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Dear Friends in Ministry,

For the past few years, it has been brought to my attention that we need to offer basic and ongoing formation on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). This is the year your requests have been answered. “Wading Deeper” (July 24-25) will

- ◆ *examine the texts and actions of the rites of initiation*
- ◆ *help us to discover their spirituality and theology, which, in turn*
- ◆ *give direction and guidance for how we should shape the catechumenal processes in our parishes.*

This seminar will be of value to parishes just becoming acquainted with the RCIA process as well as parishes with well-seasoned RCIA ministries.

The “Initiation Experience: Beginnings Plus Institute” will

- ◆ *present the vision of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*
- ◆ *provide experience of the flow, steps and periods of the Rite*
- ◆ *teach the skills necessary for local implementation*
- ◆ *invite reflection, faith sharing, and liturgical celebration and,*
- ◆ *deepen the understanding of the conversion journey.*

Both programs truly complement each other as “Wading Deeper” provides the spiritual and theological background and “Beginnings Plus” provides the practical, hands on learning. On January 24, 2010, the topic of “Mystagogy” will round out this “trinity” of RCIA seminars. Please don’t miss these wonderful RCIA opportunities.

Please let me know how we can continue to be of service to you.

*Sue A. Huett, Director
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WADING DEEPER 2009: “The Power of the Rites: Bringing Us to the Full Stature of Christ” with Todd Williamson, Office for Divine Worship, Archdiocese of Chicago, 24-25 July 2009. The workshop is held at Holy Family Parish in Litchfield. Everything needed is on the registration flyer. The flyer is located on the Office of Worship web site

at www.officeofworship.catholicweb.com. For those individuals interested in catechist certification, it is available at 6 hours of elective on your current tier or 6 hours of credit for Renewal.

RCIA: THE INITIATION EXPERIENCE: BEGINNINGS PLUS – 23-26 SEPTEMBER 2009 – HOLY TRINITY PARISH, FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS IL. This intensive institute on the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* is co-sponsored by the Diocese of Belleville and the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois in conjunction with The North American Forum on the Catechumenate. Institute team: Rev. Chuck Barthel (pastor, Archdiocese of St. Louis), Rev. Ed Koharchik, CSP (campus minister, Austin TX), Sr. Jeanette Lucinio, SP (director for women religious, Diocese of San Diego CA), and Sr. Donna Steffen, SC (spiritual director, Cincinnati OH). Download registration flyer at http://www.naforum.org/new_site/ and click <calendar> or use this address to get to the flyer directly: http://www.naforum.org/new_site/files/cal_171_registration%20brochure.pdf. The Beginnings Plus Institute will receive 12 hours of elective on your current tier or 30 hours of credit for Renewal for those interested in catechist certification. Questions can be addressed directly to the Office of Worship, Diocese of Belleville by e-mail to worship@diobelle.org or calling (618) 235-9601 ext. 146.

ACCESS IN LITURGY: MAKING LITURGICAL MINISTRIES MORE ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, NCPD Webinar, WEDNESDAY JULY 15, 2009, 1:00-2:00 P.M. EDT. National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD), in partnership with the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC), NCCL and others, will describe ways to make liturgical ministries more accessible to those with disabilities. Patrick Gorman (Diocese of Madison) and Karen Murray presenting. Lisa Tarker (FDLC Executive Director) moderating.

Working on NCPD's year-long theme of *Access in Ministry*, this webinar will focus on making liturgical ministries accessible to parishioners with disabilities. We hope you can log in and encourage your colleagues and ministry partners to do the same. If you were one of those who had problems with audio reception during our last webinar due to the difficulties experienced by Vcall's streaming provider be aware that to access the webinar in full, you need only to go to www.ncpd.org and click on the "Webinars" button. There you will find a link to "Access to Liturgical Spaces: *Welcoming ALL to this Place*" with Robert Habiger and Anne Koester which will provide an archived version of the webinar for your use, as well as other resources for the webinar.

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"Believing means surrendering ourselves to God and entrusting our destiny to him. Believing means entering into a personal relationship with our Creator and Redeemer in the power of the Holy Spirit, and making this relationship the basis of our whole life."
— Pope Benedict XVI, *Homily*, May 28, 2006