



Parish Ministry & Catechetical Conference

ONE LORD FAITH BAPTISM

-Ephesians 4:5

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2013

WEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

8:45AM-4:30PM ♦ MASS AT 11:45AM

Keynote Speaker: Bishop Earl Boyea

- ♦ Parish Members
- ♦ Adult Faith Formation Leaders
- ♦ School Teachers
- ♦ RCIA Teams
- ♦ Parish Youth Ministry Leaders and Volunteers
- ♦ Catechists
- ♦ Parish Liturgical and Music Ministry Leaders
- ♦ Catechetical Leaders



Presented by the DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS
Office of Pastoral Services
Oficina de Servicios Pastorales



Parish Ministry & Catechetical Conference 2013 Registration Form

Anyone wishing to take part in this conference must pre-register. There is limited space so register early to ensure a place. **Registration deadline is September 23, 2013.**

Las personas que desean participar en esta conferencia necesitan inscribirse. El cupo es limitado, inscribase temprano para asegurar su espacio. **La fecha límite es Septiembre 23, 2013.**

Name/Nombre: _____

Home Address/Dirección: _____

Parish/School/Parroquia/Escuela: _____

Phone/Teléfono: _____ Email: _____

Dietary Restrictions/Special Needs/Dieta/necesidades especiales: _____

The facilities are accessible and barrier free. We ask that you refrain from wearing perfumes or other scents.

Las instalaciones son accesibles y fáciles de usar. Le pedimos que se abstenga de usar perfumes u otras fragancias pues hay personas alérgicas.

Please indicate your first AND second choice of workshops by number:

Por favor indique con el número correspondiente, su primera y segunda opción de clases en cada sesión:

Session A _____ Session B _____ Session C _____

Please check the appropriate box indicating your major responsibility.

Por favor marque el cuadro que indica tu responsabilidad principal:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Minister /Pastoral Juvenil | <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgical Minister/Ministro de Liturgia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Faith Formation /Formación de Adultos | <input type="checkbox"/> Other / Otra _____ |

Payment - Please check one:

- ☐ My \$40 payment is included with my registration. Make checks payable to *Diocese of Grand Rapids*.
- ☐ My \$40 payment has been paid online through Raiser's Edge. Here is my registration form.
- ☐ Parish/School Option: We are registering 6 persons from our parish/school for \$200. Deadline for group registration is September 23. I understand this option will not apply to late registrations.

There is a \$10 late fee per person if paid after September 23.

Those who are fully paid prior to the conference will have stream-line registration. You will receive an Express Admission Ticket. Please print your ticket before coming to the Conference. There will be no long line, no waiting if you have your ticket!

You may register by email at: jkastenholz@dioceseofgrandrapids.org. Please complete this registration form and send as an attachment. Registration by email will be considered complete when you send payment within the week of your email.

You may register by postal mail by sending completed registration form(s) and payment to:
Office of Faith Formation | Cathedral Square Center | 360 Division Ave. S | Grand Rapids, MI 49503-4501

All registrations must be on this official registration form.

Todas las inscripciones deben estar en este formulario de registro oficial.



Bishop's Welcome



Bishop David Walkowiak will be the principal celebrant and homilist at the 11:30 Mass offered for all Conference participants.



The call to evangelize and to catechize is not the work of one parish leader. It is a collaborative effort calling for a partnership between the diocese, clergy, catechetical, and evangelization leadership, parish musicians, parish liturgists, school principals, school teachers, and the entire parish community. Parish leadership must foster relationships with others in parish ministry and with members of the parish community, whether the parish be merged or clustered.

Similar key relationships must also extend beyond parish boundaries to the deanery, the diocese, and the larger Church. With these goals in mind, I welcome you to the Parish Ministry and Catechetical Conference. My prayer for you this day will be that our relationships grow deeper and inclusive in the mission of catechesis and the New Evangelization.

Giving thanks to the Lord for all the good that God accomplishes through you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

El llamado a evangelizar y catequizar no es trabajo solo de un líder parroquial. Es un esfuerzo colaborativo que invita a la ayuda mutua entre diócesis, clero, líderes de catequesis y de evangelización, músicos parroquiales, liturgistas parroquiales, directores y profesores de escuela y toda la comunidad parroquial. Los líderes parroquiales deben fomentar la relación con los ministros de parroquia y con miembros de la comunidad parroquial, ya sea que la parroquia se haya fusionado o agrupado.

Dichas relaciones deben extenderse más allá de los límites parroquiales hacia: el decanato, la diócesis, y la Iglesia en general. Con estas metas en mente, les doy la bienvenida a la Conferencia de Ministerio Parroquial y Catequesis. Mi oración durante este día será para que nuestras relaciones crezcan de una manera más profunda e inclusiva en la misión de la catequesis y la Nueva Evangelización.

Dando gracias al Señor por todo el bien que Dios realiza por medio de ustedes, soy

Atentamente suyo en Cristo,

Muy Rev. David J. Walkowiak
Obispo de Grand Rapids



General Information

Welcome! to the 30th annual Parish Ministry and Catechetical Conference, sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Pastoral Services. This conference provides an opportunity for persons involved in all forms of parish ministry to pray, reflect and to learn with and from one another. We specifically welcome our parish musicians and liturgists who will be joining us. We look forward to seeing old friends: catechists, school teachers, parish catechetical leaders, coordinators, youth ministry leaders and volunteers, pastoral associates, principals, RCIA teams, parish and jail ministry volunteers and adult faith formation teams.

Exhibits – featuring publishers and organizations; please be sure to visit them for valuable information and for a chance to win prizes.

Spanish Translation – Instantaneous translation will be available for the keynote presentation and the homily at Mass. There will also be workshops offered in Spanish throughout the day.

¡Bienvenidos! a la trigésima Conferencia de Ministerio Parroquial y Catequesis, patrocinada por la Oficina de Servicios Pastorales. Esta conferencia les da a los ministros parroquiales la oportunidad de orar, reflexionar y aprender juntos. Queremos darles una bienvenida especial a los músicos y liturgistas parroquiales que van a participar este año. También tendremos el gusto de ver viejos amigos: catequistas, profesores, líderes de catequesis parroquial, coordinadores, líderes y voluntarios de pastoral juvenil, asociados pastorales, directores de escuela, equipos de RICA, voluntarios del ministerio de cárceles y equipos de formación en la fe para adultos.

Exhibiciones - Tendremos editores y organizaciones; por favor visítenlos para obtener información importante y la oportunidad de ganar premios.

Traducción en español - Habrá traducción simultánea durante la presentación del orador principal y la homilía de la Misa. Se ofrecerán también talleres en español a lo largo del día.

Conference Schedule | Programa de la Conferencia

7:45-8:45	Registration & Hospitality <i>Inscripción y hospitalidad</i>	Entrance Hallway, Exhibits in Main Gym
8:45-9:00	Morning Prayer <i>Oración de la mañana</i>	Cafetorium
9:00-10:00	Welcome/Keynote	Cafetorium
10:15-11:30	Workshop Session A <i>Sesión A</i>	Classrooms <i>Salón de Clase</i>
11:45-12:45	Mass with Bishop Walkowiak <i>Misa con el Obispo Walkowiak</i>	Cafetorium
1:00-1:45	Lunch/Exhibits <i>Almuerzo y Exhibiciones</i>	Gymnasium <i>Gimnasio</i>
1:45-3:00	Workshop Session B <i>Sesión B</i>	Classrooms <i>Salón de Clase</i>
3:15-4:30	Workshop Session C <i>Sesión C</i>	Classrooms <i>Salón de Clase</i>

Each workshop is 75 minutes in length.



