04

#### **Introduction to the Liturgical Year**

Maryann Louison

*Liturgical Year (IC)*

This course will take a historical/developmental approach to the principal feasts and seasons of the Church year, including Sunday, the Lord's Day. Participants' interaction will highlight practical ways to signify the theological movement through the liturgical seasons.

#### **Recognizing Divinity in the Gospel of John - Part 2 of 3**

Fr. Patrick Butler

*Christian Scriptures (AC)*

“Narrative theology” encompasses a variety of specific approaches to theology, interpretation and application. Most generally, it is that approach to theology that finds meaning in story. It is associated with the idea that we are not primarily to learn ethics from Scripture, but rather to learn to relate to God, and to play our part in the great narrative of salvation. This course will look at a number of stories in John's Gospel, (Nicodemus, the Woman at the Well, the Woman caught in adultery, and the Resurrection), that show how one recognizes divinity in ones presence and the change of perspective in ones life that comes from that recognition. Part 2 of 3; see also C05 & K05.

### G03

#### NEW

#### **Introduction to Christian Scripture**

Tom Acemoglu

*Christian Scripture (BC)*

This is a general introduction to the Christian Scriptures. It will explore how

### G05

#### RETURN

**“He Came to His own, and His own did not recognize Him” -**

### G06

#### **20+ Centuries of Catholic Christianity - Part 2**

Deacon Neil Hook

*Ecclesiology (AC), Church History*

This second session will cover the Reformation – the second major rupture in the fabric of Christianity – to the present, with special emphasis on the Church in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries culminating in the Second Vatican Council and its aftermath. We will also review the Church’s social teaching beginning with Leo XIII to Francis. Part 2 of 2; see C06 for Part 1.

**G07**

NEW

**Taking Back Sunday**

Marie Bernadett, Richard Putorti, Sarah Raville & Brian Evers  
*Elective (AC: Y, U), Youth Ministry Leaders; Liturgical Ministry: Music; Family Life & Parents*

How do we get youth and families to move Church up on the priority list? The challenges of ministering to youth and families are twofold: 1 How do we get them to come? 2. How do we get them

to stay? Come and explore ways to help families make Church the Sunday priority and create a Sunday experience that makes them want to return. Panel discussion with youth ministers and musicians.

**G08**

NEW

**Safe Spaces  
LGBT 101: Thoughts, Research and Terminology**

Courtney D’Allaird  
*Parish Leadership, Catechetical/YM Leaders; Pastoral Skills*

An interactive dialogue that explores the messages we receive and send about Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender identity and inclusion. By sharing our own stories, reviewing research and terminology we will begin to build a base of knowledge on how homophobia impacts our congregations and communities. This workshop will create a framework through which

participants may begin to expand their ability to communicate on these topics, participants are invited and encouraged to attend Safe Spaces LGBT 201 (H08) in exploring the steps from tolerance towards affirmation and inclusion.

**G09**

NEW

**Holy Boundaries**

Fr. Tom Konopka  
*Parish Leadership*

Healthy professional boundaries are an essential part of ministry. Pastoral leaders interact with staff, communities, adults, young people and children. Contemporary life and the use of social media can increase the complexity of this issue. This workshop will explore the meaning and implications of boundaries in ministry today. Come with your questions and concerns about creating healthy, professional boundaries.

**7:00-9:00 pm**

**H01**

MAJOR PRESENTATION

**The Five Things Every Parent Needs (to Hear) from the Church**

Michael Theisen, sponsored by RCL Benziger  
*Family Life & Parenting, Catechetical/Youth Ministry Leaders*

Never underestimate the empowering nature of support when we attempt to partner with parents to help them “bring home the faith”. In fact, support is just one of the five things that every parent needs to hear and experience from the church and church leaders. Come find out what the other four are and how

focusing on these five elements will not only transform your faith formation practices, but will serve to renew both the domestic and the universal churches to which you have been called to minister to. Simulcast to St. Mary’s in Oneonta as V01.

**H02**

NEW

**The Call & Mission of the Catholic School Teacher**

Stephen Mawn  
*Call & Mission of the Catholic School Teacher (BC: T)*

The *National Directory for Catechesis* (2005) says that “The Catholic school’s effectiveness as a community of faith and a center for evangelization and catechesis depends to a large extent on its teachers of religion....Teachers in Catholic schools not only teach the

Catholic faith as an academic subject but also bear witness to the truth of what they teach.” This course will offer new Catholic school teachers a deeper understanding of their role and will explore the qualities and characteristics of both the Catholic school and an effective teacher of religion (ie, a

catechist).

H03

NEW

### Parables for People

Fr. Tom Berardi

*Using the Bible with Different Ages (IC: A, I); Christian Scripture (AC)*

This course will examine the purpose and makeup of parables from a biblical perspective. It will look at the context, audience and symbols in a parable and how the gospel writers used parable to convey Jesus' message of the Kingdom. The session will encourage discussion and interpretation of several parables in the context of Adult faith formation and intergenerational application. It will also look at modern day parables with universal themes. (Bring a Bible along.)

H04

NEW

### Premeditated Mercy: A Spirituality of Reconciliation - Part 2 of 3

Fr. Patrick Butler

*Peace & Justice or Spiritual Renewal (AC)*

Joseph Nassal writes, "We normally hear the word premeditated in conjunction with murder. It implies a willful intent...a thoughtful, calculated act of violence that results in the killing of another human being." Premeditated mercy is the parallel opposite of premeditated murder. It implies "a deliberate, thoughtful, and willful act to forgive, to be reconciled, to live at peace with others, even those who have betrayed us, forsaken us, abandoned us, threatened us." This course will explore how we make these sacred connections of mercy within ourselves and our relationships. Part 2 of 3; see

also D06 & L07.

H05

### Leading Prayer, Retreats & Missions in the Parish

Sr. Monica Murphy

*Parish Prayer, Retreats & Missions (AC: A, I)*

In the busyness of our lives it is sometimes difficult to stop, pause and spend some time with our God. This course will consider a variety of opportunities in which we can have prayerful encounters with the living Christ in our parishes and how to plan and conduct them.

H06

### Everyday Divine: Creating Calm amid Life's Chaos

Mary DeTurrís Poust

*Spiritual Renewal (AC)*

Do you sometimes feel you just don't have time to pray? Do you set spiritual "goals" – to meditate daily, to pray the Liturgy of the Hours, to say the Rosary -- only to get thrown off course by the stresses of daily life? Prayer doesn't have to be one more thing to fit into your over-packed schedule; it can be woven into the very things that typically leave you frazzled. Mary DeTurrís Poust offers practical suggestions for bringing the sacred into mundane activities – chores, exercise, driving, and more. Through personal stories, Catholic traditions, and advice from saints, sages and contemporary Catholics, She will provide a framework for putting St. Paul's words into action: "Pray without ceasing." Previously presented as "Discovering the Divine in Everyday Life: Practical ways to 'pray without ceasing' in daily life."

H07

NEW

### Welcoming the Baptized: Sorting It All Out

Joyce Solimini

*Liturgical Ministry: RCIA*

When a baptized person from another faith tradition wishes to become Catholic, we need to recognize that his/her journey will be different from the unbaptized catechumen. How do we discern the real needs of the baptized and tailor their formation process accordingly? Which rites are appropriate for them? What about the baptized Catholic who wishes to complete his/her initiation (Confirmation/Eucharist) or to receive Confirmation only? Let's explore these situations and sort it all out!

H08

NEW

### Safe Spaces LGBT 201: Brave Spaces in our Congregations

Courtney D'Allaird

*Parish Leadership, Catechetical/YM Leaders; Pastoral Skills*

In this workshop we will explore what it takes/means to become an affirming Safe Space in our communities. We will build a knowledge base of resources and share ideas and best practices on creating space for tough dialogue on these topics and brave spaces for our LGBT and ally constituents and their families. Prior attendance in the LGBT 101 workshop (G08) is strongly encouraged but not mandatory, as we will be building from the previous conversation.

# TUESDAY, MAY 12 at St. Mary's, Oneonta

**8:30 am**

## Registration & Check-In Area and Exhibits

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**9:30-11:30 am**

S01

MAJOR PRESENTATION

## Forgiveness & Reconciliation: Gifts of God

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*Spiritual Renewal (AC); Forgiveness & Reconciliation; Parish, Catechetical & Youth Ministry Leaders*

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forgiveness, including: the implications of not forgiving; models of forgiveness; reasons for forgiving; and, the distinction between forgiveness and reconciliation. This presentation will originate from the St. Rose campus in Albany and will be simulcast to St. Mary's, Oneonta.

S02

NEW

## A Walk through the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy

Carmel Ann Sperti

*Liturgy & Prayer (AC)*

This course will summarize, illustrate and reflect upon *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. This document is one of the richest fruits of the Second Vatican Council, establishing not only a vision for celebrating liturgy, but also unfolding a rich ecclesiology for the People of God. We will discuss the meaning and implementation of the *CSL* and explore ways of catechizing for liturgy and making it meaningful and accessible to the assembly.

