

Wading Deeper 2018

The Year-Round Catechumenate

Presenter – Mary Birmingham



Friday-Saturday – 03-04 August 2018

Holy Family Parish, 410 South State Street, Litchfield IL 62056
Interstate 55, exit 52 at Illinois State Road 16

◆ THIS YEAR'S FOCUS ◆

What is the vision of the 'Year-Round Catechumenate' and how does this fit with what you are already doing or should be doing? The RCIA describes an initiation process that exists at the heart of the Church's life and on the same schedule as the Church: every day, all year long. While that may sound overwhelming and unimaginable, Birmingham carefully explains how it is not only possible but also the best stewardship of the gifts and talents of initiation ministers. She will walk participants step by step through the periods and rites of the RCIA, providing helpful insight along the way. Birmingham will help pastors, initiation teams, liturgy committees and other ministers imagine, envision, understand and implement a year-round catechumenate in the parish.

Mary Birmingham has been involved in parish life for more than twenty-five years and has worked closely with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Her involvement in parish life and her work with The North American Forum on the Catechumenate helped her to realize, as she wrote in *Year-Round Catechumenate*, "the common practice of initiation in most parishes falls short of the vision set forth in the rite" (1). She is convinced that "when parishes are immersed in the theology of the rite" that "the principles become the driving force behind implementation" of the full vision of the RCIA.

Mary presently serves as the director of liturgy, music, and Christian Initiation at Ascension Parish in Melbourne, Florida. The author of several books, she also works with Team RCIA and is a noted presenter on all aspects of the RCIA.

◆ WHO SHOULD ATTEND ◆

- Not just** RCIA Team members **but also**
- Priests, Pastoral Facilitators, Deacons
- Liturgists, Musicians, Liturgy Committee Members
- Catechists for Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist
- Other Catechists and Interested Adults

Note: Catechist certification given by each diocese.

◆ MOTELS IN LITCHFIELD, IL 62056 ◆

Call motel for room reservation. We were unable to have rooms blocked off this year due to a Gold Wing Motorcycle Convention being in town.

Baymont Inn. – 1405 W. Hudson – (217) 324-2500

Holiday Inn Express & Suites – 4 Thunderbird Circle
(217)324-4556

Hampton Inn – 11 Thunderbird Cir. – (217) 324-4441

◆ AGENDA – Friday, 03 August 2018 ◆

- 7:00 PM **Registration and Book Sale**
- 7:30 PM **Welcome and Introductions**
What is the Year-Round Catechumenate?
- 9:00 PM **Brief Social**

◆ AGENDA – Saturday, 04 August 2018 ◆

- 8:15 AM **Registration, Breakfast, and Book Sale**
- 9:00 AM **Welcome and Prayer**
Why the Year-Round Catechumenate?
Sacramental Catechesis
The Periods and Rites of Initiation
The Initiating Community
Break
The Period of Evangelization
The Period of the Catechumenate
- 12:00 PM **Lunch:** sandwich, salads, drink & **Book Sale**
- 12:45 PM **The Period of Purification and Enlightenment**
Mystagogia
Break
Wrapping Up
- 3:30 PM **End of Wading Deeper Workshop**

What to bring with you:

- a copy of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*
 - a sweater if you are sensitive to air conditioning
 - a cushion for the metal folding chair – optional
- Note:** A 4:00 PM anticipated Mass of Sunday is celebrated at Saint Agnes Church, Hillsboro IL, 12 miles east on SR 16 at SR 127.

◆ REGISTRATION FEES ◆

The registration fee includes all workshop materials, continental breakfast, snacks, and lunch.

- **Individual participant** at \$50.00.
- **Teams of 3 or more** at \$45.00 per person. Mail all forms together with payment for discount.
- After 19 July, add on an additional **late fee** of \$10.00 per person.
- **Registration closes** on 26 July at noon. Call for availability – (217) 698-8500 ext 166.
- **Cancellation fee:** No cancellation fee to 26 July. On and after 27 July, \$10.00 is non-refundable to cover purchased food costs.

◆ HISTORY OF WADING DEEPER ◆

The **Wading Deeper** series engages catechumenate ministers in a deeper immersion in the vision, method, and ministry of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*.

- 1997 – **Mary Birmingham** – Catechumenal Catechesis
- 1998 – **Rev. Michael Clay and Joanna Case** – Initiation in a Small Town Context
- 1999 – **Sr. Sheila O’Dea** – Assembly’s Role in Initiation
- 2000 – **Rita Ferrone** – Sending, Election, and Rites of Lent
- 2001 – **Rev. Paul Turner** – The Easter Vigil
- 2002 – **Rev. Rick Conway** – Mystagogy: Deepening the Grasp of the Paschal Mystery
- 2003 – Diocesan Jubilee – no workshop
- 2004 – **Rita Ferrone and Rev. Paul Turner** – Pastoral Care with Baptized Christians
- 2005 – **Eliot Kapitan** – Lectionary and Sacramentary Based Catechesis
- 2006 – **Anne Koester and Steven Janco** – Reclaiming the Power of Sunday Eucharist: Forming Assemblies for Worship
- 2007 – **Jerry Galipeau and Rev. Tim Piasecki** – Christian Initiation: Celebrating the Rites Right
- 2008 – no workshop
- 2009 – **Todd Williamson** – The Power of the Rites: Bringing Us to the Full Stature in Christ
- 2010 – **Sr. Donna Steffen** – Discernment: Conversion’s Partner in Christian Initiation
- 2011 – **Rev. Michael Clay** – Unfolding the Theology of Initiation and Reception
- 2012 – **Karen Kane** – The Role of Grace in the Spiritual Journey
- 2013 – **Rita Burns Senseman** – The RCIA for Children and Implications for All Sacramental Catechesis

- 2014 – **Todd Williamson** – Sunday to Sunday, Season to Season: The Vision of the Catechetical Process
- 2015 – **Rev. Chuck Barthel** – From the Font to the Table: Reception into Full Communion
- 2016 – **Nick Wagner and Diana Macalintal** – The Rites of the RCIA
- 2017 – **Dr. Steve Janco** – Mystagogy: Connecting Liturgy and Life

◆ DIRECTIONS TO HOLY FAMILY, LITCHFIELD ◆
Holy Family, 410 S. State St., Litchfield IL 62056.

Leave **Interstate 55 at exit 52 at IL 16**. Turn east on Illinois State Road 16 which becomes Union Ave. Travel about 1½ miles east to downtown. Turn south at the library onto State Street for 6 blocks. Parking is behind the church off Columbia Street.

◆ BOOK SALE ◆

Suitable books and material will be available for sale. Reduced prices for most items.

◆ MORE INFORMATION ◆

For registration and special needs, contact:

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REGISTRATION FORM – Wading Deeper 2018 – The Year-Round Catechumenate

Please PRINT or TYPE. Use a separate form for each person. Duplicate this form as needed.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PARISH: _____

DIOCESE: _____

REGISTRATION FEE for materials, snacks, meals.

- Individual @ \$50.00 \$ _____
- Team of 3 or more @ \$45.00 each \$ _____
 - Mail all forms together for discount.
- Add \$10 each to fee after 20 July \$ _____
 - Registration closes 27 July.
 - Call for availability.
- Total Amount enclosed: \$ _____**
- Any special need:
 - **Cancellation Fee:** No Cancellation fee prior to 27 July. On and after 28 July, \$10.00 is non-refundable.

Check payable to: **Diocese of Springfield in Illinois**
 Mail check(s) with registration form(s) to:
Office for Divine Worship and the Catechumenate
1615 W. Washington St – Springfield IL 62702-4757