

Memorandum

June 12, 2009

To: Parish Directors, Ministers and Coordinators of Religious Education

From: Rev. Paul F. deLadurantaye
Diocesan Secretary for Religious Education

Re: **2009-2010 Important Dates/Events**

As the program year comes to an end, I want to take this opportunity to commend you for your dedication and efforts to provide quality religious education to the youth and adults in your parishes.

For your convenience in planning the 2009-2010 program year, please mark your calendars as follows:

- 1) **Catechetical Sunday** is September 20, 2009. The theme is ***Catechesis & the Proclamation of the Word***. Materials may be ordered from NCCL (National Conference of Catechetical Leadership, Tel: 202-884-9753; Fax: 202-884-9756; email: nccl@nccl.org).
- 2) **Diocesan Pilgrimage** to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will be held on **Saturday, October 10, 2009** in Washington, DC. Please see the FYI newsletter, which is sent to the parishes, for more information.
- 2) **Diocesan Catechetical Conference** is scheduled for **Saturday, November 14, 2009** at the Sheraton in Reston. ***The keynote for this year will be Most Rev. Paul S. Loverde, Bishop of Arlington.*** This year's schedule will offer two workshop sessions for catechists and DREs. There will be more information to follow.
- 3) **2010 Rite of Election** will be held on the first Saturday & Sunday of Lent, February 20, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m. and February 21, 2010 @ 2:30 p.m. at St. Thomas More Cathedral. More information will follow.
- 4) **Adult Confirmations** at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More, will be held on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. and Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.
- 5) **New DRE Orientation** will be held Thursday, September 3, 2009 in Burke Hall at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. Time frame will be from 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. More information will follow in August.
- 6) The annual **Diocesan Schools Institute** will be held on October 23, 2009 at Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington. Please call the Office of Catholic Schools for more information.

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Conference Planning

Planning for the workshops and presenters for the 2009 Diocesan Catechetical Conference will soon begin. **The keynote for this year will be Most Rev. Paul S. Loverde, Bishop of Arlington.** I invite you to offer suggestions regarding areas of interest and/or speakers that you feel would meet your needs in keeping abreast of developments in the field of religious education and the theological and spiritual underpinnings which support it. Please submit your suggestions to me by **July 17, 2009.**

DRE Lists

The **DRE & Coordinators of Spanish Catechesis Directories** may be viewed on the Diocesan website under Education/Religious Ed/DRE Directory. If you have trouble opening the document, you may request a hard copy from our office. **Please notify us of any changes in staffing so that our lists are current-. The Chancery sometimes gets the current information on new hires, but we are not notified. As a consequence, mailing labels are not updated. If you call the Chancery with updated information, please call this office as well.**

E-Mail & Changes Request Form

If your *e-mail address has changed and if there are staff changes*, please fill out the Update E-mail Form (enclosed) and submit it to us via email or fax. If you lose your copy, you may access another one on the Diocesan website under Education/Catechist Formation/News & Events/End of Program Year Materials-2009. Verbal changes will not be taken over the phone.

Conformity Listing of Catechetical Texts & Series from the USCCB

A listing of texts that are in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church is also on the website. This document is put out by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This document may also be viewed on the Diocesan website under Education/Catechist Formation/News & Events/End of Program Year Materials. A copy of this document is enclosed as well.

Parish Profile Reports

Parish profile reports will be mailed out in early September 2009 for return to the Office of Catechetics by the end of November in order to make the statistics available for the Vatican and national report deadlines.

As always, I keep you in my prayers. If you have any questions at any time, please call me at the Office of Catechetics, (703) 841-2554.