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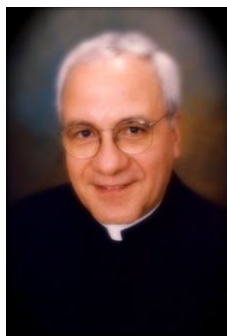
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Living the Eucharist: You're Invited!



Our Annual Fall Gathering to be held on Friday, September 23, is a call to all those entrusted with spreading the Gospel Message. (That's you!) This year's event will be held at Sacred Heart Major Seminary and led by Fr. Frank DeSiano, President of Paulist Evangelization Ministries. Fr. Frank will inspire us to live the Eucharist in ways that will draw all to Christ (see flier, page 2).

How many of us know people who are not practicing the Faith? When questioned, isn't one of the biggest reasons always a lack of intimacy or personal relationship with Christ? I am forever intrigued by this sort of response and quickly counter, "How much more intimate could you be with the Lord than receiving Him Body, Mind, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist?" The reply is invariably the same: after a thoughtful pause the person exclaims, "*I never realized that—no one ever told me!*"

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life (CCC 1324). Fed on the Word in the proclamation of Scripture, we are nourished spiritually and physically when we receive Christ in Holy Communion. Having the Divine Presence within us, we are then "sent out" into the world to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ through word and example.

When I meditate on what Christ has done for us, it is almost too awesome to imagine. To know Our Savior loved us so much that He would not only suffer, die, and rise for our salvation, but then continue to give Himself to us in the gift of the Eucharist is a profound mystery and humbling truth. He actually strengthens us and unites us as one in His Body, with the Communion of Saints in Heaven and those being purified in Purgatory. I am convinced if we would only proclaim this with the joy, conviction, and zeal it so deserves, our churches would be filled to capacity!

I hope to see each of you at the Fall Gathering; be sure to invite all you know. We live in a world searching desperately for love and happiness . . . but we already have the answer—*it is Christ!* Let our fervent participation in the Annual Fall Gathering renew and inspire us to share Christ in and through His Church.

In His Service,

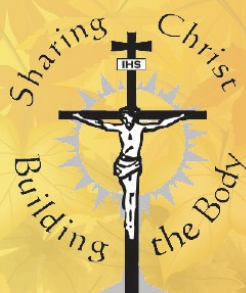
Judith A. Maten, Director

Office of Evangelization & Catechesis



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Living the Eucharist: Evangelizing the Parish



Annual Fall Gathering
Friday, September 23, 2011
8:30am-3:30pm
Sacred Heart Major Seminary



Fr. Frank DeSiano, CPS

ALL ARE WELCOME

Parish Catechetical
Leaders, Youth Ministers,
DREs, RCIA and
Adult Faith Formation
Coordinators, Family Life
Ministers, Principals,
Clergy, Evangelization
Coordinators, etc...

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:30am	DOORS OPEN
9:00am	OPENING PRAYER
9:30am	KEYNOTE
10:45am	BREAKOUT/WORKSHOPS
12:00pm	MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
12:45pm	LUNCH
1:45pm	KEYNOTE
3:15pm	CLOSING/COMMISSIONING

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Fr. Frank DeSiano, CPS

Fr. Frank is president of Paulist
Evangelization Ministries in
Washington, D.C., and a nationally
known speaker and writer. His
numerous books and manuscripts
focus in the areas of evangeliza-
tion, discipleship, spirituality and
parish renewal.

