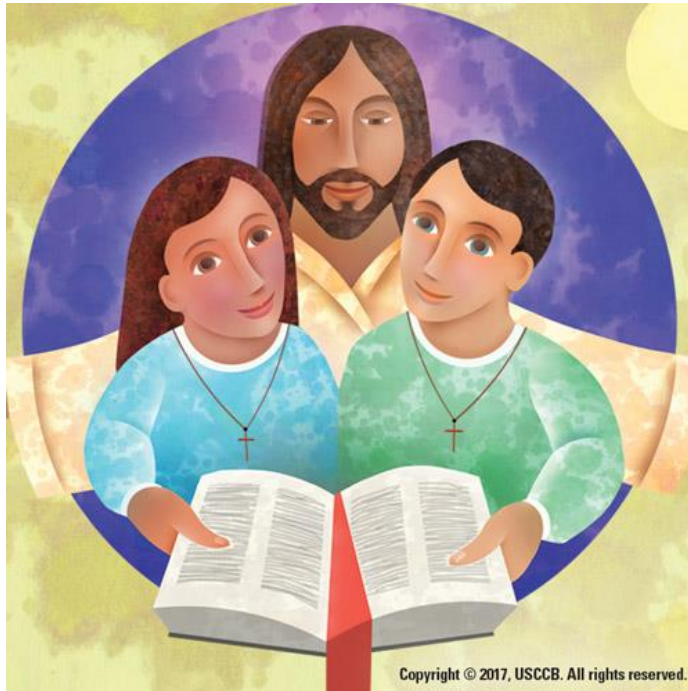


# **Living as Missionary Disciples**



# **Vivir Como Discípulos Misioneros**

*Archdiocese of Newark  
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**Catechist Convocation  
November 4, 2017  
Paramus Catholic Regional High School  
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**Our Archbishop, Joseph W. Cardinal Tobin, CSsR, DD  
will preside at our Morning Prayer Service**

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Are you interested in  
Faith Formation through:  
Catechesis – Liturgy – Spirituality?

**We Invite...**

- Parish Catechetical Leaders
- Catechists
- Catholic School Teachers
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Parish Sacramental Teams
- Parish staffs
- Social Justice Teams
- Adult Spirituality Teams
- Liturgists
- Adult Faith Formation Teams
- Youth Ministers
- Priests and deacons

**Schedule**

Registration/Hospitality  
8:15—8:45 am

Welcome/Opening Prayer  
Acknowledgement Ceremony  
(Auditorium)  
8:45—9:30 am

Session 1  
9:40—10:55 am

Session 2 or Lunch A  
11:05 am—12:20 pm

Session 3 or Lunch B  
12:30—1:45 pm

Session 4  
1:55—3:05 pm

Closing Prayer  
(In classrooms)  
3:05—3:10 pm

**Programa**

Matrícula/Hospitalidad  
8:15—8:45 am

Bienvenida/Oración de Apertura  
Ceremonia de Reconocimiento  
(Auditorio)  
8:45—9:30 am

Taller 1  
9:40—10:55 am

Taller 2 ó Almuerzo A  
11:05 am—12:20 pm

Taller 3 ó Almuerzo B  
12:30—1:45 pm

Taller 4  
1:55—3:05 pm

Oración Final  
(Auditorio)  
3:05—3:10 pm

**NOTE: EACH PERSON MAY CHOOSE THREE WORKSHOPS FOR THE DAY.**  
**NOTA: CADA PERSONA PUEDE SELECCIONAR HOY TRES TALLERES**

All folders and workshop assignments will be distributed at the Convocation. El día de la Convocatoria serán distribuidas las carpetas con la lista y horario de los talleres asignados a cada persona.

# English Workshops

## 1. Speaking Confidently About Faith and Science

John Thompson

11:05 am – 12:20 pm or 1:55 – 3:05 pm

Religious people are constantly asked to reconcile their belief in God with the ever-expanding world of Science. Atheists delight in attacking Biblical Fundamentalists, and Catholics are often caught in the middle. Join us for the facts about being faithful in a scientific world with straightforward answers to questions from teens and adults. **Methodology Level**

## 2. Making the Connection: Catechetical Disciples and the Mission of the Church

Marylin Kravatz-Toolan, PhD

9:40 – 10:55 am or 12:30 – 1:45 pm

As disciples of Jesus, all Christians are entrusted with his mandate to “teach all nations.” However, catechists have a particular ministerial role in proclaiming the Gospel and mission of the Church. They are asked to mature and grow in faith as they teach and learn from other disciples on the journey of faith. Addressing these important aspects, this workshop will explore the meaning and characteristics of catechetical discipleship as they are related to the mission of the Church. **Spirituality Level**

## 3. So they asked you to be a catechist! Now what?

Charlane Faught

11:05 am – 12:20 pm or 1:55 – 3:05 pm

*Sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor*

We will start with opening day in your classroom from prayer table to saying at the end “Go in peace to serve the world.” We will then explore prayer activities in the classroom and go over at least twenty-six activities to use in the classroom in order to get the children involved in the lesson. **Methodology Level**

## 4. Education 101: Ten Teaching Tips for Catechists

Melissa Peters

9:40 – 10:55 am or 12:30 – 1:45 pm

Teaching a Religious Education class, but have no formal background in education? Not a problem! This workshop will give you quick tips for classroom management, behavior management, asking the right questions, lesson planning and keeping students’ attention. **Methodology Level**

## 5. Finding Faith in a Godless World

Alex Basile

9:40 – 10:55 am or 11:05 am – 12:20 pm

Alex provides reflections from his popular book of the same title. Fighting the world that pushes God out of the equation is a fulltime problem. Alex will share his experiences of teaching for thirty years in this workshop. **Methodology Level**

## 6. Footwear for Missionary Evangelists

Sister Honora Werner, OP

12:30 – 1:45 pm

Isaiah proclaims, “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news.” So what sort of footwear ought such a messenger have? Everyday footwear, hiking boots, bedroom slippers, brown or white oxfords, sneakers—even combat boots, and sandals or flip-flops? Where would such be worn? Well, that’s where we go as missionary disciples. **Spirituality Level**

## 7. Why Go To Mass?

Rev. Thomas A. Dente

11:05 am – 12:20 pm or 1:55 – 3:05 pm

More of our young people go to religious education (because they have to) than go to Mass (which they should want to!) Explore some good reasons why young people should want to participate in Sunday Eucharist. **Methodology Level**

## 8. What’s New About “The New Evangelization”?

Sister Sandra De Masi, SSJ

9:40 – 10:55 am

*Sponsored by RCL Benziger Religion Publishers*

- What exactly do we mean by “The New Evangelization”?
- How does it affect a parish’s faith formation process?
- What’s so new about it?

In this workshop, Sister Sandy will discuss with the participants the real meaning of the word evangelization. She will examine ways in which a parish community can create and live an evangelizing spirit fostering discipleship embracing one’s call to mission and service. Come prepared for a lively discussion. **Spirituality Level**

## 9. Service Learning For All Ages

Rev. Timothy Graff

11:05 am – 12:20 pm or 1:55 – 3:05 pm

In this workshop we will explore the importance of service learning for children and adults. Best practices will be shared on how to instill the importance of solidarity and caring for those on the margins as well as proper theological reflection which is age appropriate. **Methodology Level**

## 10. Exciting Ways to Teach “Active Kids”

John and Joanne Tyne (Rainbow and Mr. T)

9:40 – 10:55 am or 12:30 – 1:45 pm

*Sponsored by JMT Productions*

You and your students will be excited about class when you add these easy to use ideas to your lesson plans. This will be a participation workshop where you can experience presentation techniques that you can use in your classes. The workshop will include games, music, and puppetry. Every participant will leave with a bag of ten games that will help you teach your lesson topics. There will also be lots of other activities that you can use to reinforce your curriculum lessons. (This workshop will be most useful for teachers of Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade and Directors of Religious Education.) **Methodology Level**

## 11. Front and Center: Connecting a Generation that Likes to Serve with the Eucharist as Source and Summit

Kevin M. Dowd

9:40 – 10:55 am or 12:30 – 1:45 pm

*Sponsored by Pflaum Publications*

“Front and Center” draws on the presenter’s experiences working with youth and college students to suggest that evangelization works best when we pay attention to this generation’s commitment to justice, service, equality, human rights and dignity. This is most fruitful, though, when we make explicit the link between our good works and our participation in the Eucharist. Without it, we have helped to form humanitarians, perhaps, but not Christians. A specific way of making this link will be presented.