S03

NEW

## Pastoral Care and Depression

Rev. Betsy Jay

*Pastoral Care*

"In 2012, an estimated 16 million adults aged 18 or older in the U.S. had at least one major depressive episode in the past year. This represents 6.9 percent of all U.S. adults" (National Institute of Mental Health). Anxiety disorders are also an issue for this group of people. We will discuss what depression is, how to minister to someone who deals with depression, when to refer, and the spiritual component of depression. Same course as K09.

S04

NEW

## I'm Spiritual But Not Religious! What are Our Young People Telling Us?

Peter Avvento

*Parish, Catechetical & Youth Ministry Leaders*

"I'm Spiritual but not Religious!" What are our young people telling us? On the surface it seems that Christianity is suffering in America. In particular, Roman Catholicism seems to be showing the greatest negative impact. Traditional forms of faith are being replaced by new choices. Are we facing the apex of the religious exodus or are we on the verge of rebirth?

## 1:00-3:00 pm

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T01

MAJOR PRESENTATION

### **Creative Catechesis for the Next Generation**

Michael Theisen, sponsored by RCL Benziger  
*Methodology Elective (AC)*

When we gather together young people are we just "playing games", "hoping to survive" or are we intentionally "forming disciples"? How can we be faithful to our catechetical calling to echo the faith and lead young people down the road of discipleship while making sure that we actively engage their

head, hearts and hands in their own learning process? Let's have some fun as we creatively answer these questions together. This presentation will originate from the St. Rose campus in Albany and will be simulcast to St. Mary's, Oneonta.

T02

RETURN

### **Introduction to Hebrew Scripture: God's Story of Love**

JoAnn Stankavage  
*Hebrew Scriptures (BC)*

God's Love is told first in the Hebrew Scriptures. We will discover what our ancestors learned about the experience of God's Love. Bring your Bible. Same topic as C03; see G03 & U02 for "Christian Scripture".

T03

### **Introduction to the Creed**

Fr. Mark Cunningham  
*The Creed (BC)*

When we pray the Creed, what are we saying are the fundamentals of our Catholic Christian faith? This course is designed to give catechists and youth ministers an overview of our basic Catholic beliefs and introduces topics that will be more fully developed in other Intermediate and Advanced level courses. Same course as L03.

T04

NEW

### **Reconciliation: the Forgotten Sacrament**

Peter Avvento  
*Sacraments or Spiritual Renewal (AC),  
Forgiveness & Reconciliation*

The need for conversion and forgiveness is at the very heart of the Gospel message. Decades ago the confessional lines were long and steady and now seem to be reduced to a trickle. Have we progressed to the point where sin is not part of our lives? This course will explore the roots of the sacrament from an incarnational perspective.

## 4:00-6:00 pm

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U01

MAJOR PRESENTATION

### **Pope Francis: A Story of the Church in the Modern World**

Bishop Howard Hubbard  
*Ecclesiology and Peace & Justice (AC)*

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**U02**

RETURN

**Introduction to Christian Scripture**

JoAnn Stankavage  
*Christian Scripture (BC)*

The experiences and reflections of the early Christian communities written down in our Christian Scriptures tell us of God's amazing gift to us - Jesus. Bring your Bible. Same topic as G03; see also C03 & T02 for Hebrew Scripture.

**U03**

**Introduction to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church***

Fr. Mark Cunningham  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church (IC)*

This course will offer an introduction to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and illustrate the ways it may be a tool for growth in knowledge and wisdom when it is used well as a resource. Same course as D04.

**U04**

**A New Chapter in Evangelization**

David Amico  
*Evangelization & Outreach (IC)*

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis is calling us "to embark upon a new chapter in evangelization" – one marked by the joy which comes from falling in love with Jesus. Using insights from Scripture, Pope Francis, and others, we will explore what this new chapter in evangelization means and some practical ways we can live it as a faith community. Same topic as E04.

**7:00-9:00 pm**

**Taize Prayer**

St. Mary's Church

For those wishing to participate, St. Mary's will be having Taize Prayer in the church at 7pm. No registration required.

**V01**

MAJOR PRESENTATION

**The Five Things Every Parent Needs (to Hear) from the Church**

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*Family Life & Parenting, Catechetical/Youth Ministry Leaders*

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only transform your faith formation practices, but will serve to renew both the domestic and the universal churches to which you have been called to minister to. This presentation will originate from the St. Rose campus in Albany and will be simulcast to St. Mary's, Oneonta.

**V02**

NEW

**After Babylon**

Fr. Rick Shaw  
*Ecclesiology & Christian Scripture (AC)*

Four centuries pass from the return of Jewish exiles from Babylon to the appearance of John the Baptist in the deserts of Judea. Historians tend to fast forward through this period barely glancing at the heroic Jewish redefining of role and purpose that took place in a

constantly changing world ruled by Alexandrian Greek despots warring against one another and by the sudden upstart power of militaristic Rome. The Deutero-Canonical books written during this time have always been kept in the Catholic Bible, including the story of Simon Maccabee who, with his brothers, plays so pivotal and courageous in this Jewish renewal of community (celebrated each year as Hannukah) that he should be ranked as a hero of salvation history comparable to Moses. We will share in a sweeping overview of

this era.

**V03**

NEW

**Go, Rebuild My Church! Insights from St. Francis of Assisi for Contemporary Disciples**

David Amico  
*Ecclesiology (AC), Parish Leaders*

The name Francis of Assisi stirs up images of a humble man in love with Jesus, the poor, and all creation. A true

description, yet one that belies this man's remarkable depth and profound impact upon the Church of the High Middle Ages. Over 800 years later, Francis offers surprisingly relevant insights for disciples living in a post-Vatican II Church. In a prayerful and reflective atmosphere, this session will introduce participants to the Francis they may not know, and how he may enrich

their "following in the footprints of our Lord Jesus Christ." Same presentation as M06.

V04  
NEW

**Revitalizing the RCIA Process in your Parish**

Carmel Ann Sperti

*Liturgical Ministry: RCIA*

Over time, our initiation process can lose its vitality and prophetic charism. Have you taken the pulse on your process lately? Using a presentation and dialogue format, this course will help you to ask and address the hard questions of the purpose, process and goals of the RCIA for seekers of all ages.

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## WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

**8:30 am**

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**Registration & Check-In Area & Resource Center/Exhibits open**

Registration & check-in will be open in the Atrium from 8:30am – 7:30pm. Our Resource Center/Exhibits will be open from 8:30am-7pm this evening.

**9:30-11:30 am**

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I01

PANEL DISCUSSION

**Challenges to the Gospel of Life: 20 Years Later**

Bishop Edward Scharfenberger, Sr. Jean Davis, O.Carm., Kathleen Gallagher & Dr. Jan Patterson  
*Morality and Peace & Justice (AC); Family Life & Respect Life*

Pope St. John Paul II issued *Evangelium Vitae*, "The Gospel of Life," on March 25, 1995. In this encyclical the Holy Father made a poignant appeal to each and every person to "respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life". Decrying the culture of death he presented the Church's teaching on numerous "life issues" including abortion, artificial reproduction and prenatal diagnosis, contraception and sterilization, euthanasia, the death penalty and noted that "the threats

against life have not grown weaker. They are taking on vast proportions." What is the situation today, some twenty years later? Is the Gospel of Life being snuffed out by a pervasive, culture of death? Is there any "good news" in this fight for protecting the value and inviolability of all human life? Our panelists will explore these and other questions in light of their own professional and ministerial experiences.

I02

**Foundation of the Sacraments**

Fr. David LeFort  
*Sacraments (IC)*

Using Sacred Scripture (both Old & New Testaments) we will look at how Christ instituted each sacrament as new experiences of God's own life for believers.

I03

**Components of Comprehensive Youth Ministry 2**

Loretta Putorti  
*Components Comprehensive Youth Ministry 2 (IC)*

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today; drawing them to responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the faith community; and fostering the personal and spiritual growth of each young person. Comprehensive Youth Ministry utilizes each of the Church's ministries – advocacy, catechesis, community life, evangelization, justice and service, leadership development, pastoral care, prayer and worship – in an integrated, balanced way. In this

session after first getting a broad overview of Comprehensive Youth Ministry we will focus on the “advocacy”, “leadership development” and “pastoral care” components. See E05 for Part 1; see C01, C04, C08, E04, F01, G02, G04, I04, J04, J05, K08, M04, N01, T01 & U04 for component-specific sessions.

I04

NEW

### Liturgy 101

David Barocsi, courtesy of Pflaum Publications

*Worship (IC: C, A, I, L)*

This interactive workshop will give you "HOW" to plan your Liturgy - We will give you tips of how to invite and "include" everyone for the celebration.

I05

### The Lost Scriptures - Part 1 of 2

Peter Avvento

*Christian Scriptures (AC)*

A survey of those writings which did not gain acceptance into the Canon of Sacred Scripture. These books paint a portrait of the spirituality and theology of some of the early Christian communities. Part 1 of 2; see also M05.