Registration also available online www.aodonline.org/fallgathering

Name: _____

Position: _____

Parish (Include City) _____

Email: _____ Phone: () _____

Register by September 16th!!! Questions? Call (313) 237-7306

Please Make Checks Payable to: *Archdiocese of Detroit*

\$15.00 per person
Includes Light Breakfast & Lunch

Please mail to:

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT
Office of Evangelization & Catechesis
305 Michigan Ave, 6th floor
Detroit, MI 48226



Second Annual *Life is a Gift* Student Art, Writing & Music Contest

In an age when the sacredness of life has never been more boldly challenged, this exercise in freedom of expression is more precious than ever the Archdiocese of Detroit in collaboration with the Michigan Knights of Columbus is inviting students in grades 4 to 12 to submit their original art, prose, poetry, musical compositions and songs- all reflecting the theme for honoring all human life. In particular, students may send in creative work that upholds the dignity of the most vulnerable members of our community: the elderly, the disabled and the unborn. During the month of October as we honor and celebrate "Respect Life Month", the Marriage, Family and Pro-life Ministry will be accepting original work by local students in Catholic and public schools who attend faith-formation catechetical classes. For complete contest rules, visit: www.aodonline.org/lifeisagift or write: lifeisagift@aod.org.



3rd Annual AOD Hispanic Women's Conference



All women ages 13 and older are invited to take part in this conference in Spanish with guest presenters: Most Reverend Jose Arturo Cepeda, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit, and Martha Fernández-Sardina, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis for the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

["Mujeres Bíblicas Reflejadas en el Mundo de Hoy:
¿Con cuál de ellas te identificas?"](#)

*"Biblical Women Reflected in the World Today;
Which one of them do you identify with?"*

DATE: Saturday, October 1, 2011
TIME: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Sacred Heart Major Seminary
COST: \$15 per person
(includes continental breakfast and lunch)

REGISTER online at:
<http://www.aodonline.org/mujer>

INFORMATION: mujer@aod.org
or 313-237-4691

Internet Pornography Prevalence and Resources to Combat

Along with widespread internet use, pornography has gained mainstream access to our homes and workplaces. Internet pornography lures and captivates individuals, especially men, due to its accessibility, affordability, and anonymity. Pornography operates and thrives in secrecy and deceit.

Pornography among Christians:

- 47% Said pornography was a major problem in the home.[1]
- 30% of the men in any given parish, according to conservative estimates of Catholic priests are regular viewers of Internet pornography. Other Catholic commentators put the estimate at 40% of Catholic men and teenage boys are *regular* porn users. [2]
- 53% of Promise Keeper Christian men's conference attendees viewed pornography in last week.[1]
- 34% of churchgoing women said they have intentionally visited porn websites online.[1]

Internet pornography destroys trust and intimacy in the husband-wife relationship and can lead to divorce. These are some recommended Catholic web sites for those struggling with or affected by pornography use and addiction:

[The My House Initiative \(www.loveisfaithful.com\)](http://www.loveisfaithful.com) – A Catholic web site aimed at fostering the virtue of chastity by building awareness of the effects of pornography in society, offering support and healing for those harmed by it, and educating Catholics on what they can do to protect their families from its influence. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Kansas City.

[St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers \(www.dads.org\)](http://www.dads.org) – The site has an extensive section that offers articles and resources for those struggling with and affected by pornography. Special focus on providing resources which aid men desiring to maintain their purity and fulfilling their vocation as husbands and fathers.

[PornNoMore \(www.pornnomore.com\)](http://www.pornnomore.com) – A Catholic website made up of laity and religious offering support, resources, guidance and prayers for those struggling with or affected by pornography.

For additional resources and help contact the Archdiocesan Marriage & Family office at 313-237-5894 or FamilyMinistry@aod.org.

David Grobbel, L.M.S.W.
Marriage, Family and Prolife

Sources: 1: <https://wsr.byu.edu/content/national-pornography-statistics>

2: http://www.catholic.com/projects/fight_pornography.asp

Nat'l Pregnancy and Infant Loss Mass



You are invited to a Mass celebrated by His Excellency, Most Reverend Donald F. Hanchon, Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, to commemorate *National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month*. A blessing will be given to married couples who desire a baby. A prayer will be offered for families who have lost a pregnancy, infant, baby, or child.

