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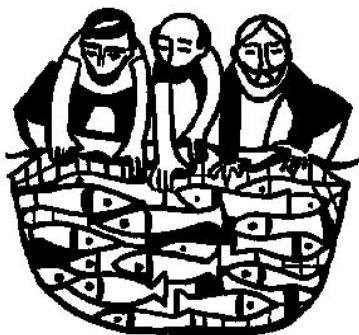
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What is Happening???

Parish Christian Initiation Teams In Service Day - Feb. 10, 2007

This is our first annual In Service day for Parish Christian Initiation Teams. It will be held at the Cathedral from 10:00 - 4:00. Each parish is to send their team. If you do not have a team in place you should send at least two people to begin that process. The day will be presented in English and Spanish. This process is one of the anchors of the bishop's pastoral plan for the diocese. It is important that every parish continue to renew their parish with this process. See enclosed flyer for details.



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Pastoral Deanery Meetings - Fellowship and Information

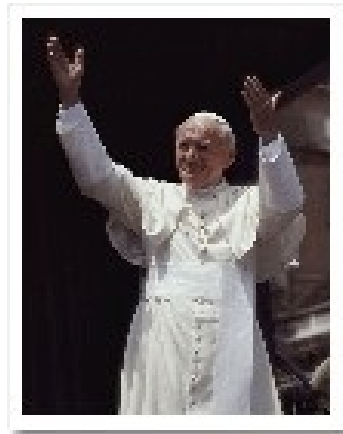
I will be attending the Pastoral Deanery Meetings for Jan/Feb to present upcoming formation, share new resources, and be available to meet with you and help you in your parish work. These gatherings are open to everyone to attend. Note the dates, times, and locations for your deanery. I hope to see you there.

- * EC - Jan. 9 - St. Mary's, Long. - 12:00
- SE - Jan. 16 - Center - 10:00 AM
- NE - Jan. 16 - Atlanta - 7:00 PM
- NW - Jan. 23 - Sulphur Springs - 6:30 PM
- WC - Feb. 6 - St. Peter Claver - 7:00 PM
- SW - Feb. 27 - Palestine - 10:30 AM

* I will not be attending this one.

John Paul II Formation Program

In January, 2008 we will begin a new program of graduate level courses in Theology & Scripture partnered with sessions in spirituality, human, and apostolate formation. Interested???



We will have an ***Information Session*** about the program in Longview on Saturday, **Jan. 6, 2007** from 12:00 -1:00 at St. Mary's in Longview and **Monday, Jan. 8, 2007** from 7:00 - 8:00 PM at the Chancery. You may attend either date. The same information will be given at both sessions. Brochures with details will be available at the sessions. These are only information sessions. You do not have to commit to the program until you have had time to hear the details. This program is a three year program which will grant the individual either a Masters of Theology Studies or a Certificate for Advanced Theology Studies conferred upon by the University of Dallas.



Events - Dates to Remember

- ❖ *John Paul II Formation Program Information Sessions - Jan. 6, 8 Brochures are available from the Office of Faith Formation.*
- ➔ *Feb. 10 - In Service Day - Christian Initiation Teams*
- ➔ *Feb. 21 - Ash Wednesday*
- ➔ *Feb. 25 Rite of Election & Presentation to Bishop of Candidates and Elect*
- ➔ *Lift Up Your Hearts - Liturgy formation day for Lay Faithful*

NEW: *Echoes of Faith Plus*

This new series is an updated version of the original Echoes of Faith. The modules include DVDs, CD-Rom, additional articles, and interviews. The best addition is that they have added a module for those who work with adults. The new module is entitled:

Adult Faith Formation - Methodology.

It is designed to help you work effectively as a facilitator in a number of small group settings such as Scripture study groups, small faith communities, parish renewal, prayer groups, RCIA, etc. The Office of Faith Formation has the module and it is now available for check out for your catechists.



As we begin this lenten season I pray it will be one of purification, enlightenment, & renewal. As we welcome the individuals who will be coming into the Catholic Church this Easter, let us thank God for our gift of faith and to help us to continue to share that faith with others.

*Yours in Christ,
Linda Khirallah Porter*
