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- Sept 24 **Welcome Back Day for DREs & DYMs**
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- Oct 13,14 **Caritas in Veritate – Social Teaching**, TBA
- Oct 20 **Training forChrist Have Mercy Retreats**, Holy Family, Fond du Lac
- Oct 21 **Training forChrist Have Mercy**
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- Nov 19-21 **NCYC**, Kansas City

Other Events

- Sept 8 **Gathering for Youth Ministers & DREs**
Redemptorist Center
- Sept 20 **Catechetical Sunday**
Around the country
- Sept 25 **Mareda Social**
- Oct 3 **St. John Bosco Youth Day**
Holy Hill
- Oct 20 **Mareda: PastoralPlanning**
Holy Family, Fond du Lac
- Nov 5-6 **WDEF Retreat**
Marathon, WI

Office of Catechesis & Youth Ministry Newsletter

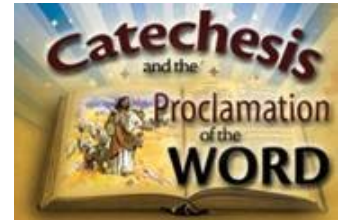
August 21, 2009

Catechetical Sunday

Catechetical Sunday – a national day to highlight and celebrate the ministry of passing on the faith – will be September 20, 2009. This year's theme: "Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word."

We encourage using this day to publicly commission and pray for those who will serve as catechists and teachers in the parish community. An official Commissioning Service for use during Mass is available at: <http://www.usccb.org/catecheticalsunday/pdf/Commissioning%20Service.pdf>

It is also a wonderful opportunity to recall that all the Baptized have roles in handing on the faith and in witnessing to the Gospel in their daily life, families, work, and church involvement. Some parishes include a rededication of all parishioners to catechesis with the commissioning of those called to the particular ministry of catechist.



For more materials to help plan and celebrate, See Page 4.

WELCOME BACK DAY for Directors of Religious Education & Youth Ministry

Thursday, September 24, 2009
9:00 am – 1: 00 pm
Cousins Center

Kick off this new year of ministry with children, youth and their families by gathering with your colleagues. The day will feature speaker Mike Patin, along with updates, exhibits, prayer and lunch sponsored by our friends from Pflaum Publishing Group. Plan to attend. Registration information will arrive soon

COMINGS & GOINGS

We ask for your help in welcoming those new in ministry, new to our archdiocese or who are transitioning to a new position. If you, or someone you know, is coming or going please share that information with our office. E-mail their name, new parish (and former parish), and position title to Bonnie Bresnahan at bresnahanb@archmil.org; or call 414-758-2240.



Textbook and Material Exchange

Does your parish have religion texts and manuals you are no longer using? Offer them to other parishes – for sale or donation. The Office of Catechesis & Youth Ministry has a Textbook & Material Exchange webpage. To list your materials, email pokornyg@archmil.org with item and contact information.

Looking for materials for your program? Visit the Textbook & Material Exchange webpage at: <http://www.archmil.org/aboutus/ShowResource.asp?ID=2578>. Contact the offering parish directly.

Archdiocesan News and Resources

Confirmation Dates



The 2010 Confirmation Schedule is now posted online. The schedule lists parishes, dates and times, locations, and the confirming bishop.

(Note that +NAB stands for New Archbishop).

Download the schedule at:

<http://www.archmil.org/news/ShowNews.asp?ID=3323>

Resource Guides for Spiritual Enrichment

The John Paul II Center offers new resources for your spiritual development, and that of your staff:

- 1) **Planning Staff Retreats**, including lists of retreat centers and facilitators for staff retreats;
- 2) **Spiritual Direction Resource**, including articles on spiritual direction for lay people, finding your own spiritual director, and a list of qualified Catholic spiritual directors.

All this is available on the John Paul II Center website:

http://www.johnpaul2center.org/lay_formation_resource_guide.htm

Season of Mercy – Lent 2010

Back in May, Bishop Callahan announced that the archdiocese will observe a Season of Mercy during Lent 2010. Following are excerpts from his message.

Dear Parish, School and Archdiocesan Leaders,

May the Lord give you peace.

