

Dear DREs and Youth Ministers:

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## From the Youth Ministry Office:

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## The Sign of the Cross



It was the year 312, and two armies were rapidly approaching one another. The battle would determine whether Constantine or Maxentius would become the Emperor of Rome.

“Constantine was certainly a complex character. His father had been a co-emperor, and his mother, following her conversion, became a saint—St. Helena. Constantine himself, however, was a pagan who once claimed to have had a vision of Apollo. He was of large build, strong, capable of both cruelty and kindness, and he was certainly ambitious. We do not know how familiar he was with Christianity when he became the efficient and popular ruler of a large part of Western Europe. He did not, however—unlike most of his fellow rulers who each governed a part of the once-united Roman Empire—persecute the Christians.”

In his account, Eusebius depicts his hero en route to do battle with Maxentius, who was infamous for his cruelty and oppression of the people of Rome. Then, “one afternoon, when the sun was beginning to set, he saw in the sky, above the sun, a luminous cross.” That night, as Constantine slept, “Christ, the son of God, appeared to him with the same sign that he had seen blazing in the sky and commanded him

to make of it a military insignia and place it on his banners, as a pledge of victory.” —Diane Moczar in *Ten Dates Every Catholic Should Know*

Though not a Christian himself, based on what he saw and heard, Constantine ordered his men to paint the Christian symbol on their shields. On October 28, 312, despite being outnumbered two-to-one at the Battle of the Milvian Bridge, Constantine’s armies defeated Maxentius. He did indeed conquer with the Sign of the Cross!

Constantine, himself, would be baptized a Christian on his deathbed after legalizing Christianity with the Edict of Milan in 313 A.D.

**The Sign of the Cross is a deceptively simple, yet profound and powerful gesture. According to Bert Ghezzi in *The Sign of the Cross: Recovering the Power of the Ancient Prayer*, it can empower us in six ways:**

- An Opening to God
- A Renewal of Baptism
- A Mark of Discipleship
- An Acceptance of Suffering
- A Defense Against the Devil
- A Victory Over Self-Indulgence

**The Sign of the Cross will also be my theme for this year’s *Gatherings-Reflections* articles.**

I’ve just returned from a pilgrimage with Bishop LeVoir and ten others to World Youth Day in Madrid. This international gathering of young people, originally initiated by Blessed John Paul II, is the *triathlon* of Catholic youth events. If NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) is the *marathon* of Catholic youth events, World Youth Day is definitely the triathlon!

One of the most powerful symbols of World Youth Day is the World Youth Day Cross. No matter where it is carried, from mission post to church to diocese, from country to continent, its power is always new and fresh!

It is known as the “Holy Year Cross,” the “Jubilee Cross,” the “WYD Cross.” Many call it the “Young

People's Cross" because it has been given to young people to take across the world, to all the places at all times. This is its history.

It was the year 1984, the Holy Year of the Redemption, when Pope John Paul II decided that a cross, symbol of the faith, had to be near the main altar of Saint Peter's Basilica, where everyone could see it. So a great wooden cross was installed, 3.8 meters high, exactly as he wished.

At the end of the Holy Year, after closing the Holy Door, the Pope handed this cross to the young people of the world, represented by youngsters from the Saint Lawrence International Youth Center in Rome. His words on that occasion were: "Dear young people, on closing the Holy Year, I entrust to you the sign of this Jubilee Year: the Cross of Christ! Take it around the world as a sign of the love of the Lord Jesus for humanity and proclaim to all that only in Christ dead and risen is there salvation and redemption." (Rome, April 22, 1984)



The young people made their own the Holy Father's wish. They took the Cross to the Saint Lawrence Center, which became its permanent home during the periods it was not on pilgrimage in the world. <http://www.madrid11.com/en/camino/cross-and-icon>

This September 14, we will celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. I invite you to go to daily Mass on September 14 and listen carefully to the readings. If Mass is not even a possibility for you, take the time to reflect on the readings for the day:

Number 21:4b-9  
Philippians 2:6-11  
John 3:13-17

**The Exaltation of the Cross consists in the fact that "the event of the cross and Resurrection abides and draws everything towards life."**

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1085

**Prior to the rain-soaked and stormy Saturday night World Youth Day Vigil on August 20, Pope Benedict XVI had prepared a special talk for the**

