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41st Annual Diocesan Religious Education Workshop Day Saturday, March 15, 2008 - Bryant University, Smithfield, RI

Workshop Day Information

- **Celebrant and Homilist:**
Rev. Anthony Mancini
Rector, SS. Peter and Paul
Cathedral
- **Liturgy and Major Address**
will take place in the MAC,
Multi-Athletic Complex.
- **This brochure may be
copied.**
- **For more brochures** or for
information, contact the
Office of Religious Educa-
tion at **278-4646**.

The 41st Annual Diocesan Religious Education Workshop Day will be held at Bryant University on Saturday, March 15, 2008. The keynote speaker for the event, sponsored by Twenty-Third Publications, is Bill Huebsch.

In 2000 Bill established the Whole Community Catechesis project, aimed at helping parishes implement the *General Directory for Catechesis*. He is the author of *Dreams and Visions*, a guide for parishes involved in lifelong faith formation. His most recent work, *The Growing Faith Project*, is an adult education product based entirely on the *Catechism*.

Bill holds an MA in Theological Studies from the Catholic Theological Union of Chicago

and is on the adjunct faculties of Loyola University New Orleans and the University of Dallas. His keynote presentation entitled "Encountering the Living Christ" will look at the Church's dream and vision that each person in faith formation have an encounter with the living Christ. He will address how we can build this vision into our parish and school programs.

The keynote in Spanish will be presented by Victor Valenzuela, a National Religion Consultant for Bilingual Resources for William H. Sadlier, Inc. He has been in ministry for 20 years including classroom teaching, youth ministry, teacher training, and writing and development of new materials.



Bill Huebsch
Keynote Speaker



Victor Valenzuela
Keynote Speaker



CATECHESIS:
Encountering
the Living Christ

Schedule of Events - *Horario*

Registration - Inscripción:	8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Liturgy - Misa:	9:00 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.
Keynote - Charla Principal:	10:25 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.
Lunch Service:	11:15 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.
Exhibit Displays - Exposiciones:	8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Workshops

Session One - Sesión Una:	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Session Two - Sesión Dos:	12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Session Three - Sesión Tres:	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Session Four - Sesión Cuatro:	3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Registration Information

- **Registration fee:**
\$33 per person
- **Registration fee for
groups of eight or more:**
\$28 per person
- **Advanced registration is
required.**
- **Registration deadline:**
March 5, 2008

Español

1. **Víctor Valenzuela**, Representante Nacional de Recursos Bilingües, William H. Sadlier, Inc.
Sponsored by William H. Sadlier
Catequesis: Encuentro Con Cristo Vivo
Charla Principal
En este taller veremos como Jesús nos enseña a hacer catequistas. El usaba cuentos para educar a sus seguidores y para inspirarnos. Nosotros como catequistas necesitamos poner la Evangelización como parte central de nuestra labor y ser testigos de que nuestro amor por Jesús es real y vivo.
2. **Carlos Aedo**, Coordinador de la Catequesis Hispana, Arquidiócesis de Hartford
El Evangelio Según San Mateo: Su Gente y Temas Principales
Sesiones 1 & 3
Juntos exploraremos los temas fundamentales del Evangelio según San Mateo.
3. **Dr. Hosffman Ospino**, Profesor de Teología Pastoral, Boston College, Boston, MA
Sponsored by Harcourt
El Poder Mediador de la Espiritualidad Hispana en la Catequesis
Sesión 4
En este taller exploraremos la riqueza de la espiritualidad hispana que se manifiesta a través de expresiones de religiosidad popular. Haremos énfasis en devociones marianas populares y prácticas de fe en el hogar con la intención de resaltar su valor catequético.

Catechetical Leaders

Pre-registration required

4. **Charlotte McCorquodale, Ph.D.**, President, Ministry Training Source
Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord
3-part workshop - Beginning at 11:30 (Lunch at 12:30)
This workshop for catechetical leaders is limited to 85 people, and pre-registration is required. It will explore the topic of lay ecclesial ministry in the Church through the lens of the USCCB document, *Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord*.

General Interest

5. **Richard Andrade**, Coordinator, HIV/AIDS Ministry, Office of Community Services, Diocese of Providence
AIDS 101
Sessions 2 & 4
This workshop will present a general overview of the illness and of the Church's pastoral ministry to those living with and/or affected by the illness.

