

# “Many Gifts, One Mission”

## Diocese of Gary Catechetical/ Liturgical Day

Celebrating the  
Ministries of Catechesis and  
Liturgy

Sunday, March 14, 2010

Nativity of Our Savior  
2949 Willowcreek Road.  
Portage, IN 46368

### Schedule

- 11:00 Parish Mass Available  
Noon Registration & Exhibits  
1:15 Keynote—Church  
2:30 Exhibits & Luncheon  
3:00 Workshops: Round 1  
4:15 Break & Door Prizes  
4:45 Workshops: Round 2  
6:05 Evening Prayer  
6:30 Home

Sponsored by: Parish Administrators of Religious Education/Faith Formation; Offices of Religious Education and Worship, Diocese of Gary; Diocesan Music Committee.

## “Word of God: Transforming Power of Ministry”

### Dr. Carole Eipers

Sponsored by: W.H. Sadlier



This year’s keynote address, “*Word of God the Transforming Power of Ministry*” will be presented by Dr. Carole Eipers. Both liturgy and catechesis find their foundation as disciples of Jesus Christ and in our vocation to ministry. What is the place of Sacred Scripture in catechesis and liturgy? How can Scripture foster the intimate connection between liturgy and catechesis? How do we proclaim the Word of God in our ministries and invite others to transformation? Carole Eipers will offer her insights by using her own unique style and humor to inspire and motivate us to a more faith filled response to our ministries.

Dr. Carole Eipers is Vice President, Executive Director of Catechesis for William H. Sadlier, Inc. She served in parish ministries for over 20 years as a teacher, Director of Religious Education, Youth Minister and Pastoral Associate. She has been a member of the adjunct faculties of Mundelein Seminary, Loyola University Chicago and Catholic Theological Union, Chicago. She holds a MPS degree from Loyola University and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from The Graduate Theological Foundation in Indiana.

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Publishers and  
Exhibitors

## Round 1: 3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

### A. The Elephant in the Room

(Jr. High – Sr. High – Youth Ministry)

**James Chesnes**

Today's adolescents face pressures never before seen: depression, addiction, abuse, family crisis, sexual pressures and more. You know "how" to do ministry but where do you turn if you need professional help. This workshop includes a "State of the Youth" address and a frank discussion on how to provide pastoral care for youth in need. (Repeated in Round 2 – "J")

### B. Christian Initiation and Children of

**Catechetical Age** (RCIA Teams, Clergy, DREs)

**Mike Novak**

We are encountering more and more children of elementary and middle school age who have not been baptized. How does the Church want us to initiate them? This session will explore the ritual requirements and pastoral issues in bringing God's children into the Church.

### C. Development to Devotion: PRE-K Classroom Techniques

(Pre-school and kindergarten only)

**Diane Matthys**

Young children are a gift from God and can be viewed as a "blank page" ready to be "written" upon. God continually blesses our faith community with new members and calls us to form them to seek a relationship with God. This session will address the development of the whole child and how it applies to catechesis.

### D. Reconciliation – Why Just the First Time?

(First Penance, Elementary)

**Sr. Jane Marie Osterholt, SP**

Why is it that we celebrate the first time we receive God's forgiveness, but then not again? Do we really celebrate this sacrament? During our time together we will look at how and why the sacrament of Reconciliation is different from the other sacraments. God forgives us, but do we forgive ourselves. An ideal workshop for First Reconciliation catechists.

### E. Confirming the Faith of Adolescents

(Confirmation, Jr. High, Clergy)

**Sr. Kieran Sawyer**

No matter at what age they celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation, adolescents need help in "confirming" the faith of their Baptism. This workshop will deal with the faith of adolescents and show how the

"The definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch, but also into communion and intimacy with Jesus Christ." GDC # 80

entire youth ministry program can support teens in the life-long process of confirming faith.

### F. The Real World of Autism

(Elementary – Jr. High)

**Kathy Pease & Sharon Huseman**

As Catechists we are sometimes challenged to meet all the needs of our students. Participants in this session will learn common characteristics of autism and strategies to structure programs to meet the needs of students who have Autism Spectrum Disorder. (Apply toward Basic Certificate)

### G. The Faithful Home the Catechist Builds!

(Elementary, Jr. High, Enrichment)

**Bob Meaney**

Some youth live in a household of faith while others don't seem to walk through the door. In our faith formation sessions (classes) we need to connect life experiences, rituals and doctrine. This interactive session is based on your know-how of building a faith-filled home where youth and their families can live as disciples of Jesus.

Sessions for Musicians, Choirs and Liturgists

### H. Eucharistic Theology & Spirituality from

**Hymnody** (Choirs, Musicians, Cantors)

**Michael Driscoll**

This session will examine four or five Eucharistic hymns from different historical periods. We will explore how the Eucharist was perceived at different moments of our long tradition and how the texts of these hymns influence attitudes of belief and devotion towards the Sacrament.

### I. TBA

This music session is not yet confirmed. Please visit the diocesan web site for an update.

[www.dcgary.org](http://www.dcgary.org) go to Quick Links

(Choirs, Cantors, Musicians)

*(Nota: All sessions may be applied toward a Certificate of Continuing Catechist Formation)*

## Round 2: 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.

### J. The Elephant in the Room

(Jr. High, High School, Youth Ministry, Clergy)

**James Chesnes**

(Repeat from Round 1, see letter “A” for a complete description)

### K. Music & Prayer Movement in the Class and Choir Room (Elementary – Jr. High)

**Danette Lashbrook**

This session will explore ways to integrate music into a catechetical lesson plan as well as in a Eucharistic celebration. Singing, prayer planning and praying with our bodies will fill our time together. You will learn practical ways to take a classroom period or choir session and turn it into a time of prayer.