Keynote Address

Bishop Earl Boyea

Born in Pontiac, Michigan, and the eldest of ten children, Earl Boyea, Jr. was raised in Waterford and attended Our Lady of the Lakes Church and the parish school. He studied at Sacred Heart Seminary High School and College, obtaining his Bachelor's degree in History. He then studied at the Pontifical North American College and Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, earning a B.A. in Sacred Theology from the latter in 1976. He was ordained on May 20, 1978 as a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Returning to the Gregorian, he received a Licentiate in Sacred Theology in 1980. Following, he earned a Master's in American History from Wayne State University (1984) and a PhD in Church History from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. (1987). From 1987 to 2000, he taught Church History and Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, where he became dean of Studies in 1990. From 2001-2002 he served as the rector-president and a professor at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, while also serving at St. Mary in German Village, Ohio.

On September 13, 2002, Msgr. Boyea was consecrated as a bishop, having been appointed as auxiliary bishop of Detroit by Pope John Paul II. Pope Benedict XVI named him the fifth bishop of Lansing on February 27, 2008 and he was formally installed on April 29, 2008.



Bishop Earl Boyea of the Diocese of Lansing will present the keynote address, focusing on the role of the laity in the Church as illuminated in the documents of Vatican II.

Muy Reverendo Earl Boyea, Obispo de Lansing

Earl Boyea, Jr. nació en Pontiac, Michigan y es el mayor de los diez hijos de Earl y Helen Boyea. Creció en Waterford, asistió a la parroquia de Our Lady of the Lakes y a la escuela parroquial. Estudió en el Sacred Heart Seminary High School and College, donde obtuvo una licenciatura en historia. Luego estudió en el Pontifical North American College y en el Pontifical Gregorian University en Roma, obteniendo un bachillerato en Sagrada Teología en 1976. El 20 de mayo de 1978, fue ordenado como sacerdote de la Arquidiócesis de Detroit.

Luego regresó a la Universidad Gregoriana en Roma donde en 1980 obtuvo una licenciatura en Sagrada Teología. Después obtuvo la maestría en Historia Americana de Wayne State University (1984) y un doctorado en Historia de la Iglesia en la Catholic University of America en Washington, D.C. (1987). De 1987 al 2000, fue profesor de Historia de la Iglesia y de Sagrada Escritura en el seminario mayor de Sacred Heart en Detroit, donde se convirtió en decano de Estudios en 1990. De 2001-2002 sirvió como rector-presidente en la Pontificia Josephinum College en Columbus mientras servía también en la Parroquia de St. Mary en German Village, Ohio.

El 13 de Septiembre, 2002 fue consagrado obispo y fue nombrado por el Papa Juan Pablo II como obispo auxiliar de Detroit. El Papa Benedicto XVI lo nombró como el quinto obispo de Lansing el 27 de febrero de 2008. El Obispo Boyea fue instalado *formalmente como Ordinario de Lansing el 29 de abril del 2008.*



There is the opportunity to attend three workshops during the conference. The keynote address and workshops are applicable toward catechist certification: each workshop counts as 1.25 clock hours and the keynote for 1 hour; a total of 4.75 hours for the day. All workshops have been designated according to the relevant dimension of formation (catechist, content, method, learner). Where two dimensions are recommended, you may choose one or the other to apply to certification. Be sure to keep a record of which workshops you attend. For more information regarding catechetical certification, go to www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org.

Some of the workshops are designated as part of a special track - an intentional series of workshops focusing on a particular theme or recommended for a particular audience. Attendance in a particular track is open to *all* conference attendees and participants are not required to attend all sessions in a particular track. Tracks for 2013 include:

- ◆ Worship - focused on liturgical planning in the parish
- ◆ Special Needs - focused on ministry with persons with disabilities and their families
- ◆ Music - focused on music ministry in the parish; those who are working towards certification in music ministry will also find the corresponding dimension listed when relevant for a workshop.
- ◆ Social Media - focused on integrating digital media in a ministry setting
- ◆ Youth Ministry - with a focus on working with adolescents and their families

Habr  la oportunidad de participar en tres clases durante la conferencia. La presentaci n general y las clases son v lidas para la certificaci n de catequistas: cada clase se cuenta como 1.25 horas/reloj y la presentaci n general como 1 hora; se acumula as  un total de 4.75 horas en el d a. Para cada clase se se ala la dimensi n correspondiente de formaci n (catequista, contenido, m todo, y aprendizaje). Cuando se recomiendan dos dimensiones usted debe escoger una de las dos al momento de aplicar para la certificaci n. Aseg rese de guardar una constancia de las clases a las que participa. Para m s informaci n respecto a la certificaci n de catequistas, vaya a www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org.

Algunas clases se se alan como parte de un grupo especial - una serie de clases que se centran en un tema particular o que se recomiendan para una audiencia particular. La participaci n en una de estas clases est  abierta para todos los asistentes a la conferencia y los participantes no est n obligados a atender a todas las sesiones de un grupo particular. Los grupos para el 2013 son:

- ◆ *Formaci n en la Fe del Adulto - dirigida a quienes sirven en el ministerio para adultos, incluyendo RICA*
- ◆ *Personas especiales - centrada en el ministerio con personas minusv lidas y sus familias*
- ◆ *L der de Parroquia - para directores/coordinadores de la educaci n religiosa, de la pastoral juvenil o del ministerio de m sica*
- ◆ *Medios de Comunicaci n - integraci n de los medios digitales en el contexto ministerial*
- ◆ *Pastoral Juvenil - enfocada en el ministerio con adolescentes y sus familias*



A-1 Teach Like Him, The Spirituality of Teaching

How could Jesus have fed the five thousand had they not “sat in rows”? What about when Zacchaeus was getting picked on for being short? Did you catch Jesus’ bullying prevention from that Gospel reading? The experiences that Jesus faced during His ministry are quite similar to the experiences that educators encounter in their classrooms. The Gospels are an educators’ Teacher’s Edition, a manual on how to properly save souls through your vocation as a teacher. This session will help you teach like Jesus did. It gives educators a way to preach the Gospel through example, action and methodology that can touch the hearts of their students regardless of the subject you teach. It will teach you how to read the Gospels through the eyes of the Master Teacher, Christ.

TJ Burdick is a Lay Dominican and catechist from St. Joseph the Worker Parish. He is the creator of YOUCAtholic.com, a columnist at Ignitum Today.com and author of the book, Teach Like Him.

Dimension: *Catechist/Method*

A-2 Sin parábolas, Jesús no les exponía nada [Marcos 4:34]

Los evangelios contienen 40 parábolas con las que Jesús enseñó a sus discípulos. Por eso podemos decir que si no entendemos las parábolas, ¡no vamos a entender a Jesús! Este taller consta de dos partes. En la primera parte, examinaremos la forma y el propósito del género literario de una parábola, y empezaremos a estudiar las parábolas de los talentos, el hombre rico y Lázaro y los trabajadores en la viña. En la segunda parte examinaremos las parábolas del hijo pródigo, el buen samaritano, el juez y la viuda, y el administrador astuto. *El Padre Esteban Cron ha servido en varias parroquias en Grand Rapids, y actualmente es párroco de la Iglesia San José Obrero en Wyoming, MI.*

Dimensión: *Content*

A-3 Engaging Youth In Service

Learn the strategies to involve youth in direct service in meaningful ways. This workshop will also examine how to do intentional catechesis with young people.

Beth Lowman, formerly at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish in Grand Haven

Dimension: *Method*

Track: *Youth Ministry*

A-4 On the Path to Marriage

We will cover some of the pastoral, theological, and canonical (canon law) aspects of marriage preparation, with emphasis on some “pot holes” that might slow down the journey to the altar, with time for Q&A.

Msgr Edward Hankiewicz is the judicial vicar for the Diocese of Grand Rapids and has worked in the tribunal for 29 years with divorced people who seek reconciliation with the Church and wish to marry again.

Dimension: *Method*

A-5 Early Adolescents: The Great Divide

What happens in the crossover from childhood to adolescence? Why is there such diversity in their physical development? Why is it so difficult to keep their attention? This presentation will include: a developmental overview of the 11-13 year old; methods that work with this age group; and how to help parents and young adolescents keep talking during this time of rapid change.

Nancy Hardy is the Director of Faith Formation at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Holland. She has an MTS in theology, a Master’s Degree in guidance & counseling with specialization in early adolescence.