**Methodology Level**



## 12. Keeping the Promise Alive

Karen Clark

9:40 – 10:55 am or 12:30 – 1:45 pm

This class is solely for those who need recertification of their Protecting God’s Children training. If you wish to enroll in this session, along with your regular Convocation registration, you need to use your Virtus ID and password and sign up on the Virtus system. If you don’t know your ID, please contact the speaker, Karen Clark at [clarkkar@rcan.org](mailto:clarkkar@rcan.org).

## 13. Disciples of Christ: Living Our Faith

Donna Stickna

11:05 am – 12:20 pm or 1:55 – 3:05 pm

*Sponsored by RCL Benziger Religion Publishers*

In this workshop, participants will hear about our Church’s Social Teachings:

- What are they and what do they mean?
- How and why should a parish’s catechetical program assist children, teens and their families in their understanding of the Catholic Social Teachings?
- How can catechists help children and their families integrate these teachings into their lives?

This workshop will offer practical tips and ideas of ways age appropriate activities can be included in a faith formation process to engage children, young people and their families to choose life in Christ and to live as active, committed members of the Catholic Church. **Methodology Level**

## 14. “The Emmaus Story: A Model for Missionary Disciples”

Sister Gale Pankowski, SCC

9:40 – 10:55 am or 12:30 – 1:45 pm

*Sponsored by RCL Benziger Religion Publishers*

This workshop will use the Emmaus story from the Gospel of Luke as a starting point to highlight a catechetical process that supports the development of missionary disciples. Sister Gale will offer creative strategies for children, young people and their families that will:

- Invite them into a relationship with Jesus
- Share God’s revelation about Christ
- Help them recognize Jesus in the Church’s liturgy and sacraments
- Challenge them to live their faith as disciples of Jesus Christ

This session will be a prayerful experience offering practical ideas for use by catechists in their parish setting. **Methodology Level**

## 15. Discipleship in a Secular World

Joanne Ponnwitz

9:40 – 10:55 am or 12:30 – 1:45 pm

*Sponsored by William H. Sadlier, Inc.*

What does a disciple look like? Would others recognize us as disciples of Jesus? Pope Francis speaks of the “*Joy of Disciples*”. What is that joy? How do we embody and project the spirit of discipleship in our communities? This session will seek to define discipleship, examine the characteristics as they relate to our personal call to discipleship, and techniques to assist in the formation of disciples in the parish community. **Methodology Level**

## 16. Celebrating the Liturgical Year in Your Classroom: Sing a Song of Seasons

John Collins

11:05 am – 12:20 pm or 1:55 – 3:05 pm

*Sponsored by William H. Sadlier, Inc.*

Celebrating the liturgical year doesn't have to be a separate lesson, because it can be integrated each week in your faith formation class. From Advent to Ordinary Time we remember and celebrate our Salvation story in the person of Jesus. John will share ideas, music, and activities for integrating the liturgical year in your classroom and planning without taking away from other instructional goals and lessons for the year. **Methodology Level**

## 17. Be An Evangelizing Catechist—You are the Embodiment of Christ and the Church to Your Students

Barbara D'Arrigo

9:40 – 10:55 am or 12:30 – 1:45 pm

What does evangelization have to do with catechesis? Be on the journey of faith discovery with your class through prayer, action, and word. Explore the many ways to energize your class with the issues of the day, their lives and what we believe, and then between what we believe and how we are called to live. **Methodology Level**

## 18. Your Role as Teen Catechist

Marion Dellatacoma

11:05 am – 12:20 pm or 1:55 – 3:05 pm

This session is aimed at providing some resources to catechists of adolescents as you journey with them. We will look at some practical tips to enrich you and your ministry. **Methodology Level**

## 19. Crossroads of Catechetics and Evangelization

Rev. John Gordon

11:05 am – 12:20 pm or 1:55 – 3:05 pm

In this workshop we will look at the key place of catechetics and effective evangelization. As the goal of evangelization is to form missionary disciples, catechetical ministry is integral to the intentional formation of such disciples. When evangelists (which all of us are) and catechists (which all of us are) work together, the Gospel is much more able to take root and grow. **Spirituality Level**

## 20. Intergenerational Approaches in Faith Formation

Louise Timko

11:05 am – 12:20 pm or 1:55 – 3:05 pm

This workshop explores the usefulness of intergenerational activities and events in faith formation, suggesting ways to incorporate these in a variety of settings, such as sacrament preparation, summer session support, whole community catechesis models, events for traditional weekly classes, etc. Both evangelization and lifelong learning are much needed dimensions of faith formation, but many adults in our parishes are unaccustomed and uncomfortable with these. We can change these attitudes and reinvigorate our parishes through meaningful intergenerational involvement. **Methodology Level**

## 21. Catholic Youth Can Change the World

Leeanna Holmes

11:05 am – 12:20 pm or 1:55 – 3:05 pm

*Sponsored by Cross Catholic Outreach*

Expand your students' worldview and the power of hope and mercy by engaging your religious education program in global service learning initiatives. Help students grow in their personal relationship with God, while incorporating the spiritual and corporal works of mercy into their lives. This break out session will feature the logistical implementation of the Box of Joy program. Learn how to engage your parish community in this service learning opportunity. Free resources and simple projects will be shared and there will be opportunities for Q & A. **Methodology Level**



## **22. Lessons about God That Kids Can See**

**Msgr. Dermot R. Brennan**

**9:40 – 10:55 am or 12:30 – 1:45 pm**

***Sponsored by St. Pauls/San Pablo Publishers***

We all learn through visuals—especially today's children. Come and see a variety of examples of easily prepared visuals that convey clearly the Gospel message to children. These will make you and them true evangelizers. **Methodology Level**

## **23. Beyond Ice-Breakers—Moving from the Surface into the Deep**

**Patricia Rodriguez**

**11:05 am – 12:20 pm or 1:55—3:05 pm**

Middle School catechesis can be treacherous and icy territory. Catechists will often work to “break the ice” with young people in order to create that safe space for ministry to happen. So once we have cracks in the ice, how do we go beneath the surface? During this workshop we'll explore ways in which we can bring young people into deeper spirituality and meaningful faith experiences so we can warm their hearts with God's love. We will also talk about how to avoid the icebergs that can get in the way of authentic catechesis and ministry with young people. (For catechists of grades 6-8) **Methodology Level**

## **24. Encountering Learners with Disabilities Within the Catechetical Relationship**

**Anne Masters**

**9:40 – 10:55 am or 12:30 – 1:45 pm**

Jesus challenges us to recognize him in all people that we meet (Mt 25:31-46) and to be open to new ways of walking with people (Jn 13:1-20). This workshop will focus on tools for relationship as a basis for catechesis with learners with different disabilities, including ADHD, learning disabilities, autism spectrum disorder, and other developmental disabilities. Strategies for engagement, behavioral and communicative supports and strategies for adapting resources will be included. **Methodology Level**

