



# NEW CONNECTIONS

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## A Note from the Editor:

Summer is on its way. The trees are bursting forth with green and soon we will be looking for a cool place to get shelter from the heat. What are your plans for this summer? Do you have some time in your schedule for some personal enrichment? Over the past few years we have experienced a growing number of people coming to spend time at the Jegen Center during the summer. Some catechists and religion teachers spend hours here, making plans for the up-coming year. Some spend their time reading and writing; others watch videos for enrichment. Still others preview videos for use in their classes. Think about coming down yourself. It's a lovely quiet spot for research, resourcing and reference.

Read on to see what you might like to explore at the Jegen Center!



## The Video-Fest Is Coming

Each year in late June the Jegen Center hosts a *Video-Fest*. It is a time to preview some of the new acquisitions in the Jegen Center collection. During the year as we obtain new videos, the Jegen staff reviews them to evaluate the age-appropriateness and the possible uses for each video. That keeps you from having to keep up with all that is on the market. When the year is winding down, we sponsor a Video-Fest to show clips of the new acquisitions and discuss how they can be used so you options in selecting what you want to use

during the year. Sometimes what we promote may not be a recent acquisition, but it has been sitting on the shelf for awhile and people seem to have forgotten about it. This offers wider possibilities if your favorite video is unavailable.

At the Video-Fest we divide the time slots into themes. That way if you have no interest in a particular theme, during that time slot you can watch something else in another room. Sometimes people come only for the themes that interest them, but for the most part, people get engrossed in the films and stay through the whole day! It's a wonderful way to spend a hot sticky Friday afternoon in a



comfortable, air-conditioned media center! You have to mind the children? Bring them along. We have children's videos too!

This year's main focus of the videos for preview will be sacramental preparation - Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. An added attraction is the first DVD acquisition in the Jegen Center. Come and check out the possibilities!

Give yourself a treat. Plan to join us for the Video-Fest on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Jegen Center. You will be glad you did!

## Basal Catechetical Series Approved for Use in the Chicago Archdiocese:

As of September, 2002, the Cardinal has requested that all parishes and schools be using a basal catechetical series that has been found in conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* by the Bishops' commission. There is a wide selection of excellent materials that fall into this category. The following are the basal series that have been approved for use in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Check to see if the text you are using is on this list. Be sure to verify not only the title of the series, but also the copyright date and edition you are

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using. Sometimes a school edition is in conformity with the Catechism while the parish edition is not.

There are also a number of supplementary materials, junior high and high school materials that have been found in conformity. We are currently concentrating on the elementary series, but it is a good idea to keep the other materials in mind for the future. If you want to see the entire list, go the Bishops' website at

[www.usccb.org/catechism/document/sprlst03.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/catechism/document/sprlst03.pdf).

You will need Acrobat Reader to view the list.

If you have any questions, give us a call at 312-243 4562.

#### Benziger:

Christ Jesus the Way!

School/Parish © 2003 K-6

Come Follow Me

School/Parish © 1998 K-8

Share the Joy

Parish © 1997 K-6

#### Harcourt Religion Publishers:

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School/Parish © 1999 K-6

#### Ignatius Press

Faith and Life

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#### Loyola Press

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Jesus Today

© 1992 7-8

#### Resources for Christian Living

FaithFirst

School/Parish © 2000, 2001 K-6

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© 2001 7-8

#### Sadlier (William H. Sadlier, Inc.)

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© 1999 K-6

Coming to Faith/Keystone Edition

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School/Parish © 2004 K-6

#### Silver Burdett Ginn

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Blest Are We Junior High,

Parish © 2003

This Is Our Faith

School © 1998 K-8



### ***Do You Know Your Publisher Representatives?***

#### **ACTA Publications**

Mr. Greg Pierce 773-271-1030

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#### **Benziger**

Mr. Tim Downs 847-998-8225

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#### **Liturgy Training Publications**

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#### **Loyola Press**

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### **Catechist Training and Certification:**

You're planning to be a catechist this coming year? Get a head start on your own formation and training! Check out some of the following and get yourself prepared. This is a list of titles at the Jegen Center that help in catechist training.

