



Week of October 3..
A couple days late!

- OFFICE HOURS
- UPCOMING EVENTS
- SEASONAL RESOURCES
- TECHNOLOGY TIPS
- AND MORE!!!

NEXT CL MEETING:

Thursday Evening, Oct 13 (Hospitality at 6pm, prayer & meeting begins at 6:30PM)

Friday Morning, Oct 14 (Hospitality at 9am, prayer & meeting begins at 9:30AM)

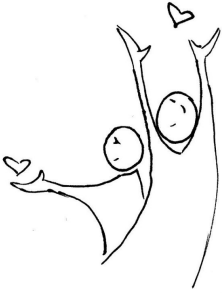
Agenda:

- Family Centered Faith Symposium and Discussion - Attached/linked is a [“pre-meeting” reflection sheet](#). Please take some time between now and the meeting to gather some of your thoughts about family faith formation. We can share some ideas & thoughts in a good discussion about this paradigm shift in viewing faith formation. Can it work? Is it possible? What will it take to succeed? If you really want more information, I suggest reading John Roberto’s latest book, *“Families at the Center of Faith Formation”*, especially the first chapter.
- Updates on the “Hearts on a Mission” Weekend, Saturday for ministry development and Sunday for the Regional Youth Event sponsored by collaborating parishes.
- Faithful Citizenship...this will be an interesting election year but this part of the agenda is not a political debate.... I have seen enough of those! What I do have is the USCCB bulletin insert sample about the right and privilege of voting. There is more than just a presidential race, also.
- Foundational Certification using The NEW Echoes of Faith 3.0 (online certification) and Echoes Plus, (in person certification). Schedule of online sessions and how to bring inperson sessions to your parish or PCA.
- Continuing Certification - What topics would you like to explore this year?
- 2016 & 2017 National Conferences

OFFICE HOURS: Don’t forget, the office hours as well as other events are found on the homepage of EasternEcho.org.

- THURSDAY, OCT 6 - OPEN, BUT CALL FIRST. I HAVE SOME ERRANDS TO RUN.
- FRIDAY, OCT 7 - CLOSED. Personal overtime hours.
- MONDAY, OCT 10 - CLOSED. Holiday
- TUESDAY, OCT 11 - OPEN, but I may not be available. Staff meeting in Eastern Region office.
- WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY, Oct 12- 15 - OPEN 9am - 4pm.

Major Upcoming Events



October 22 Hearts on a Mission!

Register soon! We must have a close count by October 15 to work with caterer and so presenters are prepared with handouts, etc. Please register today at faithformationevents.weebly.com Remember, this is a diocesan event hosted in the east! If you have a large group and want to call in the registration, you may call 797-4030.



October 15 Autism Workshop: Support and Strategies For Teaching Our Students with Autism in Faith Formation. Visit faithformationevents.weebly.com for more information and registration

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Welcome to October, the Month of the Holy Rosary!

Don't forget to [download my FREE Rosary PowerPoint!](#)

I plan on using this with my 6th graders this week and I'll let you know how it goes!

A Spanish version is also available!

Simple Tips for Leading a Simple Prayer
by Joe Paprocki, DMin

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October is the month of Our Lady of the Rosary. Joe Paprocki of Loyola Press has posted a powerpoint to use with middle grades, 4-7. Check out the link below to his website. The powerpoint will also be uploaded on the easternecho blog for this week. He even included the presenter notes!

<http://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2013/10/reminder-download-my-free-rosary-powerpoint/>



Who is the baby in this picture?
Hint:
We will be celebrating his feast day on October 22- the same day as Hearts on a Mission!
He was born in Poland.
He wrote
Use this short biographic video for your class:

https://youtu.be/rSNtT4OrSNc?list=PL58g24NgWPlzvBk2IQVES_xC4WTm6-CDI

STATISTICAL REPORTS!!! Due November 1st. Who will be the first one in this year? You can find the paper template in your Catechetical Leaders' Handbook or on EasternEcho.org under "files".

How to complete the statistical report:

Catechetical Year: _____ Parish: _____ *Name* _____ *location* _____

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Grade	Students	Students w/Special Needs	Catechists	Certified Catechists	Classroom Aides	Session Day & Time	Total Contact Hrs	Textbook Name	Publisher
Pre-K									
Kindg									
Gr 1									
Gr 2									
Gr 3									
Gr 4									
Gr 5									
Gr 6									
Total Pre-K- 6Gr									

This is the complete inclusive TOTAL of students in that grade. This number includes homeschool students, special needs students, every child in that grade level. If you have classes with multiple grades, I still need to have you separate EACH grade. For example, do not say you have 10 students combined in Grades 1 & 2. Be specific... 3 in grade one, 7 in grade 2. You can combine with 1 catechist.

This is the number of students within this grade with special needs. They are already counted in the total, but separated for this statistic. Therefore you might have 50 TOTAL students in a grade, and 2 with special needs. DO NOT say 48 students and 2 with special needs. It is 50 students of which 2 have special needs.

The Catechist column shows the number of TOTAL catechists, certified and not certified. The Certified catechists provides the number of those with CATECHETICAL certification, **not VIRTUS**. Level I and/or Level II catechist certification.

Catechetical Leader: _____ Mailing Address: _____ Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Additional Staff	Name	Address	Zip	Telephone	E-Mail
RCIA Coordinator Adults				Day Eve	
RCIA Coordinator Children				Day Eve	
Adult Faith Coordinator				Day Eve	
Youth Minister				Day Eve	
Sacramental Coordinator				Day Eve	
Grade Level Coordinator				Day Eve	
Religious Education Secretary				Day Eve	
Other				Day Eve	

I realize this takes extra time, but if you could please gather the updated information for our records and for the various chancery offices to be able to contact ministry leaders. All CLs and ministry leaders are encouraged highly to have a diocesan organization email account. If anyone would like one, please let me know. aslaven@syrdio.org



Confirmation Retreats

Here are the retreats of those who have provided information. Please send me your information about retreats either by emailing me or click this easy form - [Confirmation Retreat Info](#)

- St. Mark's 9th grade retreat, with sponsors. January TBA Call Donna Prusko at 527- 4889
- St. Bernard's & St. Joseph's October 16 10:30am Mass - 4:00pm. Call Shannon Jones at 271-3952
- St. Leo/St. Ann in Holland Patent January 15 more info to come Call Judy Smith at 865-5371
- St. Joseph, Oneida & Holy Family, Vernon/St. Helena's, Sherrill, 9th Grade Retreat is December 3, 2016 Confirmation retreat is April 1, 2017 Call Mary LaForest at 829-3295
- Historic St. John's Confirmation Retreat in April TBA Call Annette Gape