

Workshop Session I – Friday, October 14: 10:15 – 11:30

1. Using Smart Technologies in the Classroom

SMART Technology Specialist

2. My Students' Progress Training Session

Becca Battistell, Technical Support Staff

This workshop offers report card training for My Students Progress, the diocesan student information system.

3. Understanding the Diocesan Teacher Evaluation

Deb Brillante, Assistant Superintendent, Syracuse Catholic Schools

Teachers will participate in an overview of the documents and processes for implementing teacher supervision and evaluation.

4. Cyber Curriculum

Dom Lisi, Director of Educational Technology, Syracuse Catholic Schools

5. Common Core Overview – ELA

Cheryl Canfield, Assistant Superintendent, Syracuse Catholic Schools

Here's a brief overview of the Common core Learning Standards in ELA.

6. Special Education and the Law

Jim Evans, Legal Counsel for Diocesan Schools

7. Teaching the New Roman Missal

Rev. Christopher Celentano, St. Michael's, Central Square & St. Agnes, Brewerton

Learn the what and why of the new Roman Missal so you can help your students understand.

8. Understanding the Autism Spectrum: Implications for Teachers

Gain an understanding of the characteristics of autism spectrum disorders and how these characteristics impact learning and behavior. This workshop will also be helpful to those ministering in parish faith formation programs.

Kelberman Center, Utica

9. Planning Liturgies for Children in the Catholic School Setting: Elementary Grades

Rev. Joseph Scardella, Diocesan Director of Liturgy

10. Brain –Based Strategies for Primary Ages (Pre-K – Gr. 3)

*Sue Pearson, Title I Supervisor, Diocese of Syracuse;
Co-Director, the Center for Effective Learning, WA*

Discover how the brain learns, the importance of relevance, meaning, patterns-and-context, and how to structure learning time to maximize learning and facilitate memory consolidation.

11. The 3Ms of the Brain: Making Learning Stick

Jonathan Cornue, Staff & Curriculum Development, Madison-Oneida BOCES

Would you like to ensure student engagement and interest in your classes?
What if you could see into the kids' minds and discover what makes them "tick"?
How would you like to find an easier way to help the children you work with learn?
Recent research has finally tied what we know about the brain with educational instruction. Come explore the 3Ms of the brain and discover how to make learning "stick". With an instructor who practices what he preaches, you will learn: The easy way to MOTIVATE! The importance of MOVEMENT! The keys to aiding MEMORY!

12. End of Life Moral Issues

Rev. Charles Vavonese, Diocesan Director, Formation for Ministry

Modern medicine and technology have achieved many astounding break-throughs in the area of extending human life. As a result, the life span of the average American is longer than before. At the same time, these medical advances have brought with them a number of complicated moral issues at the end of life. The New York State Catholic Bishops have recently issued a document, *Now and at the Hour of Our Death*, which provides Catholics with guidance to deal with these moral issues. This seminar will review and analyze the moral issues and guidance that the bishops have included in the document, in a manner which will help participants apply these moral principles appropriately to individual situations.

13. The Spirituality of an Educator

Rev. Joseph O'Connor, Diocesan Director, Vocation Promotion

Jesus was a master teacher. You hope to be. What sustained Jesus' ministry? What expectations and suggestions did he have for his disciples to teach effectively? During the workshop, we will look at the spiritual life of an educator. What practices will sustain you? What can you bring to your students?

14. Spiritual vs. Religious: An End to the Un-useful Debate

Scott Rutan, RCL/Benziger

How many times have we heard someone say, "Oh, I'm spiritual, but not religious" or even felt it personally? It is time to tear down the walls that have been erected between the two and recognize them for what they truly are: inter-related and in desperate need of one another's gifts.

15. Understanding Triangles: Build Better Relationships in the Classroom, Home and Parish

Rev. Joseph Phillips, Diocesan Director, Family Life

Triangles can be a source of stress in teaching, parenting, and ministering in the parish. Participants will learn (1) how to identify triangles in everyday life, (2) how to apply the seven rules of triangles and (3) how to use triangles to build stronger, Christ-like relationships. Learn about triangles and be astonished.

