

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Catechist Convocation



Living as Missionary Disciples

Saturday, March 3, 2018
Archbishop Carroll High School
211 Matson Ford Road
Radnor, PA 19087

Co-sponsored by the Office for Catechetical Formation
&
Archdiocesan Association of Parish Directors, Coordinators and
Administrators of Religious Education

Schedule

8:15AM	REGISTRATION, REFRESHMENTS AND EXHIBITS
9:15AM	AUDITORIUM : WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
9:35AM	CELEBRATION OF MASS <i>The Most Reverend Michael J. Fitzgerald, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia</i> <i>Celebrant and Homilist</i>
11:00-11:50AM	Session 1/lunch
12:05-12:55PM	Session 2/lunch
1:10-2PM	Session 3/lunch
2:10-3:10PM	Session 4

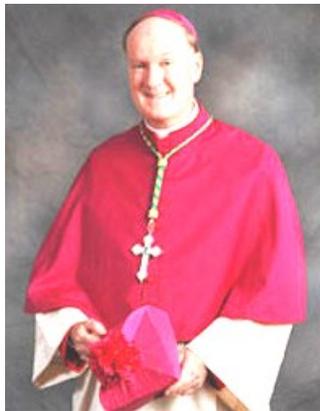


THE CATECHIST CONVOCATION CELEBRATES TWENTY-NINE YEARS!

The Catechist Convocation is an annual faith formation event cosponsored by the Office for Catechetical Formation and the Archdiocesan Association of Parish Directors, Coordinators, and Administrators of Religious Education (PD/C/ARE). What is the Catechist Convocation? In the early 1980's, a group of Parish Directors of Religious Education created a grass roots venue known as the "Catechist Showcase." Using a parish site, this event provided an annual opportunity for the most experienced and gifted volunteer catechists to share their practical insights and best practices in teaching the faith to children. In 1989, the "Catechist Showcase" was retitled the "Catechetical Forum" as professional presenters and broader topics were added. The Catechetical Forum was later named the Catechist Convocation as participants included both parish catechists and Catholic school teachers. Though the name has changed over the years, the PD/C/ARE Association keeps true to the original mission of its Catechist Convocation:

The professional and spiritual growth of the parish catechist through a sharing of theological insights, teaching methodologies, and practical applications.

THE MOST REVEREND MICHAEL J. FITZGERALD, PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST



Bishop Michael J. Fitzgerald was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese in 1980.

He graduated from Temple University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1970, and earned a Juris Doctor from Villanova University School of Law in 1973. He served as a judicial clerk in the Court of Common Pleas in Montgomery County from 1973 to 1975, and then worked in private practice. He entered St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in 1975. After serving as a parish priest, Bishop Fitzgerald was the defender of the bond (1982-1983), a judge (1983-1987), Judicial Vicar (2007-2010) and was the first director of Archdiocesan Office for Legal Services (1991-2004). He was named a Chaplain of His Holiness in 2003. Bishop Fitzgerald also holds a Licentiate of Canon Law from Catholic University of America, and a Doctor of Canon Law degree from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

Bishop Fitzgerald was named an auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia with the oversight of Catholic Education as part of his responsibilities in 2010.

We are honored to have Bishop Fitzgerald as the celebrant of Mass today.

SESSION 1: WORKSHOPS

A-1. Saints: Models of Missionary Discipleship Reverend John J. Ames, STD

Parochial Administrator, St. Colman Parish and Campus Minister, Swarthmore, Haverford and Bryn Mawr Colleges

The term "missionary" means to send. Catholic saints are diverse in their heritages, charisms, talents, lives and deaths. Common to all is an awareness of being sent by God to proclaim Jesus through their words and deeds. They are a treasure worthy of exploring.

A-2. Go Out and Tell: Forming Missionary Disciples

Sister Kathryn A. Benham, IHM Director of Religious Education, Sacred Heart Parish

Discover lessons, activities and practical ways that encourage middle-schoolers to become Missionary Disciples.

A-3. Familias Cinco Estrellas: Acompañando a los Padres en su Caminar de Fe

Hermana Rosemary De Paul, IHM Cordinador de Formación de Fe Adulta, Parroquia San Patrick, Norristown

En esta sesión, presentamos un modelo de cómo fortalecer el espíritu de discípulos misioneros en el ambiente familiar. Los padres, incentivados con su propia formación continua, aprenden diferentes maneras de educar a sus hijos en la fe.

A-4. First Holy Communion: Preparing Children for the Greatest Gift of All, The Bread of Life

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A-6. God's Act of Confidence: the Dismissal at Mass

Reverend Daniel E. Mackle Pastor, St. Patrick Parish, Philadelphia *Do we realize and appreciate what God entrusts to us at the dismissal at Mass? Transformed by Word and Sacrament, we are sent, like the apostles, as witnesses to God's Kingdom.*

A-7. The Road to Emmaus (Grade 3) Marie Milano, Director of Religious Education, Stella Maris Parish

Using this biblical passage as a metaphor for the Mass, this workshop explores ways to energize and inspire this level student to be missionary disciples.

