

## **Workshop Session I – Saturday, October 15: 11:30 – 12:45**

*Sessions 1-8 are Formation for Ministry track workshops.  
However any interested participants are also welcome to register.*

### **1. Designing 21st Century Faith Formation**

*John Roberto, Lifelong Faith Formation*

This workshop applies the four images of 21<sup>st</sup> century faith formation to designing parish faith formation, and offers a variety of practical strategies, ideas, innovations, and resources for targeting the spiritual and religious needs of all ages and generations. Special attention will be given to accessing the abundance of online and digital religious content and experiences in 21<sup>st</sup> century faith formation.

### **2. Partnering with Parents in Youth Ministry**

*(Youth Ministry)*

*Bob Walters, Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry*

How to begin a parent led youth ministry program in your parish and why they are the key to success.

### **3. Liturgy of the Hours**

*(Liturgical Ministry)*

*Rev. Joseph Scardella, Diocesan Director of Liturgy*

This workshop will focus on the Church's prayer, the Liturgy of the Hours. All Christians are invited to participate in this form of prayer which sanctifies the day and leads people to pray this official liturgy of the Church. Time will be spent on how to conduct the prayer in parish settings, both formal and informal and individual recitation.

### **4. Apocalypse: the Book of Revelation**

*(RCIA Ministry)*

*Jim Krisher, Director, Spiritual Renewal Center*

The last book in the New Testament is surely among the most misunderstood and misused books of the bible. Yet the message of the book of Revelation, growing out of a time of social and religious crisis in the ancient world, can still speak with the power of the Word of God to believers today. Jim will look at the historical setting and theological perspective of the Apocalypse, and what we can know about the inspired author's intentions in writing. He will also offer reflections on how twenty-first century Christians might continue be nourished by this highly symbolic and dramatic document.

### **5. Theology of the Body: Classroom Applications (Life & Justice Ministries)**

Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body: What it is and the classroom implications.

*Sharon Flanagan, Abstinence Educator*

### **6. Riding the Silver Tsunami: As a People of Faith Are We Ready?**

*(Pastoral Ministry)*

*Kathy Poupart, St. Joseph's Nursing Home*

What is the challenge of aging in America? How does it impact the parish, the classroom, and personal life? This workshop will leave you with a beginning knowledge of present and future aging issues in America with an understanding of the Carmelite response to the issues of aging, suggestions for intergenerational and classroom responses to these issues and resources for further growth in knowledge on this issue.

## **7. Parenting and the Church and Making Use of the Lost Years (Family Life Ministry)**

*Sr. Francis James Paris ,OSF, Family Life Office*

How can an evangelization ministry build a learning community to reach out to parents?  
What will that community look like?

## **8. Mass of Renewal**

**(Music Ministry)**

*David Kaufmann, Good for the Soul Music*

The winner of the national contest to write a mass setting for the New Roman Missal is here to share his music and the reasons behind it, as well as additional new titles from *Good For The Soul Music*.

## **9. Partnering With Parents**

*Dr. Patricia McCormack, IHM, Sponsored by Pflaum*

Mutual respect and open communication between parents and teachers is vital for the positive, whole-person development of children. Respectful assertiveness is also characteristic of disciples of Jesus. WITH (wisdom, initiative, truth, hope) suggests a formula for a positive partnership.

## **10. The 3Ms of the Brain: Making Learning Stick**

*Jonathan Cornue, Staff and Curriculum Development, Oneida-Madison 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 of your parish learn about their faith?

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!

## **11. 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?

## **12. 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!

### **13. 125 Years of Faith, Hope and Charity**

*Rev. James Lang, Vicar for Parishes*

The history of the Diocese of Syracuse is the story of countless people who help loved and served God and one another throughout these 125 years. Share some of the stories that connect us with our ancestors in faith.

### **14. Care for Creation: Our Baptismal Call**

*Sr. Caryn Crook, OSF; David Babcock, Religion & Ecology Consultants*

The title of Pope Benedict XVI World Day of Peace on January 2010, was "If you want to cultivate peace, protect creation." Through our baptism, we are called to live in right relationship with God, one another and all creation. The presentation will cover the awesomeness of creation and how it manifests God's love, humility and power. It will connect social justice with care for creation and demonstrate why environmental protection is not a political issue but a spiritual one. Those who are involved with faith formation in their parish and those interested in learning more about the awesomeness of creation will benefit from this workshop.

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

*Rev. Joseph Phillips, Family Life Office*

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. You Said You Would Teach: Now What? "Bridging" That Gap**

*Linda Buckley, DRE, St. Anne, Mother of God, Mexico*

*Pat Barnett, DRE, St. Joseph, St. Stephen, Oswego*

This workshop will include planning tools, catechist training resources, seasonal & additional activities, tip sheets, and more! Learn how to incorporate the liturgical year in your classroom.

### **17. Do-able Discipline**

*Madonna Hurchla, Faith Formation Associate, Sts. John and Andrew, Binghamton*

Creative and practical ideas for maintaining order and keeping children on task during your time together in faith formation classes.

