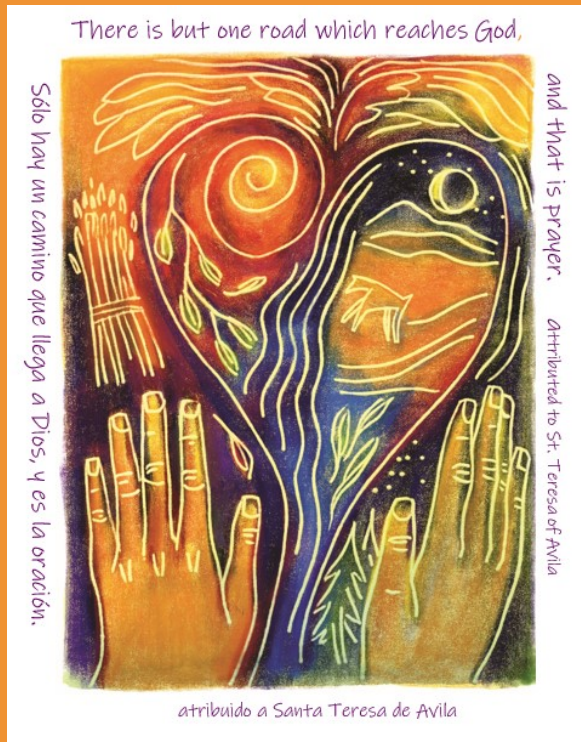


Formation Day 2021



“One day he was praying in a certain place. When he had finished, one of his disciples asked, ‘Lord teach us to pray as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name...’”

Do we all not find ourselves echoing the sentiment of that first disciple? Asking how we should pray. Don't we all long to learn how to pray and how to pray well? We desire union with our God, an encounter that can lead to an intimacy that will sustain us throughout our lifetime. We as catechists try to engage individuals in meaningful prayer experiences that may facilitate this desire of our hearts.

Schedule

- 8-8:25 a.m. Registration & Hospitality (Gym)
- 8:30-9:10a.m. Welcome and Prayer (Celebration)
- 9:10-10:10 a.m. Keynote
- 10:10-10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:35-11:35 a.m. Breakout Sessions
- 1. Orando con los Santos/Praying with the Saints - Bertha Melendres (Assembly)
- 2. Getting Started as a Catechist -Katie Vollmer (Conference B)
- 3. Praying with the Saints - Fr. Tyler Tenbarge (Celebration)
- 4. Let the Liturgy Come Alive! - Fr. Alex Zenthoefer (Councils)

- 11:35-12:25 p.m. Lunch (Gym)
- 12:30-1:40 p.m. Breakout Sessions
- 5. The Reason for Prayer: the Birth of Good Works - Becky Eldredge (Celebration)
- 6. Great Ideas! - Bonnie Meadows and Debbie Schmitt (Conference A)
- 7. Sacraments and Our Spiritual Life - Jeremy Goebel (Assembly)
- 8. Bautismo: Llamado a la Santidad/Baptism: Called to Holiness - Fr. Martin Estrada (Councils)
- 1:45-2:00 p.m. Closing Prayer (Celebration)

Getting Started as a Catechist-Katie Vollmer

Sharing our faith with those we minister to is an act of love. We want to share the gift we have been given with others so that they too may experience a faith-filled life. We recognize that there is the spiritual side to this calling but there also is a practical side as well. As catechists we want to be well prepared and provide meaningful opportunities for those we minister to. In order for this to happen we must explore methods and techniques that allow this to happen.

Resources

[Sharing the Faith with Every Child: A Catechist's Guide to the Many Ways We Learn](#) by Janet Schaeffler

[The Catechist's Toolbox](#) and by Joe Paprocki

[The Catechist's Backpack: Spiritual Essentials for the Journey](#) by Joe Paprocki and Julianne Stanz

[Classroom Management for Catechists](#) by Jennifer Fitz

[Catechist website](#) – resources and activities

[The Religion Teacher Blog](#) – activities, videos, lesson plans, etc.

[The Scope and Tasks of Catechesis: Celebrating the New Directory for Catechesis](#) by Carole Eipers

[Handbook for Today's Catechist](#) by Ginger Infantino

[Blessings for Leaders](#) by Dan R. Ebener

[2021-2022 Catechist Handbook and Planning Guide](#)

Praying with the Saints

We are very blessed that our Catholic tradition is rich in the practice of praying with saints. Our ancestors of faith can aid us when we are confronted by the challenges of our everyday lives. Through their eyes we often are able to see the beauty of life that otherwise may escape us. They serve as models to help us navigate our own path to holiness.

