



# *Fanning the Flame*

## A Diocesan Wide 125th Anniversary Journey of Faith

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### **Parish Planning Checklist (Initial Suggestions, More ideas may follow!)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Fully inform parish leadership (including ministry committee chairs) about Fanning the Flame, encouraging and soliciting creative ideas to incorporate FTF in the parish.

\_\_\_\_\_ Look ahead at the calendar and consider preferred dates for any special event/ retreat, consider working together with the cluster. (*Summer Chapters were chosen as potential topics for short retreats*)

\_\_\_\_\_ Add a Fanning the Flame promotion Kick Off to the calendar, consider showing the DVD, let people know the plan for ordering the USCCA, have the dates in place, anticipate bulletin space for announcements. Identify who will coordinate the paperwork for ordering the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA). (See [www.ffdiobelle.org](http://www.ffdiobelle.org) Parish Planning for adaptable order forms.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Pastors, to build familiarity, consider periodically referring to the USCCA during 2011 homilies when fitting. This webpage with a calendar may be helpful to consider opportunities:

[http://www.usccbpublishing.org/client/client\\_pages/USCCAFeastDay.cfm](http://www.usccbpublishing.org/client/client_pages/USCCAFeastDay.cfm) (Scroll Down!)

\_\_\_\_\_ Consider potential weekly groups who might be inclined to form together for FTF. Examples might be parents of PSR students during PSR, daily communicants being invited to remain one day a week for coffee and chapter discussion...

\_\_\_\_\_ Encourage parish wide participation any time committees meet during the year to spend some time reflecting/sharing key points that have been raised in FTF between meetings that might influence their ministry or them individually. Maybe have a periodic "Meet with the Pastor" session to invite conversation over several chapters.

\_\_\_\_\_ Consider what outreach might be initiated beyond your regularly attending parishioners of people who might like to follow along through the website/blog. Perhaps young adults away at college, military personnel stationed abroad, parents of non-Catholics in your parish school... Perhaps this is an opportunity to invite back some who haven't been to Church in awhile.

\_\_\_\_\_ Prepare/budget an estimate for printing costs that would be associated with:

1. Printing the flyers
2. Printing the weekly one page (two-sided) FTF supplement available to those who might like one (this will also be available for individuals with internet access to download and print themselves).

\_\_\_\_\_ Plan bulletin space for an FTF Corner that will serve as a weekly reminder and invitation.

\_\_\_\_\_ If someone in your parish is a Chapter Guide consider offering to help develop a 3-7 minute video that highlights the lesson in that chapter.

\_\_\_\_\_ Even if your parish is not associated with presenting a chapter, consider submitting a faith story that can be shared as part of the 125<sup>th</sup> diocesan anniversary celebration: introduce the parish with a little of the history, share your choir with a verse from a favorite hymn to which the youth group might add a slide show... be creative (plan about 3-7 minutes). (This doesn't have to be a professional level film, a home-style video is fine – after all, we are all related in this community of the Catholic Church of Southern Illinois! ... It just needs to be uploadable to Youtube.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Consider incorporating a special blessing of the books for the weekend of January 8, the week before the first chapter, and coinciding with the actual date of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A Rite of Blessing will be available on the website.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Add Fanning the Flame and the 125<sup>th</sup> diocesan anniversary to your parish prayers.**

(Taken from [www.ffdiobelle.org](http://www.ffdiobelle.org) under Parish Planning, Getting the Plan in Place)