I06

### An Introduction to the History of

### Christianity - Part 2

Fr. Edward Kacerguis

*Ecclesiology (AC); Church History*

In part two, participants will continue to be introduced to the personalities, movements, culture, social, institutional, intellectual aspects that helped shape our Church. Part 2 of 2, see also E07.

I07

### Encountering the Living Christ through the Sacraments - Part 1 of 2

Fr. Anthony Barratt

*Sacraments (AC)*

This two part course will explore the sacraments through the lens of sacraments as a living “encounter” with Jesus Christ. Understanding the sacraments as encounter is central to placing the sacraments in the life of the church, not least in the celebration of the liturgy. The implications of how this approach can also help in the process of catechesis about the sacraments will be discussed. Part One, “Principles and Context” will deal with some foundational ideas. Part 1 of 2, see also J08.

I08

RETURN

### Celebrating Our Women Ancestors in the Communion of

### Saints

Betsy Rowe Manning

*Spiritual Renewal (AC)*

Women today have been formed by those who came before us. We will spend time reflecting on the remarkable gifts given by our mothers and sisters in scripture and history. And through pictures and stories of mothers, grandmothers and other women in our lives, we will share and celebrate the wonder of their legacy to us. Participants are invited to bring photos for the ritual of gratitude.

I09

NEW

### Family: the Domestic Church (You are Church; yes you!)

Maryann Louison

*Family Life/Parenting; Catechetical/Youth Ministry Leaders*

The family has long been called the domestic church. The family is the church that meets the Church in the daily routine and ritual of family life. We will look at what we ritualize as family, traditions that have focused on the faith of our mothers and fathers, and ways in which we can renew the efforts to recognize and renew the domestic church.

12:30 pm

### Annual Prayer of Remembrance

Hubbard Interfaith Sanctuary

1:00-3:00 pm

J01

MAJOR PRESENTATION

### Rebuilt: Moving Members from Consumers to Contributors

Fr. Michael White & Thomas Corcoran

*Parish, Catechetical & Youth Ministry Leaders; Pastoral Planning*

The Church is a movement, which means moving members to take greater responsibility for their personal faith as well as the mission of the Church to make disciples. In this session we will look at how you can practically move people to contribute to the mission of the church. Practical questions regarding the recruitment, training, and education of catechists/facilitators for

the various age levels will be shared within the philosophy and mission of the parish. How the understanding of adult catechesis at the center of faith formation has formed their vision. Participants will have the opportunity to delve deeper into how parents and families are engaged in catechesis, and be given practical steps for moving their community forward.

### J02

#### **Jesus: Who Do You Say That I Am?**

Phyllis Cardona  
*Jesus (BC)*

In this course we will consider our personal response to this question of Jesus, as well as how we may share that response with persons of faith. Same topic as E02.

### J03

NEW

#### **Stealth Evangelization: Using Social Media to subtly and successfully spread the Good News**

Mary DeTurris Poust  
*Media & Resources (IC); Parish, Catechetical & Youth Ministry Leaders; Evangelization*

The word “subtle” and social media typically aren’t seen as compatible, especially considering the no-holes-barred approach many people take on Facebook and Twitter, and wherever fast and anonymous options abound, but flying ever so slightly under the radar on these social media platforms can offer big benefits when it comes to evangelization. By providing a quieter witness through a careful choice of posts, status updates, tweets, and photos, we can draw in people who might otherwise be put off or intimidated by more overt and constant in-your-face posting. In this presentation, we’ll talk about the common pitfalls of hitting too hard and too often on Facebook and Twitter, and the ways non-professionals in parishes, faith formation programs, youth ministry, and more can use social

media to spread the Good News through not-so-obvious but incredibly powerful posts.

### J04

#### **Exploring the Scriptures with Adolescents**

Sr. Monica Murphy  
*Scripture with Adolescents (IC)*

Scriptures are filled with stories, poetry, words of wisdom, unbelievable characters, life lessons and much, much more. This course will be an opportunity to “bring good things to light” as we explore ways to introduce scripture to adolescents through prayer, music, sharing and whatever other means the Spirit inspires.

### J05

RETURN

#### **Prayer: How to be a Friend of God**

JoAnn Stankavage  
*Prayer (IC: C, A, I, L), Elective (Y & U)*

Prayer is the way to deepen our relationship with our loving God. This course will explore our roots of prayer in the Scriptures as well as some methods of prayer we can use for ourselves and those we teach. Same topic as B03.

### J06

NEW

#### **God's Uncommon Justice in Job & the Hebrew Bible - Part 3 of 4**

Michael Dick  
*Hebrew Scriptures (AC)*

Everything we do in this world is based on "Justice." Our paychecks, mortgage contracts, court proceedings, rules for

football. But is God "just"? In the Hebrew Bible, the Book of Job explores "God's Justice" in a crisp exchange that borders on blasphemy. This class will investigate this controversial book in the Bible, and will address the question, "How is God just?" Participants are asked to read the Book of Job prior to this class. Part 3 of 4; see also B04, F06 & N05.

### J07

NEW

#### **The Reluctant Saint: the Legacy of Pope Paul VI**

Peter Avvento  
*Ecclesiology (AC)*

From 1963 to 1979 Pope Paul VI helped shape how the Catholic Church would confront the complexities of a world torn by war and violence. He followed the charismatic pontificate of Pope John XXIII and through his clear vision and prophetic voice steered the Church through the culmination of Vatican Council II. This gentle soul guided the Church through the storm of ideology, hatred and confusion.

### J08

#### **Encountering the Living Christ through the Sacraments – Part 2**

Fr. Anthony Barratt  
*Sacraments (AC)*

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catechesis about the sacraments will be discussed. Part Two will focus on the Sacraments of Initiation. Part 2 of 2 see also I07.

J09  
NEW

**Pastoral Care Ministry Panel Discussion**

**Part 1 – Pastoral Care Ministry: Is it a Fit for Me?**

**Part 2 – The Joys and Challenges of Pastoral Care Ministry**

Sr. Lucille Theroux, CSJ, facilitator; panelists: Linda Banker, Sr. Eleanor Guerin, RSM, Marge Jones & Kathy Kavanaugh  
*Pastoral Care*

During the first hour of this two hour presentation, panelists will explore the question of whether or not pastoral care ministry is a fit for someone, providing opportunities to reflect on the important gifts for this ministry. The second half will explore the reality of pastoral care ministry in the Church today.

**4:00-6:00 pm**

K01

MAJOR PRESENTATION

**Autism in a Typical Classroom: Best Practices Methods and Strategies**

Deacon Lawrence Sutton, sponsored by Loyola Press

*Ministry to Persons with Special Needs (IC); Methodology Elective (AC); Parish, Catechetical & Youth Ministry Leaders*

Approximately 1 in every 68 births is a child with autism. Many of these children are entering the Catholic school systems for its strong teaching and overall safe and predictable structure. Deacon Sutton, a Clinical and School psychologist will outline what autism is and is not while providing best practice strategies and methods of identifying and working with these

children in a typical classroom, particularly the more difficult to recognize higher functioning children. He will review methods to help address and manage classroom melt-downs, hand stimming, methods to routinely shape in and utilize desired replacement behaviors in typical classrooms.

K02  
NEW

**Catechetical Tools & Resources**

Maria Collins

*Catechetical Tools & Resources (BC: C, I, L)*

This course considers the tools and resources available to catechists of children and elementary grade Catholic school teachers for effective lesson planning, both within and, more importantly beyond the textbook.

K03

**Introduction to Judaism: an Overview**

Rabbi Monte Sugarman  
*Ecumenism (IC); Judaism*

The topics to be discussed are: Who is a Jew? What do Jews believe? The Land of Israel, The Torah, and The

Sabbath and Holidays. There will be time at end of class for questions and discussion

K04

**Introduction to Moral Theology**

Fr. David LeFort  
*Morality (IC)*

This course will examine the essence of Catholic morality and see that our human nature provides its basis. Considering some fundamental principles, we'll be able to witness the value of right relationships and the call to covenant. Finally, we'll experience some of the ways that catechists might best present views of Catholic morality to others.

K05

RETURN

**"He came to His own, and His own did not recognize Him" - Recognizing Divinity in the Gospel of John - Part 3**

Fr. Patrick Butler  
*Christian Scriptures (AC)*

"Narrative theology" encompasses a variety of specific approaches to theology, interpretation and application. Most generally, it is that approach to theology that finds meaning in story. It is associated with the idea that we are not primarily to learn ethics from Scripture, but rather to learn to relate to God, and to play our part in the great narrative of salvation. This course will look at a number of stories in John's Gospel, (Nicodemus, the Woman at the Well, the Woman caught in adultery, and the Resurrection), that show how one

recognizes divinity in ones presence and the change of perspective in ones life that comes from that recognition. Part 3 of 3; see also C05 & G05.

**K06**  
NEW

**The Power of Story for Forgiveness and Reconciliation**

Gert Johnson  
*Methodology Elective or Spiritual Renewal (AC)*

Stories have the power to move, inspire us and offer us role models when we face difficult situations that call for forgiveness and reconciliation. This story-filled, interactive workshop (aimed at teachers and ministers of teens and adults) will help you experience how and why this is so. Exercises, handouts and resources will be provided.

