Message from the Director

Transitions

This time of year is transition time in catechetical ministry. We are preparing for a new program year; families are in back-to-school mode; and parish activity is intensifying. In some parishes, new directors of religious education or youth ministry are just beginning their work. (Look below for a list of personnel changes in parishes.)
For those starting in a new role, there is excitement in starting out. There are new relationships, lots to learn, and a sense that anything is possible. But there can be plenty of challenges, uncertainty, and missteps too.

There is a dying-to-self when beginning a new role. Parts of myself - the tasks I had mastered, the comfortable relationships, my accomplishments - are left behind and I must start anew. But because of this, transitions can be a spiritually rich time, as the Lord continues to remake us for his service.

For all who are in transition this season, let us pray, and let us pledge our support and companionship along the way.

Peace,
Gary

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**New Parish Catechetical Leaders**

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<td>Interim Director of Formation for Children</td>
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<td>Ben Rogalla</td>
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<td>Dave Braun</td>
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<td>St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Beaver Dam and Tri-Parishes of SW Dodge</td>
<td>Youth and Young Adult Minister</td>
<td>Aaron Lang</td>
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Schools and Directors

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<td>Jeff Kacala</td>
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<td>St. Mary, Menomonee Falls</td>
<td>Director of Discipleship &amp; Evangelization</td>
<td>Carol Harvey</td>
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<td>St. Robert Bellarminie, Union Grove, St. Mary-Dover</td>
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<td>St. Vincent Pallotti</td>
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Changes in Staff Roles within Parish

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<td>Kathi Andreoni is now Director of Adult and Young Adult Faith Formation</td>
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<td>St. Jerome, Oconomowoc</td>
<td>Tyler Blanski has become Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation &amp; Catechesis</td>
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<td>St. Aloysius, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mary Queen of Heaven, West Allis</td>
<td>Becca Bojarski adds Director of Youth Ministry to her role as Director of Child Ministry</td>
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<td>St. John the Baptist, Johnsburg and St. Mary, Marytown</td>
<td>Karen Abler adds these parishes to her role as Director of Religious Education for St. Isidore.</td>
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New Administrative Assistants

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<td>Formation Department Administrative Assistant</td>
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Retirements from Catechetical Ministry

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<td>June Strobel - St. Kilian Parish, Hartford</td>
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<td>Judee Weber - St. Clare, Wind Lake</td>
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Please let us know of any new personnel or other changes we have missed.

Office of Catechesis & Youth Ministry News
New This Year: Book Swap Table at Welcome Back Day

Does your parish have religion textbooks, guides, and other educational materials you are no longer using? Bring them to welcome back day and place them on the book swap table for other parishes to take. All materials must be free to others. A cart will be available to help bring in items. Items will be on display during exhibit hours. Any items that are not picked up by the end of the day will be evaluated and donated or recycled.

Items to Bring: Religious Textbooks Religious Books Guides Educational Materials (ie DVDs, CDs)

Looking for materials for your program? Visit the Book Swap table during exhibit hours to see if there are materials that will fit your need. We will provide bags/cart to help transport books out to car.

Plan for Catechetical Sunday, September 18, 2016

Have you begun preparing for Catechetical Sunday?

This year’s theme is “Prayer: the Faith Prayed,” highlighting one our core tasks as catechists – to help teach our people to pray with Christ. Catechetical Sunday is a day to draw attention to the role that each member of the Church plays in passing on the faith, and in particular, to affirm the special role of catechists in our parish communities.

Here are four ways to help Catechetical Sunday bear fruit in your parish:

1. Commission your catechists at Sunday Mass
2. Affirm them with a symbol or gift
3. Extend the theme through the year
4. Pray, Study and Reflect on the theme for yourself

Click here for more information and resources

Upcoming Events

Download the Catechesis & Youth Ministry Office Calendar to stay up to date on events.