## **25. Helping Kids Mind the Media**

**Sister Hosea Rupprecht, FSP**

**11:05 am – 12:20 pm or 1:55 – 3:05 pm**

***Sponsored by Pauline Books and Media***

The digital age can present a challenge for Christian catechesis and parenting today. This workshop offers handy tips for engaging kids and media from a faith perspective through the key questions of media literacy. This very interactive presentation uses film and TV clips that cover a wide age-range. Come for a chance to win a free copy of Sr. Hosea's book as well. **Methodology Level**

## **26. Proclaiming God's WORD in Your Classroom and Beyond**

**John O'Connor**

**9:40 – 10:55 am or 12:30 – 1:45 pm**

***Sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor***

If what happens during your class stays in your classroom, it will be difficult to form disciples. We **MUST**: teach children to listen to God's WORD, help them form a strong Catholic identity, so that they can live the life of a disciple. Just as the word Mass means “to be sent on mission”, as catechists, we must inspire our children to take what they are learning in class and make it their way of life. Learn strategies for building community, activities to engage children, and encourage them to live a life of discipleship. **Methodology Level**

## **27. Remember When Faith and Family were FUN? Guess what—They Still Are!**

**Nicholas Leeper and Katie Riley**

**9:40 – 10:55 am**

Is your faith formation program lacking flair? Are you facing the “drop off” scenario on Sundays? Where has all the fun gone!?! The purpose of this workshop is to challenge catechists to embrace a new style of faith formation that involves the family as a whole and kicks the Sunday morning “babysitter” trend to the curb. We'll be introducing new methods via real-life demos that get the catechists on their feet, dancing/singing, and having FUN! Let's take our heads out of the textbook and focus it back on the heart of the family, where FAITH will flourish!

**Methodology Level**

## **28. Ministering to the Hispanics in Our Communities**

**Deacon Asterio Velasco**

**1:55 – 3:05 pm**

The Hispanic presence in many of our communities is a growing reality that has changed the face of the parish. This shift, while enriching, could present pastoral challenges. In this workshop we will analyze the historical importance of the Hispanic community, the values that it brings and take a look at the future in this multicultural reality. **Spirituality Level**

## **29. The Blessed Buffet**

**Colleen Kelly-Rayner**

**11:05 am – 12:20 pm**

Sometimes we serve others and forget to feed ourselves. Jesus welcomes us to the greatest banquet, but sometimes we are just too busy to put down the phone, shut down the computer and just enjoy. Jesus desires a low-cal, low-carb, no-frill relationship with you! You are what you eat; man cannot survive on bread alone. Come laugh and learn (and laugh some more) about how we can nourish ourselves; while still nourishing others.

**Spirituality Level**

### **30. Forming Missionary Disciples and the Culture of Life**

Holly Wright

12:30 – 1:45 pm

*Sponsored by LIFENET*

This workshop delves into the ways that catechists and youth ministers can form missionary disciples (who will in turn form missionary disciples) who will change our culture by imbuing it with missionary joy and a deep respect for the dignity of each human person, beginning with our littlest and most defenseless brothers and sisters in the womb. Learn about an effort to specifically change the culture in New Jersey called the “20/20 Project.” This Project, is specifically appealing to young people, incorporates people of all ages and enlivens parish communities. **Spirituality Level**

### **31. Empowering Families to be Joyful Missionary Disciples**

Gladys Pozza

1:55 – 3:05 pm

This workshop will focus on how intergenerational or family faith gatherings can empower families to be joyful disciples. **Methodology Level**

### **32. Praying with the Psalms of Advent**

Janet Natale

11:05 am – 12:20 pm or 1:55 – 3:05 pm

In preparation of the season of Advent, we will examine specific psalms that are used during this season. Through the power of prayer and reflection, come discover a greater appreciation of the breadth and depth of God’s Word and how it applies to everyday life. **Spirituality Level**



### **33. Digital Tools for Parishes and Catechists: A Focus on Church Mobile Apps, Websites, and Social Media**

Max Almenas

9:40 – 10:55 am or 12:30 – 1:45 pm

It’s no secret people love their mobile phones. Most people spend an average of three hours a day on their cell phones, about ninety percent of that time is spent on mobile apps, and only about ten percent on mobile browsers such as Chrome, Safari or Internet Explorer looking at websites. Translation? It’s not enough to have a Church website anymore. Churches or at the very least, religious formation programs, need their mobile app to send instant notifications about class and sacramental deadlines, special events, and class cancelations. Mobile apps can also provide catechetical lessons for families who cannot make it to class. Some apps can even be used to track attendance at classes, and provide learning tools for catechists and readings or activities for their students. You don’t have to be a computer geek to utilize and customize these tools. If you can send and receive emails, you can use today’s technology to evangelize! In a time when many parishes are struggling to get families to consistently dedicate two hours a week to Mass and classes, let’s heed the words of Pope Francis who has said, “Meet people where they are.” **Methodology Level**

### **34. Adult Faith Formation: One Size Doesn’t Fit All**

Sister Maureen Shaughnessy, SC

12:30 – 1:45 pm

Since Vatican II, the Church has said clearly that the formation of adults is a priority—without faith-filled adults there is no future. In the introduction of “Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us, A Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation in the United States” the US Bishops state: “...adult Catholics must be mature in faith and well equipped to share the Gospel, promoting it in every family circle, in every Church gathering, in every place of work, and in every public forum.” (#2) How can we best invite and attract adults to develop their relationship with the Lord Jesus and to deepen their understanding of and appreciation of our faith tradition? This workshop will explore some of the possibilities that parishes have for doing this. **Methodology Level**

# Programa en Español

## 35. Hispanos Somos Muchos Y Seremos Mas

Deacon Asterio Velasco

9:40 – 10:55 am o 12:30 – 1:45 pm

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Los Hispanos somos importantes en el momento presente en la Iglesia de los Estados Unidos. No solo por el número, sino por nuestra gran contribución a la vida de la Iglesia. Los Obispos han dicho que somos “una bendición” el V Encuentro Nacional Hispano esta demostrando la gran vitalidad que existe en nuestras comunidades. Y en el futuro el número será aún mayor. Un alto porcentaje de los católicos del país son hispanos. Esto no es solo motivo de celebración; debemos plantearnos las responsabilidades que esto acarrea. En este taller analizaremos el progreso que nos han traído hasta este momento así como los retos que nos plantea el futuro.

## 36. El Catequista Misionero en Acción

Maria de los Angeles Garcia

11:05 am – 12:20 pm o 1:55 – 3:05 pm

¿Qué es en realidad ser catequista? ¿Ser maestro? ¿Ser predicador? ¿Ser misionero? En este taller seguiremos la realidad de la misión del catequista y descubriremos cual es el fin de la catequesis y que es lo más importante al catequizar.

## 37. Soy Discípulo porque me gozo en el Dios que me Salva

Sor Mercedes Pilar de la Cruz

11:05 am – 12:20 pm o 1:55 – 3:05 pm

Ser discípulo implica el gozo de vivir la presencia de Jesús, en El centramos nuestra Fe y nuestra Esperanza. Conocer a Jesús es sentir el gozo de seguirle por sentirlo junto a nosotros, ven y disfruta de este taller donde ganarás las formas de entender como nos acompaña Jesús en todo momento y la respuesta que esto requiere.

## 38. Encuentros en el silencio

Carmen M. Hernández Pérez, PhD

9:40 – 10:55 am o 12:30 – 1:45 pm

Este es un taller diseñado para aquellas personas que tienen dificultad cuando oran, pues su concentración es pobre o ninguna. Al participar del mismo encontrarás el camino hacia la intimidad con Dios, y descubrirás tres etapas para podernos abrir al Señor, cuando El viene al encuentro de nosotros, pero para ello debemos haber creado las condiciones para darnos cuenta de ese encuentro en la intimidad.

