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A Note from the Editor

The whirlwind of heading back to school is picking up these days. "Back-to-School" sales are being advertised all over the place! I hope you had some time for rest and relaxation over the summer and are ready to embrace the new school year!

I am aware that in some parishes there has been a transition in catechetical and youth ministry leadership. I want to welcome all who are new to the ministry and may be reading this newsletter for the first time ever. I hope you find the information helpful and that you contact us for any other information you may need.

Here at the Jegen Center we continue to sort through the materials as we design the new space where we will be moving on December 12th. Thank God for electronic Library Automation Systems that can tell us at a glance what kind of circulation each material has! This helps us know whether or not it needs space in the new building. As I said in the last newsletter, videos we choose not to take with us will be made available to Jegen members, particularly if there is a title an individual parish consistently checks out. Don't forget to renew your membership if you want first dibs on the freebies!

At this time of year we also try to give you an updated list of your publisher representatives and their contact information. They are more than willing to help out as you train your catechists and youth ministers and get your religious education and youth ministry programs up and running. You can also plan to spend some time with them at the Chicago Catechetical Conference on October 17 and 18, 2008, at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont. The registration booklet is already online and should have arrived in your parishes and schools.

There are a few events in the offing that I want to bring to your attention. The first you will find on page 3 as it is coming soon. It is our Technology Day that offers practical training in a variety of topics useful in the ministry. We host this at the Office of Catholic Schools' tech lab so each participant can sit at a computer and try out what is taught. Space is limited by the number of computers in the lab. In February we are planning Curriculum Exploration Days. We are planning them in three sites to attend



to all the Vicariates. Wednesday, February 11th will be at St. John Brebeuf in Niles. Tuesday, February 17th will be at St. John of the Cross in Western Springs. Thursday, February 26th is at St. Francis of Assisi in Orland Park. Each day will be from 9:00 to 12:00. Mark your calendars! You will be hearing more details about these days in the next newsletter.

Finally, we will highlight some materials that model how to catechize. You might like to use some of them as you prepare yourself for a new year of ministry! Happy reading!

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The following are the titles of the religious education series from the list of texts approved for use in the Archdiocese of Chicago. All these series will be correlate easily to the Religion Curriculum of the Archdiocese.

Apostolate for Family Consecration

The Apostolate's Family Catechism
 Consecration in Truth
 El Catecismo para la Familia del Apostolado

Circle Press

The Treasure of My Catholic Faith (1-6)

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Call to Faith (K-6), (7-8 and Jr.H.)
 Un llamado a la Fe (A-F)
 Walking by Faith (K-6)

Ignatius Press

Faith and Life (1-8)
 Image of God (K-8)

Legionaries of Christ

Friends of Jesus (7-9)

Loyola Press

God Made Everything (Preschool)
 Christ Our Life (K-8)
 Finding God (1-6)
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 Bendecidos/Blest Are We (1-6)
 Blest Are We (1-6)
 Blest Are We (7-8)
 Blest Are We Faith and Word Edition (1-6)
 Christ Jesus the Way (K-6)
 Christ Jesus the Way (7-8)
 Cristo Jesús, el Camino (K-6)
 Come Follow Me (K-8)
 Faith First (K-6)
 Faith First (7-8)
 Faith First Legacy Edition Parish (K-8)
 Faith First Legacy Edition School (1-8)
 Share the Joy (K-6)
 This is Our Faith (K-8)

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Discovering God (Preschool)
 Acercandote a La Fe (K-6)
 Coming to Faith (K-6)
 Coming to Faith, Keystone Edition (K-6)
 Creemos/We Believe (K-6)
 Faith and Witness Program (7-8)
 We Believe (K-6)
 We Believe, We Live Our Faith (7-8)

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Questions for God (Preschool)

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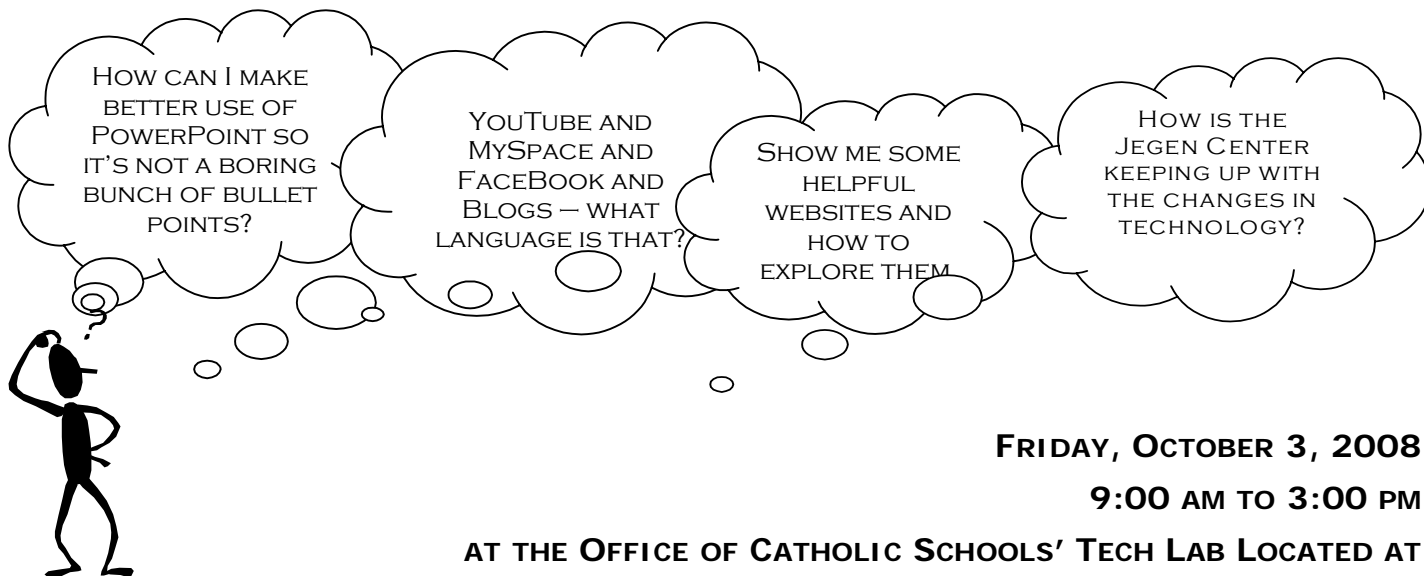
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**If you are having difficulty accessing the
 Jegen website, please be patient!
 We will soon be migrating it to a new system.**

