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A Note from the Editor

The approaching autumn brings its own flurry of activity with the scramble to have everything ready for the new school year. Many are involved in finalizing all their procedures for religious education classes, recruiting and training their catechists, and making sure that everything is in good shape for the opening of sessions. The new catechetical leaders are getting their Basic Formation classes, and the new catechists are taking the Getting Started classes. Some of you have been to the Jegen Center during the summer to browse over books and materials that are useful for your ministry. If your membership is not up to date it's time to take care of that! Make sure you have access to all the resources possible to make this year a wonderful one for your catechists and families.

In this edition of the newsletter you will find an updated listing of the basal catechetical texts in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church for use in your religious education programs. You will also find a listing of the approved High School texts and Sacramental Preparation books. Are the texts you are using updated and approved? You will also find updates on our volunteer work and on the Spanish Library. Finally some videos are listed that may help your volunteer catechists prepare for their ministry.

Update on Jegen Volunteers

Our appeal for volunteers helped! We have had some extra help over the summer and now have many more of the books processed and shelved. A new space was created for all the materials on prayer and spirituality, and now you can sit and reflect, read or listen to music, prepare liturgical celebrations, or just take a quiet break across the hall from the video room of the Jegen Center.

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Approved Basal Catechetical Texts

Benziger

Christ Jesus the Way! Sch/Par ©2003 K-6
Christ Jesus the Way! Sch/Par ©2004 7-8
Cristo Jesús, el Camino, ©2003 K-6
Come Follow Me, Sch/Par ©1998 K-8
Share the Joy, Parish ©1997 K-6

Harcourt

Call to Faith, Sch/Par ©2005 K-6
Un Llamado a la Fe Par © 2005 Level A-D
Walking by Faith, Sch/Par ©1999 K-6

Ignatius Press

Faith and Life, ©1984-87, 2002-03 1-8
Image of God, ©1986-1993 K-8

Loyola Press

Christ Our Life, Sch/Par ©1997-2002 K-8
Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts, Sch/Par
©2005 1-6

RCL

FaithFirst, Sch/Par ©2000, 2001 K-6
FaithFirst Junior High, Sch/Par ©2001 7-8
FaithFirst/Legacy Edition, Par ©2006 K-8

Sadlier

Acercandote a La Fe ©1999 K-6
Coming to Faith Sch ©1998, Par ©1999 K-6
Coming to Faith/Keystone Edition Sch ©1998
& Par ©1999 K-6
Creemos/We Believe Par ©2005 K-6
We Believe, Sch/Par ©2004 K-6
Faith and Witness Sch/Par ©1998-99 7-8
One Faith, One Lord ©2003 7-8
Un Solo Fe, Un Solo Señor ©2003 7-8

Silver Burdett Ginn

Blest Are We, Par ©2002, Sch ©2004 1-6
Blest Are We Jr High, Par ©2003, Sch ©2005 7-8
This Is Our Faith, Sch ©1998 K-8

**Samples of all the above texts are located at the
Jegen Center.
Come down and explore what is available.**

Approved High School Catechetical Texts and Series

The following individual texts and series have been found to be in conformity with the *Catechism* by the Bishops' Committee.

Apostolate for Family Consecration (series)
The Apostolate's Family Catechism Sch © 2003

Ave Maria Press

Catholic Social Teaching: Learning and Living
Justice Sch © 2001
The Church: Our Story Sch © 1999, 2006
Encountering Jesus in the New Testament Sch
© 2003
The Old Testament: Our Call to Faith and Justice
Sch © 2005
Our Catholic Faith: Living What We Believe Sch
© 2006
Our Sacramental Life: Living and Worshiping in
Christ Sch © 2003
Your Life in Christ: Foundations of Catholic Morality
Sch © 2001

C.R. Publications (series)

Catholicism Series Sch/Par & TM © 1996-97

Harcourt Religion Publishers

Journey Through the New Testament Sch © 2006
Journey Through the Old Testament Sch © 2002
© 2006
The Light of Faith Sch © 2005
Morality: Our Response to God's Love Sch © 2005

Legionaries of Christ (series)

Friends of Jesus/Witnesses of Christ Sch © 2003

Midwest Theological Forum

Introduction to Catholicism Sch & TM © 2003
Our Moral Life in Christ Sch & TM © 2003
Understanding the Scriptures Sch © 2005

Priory Press (series)

Dominican Series Sch & TM © 2000

RCL-Resources for Christian Living (series)

Understanding the Catechism Sch/Par © 1999
TM © 1998

Saint Mary's Press

The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth
Sch/Par © 2004
Living Justice and Peace Sch © 2002
Written on Our Hearts (Old Testament)

Approved Sacramental Preparation Catechetical Texts

The following texts for sacramental preparation have been found to be in conformity with the *Catechism* by the Bishops' Committee.