## 39. El Servicio en la Alegría del Discipulado

Rev. Edinson E. Ramirez Ardila

9:40 – 10:55 am o 12:30 – 1:45 pm

El Servicio y el Discipulado tiene sus raíces y esencia en el servicio a los hermanos. En este taller encontraremos un conjunto de herramientas pautas y criterios pastorales que nos ayudarán a hacer más efectivo y conciente el servicio como discípulos del Señor, en el ministerio de la catequesis y en otras áreas de vida y trabajo.

## 40. Evangelizando Con Amor Logramos Un Mundo Mejor

Sidelis Rosario y Jeanneth Villavicencio

11:05 am – 12:20 pm o 1:55 – 3:05 pm

En este taller le ofreceremos a los catequistas herramientas practicas que les ayunden a crear sesiones de catequesis bien activas, y por medio de ellas, crear un ambiente de amistad y amor donde los catequizandos aprendan a compartir el mensaje cristiano, de una forma perdurable.

## 41. Lo que todo católico debe saber sobre el matrimonio

Rev. Giovanni Rizzo, JCD y Christian Hip-Flores, MPP, JCD

11:05 am – 12:20 pm o 1:55 – 3:05 pm

El matrimonio: qué es? Qué se necesita para que un matrimonio sea canónicamente valido? ¿Qué pasa cuando una pareja necesita ayuda con su situación matrimonial? ¿Dónde buscar ayuda cuando alguien sospecha que su matrimonio es inválido? El Tribunal Eclesiástico Metropolitano. ¿Qué es? ¿Cómo funciona? Pasos para el proceso de anulación. Razones por la que tiene su tiempo de duración. En este taller podrás preguntar todas las dudas que tienes sobre el proceso de anulación matrimonial, causas etc. A fin de que tus catequizados, especialmente si tienes grupos de adultos conozcan a donde ir.

## 42. Jesús también me llamó a mí

Kirssy Ying

11:05 am – 12:20 pm o 1:55 – 3:05 pm

En este taller lograremos entender como los niños con necesidades especiales también son testigos de la fe. Pero como debemos ayudarlos. Cuales son los mejores métodos para poder llegar a ellos. Entender que son parte de nuestra comunidad y como debemos recibirlos y tratarlos en nuestros programas de catequesis.



### **43. La Liturgia Fuente de Catequesis**

**Rev. José A. Ciordia, OAR**

**9:40 – 10:55 am o 12:30 – 1:45 pm**

En este taller podrás descubrir cuan interesante y bella es nuestra liturgia católica, pero para hacer este descubrimiento debes aprender a entenderla y captar las palabras que pronuncia el celebrante, los gestos, los símbolos en fin, una serie de detalles que te pueden llevar a ofrecer una catequesis abundante para aquellos que la siguen por rutina.

### **44. ¿Y tú quien eres? ¿Creyente? O**

**¿Discípulo?**

**María C. Torres**

**9:40 – 10:55 am o 12:30 – 1:45 pm**

La Evangelización en nuestros días demanda cada vez más catequistas que además de tener una experiencia de fe, y de contar con una formación orgánica y sistemática en el ámbito de la catequesis sean testigos vivientes de la Buena Nueva. La madurez espiritual nunca es un fin en si mismo. No es suficiente seguir aprendiendo más y más, sino poner en acción lo que conocemos y poner en práctica lo que creemos. Hemos sido llamados a ser discípulos de Jesucristo. El nos ha escogido, nos ha invitado usan la misma palabra con la que llamó a sus primeros discípulos “Sígueme.” Cuando te enamoras de Jesucristo, no puedes dejar de anunciar al mundo que solo El salva (DA 146).

### **45. Un catequista alegre, es un discípulo alegre**

**Maricela Quintana**

**9:40 – 10:55 am o 12:30 – 1:45 pm**

Como llevar la alegría de ser bautizado al responder a este ministerio de la catequesis. En este taller exploraremos la espiritualidad del libro de SS el Papa Francisco “El Gozo de Discipulado” de él sacaremos caminos prácticos para ponerlos al servicio de nuestros catequizandos, en sesiones amenas y formativas. No debes perder la oportunidad de adentrarte en nuevos senderos para conducir una catequesis más efectiva.

### **46. “La historia de Emaús: un modelo para los discípulos misioneros”**

**Diácono George Montalvo**

**9:40 – 10:55 am o 12:30 – 1:45 pm**

**Auspiciado por RCL Benziger Religion Publishers**

Este taller usará la historia de Emaús del Evangelio de Lucas como punto de partida para resaltar el proceso catequético que apoya el desarrollo de discípulos misioneros. El Diácono Montalvo ofrecerá estrategias creativas para niños, jóvenes y sus familias a:

- Invitarlos a una relación con Jesús
- Compartir la revelación de Dios acerca de Cristo
- Ayundarles a reconocer a Jesús en la liturgia y los sacramentos de la Iglesia

- Desafiarlos a vivir su fe como discípulos de Jesucristo

Esta sesión será una experiencia de oración que ofrece ideas prácticas para el uso de los catequistas en su entorno parroquial.

### **47. María Arca de la Alianza; Nueva y Eterna**

**Diácono Pedro Herrera**

**9:40 – 10:55 am o 12:30 – 1:45 pm**

Como católicos veneramos a la Virgen María intercesora y abogada nuestra acudimos a ella, en los momentos duros que se presentan en nuestras vidas para que ella lleve nuestras súplicas a su Hijo, el saber que tenemos una madre que vela por nosotros nos aporta esperanza en nuestras vidas. Ven a buscar las razones del papel tan importante que juega Ntra. Señora en la Iglesia, la liturgia y la vida del creyente.

### **48. La Iglesia siempre esta contigo**

**Rev. Mons. William Reilly**

**11:05 am – 12:20 pm o 1:55 – 3:05 pm**

Después de participar de este taller, aprenderás como la Iglesia Católica acompaña a los Inmigrantes, conoce la existencia de la tarjeta por la que te puedes mantener callado cuando alguien se te acerca, y te hacen preguntas personales, además, es bueno que sepas donde puedes ir y a quien puedes acudir en caso que tu, un familiar o amigo necesite resolver su estatus legal en los Estados Unidos.

### **49. El Modelo de Vida e Iglesia: Liderazgo y Servicio**

**Maria Esther Hernández, PhD**

**9:40 – 10:55 am o 12:30 – 1:45 pm**

¿Cuáles son las características de un líder servidor?  
¿Es eficaz este tipo de liderazgo en la Iglesia?  
Herramientas actitudes y características de lo que llamaríamos “Liderazgo Servicial”, que te ayundarán a desarrollarte como tal en tu vida y en tu ministerio.

### **50. María: Discípula y Misionera**

**Miguel Maldonado Villalobos**

**11:05 am – 12:20 pm o 1:55 – 3:05 pm**

**Auspiciado por Our Sunday Visitor**

María es el primer y más grande modelo de discípula y seguidora del Evangelio. Con su vida nos hace patente el mejor ejemplo de misión: llevando a la práctica lo que el Evangelio dice, caminemos con este taller los pasos de Maria para con su ejemplo cambiar nuestro mundo cercano, y buscar que el individualismo no destruya nuestros valores familiares y religiosos.

## **51. Hay que recibir para poder dar**

**Padre Jeivi M. Hércules**

**11:05 am – 12:20 pm o 1:55 – 3:05 pm**

La primera vocación del catequista no es servir, el primer llamado es recibir el amor de Dios. Sin este no podemos cumplir su voluntad, luego primero recibimos y luego damos.