The Mass will be celebrated on October 2, 2011, 11:00 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. RSVP to pregnancymass@aod.org or call 313-237-6059. Please give your name and the number of adults and children under 12 attending.

In every time and place, the Church is called to grow in unity through constant conversion to Christ, whose saving work is proclaimed by the successors of the apostles and celebrated in the sacraments.

—Pope Benedict XVI, speaking on his visit to America in April 2008

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME



Catechetical Sunday September 18, 2011

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

A Prayer for Family Commitment

Dear God our Father, you have called all Christian families to be a sign of your love to the world.

Help us to be generous with the gifts of life and love that you have showered on our family. May we share them so that our homes become true signs of unitive and fruitful love.

Let us never forget to thank you each day for all that sustains us and to look to Christ, who comes to us in the events of family life, in the sacraments of the Church, and in service to the poor.

In all of this, our family becomes a living expression of your Church, a hallowed home of life and love. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may all of us—spouses, parents, and children—share, as members of his Body, in Jesus' mission to build a civilization of love. Father, we ask this in Jesus' name in union with the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

All information on this page sourced from the following: <http://nccbuscc.org/catecheticalsunday/>

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechetical-ministry/catechetical-sunday/catechetical-sunday-about.cfm>

About Catechetical Sunday

- A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.
- On Catechetical Sunday, those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists are called forth and commissioned for their ministry.
- We, the entire church community, are also invited to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.
- The rite of blessing of catechists used on Catechetical Sunday includes an optional blessing of parents and guardians because parents remain the primary catechists of their children. The Catholic home is a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.
- The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the third Sunday of September as Catechetical Sunday.

A Prayer for Catechists

O God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family.

We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs.

May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles.

We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ's prophetic mission as catechists. May we too be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.



Archdiocese of Detroit

9th ANNUAL
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



EMBRACED BY MERCY
Transformed by Love

"What is there about the 'feminine genius' that has made women God's privileged agents for sharing the good news of Divine Mercy."

- The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
 OCTOBER 28 AND 29, 2011

Best Western Sterling Inn
 Banquet & Conference Center

Keynote Speaker: The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron

Additional Presenters: Sr. Mary Finn, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit

Catherine Lanni, Divine Mercy Center, Eastpointe

Fr. Joseph Horn, Holy Family Catholic Church, Memphis

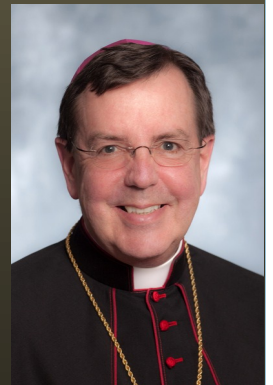
Marjorie Gabriel-Burrow, Metro Catholic Gospel Choir, Detroit

Music & Drama under the direction of :

Dr. Noriko Ernst • Kelly Nieto • Marjorie Gabriel-Burrow

Register online at www.aodwomensministry.org

or call (313) 237-4683



Do you teach in the RCIA? ?

Those who teach in RCIA should have a good theological foundation and be well familiar with the RCIA Process. Certification as an RCIA Catechist is strongly encouraged for those who teach in the RCIA process. The certification involves 20 formation topics and internship which are offered for all catechist certification throughout the Archdiocese, plus 7 sessions which are RCIA specific. These are:

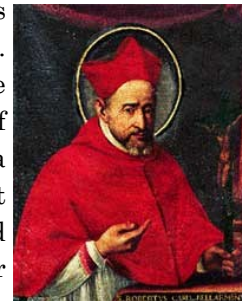


- 1R – Overview of RCIA
- 2R – The Role of the RCIA Team and Catechists
- 3R – The Period of Inquiry/ Pre-Catechumenate
- 4R – Breaking Open the Word: Leading Scripture Reflection
- 5R – The Period of the Catechumenate
- 6R – The Period of Purification and Enlightenment
- 7R – Mystagogia

These seven topics will be offered after the first of the new year in 2012. Please watch this newsletter and the AOD website for more information. If you have any questions, please contact us at ministerialcertification@aod.org.