General Interest

6. **Sr. Lorraine Aucoin, P.M.**, Vocation Director, Sisters of the Presentation of Mary
Sr. Josita Colbert, S.N.D., Vocation Director, Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur
Prepare Them for Their Faith Future - Vocations Today
Session 3
What is God calling us to? Marriage, single life, consecrated religious life, and priesthood are all calls from God and vital in His Kingdom. Come learn the ABCs of following God's voice for yourself and for your students. Free lesson plans and resources.
7. **Nancy Bird**, Senior Regional Sales Manager, RCL Benziger Publishing, Sponsored by RCL Benziger
Six Steps to Being a Successful Catechist
Sessions 2 & 3
Looking for ways to be energized? Does your call as a catechist need to be recharged? Leave this workshop with six simple suggestions to cultivate your own creativity and practical ideas to share with your whole community of faith.
8. **Matthew J. Bowen, Ph.D.**, Clinical Child Psychologist, Private Practice, Providence, RI
ADHD: Implications for Educators
Session 2
Participants will receive an overview of symptoms and problems associated with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder along with strategies for practical management of symptoms in an educational setting.
9. **Kristin Caproni**, Education Specialist, Respect Life Office, Diocese of Providence
Every Life Matters: Seamless Garment Ethic
Sessions 2 & 4
This informational session will outline the major themes of the Church's teaching on the protection and defense of human life at every stage and every condition and will provide strategies for incorporating these themes into curriculums for all grade levels.
10. **Pat Jaehnig**, Coordinator, Justice and Peace Education, Office of Community Services, Diocese of Providence
Am I My Sister's Keeper?
Session 1
"Violence against women, inside or outside the home, is never justified - is sinful; often it is a crime as well." *When I Cry for Help*, U.S. Bishops 2002. This workshop will explore the facts and faces of domestic violence, including its effect on children, and will offer practical suggestions for how we can help.
11. **Sam Kauffman**, Christian Singer, Author, Song Writer
The Living Word and Storytelling
Sessions 1 & 3
Everyone loves stories. Jesus taught through stories. Enrich your weekly lessons with unique storytelling techniques.

General Interest

- 12. Patricia Marks**, Administrator of Religious Education, St. Michael Parish, Bedford, MA
Polly Herz, Catechist, St. Michael Parish, Bedford, MA
Autism and the Sacraments Sessions 2 & 4
 This workshop will present hands-on activities for teaching religious education to children with different learning abilities, such as autism, Down syndrome, and others. The presentation will highlight a curriculum where the children are taught in small groups, visually, through stories, flannel boards, and other activities.
- 13. Samuel N. Roy**, Teacher and Lecturer, St. Agatha Parish, Woonsocket, RI
Theology of the Body Session 1
 With a biblical foundation, Pope John Paul II challenges present cultural views and makes manifest God's intention in creating human sexuality as an icon of divine nature.
- 14. Rev. Francis C. Santilli**, Pastor, St. Paul Parish, Cranston, RI
Healing Life's Hurts Sessions 1 & 2
 This workshop will explore the tool of forgiveness in the healing process and in the sacrament of reconciliation.
- 15. Sister Dorothy Schwarz, S.S.D.**, Director of Religious Education, St. Augustine Parish, Providence, RI
Teaching Old Testament Heroes and Heroines Sessions 2 & 4
 This workshop will extract from the Hebrew Scriptures the greatness of God's chosen men and women while at the same time positioning them in their humanness in order to demonstrate how they can impact the lives of our youth today for good.
- 16. Dr. Tina (TJ) Wray**, Author and Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Salve Regina University, Newport, RI
Women of the Old Testament: How Their Stories Speak to Us Today Sessions 1 & 3
 Often overlooked or misunderstood, the women of the Bible have much to teach us about God, the world, and others. This workshop will focus on key women of the Old Testament as a means to both motivate and empower educators to include women's stories in their classrooms.

Elementary

- 17. Lisa DerManouelian**, Catechist, St. Peter Parish; Media Teacher, St. Peter School, Warwick, RI
Teaching the Rosary Visually: Creating a Rosary Slideshow Sessions 2 & 4
 Learn how to have your students create a storyboard of the rosary and develop it into a presentation in Power Point or moviemaker software - whether you have access to a computer lab or just your home computer.