## **52. Catequiza con el Modelo de Emaús**

**Andrés Gutiérrez**

**11:05 am – 12:20 pm o 1:55 – 3:05 pm**

***Auspiciado por William H. Sadlier. Inc.***

Analizaremos todas las acciones que toma Jesús durante el camino de sus dos discípulos en Emaús, tomando ese modelo, veamos como el proceso de Evangelización del Siglo XXI, sale al encuentro de los más necesitados, y una vez descubierta esta acción en salida, como llevarla a nuestras catequesis.

## **53. Nuevos Retos de la Catequesis de Hoy**

**Padre Robinson González Herrera**

**9:40 – 10:55 am o 12:30 – 1:45 pm**

Juntos miraremos la situación actual de nuestras catequesis, luces y sombras que se presentan. Un intento de interpretar la realidad. ¿Qué podemos hacer? ¿Qué debemos hacer? ¿Qué tenemos que hacer?

## **54. Acompañando a los que buscan y encuentran a Jesús**

**Oscar Cruz**

**11:05 am – 12:20 pm o 1:55 – 3:05 pm**

En este taller, vamos a revisar como el proceso de catecumenado (RICA) es un acompañamiento con los que buscan y encuentran a Jesús. Nos adentraremos en la historia y el proceso de evangelización y catequesis de catecumenado en el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos, y podremos ver que en el acompañamiento formamos nuevos discípulos para el Reino de Dios.

## **55. Catequesis con Música**

**El P. Nicolás Colacho Navarro, SDB y Sor Magda Marrero, HMA**

**11:05 am – 12:20 pm o 1:55 – 3:05 pm**

La música puede ser un elemento importante en la catequesis desde la creación del ambiente hasta en la manera de transmitir el mensaje. La música crea atención en los diferentes momentos especialmente en la oración. Los estribillos que los niños se llevan a casa y que siguen repitiendo, ayudan a que cale y se asimile el mensaje de la catequesis.

## **Presenters/Presentadores**

### **Max Almenas**

Before serving as Director of Religious Formation and Youth Ministry at Madonna Parish in Fort Lee, NJ for the last three years, Max served as a catechist for seven years. He utilizes almost twenty years of marketing and journalism experience to promote Catholic Religious Formation studies, ministries, and liturgical services. He embraces the power of technology to communicate with parents and provide resources and tools to make religious formation and other church services accessible to parishioners and the local community. **Workshop 33**

### **Alex Basile**

Alex is the chairman of the Religion Department at Kellenberg Memorial High School. He has written nine books published by Saint Pauls/San Pablo Publishers including *The Catholic Life: A Simple Catechism* and *Caught by Grace*. **Workshop 5**

### **Msgr. Dermot Brennan**

Msgr. Brennan is a priest of the NY Archdiocese ordained in 1956. He has over fifty-four years of teaching experience in elementary and high school religion classes. He has authored books entitled *Homilies Kids Can See* and *Your Parish Priest, A Man of Mystery*. **Workshop 22**

### **Karen Clark**

Karen is the Director of Safe Environment for the Archdiocese of Newark. She speaks and consults on the topic of child sexual abuse awareness and prevention, pornography, and Internet safety for children. **Workshop 12**

### **John Collins**

John worked with Sadlier Publishing in the northeast for many years before joining Sadlier as a full-time National Religion Consultant in 2015. Over the span of his career, he has been an elementary school teacher, director of curriculum, instruction, and professional development, and district Title I director. John retired as an elementary school principal in 2010. He is also a long time catechist and DRE having been involved in religious education since 1972. He has presented at many congresses and conferences in numerous dioceses. He is a keynote speaker and presenter at both national and regional catechetical congresses, and provides practical catechist training in parishes. He also has provided presentations for catechetical leaders and Catholic school teachers, as well as days of reflection/retreats for various audiences. His presentations always bring the practical and realistic to catechesis with his experience as both a professional educator and a catechetical leader. **Workshop 16**

**Barbara D'Arrigo**

Barbara has an MA from the School of Theology of Seton Hall University. She is the former Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation at Our Lady of the Visitation in Paramus with eighteen years' experience with faith formation of children and adults.

**Workshop 17**

**Marion Dellatacoma**

Marion earned her MA in Religious Studies from Seton Hall. She has taught catechist formation classes for the Diocese of Metuchen. She has served in her parish in Confirmation, RCIA, Adult Confirmation and Adult Formation Programs. Marion presently teaches at St. Joseph High School in Metuchen. **Workshop 18**

**Sister Sandra DeMasi, SSJ**

Sister holds a BS in Education and an MA in Liturgical Studies from the University of Notre Dame. She served for 13 years as the Director of the Office of Divine Worship in the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ. She is now the Pastoral Associate for Liturgy at St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, NJ. Sister holds a doctorate in Liturgical Catechesis from Catholic University, Washington, DC and she serves on the Board of Directors of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions. **Workshop 8**

**Rev. Thomas Dente**

Fr. Tom is a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark who currently serves as Director of the Office of Divine Worship. He was ordained a priest in 1993 and has served in St. Elizabeth, Wyckoff, and St. John the Baptist, Hillsdale and is currently the pastor of Notre Dame, North Caldwell. He earned his MA in Liturgical Theology from the University of Notre Dame.

**Workshop 7**

**Kevin Dowd**

Kevin is a candidate at Boston College for a doctorate in Theology and Education. While studying for this degree he is an adjunct professor of theology at Anna Maria College in Paxton, MA. He is also a guest lecturer and author of numerous articles as well as being involved in social justice ministries.

**Workshop 11**

**Charlane Faught**

Charlane has been a catechist and a DRE of a parish program for thirty years. She graduated from Trenton State College with a BS and teaching certificate. She also received an MA in Religious Education from Georgian Court College, Lakewood, NJ. Presently she is a consultant for Our Sunday Visitor.

**Workshop 3**

**Rev. John Gordon**

Father Gordon is a popular conference speaker, retreat director, and maintains an active ministry of spiritual direction. After serving in a variety of assignments in both school and parish, he is currently the Coordinator of the Office for Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Newark. **Workshop 19**

**Rev. Timothy Graff**

Father Graff is a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark and has served in a number of different areas of ministry. He is currently chair of the New Energies Parish Transition Project, works in Legislative Affairs for the Archdiocese and is an Adjunct Professor at Caldwell University. **Workshop 9**

**Leeanna Holmes**

Leeanna is a development officer for Cross Catholic Outreach, a non-profit organization that delivers food, shelter and hope to the poorest of the poor. Her mission is to mobilize the global Catholic Church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the Glory of Jesus Christ. Leeanna came to Cross Catholic Outreach after leading youth from her parish on a life changing mission trip. Now she brings the testimony of those who are poor to Catholics all over the country by speaking at youth events, principal meetings and catechetical retreats. Leeanna lives in Montgomery, AL with her husband and children. **Workshop 21**

**Colleen Kelly-Rayner**

Colleen is the founder of CKR Retreats, a Catholic Lay Evangelist, and international speaker with over twenty years of ministry experience, Colleen leads workshops, retreats, conferences, and talks that are real and relevant. Through her quick wit, high-energy, real-life, inspirational encounters with God, and zeal for the Catholic faith, Colleen effectively engages people of all ages. Colleen is a dynamic speaker whose unforgettable, authentic witness ignites the fire of God's love in His people through joy-filled evangelization and catechesis. **Workshop 29**

**Marylin Kravatz-Toolan, PhD**

Marylin was until recently, the Executive Director of the Online Graduate Programs in Religious Education and Assistant Professor in Religious Studies and Religious Education at Felician University in Lodi, NJ. Dr. Kravatz-Toolan holds a BA from Dominican College in Blauvelt, NY, an MA in Religious Studies from the Institute of Religious Studies, St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, NY and a PhD in Religious Education from Fordham University, Bronx, NY. She has been a Parish Catechetical Leader for the Archdiocese of New York and Regional Director for the Office of Faith Formation in the Diocese of Charlotte, NC. She and her husband live in Wyckoff, NJ where they enjoy their children and 19 grandchildren. **Workshop 2**