## **Workshop Session II: 1:15 – 2:30**

***Sessions 18-25 are Formation for Ministry track workshops.  
However any interested participants are also welcome to register.***

### **18. It just does not fit our schedule!**

***(Catechetical Ministry)***

*Bonnie Barker, DFF, St. Michael-St. Peter Parish, Syracuse*

Does this sound familiar? Have you heard this from parents? During this session we will look at alternative programming for faith formation: scheduling, whole community catechesis, creative course work, home schooling, etc. What is out there and how do we get started? Come with questions and/or ideas that may have worked for you or that you have heard about and we will share and discuss.

### **19. Relational Evangelization**

***(Youth Ministry)***

*Bob Walters, Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry*

How to use your personal story of faith to bring teens, and others, into a deep personal relationship with Christ and His church.

### **20. Liturgy of the Hours**

***(Liturgical Ministry)***

*Rev. Joseph Scardella, Diocesan Director of Liturgy*

Part 2 of workshop # 3.

### **21. "The Nuts and Bolts of the RCIA"**

***(RCIA Ministry)***

*Kathy Meus, DFF, All Saints, Syracuse; Presenter for North American Forum on the Catechumenate*

This workshop is designed for beginners and those who have two years or less experience with the RCIA process. Becoming comfortable with the basics of the RCIA helps team members to create a life giving process for the catechumens, candidates, sponsors and parish community. Come, connect with others, and also more deeply with understanding the RCIA.

### **22. Matthew 25:31-46. Do our students get it?**

***(Life and Justice Ministries)***

*Paul Welch, Diocesan Coordinator of Social Justice Ministry*

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

### **23. End-of-Life Moral Issues**

***(Pastoral Ministry)***

*Fr. 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.

#### **24. Visioning**

***(Family Life Ministry)***

*Sr. Francis James Paris, OSF, Family Life Office*

How can we collaborate to produce a vision and pastoral plan and build a parenting ministry?

#### **25. Mass of Renewal**

***(Music Ministry)***

*David Kaufmann, Good for the Soul Music*

Repeat of workshop # 8

#### **26. Helping Parents Connect the Family Table with Eucharist**

*Dr. Johan Van Parys, OSV*

Whether we are teaching second grade or tenth grade, Eucharist is central to our faith. How can we help the parents of our students see the connections between family life and the table of the Lord?

#### **27. "Plugged-in" connecting teens with their BFF (Jesus)**

*Maria Kirk, DFF, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Binghamton*

How to create a prayer experience for teens in today's world.

#### **28. Faith Formation and Children with Disabilities: Go The Extra Mile**

*Connie Armstrong, Diocesan Director of Special Education for Catechetics*

*Linda Albicelli, Member of Diocesan Advisory Commission on Disabilities*

Making Faith Formation a great experience for those with special needs may require us to "go the extra mile." This workshop will provide tools, tips and resources to aid in the journey.

#### **29. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

#### **30. Catholic Spirituality in a Changing Church**

*Barbara Smith, Diocesan Director, Maine*

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

#### **31. Designing Your Faith-Based Book Group**

*Annette Gape, Adult Faith Formation Facilitator, Eastern Region*

You don't have to be an "Oprah" to lead a book group! This user friendly workshop will help you develop the tools you need to begin this in your parish.

### **32. The Prayer Store - Re-visited**

*Kathy Sledziona, DFF, St. Paul's, Rome*

Over the years the way we pray changes. Just as you might re-visit a store of your childhood memories, the offerings may no longer fit today's lifestyle. Penny candy doesn't hold the same tempting appeal it once did; wine or chocolate may be the lure to beckon us to explore! What is important is that we do PRAY and this workshop will help us explore some of the ways to engage children (and adults) into deeper and more meaningful ways to pray today! (Sorry, no wine will be offered at the workshop!)

### **33. 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.

### **34. The Life and Legacy of Blessed Marianne Cope**

*Sr. Grace Anne Dillenschneider, OSF, Vicar for Religious*

This workshop will present the life and legacy of Blessed Marianne Cope, a Saint-to-be in the Diocese of Syracuse. Attention will be paid to how Divine Providence led her in life, the impact she made in healthcare and education in Syracuse and in Hawaii. We will marvel at her ministry among the people in Hawaii, with emphasis on the 30 years she spent in Kalaupapa, Molokai, caring for those afflicted with Hansen's disease (leprosy). We will talk about life in Hawaii during Bl. Marianne's lifetime, and the inspiration and hope St. Damien and Bl. Marianne brought to the people of Hawaii during this time of anguish among the Hawaiian people because of this disease.

