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## Message from Gary

1. I hope you will join us for a Staff Mission Day in a few weeks. This will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with one another, with our common mission, and with the Lord. We're offering three different dates and locations. See the details below. See you there.

2. We're offering a new opportunity for your catechists and group leaders – "Becoming a Tech-Savvy Catechist." Many thanks to our Technology in Faith Formation committee for designing and presenting this series. See details below. To help you spread the word, there is a flyer you can print and pass, or attach to an email.

3. I am continually amazed and moved as I witness your perseverance in these uncertain times. I had once thought this pandemic would have ended by now. But we still find ourselves needing to

change plans from time to time. Yet all across this archdiocese, you have continued to find ways to accompany your people, to bolster them with the good news, and to help them grow in the Lord. Through all this, you “bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God” (II Tim 1:8).

## **Upcoming Events in the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis**

### **Family Perspectives**

Thursday January 27, 2022

9am - 3pm

Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, Milwaukee

We all know how important family is to the faith development of our young people. But what can we do about it? Family Perspectives offers a Training Day and Individual Parish Consultation to help you enhance your ministry with families in your parish.

This is more than a workshop. Yes, there is a day of training. But it does not end there. After the training, each parish will receive follow-up consultation – with you, your staff, your committee, or your parents – so that you can put in place plans to better engage the families in your specific setting.

[Register to Attend](#)

### **Staff Mission Days**

The Office of Evangelization & Catechesis would like to invite you to a new opportunity for all of us to gather around our common mission of proclaiming Christ and making disciples. As mentioned at this year’s Catechetical Conference, this February our Office will be hosting multiple “Staff Mission Days” throughout the Archdiocese for you to choose one to attend. This time together will offer an opportunity to re-anchor ourselves in Christ’s missionary call, share vision and priorities, to communicate new developments, and to benefit from in-person support, prayer together, and networking. We will be providing the same program each of the three days, so you are able to choose the most convenient day for you depending on your location/schedule, and lunch will be provided.

*When and where?*

- Option #1 - Tuesday, February 8th from 9am-2pm at St. Michael in Kewaskum, WI
- Option #2 - Wednesday, February 9th from 9am-2pm at Good Shepherd in Menomonee Falls
- Option #3 - Thursday, February 10th from 9am-2pm at St. Joseph in Lyons, WI

### *What will we be doing?*

- Hearing presentations & having discussion with others on “Evangelization and the Sunday Mass”
- Sharing parish efforts and identifying obstacles
- Having time for fellowship and prayer together
- Updates on our three Archdiocesan Priorities, related policies, and resources available.

Register Now

## **Family Focus Sessions:**

### **Family Focus: Making Intergenerational Sessions Work**

Thursday Feb 24, 2022 (10am - 11:30am)

Workshop on an essential but challenging component of family faith formation, the intergenerational activity.

### **Family Focus: Scripture and Catholic Families**

Tuesday March 8, 2022 (1pm-2:30pm)

Presentation of familiarizing parents and kids with the Bible, strategies to help them read and encounter the Scriptures, and family-friendly resources.

### **Family Focus: Ministry with Young Families**

Thursday May 5, 2022 (10am-11:30 am)

Explore how to connect with parents of children from baptism to school age. Strategies include baptism follow-up, serving toddler’s families, non-gathered connections, pre-school ministry, inviting young families to Mass, and parenting resources.

Register for One or More Sessions

## **Becoming a Tech-Savvy Catechist**

Join us for this 3-session series to help catechists, group leaders, religion teachers and others to use technology more effectively in your teaching and faith formation. The series will be offered twice, at two different locations. Each evening we will cover two topics. Register for any sessions, at either location, at no cost to you.

**St. John XXIII Parish: 1800 N. Wisconsin St., Port Washington**

Dates: Tues, February 15th ; Tues, February 22th ; Tues, March 1st all from 6:30pm - 8:30pm

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish: 3722 S. 58th St., Milwaukee**

Dates: Tues, March 8th; Tues, March 15th; Tues, March 22th all from 6:30pm - 8:30pm

[More Information & To Register](#)[Download Flyer to Give to Catechists](#)

## Archdiocese News

### **Presentation on "Catechesis and Policy on Questions Concerning Gender Theory"**

Working together to spread the Gospel and to grow God's kingdom, we are aware that each generation and age presents us with new challenges and new opportunities. This particular time in which we live today presents us with the need and gift of sharing fundamental tenets of a basic Christian anthropology, one that understands each man and woman as made in the image and likeness of God, imbued with dignity, and gifted as male and female.

Unfortunately, this message is becoming increasingly obscured in our culture. It is time that we work together to clearly communicate and catechize the amazing gift of sexuality that God has given to us.

You will find a document entitled "Catechesis and Policy on Questions Concerning Gender Theory" by clicking on this link:

<https://www.archmil.org/ArchMil/attachments/2022GenderTheoryfinal.pdf> .