Welcome Back Day for DREs and DYMs

Tuesday, August 30, 2016
9:00am - 2:30pm
Archbishop Cousins Catholic Center, Milwaukee

Registration is Now Open - As we begin a new year of ministry, we invite you to a day for re-connecting with - or meeting for the first time - your co-workers in the vineyard of the Lord. The day will include a presentation by Johan van Parys on Prayer as well as Archdiocesan updates and exhibitors from local organizations, schools and centers.
Forming the Catechetical Spirit - Basic Certification
September - May
St. Anthony on the Lake, Pewaukee

The Forming the Catechetical Spirit Basic program will begin on September 10, 2016. This 9 session program will meet from 8:00am - Noon and will feature a variety of topics. The objectives of the program are to: nourish the spirituality of the catechist; acquire foundational knowledge of Catholic teachings and beliefs; and incorporate what is learned into catechetical ministry. Click here for more information.

Forming the Catechetical Spirit - Advanced Certification
September - May
St. Mary Catholic Church, Waukesha

The Forming the Catechetical Spirit Advanced program will begin on September 17, 2016. This 9 session program will meet from 8:30am - Noon and will feature a variety of topics. The objectives of the program are to: support ongoing spiritual maturity; expand theological knowledge and understandings; and develop creative and effective catechetical methods. The program fee is $75. Click here for more information.

Family Perspectives
October 20, 2016
9:00am - 2:30pm
Archbishop Cousins Catholic Center, Milwaukee

Family Perspectives is a comprehensive approach to support your efforts to integrate family ministry in your parish! After you attend the one day workshop to review the latest research and Church teaching on ministering to and engaging families in faith, there will be an individualized follow-up for your parish. Parishes that participate will receive 4 to 6 hours of on-site support to offer guidance and resources to make your family ministry come alive and be more meaningful in your community. To find out more and to register, click here.

Archdiocese News

Year of Mercy Focus for September 2016: Clothe the Naked
Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year of Mercy to begin on December 8, 2015 and continue through November 20, 2016. Catholics throughout the archdiocese are invited to practice the Works of Mercy throughout this Jubilee Year. For September we focus on the Corporal Work of Mercy: “Clothe the Naked.” Take these Mercy Actions throughout the month: Donate your used clothes to a homeless shelter, donate new winter clothes to Catholic Charities, and shop at area St. Vincent de Paul Stores.

Parish Bereavement Ministry Training
September 14th
Archbishop Cousins Catholic Center

The Nazareth Project for Marriage and Family Formation is offering a morning...
training in Parish Bereavement Ministry on Wednesday September 14th from 8:30 AM to 12 PM at the Archbishop Cousins Catholic Center. Build your parish’s bereavement program or learn new ways to grow your existing ministry. Whether you have an established bereavement ministry, are beginning a ministry, are just thinking about a bereavement ministry, or have parish members you want to train, please join us for this comprehensive morning. This training is FREE, but an RSVP is required. Please register online at http://tinyurl.com/LifeAfterLoss-MKE-2016.

From our friends . . .

**The Exchange**
August 24, 2016
8:30am - 3:30pm
Inspirio Youth Ministries, Nashotah

All those who serve youth in parishes and schools are invited to an energizing, renewing day to begin your ministry year! This day will feature a keynote address, workshops, prayer, networking, and reflection.

The Exchange is presented and hosted by Inspirio Youth Ministries, Inc. The cost for participants is $25/person. Please call 262-966-1800 or visit https://inspirioyouth.org/event/the-exchange/

**Making it Matter**
Adult leaders who minister to youth are invited to participate in Making it Matter! This series is designed for Small Group Leaders, Catechists, Mission Trip Leaders, Scout Leaders, Coaches, Core Team Members, and any adult who cares about and ministers to youth to grow in their faith, network with others, and expand their resources.

Making it Matter will meet from 8:30 AM-3:30 PM on August 27 at Divine Mercy, October 8 at Inspirio Youth Ministries, and November 12 at St. John XXIII. The cost to attend is $65/person. To register or to find more information on locations and meeting dates, please visit https://inspirioyouth.org/event/making-it-matter-forming-leaders-for-youth/ or call 262-966-1800.