**K07**  
NEW

**Discernment and the RCIA: Testing the Spirits; Listening to the Heart**

Elizabeth Simcoe  
*Liturgical Ministry: RCIA*

This program will consider the nature of discernment in and of itself and apply these principles to the RCIA, assisting parish leaders and catechists in determining readiness of inquirers and catechumens as they to move to the next step in Church's process of initiation.

**K08**  
NEW

**Called and Sent: Developing an Empowering Mindset**

Mary Harrison  
*Parish Leadership*

This course explores the theology, principles, and practices of

empowerment in ministry. It will provide an understanding of the importance of empowerment as Servant Leaders. Participants will learn ways to develop the skill of empowerment and how to empower individuals and teams for ministry.

**K09**  
NEW

**Pastoral Care and Depression**

Fr. Tom Konopka  
*Pastoral Care*

"In 2012, an estimated 16 million adults aged 18 or older in the U.S. had at least one major depressive episode in the past year. This represents 6.9 percent of all U.S. adults" (National Institute of Mental Health). Anxiety disorders are also an issue for this group of people. We will discuss what depression is, how to minister to someone who deals with depression, when to refer, and the spiritual component of depression. Same course as S03.

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**7:00-9:00 pm**

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**L01**

MAJOR PRESENTATION

**Rebuilt: Make Church Matter**

Fr. Michael White & Thomas Corcoran  
*Parish Leadership; Pastoral Planning*

Prior to the call of Pope Francis to share the *Joy of the Gospel*, the Church of the Nativity (Timonium, MD) embarked on a process "to grow disciples, develop a healthier parish community, and more intentionally and effectively serve the

New Evangelization." This presentation will include the Church of the Nativity's story, offer three key strategies that drove the transformation of the parish and offer advice for parishes on how to make their own changes.

**L02**

**Adolescent Catechesis**

David Stagliano  
*Adolescent Catechesis (BC: Y, I, U)*

This course will review the fundamentals of adolescent catechesis as well as provide experiences of new ways to catechize them.

**L03**

**Introduction to the Creed**

Sr. Betsy Van Deusen  
*Creed (BC)*

When we pray the Creed, what are we saying are the fundamentals of our Catholic Christian faith? This course is

designed to give catechists and youth ministers an overview of our basic Catholic beliefs and introduces topics that will be more fully developed in other Intermediate and Advanced level courses. Same course as T03.

**L04**

**How Do You Grow in Faith?**

Beth Carlin  
*Faith Development (IC)*

In any faith community, there will be young people and adults at various stages of the faith journey. This session will provide an overview of the steps in faith development; then we will have time and opportunity to explore our responses and responsibilities as ministers!

L05  
NEW

**Storytelling Images to Connect to the Saints**

Marni Gillard  
*Mary & the Saints (IC) or Methodology Elective (AC)*

Recollecting vivid moments from the lives of saints leads us closer to God and can be a gift we offer others: Francis reconciling a wolf to Gubio's townsfolk; Martin of Tours giving a beggar half his coat; young Catherine McAuley, gathering with Dublin's poor, for buttermilk, buns, and tales of Jesus. Stories stay with us. We'll explore simple moments from the lives of saintly people we've known or discovered, sharing their impact through conversational storytelling.

L06  
NEW

**The Pillars of Francis' Papacy**

Fr. Bob Longobucco  
*Ecclesiology (AC)*

Pope Francis' humility and vision of Christianity has certainly captured the world's imagination. Yet, there is so much activity and his turn of phrases seem sometimes contradictory. Is there a way to understand the true meaning of this papacy. The six pillars presented here might be a way of understanding Pope Francis' vision and perhaps give us insight in how to run our churches and conduct our lives.

L07  
NEW

**Premeditated Mercy: A Spirituality of Reconciliation - Part 3**

Fr. Patrick Butler  
*Peace & Justice or Spiritual Renewal (AC)*

Joseph Nassal writes, "We normally hear the word premeditated in conjunction with murder. It implies a willful intent...a thoughtful, calculated act of violence that results in the killing of another human being." Premeditated mercy is the parallel opposite of premeditated murder. It implies "a deliberate, thoughtful, and willful act to forgive, to be reconciled, to live at peace with others, even those who have betrayed us, forsaken us, abandoned us, threatened us." This course will explore how we make these sacred connections of mercy within ourselves and our relationships. Part 3 of 3; see also D06 & H04.

L08  
NEW

**Peace Be With You: Seeking Work/Life Balance in a Complex World**

Dona Fragnoli  
*Spiritual Renewal (AC)*

Life can be difficult. Even in the best of circumstances we often find ourselves feeling overwhelmed. Take two hours out of your hectic schedule for this opportunity to learn skills and strategies that will nurture your soul and relieve your stress. Learn how small changes in the right places can help you to find peace and laughter in this crazy, complex world.

L09  
NEW

**How to be Pastorally Present with Those Encountering Devastating News...**

Deacon Yervant Kutchukian  
*Pastoral Care*

This course will offer pastoral care gives an opportunity to explore how to offer pastoral care to those who find themselves in the midst of life's storms: facing the imminent death of a loved one, absorbing a new diagnosis, facing a life-altering situation or devastating news. How can we offer the gift of presence to meet the needs of those we encounter in these moments?

**ASCENSION THURSDAY, MAY 14**

**8:30 am**

**Registration & Check-In Area & Resource Center/Exhibits open**

Registration & check-in will be open in the Atrium from 8:30am – 2pm. Our Resource Center/Exhibits will be open from 8:30am-1:30pm this afternoon.

9:30-11:30 am

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M01

MAJOR PRESENTATION

**How to Welcome and Include Children with Autism in the Church: A Universal Call to Meaningfully Prepare and Include All of God's Children**

Deacon Lawrence Sutton, sponsored by Loyola Press

*Ministry to Persons with Special Needs (IC); Methodology Elective (AC); Parish, Catechetical & Youth Ministry Leaders*

As a Church, we are concerned that all of our families, especially those with children with autism and/or developmental disabilities are welcomed into our faith communities. Deacon Sutton will present a program on catechesis for faith formation and sacramental preparation that was created, field tested, and produced to prepare children and teens with autism and/or

developmental Disabilities to enter our Church as prepared as they are able, when they are Confirmed. This unique program features Teen Faith Mentors working with the child and teens with autism and other developmental disabilities - the importance of good (and safe) Catholic role models will be illustrated.

M02

RETURN

**Catechetical Techniques**

Maria Collins

*Techniques (BC: C, I, L)*

This course will consider creative ways of sharing faith with participants at various age levels so that they can grow in faith. This is a hands-on class; participants will develop their own lesson utilizing techniques presented during the session.

M03

Church

Maryann Louison

*Church (IC)*

This course offers catechists and youth ministers an introduction to the theology of the Church, with particular emphasis on the ecclesiology of Vatican II.

M04

**Adolescent Spirituality**

Beth Carlin

*Adolescent Spirituality (IC: Y or U)*

Do we measure adolescent spirituality by how well young people follow certain practices? How do we recognize and then nourish spiritual growth in our young people? This course helps the youth minister to support adolescents on

their journey to spiritual maturity.

M05

**The Lost Scriptures - Part 2**

Peter Avvento

*Christian Scriptures (AC)*

A survey of those writings which did not gain acceptance into the Canon of Sacred Scripture. These books paint a portrait of the spirituality and theology of some of the early Christian communities. Part 2 of 2; see also I05.

M06

NEW

**Go, Rebuild My Church! Insights from St. Francis of Assisi for Contemporary Disciples**

David Amico

*Ecclesiology (AC); Parish Leaders*

The name Francis of Assisi stirs up images of a humble man in love with Jesus, the poor, and all creation. A true description, yet one that belies this man's remarkable depth and profound impact upon the Church of the High Middle Ages. Over 800 years later, Francis offers surprisingly relevant insights for disciples living in a post-Vatican II Church. In a prayerful and reflective atmosphere, this session will introduce participants to the Francis they may not know, and how he may enrich

their "following in the footprints of our Lord Jesus Christ." Same presentation as V03.

M07

NEW

**Passing on the Story: The Gift of the Generations**

Joyce Solimini & GIFT Team of Our Lady of Fatima, Delanson (Angela Caraher, Laura Countryman & Sharon Hoffman)

*Methodology Elective (AC: I);*

*Intergenerational Catechesis & Whole Community Faith Formation*

Margaret Mead, the great social anthropologist once said, "The continuity of all cultures depends upon the living presence of at least three generations". Many studies have also affirmed that young people form their identity and learn a way of life from regular contact with the previous generations. And the faith of adults is nurtured and challenged by the presence of the younger generations. Yet so many times, we live our Catholic lives separate from each other. Let's explore ways to bring the generations together through intentional opportunities for caring, celebrating, learning, praying and serving together. Parish leadership, parents, grandparents, youth....all are welcome to this conversation!