**Nicholas Leeper**

Nicholas is the Director of Family Faith Formation at Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Hoboken, NJ. He works closely with Katie Riley to put together the various sessions of the family faith program for both children and parents. **Workshop 27**

**Anne Masters**

Anne is the director of Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities in the Archdiocese of Newark. She serves on the Autism Task Force and the Commission on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities for the National Catholic Partnership on Disability. She holds a master's degree in theology from the College of St. Elizabeth. **Workshop 24**

**Janet Natale**

Janet is the Parish Catechetical Leader at Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish in Montclair. She is also a Cantor in the Archdiocese and beyond. As a leader of sung prayer, a former Director of Music, and now a Catechetical Leader, the psalms are a great source of strength in times of change, sorrow and joy. **Workshop 32**

**John O'Connor**

John has been active in the Catechetical Ministry for twenty-seven years. He has served as a catechist, CRE, and a Consultant for Harcourt Religion Publishers. Currently he is the Regional Catechetical Consultant for OSV Curriculum, a position he has held for eleven years. He holds a M.Ed. in Religious Education from Boston College. He currently serves as a volunteer catechist for Grades 1 and 2 working with children and their parents at his home parish, St. Anselm, Tinton Falls, NJ. **Workshop 26**

**Sister Gale Pankowski, SCC**

Sister Gale is a Sister of Christian Charity and holds an MA in Pastoral Ministry from Seton Hall University. She has been an elementary school teacher and has served as a DRE. Presently, she is the Director of the Sacramental Preparation Program and Little Angel Program at St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills. Sister also serves as a Chaplain at St. Barnabas Hospital, Livingston. **Workshop 14**

**Melissa Peters**

Melissa is the former Assistant Parish Catechetical Leader at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Ridgewood. She has a dual degree in Elementary and Special Education from St. Thomas Aquinas College. She has over ten years' experience in religious education, youth ministry, and campus ministry. **Workshop 4**

**Joanne Ponnwitz**

Joanne has been active in the parish Religious Education program for twenty-eight years as a primary grade Catechist, Confirmation Catechist, Assistant DRE and Coordinator of Religious Education for Kindergarten through Grade 5. She holds a BS in Social Work from Syracuse University and an MA in Religious Education from Felician University in Lodi, NJ. She is pursuing a Doctorate in Ministry through Drew Theological College, Madison, NJ. Joanne is a parishioner of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Pompton Plains, NJ. **Workshop 15**

**Gladys Pozza**

Gladys has served a number of parishes in the Archdiocese over the past seventeen years in the faith formation of children, families, and adults. She has served as an adjunct writer for the Center for Ministry Development in the area of intergenerational faith formation. She is a Pastoral Associate at Church of the Annunciation in Paramus and a New Energies Coordinator of Parish Outreach in the Archdiocese of Newark. Gladys has an MA in Pastoral Ministry from Caldwell University. **Workshop 31**

**Katie Riley**

Katie is the Director of Drama Ministry and Co-Director of Children's Music Ministry at Saints Peter and Paul, Hoboken and Saint Lawrence, Weehawken. She has a BA from Rutgers University in Spanish and Communications, with a strong background in Stage Performance, Children's Theater, Marketing and Catholic Ministry. **Workshop 27**

**Sister Hosea Rupprecht, FSP**

Sister is a member of the Daughters of St. Paul, a religious community dedicated to evangelization with media. She holds an MA in theological studies from the University of St. Michael's College and an MA in Media Literacy from Webster University. Sr. Hosea is regional director of The Pauline Center for Media Studies based in New York, author of *How to Watch Movies with Kids: A Values-Based Strategy*, a film critic, and co-host of the Catholic TV movie review show, *Searchlight*. For the past twenty years, she has facilitated various film dialogues for both children and adults, as well as given presentations on integrating culture, faith and media on the parish, diocesan, and national levels. **Workshop 25**

**Patricia Rodriguez**

Patty is currently the Director of Faith Formation at St. Joseph Church, Bogota. She has been working in parish youth ministry and catechesis with youth over twenty years within the Archdiocese of Newark. She holds an MA in pastoral ministry from Seton Hall and an MA in organizational psychology from Teacher's College. **Workshop 23**



**Sister Maureen Shaughnessy, SC**

Sister presently serves as the Associate Director for Catechesis in Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Newark. Previously Sister Maureen had served in the Diocese of Paterson for fifteen years in the catechetical ministry at the diocesan level and was Secretary for Evangelization and Education at the end of her time there. Sister also served for seven plus years as the Associate Director for Catechesis and Leadership Development in the Department of Education at the USCCB. Sister has taught at every level—elementary, secondary, and university.

**Workshop 34**

**Donna Stickna**

Donna is the Director of Religious Education in St. Anne Church, Fair Lawn, NJ. She is the spiritual director for Women's Cornerstone in her parish. She has an MA in Religious Education from Felician University, Lodi and is an adjunct professor in the Religious Studies department of Felician University and serves as a facilitator for the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation for the University of Dayton. **Workshop 13**

**John Thompson**

A catechist for over twenty years, John has worked in technology even longer. He holds an engineering degree from Cornell and a theology degree from St. Joseph's Seminary—and both help him appreciate the Creator and His creation. **Workshop 1**

**Louise Timko, Ph.D.**

Louise received her doctorate in theological and religious studies from Drew University. She has been a catechetical writer and editor for more than twenty years and is currently the Director of Religious Education at the Church of the Sacred Heart in South Plainfield, NJ. **Workshop 20**

**John and Joanne Tyne (Mr. T and Rainbow)**

The Tynes have developed a ministry in which they use puppetry, music, clowning, storytelling, drama and object lessons to teach children and their families. As JMT Productions, they present sacramental retreats and other religious programs throughout over fifty parishes in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware. They also present a children's Liturgy of the Word program at their parish, St. Anthony of Padua in Hightstown, NJ. **Workshop 10**

**Deacon Asterio Velasco**

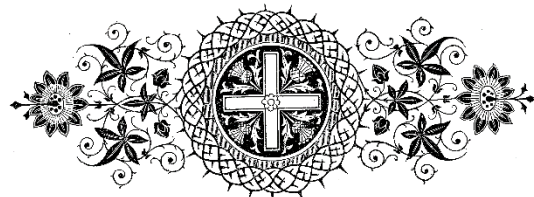
Deacon Asterio Velasco is the Coordinator of the Hispanic Apostolate in the Archdiocese of Newark. He has dedicated all his professional life to education. He has a long and varied experience in pastoral work at the parish and diocesan levels. For many years, Deacon Asterio has lived immersed in the multicultural reality of our Archdiocese and has a long history of ministry to the community. **Workshop 28**

**Sister Honora Werner, OP**

Sister Honora, a Dominican from Caldwell, directs and teaches in the doctoral program in preaching in Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis. It is primarily an online program so she works mostly from her home in Caldwell. She has degrees in preaching, Scripture, music, history and education and has taught people from grade school through Elderhostel. She has published articles and book chapters on eco-theology, preaching, the new evangelization and church music. She has made videos for her congregation's cable TV program *The Dominican Way* on topics ranging from Mary and other women in Jesus' life to praying with Scripture and great art. She has preached numerous parish missions and retreats throughout the USA and Canada. **Workshop 6**

**Holly Wright**

Holly is a staff member of LIFENET. She is a graduate of Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula, CA where she studied the Liberal Arts. In her position as Project Director for LIFENET, Holly solicits speaking presentations, plans special events and speaks on chastity and abortion to young people. She has experience with parish ministry, serving for seven years as the Parish Catechetical Leader and associate youth minister at St. Cecilia Church in Kearny. She currently serves as the director for Casa Guadalupe, a house of discernment and healing for women. She is a native of Huntington Beach, CA but now resides in Clifton, NJ. **Workshop 30**

**Rev. José Antonio Ciordia, OAR**

Sacerdote ordenando en Abril, 1961 en Roma. Tiene una Maestria en Ciencias Biblicas del Biblicum en Roma en 1965. Vicario Parroquial de la Iglesia San Agustin, Union City desde el 2008. **Taller 43**

**Oscar Cruz**

Director de Formación de Adultos del Catecumenado de la Arquidiócesis de New York, posee una maestria de Estudios Religiosos del Seminario de San José. **Taller 54**

### **Sor Mercedes Pilar de la Cruz**

Master en Teología de la Universidad Gregoriana de Roma. Profesora de religión por quince años Directora de Catequesis en distintas parroquias de Manhattan, prestó servicios como maestro de religión en Cuenca, España, y también trabajó como Asociada Pastoral y Administrativa en Roma, Italia, actualmente es la Asistente Pastoral de Asuntos Hispánicos de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York Miembro de la Comunidad Religiosa "Sisters for the Church."