Dimension: *Learner*

A-6 Thomas Merton

Thomas Merton (1915-1968). Convert, poet, Trappist monk, mystic, peace advocate, spiritual guide of his generation, perhaps the best known Catholic writer of the 20th century.

Father John Kenny, CSP, is a Paulist priest at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew and staff at the Catholic Information Center

Dimension: *Content*



A-7 Reflexión sobre “Familiaris Consortio” de Juan Pablo II

A través de esta presentación revisaremos el gran mensaje del Papa Juan Pablo II a las familias cristianas y el modo como nosotros debemos responder en nuestra realidad eclesial, diocesana, parroquial, familiar y personal. “La familia está llamada a ser templo, o sea, casa de oración: una oración sencilla, llena de esfuerzo y ternura. Una oración que se hace vida para que toda la vida se convierta en oración” Juan Pablo II.

El Padre Luis García es el pastor asociado de las parroquias de St. Edward en Lake Odessa y SS. Peter y Paul en Ionia.

Dimensión: *Content*

A-8 How to Fall in Love with God

This presentation will focus on the love of God in the Scriptures and our possible responses to the invitations of God to forgive, to surrender and to learn how to simply gaze at God.

Father Joachim Lally, CSP is a Paulist priest. Father Lally teaches at the Catholic Information Center.

Dimension: *Catechist*

A-9 The Journey, the Process and the Witness of our Faith

The challenge of Pope Francis to incarnate the call of the New Evangelization is to urge us to live practically within our Faith on an every day basis. How do we make that happen? What does it mean to live our Faith practically? This presentation is the ‘how to’ of living the practical aspects of our faith and using the Catechism as a tool for continual growth.

Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, FSE, is a Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist and Director of the Franciscan Life Process Center in Lowell and Grand Rapids. Sister works as a therapist in three diocesan schools and has a private practice.

Dimension: *Catechist*

A-10 Praying in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament

This workshop will give an overview of options available for personal and communal celebrations of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A brief history and theology of workshop of the Holy Eucharist outside of Mass, a review of the ritual books that accompany this practice, and practical concerns will be addressed with additional suggested rituals to enhance this practice in your parish or begin, with permission of the bishop, the practice of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Father John Thomas Lane a Blessed Sacrament Father is pastor of his home parish, Saint Paschal Baylon, Highland Heights, OH. He is a columnist for Emmanuel Magazine and has written and preached on liturgy for many years.

Dimension: *Catechist*

Track: *Worship*

A-11 Life in Christ: The Contribution of “Christ Our Pascha” to Catholic Morality

In 2011 a particular Church adaptation of the universal Catechism of the Catholic Church was published by hierarchy of the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church in consultation with the Roman Congregation for Eastern Churches. This workshop examines part III, on morality, of Christ our *Pascha* and the contribution of a particular Church to the universal Catholic Church on how to live out our lives in Christ. Particular attention will be given to theological emphases in the East that complement Western understanding of moral growth, liturgy and transformation, ancestral sin and the eight passions or sins as found in Evagrius of Pontus.

Dr. Robert Marko is professor and chair of theology at Aquinas College. A visiting professor in Eastern Christian Ethics at the Metropolitan Sheptyts'kyi Institute of St. Paul University in Canada and Fulbright Scholar at the Ukrainian Catholic University, L'viv, Ukraine in Catholic social ethics, he passionately advocates for a deeper appreciation of the Eastern Catholic Churches.

Dimension: *Content*

A-12 Transformative Catechesis

Learn how to speak to your student's hearts in four faith-filled steps. Please join me as we walk through Joe Paprocki's book “Beyond the Catechist's Toolbox” and explore how to make our class more like Mass through the wisdom and teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Amanda Dodge is a certified catechist teaching 5th and 6th graders at Our Lady of Fatima in Shelby where she resides with her wonderful husband, David and her two amazing sons, Dominic and Noah. She has a master's degree in journalism and works as an adjunct faculty for Baker College.

Dimension: *Method*



A-13 Bishop John Hughes and the Early History of Catholic Schooling in America

Bishop John Hughes is well known for having built one of America's great churches, the Cathedral of St. Patrick in New York City. Less known are the controversies involving Bishop Hughes, whose nickname was "Dagger John." Several of these will be explored, with a primary focus on the fights over Bible reading in public schools during the 1840s that led Hughes to launch another quest: the establishment of the Catholic school system in the United States.

Dr. John Pinheiro is associate professor of history and Director of Catholic Studies at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His book on the religious history of the Mexican-American War is due out from Oxford University Press in 2014.

Dimension: *Content*

A-14 Mindfulness: Being Present in a Distracting World

With smart phones, multitasking, social media, and busy lives we are pulled in so many directions. It's a struggle to truly be present to the people and opportunities before us. Yet, in the midst of all the distractions, our Lord constantly reaches out to us in the present moment. When we're present, we open ourselves to experiencing God in our everyday lives. This workshop will explore fruits of mindfulness, give a prayerful experience of it, and offer tools to incorporate mindfulness more into our fast-paced and ever-changing world.

Andy Rebollar serves as the pastoral associate for parish life at St. Pius X in Grandville. He has dedicated the last 12 years to full time ministry for Church in a variety of ways from teaching, youth and young adult ministry, campus ministry, missionary work, home repair, hosting service weeks and now parish life.

Dimension: *Catechist*

A-15 Mary & Elizabeth: Icons for the New Evangelization

This presentation will look at how Mary and Elizabeth, gospel women, can serve as models for a renewed sharing of the good news in our time. We will reflect on this call by meditating on Jacopo Carrucci's painting, "The Visitation," as a focal point and an impetus for gospel living and witness.

Father Tom Simons is pastor of Holy Trinity in Comstock Park. He is the former Director of the Office for Worship of our diocese and the author of several books on the liturgy.

Dimension: *Content/Catechist*

Track: *Worship*

A-16 La misión evangelizadora de la iglesia te necesita

Estamos invitados a responder al llamado de Jesús: "Vayan por todo el mundo y proclamen la Buena Nueva a toda la creación" Mc 16, 15. La Buena Noticia no consiste puramente en un mensaje intelectual, sino que es un acontecimiento salvífico; fuerza de Dios para salvar a todo el que cree. Esta fuerza de Dios se manifiesta en Jesús de Nazaret, en sus palabras, en sus signos, en su muerte y resurrección. Todo fiel cristiano, por estar incorporado a Cristo mediante el bautismo, está llamado a participar en la misión evangelizadora de la Iglesia. Para realizar dicha tarea y discipulado entre las personas, es necesario reunir una serie de elementos y lo más importante: se necesita de ti.

Carmen Slachter es originaria de México. Es la Directora de la Escuela de Evangelización San Andrés de la Parroquia de San Francisco de Sales en Holland.

Dimensión: *Content*

A-17 A Catholic Understanding of Scripture

What do Catholics believe about the Bible? Why do we have the reputation of not reading it very much? What is the difference between Catholic and Protestant Bibles? How do we explain what Catholics believe about the bible to other Christians? Where can I find good resources for a Catholic understanding of Scripture?

Mary Vaccaro serves as Director of Dominican Center at Marywood, and is an Associate of the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids.

Dimension: *Content*

A-18 Making Room in the Inn: Welcoming Jesus and Maria into the Community

This workshop will give some personal insights as to how to welcome Hispanics into the Church. It also gives helpful ways of creating leadership programs and looks at some of the complex issues effecting Hispanic parishioners and how some of them can be addressed.

Father Marcos Zamora, CSP, is the Director of Hispanic Ministry at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew.

Dimension: *Method*



A-19 The Touch of the Holy Spirit

Ever wonder about the mysterious work of the HS? One of its symbols is wind: moving invisibly and unpredictably, but the effects can be obvious, life-changing even epic. Another symbol is breath: God giving breath to Adam, breathing on the apostles imparting new life that comes only from the forgiveness of sins. The language of breath symbolizes life giving power. And water: the Spirit is “poured out” on us, “fills us” even “intoxicating” us. Jesus says we must be born anew of the Spirit to understand the Kingdom of God. How do we do that? The Spirit is alive today just as it was in the time of the Gospel. It touches all, even, and sometimes most noticeably, the downtrodden. (Aren’t you downtrodden? Aren’t we all?) Let’s talk about it.

