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## What is Happening???

### ***Parish Christian Initiation Teams In Service Day - January 26, 2008***

This is our second 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.

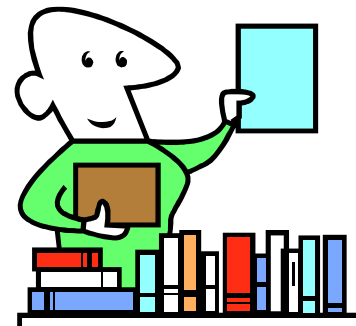


### ***Rite of Election & Presentation to the Bishop of Candidates & Elect***

As you know the first Sunday of Lent is the time to celebrate the Rite of Election for those who are not baptized who are ready to enter the next stages of their journey. This rite takes place in the parish. The date is February 10, 2008

The elect and candidates are then sent to the Cathedral to be presented to the bishop. Since our numbers have grown over the last few years, we will have two of these presentation opportunities. Your parish may attend either one of them along with your candidates / elect. The two dates will be the first and second Sundays of Lent, either February 10 or February 17. Both will be at the Cathedral in Tyler at 3:30.

Your Parish Christian Initiation Coordinator will be receiving information about these events after the first of the year.



## Mark Your Calendars Now!!!!



### **Liturgical Formation Days for the Lay Faithful**

#### **“Lift Up Your Hearts” (level 1)**

#### **“The Lord Be With You: Emersion into the Liturgy” (level 2)**

Falling in love with the liturgy is the challenge Bishop Corrada has presented to us in an attempt to renew the liturgy in our daily lives and to participate more fully in the Mass. This participation takes formation in understanding the prayers, the gestures, the theology of the liturgy.

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is available to present these two formation sessions for deaneries. We have presented some in 2007 and are scheduling sessions for 2008. Four sessions for Level 2 are scheduled for the Cathedral, Paris, Marshall, and Nacogdoches. If your parish is interested in these formation sessions, contact your Diocesan Liturgical Commission Deanery Contact person.

EC Deanery - Nancy Vines, Marshall  
WC Deanery – Deacon Dennis King, Lindale  
SW Deanery - Deacon Jim Finegan, Hilltop Lakes  
SE Deanery - Mary Mocniak, Nacogdoches  
NW Deanery - Robert Smith, Paris

*You may contact the parish for contact numbers for these individuals.*

*As we begin to prepare for 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, MTS*

#### **Events - Dates to Remember - 2008**

*(Jan. 26, - In Service Day - Christian Initiation Teams*

*(Feb. 6 - Ash Wednesday*

*(Feb. 10 - Rite of Election - First Sunday of Lent - in parishes*

*(Feb. 10 or Feb. 17 Presentation to Bishop of Candidates & Elect - Cathedral 3:30*

*(“The Lord Be With You: Emersion into the Liturgy” - Liturgical formation days for lay faithful*

*Feb. 2- Cathedral  
Feb. 9 - Nacogdoches SH  
Feb. 9 - Marshall  
Feb. 23 - Paris*

*(“To Lead As Jesus Did - Part 3”*

*April 5 - Cathedral  
April 12 - Nacogdoches  
April 26 - Longview*

*(August 2 - In Service Day for Faith Formation Leaders - Cathedral*

*(September 5-6 - Catechetical Conference Camp “Whole Community Catechesis” - Bill Huebsch - Cathedral*

*(October 24, 25 - Discipleship Conference - Holiday Inn Select, Tyler*