16. Proclaiming Our Story Through Media & Technology

Tim Welch, Our Sunday Visitor

We have been called to tell the Story of Jesus Christ and to tell it well. Join us as we explore 28,629 years of catechetical media methods, from oral traditions to podcasting proclamations, leading up to the technological tools of today...and perhaps beyond!

17. ABCs of Catholic Identity

Dr. Patricia McCormack, IHM

Evangelization, that is, leading students and parents to meet the person of Jesus Christ, is core to the identity of the Catholic School. It is a mission that transcends curriculum and schedules. Whether in the classroom, on a field trip, or in the health office, what we do and the way that we do it speaks more effectively than our words. The presenter will expand these ideas and issue the challenge to LIVE the ABC's of Catholic Identity so as to BE the "I" in Evangelize!

18. Catholic Spirituality in a Changing Church

Barbara Smith, Retired Diocesan Director, Maine; Pflaum

What are the leadership qualities needed to face the future in our American Catholic Church?

Workshop Session II – Friday, October 14: Noon – 1:15 pm

19. Using Smart Technologies in the Classroom

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Repeat of #1

20. My Students' Progress Training Session

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This workshop offers communication (Email, SMS, voice) training for MY Students Progress, the diocesan student information system.

21. Understanding the Diocesan Teacher Evaluation Process

Deb Brillante, Assistant Superintendent, Syracuse Catholic Schools

Repeat of # 3

22. Google Apps

Dom Lisi, Director of Educational Technology, Syracuse Catholic Schools

23. Care for Creation: Our Baptismal Call

Sr. Caryn Crook, OSF and David Babcock, Social Action Ministry Board

The awesomeness of God's love and power are made manifest in creation. Through our baptism, we are called to live in right relationship with God, one another and all creation. The presentation will provide information and methods to incorporate Care for Creation into discussions on a wide range of topics in addition to science, faith, spirituality, math and current events. Those who teach in catholic schools, are involved with faith formation in their parish, and those interested in learning more about the awesomeness of creation will benefit from this workshop.

24. Special Education and the Law

Jim Evans, Legal Counsel for Diocesan Schools

Repeat of #6

25. Teaching the New Roman

Rev. Christopher Celentano, St. Michael's, Central Square & St. Agnes, Brewerton
Repeat of #7

26. Understanding the Autism Spectrum

Kelberman Center, Utica
Repeat of #8

27. Planning Liturgies for Children in the Catholic School Setting

Rev. Joseph Scardella, Diocesan Director of Liturgy
The focus is on junior/senior high age students in this workshop.

28. Brain –Compatible Strategies to Improve Student Achievement (Gr. 4-6)

*Sue Pearson, Title I Supervisor, Diocese of Syracuse;
Co-Director, the Center for Effective Learning, WA*
In this era of accountability, it is more important than ever for educators to understand how the brain learns and what they can do to facilitate and improve student learning. During this session, participants will explore brain-compatible strategies to improve student understanding and learning.

29. 3 M's of the Brain: Memory, Movement, Motivation (Jr/Sr High)

Jonathan Cornue, Staff & Curriculum Development, Madison-Oneida BOCES
Repeat of #11 but with a Jr/Sr. High emphasis.

30. End of Life Moral Issues

Rev. Charles Vavonese, Diocesan Director, Formation for Ministry
Repeat of #12

31. The Spirituality of an Educator

Rev. Joseph O'Connor, Diocesan Director, Vocation Promotion
Repeat of #13

32. New Approaches & Technologies for Faith Formation @ Home, Parish, and School

John Roberto, Lifelong Faith Associates
How can parishes and Catholic schools address the increasingly diverse religious and spiritual needs of all ages and generations, especially of families and parents? This workshop will offers a variety of practical strategies, ideas, innovations, and resources for faith formation today. Special attention will be given to using the new web and digital technologies and accessing the abundance of religious content and experiences online and digital formats.