Ray Befus, together with his wife Carol, serves as senior pastor at Vineyard Church of North Grand Rapids.

Dimension: *Method*

A-20 FAITH Grand Rapids Magazine: a Go-To Resource for Parish Catechesis and Evangelization. Are you Getting the Most Out of It?

FAITH Grand Rapids magazine is a powerful catechetical and evangelization resource for parishes in the New Evangelization. Explore the wide variety of ways to leverage the magazine in any and all moments of formation - from cradle to grave. Participants will walk away with lesson plans for every age and stage.

Cami Beecroft is an employee of FAITH Catholic Publications, the fastest growing Catholic publisher in the country, and serves as the managing editor of FAITH Grand Rapids magazine as well as several other FAITH Catholic publications. Cami resides in Grand Rapids with her husband Mark Mann and son Alex.

Dimension: *Method*

A-21 Planning for Dynamic Youth Ministry

This workshop helps parishes assess their current strengths and weaknesses, identify resources for youth ministry, and develop a practical plan for developing more effective ministry with adolescents.

Jim Hurst is Director of Faith Formation at Holy Redeemer in Jenison. Jim has a passion for dynamic ministry proven by the web series he created called “Faithtesters”.

Dimension: *Method*

Track: *Youth Ministry*

A-22 Faithful Citizenship: Living the Faith in the Public Square

This session will examine a number of issues including: how should our Catholic faith influence our lives as citizens? What is our responsibility to the common good? What is the true meaning of the “separation of Church and State”? How can Catholics participate more effectively in legislative advocacy? What is the meaning of the HHS mandate and how does it affect us?

Paul Stankewitz is a staff member of the Michigan Catholic Conference where he serves as a policy advocate.

Dimension: *Catechist*

A-23 School Mass and Youth at Sunday Mass - Is There Any Connection?

What principles can we look to guide us in making choices for school Masses and Sunday Masses? What ministries can our young people fulfill in the liturgy? How can we connect our youth to the parish celebration of Eucharist? Come share your successes and challenges as we seek to fully, consciously and actively engage our students and ourselves in the Liturgy of the Mass.

Michelle Ogren, Director of Music at St. Patrick, Parnell, mother of four and the blessed grandma of Desmond.

Dimension: *Musical/Liturgical; Catechist/Method*

Track: *Music Ministry*

A-24 La catequesis y los retos de la cultura actual

La catequesis necesita ser repensada, revitalizada, tiene que cobrar su identidad genuina y encarar con valentía los nuevos retos de la situación socio-cultural del HOY.

Sr. Guadalupe Moreno es Hermana de la Comunidad del Verbo Encarnado. Ha servido el Ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis por más de dos décadas. Actualmente representa dicho ministerio en la Parroquia de St. Gregory en Hart, MI

Dimensión: *Método*

A-25 Music Ministry in a Multicultural Setting

Fr. Charlie Brown is the pastor of St. Francis de Sales in Holland. Phil Konczyk is the Director of Music for St. Francis de Sales in Holland.

Dimension: *Method/Pastoral*

Track: *Music*



A-26 Praying as Jesus Taught Us: Our...

Jesus was a man of prayer. He knew the Hebrew Scriptures, he had a personal relationship with God, whom he called, “Abba.” We are called to be pray-ers. The Lord’s Prayer offers us a model for Praising and Petitioning our grace-ious God by listening, reflecting and responding. By reflecting on each phrase of this prayer, we hope to come to a better understanding of and appreciation for variety of prayer styles whether we are praying “in secret” or with a community of believers. Let us pray together...

Sister Mary Ann Barrett, OP is a Dominican Sister, a member of the Leadership Team for the Dominican Sisters Grand Rapids. She has ministered as a campus minister and vocation director and has been involved in retreat work with youth, young adults and parish communities.

Dimension: *Catechist*

A-27 Dayton’s Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation & Special Needs Catechist Training: A Perfect Match

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Richard Drabik is the Assistant Director for the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation at the University of Dayton.

Dimension: *Method*

Track: *Special Needs*

A-28 Vatican II: Responding to Our Baptismal Call

The Second Vatican Council called each person to respond to his/her Baptism. Through Baptism each person is encouraged to live as priest, prophet, and king (leader). How are we responding 50 years after the Second Vatican Council? What does it mean to live our Baptism in daily life with all of the other demands that family, church and society place on each person? What does vocation mean in response to our Baptismal Call? The presentation will provide real life examples and responses along with a bibliography that will help guide each person to discover or rediscover his/her response to God’s call.

Nancy Woodcock presently serves as the Pastoral Director at St. Mary in Carson City & St. John the Baptist in Hubbardston.

Dimension: *Content*

A-29 The Learning Process and Faith Development

Catechists need a general understanding of the ways in which a person learns in order to be effective in designing sessions and conducting them in a way that will promote the growth in faith of the participants on the age level they teach.

Pete Ries is the RCIA director at St. Thomas Aquinas and St. John parish in East Lansing. He previously served as the Director of Evangelization, RCIA and Adult Faith Formation for the Diocese of Lansing.

Dimension: *Method*

A-30 Jornada de Fe a través del Credo

El Credo, más que una oración, es la expresión de las verdades de nuestra fe cristiana y católica. Desde el Bautismo se convierte en nuestra guía. Por tanto reflexionaremos sobre el papel primordial que debe ocupar el Credo en la Catequesis y maneras atractivas de presentarlo a niños y jóvenes.

Juanita Santiago-García es una madre y trabajadora dedicada, original de Guadalajara-México. Ha servido con pasión el ministerio de la catequesis en varias parroquias desde el 2004.

Dimensión: *Content*



A-31 Introduction to Empathic Listening

Empathic listening enables us to be true to our identity as Christians. Empathic listening reflects our life as Christians by living out our unity with all God's people even in difficult relationships. In this session participants will learn: to understand the meaning of empathic listening, to recognize the difference between empathy and sympathy, to discern the qualities of empathic listening, and to recognize the importance of empathic listening in resolving conflict situations. Listening empathically is a skill that can enhance relationships in all arenas such as parish staff, co-workers, family, parish groups, teacher/student etc. This introduction will prepare you for developing this skill. The dynamics of the session will include a brief presentation, engaging dialogue and an empathic listening demonstration.

Sr. Ann Walters, OP is a member of the Dominican Sisters Grand Rapids. She is an Adult Faith Formator, spiritual director and presenter of adult development workshops.

Dimension: *Catechist*

A-32 Music for Singing the Liturgy

The presenter will offer strategies for finding music that engages the assembly and musicians while serving the needs of liturgy. Come ready to sing!

Nick Palmer is the Director of Music for the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. He plays, conducts and writes music for church, concert stage and multimedia

Dimension: Musical

Track: *Music*

A-33 Called in the Year of Faith

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Dimension: *Content/Catechist*

A-34 Hidden Evil: Modern-Day Slavery around the World

There are an estimated 20.9 million human beings enslaved around the world, according to the U.S. State Department. Each day men, women and children are being forced into the sex industry, labor, warfare and begging rings. Who are the most vulnerable? Where do they live? Does this happen in the United States? This session will provide an overview of all forms of modern-day slavery and human trafficking and how every person can help end this global evil.

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Dimension: *Method*

Track: *Youth Ministry*



Session B | 1:45 - 3:00pm

B-1 Paul of Tarsus: His Life, Writings and Journeys

The epic life, journey and writings of Saint Paul are key to understanding much of the New Testament. This session will give you a new appreciation for Saint Paul, the great Apostle to the Gentiles as he travelled from Jerusalem to Rome.

Michael E. Andrews is the Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Lansing. A husband, father and professed Lay Dominican.