Ave Maria Press (High School Confirmation)
Send Out Your Spirit Sch/Par & TM © 2003

Benziger

Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace (primary)
Sch/Par & TM © 2006
Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace (intermediate)
Sch/Par & TM © 2006

Harcourt Religion Publishers

Celebrar Nuestro Fe: Reconciliación y Eucaristía
Sch/Par © 2000
Celebrar Nuestro Fe: Reconciliación y Eucaristía
(Nivel II) Sch/Par © 2002
Celebrating Our Faith: Confirmation Sch/Par & TM
© 2000
Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation and Eucharist
Sch/Par & TM © 2000
Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation and Eucharist
(II) Sch/Par & TM © 2002

Ignatius Press

Image of God (Mass Books and Confirmation)
Sch/Par & TM © 1986-1993

Loyola Press

Christ Our Life: Confirmed in the Spirit Sch/Par &
TM © 1997

Pauline Books and Media

Be Sealed Sch/Par & TM © 1998
Jesus Brings Us Life Sch/Par & TM © 1996

Pflaum Publishing Group

Confirmation: Gifted with the Spirit (7-8) Sch © 2005
Confirmation: Receiving the Gift of the Spirit (9-12)
Sch © 2005
Together in Jesus - Eucharist Sch & TM © 2004
Together in Jesus - Reconciliation Sch & TM © 2004
Unidos en Jesús Primera Eucaristía Sch/Par & TM
© 2004
Unidos en Jesús Primera Reconciliación Sch/Par &
TM © 2004

RCL - Resources for Christian Living

Eucaristía Sch/Par & TM © 2003
Eucharist Sch/Par & TM © 2003
Reconciliación Sch/Par & TM © 2003
Reconciliation Sch/Par & TM © 2003

Saint Mary's Press (High School Confirmation)
Confirmed in a Faithful Community: Candidate's
Handbook Sch/Par © 2006

Silver Burdett Ginn

The Gift of Eucharist Sch/Par & TM © 2000
The Gift of Reconciliation Sch/Par & TM © 2000

William H. Sadlier, Inc.

First Eucharist Sch/Par & TM © 2000
First Reconciliation Sch/Par & TM © 2000
Primera Comunion Sch/Par & TM © 2000
Primera Reconciliación Sch/Par & TM © 2000
The Spirit Sets Us Free: Confirmation Preparation
for Youth Sch/Par & TM © 2000

Catechist Formation Videos

It's that time again when volunteer catechists are looking for help in understanding the young people in front of them and in understanding how to pass on the faith. Here are some video suggestions.

Empowering the Catechist: Three tape series with six sessions. Each session lasts 20 – 25 minutes. Twenty-Third Publications ©1995

This catechist training video series provides everything needed to become a more effective catechist. The emphasis is on developing practical skills and techniques that allow catechists to achieve learning goals, and enjoy doing so. Experienced and new DREs and catechists share ideas on how to address the principal issues and concerns every catechist faces.

VC010567 Tape 1:

Session 1: Meeting the challenge of catechetical ministry

Session 2: Planning and preparing the lesson

VC010568 Tape 2:

Session 3: Creating a positive faith environment

Session 4: Motivating and engaging the students

VC010569 Tape 3:

Session 5: Maintaining and handling discipline

Session 6: Leading meaningful prayer experiences

Enriching the Catechist: Three tape series with six sessions. Each session lasts 30 – 35 minutes. Twenty-Third Publications ©1996

The program presents the essence of Catholic belief in a way that is easy to understand and to apply. Each presentation is followed by interaction with a variety of parish religious educators, parents, and child educators who share their insights and experiences.