## 12 Noon

### Conference Mass

St. Vincent de Paul Church, 900 Madison Ave, Albany

## 1:30-3:30 pm

### N01

#### MAJOR PRESENTATION

### Using the Bully Pulpit: a Christian Ministerial Response to the Violence of Bullying

Kevin Dowd, sponsored by Pflaum Publications

*Peace & Justice (AC); Catechetical/Youth Ministry Leaders; Respect Life*

In this session bullying will be defined in contrast to other forms of youth violence and conflict, and we will examine the fruits of recent scholarship addressing bullying in our schools and communities. We will look at difficult cases that compel us to think of bullying as a genuine social justice and pro-life issue that is an issue that religious leaders have a rightful and critical

place addressing, while also emphasizing that most of the violence is "hidden." The workshop will conclude with concrete steps we can take to become part of the solution, working towards a whole-community approach that gets us past the false notion that bullying is only "the schools' problem."

### N02

#### RETURN

### Introduction to the Theology of the Body

Fr. Anthony Barratt

*Christian Vision of Human Sexuality (IC)*

There has been considerable interest in recent years concerning Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. It has been described as a "theological time bomb" and its usefulness in terms of developing a Christian understanding of the human person and of human sexuality are accepted by many. This session will explore the background and basic features of the theology of the body and offer an assessment of it, as well as some practical possibilities for its use in catechetics and spirituality.

While offering an overview of some of the basics of Islamic history, theology and practice, this course will consistently return to what is at the core of Islam: "the State of the Heart."

### N04

#### NEW

### St. Kateri Tekakwitha & St. Edith Stein: The Joy and Pain of Conversion

Elizabeth Ann Lynch

*Mary & the Saints (IC); St. Kateri Tekakwitha*

An obscure Mohawk native of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century and an esteemed Jewish intellectual in Hitler's Germany. What could they possibly have in common? Learn how conversion to the Catholic faith had personal, cultural, and life-threatening repercussions for these two sainted women of the universal Church. Their passion for Jesus Christ and devotion to the Cross were countercultural to their religious heritages, and to political and social upheavals of their times. Faith, courage,

and forgiveness are exemplified by Stein's death at Auschwitz and by Kateri's life of sacrifice.

### N05

#### NEW

### God's Uncommon Justice in Job & the Hebrew Bible - Part 4

Michael Dick

*Hebrew Scriptures (AC)*

Everything we do in this world is based on "Justice." Our paychecks, mortgage contracts, court proceedings, rules for football. But is God "just"? In the Hebrew Bible, the Book of Job explores "God's Justice" in a crisp exchange that borders on blasphemy. This class will investigate this controversial book in the Bible, and will address the question, "How is God just?" Participants are asked to read the Book of Job prior to this class. Part 4 of 4; see also B04, F06 & J06.

### N03

#### RETURN

### Islam and the Purity of Heart

Austin Byrnes

*Ecumenism (IC); Islam*

### N06

#### NEW

### Mary in the Liturgy of the Church

Laetitia Rhatigan  
*Liturgy & Prayer (AC) or Mary & the Saints (IC)*

This course will present the Church's liturgical expression of Mary's unique, complementary mediation in relation to her Son, Jesus Christ. It will explore the theological foundations of the Church's liturgical cult of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and her prominent place in the Liturgical Cycle of the Church. It will highlight what the Church in her official prayers say about Mary and to Mary that reflect not only her privileges but the nature of her intercession. Seasonal reflections on Mary in the Liturgical Calendar,

namely Advent-Christmas-Epiphany and Lent-Easter-Pentecost will be presented.

## N07 Introduction to PowerPoint

Mary Mawn  
*PowerPoint (AC: A); Methodology Elective (AC)*

In this hands-on course, participants will learn the basics of PowerPoint. They will learn to create slides with text, graphics, sound, music, animation and video and then link them together to make a presentation. Basic word processing skills are a prerequisite for this course. Bring a USB flash drive to save your work.

## N08 RETURN

### The Gift of Reconciliation

Phyllis Cardona  
*Spiritual Renewal (AC); Forgiveness & Reconciliation*

We will examine what Scripture and theology have to offer in response to the human need for forgiveness and reconciliation. We will then explore how our experiences can affect our ability to accept God's radical offer of forgiveness.

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## INSTRUCTORS

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**Margaret M. Anderton** (B06) has a long history of ministry in the not-for-profit sector, including fourteen years as Executive Director of Bethesda House of Schenectady. She is currently enrolled in a Doctor of Ministry Program in Congregational and Community Renewal at New Brunswick Theological Seminary. She currently serves as the Pastoral Associate for Parish and Urban Ministry at St. Luke's Church in Schenectady.

**G. Peter Avvento**, S.T.D. (I05, J07, M05, S04 & T04) is the Director of Faith Formation at St. Edward the Confessor Church in Clifton Park. Formerly he was an adjunct professor at Fairfield University, Sacred Heart University and Marymount-Manhattan College. He was also the Diocesan Coordinator for the "Amazing God" initiative.

**Deacon Walter Ayres** (C04) is the Director of the Albany Diocese's

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**Linda Banker** (J09) is the Pastoral Associate for Pastoral Care at St. Henry's in Averill Park and is a member of the Diocesan Commission on Pastoral Care.

**David Barocsi** (I04) is a religious consultant for Pflaum Publishing and is based in Utica, NY. His presentation at Spring Enrichment is courtesy of Pflaum Publishing.

**Father Anthony Barratt** (I07, J08 & N02) is Pastor of the Church of St. Ambrose in Latham and is a formator for the Diaconate Formation program and a member of the Priesthood/Vocations Board of the Albany Diocese. He is also an adjunct professor at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry.

**Father Thomas F. Berardi** (H03) is pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Lake George and sacramental minister to Blessed Sacrament Church in Bolton Landing.

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of Albany.

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**Father Patrick J. Butler** (C05, D06, G05, H04, K05 & L07) is the Pastor of St. Edward the Confessor in Clifton Park.

**Austin Byrnes** (N03) is a religion teacher at La Salle School in Albany.

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**Phyllis Cardona** (B02, J02 & N08) is an adjunct faculty member of the Office of Evangelization, Catechesis & Family Life and is also a member of the Capital Area Council of Churches' Worship & Education Commission.

**Elizabeth (Beth) Carlin** (C03, L04 & M04) is a retreat director and has worked in a variety of church ministries for twenty years.

**Maria Collins** (K02 & M02) is the Children's Faith Formation Coordinator at Holy Spirit in East Greenbush. Formerly a

high school English teacher, she is working towards a Masters in Pastoral Studies at St. Bernard's School of Ministry and Theology in Albany.

**Robert Conway**, M.Div, J.D. (E08 & F07) is an instructor for the Kateri Institute for Lay Ministry Formation and a presenter at other diocesan adult educational and parish faith formation programs.

**Thomas Corcoran** (J01 & L01) received his bachelor's degree from Loyola University Maryland and has served Church of the Nativity (Timonium, MD) in a variety of roles that give him a unique perspective on parish ministry and leadership. Beginning as a youth minister, Tom later held positions as coordinator of children's ministry and director of small groups. He currently serves in the position of associate to the pastor and is responsible for weekend message development, strategic planning, and staff development. Along with Father Michael White, he is the author of *Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter* and *Tools for Rebuilding: 75 Really, Really Practical Ways to Make Your Parish Better*.

**Laura Countryman** (M07) is the Pastoral Associate for Sacramental Preparation and a member of the GIFT Team at Our Lady of Fatima in Delanson. She is also a member of the OECFL's mentor team for intergenerational faith formation.

**Father Mark Cunningham** (T03 & U03) is the Pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Herkimer and Dean for Herkimer County.

**Courtney D'Allaird** (G08 & H08) is a nationally certified peer educator and trainer for NCBI (National Coalition Building Institute), DASA (Dignity for All Students Act) and a Safe Space/Zone development consultant. Courtney is the Assistant Director for Intercultural Student Engagement at the SUNY Albany and serves as the Northeast Regional Rep for the Consortium of LGBT Higher Education Professionals.

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**Mary DeTurris Poust** (H06 & J03) is a writer, retreat leader, and author of six books on the Catholic faith, most recently *Everyday Divine: A Catholic Guide to Active Spirituality* and *Cravings: A Catholic Wrestles with Food, Self-Image, and God*. She writes about the spiritual journey and discovering the divine in the everyday on her blog, *Not Strictly Spiritual*, and in her monthly column, *Life Lines*. Visit her website at [www.notstrictlyspiritual.com](http://www.notstrictlyspiritual.com).

**Michael B. Dick**, S.T.L., Ph.D. (B04, F06, J06 & N05) is Professor *emerendus atque forte emeriturus* of Hebrew Bible with the Department of Religious Studies at Siena College.

**Kevin Dowd** (N01) is a doctoral student in theology and education at Boston College, working under the advisement of Thomas H. Groome. He has taught in Catholic schools in both Massachusetts and New York. Dowd volunteered for two years with the Capuchin Youth and Family Ministries center in Garrison, NY. He earned his master's in education from the Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry at Boston College in 2008. His appearance at this year's Spring Enrichment is courtesy of Pflaum Publishing.