**1.5 million youth who would join him at Cuatro Vientos airfield. The following lines were taken from it:**

**"Dear friends, may no adversity paralyze you. Be afraid neither of the world, nor of the future, nor of your weakness. The Lord has allowed you to live in this moment of history so that, by your faith, his name will continue to resound throughout the world."**

### **Senior High Youth Rally**

**Sunday, October 23, 2011 \* 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Hutchinson Senior High School**

Speakers: Fr. Leo Patalinghug - "The Cooking Priest" from "Grace Before Meals" and Claire Culwell, Abortion Survivor.

### **Junior High Festival**

**Sunday, April 22, 2012 \* 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Location and speakers to be announced.**

**NCYC...**Reminder that final payments are due September 1. We still have paperwork that isn't in! Cindy needs to have all forms in to the national office before September 30 or everyone will be charged a \$20 late fee. Please send any outstanding forms in immediately! We cannot meet deadlines without your cooperation. We need this info to place the t-shirt order, line up buses, and hotel. Please see what you can do to facilitate this process. Any questions, contact Margaret McHugh at [mmchugh@dnu.org](mailto:mmchugh@dnu.org), 507-233-5327 or Cindy Blickem at 507-233-5325, [cblickem@dnu.org](mailto:cblickem@dnu.org)

### **NET Ministries**

If you are still interested in a NET Retreat open dates are listed below. Contact Cindy Blickem if interested - 507-233-5325 or [cblickem@dnu.org](mailto:cblickem@dnu.org). Thursday Oct 27, Friday Nov 4, Tuesday Nov 8.

### **Diocesan Youth Council Members 2011-12**

**\* Italic - new members**

	Region	Grade	Parish
Monica Illikman	1	11th	New Ulm, St. Mary
<i>Maria Reising</i>	1	10th	New Ulm, St. Mary
Elizabeth Anderson	2	12th	Morgan, St. Michael
<i>Becky Roiger</i>	2	11th	Springfield, St. Raphael
Shawn Polman	3	12th	Cottonwood, St. Mary
<i>Kelly Timmerman</i>	3	12th	St. Leo, St. Leo
Johanna Johnson	4	12th	Murdock, Sacred Heart
<i>Alison Miller</i>	4	10th	Murdock, Sacred Heart
Jonathan Onnen	5	12th	Kandiyohi, St. Patrick
Andrea Tauber	5	12th	Olivia, St. Aloysius
Ian Coates	6	12th	Glencoe, St. Pius X
Sara Hughes	6	12th	Darwin, St. John
Grace Maiers	At Large	12th	Stewart, St. Boniface
<i>Sofia Rabaey</i>	At Large	10th	Minneota, St. Edward
<i>Tanner Thooft</i>	At Large	10th	Minneota, St. Edward
Margaret McHugh	Adu Advisor		Diocese of New Ulm
Sharon Illikman	Adu Advisor		New Ulm, St. Mary

From the Religious Education Office

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## Welcome Back to Another Catechetical Year!

*by Bryan Reising*

*"The definitive aim of catechesis is to  
put people not only in touch,  
but also in communion and intimacy,  
with Jesus Christ."*

So with beginning our catechetical year, we need to also keep this before us. We as catechetical leaders and youth ministers need to ask,

- Am I in communion and intimacy with Jesus Christ?
- Do I provide opportunities for my catechists to be in communion and intimacy and communion with Jesus Christ?
- Are our students, young and old, given these opportunities?
- What about our parents?
- What about all members and potential members of our parish? Yes – I said potential members! We need to be constantly reaching out to neighbors and others to invite them to communion and intimacy with Jesus Christ.

In this September newsletter, I invite Ann Przybilla to write about one of the opportunities to be in communion and intimacy with Jesus Christ. And that is through the Eucharist. She will explain that the changes in our New Roman Missal can be an opportunity for all to be evangelized and catechized as we learn about the changes and why they have come about.

Welcome back to another catechetical year, and may God bless you abundantly as we pass on the faith!