33. Understanding Triangles: Build Better Relationships in the Classroom, Home and Parish

Rev. Joseph Phillips, Diocesan Director, Family Life
Repeat of #15

34. Be not afraid...of Social Networks: Becoming Missionaries in the Cyberworld

Tim Welch, Our Sunday Visitor

How have missioners prepared to spread the Story of the Reign of God? This workshop will explore the language, culture and populace of some new territories, Social Networks and other Internet environments. If Facebook at 500 million members were a country, it would be the 3rd largest on earth. Together, let's prepare to enter the worlds of Facebook, Twitter and Blogger. These can be tools to help make God's Reign present. And we'll have fun doing it!

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Repeat of #17

36. Open Wide the Door for Christ (Jr/Sr High)

Lisa Hall, Diocesan Director, Respect Life

Implementing pro-life teaching in the classroom setting.

Workshop Session III – Friday, October 14: 1:45 – 3:00 pm

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40. Google Apps

Dom Lisi, Director of Educational Technology, Syracuse Catholic Schools

41. Common Core Overview: We've Only Just Begun (Common Core, Math)

Cheryl Canfield, Assistant Superintendent, Syracuse Catholic Schools

Here's a brief overview of the Common Core Learning Standards for Math.

42. Matthew 25:31-46. Do our students get it?

Paul Welch, Diocesan Coordinator, Social Justice Ministry

A workshop on social justice and leadership for Catholic youth. (Junior/Senior High)

43. Teaching the New Roman Missal

Rev. Christopher Celentano, St. Michael's, Central Square & St. Agnes, Brewerton
Repeat of #7

44. Understanding the Autism Spectrum: Implications for Teachers

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45. Building a Culture of Vocations

Rev. Joseph O'Connor, Diocesan Director of Vocation Promotion
This past May, Pope Benedict XVI chose to make this his message on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Pope writes, "Proposing Vocations in the Local Church means having the courage, through an attentive and suitable concern for vocations, to point out this challenging way of following Christ which, because it is so rich in meaning, is capable of engaging the whole of one's life." That is so well said! Join Fr. O'Connor for a discussion on best practices for developing that attentive concern and inviting others to consider the possibility of this meaningful life.

46. Brain Compatible Learning: The Teenage Brain: A Work in Progress (Gr. 7-12)

*Sue Pearson, Title I Supervisor, Diocese of Syracuse;
Co-Director, the Center for Effective Learning, WA*
As many teachers and parents can attest, the teenage years are a time of trial and triumph, a time for learning and adapting, and for many teens, a time for risk taking. No matter their intelligence or level of engagement with peers and parents, teenagers make perplexing, disturbing and sometimes dangerous, decisions. Why are they such cauldrons of contradiction? During this session we will explore the teen brain to decipher brain-compatible strategies that improve learning and help us understand behaviors.

47. 3 M's of the Brain: Memory, Movement, Motivation: Jr/Sr High

Jonathan Cornue, Staff & Curriculum Development, Madison-Oneida BOCES
Repeat of #11 – but for Jr/Sr High

48. Turning Together: Conversion as the heart of Catechesis and Evangelization

Scott Rutan, RCL/Benziger
So often catechists and teachers think their role in religious education is basically that of instructor, passing on the teachings of the Faith. Everything else – like the conversion of mind and heart to Christ – is in God's hands. But the most recent work of Church leaders and catechetical professionals informs us of the great importance of the catechist in the whole process of people turning their hearts and minds to God. How can we do this, with great wit and wisdom?

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52. Six Steps to Cultivate the Creative Catechist

Nancy Bird, RCL/Benziger

Looking for ways to be energized? Does your call as a catechist need recharging? You'll leave this lively workshop with six simple suggestions to cultivate your own creativity and some practical ideas to share with your whole community of faith.

This workshop will awaken your baptism vocation and help you discover creative ways to celebrate, teach and live your Catholic faith throughout the entire year.

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