Keep watching
 for our new address and phone number!
 We will be alerting everyone
 as soon as we know
 what they will be and
 when they will be activated.

HANDS-ON TECHNOLOGY HELP FOR MINISTRY



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2008

9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

**AT THE OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' TECH LAB LOCATED AT
GORDON TECH HIGH SCHOOL
3633 N. CALIFORNIA AVENUE, CHICAGO, 60618-4602**

- 9:00 Gathering
- 9:15 Welcome and Prayer
- 9:30 Dodging Bullets: A New Approach to PowerPoint Presentations
- 10:45 Helpful Websites: A Chance to Explore
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:45 Social Networking on the Web
- 2:00 Re-Imagining the Jegen Center
- 2:30 Evaluation and Closing

SPACE IS LIMITED SO REGISTER EARLY. LUNCH IS INCLUDED.

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Catholic Update: A Model of Teaching and Catechizing

Many of you are familiar with the Catholic Update materials either in print or in video and DVD formats. When you browse the way they are organized you will find an excellent model of catechesis—telling of a story, testimony of a witness, teaching the truths of the Catholic faith, and finally offering a prayer or music reflection. We have an extensive collection of these materials. Check them out as you start a new year of catechesis!

- DVD240043 Catholic Update; A Walk Through the Mass [2006].
- DVD240045 Catholic Update; Adult Baptism, Exploring Its Meaning; [2006].
- DVD240044 Catholic Update; Becoming Catholic, An Adult's Faith Journey; [2006].
- VC122165 Catholic Update; Caring with Faith, Facing My Own Suffering and Loss [1999]
- VC123554 Catholic Update; Caring with Faith, Toward Death with Hope [2000].
- VC123555 Catholic Update; Caring With Faith; Suffering With a Loved One [2000].
- DVD240046 Catholic Update; Eucharist, Celebrating Christ Present; [2006].
- DVD130047 Catholic Update; First Communion, Taking a Place at the Table; [2006].
- VC134324 Catholic Update; Handing on the Faith, Forming Confirmation Sponsors. [2002].
- DVD240042 Catholic Update; Handing on the Faith, Forming RCIA Sponsors; [2006].
- VC134323 Catholic Update; Handing on the Faith, Godparents of Children [2002]
- VC130937 Catholic Update; Infant Baptism, A Gift to the Community [1996].
- VC013553 Catholic Update; On Fire with Faith, Forming Adult Disciples [2002].
- VC082412 Catholic Update; Planning Your Wedding Liturgy [2000].
- VC131890 Catholic Update; Preparing Your Child for First Reconciliation [1999].
- VC204515 Catholic Update; Responding to Grief: Training Bereavement Ministers. [2003].
- DVD130040 Catholic Update; Sealed with God's Spirit: Spirit and Community [2006].
- VC133005 Catholic Update; Sealed with God's Spirit: Spirit Alive in Community. [2001].
- VC133001 Catholic Update; Sealed with God's Spirit: Sacrament of Confirmation [2001].
- DVD130039 Catholic Update; Sealed with God's Spirit: Sacrament of Confirmation; [2006].
- VC163602 Catholic Update; Teach Us to Pray, Befriending God in Prayer [2001].
- VC123552 Catholic Update; Teach Us to Pray: Praying Our Questions. [2001].
- VC162410 Catholic Update; Teach Us to Pray: Praying the Psalms. [2000].
- VC162411 Catholic Update; Teach Us to Pray: Praying the Rosary. [2000].
- VC133006 Catholic Update; Teen Discipleship: Sealed With God's Spirit. [2000].
- VC084660 Catholic Update; The Church Celebrates Lent and Easter [2004].
- VC134661 Catholic Update; The Church's Prayer for the Sick: Sacrament of Anointing [2003].
- VC241414 Catholic Update; The God Who Reconciles [1998].
- VC084659 Catholic Update; The Church Celebrates the Liturgical Year and Sunday [2004].
- VC161411 Catholic Update; The Way of the Cross, Stations on Our Journey of Faith. [1997].
- VC204514 Catholic Update; Training Bereavement Ministers; Funeral Planning. [2003].
- VC202164 Catholic Update; Training Ministers to the Sick; Caring With Faith [1999].
- VC240936 Catholic Update; Understanding the Sacraments [1996].
- VC241408 Catholic Update; What Makes Us Catholic? Discovering Our Catholic Identity. [1997].