

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION / RCIA UPDATE

Winter/ Spring 2010

Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of New York

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## SPECIAL EVENTS COMING UP:

- February 20, 2010 Catechist Appreciation Day, Hastings on the Hudson, NY
- February 21, 2010 Rite of Election, St. Patrick's Cathedral (NYC)
- February 28, 2010 Rite of Continuing Conversion, Cathedral (NYC) and Sacred Heart, Newburgh
- March 3, 2010 Annual Lenten Day of Prayer, Maryknoll Seminary, Ossining, NY
- May 16, 2010 Neophyte Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral (NYC)
- June 26, 2010 New York Bible Summit

## Network gatherings – Adult Faith Formation / RCIA

...these are great opportunities to gather with your colleagues in ministry for support, prayer, fellowship, sharing of ideas/ concerns & current information.

### RCIA Networks – Winter 2010 gatherings....

- Feb. 10 at 10am - Our Lady Star of the Sea Rectory, Staten Island
- Feb. 11 at 10am - Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers Building, Ossining
- Feb. 16 at 3:30pm - Our Lady of Peace Rectory, Manhattan
- Apr. 19 at 4pm - Sacred Heart Parish Activity Center, Newburgh

### AFF Networks – Winter / Spring 2010 gatherings....

- Feb. 4 at 7:30pm - Holy Family Rectory, New Rochelle
- March 20 at 10am - Our Lady of the Assumption Rectory, Bloomingburg
- April 13 at 8pm - St. Charles Rectory, Staten Island

## Basic Training for Adult Faith Formation Leadership begins January 23, 2010.

For information and registration go to [www.nyfaithformation.org](http://www.nyfaithformation.org) or contact the Archdiocesan Catechetical Office at [Adults@nyfaithformation.org](mailto:Adults@nyfaithformation.org)

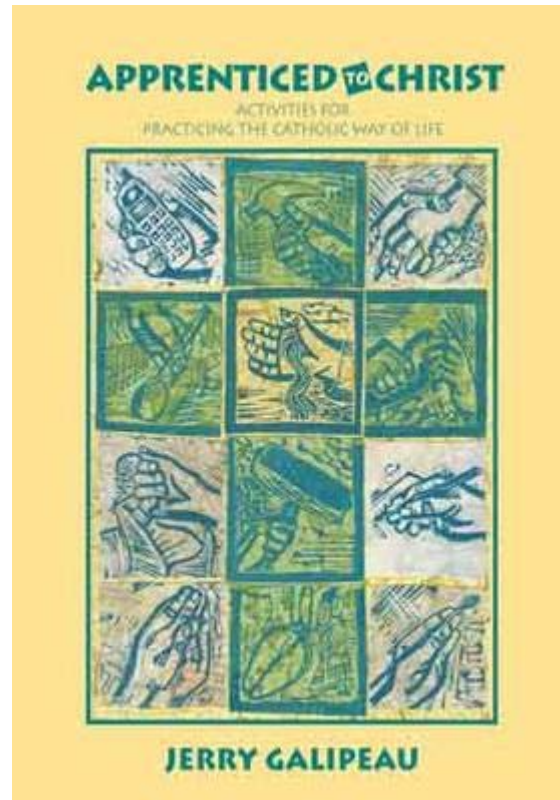
**RITE OF ELECTION AND THE RITES OF CONTINUING CONVERSION** – the registration of the Catechumens and Candidates will begin on January 4, 2010...for more information go to : [www.nyfaithformation.org](http://www.nyfaithformation.org). **Registration Deadline:** Thursday, February 12, 2010

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..... a GREAT NEW FAITH FORMATION RESOURCE FOR THE  
THE CATECHUMENATE (RCIA)

# APPRENTICED TO CHRIST: ACTIVITIES FOR PRACTICING THE CATHOLIC WAY OF LIFE



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Inspired by the principle that one learns how to be a Christian by doing what Christians do, Apprenticed to Christ provides catechists with ideas and resources for the "apprenticeship" of catechumens, candidates, and others participating in parish faith formation. This hands-on method, the Church's preferred approach for the Catechumenate, is presented in a systematic, easy-to-use format based on the Liturgy of the Word for Sunday Mass, with apprenticeship activities suggested for each Sunday of the three-year cycle of readings. A list of Catechetical topics and resources for all the Sundays of the Liturgical year is included, as well as an Index of Topics with reference to each Sunday of the three-year cycle of readings.

# Here they are ....

## *The Top Nine Best Practices for effective Adult Faith Formation Ministry for your parish community*

- Pay attention to what is going on in the lives of adults and LISTEN very carefully to what adults are talking about.
- Target the times of TRANSITION and CHANGE in the lives of adults.
- Offer opportunities for SPIRITUAL GROWTH.
- Connect with the MOTIVATIONS and interests of adults.
- ARTICULATE what you hope to accomplish with the adults.
- Utilize a VARIETY of program models to address the DIVERSITY of adult backgrounds, faith maturity and interests.
- Respect the variety of learning styles among adults by incorporating a multitude of LEARNING STYLES for adults.
- Create HOSPITABLE learning environments and BUILD RELATIONSHIPS among adults.
- Develop and Promote parish leadership for adult faith formation ministry: Pastor, Parish Adult Faith Formation Coordinator, Parish Leadership Team, Catechists / Facilitators for Adult catechesis.

# Young Adult Faith Formation Ministry

## Best Practices for a Catholic Parish

- + Value their presence +
- + Provide physical space and parish scheduling for young adult programs +
- + Enable young adults to create and plan their own events by making leadership positions +
- + Offer multiple points of entry: social, educational, spiritual, emotional, theological +
- + Meet them where they are at +
- + Offer liturgical experiences that touch the hearts of young adults +
- + Provide an environment that encourages questioning and learning +
- + Provide personal and religious guidance - show genuine interest +
- + Integrate young adults fully into the ministries of the parish +
- + Offer independent learning with maximum flexibility +
- + Use the INTERNET +
- + Offer small group gatherings for prayer, faith-sharing and study +
- + Form "MISSION COMMUNITIES" +
- + Go to where they are +
- + Develop programming around young adult milestones and life transition events +
- + Provide a variety of retreat experiences +
- + Engage them in short-term and long-term "Works of Service / Justice" projects +

### BOOK RESOURCE

"The Basic Guide to Young Adult Ministry"

John Cusick and Katherine DeVries

Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Press, 2001

This book offers a practical, pastoral approach for inviting young adults in the 20s and 30s into greater participation in the life of the church. Attention is given to who young adults are, their affiliation with the church, what they seek, and why a ministry directed specifically to them makes sense. Information about effective young adult ministry at the local parish is presented. There is also discussion on young adult ministry beyond the local church.

### WEB SITE RESOURCES

[www.bustedalo.com](http://www.bustedalo.com) : BustedHalo.com is an online magazine for spiritual seekers in the 20's and 30's

[www.ncyama.org](http://www.ncyama.org) : the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association

[www.elca.org/youngadults](http://www.elca.org/youngadults) : ELCA Young Adult Ministry with a variety of resources and program ideas