**Taller 37**

### **María de los Angeles García, Ph. D.**

Doctora en Educación, fue Directora Asociada de Catequesis para los Hispánicos en la Arquidiócesis de Newark por 25 años, ha desarrollado una gran labor como catequista en la Parroquia de San Agustín de Union City. Reconocida nacionalmente como una autoridad en catequesis por su experiencia y grandes conocimientos. **Taller 36**

### **Andrés Gutiérrez**

Andrés es Catequista y animado juvenil desde el 2002, es Coordinador del Grupo Juvenil de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Fátima en North Bergen. Es también Coordinador de la Pastoral Juvenil de la Arquidiócesis de Newark. Andrés es un presentador ameno, que nos pone a Jesús cerca de nosotros, lo que logra que la audiencia perciba que Jesús está con nosotros aquí y ahora. **Taller 52**

### **Rev. Jeivi Hercules**

El Padre Jeivi nació en El Salvador en 1983, llegó a los Estados Unidos a los quince años, se graduó de la Escuela Secundaria en Plainfield, NJ. En 2004 ingresó el Seminario Menor de San Andrew, S. Orange, allí estudió Filosofía y Humanidades. En el 2008 completó sus estudios de Filosofía y Estudios Católicos, y ese mismo año ingresó en el Seminario Mayor de la Inmaculada Concepción del Seton Hall University. En el 2012 el Padre Jeivi completó sus estudios de Teología Pastoral y fue ordenado sacerdote por el Arzobispo John J. Myers en la Basílica del Sagrado Corazón de Newark, actualmente ejerce su ministerio sacerdotal en la Parroquia Reina de la Paz (Queen of Peace) de North Arlington, NJ por tres años. **Taller 51**

### **María Hernández, PhD**

Graduada del Seton Hall University con Licenciatura en Periodismo y Teología. Profesora de Kean University Y Seton Hall, Abogada Criminalista e Instructora del Departamento de Catequesis de la Arquidiócesis de Newark. **Taller 49**

### **Carmen M. Hernández Pérez, PhD**

Licenciatura en Psicología Clínica, Universidad de Santo Tomás de Villanueva, Cuba, Doctorado en Psicología Escolar New York University. Facilitadora del Program "Protegiendo los Niños de Dios de la Arquidiócesis de Newark. **Taller 38**

### **Padre Robinson González Herrera**

El Padre Robinson González Herrera fue ordenado sacerdote hace siete años. Es Sacerdote Vocacionista. Estudió en el Seminario Mayor de Pereira, Colombia, también estudió Psicología con especialización en Terapia Familiar y Psicoanálisis; Trabajó durante varios años en la ESPAC (Escuela Parroquial de Catequistas) impartiendo los cursos de Pedagogía, Sacramentos y Sagrada Escritura. Actualmente es Vicario Parroquial en la Iglesia de San Miguel en Newark, ofrece terapia psicológica, y colaboro con las necesidades pastorales de la parroquia y su entorno. **Taller 53**

### **Diácono Pedro Herrera**

Presta servicios como Diácono en la parroquia de Santa Rosa de Lima, Newark, fue catequista por siete años y es miembro de la Orden de los Caballeros de Colón, donde en años anteriores ocupó el cargo de Gran Caballero. Ha prestado servicio como catequista dentro del Programa del RICA y en catequesis de adultos por más de doce años.

**Taller 47**

### **Christina Hip-Flores**

Doctora Hip-Flores obtuvo una Maestría sobre Relaciones Internacionales y Política Pública de la Universidad de Princeton, y de Harvard, también tiene una Licenciatura en Derecho Canónico de la Universidad Católica de América y su doctorado en la Universidad de Navarra, ha ofrecido cursos sobre Derecho Canónico en el programa de Licenciatura, de la Universidad Pontificia de México, ha ofrecido también cursos para los candidatos al Diaconado en la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia y en Diócesis de Camden. Christina hizo su consagración de votos como Virgen al servicio del Señor y de su Iglesia en la Arquidiócesis de Santiago de Cuba. **Taller 41**

### **Sor Magda Marrero**

Sor es una salesiana puertorriqueña. Catequista de corazón, anima con su alegría contagiosa y su guitarra la catequesis y actividades juveniles de su comunidad de Orocovis, PR. **Taller 55**

### **Diácono Jorge Montalvo**

Jorge es diácono para la Arquidiócesis de Newark Está Casado con su esposa Lydia y tiene un hijo: Salvador. El diácono Jorge Montalvo tiene un título de psicología y una maestría en Ministerio Pastoral de la Universidad Seton Hall. En la actualidad se encuentra estudiando para el doctorado. El diácono Jorge ha trabajado extensamente en el campo ministerial en parroquias en los últimos 14 años y ocupa el cargo de Director de Catequesis en la parroquia de San José en Oradell/New Milford. **Taller 46**

**P. Nicolás Navarro**

P. Navarro, salesiano, es párroco de la Parroquia María Auxiliadora en Santurce, Puerto Rico. Tiene una larga experiencia en el campo de la pastoral, en una parroquia rica en actividad juvenil. La música ha sido un componente permanente en su vida, utilizado sobre todo en la animación de las celebraciones litúrgicas. **Taller 55**

**Maricela Quintana**

Maricela posee un Bachillerato en Psicología y una Maestría en Teología del College de Saint Elizabeth. Se ha destacado como especialista en Evangelización y Formación, ha dirigido programas de Educación Religiosa en varias parroquias y ha ofrecido Cursos de Liderazgo y Evangelización a través de la nación. También sirvió como Coordinadora y Consejera de estudiantes del Programa de Certificado del Ministerio Pastoral en el College de Saint Elizabeth en Morristown, NJ. Fue Directora Asociada para el Centro Católico Hispano de la Región del Nordeste en NY y como Directora de Pastoral Hispana en la Arquidiócesis de Newark. Ella posee una vasta experiencia como presentadora a nivel parroquial, regional y nacional. **Taller 45**

**Rev. Edinson E. Ramírez**

Sacerdote de la Arquidiócesis de Newark, Vicario de la parroquia St. Aloysius, Caldwell, NJ; Filósofo, Teólogo, Educador y Pastoralista, ha desempeñado durante los últimos diez años trabajos pastorales, catequéticos espirituales y académicos con grupos juveniles. **Taller 39**

**Rev. Mons. William J. Reilly**

Mons. Reilly es el Pastor de la Iglesia del Santísimo Nombre de la ciudad de Garfield, NJ, Coordinador de la Oficina de Asuntos Multiculturales de la Arquidiócesis de Newark. Fue el fundador de el Servicio de Asistencia para asuntos de Inmigración de la Iglesia de Santa Brigida. **Taller 48**

