

Save the Date for

**Wading Deeper 2010 –
Discernment: Conversion's Partner
in Christian Initiation**

Presenter – Sister Donna Steffen, SC

Friday-Saturday – 30-31 July 2010

Holy Family Parish, 410 South State Street, Litchfield IL 62056
Interstate 55, exit 52 at Illinois State Road 16



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Holy Family, 410 S. State St., Litchfield IL 62056.
Leave **Interstate 55 at exit 52 at IL 16**. Turn east on
Illinois State Road 16 which becomes Union Ave.
Travel about 1½ miles east to downtown. Turn south
at the library on to State Street for 6 blocks. Parking
is behind the church off Columbia Street.

HISTORY OF WADING DEEPER

The **Wading Deeper** Workshop series engages catechumenate ministers in a deeper immersion in the vision, method, and ministry required by the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*. It intends to go beyond a beginnings level and address issues raised by persons and parishes with some experience in catechumenal formation. Past presenters and topics:

- 1997 – **Mary Birmingham** – Catechumenal Catechesis
- 1998 – **Rev. Michael Clay and Joanna Case** –
Initiation in a Small Town Context
- 1999 – **Sr. Sheila O'Dea** – The Assembly's Role in
Initiation
- 2000 – **Rita Ferrone** – Sending, Election, and the Rites
of Lent

- 2001 – **Rev. Paul Turner** – The Easter Vigil
- 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
- 2005 – **Eliot Kapitan** – Lectionary and Sacramental
Based Catechesis
- 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

Discernment: Conversion's Partner in Christian Initiation

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults presumes that conversion is the touchstone in initiating new members. The journey of both catechumens and candidates is about truly becoming and living as a disciple of Christ in the Catholic Church. Discernment gives us tools to name the conversion that either is happening or needs to be more present in those being initiated.

Participants will learn how to discern with catechumens and candidates through awareness of discernment as it exists in our own lives, elements of the discernment process, and how the Rite understands discernment in both the periods and rites.

Donna Steffen, SC is a Sister of Charity of Cincinnati, where she ministers doing spiritual direction and leading retreats. Donna is a team member with the North American Forum on the Catechumenate, has worked with initiation in parishes, and presented initiation workshops throughout the US, Canada, and for the American Military in Germany and Italy. Donna authored *Discerning Disciples: Listening for God's Voice in Christian Initiation* (LTP). Donna is one of the authors of *Foundations in Faith* (RCL-Resources in Christian Living), and the author of Handbook on Prayer in this series.

Registration flyer available in the Easter Season – Catechist certification credit is granted by each diocese.