### **Evangelization and Adult Faith Formation Designates**

If your area faith community or parish already has a designate for evangelization and adult faith formation, please e-mail Cindy to confirm who it is. If you currently do not have a designate, contact the pastor about appointing someone and forward that name to Cindy: [cblickem@dnu.org](mailto:cblickem@dnu.org). We are hoping to have some great opportunities and resources for both evangelization and adult faith formation, hopefully starting this Spring.



## Catechesis and Children's Liturgy with the Roman Missal, Third Edition

*by Ann Przybilla  
Office of Worship*

On the First Sunday of Advent, the Church will welcome the Roman Missal, Third Edition. This has been a process taking many years and consultation, involving eleven different English-speaking countries. Many parishes are undergoing significant catechetical efforts. Some are reaching parishioners through the Sunday homily and bulletin inserts. Other approaches include enrichment at parish meetings and guest speakers. Some parishes are using this opportunity to learn about the scriptural references of the Mass in multi-session formats.

One component of catechesis that should not be forgotten is the formation of children and youth of the parishes and schools. For many young people, the revised prayers won't be too big of a deal. They are used to a world that changes constantly. They have not been praying the current prayers for forty years. Yet, we should not dismiss this opportunity to teach about the Mass and why it is important to our faith and our lives as Catholics. Let's explore some of the ways in which catechesis can be accomplished for the children and youth of the parish.

### **1. Offer at least one catechetical session this fall or early winter on the Mass.**

Teaching about the Mass should be multi-faceted and interactive. In addition to the prayers of the Mass, children should be taught also about the various parts of the Mass, the elements from Jewish traditions, the meaning behind the gestures and postures, the various liturgical ministries, and the importance of celebrating Mass especially on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation. Because the Eucharist is the "source and summit" of all the Church's activities, teaching about Mass must be done for all ages, starting with preparation for First Communion and continuing year after year.

2. **Communicate with parents.** This is a key to any successful catechetical effort. It would be prudent to send letters or e-mails to parents announcing the changes in the Mass texts. In this correspondence include a short article about the revisions, announce when their children and youth will be discussing the changes, and invite them to any formational events that are being offered in the parish or nearby.



**3. Coordinate formational efforts in the parish.** Speak to the pastoral leader about ways to best reach the children and youth in the parish. Perhaps there are ways to include the youth in programs or events that are currently scheduled in the parish for adults. Parish Web sites can provide links to pertinent sites.

**4. Acquaint yourself with the changes.** The best place for a catechetical leader, youth leader, or catechist to go for guidance would be the United States Council of Catholic Bishops' Web site [www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/roman-missal/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/roman-missal/index.cfm) Another valuable site is [www.revisedromanmissal.org](http://www.revisedromanmissal.org).

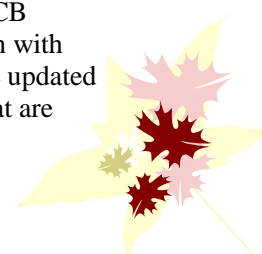
**5. Use resources to your benefit.** There are several videos, books, and articles on the Roman Missal, Third Edition. Be careful in using the current catechetical books for teaching about the Mass as we go into the implementation, as they will not be up-to-date upon implementation. The best resources that the diocese recommends for children and youth are as follows:

- *What's New about the Mass*, available from LTP. This resource explains the changes in the Mass texts at a very simple level, with appropriate activities so that they will be able to respond at Mass. Each booklet is \$1.00- \$1.50 depending on quantity ordered. Contact your pastoral leader for the diocesan LTP order form and you can receive a 30% discount on this product when ordered through the Office of Worship.
- *What's New about the Mass for Teens* is available from LTP. It includes details on the reasons for the changes and emphasizes the scriptural roots of the prayers. It includes activities and full-color photos. Each booklet is \$1.00- \$1.50 depending on quantity ordered. Contact your pastoral leader for the diocesan LTP order form and you can receive a 30% discount on this product when ordered through the Office of Worship.
- YouTube offers a seventeen-minute webinar video hosted by Joe Paprocki. It gives a great overview of the history of the changes. Good for catechist enrichment, high school grades, and adults.  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42y56uM3P0M>

