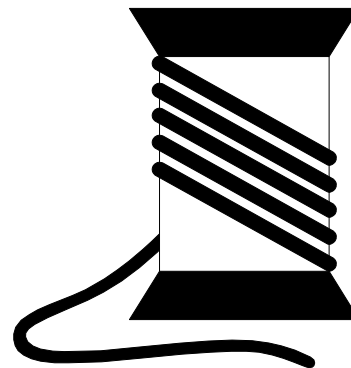


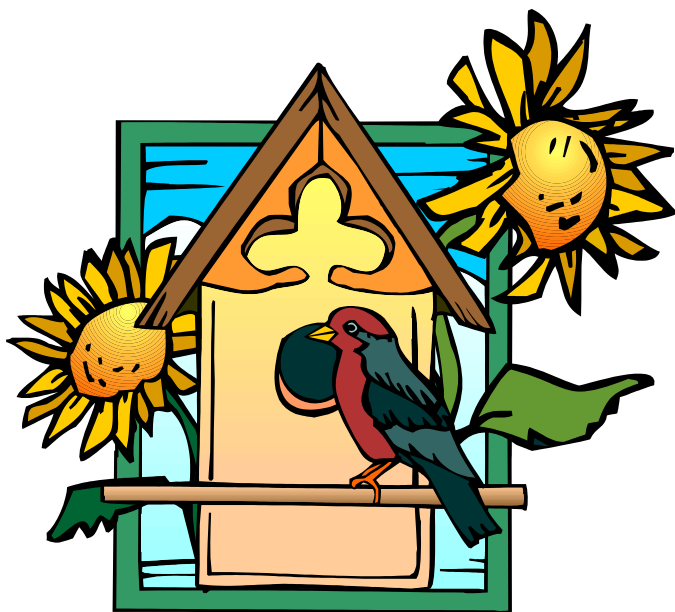
Weavings



An E-Newsletter from the Director of Catechetical Services
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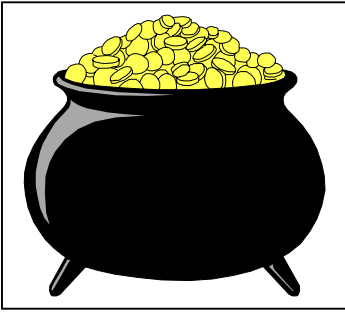
This Newsletter is intended to supplement material you already receive through the newsletter of the Office of Education.

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The name "Weavings" indicates the various threads which come together to form this newsletter and the various threads of the ministries represented by our mailing list, which includes all DRE/CREs, principals of Catholic schools, and others. We hope that weaving together these ideas and persons will help form a wonderful and inspiring quilt of faith for the Diocese of Lexington.

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NUGGETS OF NEWS

Harcourt Religion Publishers (formerly Brown-Roa) has released its revised Elementary Religion text series "Call to Faith." Texts for Grades K-6 are part of the series. Samples are available at the Catholic Center or by contacting their local sales representative, Melissa Engels, at P.O. Box 724927, Atlanta, GA 31139. You can also reach her at (770) 444-9575 or mengels@harcourt.com. The series has a Nihil Obstat, an Imprimatur, and is in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It will replace the "Walking By Faith" series.

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Also new this year is the "Blest Are We" series for Grades K-8 by Silver Burdett Ginn Publishers. Samples are available at the Catholic Center or by contacting their new sales representative, Margaret Borders at 76 Gatehouse Road, Trumbull, CT 06611. You can also reach her at 1-877-222-7959 or Margb1961@aol.com. This series also has a Nihil Obstat, an Imprimatur, and is in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

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The annual Catechist Conference of the Diocese of Lexington will be Saturday, August 28th at The Cathedral of Christ the King. Our keynote speaker is Cheryl Fournier, the Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Cheryl recently published an article on the leadership qualities of the catechist and that will be her topic at the Conference. We are finalizing the workshop presenters now and will have the publicity prepared next month. Brochures will be mailed the first week in July. Check the diocesan publication, NewsNotes, for more breaking news.

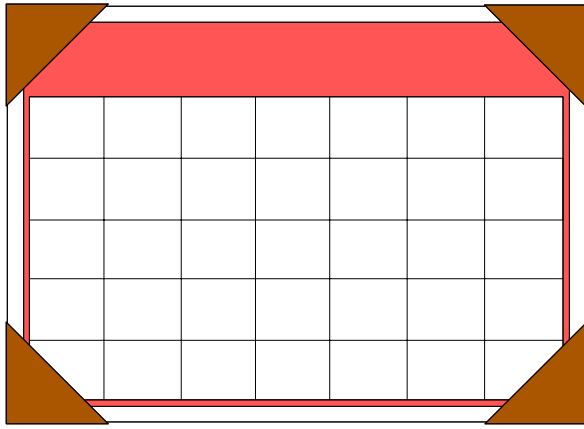
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The Education Department of the Diocese of Lexington, under the guidance of Sr. Bernadette McManigal, has revised the Family Life Guidelines of the Diocese. We have a comprehensive guide for using family life education materials in each parish and school of the diocese. I want to remind each of you responsible for religious education that you have an obligation to include family life education as part of your curriculum. If it is not specifically covered in your text, you should plan for a regular program separate from the religious education curriculum. This might be best handled in an intergenerational setting with the parents present and receiving the same input, only on their level.

