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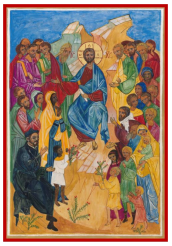

Office of Christian Formation

Co-Worker Connection

Greetings!

Happy Feast of St. Francis!
Want to become a better listener…? The late Stephen Covey observed that
"Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply."

Pray the Prayer of St. Francis….to grant that you *may not so much seek to be understood, as to understand*. This act of understanding will involve deep listening.

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The Role of Godparent & Sponsor…

Do I have Godparents?

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I remember asking my mom that question. I was probably in my early teens and the question came after listening to a friend tell the story of how her godmother always sent her tiny gifts and prayer cards, and how she always remembered her birthdays, special occasions and holidays with cards with prayers and religious images. I didn't have anyone participating in my life like that and so I wondered if I had godparents. The answer might not surprise many of you: "Well, yes…but not really."

Read more…

At Your Request: Living Discipleship III

Reminder:
Bring your *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (Rite) Book

Christian Initiation with Older Children
Bring your team!
8 locations across the diocese
Find the location near you!

This mini-workshop will explore the "Christian Initiation of Children who have reached Catechetical Age", Part II of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.*

For dates and locations, click here for the flyer.

Seating is limited so register today at:
www.regonline.com/RCIATeamsIII

Parish Leaders & Youth Ministers: Registration is Open!

November 9 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Newport News
Dr. Joseph White on ***Forming Catholic Conscience in Children and Youth***
Click here for flyer and registration link.

Pathways Dates & Locations for 2018-2019

All parish catechists in our diocese are expected to attend Pathways Catechist Training. This one-day, instructor-led, interactive program of prayer, learning and reflection is for all who hand on the faith to adults, youth and children in our parishes. Participation in Pathways, as well as diocesan safe environment policies, certifies the catechist in our diocese. Leaders, click here for a flyer to share with your catechists.

October 13, 2018
Prince of Peace, Chesapeake

October 20, 2018
Pastoral Center, Richmond

October 27, 2018
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Newport News

February 2, 2019
St. Andrew, Roanoke

March 2, 2019
Holy Family, Virginia Beach

March 16, 2019
Incarnation, Charlottesville

Register Now

PATHWAYS
FOR CATECHIST FORMATION

Sacrament Study Days

Examine the key theological and pastoral

principles that frame the diocesan *Instruction for Sacraments – Infant Baptism, First Penance, and First Holy Communion.*

Join us if you are a new parish leader, Deacon or pastor, or are desiring a refresher from years ago!

Last opportunity:
October 17 in Lynchburg

Click Here for the flyer with details.

Register Now

Lending Library

What studies are other parishes using?

Ascension Press has shared their "Top Ten Most Popular Ascension Catholic Programs." The lending library has 6 out of 10 of the resources and will be adding "Fulfilled" Part One and Two soon.

Click here for Lending Library

password: lending

Peninsula Catechist Day

Breaking Open the Six Tasks of Catechesis
presented by Dr. Joseph White
Saturday, November 10, 2018 from 9:00am- Noon
Questions: Contact Kim Chapman at kchapmanpc@gmail.com

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