- Liturgy Training offers short YouTube videos featuring youth who offer their insights into the Mass and the upcoming changes to the prayers. These are titled "Wake Up," "The Eucharist," "Why Do Words Matter?," "And with Your Spirit," "The Words of the Mass Are Changing."
- An interactive DVD-ROM, *Become One Body One Spirit in Christ*, offers various short segments on the Mass designed as a catechetical resource for a range of audiences. Certain segments would be appropriate for youth. This is available from USCCB Publishing for \$19.95.
- A very comprehensive resource that can be found online would be *Praying the Mass with Children and Adolescents* available from the Diocese of Lansing, Michigan. It is a free resource and we thank the Diocese of Lansing for allowing us to reference this document.  
[www.dioceseoflansing.org/catechesis\\_k12/Roman\\_Missal\\_Children\\_Adolescents.pdf](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/catechesis_k12/Roman_Missal_Children_Adolescents.pdf)
- The Office of Worship has completed lesson plans for children and for youth. Contact Ann Przybilla if you are interested. This material, along with other resources mentioned above, will be available for preview at the Faith Formation Days breakout sessions with Ann Przybilla.

### Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Mass with Children

- 1. Is the Directory for Masses with Children applicable upon the implementation of the Roman Missal?** All of the directives in the *Directory for Masses with Children* are still applicable. So if you have a Mass where most of the assembly is children, that document is still useful in planning the celebration. It should be used in conjunction with the *General Instruction on the Roman Missal*.
- 2. How are the Eucharistic Prayers for Children affected by the Roman Missal, Third Edition?** The Eucharistic Prayers for Children are not a part of the new *Roman Missal* but they can still be continued to be used for Masses with children. The *Eucharistic Prayers for Children* are being revised by USCCB Publishing and should be available soon with the updated words of institution and the updated people's responses and acclamations that are



reflect the text of the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*.

- 3. Can we continue to sing children's Mass settings?** There are many versions out there that will be obsolete beginning in Advent because they will not employ the new texts. Prepare children for the Sunday parish liturgy, utilizing what is sung on Sunday.



**Mohr Catechist Formation Fund**  
*A Gift for You, Catechists, Youth Team Members, Teachers of the Religion*

This scholarship fund is a great gift for your catechists, teachers, youth ministry team, and many of you! You can receive scholarships for Faith Formation Day and other catechist formation opportunities, opportunities outside the diocese like the NCCL Conference, online courses through the University of Dayton's VLCCFF (Virtual Learning Community of Faith Formation), and even some college courses on faith formation. An application is on our Web site: <http://www.dnu.org/word/documents/MohrScholarship-CatechistFormationFund-Application.pdf>. Please submit your applications soon!

**VIRTUS**

**All Catechists are required to:**

1. Have a background check before beginning to volunteer.
2. Sign Forms A and B of the diocesan sexual misconduct policy before beginning to volunteer.
3. Attend VIRTUS training within 60 days of beginning to volunteer.
4. Do the online training as assigned. This is to be done as soon as possible – communicate this with your catechists, volunteers, and youth ministry adult team.

The VIRTUS training is for ages 16 or older. An individual must be 18 to serve alone in a ministry with minors. If you have a question about VIRTUS, please contact Margy Manderfeld at **507-233-5305**. Please do not contact VIRTUS directly unless you need a password.

**Upcoming Virtus Sessions**

9/7/2011	6:30 PM	Winsted - Holy Trinity High School
9/12/2011	6:30 PM	Springfield - St. Raphael
9/14/2011	6:30 PM	North Mankato - Holy Rosary
9/19/2011	6:00 PM	Ortonville - St. John
9/20/2011	6:30 PM	Marshall - Holy Redeemer School
9/22/2011	6:30 PM	St. Peter - St. Peter
9/22/2011	6:30 PM	Arlington - St. Mary
9/26/2011	6:30 PM	Willmar - St. Mary
10/1/2011	9:00 AM	Hutchinson - St. Anastasia
11/10/2011	6:30 PM	Granite Falls - St. Andrew

**Remember: Send in your lists of all your catechists to Cindy soon! Also schedule Lessons Three and Four for October or early November.**

This year we offer VIRTUS Lessons 3 and 4 in a combined session this fall. Please schedule your Children's Training for October or early November (deadline for the report to be sent to the Safe Environment Office is November 30). In addition, schedule make up sessions (deadline for make-up sessions reports to be turned into the Safe Environment Office by March 1, 2012).