**Rev. Giovanni Rizzo**

Father Giovanni posee un Doctorado en Derecho Civil, de la Universidad de Catania en Italia. Recibió el Orden Sacerdotal en el año 2000, actualmente presta servicios en el Tribunal Metropolitano de la Arquidiócesis de Newark, y en la Parroquia de San Pedro de Belleville, NJ. **Taller 41**

**Sidelis Rosario**

Sidelis es Directora Asociada de la Escuela de Evangelización Juan Pablo II de la Diócesis de Brooklyn, tiene una larga experiencia como catequista y como Evangelizadora, ha cursado estudios de liderazgo en Estados Unidos y en Santo Domingo RD. **Taller 40**

**María Torres**

Es una católica activa que posee un Certificado de Ministerio Pastoral del College de Saint Elizabeth en Morristown y también una Maestría en Teología del mismo College. Ha ofrecido talleres en la Diócesis de Paterson actualmente es la Directora de Servicios Interparroquiales, Programa creado en la Diócesis de Paterson. **Taller 44**

**Diácono Asterio Velasco**

El diácono Asterio Velasco es el Coordinador del Ministerio Hispano de la Arquidiócesis de Newark. Durante muchos años ha combinado la dedicación a su familia y la enseñanza con el trabajo pastoral a nivel parroquial y diocesano. Ha sido director del Programa de Educación Religiosa de su parroquia durante casi veinte años y formador de catequistas, impartiendo muchos cursos y conferencias a líderes parroquiales. **Taller 35**

**Manuel Maldonado Villalobos**

Manuel Maldonado es de origen puertorriqueño tiene experiencia en la formación de adultos y jóvenes por más de veinticinco años, posee una Maestría en Teología y ha sido profesor de estudios religiosos en colegios católicos. Llevó a cabo la traducción y adaptación del Curriculum de Educación Religiosa y el desarrollo de un programa en Español para la formación de catequistas. Fue el Director Asociado de la Oficina de Educación Religiosa de Milwaukee y actualmente es el Director Asociado de la formación de Diáconos de Milwaukee, WI. **Workshop 50**

**Jeanette Villavicencio**

Jeanette es miembro de la parroquia del Santísimo Sacramento de Elizabeth, NJ, cursó la enseñanza primaria en el Colegio de la Inmaculada Concepción de Quito, Estudió Filosofía en Kean University, Elizabeth, NJ y Desarrollo de Liderazgo en Quito, Ecuador. Actualmente trabaja en el Desarrollo de Liderazgo y Evangelización y Formación de Jóvenes y adultos para la Escuela de Evangelización Juan Pablo II. **Taller 40**

**Kirssy Ying**

Kirssy tiene un Bachillerato degree en Psicología de la Universidad de Rutgers. Catequista por 15 años madre de niños, dos de ellos con autismo. Trabaja como consejera de padres de niños especiales y con niños especiales en sus hogares. **Taller 42**



**DIRECTIONS TO PARAMUS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL/  
DIRECCIONES PARA LLEGAR A PARAMUS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

**From the Garden State Parkway Northbound (and Route 80 Eastbound):** Take exit #163 (right-hand exit) to Route 17 North. Go a short distance to the second Midland Avenue exit. Go up ramp and over Route 17 staying in the left lane. Continue on Midland Avenue until you come to Paramus Road. At Paramus Road make a left. At the first light make a right into Paramus Catholic.

**From Garden State Parkway Southbound:** Take exit #163 to Route 17 South. Take Century Road exit and bear right at the exit ramp. Head west on Century Road through industrial area and up the hill. George Washington Cemetery is on the right. At the light make a right onto Paramus Road. Go straight through the traffic lights until you reach Bergen Community College. Stay in the right lane in front of Bergen Community College. Make the jug handle turn (on the right) at the next light and come straight across Paramus Road into Paramus Catholic.

**From New Jersey Turnpike North (or Route 80):** Take Route 80 West (local) to Route 17 North to Route 4 West to the Paramus Road exit. Bear right at the end of the exit ramp and head North on Paramus Road. Go through the traffic lights and keep in the right lane in front of Bergen Community College. Make the jug handle turn (on the right) and come straight across Paramus Road into Paramus Catholic.

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**Desde el Garden State Parkway Norte (y Ruta 80 rumbo al Este):** Tome la salida 163 (salida a la derecha) hasta la Ruta 17 Norte. Maneje una corta distancia hasta la segunda salida de la Avenida Midland. Suba por la rampa sobre la ruta 17 manténgase en el carril de la izquierda. Continúe derecho hasta la luz de tráfico, y siga por la colina pasando por la Iglesia de la Anunciación que le quedará a su izquierda. En la siguiente luz de tráfico haga una izquierda en Paramus Road. En la primera luz haga una derecha en Paramus Catholic.

**Desde el Garden State Parkway Sur:** Tome la salida 163 hasta la ruta 17 sur, use la salida de Century Road doble a la derecha en la salida de la rampa. Diríjase al Oeste en Century Road hacia la zona industrial sobre la colina, el Cementerio de George Washington le va a quedar a su derecha. En la luz haga una derecha en Paramus Road continúe derecho hasta la próxima luz pero manténgase en la línea de la derecha en frente del Bergen Community College. Continúe por Paramus Road, hasta que vea Paramus Catholic High School, haga una derecha hasta el parqueadero.

**Desde New Jersey Turnpike Norte (o Ruta 80):** Desde la Ruta 80 West (local) hasta la Ruta 17 Norte, y de esta a la Ruta 4 Oeste hasta la salida de Paramus Road. Doble a la derecha en la salida de la rampa hasta que se encuentre con Paramus Road en la segunda luz de tráfico manténgase en la línea de la derecha frente al Bergen Community College. Guire a la derecha y siga derecho por Paramus Road hasta Paramus Catholic High School.







# Catechist Convocation ~~~ November 4, 2017

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

TO BE SURE YOU GET YOUR CHOICES REGISTRATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

Last Name (print)                      First Name

Email address

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Lunch: Please select one lunch time. <i>Lunch is not available after 1:45 pm.</i></b>	<b>First choice: Workshop Number Do not select a workshop at lunch time.</b>	<b>Alternate choice: Workshop Number</b>	
<b>Session 1</b> 9:40 – 10:55 am	<b>NO LUNCH</b>			
<b>Session 2 or Lunch A</b> 11:05 am – 12:20 pm	Lunch A _____			
<b>Session 3 or Lunch B</b> 12:30 – 1:45 pm	Lunch B _____			
<b>Session 4</b> 1:55 – 3:05 pm	<b>NO LUNCH</b>			

**Lunch (select one):**    \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey    \_\_\_\_\_ Ham & Cheese    \_\_\_\_\_ Tuna    \_\_\_\_\_ Peanut Butter & Jelly  
*Lunch is included in the registration fee.*

**RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM TO YOUR DRE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO YOU CAN GET THE CHOICE OF WORKSHOPS THAT YOU WANT**

All folders and workshop assignments will be distributed at the Convocation.

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## INFORMATION FOR PCL's / DRE's — GROUP REGISTRATIONS

REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS October 31, 2017

**1-5 Persons**  
**\$40.00 each**  
**Each Additional Person**  
**\$30.00 each**

**If registering near the deadline please fax (973-497-4249), or e-mail [pozzoroc@rcan.org](mailto:pozzoroc@rcan.org) your registration.**  
**Send the fee when available.**

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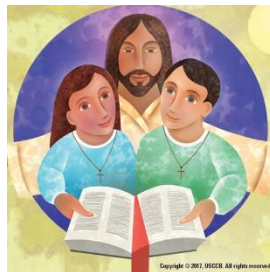
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