

Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

WHY CATHOLIC? JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM

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Year Three Reports Due

Included in this newsletter is a parish report form for Year 3. The parish Why Catholic? coordinator should gather information from the small groups and complete the form. This information needs to be reported to the diocese by April 23, 2010. Thank you for your help!



Year Four Dates:

**Small Community
Leader Training
Sept. 19-16, 2010**

**Sign up Sunday
Sept. 12, 2010**

**Prayer Commit-
ment Sunday
Sept. 19 2010**

**Faith Sharing
Oct 3-Nov 7, 2010**

**Faith Formation
Workshops
Feb 6-12, 2011**

**Faith Sharing
Mar 6-Apr 10,
2011**

**Lenten Mini-
Retreats
March 27-April 2,
2010**

Year Four begins in September

Please keep these dates in mind when planning your parish calendars. Exact locations and dates will be an-

nounced soon.
If your parish would like to host the Small Community Leader training,

a Faith Formation Workshop or a Mini-Retreat, let Karen know as soon as possible. This is your last chance!

Year Three English Faith Formation Report

Feb 7	St. Peter, Joplin	35 participants from St. Peter, Neosho and Carthage (snow predicted)
8	St William, Buffalo	5 from Buffalo (snow)
9	St. Mary, West Plains	10 from West Plains
10	St. Agnes, Springfield	29 from St. Agnes, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
11	Springfield Catholic HS	156 teachers from West side Catholic schools, and other parishioners
12	Notre Dame HS	<u>219</u> teachers form East side Catholic schools, and other parishioners
		454 total

English Mini-Retreat Report

Mar 13	St. George, Van Buren	20 participants from Van Buren, Ellington, Williamsville, Dexter, Malden
14	St. Canera, Neosho	25 from Neosho, Noel, Seneca, Monett
15	St. Joseph, Ozark	45 from Ozark, Nixa, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
16	Holy Trinity, Aurora	55 from Aurora, Billings, Shell Knob
17	St. Joseph, Scott City	<u>30</u> from Scott City, Sikeston, Chaffee, Kelso, St. Mary Cape, Jackson, Oran, Dexter, Advance
		175 total

Numbers do not tell the whole story, however. The evaluations from the participants at these events were all very positive. The common response was, *"Why aren't more people here? This was wonderful!"*

We have one more year of Why Catholic? What can YOU do to promote participation at these regional events? Do you have suggestions for increasing participation?

Consider the following ideas:

Do you have creative, frequent bulletin announcements about these events?

Are there pulpit announcements, and/or witness talks?

Have you tried emailing reminders to parishioners?

Do you remind the small group facilitators to encourage their group participants?

Do you provide a written invitation to be passed out at the small group meetings?

Have you personally invited people?

Tried calling?

Arranging carpools?

Think of how we are bombarded with flashy advertising on TV, the internet and in magazines. If we are to compete with this, we need to invite people to church events frequently and creatively! Let's make the most of this last year of Why Catholic?

Year Three Parish Report

Name of Parish _____ City _____

Name of person completing this form _____

Phone _____ email _____

Number of small groups _____

Total number of people participating _____ (or best estimate)

Please describe any benefits to the parish or individuals or action responses as a result of this year's program. You may wish to consult the pastor or parish staff:

Please list any other comments, suggestions or concerns:

Return by Friday, April 23 to

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Your prompt response is greatly appreciated!