This Year’s Focus

In 2018 we considered the vision and theory of the year-round Catechumenate. In January of 2019 we explored intentional discipleship as it relates to the year-round Catechumenate. Now, in August 2019, we turn to practicalities and pastoral implementation. How do we bring it about? What concrete learnings about the Catechumenate can we take back to our parishes? How does the Sunday Liturgy of the Word become the springboard for year-round catechesis? How might an initiation process encompassing multiple parishes make this work? How do lay ministers lead a session in the catechumenate period? What about non-Catholic candidates? How do we receive them throughout the year? What about team-building and when you’ve only got one catechist?

Father Steven Lanza, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, will help us understand basic principles and practicalities that will help in establishing the year-round Catechumenate in parishes.

Make plans to join us August 2nd and 3rd at Holy Family in Litchfield for this inspiring venture as we wade deeper into the full vision of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*.

Who Should Attend?

Wading Deeper is designed to assist anyone involved in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, whether they be team members, priests, facilitators, deacons, liturgists, musicians, catechists, or sponsors.

Accommodations in Litchfield

Call motel for room reservation. Rooms have blocked at the following hotels under the code WDW or Wading Deeper 2019.

Baymont Inn – 1405 W. Hudson – (217) 324-2500

Holiday Inn Express & Suites – 4 Thunderbird Circle - (217)324-4556

Hampton Inn – 11 Thunderbird Circle – (217) 324-4441

Workshop Schedule

**August 2, 2019**

7:00 p.m. Registration and Book Sale
7:30 p.m. Welcome and Introductions
The Nuts and Bolts: What Is the Year-Round Catechumenate?
Its Framework and Basic Elements
Practicalities of Building a Team and of Scheduling
The Power of the *Lectionary* and *Roman Missal*
The Treasury of Church Teaching
Q&A Throughout
9:00 p.m. Brief Social

**August 3, 2019**

8:15 a.m. Registration, Breakfast, and Book Sale
9:00 a.m. Welcome
Prayer: Liturgy of the Word
Modelling a Dismissal Session
How It Works: Unpacking a Dismissal Session
Break
11:00 a.m. The Roles of the Pastor and of the Community
12:00 p.m. Lunch (Sandwich, salads, drink) & Book Sale
12:45 p.m. Modelling an Extended Catechetical Session
How It Works: Unpacking the Catechetical Session
Faith in Action: Storytelling, Community, and Apprenticeship
Break
2:15 p.m. Pastoral Issues, Q&A, Wrapping Up
3:30 p.m. End of Wading Deeper

What to Bring With You

In addition to bringing a copy of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, you may also wish to bring a sweater if you are sensitive to air conditioning and a cushion for the metal folding chair.

Please Note: A 4:00 p.m. anticipated Mass of Sunday is celebrated at Saint Agnes Church, Hillsboro IL, 12 miles east on SR 16 at SR 127.
History of Wading Deeper

Over the years, the Wading Deeper series has engaged catechumenal ministers in a deepening immersion into the vision and method as set forth in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The following topics have received particular attention:

1997 – Mary Birmingham – Catechumenal Catechesis
1999 – Sr. Sheila O’Dea – Assembly’s Role in Initiation
2000 – Rita Ferrone – Sending, Election, and Rites of Lent
2002 – Rev. Rick Conway – Mystagogy: Deepening the Grasp of the Paschal Mystery
2003 – Diocesan Jubilee – no workshop
2004 – Rita Ferrone and Rev. Paul Turner – Pastoral Care with Baptized Christians
2006 – Anne Koester and Steven Janco – Reclaiming the Power of Sunday Eucharist: Forming Assemblies for Worship
2007 – Jerry Galipeau and Rev. Tim Piasecki – Christian Initiation: Celebrating the Rites Right
2008 – no workshop
2009 – Todd Williamson – The Power of the Rites: Bringing Us to the Full Stature in Christ
2010 – Sr. Donna Steffen – Discernment: Conversion’s Partner in Christian Initiation
2011 – Rev. Michael Clay – Unfolding the Theology of Initiation and Reception
2012 – Karen Kane – The Role of Grace in the Spiritual Journey
2013 – Rita Burns Senseman – The RCIA for Children and Implications for All Sacramental Catechesis
2014 – Todd Williamson – Sunday to Sunday, Season to Season: The Vision of the Catechetical Process
2015 – Rev. Chuck Barthel – From the Font to the Table: Reception into Full Communion
2016 – Nick Wagner and Diana Macalintal – The Rites of the RCIA
2017 – Dr. Steve Janco – Mystagogy: Connecting Liturgy and Life
2018 – Mary Birmingham – The Year-Round Catechumenate

Book Sale

Suitable books and material will be available for sale. Reduced prices for most items.

For More Information

For more information, to register, or to discuss particular needs, please contact Vicki Walker in the Office for Divine Worship and the Catechumenate at (217) 698-8500 ext. 166 or vwalker@dio.org. You may also contact Father Daren Zehnle at (217) 698-8500 ext. 109 or dzehnle@dio.org or Sue A. Huett in the Diocese of Belleville at (618) 722-5038 or shuett@diobelle.org.

Registration Form – Wading Deeper 2019

(please detach and mail with payment)

Please PRINT and use a separate form for each person. Please duplicate this form as needed.

Name: ______________________________
Address: ______________________________
City: ______________________________
State, Zip: ______________________________
Phone: ______________________________
E-mail: ______________________________
Parish: ______________________________
Diocese: ______________________________
Special Need: ______________________________

Registration fee for materials, snacks, and meals:

- Individual registration at $50.00
- Team of 3 or more at $45.00 each
- After July 20th, add $10.00 per person

Total amount enclosed: __________

Please note that registration closes on July 27th. There is no cancellation fee before July 26th; on or after July 27th, $10.00 non-refundable to cover the cost of purchased food.

Please make checks payable to the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and mail with this form to the Office for Divine Worship and the Catechumenate, 1615 West Washington Street, Springfield, IL 62702-4757.