. . . I want to take a moment to let you know about plans the archdiocese has for Lent 2010. I am informing you of these plans now, so that in your parish planning you can keep them in mind as you look ahead to next year. Our hope is that the Season of Mercy will provide a common theme for parish and school planning throughout the archdiocese in 2009-2010, especially during Lent 2010.

. . . The Season of Mercy includes four aspects:

- *Emphasis on the Sacrament of Reconciliation through parish, cluster, and district Reconciliation Services;*
- *Programs focusing on reconciliation, forgiveness, and mercy sponsored by the John Paul II Center;*
- *Resources for Parishes and Schools to use with children, teens, and adults. One of the resources you may find helpful for small faith groups is Liturgical Publications booklet entitled Reconciliation: The Unfolding Mystery of God's Mercy and Love. You can find information about this resource at: www.catholicfaithsharing.com or contact LPi for a free sample;*
- *Special focus on corporal and spiritual works of mercy.*

You will continue to hear more about the Season of Mercy in the upcoming months. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Randy Nohl of the John Paul II Center at nohlr@archmil.org or 414-758-2216.

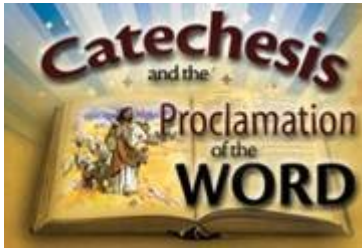
*Very truly yours in Christ
Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan
Archdiocesan Administrator*

The John Paul II Center is preparing several catechetical resources for the Season of Mercy. You will also receive information about presentations, lectures, and regional celebrations of the sacrament of Reconciliation. Watch for details.



RECONCILIATION

Catechetical Sunday 2009 Materials



Catechetical Sunday will be September 20, 2009.

This year, there will be no Catechetical Sunday Kit for sale. Instead, planning and promotional **materials are available online for free.**

Visit the US Bishops website at:

<http://www.usccb.org/catecheticalsunday/index.shtml>

Materials in Spanish are available at the Domingo Catequetico page:

<http://www.usccb.org/catecheticalsunday/esp/index.shtml>

The site includes materials for: a catechist inservice or retreat day, for promoting catechesis in the parish, for prayer, and much more. **Use the materials yourself, or direct your pastor, liturgist, catechists to particular resources.** Here are some useful links on the site:

Lesson plans, and articles: <http://www.usccb.org/catecheticalsunday/teaching.shtml>

Retreat resources: <http://www.usccb.org/catecheticalsunday/retreat.shtml>

Commissioning Rite and articles on liturgy: <http://www.usccb.org/catecheticalsunday/liturgy.shtml>

Prayers for Catechists: <http://www.usccb.org/catecheticalsunday/prayers.shtml>

Materials for Families: <http://www.usccb.org/catecheticalsunday/families.shtml>

Digital promotional resources: <http://www.usccb.org/catecheticalsunday/promote.shtml>

In addition to the free planning materials, there are **posters, prayer cards, and family commitment cards for purchase:** <http://www.usccbpublishing.org/showproducts.cfm?FullCat=244>.

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More Materials...



The National Conference of Catechetical Leadership offers the same materials, along with: **pins and certificates for catechists**, in English or Spanish, and a **reflection book** entitled "Thoughts to Shout About". See these items at <http://www.nccl.org>.



Support & Programs for Ministry Leaders

Gathering for Youth Ministers and DREs

WYRE Ministries invites you to a monthly gathering for prayer and fellowship! This is an opportunity to be renewed in the midst of your ministry with young people.

When: **Tuesday September 8** from 10 am-12 noon (Free lunch to follow!)

Where: **Redemptorist Retreat Center**, Oconomowoc.

What: Gather for refreshments, praise and worship, spiritual insights and direction by Fr. Jim White, pray for one another finish by taking all we are in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Stay for lunch and continued conversation. **All at no cost to you.**

Details and future gathering dates at <http://www.wyreministries.org/>

RSVP to Dave Braun: dbraunym@hotmail.com

The next gathering is October 6th.