### **Workshop Session III – Saturday, October 15: 3:00 – 4:15**

***Sessions 35-42 are Formation for Ministry track workshops. However interested participants are also welcome to register for any of these.***

### **35. Putting the TECH in CaTECHesis**

***(Catechetical Ministry)***

*Cheryl Smith, Resource Center Administrator, Eastern Region; Faith Formation Associate, Church of the Annunciation, Clark Mills*

What are some of the alternatives to the traditional 'classroom'. Learn how to blend in-person and on-line sessions in your faith formation class, as well as including your parish community and parents. See how to successfully implement a successful program called the "Power of One" and learn how to start building this program in your parish.

### **36. Teaching Teens to Pray**

***(Youth Ministry)***

*Bob Walters, Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry*

How to utilize scripture, saints and the sacraments to empower teens to live their Catholic faith.

**37. Catechists Preparing for the New Roman Missal**                    **(Liturgical Ministry)**  
*Deacon Joe Celantano, St. Daniel's, Syracuse*

The New Roman Missal will take effect on the first Sunday of Advent. How can we prepare for this with the children, teens and adult in our parishes?

**38. The Blessings and Challenges of the RCIA**                    **(RCIA Ministry)**  
*Kathy Meus, DFF, All Saints, Syracuse; Presenter for North American Forum on the Catechumenate*

This workshop is for anyone who has three or more years experience with the RCIA process. Recognizing how challenges can turn into blessings can open the door to new experiences for the RCIA process in a parish or community of parishes. Perhaps this is the time to let go of the "We've always done it like this" approach. Participants will have the opportunity to look at the RCIA process with new eyes. It's time to get rid of those old wine skins!

**39. Open Wide the Doors for Christ**                    **(Life & Justice Ministries)**  
*Lisa Hall, Respect Life Office*

Implementing Pro-Life Teaching in our Faith Formation programs.

**40. Grief, the Journey through Loss**                    **(Pastoral Ministry)**  
*David Kaufmann, Good For the Soul Music*

A Lexio Divina approach to grief for use in schools, parishes for bullying, bereavement, life after loss groups, divorce recovery groups, etc.

**41. Leadership & Management of Ministry**                    **(Family Life Ministry)**  
*Sr. Francis James Paris, OSF, Family Life Office*

What makes a great leader? Listening, recruiting, coaching and nourish volunteers are essential part of leadership.

**42. Music & Mass Settings for the New Roman Missal**                    **(Music Ministry)**  
*Tom Andino*

This workshop will highlight several new and revised Mass settings from G.I.A., W.L.P. & O.C.P and will feature helpful ideas for implementing the *Revised Order of Mass*. We will also sing through new choral octavos and spend some time looking at the musical changes which will affect the liturgies of the Triduum. *This workshop is a repeat of the "Music and the Mass" regional workshops that were offered throughout the diocese in May and June 2011.*

**43. Partnering With Parents**                    **(Catechetical Ministry)**  
*Dr. Patricia McCormack, IHM*

Repeat of workshop #9

**44. Taking the PLUNGE: implementing mission trips at your parish**  
*Kelly Colangelo, Youth Minister, Immaculate Conception, Fayetteville*

DFFs, Youth Ministers and parish leaders will learn practical ways to begin mission trips at their parish. This workshop is to bring to life the universal call every Christian has to love and serve others. As St. Francis said, we evangelize others by the way we live our lives. Come to this workshop and learn how to make a difference embracing Christ's example to love and serve the most vulnerable and building a world where all God's people are given what they need.

#### **45. 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.

#### **46. Reach Out and Connect**

*St. Augustine's E-Team*

*The E-Team* develops and implements various creative strategies that build community to reach out to people who might be only marginally connected to faith, or to those who are completely unchurched. Through this workshop the E-team will assist participants in: assessing the needs of one's community, reaching out to people of different ages and stages "of faith", and building community in a parish. What does "E" stand for? Evangelize, educate, energize, explore, engage, exuberance, and of course, eat!

#### **47. Our Search for God and God's Search for Us**

*Barbara Smith, Retired Diocesan Director, Maine, Pflaum*

Is it true we have to search for God or is God looking for us?

#### **48. Helping Parents Connect the Family Table with Eucharist**

*Dr. Johan Van Parys, Our Sunday Visitor*

Repeat of workshop #26

#### **49. Crafting Bridges**

*Lisa Spooner, DFF, St. Patrick, Oneida*

Merriam-Webster defines the verb "craft" as "to make or produce with care, skill, or ingenuity." This workshop will give you a few ideas about crafts that will help you craft a bridge with your elementary age disciples and their faith. We will also look at ways to "craft" other bridges. How can you craft a bridge with the families of your young disciples on a weekly or monthly basis? How can you craft a bridge with visitors to your parish coming for a Baptism? How can you craft a bridge within your parish community? Come and learn how to be a bridge crafter for your parish community!

#### **50. Balancing Leadership and Change: The Holy Dance!**

*Nancy Bird, RCL/Benziger*

Leadership is essential in order to move boldly into the future. What are the qualities guiding a leader and how does a leader navigate in these changing times? Reflect on your personal leadership characteristics and take away strategies to deal with change with joy and possibility!