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**Brian Evers** (C08 & G07) is the Associate Director for Safe Environments with the Albany Diocese's Human Resources Department and previously served as Pastoral Associate for Youth Ministry at St. Pius X in Loudonville.

**Mary Fay** (F02) is the Associate Director for Marriage Ministry with the Office of Evangelization, Catechesis & Family Life.

**Dona Fragnoli** (D08 & L08) is the founder of "The Pebble Effect", creating presentations and workshops that emphasize the spiritual aspects of child & elder care, stress management, wellness and communication. She is a certified trainer for Virtus, Bridges Out of Poverty

and The City Mission of Schenectady. She has served in a variety of ministries, including REC and Cursilio, and held many leadership positions with Immaculate Conception, Glenville.

**Kathleen M. Gallagher** (F08 & I01) is the Director of Pro-Life Activities

**Rosemary Gavin** (D03) is the Coordinator of Youth Ministry at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Latham and a student at St. Bernard's School of Theology & Ministry.

**Marcus A. Gigliotti**, STL, SSL, (E06) is an Adjunct Professor of Biblical Studies at St. Bernard's School of Theology & Ministry in Albany and at Siena College in Loudonville.

**Marni Gillard** (D07 & L05) teaches the art of storytelling to people of all ages. A graduate of St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry, she belongs to St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish in Schenectady.

**Sister Vivian Giulianelli, SA** (E03) is a Franciscan Sister of the Atonement (Graymoor Sisters) who has been teaching at St. Ambrose School in Latham for over twenty years. A Graduate of SUNY, Oneonta and the University of San Francisco, her "Our Lady of Guadalupe and Juan Diego: Lesson & Craft" was published in *Catechist* magazine in the November/December, 2010 issue.

**Sister Eleanor Guerin, RSM** (J09) is the Pastoral Associate for Outreach at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Albany and also does freelance spiritual and personal development ministry. She is a member of the Diocesan Commission on Pastoral Care.

**Sister Kitty Hanley, CSJ** (B08 & F04) is the Associate Dean and Director of St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry at Albany.

**Mary Harrison** (E04 & K08) is a consultant, trainer and workshop presenter for parish pastoral council planning and development, evangelization and parish leadership. She also serves as a retreat facilitator and as adjunct faculty in the National Certificate Program for Youth

Ministry sponsored by the Center for Ministry Development.

**William Hinrichs** (B09) is the Director of Programs and Services for the Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern NY.

**Sharon Hoffman** (M07) is a member of the GIFT Team at Our Lady of Fatima in Delanson.

**Deacon Neil Hook** (C06 & G06) is a senior deacon in the Diocese of Albany. He serves as homiletics instructor for deacon candidates and is a member of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.

**Most Rev. Howard J. Hubbard** (G01 & U01) served as the ninth Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany from 1977 through April, 2014.

**Rev. Betsy Jay** (S03) received her Master of Divinity degree from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago in 1981, and later a Master of Science in Education from the College of St. Rose. She was ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1981 and is a minister member (teaching elder) of the Presbytery of Utica. She has served a number of congregations in central New York as interim or supply pastor and is currently the chaplain and manager of Pastoral Care at Bassett Medical Center in Cooperstown.

**Gert Johnson** (K06), a retired high school teacher of Religious Studies (30 years), is the Coordinator of the Interfaith Story Circle of the Tri-City Area and Co-founder of Children at the Well Youth Storytellers for Peace and Understanding.

**Marge Jones** (J09) is a member of the Diocesan Commission on Pastoral Care.

**Father Edward S. Kacerguis** (E07 & I06) is the Pastor of the University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice and Coordinator of Religious Affairs at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy.

**Father James J. Kane** (D04 & E02) retired as a pastor earlier this year but continues to serve as the Diocese's Director of Ecumenical & Interreligious Affairs.

**Kathy Kavanaugh** (J09) is the coordinator of pastoral care at Christ the King Parish in Guilderland and is a member of the Diocesan Commission on Pastoral Care.

**Father Thomas Konopka** (F03, G09 & K09) is the Sacramental Minister at St. Clare's in Colonie, is a licensed clinical social worker and the Director of the Consultation Center, Albany.

**Deacon Yervant Kutchukian** (L09) serves as an interfaith chaplain at Albany Medical Center and as a deacon at St. Peter Armenian Apostolic Church in Watervliet. He graduated from Georgetown University with a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service and obtained a Master of Arts in Religious Studies from St. Nersess Armenian Seminary and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary.

**Father David LeFort**, STL, (I02 & K04) is a moral theologian, adjunct professor at Siena College, and Pastor of the Church of St. Mary at Clinton Heights.

**Living Gospel Ministry** (F05) is a husband & wife drama ministry with Matthew & Tina Zawisza that is called for one mission - to bring the Gospel to Life. They previously presented at Spring Enrichment as "Act 4 Him".

**Father Bob Longobucco** (B07, C08 & L06) is pastor of St. Kateri Tekakwitha parish in Schenectady and Niskayuna

**Maryann Louison** (G04, I09 & M03) is a Prevention Educator with Catholic Charities of Fulton-Montgomery Counties and has ministered in catechetical leadership, served as a catechist for pre-K to high school and adults, and worked in pastoral care for many years.

**Beth Lynch** (N04) is the former Manager of the Saints of Auriesville Museum at the Auriesville Shrine. She has been featured in four EWTN programs, and gives presentations on the North American Martyrs' legacy. She is in formation with the Secular Carmelites (OCDS) and works as an RN with the New York State Department of Health.

**Mary V. Mawn** (N07) is an Associate Professor with the Center for Distance

Learning at Empire State College and a member of the Faith Formation Commission and Pastoral Council at Christ our Light Catholic Church in Loudonville.

**Stephen Mawn** (H02) is the Associate Director for Catechist Formation and Respect Life with the Albany Diocese's Office of Evangelization, Catechesis and Family Life and is directing his tenth Spring Enrichment.

**Theresa May** (B03 & C02) is the Director of the Western Regional Office of the Syracuse Diocese's Office of Faith Formation.

**Sister Monica Murphy, CSJ** (H05 & J04) is the Director of Guidance at Catholic Central High School in Troy and the Director of the Pyramid Life Center.

**Hosffman Ospino**, Ph.D., (A01 & B01) is Assistant Professor of Theology and Religious Education at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry. His research focuses on how the conversation between faith and culture shapes ministerial and educational practices in the Church. Professor Ospino has edited and authored several books on Hispanic ministry, evangelization, and catechesis. He is currently writing a book on multicultural congregations to be published by Fordham University Press. He served as the principal investigator for the *National Study of Catholic Parishes with Hispanic Ministry (2011-2014)* and recently finished a major study of 1,500 Catholic schools directly serving Hispanic families in more than 140 dioceses in the United States. He is appearing at Spring Enrichment courtesy of Our Sunday Visitor.

**Nancy Paino** (C01 & G02) is Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry at Christ the King Church, Guilderland.

**Jan Patterson, MD**, NFPMC, FCP (I01) is a board certified family physician with an area of concentration in women's health and fertility. She is trained in NaProTECHNOLOGY™. She offers life affirming general gynecology, and NaProTECH-NOLOGY™ medical

consultations at the Gianna of Albany Center in Mechanville.

**Loretta Putorti** (E05 & I03) is an adjunct faculty member for the Office of Evangelization, Catechesis and Family Life, Diocese of Albany.

**Richard Putorti** (G07), Ensemble Director at St. Mary's Church, Crescent, is a published composer and liturgical musician directing ensembles with young people in the diocese and diocesan parishes for more than 30 years. He founded Music and Liturgy at Pyramid Lake in 2000.

**Sarah Raville** (G07) is the Pastoral Associate for Youth Ministry at Christ Our Light Catholic Church in Loudonville.

**Dr. Laetitia Rhatigan**, STD (N06) completed her doctoral degree at the University of Dayton, specializing in Mariology.

**Betsy Rowe Manning** (I08) is the Parish Life Director at the Church of St. Vincent de Paul in Albany.

**Most Rev. Edward B. Scharfenberger** (I01) was ordained and installed as the Albany Diocese's tenth bishop on April 10, 2014. In addition to being a Canon Lawyer, he is also a civil lawyer and served as the Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Brooklyn and as an instructor in Moral Theology.

**Father Richard Shaw**, Ph.D. (V02) recently published *Naked as a Jailbird, an account of jail life*. He is sacramental minister at St. Patrick's in Catskill and Athens and is a Chaplain at the Coxsackie & Greene County Correctional Facilities.

**Elizabeth Simcoe** (K07) is Chancellor for Pastoral Services and Director of the Office of Prayer and Worship, Diocese of Albany.

**Brother Loughlan Sofield, ST** (D01, E01 & S01) is a Missionary Servant of the Most Holy Trinity. Loughlan is currently the Director of the community's Senior Ministry house and has served as Director of the Missionary Servant Center for Collaborative Ministry; Director of the

Washington Archdiocesan Consultation and Counseling Center; and Assistant Director of the Center for Religion and Psychiatry, Washington, D.C. Br. Loughlan has worked in almost 300 dioceses in six continents. For over thirty years he was Senior Editor of *Human Development* magazine. In addition to publishing numerous articles on ministry, he is co-author of a number of books. His most recent are: *Principled Ministry; Facing Forgiveness; Collaboration: Uniting Our Gifts in Ministry; Building Community: Christian, Caring, Vital; and Design for Wholeness*.