Dimension: *Content*

B-2 ADHD Kids: They're Worth Understanding

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is a difficult, and often misunderstood, neurological struggle for 7-10% of our youth and adults. As a catechist/teacher (many of whom may struggle with it themselves), youth with ADHD pose a variety of potential problems in the classroom and on retreats. This session will present a solid understanding of what ADHD actually is, define challenges it presents to the catechist and develop approaches to address it.

Dr. Peter Birkeland is a licensed psychologist with 30 years of clinical experience. One of his specialty areas is the assessment and treatment of ADHD in kids and adults. He practices in Rockford and Big Rapids.

Dimension: *Learner*

Track: *Special Needs*

B-3 Faithful Citizenship: Living the Faith in the Public Square

This session will examine a number of issues, including how should our Catholic faith influence our lives as citizens? What is our responsibility to the common good? What is the true meaning of the "separation of Church and State"? What are the *do's* and *don'ts* for a parish? How can Catholics participate more effectively in legislative advocacy? What is the HSS mandate and how does it affect us?

Paul Stankewitz is a staff member of the Michigan Catholic Conference where he serves as a Policy Advocate.

Dimension: *Catechist*

B-4 Using the New Media to Catechize

Facebook has over 1 billion users. Twitter has 500 million active accounts. There are over 74 million blogs on Wordpress alone. Odds are your students are connected to one or more of these forms of new media. How are you using them to teach, engage and connect your students to learning on the digital continent? This session is designed to familiarize you with the most effective features of that New Media for catechists and teachers. This session will take you through the digital world and show you how people are using technology to communicate their messages effectively to the youth that populate the world wide web and beyond. Bring your Ipad, tablet, laptop and smartphone if you have them!

TJ Burdick is a Lay Dominican and catechist from St. Joseph the Worker Parish. He is the creator of YOUNCATHOLIC.com, a columnist at IgnitumToday.com and the author of the books, Teacher Like Him and One Body, Many Blogs.

Dimension: *Method*

Track: *Social Media*

B-5 Sin parábolas, Jesús no les exponía nada [Marcos 4:34]

Los evangelios contienen 40 parábolas con las que Jesús enseñó a sus discípulos. Por eso podemos decir que si no entendemos las parábolas, ¡no vamos a entender a Jesús! Este taller consta de dos partes. En la primera parte, examinaremos la forma y el propósito del género literario de una parábola y empezaremos a estudiar las parábolas de los talentos, el hombre rico y Lázaro, y los trabajadores en la viña. En la segunda parte examinaremos las parábolas del hijo pródigo, el buen samaritano, el juez y la viuda, y el administrador astuto.

El Padre Esteban Cron ha servido en varias parroquias en Grand Rapids, y actualmente es párroco de la Iglesia San José Obrero en Wyoming, MI.

Dimensión: *Content*



B-6 The Spirituality of St. Francis and St. Clare: The Impact of Their lives - Part 1

With his choice of name, Pope Francis has ignited a renewed interest in the humble man of Assisi, St. Francis. Through the centuries the little poor man from Assisi has captured the hearts and imaginations of people from all walks of life, all cultures and all creeds. St. Francis, in complement with St. Clare, who called herself his “little plant,” embraced a life of ever-deepening poverty and humility. This was their response to God’s call to “rebuild my Church.” We will take a close look at the lives of these two medieval saints and try to discover how their vision of faith in the Most High—All-powerful God and their expression of love in Jesus Christ Crucified can be lived in today’s world.

Sr. Mary Margaret Delanski, FSE and Sr. Sarah Doser, FSE are members of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Sr. Mary Margaret is the Director of Music at the Franciscan Life Process Center, Lowell, MI and Sr. Sarah is an administrative assistant for the Diocese of Grand Rapids and the director of the retreat program at the Franciscan Life Process Center.

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Dimension: *Method*

Track: *Youth Ministry*

B-8 Intro to Theology of the Body

The “Theology of the Body” is Blessed John Paul II’s integrated vision of the human person—body, soul, and spirit. This presentation will provide a brief overview of the Theology of the Body and is intended as an introduction for those who have little or no background in this teaching. All are welcome.

D.J. Florian is the Director of Pastoral Services for the Diocese of Grand Rapids and is a graduate of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family. He is married and has five children.

Dimension: *Content*

B-9 Bringing Scripture to Life for all Ages - Part 1

A relevant, enthusiastic workshop with inspiring insights and practical applications for sharing the Word with everyone, from pre-school to senior citizen. Part 1 is focused on the why, when, where, and who.

Todd Gale is a husband, father and convert to the Catholic Faith who works at Queen of the Miraculous Medal Parish in Jackson.

Dimension: *Method*

B-10 Reflexión sobre “Familiaris Consortio” de Juan Pablo II

A través de esta presentación revisaremos el gran mensaje del Papa Juan Pablo II a las familias cristianas y el modo como nosotros debemos responder en nuestra realidad eclesial, diocesana, parroquial, familiar y personal. “La familia está llamada a ser templo, o sea, casa de oración: una oración sencilla, llena de esfuerzo y ternura. Una oración que se hace vida para que toda la vida se convierta en oración” Juan Pablo II.

El Padre Luis García es el pastor asociado de las parroquias de St. Edward en Lake Odessa y SS. Peter y Paul en Ionia.

Dimension: *Content*

B-11 What Catholics Need to Know About Divorce -Part A

If you are a recently divorced Catholic or know someone who is, you or they may be asking what is my place in the Church? What will my fate be according to Church teachings? As a divorced person am I destined for hell? What should I teach my child about divorce? Divorce is a painful separation from a person we have loved, and there’s lots of Catholics who are confused by the Catholic Church’s teaching about marriage and divorce. Father Geaney dips into the difficult waters of divorce and offers some everyday but important suggestions about how any divorced person might proceed to healthy relationships and a spirituality of divorce. This workshop is presented in two parts (see C-9).

Father John Geaney, CSP is the Director of the Catholic Information Center and rector of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew.

Dimension: *Learner/Content*



B-12 Digital Catechesis: Sharing Our Faith Through Social Media - Part 1

The digital revolution has redefined the way we communicate, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and blogs have become normal means of communication in our personal, social and ministry life. Embracing and engaging the new technologies is a nonnegotiable for catechists and teachers - agents in the New Evangelization. In Part 1, participants will: 1) Gain a new understanding of the digital revolution, including the media tools at our disposal and what the Church has to say about the use of digital media in life and ministry, 2) Evaluate and assess the current level of media integration in their ministries, and 3) Develop a plan of action that will allow them to take their use of digital media in ministry to a higher level of integration.

Eric Groth has been a High School Campus Minister and a Coordinator of Evangelization Programs. In July 2005, he formed Outside da Box, a not-for-profit video production company that brings Jesus Christ to the young church through digital media. Married for twenty-two years, he has eight children.

Dimension: *Method*

B-13 RCIA Adapted for Children: Flexibility is the Key

This workshop will help each one of us think about how to best lead our children through the RCIA process. What do you do if you only have one child? What if you have 15? We will look at the specific needs of different size groups and parish situations and begin to determine how to make our RCIA adapted for children process the best it can be!

Marinell High is a wife, mother of three, grandmother of 10 and the Director of Religious Education at St. Joseph in Dexter.

Dimension: *Method*

Track: *RCIA*

B-14 Lectio Divina: Hearing God's Voice in Your Daily Life

This workshop can help participants discover how to hear God's voice through the ancient but ever new practice of praying with Scripture in order to deepen one's awareness of God's presence and purpose in life. This practice involves using the four senses of Scripture and the four-rung ladder of *lectio*, meditation, *oratio* and contemplation. Pope Benedict XVI encouraged this kind of prayer to help bring about a new springtime in the Church.

Tom Jandernoa is the Director of Adult Faith Formation and Evangelization at St. Patrick in Portland.

Dimension: *Catechist/Method*

B-15 Chant for Everyone!

