



*Catechetical Conference*  
*August 7, 8, 2009*  
*Holiday Inn, Tyler*



“Catechesis for the  
21<sup>st</sup> Century”

Sponsored by the Office of Faith Formation:

- ▣ Interactive presentations for all catechists for adults and children
- ▣ Networking for Faith Formation Leaders
- ▣ Techniques for Christian Initiation Catechists and teams
- ▣ Clergy
- ▣ Endorsement Credit C2 or C3 = 8 hours for both days
- ▣ Exhibits and publishers with resources and gifts for catechetics

Presenters are parishioners of parishes and missions in the Diocese of Tyler offering to share their expertise to help catechists to hand on the faith. Thank you to all of our presenters.



**Sister Angelica Orozco, EFMS**



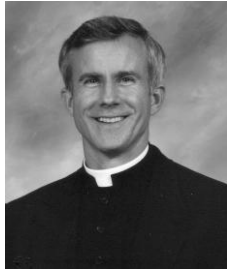
**Lyndia Austin**



**Peggy Hammett**



**Amy Allen**



**Msgr Joe Strickland**



**Sister Sarah Kohles**



**Deacon Blue Wilson**



**Deacon John Sargent**



**Deacon Alan Stehsel**



**Sarah Porter Robinson**

**Aleshia Walker**



**Sister Susan Seitz**



**Lisa Ellis**

**1. 10:00 August 7 Multiple Intelligence – Understanding How Individuals Learn Differently** Right brain, left brain, visual, auditory – our brains function differently and we differ from one another. This workshop will provide insights into learning styles and propose activities for those various learners. *Amy Allen, Principal, St. Mary’s Catholic School, Longview.*

**2. 10:00 August 7 Catechists as Counselors?** As catechists we often come into the session with a well planned lesson only to realize a major crisis has presented itself with one of your students. How do we as catechists mentor, counsel, respond to the life experience of our students even though we have no professional training in this area? *Lyndia Austin, Christian Initiation Coordinator, Moral, Masters in Guidance and Counseling.*

**3. 10:00 August 7 Connecting Scripture to Life** If our formation in scripture does not speak to the life experiences of our students then, lifelong formation for them will be a challenge. This workshop will show how scripture stories can provide opportunities for faith enrichment that will last into adulthood for our children. *Lori Dohanich, Catechist Catholic School Teacher, St. Mary, Longview.*

**4. 10:00 August 7 Let the Children Come to Me – Children’s Initiation** How do we as a parish provide for the 3 year old, the 10 year old, or the 16 year old in the process for Christian Initiation? This workshop will give you successful tools which the Cathedral has found for the last 20+ years in this process. *Sister Susan Seitz, Director of Pastoral Ministries, Cathedral, Coordinator for Christian Initiation, Cathedral.*

**5. 11:30 August 7 Repeat of # 1 Multiple Intelligence. . .**

**6. 11:30 August 7 Repeat of # 2 Catechists as Counselors. . .**

**7. 11:30 August 7 Repeat of # 3 Connecting Scripture to Life**

**8. 11:30 August 7 Repeat of # 4 Let the Children Come. . .**

**9. 1:30 August 7 “Creative Storytelling and Catechesis.”** Stories speak to our hearts and touch us deeply. This workshop explores creative ways to use storytelling to teach the faith, including a variety of practical examples useful for all ages. *Sister Sarah Kohles, Cathedral, Tyler.*

**10. 1:30 August 7 .Intergenerational? WCC? Lifelong?** Catechesis means to “echo the faith” which demands of us innovative ways to make this happen. “Households of faith”, “sessions, not classes,” “formation not preparation”, “whole community catechesis:” these are all terms which the 21<sup>st</sup> century is challenging us to implement in order to be successful in this ministry. Come and hear about the success the Cathedral has experienced over the last few years and how the challenges of “not doing it the same way” have been overcome. *Msgr Joe Strickland, JCL, Rector Cathedral.*

**11. 1:30 August 7 Catechesis for Special Needs**

Faith is not taught but caught from those who hand it onto us. Grace is freely given from our father and all children and adults should be given opportunities to grow in their faith regardless of their developmental, or physical abilities. This workshop will provide insights into providing catechesis for those with special needs.

*Deacon John Sargent, St. Joseph, Marshall.*

**12. 1:30 August 7 Our Lady of Guadalupe** – Our Lady of Guadalupe has been declared, by Pope John Paul 11, patroness of the Americas. This workshop will assist you in understanding the theology and devotion to the Blessed Mother. It will provide you with the tools you need to catechize children and adults with the Image of the apparition. *Sister Angelica Orozco, EFMS is the Coordinator for Catechesis for the Diocese of Tyler Office of Faith Formation.*

**13. 3:00 August 7 Repeat of # 9 Creative Storytelling. And Catechesis**

**14. 3:00 August 7 Repeat of # 10 Intergenerational? WCC? . . .**

**15. 3:00 August 7 Repeat of # 11 Catechesis for Special Needs. . .**

**16. 3:00 August 7 Repeat of # 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe. . .**

**17. 10:00 August 8 Early Childhood Activities for Your Faith Formation**

We will give you practical ideas for activities you can use in your faith formation sessions. We will focus on early childhood development and what is age appropriate for 3-5 year olds. Come and see what it feels like to be a preschooler all over again.