**Survival Skills for Youth Ministry**
If you minister to youth, then this cohort is for you! Sponsored by Inspirio Youth Ministries, Inc. and the Marquette University Institute for Catholic Leadership, Survival Skills for Youth Ministry is for those who work with youth and are looking to grow in their faith, understanding of theology, methodology and wish for a community of support and learning.

There are monthly meetings from 1-4PM at Marquette University Zilber Hall. Topics for each gathering will be tailored to the group. The goal is to provide youth ministers a respite and renewal to increase their effectiveness and longevity in youth ministry. In addition, each participant will have a mentor or coach with whom they will meet monthly to assist them to grow in their skills.

The total cost to participants is $625 with a 50% deposit to participate and 50% due in January 2017. To register or to find more information https://inspirioyouth.org/event/ymcohort/ or call 262-966-1800.

**SPRED Observation Opportunities**
September 10, 2016 or October 15, 2016
9:15am - 11:15am
Saints Peter and Paul SPRED Center, Milwaukee

SPRED, or Special Religious Development, is a small faith community in a parish.
that welcomes people with developmental or intellectual disabilities. By creating
kinship with people with special needs, we share a common solidarity
where everyone grows in his or her faith. SPRED is a volunteer-led ministry
formed with the support of SPRED Partners. SPRED groups are formed for a
particular age group: 6-10, 11-16, 17-21 or 22+ (adult group).

Observation is the best way to see SPRED in action! The next two opportunities for
observation are on Saturday mornings from 9:15-11:15am on September 10th and
October 15th. We invite you to come see what makes SPRED unique, faith-filled
and life-affirming!

Please visit the SPRED website for more information and to register for an observation. Contact Mary Krawczyk
at mkrawczyk@spredpartners.org or 262-899-1108 with any questions or to learn more about starting a SPRED

St. John Bosco Youth Day
October 1, 2016
Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians at Holy Hill

Save the Date to attend the 16th St. John Bosco Youth Day. This year’s
theme is “Prodigal,” recalling Jesus’ parable of the Father’s great mercy ...
"The Father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced
him and kissed him.” The day-long event promises to be spiritually
fruitful, with inspirational speakers, heartfilled prayer and faithful fun,
as young Catholics come together to celebrate our Catholic faith. Each
year, hundreds of youth from throughout Wisconsin’s five dioceses
gather to show their faith in Jesus Christ.

Share this experience with the youth you serve! You can register your
group on the Holy Hill website at www.holyhill.com or call Holy Hill at
262-628-1898.

Save The Date

WDREF Biennial Convention
November 9-11, 2016
Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake WI

Registration is now open for the 2016 WDREF Biennial Convention - “The
Heavens Proclaim God’s Glory,” will be held November 9 – 11, 2016 at the
Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake WI. The convention will explore the rich and
exciting ways in which the realms of science and faith are intersecting today,
and how this interplay informs faith formation in the 21st century. For more
information, visit the WDREF website.

2016 National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry (NCCYM)
December 1-3, 2016
San Jose, CA

Registration is Open!! Participants from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee receive a $20
discount on registration because we are an affiliated archdiocese. Be sure to visit the
NCCYM website to find out more information and to register. Scholarships are available. But the deadline for applications is approaching – August 15.

If you are planning to attend NCCYM, let Gary Pokorny know. We can help you network with others from the Archdiocese who will be attending. You might want to get together for a meal there, arrange to share a hotel room, or just want to know who else is going.

Gigs, Geeks & God
January 19, 2017
Our Lady of Lourdes, Milwaukee

This conference on technology, faith formation and parish ministries will feature a keynote speaker, workshops, a “quick fire” session, exhibitors, and ample time for sharing ideas with experts and colleagues.

District Meetings

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