*Becoming a Successful Catechist* - 3 tapes of topics for getting started

*Empowering the Catechist* - 3 tapes, 6 sessions:

1. *Meeting the Challenge of the Catechetical Ministry*
2. *Planning and Preparing the Lesson*
3. *Creating a Positive Faith Environment*
4. *Motivating and Engaging the Students*
5. *Maintaining and Handling Discipline*
6. *Leading Meaningful Prayer Experiences*

*Enriching the Catechist* - 3 tapes, 6 sessions:

1. *Gospel Values*
2. *The Mystery of God*
3. *Jesus Christ - Human and Divine*
4. *The Church - Gathering of God's People*
5. *Sacraments - Initiation into the Life of Christ*
6. *Sacraments - Jesus: Healer, Forgiver, Bread of Life*

*Echoes of Faith: The Catechist* - 3 tapes:

1. *Getting Started as a Catechist*
2. *The Roles of the Catechist*
3. *The Person of the Catechist*

*Echoes of Faith: The Catholic Faith* - 5 tapes:

1. *Catholic Morality*
2. *The Creed*
3. *Introduction to the Scriptures*
4. *Liturgy and Sacraments*
5. *Prayer and Spirituality*

*Echoes of Faith: The Learner* - 1 tape:

1. *Introduction to the Learner*

*Echoes of Faith: Methodology* - 4 tapes:

2. *Methods for Grades 1 and 2*
3. *Methods for Grades 3 and 4*
4. *Methods for Grades 5 and 6*
5. *Methods for Grades 7 and 8*

*A Sense of Justice: Catholic Education, the Law and You* - 3 tapes:

1. *Introduction*
2. *Schools*
3. *Religious Education Programs*

*Teaching Prayer in the Classroom* - 4 tapes:

1. *What Is Prayer?*
2. *Jesus, Our Model for Prayer*
3. *Forms of Prayer in the Liturgy*
4. *The Lord's Prayer: A Summary of the Gospel*

*Why Be a Catechist?*

Some of the titles come with helpful workbooks or study guides.



### **Good News!**

The entire *Echoes of Faith* catechist training series is now available in Spanish! We have them ordered for the Jegen Center and expect them to be here any day now.

If you are looking for some basic review of the Catholic theology, try some of the following.

*Mysteries of Faith:*

*Introduction to Catholicism* - 10 tapes

1. *Baptism*
2. *Church*
3. *Eucharist*
4. *Grace*
5. *Incarnation*
6. *Reconciliation*
7. *Sacraments of Vocation*
8. *Salvation*
9. *Tradition*
10. *Trinity*

*What Catholics Believe About...* - 18 tapes

1. *Baptism*
2. *Bible*
3. *Confirmation*
4. *Church*
5. *Death and Afterlife*
6. *Eucharist*
7. *Holy Spirit*
8. *Jesus Christ*
9. *Lifestyles*
10. *Mary and the Saints*
11. *Mass*
12. *New Age Movement*
13. *New Catechism*
14. *Prayer*
15. *RCIA*
16. *Reconciliation*
17. *Rights, Freedoms and Responsibilities*
18. *Sacraments*

*Questions of the Soul - 5 tapes*

1. *Do I Really Need a Community?*
2. *What Can Suffering Teach Us?*
3. *What Is Prayer?*
4. *What Is Spiritual Discipline?*
5. *What Is Spirituality?*

There are descriptions about these and many other topics in the on-line catalog at [www.jegen.org](http://www.jegen.org).



**Workshop - Save the Date**

**June 13, 2003  
1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Jegen Video-Fest**

Sr. Judy Dieterle will show clips of available Jegen Center videos and lead a discussion on the possibilities of their use. Focus will be on the Sacraments. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

RSVP to Terrie at the Jegen Center  
by June 6: 312-243-4562

**Watch for more details on the web at [www.jegen.org](http://www.jegen.org) and in the mail.  
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**Reminders:**

- Membership fee: \$120.00 per year for unlimited usage
- Individual use fee: \$7.00 per video per week

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Join us at the Jegen Center for a cool, relaxing, enriching and enjoyable time!

Spend some time in personal formation, prayer and enrichment.

Get a head start on your catechist formation and preparation.

Be ready for your up-coming year.

Watch catechetical videos, read books or current magazines,

Research catechetical topics in the reference library, in the textbook room, on CDROM or on-line.

Plan your lessons for next year.

At the Jegen Center for Catechetical Media and Research

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