**Joyce Solimini** (D02, H07 & M07) is the Associate Director for Adult, Intergenerational & Sacramental Catechesis with the Office of Evangelization, Catechesis and Family Life. She is also a member of the Christian Initiation Subcommittee of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.

**Carmel Ann Sperti**, D.Min. (S02 & V04) is currently the Director of Faith Formation and Initiation process at the Church of St. Mary in Oneonta. She also serves on the Diocesan Liturgical Commission and its Initiation Subcommittee.

**David Stagliano** (L02) is currently the Associate Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry with the Diocesan Office of Evangelization, Catechesis and Family Life.

**JoAnn Stankavage** (B05, J05, T02 & U02) is an adjunct faculty member of the OECFL and has taught as a lecturer for Maria College, the Diocese's Formation for Ministry program and at both Spring Enrichment and deanery catechist formation programs.

**Rabbi Monte Sugarman** (K03) of "Synagogue Without Walls - or Chadash" in Ballston Spa is a chaplain for Seton Health System in Troy, NY. He is also a licensed marriage and family therapist, musician and healer.

**Deacon Lawrence R. Sutton**, Ph.D. (K01 & M01) is a Deacon in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He is employed as the Director of Pre-Theology Formation at St. Vincent

Seminary as well as a Psychologist for Wesley Spectrum Services. He is the former Psychologist/Manager of the Western Region Office of Bureau of Autism in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As a Deacon, Larry has developed and run a Sacramental preparation and religious education program for children/adolescents touched by autism in the Diocese over the past eleven years at the Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. His primary work over the past fourteen years has been with children and adults touched by autism and worked with those with other types of disabilities throughout his career. Deacon Sutton's two presentations at Spring Enrichment are courtesy of Loyola Press.

**Michael Theisen** (F01, H01, T01 & V01) has been involved in faith formation and ministry to youth and families for 30 years, authoring more than 15 books and numerous articles. His experience as a speaker, trainer and ministry leader reaches from parish to diocesan and national levels and he enjoys creatively engaging learners and colleagues on the topic of passing on the faith to the next generation of disciples. Michael serves as the Director of Ministry Formation for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) in Washington DC and also helps coordinate two national initiatives: Strong Catholic Families and the Partnership for Adolescent Catechesis. He resides with his family in Rochester, NY and appears at Spring Enrichment this year courtesy of RCL Benziger.

**Sister Lucille Theroux, CSJ** (J09) has ministered as a chaplain at Albany Medical Center and St. Mary's Healthcare in Amsterdam as well as in parish ministry. She currently serves as Mission Integration Coordinator at the St. Joseph's Provincial House in Latham.

**Sister Betsy Van Deusen, CSJ** (L03) is the Director of Community Partnerships for Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Albany. Passionate about faith and sharing opportunities with people of all age, she has served in outreach, parish, international and diocesan ministry.

**Father Richard S. Vosko**, PhD, Hon. AIA (D05) is a sacred space specialist and the author of the award winning book, *God's House Is Our House: Re-Imagining the Environment for Worship*, published by Liturgical Press. He worships with the Community at St. Vincent de Paul in Albany.

**Roslyn Webber** (F09) is the Administrative Assistant for Pastoral Planning at the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany. She also serves as a catechist at Our Lady of Victory in Troy.

**Father Michael White** (J01 & L01) received his graduate degrees in sacred theology and ecclesiology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. After being ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, he worked for five years as personal secretary to William Cardinal Keeler, who was then archbishop. During that time, he served as the director of the papal visit of Pope John Paul II to Baltimore. During his tenure as pastor at Church of the Nativity, in Timonium, MD, the church has almost tripled in weekend

attendance from 1,400 to over 4,000. More importantly, the commitment to the mission of the Church has grown, evidenced by the significant increase of giving and service in ministry. Fr. White, along with his Associate Tom Corcoran, is the author of *Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter* and *Tools for Rebuilding: 75 Really, Really Practical Ways to Make Your Parish Better*.

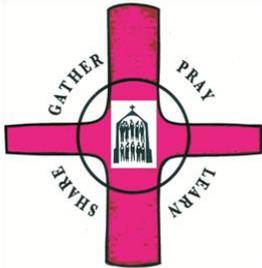
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Saturday – October 24, 2015

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LaSalle Institute – Troy, New York



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**PROVISIONAL & BASIC CERTIFICATION (8 topics)**

Call & Mission of the Catechist/YM	C01	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Call & Mission of the Catholic School Religion Teacher	H02					Y
Catechetical Techniques	M02	Y			P1	LG
Adolescent Catechesis	L02		Y		P1	UG
The Adult Learner	D02			Y	P1	
Creative Discipline with Children	C02	Y			P2	CA
Adolescent Discipleship	G02		Y		P2	CA
Leading & Facilitating Small Groups	F02			Y	P2	
Catechetical Tools & Resources	K02	Y			P3	LG
Vision of Youth Ministry	D03		Y		P3	UG
Resources for Adult Faith Formation	Not offered this year			Y	P3	
Introduction to Hebrew Scripture	C03, T02	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Introduction to Christian Scripture	G03, U02	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jesus - who do you say that I am?	E02, J02	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Introduction to the Creed	L03, T03	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

**INTERMEDIATE & FULL CERTIFICATION (20 topics)**

A Christian Vision of Human Sexuality	N02	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Church	M03	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ecumenism	K03, N03	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Faith Development	L04	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Images of God	F03	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Introduction to Morality	K04	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Introduction to the <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>	D04, U03	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Introduction to the RCIA	Not offered this year	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Introduction to the Sacraments	I02	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
The Liturgical Year	G04	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mary and the Saints	E03, L05, N04, N06	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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Ministry to persons with special needs	K01, M01	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Social Justice and Service	C04	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Use of Media & Resources	J03	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Evangelization	E04, U04	Y		Y	P1	LG
Evangelization & Outreach	E04, U04		Y		P1	UG
Learning Styles	B02	Y			P2	LG-CA
Adolescent Development	Not offered this year		Y		P2	UG-CA
Leading Prayer (with adults)	F04			Y	P2	
Using the Bible with different ages	F05,H03 (Adult/Ingergen)	Y				LG
Exploring Scriptures with Adolescents	J04		Y			UG
Adolescent Spirituality	M04		Y			
Components of Comprehensive YM 1 (CYM generally, community life, prayer & worship)	E05		Y			UG
Components of Comprehensive YM 2 (advocacy, leadership development & pastoral care)	I03		Y			UG
Introduction to <i>Our Hearts were Burning</i>	Not offered this year			Y	Y	
Prayer	B03 (children), J05	Y		Y	Y	LG
Psychology of the Learner	Not offered this year	Y		Y	Y	CA
Worship	I04	Y		Y	Y	LG

**ADVANCED THEOLOGY/SCRIPTURE** (8 topics, 8 hours {4 classes} each)

Hebrew Scripture	B04, F06, J06, N05	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Christian Scripture	B05, C05, E06, G05, I05,K05, M05, V02	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Christology	Not offered this year	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ecclesiology	C06, D05, E07, G01, G06,I06, J07, L06, M06, U01, V02, V03	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Liturgy & Prayer	E08, F07, N06, S02	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Morality	B06, F08, I01	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Peace & Justice	B06, D06, F08, G01, H04, I01, L07, N01, U01	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sacraments	I07, J08, T04	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

## Spring Enrichment

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### ADVANCED METHODOOGY (8 required topics & electives)

Perspectives in Ministry 1 - The Family	A01, I09	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Perspectives in Ministry 2 – Multiculturalism	A01, B01	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Perspectives in Ministry 3 - Non-Catholic Students	Not offered this year					Y
Perspectives in Ministry 4 - Culture & Values	Not offered this year	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Confirmation Today	Not offered this year		Y			
Drug & Alcohol Prevention	Not offered this year					Y
Eastern Catholic Churches	Not offered this year	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Planning Parish missions, retreats & times of reflection	H05			Y		
Using PowerPoint and other tools for presentations to adults	N07			Y		
Elective - General	C08, D05, D08, F01, F05, K01, K06, L05, M01, M07, T01	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Elective - Children's Catechists	E03	Y				
Elective - YM	G07		Y			
Elective - Adult Faith Formation	See "General" above			Y		
Elective - Intergenerational	E03, G07, M07,				Y	
Elective - Catholic Schools, Lower Grade	E03, also see "General" above					LG
Elective - Catholic Schools, Upper Grade	G07, also see "General" above					UG

### ADVANCED SPIRITUAL RENEWAL (4 2 hour sessions)

Spiritual Renewal	B07, B08, C07, D06, D07, E01, E09, H04, H06, I08, K06, L07, L08, N08 S01, T04	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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For the latest news, updates and information about this year's Spring Enrichment go to [www.rcda.org/springenrichment](http://www.rcda.org/springenrichment).