In order to better study this document and to answer any questions that you might have, I have asked Rev. Javier Bustos, S.T.D. to offer a one-hour presentation for all Parish Staff Members at 10:00am on April 1, 2022 at the Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center. I would ask that you take time out of your schedule for this, as I think that we will all benefit by focusing our attention on this needed catechesis.

[Read Full Email from Archbishop ListECKi](#)[Register for Presentation](#)

## Rite of Election

Please find below the links to the registration information on the Archdiocesan website for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion for 2022. This year's dates are:

**Sunday, February 27, 2022 at 2:30 at Holy Family Parish in Fond du Lac**

**Sunday, March 6, 2022 at 3:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist**

**Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 3:30 PM (Bilingual) at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.**

1. [Archbishop's Letter](#)
2. [Instructions and Registration](#)
3. [RCIA Calendar 2022](#)
4. [Clarifications Regarding Baptized Christians and the RCIA](#)

Once again registration for these liturgies is web-based only. You must have all names of catechumens and candidates, as well as their sponsors, before you sign up. If you have a special request, such as space for someone in a wheelchair, or a need for an American Sign Language Interpreter, please note that when registering. **The deadline for online registration is Monday, February 7.** You will then receive your parish's assigned liturgy the week of February 14, if not sooner. [Read the full email sent from the Office of Worship regarding Rite of Election here.](#)

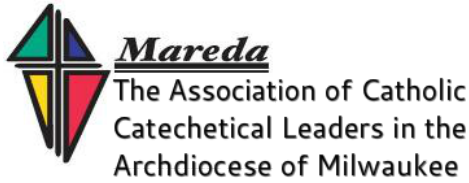
## Becoming Catholic - Working with Those Who are Already Baptized Webinar

Wednesdays, in February 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 10:30-Noon

Please find below the links to the registration information on the Archdiocesan website for the In this four-week webinar series, participants will explore Part Two, Sections Four and Five of the RCIA, which addresses those who have already been baptized and are not seeking to be Received into Full Communion of the Catholic Church. These individuals often come to us with varying levels of doctrinal and spiritual formation. The length of their formation as well as their type of formation should depend on the extent to which the baptized person has led a Christian life within a community of faith and be appropriately catechized to deepen their faith life as a Catholic.

[Register Now](#)

## From Our Friends



**Mareda, the association of Catholic Catechetical Leaders in the archdiocese, invites you to join.** Read [letter](#) from Taylor Baar. [Membership Page](#)

## Upcoming Events:

### **Molded for Ministry: Being Shaped within the Eucharistic Plotline of Jesus' Life**

Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Location: Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

In our time together, we look at how God often meets us more profoundly and deeply when we create spaces for his finger to continually mold and shape us in the divine image. For it is in these openings that we recognize our fundamental need for God's love and grace. We will reflect on how God takes, blesses, breaks and gives these spaces fuller meaning and new direction. In a way, God forms us into ministerial instruments by which we become his hands in the world tasked with cooperating with his grace in conforming the world to Christ.

This event is free to current Mareda members. Cost for non-members is \$10.

[View Flyer and Register](#)

### **Offer this Essay Contest to your Students Grades 3-8!**

Here is a national contest for kids in your faith formation program. The Communication Center - a distributor of Catholic resources - is inviting all children in grades 3 through 8 who are enrolled in a parish religious education program, or a Catholic school, to participate in the *Christ Is Alive! National Essay Contest*.

Share it with your students and their families. This might not appeal to everyone, but there may be a young person who will just love this opportunity!

Essays are due March 31, 2022, so there is plenty of time to promote this after the holidays.

Visit the [Christ Is Alive webpage](#) for details and everything you need to promote the contest. You will find ready-made announcement, student info sheet, and contest rules.



“Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!  
He is in you, he is with you and he never abandons you.”

– Pope Francis, Christus Vivit

## **Resources**

### **Formation Resources**

Discover free-of-charge resources to supplement or enhance your lessons. Videos, lesson plans and other resources have been vetted by our review team, and are listed by general topic and by age group. Visit: <https://www.archmil.org/Catechesis/Technology/Formation-Resources.htm>

Do you have a favorite resource to share? Send us your suggestions under "Submit a Resource."

## **Job Openings**

**[Associate Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry - St. Joseph, Grafton](#)**

**[Youth Ministry Assistant - St. Robert/Holy Family, Shorewood/Whitefish Bay](#)**

**[Director of Child and Family Ministry - Gesu, Milwaukee](#)**

**[Mission Trip & Youth Activities Coordinator - St. Agnes, Butler](#)**

**[Coordinator of Youth Ministry - St. James, Menomonee Falls](#)**

To see all job listings in the Archdiocese,  
visit the **[Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Career Page](#)**.

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