Remember, Opt Out Forms are accepted (and signed by the parent) before your training in the fall. After that initial training, Opt Out Forms are not provided to the parents. Please be sure to provide the parent/guardian with a copy of the Parent Handbook as required by the Charter so that they can train their child at home. To access the Parent Handbook in English or Spanish, log on to our VIRTUS account, go to the Educators tab, then to Lesson Plans, Step 2: Click here to read or print *Teaching Touching Safety*.

Please send a list of catechists with their e-mail address to Cindy Blickem (cblickem@dnu.org) as soon as possible. The purpose for this is twofold:

- 1) We can send to your catechists directly the opportunities for their formation like the Catechist Certificate through the University of Dayton's courses, Foundations, and Faith Formation Days held in New Ulm and Willmar this year.
- 2) The Safe Environment Office can have a head start on all the catechist and other volunteers to ensure they are in the system and have had their initial training, their background check, and signed forms A and B of the Diocesan Sexual Misconduct Policy. You will probably not have all your catechist positions filled by then, but send me what you have and send the remainder names and e-mail addresses when you have those positions filled. Thank you!

And any new DRE, youth minister, catechist, adults helping with youth ministry, or other volunteers need to have a background check before they volunteer, sign Forms A and B of the Diocesan Sexual Misconduct Policy within 30 days of beginning to volunteer, and sign up for a VIRTUS training within 60 days of beginning to volunteer. After that (and for veteran volunteers), they are to do online training as assigned. This online training is to be completed within 30 days of receiving an e-mail notice from VIRTUS regarding this training. Communicate with your volunteers to get the online training done as soon as possible. It takes approximately 10 minutes (or less) to do the training and answer the question at the end. Thank you for keeping our children and youth safe!

## FOUNDATIONS

FOUNDATIONS will take place again in the fall. This has been a wonderful opportunity for catechists, catechetical leaders, and any interested adult to learn more about theology and various aspects of our faith so that you may become more equipped in the ministry of catechesis. Faculty is from St. Mary's University in Winona and diocesan staff. Take the time to pray about this opportunity. It consists of one Saturday a month, and it begins in September 17 and goes through April and includes a user friendly online opportunity in January 2012. The following link will give you further information, a registration form and scholarship opportunities on the Adult Faith Formation Page:

<http://www.dnu.org/word/adultfaithform.html>

### Faith Formation Days in September

#### Friday, September 23, 2011 at NUACS

The keynote speaker will be Most Rev. John LeVoir and the focus will be Catholic schools (parish catechists and catechetical leaders can attend this day as well).

#### Saturday, September 24, 2011 at Willmar, Church of St. Mary

The keynote speaker will be Richard Drabik of the University of Dayton and the focus will be catechists and catechetical leaders (although Catholic school personnel are welcome).

Please spread the word about Faith Formation Days! A great way for you to spend quality time with your catechists and youth ministry team!

Go to this Web address to look at a brochure and register by September 9!

<http://www.dnu.org/word/documents/FaithFormDay2011Workshops4pgflyer.pdf>

### Upcoming Gather for October October 17 - 10:00 am to 3:00 p.m. at the Center for Youth Ministry

Our speaker will be forthcoming. Please RSVP Cindy soon if you can make it: [cblickem@dnu.org](mailto:cblickem@dnu.org)

#### Upcoming dates: Mondays:

Nov 7, Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 6, March 12, April 16  
Curriculum Day at the Pastoral Center, May 21  
Annual Spring Fling (place to be announced)

### Catechetical Sunday - September 18 *Do This in Memory of Me*

As you may know, the entire United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Web site has been overhauled and its content is still being reloaded in

its new format. I am happy to report though that the English and Spanish Catechetical Sunday materials have been uploaded and are available. Since the site is so new, it has been difficult for some to locate the English and Spanish materials.