*Sarah Porter Robinson and Aleshia Walker, Kindergarten Teachers, Dr. Bryan C. Jack TISD Independent School District, Specialization in Early Childhood Education.*

**18. 10:00 August 8 Christian Initiation of Adults –Passing on the Torch of Faith for a Lifetime.**

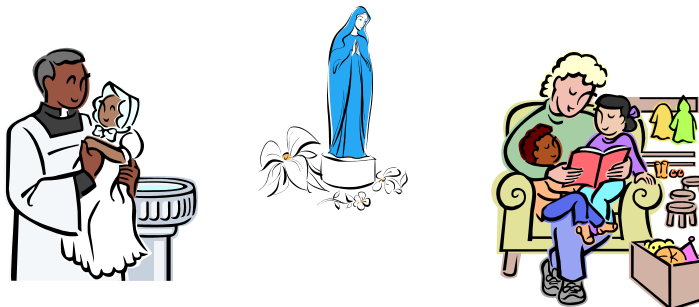
Welcoming Christians and non-Christians who are at many different stages on the Journey of Faith often challenges parish initiation teams to know where to begin in addressing each one’ individual spiritual needs. How do we, as church, pass on the torch of faith that will last a lifetime?

*Brenda Dunn, and Christian Initiation Team, St. Patrick, Lufkin.*

**19. 10:00 August 8 New Baptism Guidelines –“The Waters of Eternal Life:”**

The Diocese of Tyler has issued new guidelines for preparing parents who present couples for baptism effective Feb. 2009. The Office of Faith Formation has included catechetical sessions to support these guidelines. This preparation has to be consistent across the diocese in all parishes and missions so that parents will have the same information and training regardless of where they live.

*Deacon Alan Stehsel, Faith Formation Leader, St. Therese, Canton.*



- 20. 10:00 August 8 Assessing Readiness for Celebration of the Sacraments** How do we know if our candidates are ready for First Eucharist, or Reconciliation, or Confirmation? What does an assessment session look like? Two parishes have had much success with households and candidates in this procedure. Come and learn and share your challenges and successes. *Peggy Hammett, Director of Sacramental Formation, Cathedral and Deacon Blue Wilson, Faith Formation Leader, St. Mary's, Longview.*
- 21. 11:30 August 8** Repeat of # 17 Early Childhood. . .
- 22. 11:30 August 8** Repeat of # 18 Christian Initiation for Adults. . .
- 23. 11:30 August 8** Repeat of # 19 New Baptism Guidelines. . .
- 24. 11:30 August 8** Repeat of # 20 Assessing Readiness. . .
- 25. 1:30 August 8 Arts and Crafts in Handing On the Faith Play, draw, mold, glue!** Activities which are creative and involve the learner are those which will allow your learners to retain what they experience. *Lisa Ellis, Catholic School Teacher, St. Gregory Elementary, and Faith Formation Leader for St. Mary Magdalene, Flint.*
- 26. 1:30 August 8 Creative Teaching Tools to Present the 15 Goals** The Diocese of Tyler faith formation is based on 15 doctrines of the faith which all catechists of all ages provide to insure consistent theology over the life cycle. Come share your ideas and learn new ones on how to track these goals and be a successful catechist. *Charlotte Smith, Faith Formation Leader and Christian Initiation Coordinator for St. Joseph, Marshall.*
- 27. 1:30 August 8 How to Make Kids Mind Without Losing Yours!!!** Managing discipline within catechetical sessions can be challenging since households often don't recognize these as important as school sessions. This workshop will provide some activities that work to control the environment and provide success for handing on the faith.. *Carla Milliorn, Faith Formation Leader, St. Celestine, Grand Saline.*
- 28. 3:00 August 8** Repeat of # 25 Arts and Crafts in Handing.
- 29. 3:00 August 8** Repeat of # 26 Creative Teaching Tools. . .
- 30. 3:00 August 8** Repeat of # 27 How to Make Kids Mind. . .



**Schedule for Both Days**

- 9:00 Registration and Exhibits Open
- 10:00 Workshops
- 11:00 Break and Visit Exhibits
- 11:30 Workshops
- 12:30 Lunch and Visit Exhibits
- 1:30 Workshops
- 2:30 Break and Visit Exhibits
- 3:00 Workshops
- 4:00 Closing Liturgy



Complete the following **REGISTRATION SHEET** for each person separately.

Detach and send with payment. Box lunch is included with registration until **August 1**. After August 1, all registrations are to be placed on site only. No phone registrations, no emails, no faxes. All payments must be included with registration sheet. **PLEASE PRINT.**

If you are interested in overnight lodging at the Holiday Inn, you may get a discount daily rate of **\$75**. You must register with the hotel by August 1 and specify that you are with the *Diocese of Tyler Catechetical Conference*.



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**Address (include city and zip code)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Friday only August 7:** \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday only August 8:** \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

**Both Days:** \$35 \_\_\_\_\_



**Circle the Workshops You Wish To Attend:**

**Friday, August 7:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16,

**Saturday, August 8:** 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30