A-8. Come Away and Rest Awhile With Me: The Importance of Eucharistic Adoration

Reverend John Nordeman, School Minister, and Students from Lansdale Catholic High School

A "holy phenomenon" occurs at "LC" every Thursday night at 7PM. A group of 30-40 students gather (on their own time!) for a Holy Hour and Eucharistic adoration. Come and listen to their faith witness to the beauty and peace that this time with the Lord provides as these young people step away from a world of technology and daily pressures of life. They will also stress the importance of introducing this form of meditative prayer to younger students.

A-9. Saints, Sacraments and Sanctify: Praying with 5th and 6th Grade Students

Sister Edward Quinn, IHM Assistant Superintendent, Office of Catholic Education

This workshop will focus on the content of 5th grade curriculum and how it can lead teachers to activities which engage the students to prayer.

A-10. Missionary Disciples Promoting Belonging

Sister Kathleen Schipani, IHM Director, Office for the Pastoral Care of Persons with Disabilities

Gleaning from the newly revised USCCB, "Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities," this workshop will examine how catechists are Missionary Disciples promoting the active engagement of youth with disabilities in faith formation and the sacraments.

A-11. Kindergarteners: Emerging Missionary Disciples

Mary Ellen Schuler Catechist, Our Lady of Grace Parish *This workshop asks three fundamental questions: Before a child can live as a missionary disciple, what must happen? How do the Religion Curriculum Guidelines inform this process? How can I energize the children's desire to share the love of Jesus?*

A-12. Equipping Yourself for Life as a Missionary Disciple

Reverend Christopher M. Walsh Pastor, St. Raymond of Penafort Parish *In St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, he urges the Christians to be equipped for service in ministry. Seeking to be missionary disciples who make an impact, this session will explore the spiritual tools we need to pack in order to be equipped well.*

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B-2. Catequistas: Discípulos Misioneros Que “ven, juzgan y actúan” a Ejemplo del Maestro!

Hermana Sonia Avi, IHM

Director de Educación Religiosa, Parroquia San Charles Borromeo, Bensalem

Ideas prácticas para “ver, juzgar y actuar” con eficacia en la enseñanza de las verdades de fe a La Luz del CICPA.

B-3. Religion Resources Roundtable: Sharing session for teachers and catechists

Sister Helene Thomas Connolly, IHM

IHM Director of Religious Education & Ann Menna

Deputy Secretary, Office for Catechetical Formation

Come and share your creative ideas for teaching Religion and be enriched by other participants who will do the same! Guided by two facilitators, enjoy the enlivening exchange of favorite resources, ideas, websites, etc. Let us help each other, as we strive to help our students develop a deeper relationship with Jesus!

B-4. God’s Most Wanted: AKA “Salty Catholic Disciples”

Sister Sheila Galligan, IHM

Faculty, Immaculata University

This presentation will explore the practical implications of Jesus’ richly significant compliment: “You are the salt of the earth”

Why does Jesus exhort us to be like “salt”? Why not “sugar”? In what ways can you be a model of a joy-the filled, energetic “salt of the earth” Catholic educator? Come to find some “zesty” answers!

B-5. Being Formed As Missionary Disciples

Reverend Matthew W. Guckin, Director, Office for Catechetical

Formation & Reverend Christopher M. Walsh, Pastor, St. Raymond of Penafort Parish

In his Apostolic Exhortation – The Joy Of The Gospel – Pope Francis challenges us to form missionary disciples in our work as evangelists. This presentation will consider the essential nature of encountering Christ as a prerequisite in becoming missionary disciples. We will look into the lives of saints and how they encountered Christ. Finally, we will look at the various ways we can have such encounters

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Sister Suzanne Mayer, IHM

Faculty, Neumann University

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B-8. Do This In Remembrance Of Me: Call to Discipleship

Kellianne Miley

Faculty, Saint Eugene School

Jesus’ calls us everyday to be disciples -not just disciples who know His word but disciples of action who LIVE His word. In this presentation we will discover and explore dynamic ways in which we can empower our students to be disciples of action.

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Director of Religious Education, St. Martin de Porres Parish

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SESSION 4: KEYNOTES

D-1. LIVING AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Reverend Stephen P. DeLacy Vocation Director for the Diocesan Priesthood, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
This presentation will focus on our identity as Missionary Disciples by discussing the challenges the culture presents to us in living out this identity.

D-2. CATEQUISTAS MISIONEROS A LA LUZ DEL MENSAJE DEL PAPA FRANCISCO

Hermana Maria Mateo, IHM Director de Tesorería Espiritual
Esta presentación ofrecerá ideas prácticas de cómo ser buenos Educadores de la fé a ejemplo de Jesús en su encuentro con los discípulos de Emaus.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

- *Registration is on line and opens on January 2, 2018.*
- *Only one person may register at a time.*
- *You will need a credit card. Cost is \$35 per person.*
- *A confirmation email will be sent to you at the email address on the registration form.*
- *Registration will close when the maximum number of registrants (750) has been reached.*
- *The link for registration is : <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=44da5f>*

Cómo Registrarme

- *Las registraciones están en línea y comenzarán en Enero 2, 2018.*
- *Sólo una persona se podrá registrar a la vez.*
- *Necesitarán una tarjeta de crédito. El costo es de \$35 por persona.*
- *Un correo electrónico de confirmación será enviado al correo electrónico de la persona que esté en la registración.*
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