Elementary

- 18. Elizabeth Marcil**, Director, Office of Religious Education, Diocese of Worcester
Mass: Sacrifice or Sacred Liturgy? Sessions 1 & 2
 What really happens at Mass? Why does it matter? This workshop will provide background and context, which will help catechists respond to questions from today's children and youth.
- 19. Brian Mitchell**, President, Third Day Games, Inc., Producer of *Gospel Champions*; Sponsored by RCL Benziger
Taking the Gospel Message Where Children Are Today - In Video Games Session 2
 This session will study the availability and use of video games in households and how these trends affect the development of elementary age children. We will look at video games for educational applications and strategies to use with children. All attendees will receive an evaluation copy of *Gospel Champions*, a video game series designed to extend Gospel and Catholic teaching into children's video game playtime.
- 20. Carol Zani**, DRE, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Hopkinton, MA, Sponsored by William H. Sadlier
Creative Teaching Strategies for the Elementary Classroom Sessions 1 & 3
 Get that lesson off the pages of the book and into the hands of your students! Carol will dare you to be "outrageously" creative when planning your religion lesson.

Junior High - Youth

- 21. Kimberly Newton Fusco**, Author
Discovering Gospel Values in Children's Literature Session 2
 Our public libraries are filled with books for children that encourage character development. Kimberly Newton Fusco, young adult author of *Tending to Grace* (Knopf) and recipient of the American Library Association's 2006 Schneider Family Book Award, will talk about selecting the best.
- 22. David Martinez and Karen Cottle**, Religion Teachers, LaSalle Academy, Providence, RI; Music Ministers
Using Music in Religious Education with Adolescents Sessions 2 & 4
 Most teens will admit that the music they listen to shapes their identities. Learn about how you can use contemporary religious music to catechize your adolescent students and help them encounter the living Christ, in both mind and heart.
- 23. Maureen Provencher**, Sales Representative, RCL Benziger; Sponsored by RCL Benziger
A "Holy" Different Kind of Kid: Younger Adolescents Session 1
 If you have the privilege of ministering with younger adolescents, then this workshop is for you. Together, we'll delve more deeply into the mystery of understanding and embracing younger adolescents - their nature, their needs, their holiness - and our response - one that is practical, creative, empowering, and real.

Junior High - Youth

24. Liza Roach, Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry, St. Teresa of the Child Jesus Parish, Pawtucket, RI

Confirmation and Service: Called to Be Christ in the World Session 4

Are you struggling to excite Confirmation candidates about community service? Do you need help providing opportunities? Then this workshop is for you!

25. Samuel N. Roy, Teacher and Lecturer, St. Agatha Parish, Woonsocket, RI

Teaching Morality to Adolescents Session 3

In this workshop, we will examine how using a novel approach, with an authentic foundation in the Bible and tradition, can make sense of divine and Church teachings to today's young people - and older people too!

26. Steve Van Orsouw, Teacher, Good Shepherd Catholic School; Youth Minister, Fr. Marot CYO Center, Woonsocket, RI

Praying with Youth Sessions 1 & 3

Ideas for and experiences of prayer with young people will be presented by Steve and some of the youth from the Fr. Marot CYO Center.

27. Steve Walker, President, Catholic HEART Workcamp, Goldenrod, FL

How to Make the World a Better Place to Live Session 2

Confronted with the problems in our society, Catholic kids vary in response: indifference, concern, apathy. This workshop will motivate and inspire participants on what can be done about the challenges and social injustices happening in our world today. Come and hear how Catholic HEART Workcamp is an opportunity to empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ through serving others.

Adult

28. Sister Eugenia Brady, S.J.C.,

Retreat and Spiritual Director, Providence, RI

Praying in Different Ways Session 3

"There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel, by the encounter with Christ." (Pope Benedict XVI) Our unique gifts create great variety in the ways we pray. Forms of prayer and techniques that enable us and our students to encounter Christ will be explored and developed.

29. Rev. Raymond F. Collins, S.T.D., Retired Professor, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew (Cycle A) Sessions 1 & 3

Each of the evangelists portrays Jesus in a distinctive fashion. The Sunday liturgy of 2008 makes use of a semi-continuous reading of the Gospel according to Matthew. This workshop will present Jesus as Matthew portrays him, a teacher sent to the house of Israel.