VC010570 Tape 1:

Part 1: Gospel Values

Part 2: The Mystery of God

VC010571 Tape 2:

Part 3: Jesus Christ - Human and Divine

Part 4: The Church - Gathering of God's People

VC010572 Tape 3:

Part 5: Sacraments - Initiation into the Life of Christ

Part 6: Sacraments - Jesus: Healer, Forgiver, Bread of Life

Becoming a Successful Catechist

This series of three videos offers guidelines and encouragement for practical concerns of new catechists, and gives clear examples of ways to relate instruction to the student's life experience.

VC010766 **Getting Started, Part 1**

This video suggests ways to integrate formal, spontaneous, and reflective prayer into the classroom. It states and clarifies the distinct characteristics and typical behaviors of each age group, and presents strategies for dealing with such attitudes and concerns; this awareness expands the catechist's capabilities for instructional and classroom management techniques.

VC010767 **Getting Started, Part 2**

This video offers a clear explanation of how elements of lectionary-based catechesis can help one's instruction be more in tune with the movement of the Church year. Includes practical tips of ways to take advantage of youthful energy by structuring lessons to include movement and activity, suggests asking students to establish a few basic rules of class behavior for classroom management, and gives guidelines for handling students' sarcasm.

VC011808 **Getting Started, Part 3**

This video shows the beginner how to incorporate writing in the lesson, using scripture, experience and research. It examines memorization in religious education, and the importance of vocal prayer. It provides guidelines for Christian service projects, and concludes with a discussion of the relationship between catechist, parents, and parish community with a caution concerning the respect catechists must show for parish traditions.



Echoes of Faith:

Echoes of Faith is a basic-level, video-assisted resource for the formation and enrichment of catechists in parishes and Catholic schools, developed and sponsored by the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership (NCCL); this video was produced by Tabor Publishing (now RCL). Respected theologians, catechetical theorists, and practitioners served as advisors and participants.

Echoes of Faith is composed of a series of videos divided into modules/subject areas, each with a related companion booklet. Each flexible learning module acquaints the learner with an area of Catholic doctrine or catechetical methodology. The goal of the series is to present catechists with the foundations of Catholic doctrines and traditions as found in *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and introduce them to the principles and practices of sound catechesis.

- VC011202 The Catechist:
Getting Started as a Catechist
- VC011203 The Catechist:
Roles of the Catechist
- VC011204 The Catechist:
The Person of the Catechist
- VC011210 The Catholic Faith:
I Believe/We Believe
- VC011409 The Catholic Faith:
Liturgy and Sacraments
- VC011781 The Catholic Faith:
Catholic Morality
- VC011782 The Catholic Faith:
Introduction to the Scriptures
- VC011783 The Catholic Faith:
Prayer and Spirituality
- VC011278 Introduction to the Learner:
The Learner
- VC011331 Methodology:
Methods for Grades 1 and 2
- VC011333 Methodology:
Methods for Grades 3 and 4
- VC011335 Methodology:
Methods for Grades 5 and 6
- VC011336 Methodology:
Methods for Grades 7 and 8

We also have the entire Echoes of Faith series in Spanish.

VC010765

Why Be a Catechist Ikonographics, Inc.

This video is designed to help recruit and motivate catechists for a parish catechetical program. It suggests showing the video at a meeting of persons considering this ministry, and then again at a beginning training session.

VC014665

The ABCs of Discipline. Twenty-Third Publications, ©1999 25 minutes

Good discipline is a science and a skill that can be learned and improved with practice. In this video, author and experienced Sister Mary Kathleen Glavich offers very practical, very specific advice on ten ways to promote good discipline: develop positive attitudes; identify potential problems; start off right; create your own techniques; instill mutual respect; present fascinating lessons; lean on others; involve the children; notice absolutely everything; and emphasize what is good. The author's good sense, practical and sound psychology, love for children, and esteem for the catechetical ministry are evident throughout the presentation.



Update on the Spanish Library

Over the summer we also had great news in regards to our Spanish language library. For some time now we have been acutely aware of our lack of resources in the Spanish language. This summer we had a visit from representatives of the publishing company, *Editora Verbo Divino*, from Spain. They saw what we have (or don't have) in our Spanish library and are sending us over 150 new titles that will be very useful in the catechetical ministry. The first box has already arrived! As well as this, we received sixteen boxes of theological and catechetical books in Spanish from Loyola University's Institute for Pastoral Studies on the closure of the Instituto. We will be working hard to get all these books into circulation. Now we just have to get more shelves for the Spanish library!

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