Did you know?

St. Robert Bellarmine was born in Tuscany in 1542. Ordained as a Jesuit, he became Archbishop of Capua and also a Cardinal. St. Robert studied theology and gained a reputation for learning and being able to evangelize 'hot button' topics of the day (which followed after Trent), writing many ! A staunch defender of the faith, St. Robert Bellarmine is honored as the patron saint of Catechists. His Feast Day is September 17.



Pope's Prayer Intentions September 2011

General: That all teachers may know how to communicate love of the truth and instill authentic moral and spiritual values.

Missionary: That the Christian communities of Asia may proclaim the Gospel with fervor, witnessing to its beauty with the joy of faith.

Meet the New Associate Director of Ministerial Certification for Evangelization & Catechesis

Greetings in the peace of Christ! My name is Brian Pizzalato and I am the new Associate Director of Ministerial Certification for the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. It is a blessing for me to be able to serve the people of the AOD. The Lord has done great things in my life which now includes this new opportunity to serve his Church. I am originally from New Orleans, LA, but for the past six years I have lived in Duluth, MN, with my wife Phoebe and my six children, Joshua, Sarah, Jacob, Dominic, Gianna, and Sophia. Please pray for us during this time of transition.

I have been involved in various aspects of evangelization and catechesis on the campus, parish, and diocesan levels for over twelve years. I have been involved in teaching and directing R.C.I.A., Young Adult Ministry, bible studies, elementary, youth, and adult faith formation, ministerial certification, and catechist formation. My educational background includes a B.A. in Theology and Philosophy, an M.A. in Theology with a Catechetics specialization, and an M.A. in Philosophy from Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH. I also have an M.A. in Biblical Theology from the Augustine Institute in Denver, CO, and am a Ph.D. candidate at the Maryvale Institute in Birmingham, England. If you have questions regarding Ministerial Certification please contact me at ministerialcertification@aod.org . I am very happy to be here, and I hope to meet all of you soon!





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Catholic Culture Prayer

Lord, hold me in your loving embrace. Open my eyes, ears, and heart to Your Presence in my life. I beg the Holy Spirit to descend upon me and ignite in me a fire of love for You. Through the Power of Your Divine Presence, transform and purify me. Help me to be an example of Your love to those around me, for You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

I lift up this prayer together with the entire parish community. Guide us, Lord, and fill us with the Holy Spirit so that we can be bold witnesses of the Gospel Message to our families, schools, parish, and world. May others come to know, love, and serve You. Help us to be Your eyes, ears, and voice in a world so desperately searching for love and truth. Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, may we, like her, draw all to You.

Amen.

Archdiocese of Detroit **AUTHENTIC WITNESSES** INVITE. CHALLENGE. LIVE! COMING SOON!

2011 ENGAGING THE YOUNG CHURCH CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE!
OCTOBER 21-22
ST. JOHN NEUMANN PARISH
CANTON, MICHIGAN

Archbishop Vigneron will celebrate Mass and address conference attendees on Saturday

Hispanic track included

Friday evening social at Three Cedars Farm in Northville, Michigan

For more information, call 313-596-7308, email youthministry@aod.org, or visit us online at WWW.DETROITYOUTHMINISTERS.COM

The Engaging the Young Church (EYC) Conference is designed to call the whole Church together in responding to the need for mentoring and evangelizing a new generation of disciples to be a voice of hope and promise for the Church. The Conference is for all who minister to youth - parents, youth ministers, teachers, catechists, campus & young adult ministers, clergy and religious. Mark your calendars and join us as we grow intellectually, spiritually, and professionally to meet the needs of those to whom we minister!

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Meeting the AOD & USCCB priorities of youth & young adult ministry.