Questions? Contact the staff of the Office of Evangelization, Catechesis & Family Life at 518-453-6630 or via email at [spring.enrichment@rcda.org](mailto:spring.enrichment@rcda.org).

## Registration Form

Must be received by the Office of Evangelization, Catechesis & Family Life by May 6 In order to be processed.

To qualify for discounted "early" registration rates must be received no later than April 24.

Please, only one person per form, and one form per person. Thanks.

# Spring Enrichment

The Church: our Family, our Story

at The College of Saint Rose in Albany

Monday, May 11 – Thursday, May 14, 2015

& at St. Mary's in Oneonta

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name for Badge \_\_\_\_\_

(ie "Beth" or "Fr. Joe")

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese (if not Albany): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

First time attending Spring Enrichment?  Yes  No

Are you a catechist/youth minister?  Yes  No

Total # of Classes registered for: \_\_\_\_\_

If registering before April 24

1 class @ \$12, 2 classes @ \$24, 3 classes @ \$36  
4 classes @ \$40, \$10 for each additional class  
capped at \$90 for 9 or more \_\_\_\_\_

If registering after April 24

1 class @ \$15, 2 classes @ \$30, 3 classes @ \$45  
4 classes @ \$50, \$10 for each additional class  
capped at \$100 for 9 or more \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday boxed lunch (\$6) Oneonta site ONLY \_\_\_\_\_

Must include separate lunch order form (see Oneonta instructions)

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

### Monday, May 11, 2015

#### 9:30-12 Noon

A01 KEYNOTE: One Church, One Family, Many Stories

#### 1:00-3:00pm

- B01 MAJOR: Speaking of God in Disenchanted World
- B02 Learning Styles
- B03 Creatively Praying with Children
- B04 God's Uncommon Justice, Part 1 of 4
- B05 Women Witnesses
- B06 Many Voices, One Table
- B07 Do We Have to Forgive? Part 1 of 2
- B08 Jesus as Spiritual Director
- B09 Dementia & Communities of Faith

#### 4:00-6:00pm

- C01 Call & Mission of Catechist & Youth Minister
- C02 Delightful Discipline

- C03 Introduction to Hebrew Scripture
- C04 Introduction to Social Justice
- C05 Recognizing Divinity in the Gospel of John
- C06 20+ Centuries of Catholic Christianity
- C07 Do We Have to Forgive? Part 2 of 2
- C08 Keeping the Gate: Best Practices for Safe Environment

#### 7:00-9:00pm

- D01 MAJOR: Collaboration: Fostering the Mission of Jesus
- D02 The Adult as Faith Learner
- D03 Renewing the Vision
- D04 Introduction to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
- D05 What can Catholics learn from Non-Denominational...
- D06 Premeditated Mercy, Part 1 of 3
- D07 Mine the Gold from your Faith Memories
- D08 Nurturing the Well-Planted Seed

### Tuesday, May 12, 2015 – St. Rose / Albany Site

#### 9:30-11:30am

- E01 MAJOR: Forgiveness & Reconciliation: Gifts of God
- E02 Who is Jesus Christ?
- E03 St. Juan Diego & Our Lady of Guadalupe: My Puppet
- E04 Evangelization & Outreach
- E05 Components of Comprehensive YM I
- E06 Cycle B: Mark's Gospel
- E07 Intro to the History of Christianity, Part 1 of 2
- E08 History of Liturgy, Part 1 of 2
- E09 Healing Touch

#### 1:00-3:00pm

- F01 MAJOR: Creative Catechesis for the Next Generation
- F02 Leading & Facilitating Small Groups

- F03 Images of God
- F04 Leading Prayer with Adults
- F05 Living Gospel: Sts. Joseph & Peter
- F06 God's Uncommon Justice, Part 2 of 4
- F07 History of the Liturgy, Part 2 of 2
- F08 End of Life Decision-Making
- F09 Appreciative Inquiry for Parish Planning

#### 4:00-6:00pm

- G01 MAJOR: Pope Francis: A Story of the Church
- G02 Adolescent Discipleship
- G03 Introduction to Christian Scripture
- G04 Introduction to the Liturgical Year
- G05 Recognizing Divinity in the Gospel of John, Part 2 of 3

#### Office Use Only

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ # Courses: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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- G06 20+ Centuries of Catholic Christianity, Part 2 of 2
- G07 Taking Back Sunday
- G08 Safe Spaces, Part 1 of 2
- G09 Holy Boundaries

- H02 Call & Mission of the Catholic School Teacher
- H03 Parables for People
- H04 Premeditated Mercy, Part 2 of 3
- H05 Leading Prayer, Retreats & Missions in the Parish
- H06 Everyday Divine: Creating Calm Amid Life's Chaos
- H07 Welcoming the Baptized
- H08 Safe Spaces, Part 2 of 2

**7:00-9:00pm**

- H01 MAJOR: The Five Things Every Parent Needs to Hear

**Tuesday, May 12, 2015 – St. Mary's / Oneonta Site**

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**9:30-11:30am**

- S01 MAJOR: Forgiveness & Reconciliation: Gifts of God
- S02 A Walk through the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy
- S03 Pastoral Care and Depression
- S04 I'm Spiritual, but not Religious...
- OPTIONAL Boxed Lunch (\$6) – see instructions

**1:00-3:00pm**

- T01 MAJOR: Creative Catechesis for the Next Generation
- T02 Introduction to Hebrew Scripture
- T03 Introduction to the Creed
- T04 Reconciliation: the Forgotten Sacrament

**4:00-6:00pm**

- U01 MAJOR: Pope Francis: A Story of the Church
- U02 Introduction to Christian Scripture
- U03 Introduction to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
- U04 Evangelization

**7:00-9:00pm**

- V01 MAJOR: Five Things Every Parent Needs to Hear
- V02 After Babylon
- V03 Go, Rebuild My Church! Insights from St. Francis
- V04 Revitalizing the RCIA Process in your Parish

**Wednesday, May 13, 2015**

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**9:30-11:30am**

- I01 PANEL: Challenges to the Gospel of Life
- I02 Introduction to the Sacraments
- I03 Comprehensive Youth Ministry 2
- I04 Liturgy 101
- I05 The Lost Scriptures, Part 1 of 2
- I06 Introduction to the History of Christianity, Part 2
- I07 Encountering Christ through the Sacraments, 1 of 2
- I08 Celebrating Our Women Ancestors
- I09 Family: the Domestic Church

**1:00-3:00pm**

- J01 MAJOR: Rebuilt – Moving Member...
- J02 Jesus: Who Do You Say That I am?
- J03 Stealth Evangelization: Using Social Media...
- J04 Exploring Scriptures with Adolescents
- J05 Prayer: How to be a Friend of God
- J06 God's Uncommon Justice, Part 3 of 4
- J07 The Reluctant Saint: Pope Paul VI
- J08 Encountering Christ through the Sacraments, 2 of 2
- J09 Pastoral Care Ministry Panel Discussion

**4:00-6:00pm**

- K01 MAJOR: Autism in a Typical Classroom
- K02 Catechetical Tools & Resources
- K03 Introduction to Judaism
- K04 Introduction to Moral Theology
- K05 Recognizing Divinity in the Gospel of John, Part 3 of 3
- K06 The Power of Story for Forgiveness & Reconciliation
- K07 Discernment and the RCIA
- K08 Theology of Empowerment & Team Ministry
- K09 Pastoral Care and Depression

**7:00-9:00pm**

- L01 MAJOR: Rebuilt – Make Church Matter
- L02 Adolescent Catechesis
- L03 Introduction to the Creed
- L04 How Do You Grow in Faith?
- L05 Storytelling Images to Connect to the Saints
- L06 The Pillars of Francis' Papacy
- L07 Premeditated Mercy, Part 3 of 3
- L08 Seeking Work/Life Balance in a Complex World
- L09 How to be Pastorally Present...

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**9:30-11:30am**

- M01 MAJOR: How to Welcome & Include...
- M02 Catechetical Techniques
- M03 Church
- M04 Adolescent Spirituality
- M05 The Lost Scriptures, Part 2 of 2
- M06 Go, Rebuild My Church! Insights from St. Francis
- M07 The Gift of the Generations

**1:30-3:30pm**

- N01 MAJOR: Using the Bully Pulpit
- N02 Theology of the Body
- N03 Islam and the Purity of Heart
- N04 St. Kateri Tekakwitha & St. Edith Stein
- N05 God's Uncommon Justice, Part 4 of 4
- N06 Mary in the Liturgy of the Church
- N07 Introduction to PowerPoint
- N08 The Gift of Reconciliation

**Registration & Fees**

Number of Classes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 or more Classes
Early Registration Discounted Rate (by April 25)	\$12	\$24	\$36	\$40	\$50	\$60	\$70	\$80	\$90 for 9 or more classes
Regular Registration Rate (after April 25)	\$15	\$30	\$45	\$50	\$60	\$70	\$80	\$90	\$100 for 9 or more classes

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