

Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

WHY CATHOLIC? JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM

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Faith Formation and Retreat Schedule



The Faith Formation Workshop and Lenten Retreat schedules are now ready. It is included as a separate page in this newsletter. Please reproduce as needed for parish bulletins and small group members. If your parish is not on the list for a Faith Formation session, and you would like to have a presen-

tation at your parish, contact the Religious Education Office to schedule. We are trying something new for the Lenten Retreats. There will be two training sessions, one in Springfield and one in Cape Girardeau. Pastors are encouraged to send one or more capable persons to learn how to do the Lenten Retreat. They will then receive all the information and handouts necessary to put on the day or evening of reflection at the parish. If you are not near Springfield or Cape Girardeau, contact the Religious Education Office to schedule a retreat at your parish.

For information on Spanish language Faith Formation workshops and the Lenten retreats contact Milagros Calvetti at mcalvetti@dioscg.org or call 417-866-0841 for more information.

Question: Can we add new members to small groups this late?

Answer: Yes! New members or even just one time visitors may join a group at any time. In fact, a sign of a healthy small group community is the willingness to include new members or even divide into two groups if numbers grow too large.

How to take advantage of the Faith Formation Sessions

Take advantage of the diocesan faith formation sessions this Spring! Ideas include asking the existing organizations and clubs to attend the faith for-

mation session near your parish, or schedule one in your parish. Instead of the regular PCCW, Men's club, Parish Council, etc. meeting, each group

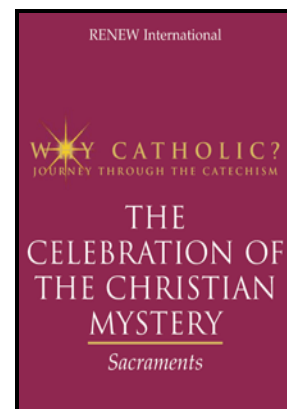
could attend the session for their own spiritual formation.

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Ask the parents of youth preparing for First Communion or Confirmation to attend. You should give parents at least one theological update session anyway, so using the diocesan faith formation session will save you time and work. Any adults preparing for Confirmation could also attend, as well as the RCIA team and catechumens and candidates. What is the faith formation workshop about? The title is "The

Body of Christ: Jesus' Presence in the Liturgy." The goal of this session is to foster growth, understanding, and appreciation of Christ as the sacrament of God's presence in the world. Emphasis will be on the real presence in the Eucharist and Catholics' participation in the Mass and other sacraments. **This is open to any interested person from any parish.**



Don't forget to order your Family Faith bulletins for Lent! See order form in this newsletter. Deadline for ordering is Friday, February 13!

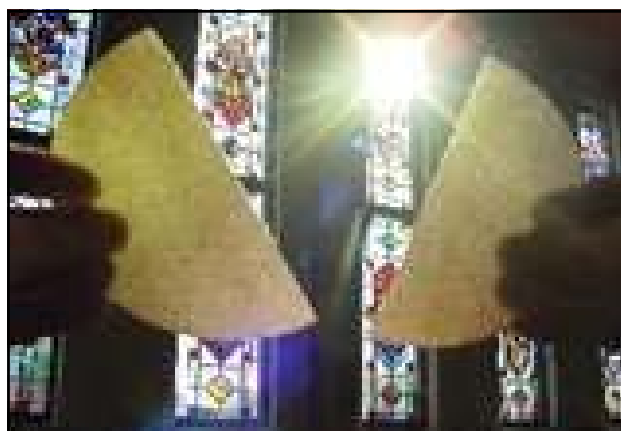
**"The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life, for in it Christ associates his Church and all her members with his sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving offered once for all on the cross to his Father; by this sacrifice he pours out the graces of salvation on his Body which is the Church."
CCC # 1407**

Diocesan Lenten Retreats

We will continue the Eucharistic theme from the faith formation workshops for the Lenten retreats.

"Eucharist: Bread for the Journey of Life," is the title for this year's sessions. The days of reflection will help participants reflect on how the love of God comes to us as sacramental presence, individually, and as community, enabling perseverance on the journey of faith. Any interested person may

attend the days scheduled in Springfield or Cape, and *Why Catholic?* parishes may either send representative to be trained to put on the retreat in their own parish, or call the Office of Religious Education to schedule a session locally.





From the National *Why Catholic?* Office:

Order Tips & Info

I. Discounts

Discounts on faith-sharing books will apply to the total number of books ordered for the Lenten Season.

This means that if you place an order now and then realize that additional orders are necessary, you will receive the member discount on the total orders.

For example, if you order 275 books now and need to make an additional order of 25 or more books later you will get the discount price for an order quantity of 300 or more.

II. Returns

You don't have to worry about ordering too many books for the Lenten Season if you order early.

You now have until **April 15th** (postmarked) to return books and receive a refund (less the usual restocking fee).

Returns made **after** April 15th will receive credit (less the usual restocking fee).

III. Quick & Easy Ordering

Member Parishes can order 24/7 at the RENEW International online bookstore just by logging into the RENEW MEMBER website: <http://www.renewintl.org> and clicking "[shop online](#)" tab.

How to contact the National *Why Catholic?* office

Call: 888-433-3221 (toll free) or fax an order to 908-769-5660.

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Call: 908-769-5400 For help with returns.



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