#### The new website for Catechetical Sunday 2011 is:

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechetical-ministry/catechetical-sunday/>

You can access the site by simply clicking the above link. Once on the Catechetical Sunday site, you will see a gray menu box located on the right-hand side of the page. The English materials are located in the menu under the link entitled: "[Materials and Resources](#)." The Spanish materials are also located there under the link entitled: "[Materiales y Recursos](#)." If you experience trouble with the links above, please copy the address above and paste it into your web-browser. Of course you can also access Catechetical Sunday through the main USCCB Web site:

- Go to USCCB Web site home page:

<http://www.usccb.org/>

- Scroll down to bottom of page where the departments are listed

- Click on "Evangelization & Catechesis"

- Then select "Catechesis" from the menu on the left side of page

- Scroll down the Catechesis page and click on "Catechetical Sunday"

- Move cursor over to right side to "Catechetical Sunday Menu" and click on "Materials & Resources" or "Materiales y Recursos."

In addition, NCCL has a couple of items that you may be interested in regarding Catechetical Sunday:

1. **Musings: *Becoming Who You Receive...*** This book is ideal for adult faith formation and can be a great benefit in RCIA, for catechists, and parents. Besides offering a reflection on the Sunday gospel, this book offers a question with lines for the reader to share some musings. It also includes six pages on key changes in the language of the people's response in the new *Revised Roman Missal, Third Edition*. Rather than simply focus on the change of language, the book offers an excerpt from a story that contains a deeper understanding of the meaning associated with the change of words. This is an exclusive NCCL product.
2. **Do This in Memory of ME...** This distinctive one-inch lapel pin is composed of a high-shine gold chalice with a white enamel host positioned on top. It is surrounded by the phrase, "Do this in Memory of ME." This pin, which carries the words of the catechetical theme for this year, is ideal for Catechetical Sunday and a reminder to all catechists of their role to present lifelong



catechesis for the Eucharist. It is also an excellent insignia for Eucharistic ministers as well as a gift for children receiving their First Eucharist. This is an exclusive NCCL product.

To see these materials, go to <http://tiny.cc/nsio5>; to order these go to: <http://tiny.cc/wu17m>

## Upcoming Opportunities

### Chastity Speakers

#### to Come to Your Parish/AFC

David and Amanda (Vernon) Shaheen have a great presentation on chastity for teens. They will be available for talks October 6 and 8. They are a little pricey, but they are the best chastity speakers I (Margaret McHugh) know of. If you contact your local Catholic United Financial representative, they will always help offset the cost for chastity presentations. Amanda and David Shaheen have given presentations at diocesan youth rallies and at the Holy Cross Area Faith Community. You can contact Amanda Murphy from New Ulm or me to see how it went. For scheduling, contact Amanda and David directly at [www.chastityforce.com](http://www.chastityforce.com).

### In-services by Vicki Thorn Wednesday, November 16

8:30 - 12:30

Post Abortion Aftermath and Healing  
St. Mary's in Sleepy Eye

*Presentation to professionals and other adults*

2:15 - 3:15

"What They Didn't Tell You in Sex Ed"

St. Mary's High School in Sleepy Eye

*Presentation to Sleepy Eye &*

*New Ulm Catholic School 9 - 12 grades*

7:00 - 8:00

"What They Didn't Tell You in Sex Ed"

St. Catherine's in Redwood Falls

*Presentation to diocesan RE students*

*9th - 12th grades and their parents*

### Interested in a Masters in Theology, Religious Education, Pastoral Ministry, Parish Administration, or Canon Law?

- **St. Mary's University of Minnesota:** [www.smumn.edu/ipm](http://www.smumn.edu/ipm). They offer MA or a Professional Certificate in Pastoral Ministries or Pastoral Administration; they also offer a Graduate Certificate in Canon Law.
- **St. Paul Seminary Graduate Program for Lay People:** [www.saintpaulseminary.org](http://www.saintpaulseminary.org)  
This includes an optional online distance learning degree. Their degrees include an MA in Theology, Pastoral Ministry, and Religious Education.