### L. Welcoming Inquirers, All Through the Year!

(RCIA Teams, DREs, Clergy)

**Mike Novak**

What do you do when someone approaches you in April, eager to learn more about the Church? You don't have to make them wait until September! Even small parishes with limited resources can welcome inquirers into the RCIA at any time of the year. Come and learn how.

### M. First Eucharist: Party Time or Spiritual Connection? (First Communion, Elementary)

**Sr. Jane Marie Osterholt, SP**

When we do anything for the first time, we mark that occasion. What about receiving the Eucharist for the first time? Is it a time for spiritual connection or is more emphasis placed on the clothes, and the party that will follow? Bring your ideas and suggestions that will be shared during our time together as we discuss celebrating Eucharist. Ideal for First Eucharist catechists and DREs.

### N. Journey of Grace: The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit (Confirmation Catechists, Enrichment)

**Dr. Joan Crist**

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit form an ancient theme springing from Scripture and the early Church Father. These gifts are significant in the liturgy and catechesis surrounding Confirmation. This session will share best practices and teaching on the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Catechists bring your text books and lesson plans and come prepared to discuss your best practices and successes.

“Catechesis is intrinsically linked with the whole of liturgical and sacramental activity.” CT #23

### O. Sexuality and Chastity Education

(Jr. High, High School, DREs, Clergy, Enrichment)

**Sr. Kieran Sawyer**

The Church teaches that parents are the primary educators of their children, especially in matters of sexuality and chastity. This formation must always be provided in the broadest context of education for love. How do we as Catechists, DREs, Teachers, Principals and parish leaders help our parents to provide this kind of positive, loving education for our children and adolescents? This session will include an overview of the document *Catechetical Formation for Chaste Living* published by the US Bishops in 2008.

### P. Effective Catechesis in a Worshipping Community Using Pflaum Weekly Readers (Elementary, Jr. High)

**Sue Grenough**

This workshop will explore the relationship between catechesis and worship. Is it one and the same mission? We will look at some specific ways that catechesis can lead to more effective worship using Pflaum's Weekly Readers. A very practical and hands on session.

Sessions for Musicians, Choirs & Liturgists

### Q. Musical Mystagogy: Catechizing through the Liturgical Arts (Liturgical ministers, catechists, clergy)

**Michael Driscoll**

This session will look at the role of music as well as the other sacred arts in informing our Christian beliefs. How do the liturgical arts impart that deep felt knowledge of head and heart and faith, the knowledge that nurtures whole human persons and inspires a knowing from the inside out? Ideal for new or veteran liturgical music ministers.

### R. TBA This music session is not yet confirmed. Please visit the Diocesan web site for an update. [www.dcgary.org](http://www.dcgary.org) go to Quick Links (Choirs, cantors, musicians, etc.)

**Catechetical/Liturgical Day** registration is \$15.00. Scholarships are available until March 5, 2010. Contact Office of Religious Education, 219-769-9292 ext. 230 or email: [fzolvins@dcgary.org](mailto:fzolvins@dcgary.org) **Late Fee:** Registrations received after February 5, 2010 will be assessed a \$5.00 late fee, no refunds are available. Deadline for registrations are March 5, 2010 Online registration is available at: [www.dcgary.org](http://www.dcgary.org) go to Quick Link click on *On Line Event Registration* Office of Rel. Ed.

# Registration Form – Catechetical/Liturgical Day

**MARCH 14, 2010**

Register on Line: [www.dcgary.org](http://www.dcgary.org) go to Quick Links or

Complete this form and mail to Al Papich. (see address below) Only one participant per form. You may photocopy the form for additional registrants.

NAME (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

MINISTRY (Check)  DRE/CRE  Catechist  Musician  Liturgist  Other

**CONFERENCE FEE: \$15.00**

Payment must accompany paper registration or pay at the door. Late fee **\$5.00** after March 5, 2010. **No Refunds will be given.** Cost includes: workshops, exhibits, door prizes, food

12:00 Noon Doors open

1:15 p.m. Keynote Session: Dr. Carole Eipers

***Word of God: Transforming Power of Ministry***

3:00 p.m. Round 1 Workshops

4:45 p.m. Round 2 Workshops, 6:05 Evening Prayer

List 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices for each workshop round due to limited classroom size.

Workshop Round 1 (Indicate 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice) 3:00 – 4:15 PM

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<b>E. Confirming the Faith of Adolescents</b> – Sr. Kieran Sawyer (Middle School – Confirmation)
<b>F. The Real World of Autism</b> – K. Pease & S. Huseman (Elem. – Jr. High – Basic Certificate)
<b>G. The Faithful Home the Catechist Builds!</b> – Bob Meaney (Elem. - Jr. High – Enrichment)
<b>H. Eucharistic Theology &amp; Spirituality from Hymnody</b> - Michael Driscoll (Choirs, Musicians)
<b>I. TBA</b> (check diocesan web page for an update on this session) <a href="http://www.dcgary.org">www.dcgary.org</a>

Workshop Round 2 (Indicate 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice) 4:45 – 6:00 PM

<b>J. The Elephant in the Room</b> (repeat of "A") James Chesnes (Jr. & Sr. High, Youth Ministers)
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Two ways to register: **A. On Line go to: [www.dcgary.org](http://www.dcgary.org) and click Quick Links**

(check one) a. \_\_\_\_\_ Send early payment to Al Papich b. \_\_\_\_\_ Pay at the door or

**B. Print and Mail this Registration Form with a Check to:**

Al Papich  
5384 Central Ave.  
Portage, IN 46368  
(219) 762-8953

**Make Checks Payable to: PARE/FF**