Adult

30. Rev. Raymond F. Collins, S.T.D., Retired Professor, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

Qu'ran and Jesus Sessions 2 & 4

Islam is the second-largest religion in the world. Dialogue with Islam has become an important part of the mission of the Church. In October 2007, 138 leading Muslim scholars published a letter addressed to Christian leaders urging agreement in the interpretation of Jewish and Christian Scriptures. In response, we ask, "How does the Qu'ran, the Scriptures of Islam, portray Jesus?"

31. Rev. Paul Conner, O.P., S.T.D., Associate Professor of Moral Theology, Providence College, Providence, RI

Fundamentals of Catholic Bioethics Sessions 2 & 4

This presentation searches out as comprehensive an understanding of human dignity as possible and evaluates its usefulness as a universal standard for judging good and evil.

32. Deacon Robert and Dr. Frances Gallo,

St. Bartholomew Parish, Providence, RI;

Superintendent, Central Falls Schools

Developing a Catholic Married Life Session 4

This presentation will help participants develop a meaningful and relevant Catholic married life in today's society.

33. Rev. John Hunt, Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Cumberland, RI

Sacraments in the New United States Catholic Catechism for Adults Sessions 1 & 2

This workshop will present an overview of the sacraments in the new Catechism and will focus on how sacraments relate to American culture, with questions for discussion.

34. Rev. Emmanuel Charles McCarthy, Priest of the Eastern Rite of the Catholic Church (Byzantine-Melkite) Retreat Director, Author, Sponsored by SPRED

Faith and Reason – and Religious Education Sessions 2 & 3

A First-World Christian will be confronted continuously by the problem of the relationship of faith and reason for his or her entire life. This workshop gives some guidelines within which to examine the problem and make choices. Little Audrey Santos is an example of the conflict.

35. Anna Rae-Kelly, M.Th., M.Sc.,

Speaker and Retreat Director

Living the Beatitudes Session 4

In this session, we will move from vocal to mental to contemplative prayer through a meditation on the Beatitudes - theology on our knees.

36. Deacon S. Allen Wolf, Diocese of Wilmington, DE

Jesus, As Seen Through Jewish Eyes

Sessions 1 & 3

This workshop will help us understand how Jews of Jesus' time saw Him.



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Bryant University, Smithfield, RI

Registration Form

NAME/CONTACT PERSON: _____

PARISH/SCHOOL: _____ **PHONE:** _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
City
State
Zip

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_____ Number attending @ \$33 each

_____ Please mail my tickets.

_____ Number attending @ \$28 each

_____ I will pick up my tickets at the ORE.

\$ _____ Amount enclosed

Registration Information

- **Send registration and payment to:**
Office of Religious Education
Annual Workshop Day
One Cathedral Square
Providence, RI 02903
- **Make checks payable to:**
Office of Religious Education
- **Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope**
if you want tickets mailed.
- **Registration deadline:** March 5, 2008
- No refunds after deadline.
- **Tickets needed for admission. No tickets will be sold at the door.**
- **For information,** contact the Office of Religious Education at 278-4646.
- **This brochure and registration form may be copied.**

Directions to Bryant University

- **From Boston, 128 area, and North:**
Take I-95 S to Exit I-295 S, Woonsocket. (I-295 is about 5 miles south of I-495 Exit.) Go 12 miles to Exit 8B. Go 1.5 miles on Rte. 7 N. Bryant is on the left.
- **From Providence and Southeast MA:**
From I-95 take Rte. 146 N and go approx. 8 miles to Exit 116 S, Smithfield (same exit as Lincoln Mall). Go 3 miles and turn right on Rte. 7 N. Go 1.5 miles on Rte. 7 N. Bryant is on the left.
- **From Worcester area:**
Take Rte. 146 S to I-295 S. Go 3.5 miles to Exit 8B. Go 1.5 miles on Rte. 7 N. Bryant is on the left.
- **From Southern RI, CT, and NY:**
From I-95 take I-295 N to Exit 8B. Go 1.5 miles on Rte. 7 N. Bryant is on the left.
- **From Hartford, Rte. 6 area:**
Take Rte. 6 to intersection with I-295 N. Take I-295 N to Exit 8B. Go 1.5 miles on Rte. 7 N. Bryant is on the left.