Mareda Events

Mareda is the association of catechetical leaders in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Upcoming Events include:

Friday, September 25th, 2009

Mareda Kick Off Social: Edelweiss Cruise



Tuesday, October 20, 2009

**"Pastoral Planning/Transitions" with Bill Huebsch
Holy Family Parish, Fond du Lac**

For event details and membership information, visit: www.mareda.org.

Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies

Offered by the Center for Ministry Development (CMD), this is a ministry education program for those working with youth in parish and school settings. It equips leaders with the knowledge, skills, and practical tools for creative and comprehensive youth ministry.

The Certificate will be offered in the Joliet Diocese at St. Charles Pastoral Center, Romeoville, Illinois. (See <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/ym/CMDProgram.htm>)

September 26-27, 2009 Principles of Youth Ministry

December 5-6, 2009 Practices of Youth Ministry

February 27-28, 2010 Foundations of Ministry Leadership

April 24-25, 2010 Skills for Christian Leadership

For schedules and locations visit the CMD webpage and click on Course Navigator :

<http://secure.cmdnet.org/index.cfm?id=DF7F8A1C-034B-48C4-2D7B3A4BDE84888C>

Catechist Formation Opportunities

Pentecost Mission

Sponsored by the St. Clare Center, the Pentecost Mission is a basic religious education program for adults. It provides excellent classes in Scripture and Theology, appropriate for Basic-level catechist formation (3 clock hours per session). Classes are held on Saturday mornings, and are offered in English and in Spanish. For schedule, topics and registration, download a flyer:

English Program at Cardinal Stritch University, 6801 N. Yates Road, Milwaukee
http://www.johnpaul2center.org/images/Pentecost_Mission_Fall_English.pdf

Spanish Program at Cardinal Stritch University, 6801 N. Yates Road, Milwaukee
http://www.johnpaul2center.org/images/Pentecost_Mission_Fall_Spanish_Milwaukee.pdf

Spanish Program at Saint Benedict Parish, 137 Dewey Avenue, Fontana, WI
http://www.johnpaul2center.org/images/Pentecost_Mission_Fall_Spanish_Fontana.pdf

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District 7 – Dodge County

C.O.R.E.

Certification of Religious Educators

November 7, 2009

Watch for Details

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District 8 – Fond du Lac County

Rooted In Faith

To Teach as Jesus Did:
The Pastoral Formation of the Young
Presenter: Jean Marie Weber

September 16, 2009

5:00 - 7:30 pm

**Holy Family Parish
271 Fourth Street Way
Fond du Lac**

Contact: Mary Schroeder, 920-921-0580, mschroeder@hffd.org



District 12 – NW Milwaukee County
Forming the Catechetical Spirit
BASIC Religious Education Certification Program

2nd Saturday of the Month (mostly!) 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon
*August & April 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., lunch included

St. Therese Parish
9525 W. Bluemound Rd, Milwaukee

Facilitators: Sandi Schmitt & District 12 Catechetical Leaders

August 22, 2009*	<i>Called to be a Catechist Workshop</i>
September 12, 2009	<i>The Church and Our Creeds</i>
October 10, 2009	<i>Introduction to Scripture</i>
November 14, 2009	<i>Old Testament and New Testament</i>
December 12, 2009	<i>Catholic Liturgy</i>
January 9, 2010	<i>The Sacraments</i>
February 13, 2010	<i>Christian Morality & Social Justice</i>
March 13, 2010	<i>Spirituality and Prayer</i>
April 17, 2010*	<i>Day of Reflection</i>

Contact: Liz Kuhn, (414) 258-2604 x33, kuhnl@christkingparish.org

Opportunities for Youth

St. John Bosco Youth Day '09

"Fire on the Hill" - Dare-2-Love!
A Day of Faith and Fellowship just for Youth

When: Saturday October 3, 2009

**Where: Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Help
of Christians at Holy Hill, Hubertus, WI**

Cost: Admission is FREE! Box lunch \$7.00

Speakers included Todd Lemieux, Lisa Epperson, Martin Doman.
Bishop William P. Callahan will be the main celebrant at the Mass.



For more information and PDF flyer, visit <http://www.holyhill.com/Events/JohnBosco/>

Year for Priests

Pope Benedict XVI has declared 2009-2010 a "Year for Priests," an opportunity for priests to deepen their commitment to renewal and, for the rest of us, to help make the priest's role and mission more clearly understood.