Gregorian chant is always given "pride of place" in liturgical music according to Church documents. Chant is uniquely the Church's own music. However, most musicians shy away from using chant in the liturgy. This workshop will address the importance of using chant and the practical logistics of using it in the liturgy. All are invited to this session as it will have implications for school and parish music programs. There have been many advancements in this area recently - come and see what all the excitement is about!

Dennis Rybicki is the Director of Liturgical Music for the Diocese of Grand Rapids and also the Director of Choral Activities and Campus Ministry for Catholic Central High School in Grand Rapids.

Dimension: *Music/Liturgy; Catechist/Method*

Track: *Music Ministry*

B-16 Liberalism, Catholicism and Americanism

This presentation looks at how the Catholic Church understands Liberalism, the 17th century philosophical school of thought that influenced not only the French Revolution but the American Revolution as well. Too often, Catholics assume the Declaration of Independence is synonymous with Catholic teaching. This presentation forces us to reconsider that view by looking at the possible conflicts but also areas of possible agreement, between Catholicism and the American experiment.

Stephen Kokx is an adjunct Professor of Political Science at Grand Rapids Community College. Previously he worked for the Archdiocese of Chicago. He is a blogger for CatholicVote.org and is a member of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists and the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars.

Dimension: *Content/Method*



B-17 Como Enamorarse Con Dios

Esta presentación se enfocará en el amor de Dios, la Sagrada Escritura y nuestra posible respuesta a la invitación de Dios. El Señor nos invita a aceptar su perdón y su amor sin pensar que nosotros tenemos que hacer algo para merecerlo. Es un puro regalo por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

El Padre Joachim Lally, CSP es un padre Paulista e instructor en el Catholic Information Center.

Dimensión: *Catequista*

B-18 A Peek Inside the Tool Box of a ‘Young’ Youth Minister

As a young youth minister, who is also a gadget junkie, I often get questioned about the devices, websites, apps, programs, and other technology items that I use for ministry. In this workshop I will focus on sharing as many of these tools with you, along with how I use them for ministry. Technology helps me immensely in ministering to the young church. There are so many ministers in the church who either have no idea about the wonderful tools that are out there, or have no idea how to use them. The goal of this presentation will be to show some practical tools to save you time and stress so that you as a minister can do what you do best.

David Laidlaw is the Director of Youth Ministry at Our Lady of the Lake in Holland.

Dimension: *Method*

Track: *Youth Ministry*

B-19 Praying in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament

This workshop will give an overview of options available for personal and communal celebrations of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A brief history and theology of workshop of the Holy Eucharist outside of Mass, a review of the ritual books that accompany this practice, and practical concerns will be addressed with additional suggested rituals to enhance this practice in your parish or begin, with permission of the bishop, the practice of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Rev. John Thomas Lane a Blessed Sacrament Father is pastor of his home parish, Saint Paschal Baylon, Highland Heights, OH. He is a columnist for Emmanuel Magazine and has written and preached on liturgy for many years.

Dimension: *Catechist*

Track: *Worship*

B-20 My Holy Milk Stool

What does a “milk stool” have to teach us about prayer? As parents/grandparents, catechists, lay ecclesial ministers, and simply people of God we are called to be leaders of prayer. Join me as we look at ways we are invited to be leaders of prayer with those we journey with through life...inviting others to be balanced!

Rhonda Lomonaco is a wife, mother and grandmother and Pastoral Associate at Holy Redeemer in Jenison.

Dimension: *Catechist*

Track: *Worship*

B-21 Faithful and Committed Love: A Reflection on Marriage

What is love? Why are fidelity and commitment necessary for love to flourish? How is it possible to commit to one's spouse for life? And to what does the love of husband and wife testify? The purpose of this presentation is to answer three questions in light of the Church's teaching about the marital sacrament.

Dr. Dennis Marshall is Professor of Theology at Aquinas College.

Dimension: *Content*

B-22 Sobre Las Olas Un Barco Va: Hacia Una Visión Ecu mica

Se supone que la religi n sana logra hacer de dos cosas una sola. Hoy d a la visi n de lo que significa ser Cristiano Cat lico (Universal) sufre un deterioro hasta el punto que muchos cat licos prefieren no tener ning n contacto con los “hermanos separados”, este tipo de enajenamiento est  lejos de ser una religi n Cat lica sana. Aunque a la mayor a de los Cat licos no les apetece la idea de relacionarse estrechamente con cristianos no cat licos, a la luz de la visi n ecum nica que nos ofrece el decreto del Segundo Concilio Vaticano llamado “*Unitatis Redintegratio*,” la relaci n entre hermanos separados e Iglesia Cat lica es un tema digno de mayor profundizaci n y comprensi n. Se tocar n temas como: el testimonio personal de la jornada al catolicismo del locutor, las distintas iglesias separadas y su relaci n con la iglesia de Roma, actitudes sugeridas para que todo Cat lico sepa aprovechar la oportunidad de testimoniar su fe en Cristo en presencia de y, siempre que sea posible, en uni n con los hermanos separados en una manera fiel a las ense anzas del Magisterio.

Tom s Nikkel se convirti  a la fe Cat lica y es miembro de la parroquia de Saint Francis de Sales en Holland.

Dimensi n: *Content*



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Dimension: *Method*

Track: *Special Needs*

B-24 Catholic Social Teaching for Students

Catholic Social Teaching is a fundamental part of how faith interacts with the world. How can educators impart this rich part of our faith to students? Join me for a student friendly version of Catholic Social Teaching, that connects to the daily lives of the middle school crowd.

Jaymie Perry is a teacher at Immaculate Heart of Mary teaching Junior High History and Religion.

Dimension: *Method*

B-25 The Games We Play - Connecting Scripture and Youth

This workshop is targeted for middle and high school catechists, teachers and youth ministers. The session will provide an opportunity to experience kinesthetic learning techniques and discover ways to use these techniques to enrich the spiritual formation of youth. Focusing on active games and Scripture, the participants will leave with a hands-on-experience as well as a handout outlining several sessions that have been used successfully with youth. Get ready to play!

Sandy Rigsby has co-authored five books on adolescent and teen ministry since 2001. She currently works as a sales consultant for Saint Mary's Press. Sandy and her family live in West Bloomfield.

Dimension: *Method*

Track: *Youth Ministry*

B-26 Understanding Youth Today

This workshop explores the developmental changes that young people are experiencing during early and older adolescence and how these changes affect our approaches in ministry to, for, and with young people.

Cheryl Emmette, LLMSW is a Clinical Social Worker at Ionia County Community Mental Health. She also works as the youth ministry coordinator at St. Patrick, Parnell where she has served for the past five years.

Dimension: *Learner*

Track: *Youth Ministry*

B-27 Jesus in the House

Whenever Jesus enters a home, someone or something changes. Together we will reflect on the Scriptural evidence of Jesus' impact on the homes of Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph, Peter, Simon the Pharisee, Jairus, Martha and Mary, and Zacchaeus. What can we learn about sharing meals, healing and forgiveness from this most precious Guest? We will conclude with some specific ways we can make Jesus welcome in our homes.

Sister Diane Zerfas, OP is a Dominican sister in Grand Rapids. She is Director at Dominican Center Marywood, teaching in the Spiritual Formation Program and preparing those called to the ministry of spiritual direction.

Dimension: *Catechist/Content*

B-28 Sacred and Social: Call to Family, Community, Participation

Participants will discuss the effect of technology on the family, define the pursuit of the common good as a basic Christian obligation, list the benefits of participation in the community, and discern personal areas of participation in the future.

Barb Scott is the Faith Formation Director at St. John Vianney in Wyoming. As a Secular Franciscan, she has a passion for Catholic Social Teaching.

Dimension: *Method*



B-29 Bishops, Priests and Deacons, Oh My!

In the past six months we here in Grand Rapids have witnessed the resignation of a Pope, the election of a new Pope and the ordination of three new priests and the ordination and installation of a new bishop. You may ask yourself, “Self, where did we get all these things from and how did they all begin?” The answer, of course, begins in the New Testament. In this session we will look at the New Testament origins for the offices of bishop, priest and deacon and a little bit of how they developed into what we have today.

