

PASTORAL CHALLENGES IN THE RICA

An RCIA Sharing Morning

June 12, 2010 * 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 pm

St. Agnes Parish, Nashville, IN

*Presented by the
Initiation Committee of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis*

Pastoral Challenges in the RCIA will provide an opportunity for team leaders and members to share ideas and insights on a variety of topics under the guidance of the members of the Archdiocesan Initiation Committee and other resource persons.

The sharing morning will take place at St. Agnes Parish, 1008 McLary Rd., Nashville, IN 47448 (www.stagneschurchnashville.org) on Saturday morning, June 12, 2010.

The schedule is as follows:

9:00 am	Check In
9:30 am	Morning Prayer
10:00 am	Four Breakout Sessions
11:15 am	Break
11:30 am	Four Breakout Sessions (repeated)
12:45 pm	Optional Lunch

FACILITATORS:

Patty and Gary Norris, presenters for the Association for Catechetical Ministry
Peg McEvoy, associate director, Evangelization and Family Catechesis
Fr. Eric Augenstein, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in New Albany
Tom Yost, pastoral associate at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in New Albany
Kim Swaner, adult coordinator of religious education at St. Susanna, Plainfield
Deacon Bob Decker, Parish Life Coordinator at St. Andrew, Indianapolis

Registration fee:

- \$10 per person before June 3rd
- \$12 per person after June 3rd and on-site
- \$25 per parish group of three or more before June 3rd

Optional lunch - \$8 per person – must be paid by June 3

See page 4 for registration form.

For additional information contact Christina Tuley in the Office of Worship, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46206, (317) 236-1483 or 1-800-382-9836, ext. 1483 or email: worship@archindy.org

Breakout Sessions – Each will be presented twice.

A. Mystagogy: Unpacking the Mysteries of Sacramental Life with Patty or Gary Norris

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults provides for a period of mystagogy, a time for unpacking the mysteries of the sacramental life. The period itself is often a “mystery” for an RCIA team. How are the three aspects of pastoring, catechizing for conversion and liturgy integrated into this period? How can a process be more successful in retaining neophytes through this crucial but often misunderstood period on the journey of faith? What can RCIA teams do to better understand this period of post baptismal catechesis and its implications for the formation of all the baptized?

B. Living Parish Evangelization with Patty or Gary Norris

What is the parish’s role in evangelization? This session will examine practical ways to strengthen evangelization in your parish. We will also look at what evangelization means as part of the mission of the Church and what it means to every fully initiated Catholic.

C. The USCCA: Reading Along the Journey with Peg McEvoy, Kim Swaner and Deacon Bob Decker

The *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* is a wonderful resource for preparation of catechumens in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This session will invite participants to consider the many possible ways to incorporate the USCCA into the RCIA process and the ongoing catechesis of adults. The most recent draft of the Archdiocesan Guidelines for Catechesis in the RCIA and a number of effective catechetical strategies will be shared.

D. Sorting the Fish: What Nets are available in your RCIA Boats?
with Fr. Eric Augenstein & Tom Yost

There is an art to fishing. It is an art that is more *process* than *program*. It is a skill that requires knowledge of fish and of fishing techniques. Often, the techniques require some flexibility, adaptation, and reading of the "signs". One size and type of fishing net is incapable of catching or sorting all that God provides. This session will focus on *sorting* the catch and how to best meet the initiation needs of people who come to us from various backgrounds and experiences.

To help the facilitators prepare for their sessions, you are encouraged to provide them with specific questions and concerns you would like to see addressed. Please send them to Peg McEvoy (pmcevoy@archindy.org).

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Registration Form – must be received by June 3

Individual, \$ _____

Parish Group * \$ _____
* 3 or more from a parish

Lunch ___ x \$8.00 = \$ _____

If registering as a parish group, only one name is needed below.

Name _____

Parish Name _____

Address _____

City Zip _____

Daytime Telephone _____

Email address _____

Please indicate which two breakout sessions you will likely attend.
For a parish group, please indicate approximately how many people will be coming to each session.

- _____ A. Mystagogy: Unpacking the Mysteries of Sacramental Life
- _____ B. Living Parish Evangelization
- _____ C. The USCCA: Reading Along the Journey
- _____ D. Sorting the Fish: What Nets are available in your RCIA Boats?

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