## University of Dayton's VLCCFF

### Cycle 6: Sept 25 - Oct 29

Registration: Opens Aug 9; Closes Sept 21

- [Administration in Ministry](#)
- [Catholic Beliefs](#)
- [Christology](#)
- [Church History 2](#)
- [Conscience](#)
- [Ecclesiology: Pilgrim Church](#)
- [Faith and Human Development](#)
- [Images of Jesus](#)
- [Introduction to Catechesis](#)
- [Introduction to Liturgy](#)
- [Introduction to Media Literacy Education](#)
- [Introduction to Practical Morality](#)
- [Introduction to Prayer](#)
- [Introduction to Scripture](#)
- [Many Faces of Adult Learners \(AFL 3\)](#)
- [Marianist Studies: Charism](#)
- [Marianist Studies: Founders](#)
- [Marianist Studies: Prayer](#)
- [Mary in Scripture and Tradition](#)
- [Media, Faith, and Values](#)
- [New Testament](#)
- [Old Testament](#)
- [Our Hearts Were Burning \(Seminar\)](#)
- [Overview of the GDC & NDC \(Seminar\)](#)
- [Planning Youth Ministry Events](#)
- [Praying with Children](#)
- [Roman Missal: Preparing for the New Translation](#)
- [Sacraments](#)
- [Spirituality in Adult Learning and Faith Formation \(AFL 6\)](#)
- [Survey of Catholic Doctrine](#)
- [Theological Reflection: Key to Connecting Faith and Life \(Seminar\)](#)
- [Vocation to Ministry](#)

For new students for VLCCFF:

<http://vlc.udayton.edu/profile/agreement.php>

For returning VLCCFF students to register to another

course: <http://vlc.udayton.edu/register/>

### National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) Membership

The cost of an individual membership to NCCL is only \$60.00. This is only \$5.00 a month. Receive CL (Catechetical Leader) Magazine, CL Weekly from Lee Nagel every Monday, discounts on resources, and information on the national conference and regional workshops! *Use the Mohr Scholarship Fund for this opportunity!*

For further information, check out the Web site:

[www.nccl.org](http://www.nccl.org).

For information on the national conference, go to

[www.nccl.us](http://www.nccl.us).

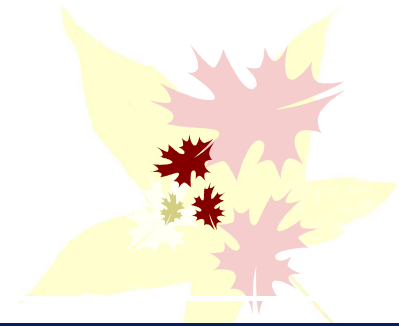
Check out this NCCL Conference promo:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IpP8NvJlwBE>.

## Parish Catechesis Question

How are you preparing for the upcoming changes for the Roman Missal? How will you catechize on this to your children, youth, and adults? Share your ideas with Bryan so he can share with others:

[breising@dnu.org](mailto:breising@dnu.org).



### Upcoming 2011-12 Dates

Fri, Sept 23	Faith Formation Day (focus: school personnel, all welcome)	8:45 am – 2:45 pm	St. Anthony School, New Ulm
Sat, Sept 24	Faith Formation Day (focus: religious education personnel, all welcome)	8:00 Early Bird Mass 9:00 am – 2:30 pm	St. Mary, Willmar
Mon, Oct 17	DRE/YM Gathering	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Center for Youth Ministry
Fri, Oct 21 to Wed, Nov 9	NET Team Retreats in the Diocese		Various parishes in diocese
Sun, Oct 23	Senior High Rally	11:00 am – 5:00 pm	Hutchinson Sr High School
Mon, Nov 7	DRE/YM Gathering – Loyola Press sponsor	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Center for Youth Ministry
Wed, Nov 16-Sun, Nov 20	National Catholic Youth Conference-dept early am on Wed, arrive back Sun		Indianapolis, IN
Mon, Dec 12	DRE/YM Gathering	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Center for Youth Ministry
Mon, Jan 9	DRE/YM Gathering–Sadlier sponsor	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Center for Youth Ministry
Mon, Feb 6	DRE/YM Gathering	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Center for Youth Ministry
Mon, Mar 12	DRE/YM Gathering	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Center for Youth Ministry
Mon, Apr 16	DRE/YM Gathering – Curriculum Day	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Pastoral Center, New Ulm
Sun, Apr 22	Junior High Festival	11:00 am – 5:00 pm	TBA
Mon, May 21	DRE/YM Spring Fling	Noon-4:00 pm	TBA

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RB239	January 14-16, 2012	Bird Island, MN
RB240	February 18-20, 2012	New Ulm, MN
RB241	March 17-19, 2012	Winsted, MN
RB242	June 23-25, 2012	Bird Island, MN