Resources

Pope Benedict XVI, ["A School of Prayer: The Saints Show Us How to Pray"](#) (Ignatius Press)

Paul Thigpen, ["A Year with The Saints: Daily Meditations with The Holy Ones of God"](#) (St. Benedict Press)

Fr. Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R., and James Monti, ["Praying in the Presence of Our Lord with the Saints"](#) (Our Sunday Visitor)

[Saintly Rhymes for Modern Times](#) by Meghan Bausch

[Special Saints for Special People – Stories of Saints with Disabilities](#) by Megan C. Gannon

[Stories of the Saints: Bold and Inspiring Tales of Adventure, Grace, and Courage](#) by Carey Wallace

[Saint of the Day](#)– stories of Saints, daily emails, artwork from Franciscan Media.

[Hallow](#), the app, has a feature for praying with the Saints.

[Heavenly Friends – An Introduction to the Beauty of Icons](#) by Father William Hart McNichols and Kathy Hendricks

[The Year of St. Joseph](#): activities, prayers and videos from Pflaum

Let Liturgy Come Alive

The Eucharistic celebration of the Church is just that a celebration of the new covenant established through Christ himself. This meeting place calls the Body of Christ together to remember the gift of Christ's life, death and resurrection. In the breaking of the bread and proclamation of the word we are nourished and sent forth. Our participation in the Paschal mystery should enliven us to live our lives as a witness in the world.

Resources

[The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth](#) by Scott Hahn

[The Fourth Cup](#) (Podcast or Book) by Scott Hahn

[Bishop Robert Barron's The Mass](#): videos and study guides

[Loyola Kids Book of Catholic Signs & Symbols: An Illustrated Guide to Their History and Meaning](#) by Amy Welborn

[My Picture Missal Flip Book and Mass Picture Cards](#)

[My First Interactive Mass Book](#)

[Understanding the Mass: 100 Questions, 100 Answers](#) by Mike Aquilina

[Resources on the Mass](#) from the USCCB

[Make Every Day Blessed: Living the Liturgical Year](#) (Stay Connected Journals for Women)

[Teaching Kids the Basics of the Liturgy](#)

The Reason for Prayer: the Birth of Good Works

We have all heard the phrase "Prayer changes things" and through our lived experience we have come to see the reality of this.

The Lectio Divina prayer form speaks clearly of the fruit of prayer: Actio. Actio allows us to act on what we have come to understand in prayer. How will I be present in the world because of what the living word of God has revealed to me and how will this be shared with others?

Resources

[The Inner Chapel: Embracing the Promises of God](#) by Becky Eldredge

[Busy Lives & Restless Souls](#) by Becky Eldredge

[Faith in Action Resources from Becky Eldredge](#)

[Becoming Wholehearted – Growing in Authentic Passion through the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius](#) by Tom Elliott

[Be Yourself! A Journal for Catholic Girls](#) and [Be Yourself: A Journal for Catholic Boys](#) by Amy Brooks

[Called by Name, Sent in His Name – Reflections on an Outward-Bound Church](#) by Archbishop Paul-Andre Durocher

[Catholic Relief Services Resource Center](#) with prayer resources and activities focused on social justice issues

Great Ideas!

Catechists want their time with those to whom they minister to be meaningful and engaging. But, we all have limitations on our time. This presentation will share ideas and resources to help ensure that the content we present is good and the presentation is effective.

Resources

[Catholic Inspired: Crafts, Ideas and Activities to Celebrate the Liturgical Year](#)

[Look to Him and be Radiant](#): Ideas and Resources to share the faith

[Young Catholics](#): Resources for religious education, youth ministry and vacation Bible school

[Catholic Icing](#): Resources for faith formation

[Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God](#) by Sybil MacBeth

[Learning Centers for First Eucharist & Reconciliation](#) and [Learning Centers for Advent & Lent](#)

[Liturgical Year Resources](#) from Loyola Press

[Guided Children's Adoration](#): plans for guiding children through an hour of Eucharistic Adoration

[Mary, Our Mother Plush Figure](#)

[Guided Reflections for Children, Volume 1: Praying with Scripture](#) and [Volume 2: Praying my Faith](#)

Sacraments and our Sacramental Life

We are a sacramental people! The reception of the sacraments touches, informs and transforms all areas of our life.

Resources

[Sophia Sketchpad](#). Short videos on the sacraments.

[Busted Halo](#). Videos, podcasts and articles on many topics, including the Sacraments.

[Sacramental Theology: Means of Grace, Ways of Life](#) by Kurt Stasiak, OSB

[Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities](#) from the USCCB

[Living the Sacraments: Finding God at the Intersection of Heaven and Earth](#) by Joe Paprocki

[7 Sacraments Activity Booklet](#) at Teachers Pay Teachers

[Seven Sacraments Lesson Plan](#) at The Religion Teacher

[A Little Reminder on Why the Sacraments Are a Really Big Deal](#), article at Loyola Press

[Confirmation: More Than Another Graduation](#), webinar

Notes...



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