We have links to online resources at our **Year for Priests** page. For details, visit:

<http://www.archmil.org/aboutus/ShowResource.asp?ID=2593>

Benedict inaugurated the year on June 16, the 150th anniversary of the death of **St. John Vianney**, patron of parish priests. In the month of September, a one-man **stage production, "Vianney,"** can be seen on four occasions in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee:

Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at the Basilica of St. Josaphat, Milwaukee

Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at St. John Vianney Church, Brookfield

Thursday, September 10, 2009 at the National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians, Hubertus

Saturday, September 12, 2009 at the Cousins Center, Mater Christi Chapel, in St. Francis

For details, visit: <http://www.vianneydrama.com/>

For a YouTube preview, go to: www.youtube.com/watch?v=pu_Amvrnv2g

District DRE/DYM Meetings:

Directors of Religious Education and Youth Ministry are strongly encouraged to attend their respective District DRE/DYM meetings that take place monthly throughout the Archdiocese. **Important:** If your district has scheduled meetings beyond those printed below, please contact Bonnie Bresnahan at (414) 758-2240, or bresnahanb@archmil.org so they can be included in subsequent newsletters. Thank you for your cooperation! (Updated: 8/27/2009)

<p>District 1 (Kenosha County) K.A.R.E. Group Contact: Colleen Reddy (262) 656-7362 or delaneyj@archmil.org</p>	<p>District 8 (Fond du Lac County) Tuesday, October 13, 1:00 p.m. at St. Catherine, Ripon Contact Person: Terese Markl (920) 324-5400 ext. 25 or childfam@stjoeschurch.org</p>
<p>District 2 <i>RADRE</i> (Racine County) Monday, September 28, 9:00 a.m. at St. Edward, Racine Contact Person: Susan Gehrig (262) 633-9005 or gehrigs@archmil.org</p>	<p>District 9 (Sheboygan County) Thursday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. at St. Clement, Sheboygan Contact Person: Barb Leonhardt (920) 452-2759 or leonhardtb@archmil.org</p>
<p>District 3 (Walworth County) Thursday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales, Lake Geneva Contact Person: Anne Trautner (262) 248-8526 or rep@stfrancislg.com</p>	<p>District 10 (Ozaukee County) Tuesday, September 15, 1:00 p.m. at Lumen Christi, Mequon Contact Person: Terry Mahler (920) 994-8033 or mahlert@archmil.org</p>
<p>Districts 4/5 (Waukesha County) <u>DREs:</u> Monday, September 28, 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary, Waukesha – with Youth Ministers <u>DYMs:</u> <i>DRE Contact Person:</i> Kay Hokans (262) 547-2763 ext. 206 or khokans.cf@tds.net <i>DYM Contact Person:</i> Deb Olla (262) 783-4248 or debbie.olla@stdominic.net</p>	<p>District 12 (Milwaukee County North, Northwest, West) Tuesday, September 15, 10:30 a.m. at St. Bernard, Wauwatosa Contact Person: Liz Kuhn (414) 258-2604 ext. 33 or kuhn1@christkingparish.org</p>
<p>District 6 (Washington County) Monday, September 21, 9:30 a.m. at St. Gabriel, Hubertus Contact Person: Maureen Mitchell (262) 628-1141 or mmitchell@sgabrielp.org</p>	<p>District 13 (Milwaukee County East, Central, North Shore) Wednesday, September 9, 11:45 a.m. at the City Market (Capitol & Maryland – across from St. Robert Parish) Contact Person: Rita Capriolo (414) 918-1131 or capriolor@archmil.org</p>
<p>District 7 (Dodge County) Tuesday, September 1, 9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart, Horicon Contact Person: Bill Thimm (920) 485-0694 or wjtsheart@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>Districts 14/15/16 (Milwaukee County South, Southwest) <u>DREs:</u> <u>DYMs:</u> Thursday, September 10, 9:30 a.m. at Nativity of the Lord, Cudahy DRE Contact Person: Jim Beuscher (414) 425-3101 or beuscherj@stmaryhc.org DYM Contact Person: Carol Fischer (414) 421-0690 or carol@st-alphonsus.org</p>