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Ave Maria Press has announced a new Confirmation program for Teens (Grades 10-12). Titled, "Send Out Your Spirit," it is by Michael Amodei and has ten lessons. Components are Candidate's Book (256 pages, \$9.95) and Leader's Manual (224 pages with black line masters, \$22.95). The Leader's manual doubles as a director's manual and as the catechist's guide. Contact Ave Maria at 1-800-282-1865 or go to www.avemariapress.com.



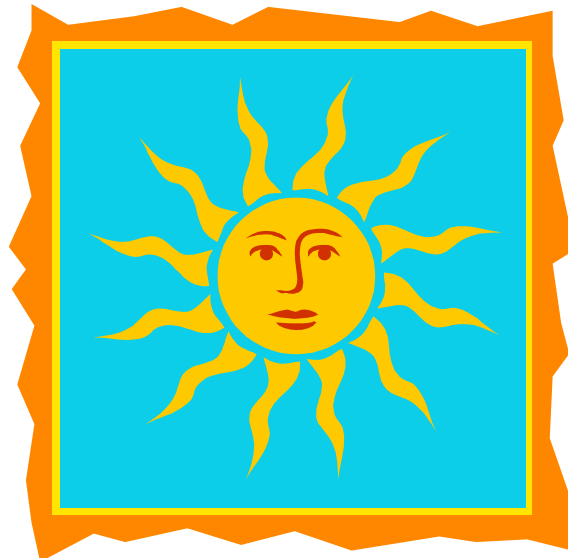


FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

In this section (a permanent part of the newsletter), we will try to let you know about events that are going to occur. For more information on any of these items, contact Pat Guentert, Director of Catechetical Services, at (859) 253-1993. A * indicates a diocesan event. **Bold** indicates an event that should be on your calendar.

DATE	ITEM
May 15-16, 2004	"Celebrating Mary: Woman of the Spirit!" with Sr. Lucy Zientek, CDP. Cliffview Retreat Center, Lancaster, KY. \$75.00.
May 22, 2004	"Nature Wonder Trek" with Judy Richardson. Dominican Earth Center, St. Catharine's Motherhouse, St. Catharine, KY. \$5.00.
June 11-13, 2004	"Strike up the 'Bands:' a retreat for couples" with Jim and Sue Vogt. Cliffview Retreat Center, Lancaster, KY. \$75.00.
June 19-20, 2004	"Creativity: A Path of the Spirit" with Sr. Ann Vonder Meullen, OSF. Cliffview Retreat Center, Lancaster, KY. \$75.00.
June 19-26, 2004	"Parables and Life: Guided Retreat" with Rev. Konrad R. Schaefer, OSB. Kordes Retreat Center. Ferdinand, IN. \$400.00.
June 21, 2004	"Summer Solstice Celebration" Mass at Magdalen Chapel, St. Catharine Motherhouse, St. Catharine, KY. No charge.
June 25-27, 2004	"Nature Creativity and the Art of Attentiveness" a retreat with Patty Wren Smith at St. Catharine, KY. Space limited to 20 participants. \$150.00.
June 26, 2004	"Seasonal Saturday of Reflection: Finding God Through the Lens of Summer" Cliffview Retreat Center, Lancaster, KY. Check on cost.
June 26-July 3, 2004	"Directed Retreat" with Staff of the Center. Kordes Retreat Center, Ferdinand, IN. \$460.00.
July 1-8, 2004	"Seven-day Retreat: Letting Jesus Question Us: An interactive retreat around John's Gospel" with Rev. Michael Crosby, OFMCap. Cliffview Retreat Center, Lancaster, KY. \$?.
July 3-10, 2004	"Intensive Centering Prayer Retreat" with Sr. Maria Tasto, OSB and Sr. Kathy Bilski, OSB. Kordes Retreat Center, Ferdinand, IN. \$445.00.