Fr. Tom Tavella, CSP is a Paulist priest. He is the Associate Pastor at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew and teaches at the Catholic Information Center.

Dimension: *Content*

B-30 A Brief History of the Mass

For over 2000 years, the Church has never failed to follow Christ’s command to “Do this in memory of me.” You are invited to examine the accounts of the early Christians, the development of liturgical books, the richness of various regional rites, historical and architectural influences, and the eventual uniformity of our celebrations. We do this to better understand our rich traditions and to better appreciate how they have shaped our current practices.

Rita Thiron is the Director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Lansing.

Dimension: *Content*

Track: *Worship*

B-31 What’s New in *Sing to the Lord*?

Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2007) is the newest in a long history of Church documents on Sacred Music. In this session, delve into the sometimes overlooked practical details that make this document unique. The presenter, Bob Batastini, served on the six-member Music Advisory Committee of the Bishop’s Committee on the Liturgy that drafted *STL*.

Bob Batastini is the retired vice president/senior editor of GIA Publications, Inc., and has been a parish musician for more than 50 years. He is presently part of the music ministry of St. Francis de Sales, Holland, and is the current Director of the Grand Rapids Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians.

Dimension: *Liturgical/Pastoral; Content*

Track: *Music Ministry*

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Dimension: *Content/Catechist*

B-33 #Hashtags, Hangouts, Pins & Pokes - A Social Media #CrashCourse

Tweets, hash tags, posts, likes, pins, pokes and more! Not sure what we’re talking about? Social Media 101 will teach some of the most popular social networks, including; Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Tumblr, YouTube, Ning and more. Come experience brief tutorials on specific sites, and learn tips and strategies for using social media in your church communities.

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B-35 Using Multiple Intelligence Learning Styles in the Faith Formation Setting

This session will briefly examine each of the multiple intelligence learning styles and show how they can be used in a faith formation setting. Using examples of things we find in the church; oil, font, tabernacle, etc. The idea is to get out of every word on every page of a text and get into teaching the way the child learns. It should be fun.

Diane Bucko, is a veteran catechist and is currently working as a presenter from Sadlier.

Dimension: *Method*

B-36 Human Trafficking: Modern Day Slavery in Our State and Nation

Learn about what human trafficking is, how it impacts our society, and current public awareness and legislative efforts to combat this crime.

Rebecca Mastee is a policy advocate for the Michigan Catholic Conference. She advocates on a variety of public policy issues, especially those related to life and human dignity, marriage and family.

Dimension: *Content*

B-37 The Touch of the Holy Spirit

Ever wonder about the mysterious work of the HS? One of its symbols is wind: moving invisibly and unpredictably, but the effects can be obvious, life-changing even epic. Another symbol is breath: God giving breath to Adam, breathing on the apostles imparting new life that comes only from the forgiveness of sins. The language of breath symbolizes life giving power. And water: the Spirit is “poured out” on us, “fills us” even “intoxicating” us. Jesus says we must be born anew of the Spirit to understand the Kingdom of God. How do we do that? The Spirit is alive today just as it was in the time of the Gospel. It touches all, even, and sometimes most noticeably, the downtrodden. (Aren’t you downtrodden? Aren’t we all?) Let’s talk about it.

Ray Befus, together with his wife Carol, serves as senior pastor at Vineyard Church of North Grand Rapids.

Dimension: *Method*

Session C—3:15 - 4:30pm

C-1 New Saints for the New Evangelization

How can your everyday life proclaim Jesus Christ to the world? This module invites you to “meet” four people - a married couple, a single man in his twenties, and a teenage girl - each of whom proclaimed the Gospel through the power of their ordinary lives. This session will give you the life-changing tools you need to become the saint God intended you to be.

Michael E. Andrews is the Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Lansing. He is a husband, father and professed lay Dominican.

Dimension: *Content*

C-2 ADHD Kids: They’re Worth Understanding

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is a difficult, and often misunderstood, neurological struggle for 7-10% of our youth and adults. As a catechist/teacher (many of whom may struggle with it themselves), youth with ADHD pose a variety of potential problems in the classroom and on retreats. Today we will acquire a solid understanding of what ADHD actually is, define challenges it presents to the catechist and develop approaches to address it.

Dr. Peter Birkeland is a licensed psychologist with 30 years of clinical experience. One of his specialty areas is the assessment and treatment of ADHD in kids and adults. He practices in Rockford and Big Rapids.

Dimension: *Learner*

Track: *Special Needs*

C-3 Engaging Youth In Service

Learn the strategies to involve youth in direct service in meaningful ways. This workshop will also examine how to do intentional catechesis with young people.

Beth Lowman, formerly at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish in Grand Haven.

Dimension: *Method*

Track: *Youth Ministry*



C-4 The Spirituality of St. Francis and St. Clare: How to Live it in Today's World - Part II

With his choice of name, Pope Francis has ignited a renewed interest in the humble man of Assisi, St. Francis. Through the centuries the little poor man from Assisi has captured the hearts and imaginations of people from all walks of life, all cultures and all creeds. St. Francis, in complement with St. Clare, who called herself his "little plant," embraced a life of ever-deepening poverty and humility. This was their response to God's call to "rebuild my Church." We will take a close look at the lives of these two medieval saints and try to discover how their vision of faith in the Most High All-powerful God and their expression of love in Jesus Christ Crucified can be lived in today's world.

Sr. Mary Margaret and Sr. Sarah are members of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Sr. Mary Margaret is the director of music at the Franciscan Life Process Center in Lowell and Sr. Sarah is an administrative assistant for the Diocese of Grand Rapids and the director of the retreat program at the Franciscan Life Process Center.

Dimension: *Catechist*

C-5 Teaching the Theology of the Body to Teens

The "Theology of the Body" is Blessed John Paul II's integrated vision of the human person - body, soul and spirit. This presentation is intended for those who already have some background and familiarity with the Theology of the Body through reading and study. We will explore and discuss some basic strategies for including this teaching in your theology courses and religious education programs.

D.J. Florian is the director of Pastoral Services for the Diocese of Grand Rapids and is a graduate of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family. He is married and has five children.

Dimension: *Method*

C-6 Catequesis y Ecumenismo: Acoger a las personas que profesan diferentes credos

En esta clase vamos a tratar el tema de las grandes religiones que existen en el mundo: su marco histórico, cultural y de valores religiosos. El objetivo que nos proponemos es abrir nuestra mente a la realidad que nos rodea y aprender a acoger a nuestros hermanos y hermanas yendo más allá de los estereotipos que nos muestran los medios de comunicación.

Esteban Martínez es profesor certificado, su énfasis es Estudios Sociales. Por casi 10 años se ha desempeñado en el ministerio de la música en dos parroquias de la diócesis.

Dimensión: *Catequista/Content*

C-7 Bringing Scripture to Life for All Ages - Part 2

A relevant, enthusiastic workshop with inspiring insights and practical applications for sharing the Word with everyone, from pre-school to senior citizen. Part 2 is focused on the HOW.

Todd Gale is a husband, father and convert to the Catholic faith who works at Queen of the Miraculous Medal Parish in Jackson.

Dimension: *Method*

C-8 Spirituality of Cantors

If the cantor is the bearer of God through the psalms, how do we help the Word of God come alive for the people of God? Participants should bring a prepared psalm and accompaniment for demonstration.

Mary Cusack retired this past year as Music Director of SS. Peter & Paul in Ionia after 40 years in music ministry, where she continues to live with her husband Dan. She currently serves on her parish Liturgy Commission, the Board of the Grand Rapids Chapter of National Pastoral Musicians and the Church Art & Architecture Commission for the Diocese of Grand Rapids.

Dimension: *Discipleship/Musical/Liturgical; Catechist/Method*

Track: *Music*

C-9 What Catholics Need to Know About Divorce - Part B

If you are a recently divorced Catholic or know someone who is, you or they may be asking what is my place in the Church? What will my fate be according to Church teachings? As a divorced person am I destined for hell? What should I teach my child about divorce? Divorce is a painful separation from a person we have loved, and there's lots of Catholics who are confused by the Catholic Church's teaching about marriage and divorce.