- July 10-17, 2004 "Soul Sisters: Connecting, Bonding, Healing Guided Retreat" with Edwina Gateley. Kordes Retreat Center, Ferdinand, IN. \$450.00
- August 1-6, 2004 "Walking on Holy Ground: a multicultural approach to prayer and spirituality" with Sr. Caroljeane Wille, SC of Tampa, FL. Cliffview Retreat Center, Lancaster, KY. \$?
- September 10-17, 2004 "Directed Retreat" with Staff of the Center. Kordes Retreat Center, Ferdinand, IN. \$460.00.
- September 17-18, 2004 LEAP III begins. "Course 1: The Influence of the Family of Origin on the Individual." With Dr. Margie Ralph and Dr. Bill Meegan. Cliffview Center, Lancaster, KY. \$65.00.
- October 2-3, 2004 "Praying with Scripture: Retreat for Singles 30+" with Deborah Core. Cliffview Retreat Center, Lancaster, KY. \$75.00.
- October 16, 2004 "Seasonal Saturday of Reflection: Finding God through the lens of Autumn." Cliffview Retreat Center, Lancaster, KY. \$?
- October 29-30, 2004 "LEAP III: Course 2 "The Role of the Laity in the Church, Yesterday and Today" with Pat Guentert and Dr. Bill Meegan. Cliffview Center, Lancaster, KY. \$65.00.
- November 19-21, 2004 "Mid-life Directions: Workshop II" with Sr. Christen Shukwit, OSF. Prerequisite that you were in Workshop I. Cliffview Center, Lancaster, KY. \$?
- December 3-4, 2004 "LEAP III: Course 3 "The Call to be Christ in the World Today" with Dr. Bill Meegan and Dr. Margie Ralph. Cliffview Center, Lancaster, KY. \$65.00.
- December 4-5, 2004 "A Day of Quiet Waiting in the Midst of Advent" Cliffview Retreat Center, Lancaster, KY. \$?
- December 11-12, 2004 "Mens' Retreat" with Bishop Ronald Gainer. Cliffview Retreat Center, Lancaster, KY. \$?.



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Coping With Change

How does one cope with change, especially changes like those recently announced here in the Diocesan offices? Most of us abhor change. We just don't like it. But the lesson of the Paschal Mystery that we have just celebrated is that change must happen and it will involve a dying before new life can happen.

I don't know yet how all this will affect catechesis/religious education in the diocesan structure. I do know that my new supervisor will be Deacon Jim Paris and that religious education will apparently be a separate desk under his leadership. Just how that will work, I do not know at this time. I am sure that it will become clearer after July 1.

As I near the end of my career in religious education, I can share that this has all happened before. I am here in the Diocese of Lexington because my office was eliminated in a diocesan restructuring in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. When I began looking for a new position I found two openings, one in the Diocese of Evansville and the other here in the Diocese of Lexington. After my interview here in May of 1993 I felt fortunate to be chosen to come to Lexington by Bishop Williams and by Margie Ralph. I have spent a wonderful eleven years here and there was much growth and little change until two years ago.

Now I realize how fortunate that was. Margie was a great person to work for. But we talked earlier this year about both of us coming to the end of our careers. I told her that I planned to retire at the end of June in 2005 after helping the Province of Louisville to host the annual meeting and convention of the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership at the Galt House in Louisville April 10-14, 2005. I have also told this to the other diocesan directors in the Louisville Province (dioceses of Kentucky and Tennessee). Margie understood this and was very appreciative of the reasons I gave for retiring.

But I had not planned on the changes that would be announced just before Holy Week. I was just as surprised and probably just as shocked as everyone else. I certainly hadn't foreseen any of this. There are many questions to be answered as we make this transition to a new way of doing business. The Office of Education will no longer exist and I will miss the many team building things we did: monthly staff meetings, monthly staff prayer time, and quarterly dinners out as a staff. I am hoping that some of that will continue in the new configuration. I may be part of my job to raise those issues. I am hoping that I will be up to it.

For all of us: we need to pray and to trust that the Holy Spirit will guide us through this in such a way that we will be able to accomplish our mission: to bring about the Kingdom of God here on earth and especially in our diocese. Pray for me as I pray for you.



Attention Catechetical Leaders:

COURSE ON CATECHETICS

If you would like to offer your catechists a certification course on Catechetics, there is a new opportunity available to you. This course includes the areas of human development, motivation, classroom management, and lesson planning. (Attention is given to special needs children and youth along with appropriate instructional strategies, if that is necessary.)

The course is offered by Dan Michalak, a professor at Union College. Dan is a specialist in the training of catechists, having experience both here in Kentucky and in Florida. He has been a catechist for pre-school, kindergarten, elementary, middle grades and adults.

If you would be interested in having Dan teach a course in your parish, contact him at his home in Richmond for arrangements. His phone number is (859) 624-3892 and his email is golfgemlcc@aol.com.

Be sure to contact Pat Guentert at the Catholic Center for prior approval for the course you will be offering. Phone (859) 253-1993 or e-mail pguentert@cdlex.org.