Father Geaney dips into the difficult waters of divorce and offers some everyday but important suggestions about how any divorced person might proceed to healthy relationships and a spirituality of divorce. This workshop is presented in two parts (see B-11).

Father John Geaney, CSP is the Director of the Catholic Information Center and rector of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew.

Dimension: *Learner/Content*



C-10 Praying as Jesus Taught Us: Our...

Jesus was a man of prayer. He knew the Hebrew Scriptures, he had a personal relationship with God, whom he called, “Abba.” We are called to be pray-ers. The Lord’s Prayer offers us a model for Praising and Petitioning our grace-ious God by listening, reflecting and responding. By reflecting on each phrase of this prayer, we hope to come to a better understanding of and appreciation for variety of prayer styles whether we are praying “in secret” or with a community of believers. Let us pray together...

Sister Mary Ann Barrett, OP is a Dominican Sister, a member of the Leadership Team for the Dominican Sisters Grand Rapids. She has ministered as a Campus Minister and Vocation Director and has been involved in retreat work with youth, young adults and parish communities.

Dimension: *Catechist*

C-11 What’s New in Sing to the Lord?

Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2007) is the newest in a long history of Church documents on Sacred Music. In this session, delve into the sometimes overlooked practical details that make this document unique. The presenter, Bob Batastini, served on the six-member Music Advisory Committee of the Bishop’s Committee on the Liturgy that drafted *STL*.

Bob Batastini is the retired vice president/senior editor of GIA Publications, Inc., and has been a parish musician for more than 50 years. He is presently part of the music ministry of St. Francis de Sales, Holland, and is the current Director of the Grand Rapids Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians.

Dimension: *Liturgical/Pastoral; Content*

Track: *Music Ministry*

C-12 Understanding Youth Today

This workshop explores the developmental changes that young people are experiencing during early and older adolescence and how these changes affect our approaches in ministry to, for, and with young people.

Cheryl Emmette, LLMSW is a Clinical Social Worker at Ionia County Community Mental Health. She also works as the Youth Ministry Coordinator at St. Patrick Parish in Parnell where she has served for the past five years.

Dimension: *Learner*

Track: *Youth Ministry*

C-13 Digital Catechesis: Sharing Our Faith Through Social Media, Part 2

The digital revolution has redefined the way we communicate. Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and blogs have become normal means of communication in our personal, social and ministry life. Embracing and engaging the new technologies is a non-negotiable for catechists and teachers - agents in the New Evangelization.

In Part 2 of this two-part workshop, participants will 1) participate in a small faith discussion using a digital short film as the catalyst for conversation, 2) initiate a social media ministry opportunity on Facebook, and 3) utilize digital media in a meditation and prayer experience.

Eric Groth is the Director of Outside da Box, a not-for-profit video production company that brings Jesus Christ to the young church through digital media.

Dimension: *Method*

Track: *Social Media*

C-14 Methods: How to Do What We Do in the Best Way We Can

During this presentation we will explore the various methods that lead to effective catechesis. We will explore methods that work for all ages and also focus on methods that are age specific. Our time together will include hands on application and group presentations.

Marinell High is a wife, mother and grandmother. She is the Director of Religious Education at St. Joseph in Dexter.

Dimension: *Method*

C-15 Understanding Social Justice: Past, Present and Future

Pope Francis has been hailed by many as a defender of social justice. But what exactly does that mean? Many social justice advocates tell us we must redefine marriage if we are going to be a truly just society. Others say social justice is a mere myth, a mirage. Catholics know this isn’t the case. This presentation summarizes the various ways social justice has been understood by politicians, popes and the Catholic laity since Jesuit Priest Luige Taparelli coined the phrase “social justice” in the 1800s.

Stephen Kokx is an adjunct Professor of Political Science at Grand Rapids Community College. Previously he worked for the Archdiocese of Chicago. He is currently a blogger for CatholicVote.org and is a member of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists and the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars.

Dimension: *Content*



C-16 A Peek Inside the Tool Box of a ‘Young’ Youth Minister

As a young youth minister, who is also a gadget junkie, I often get questioned about the devices, websites, apps, programs, and other technology items that I use for ministry. In this workshop I will focus on sharing as many of these tools with you, along with how I use them for ministry. Technology helps me immensely in ministering to the young church. There are so many ministers in the church who either have no idea about the wonderful tools that are out there, or have no idea how to use them. The goal of this presentation will be to show some practical tools to save you time and stress so that you as a minister can do what you do best.

David Laidlaw is the Director of Youth Ministry at Our Lady of the Lake in Holland.

Dimension: *Method*

Track: *Youth Ministry*

C-17 My Holy Milk Stool

What does a “milk stool” have to teach us about prayer? As parents/grandparents, catechists, lay ecclesial ministers, and simply people of God we are called to be leaders of prayer. Join me as we look at ways we are invited to be leaders of prayer with those we journey with through life...inviting others to be balanced!

Rhonda Lomonaco is a wife, mother and grandmother and pastoral associate at Holy Redeemer in Jenison.

Dimension: *Catechist*

Track: *Worship*

C-18 Using Multiple Intelligence Learning Styles in the Faith Formation Setting

This session will briefly examine each of the multiple intelligence learning styles and show how they can be used in a faith formation setting. Using examples of things we find in the church; oil, font, tabernacle, etc. The idea is to get out of every word on every page of a text and get into teaching the way the child learns. It should be fun.

Diane Bucko, is a veteran catechist and is currently working as a presenter from Sadlier.

Dimension: *Method*

C-19 Sobre Las Olas Un Barco Va: Hacia Una Visión Ecu­mé­nica

Se supone que la religión sana logra hacer de dos cosas una sola. Hoy día la visión de lo que significa ser Cristiano Católico (Universal) sufre un deterioro hasta el punto que muchos católicos prefieren no tener ningún contacto con los “hermanos separados”, este tipo de enajenamiento está lejos de ser una religión Católica sana. Aunque a la mayoría de los Católicos no les apetece la idea de relacionarse estrechamente con cristianos no católicos, a la luz de la visión ecuménica que nos ofrece el decreto del Segundo Concilio Vaticano llamado “*Unitatis Redintegratio*,” la relación entre hermanos separados e Iglesia Católica es un tema digno de mayor profundización y comprensión. Se tocarán temas como: el testimonio personal de la jornada al catolicismo del locutor, las distintas iglesias separadas y su relación con la iglesia de Roma, actitudes sugeridas para que todo Católico sepa aprovechar la oportunidad de testimoniar su fe en Cristo en presencia de y, siempre que sea posible, en unión con los hermanos separados en una manera fiel a las enseñanzas del Magisterio.

Tomás Nikkel se convirtió a la fe Católica y es miembro de la parroquia de Saint Francis de Sales en Holland.

Dimensión: *Content*

C-20 U.S. Catholic History

How do you know where you are going...if you don’t know where you’ve been? Catholics have been a fundamental part of American history from the first explorers to modern day. Although Catholics are currently the single largest religious denomination in the U.S., much of our history is not widely known. So join me for a Catholic tour of American history; you may be surprised at the parts of our story you missed in history class.

Jaymie Perry teaches Junior High History and Religion at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Dimension: *Content*

C-21 The Games We Play - Connecting Scripture and Youth

This workshop is targeted for middle and high school catechists, teachers and youth ministers. The session will provide an opportunity to experience kinesthetic learning techniques and discover ways to use these techniques to enrich the spiritual formation of youth. Focusing on active games and Scripture, the participants will leave with a hands-on-experience as well as a handout outlining several sessions that have been used successfully with youth. Get ready to play!

Sandy Rigsby has co-authored five books on adolescent and teen ministry since 2001. She currently works as a sales consultant for Saint Mary’s Press. Sandy and her family live in West Bloomfield.

Dimension: *Method*

Track: *Youth Ministry*



C-22 Living Your Vocation

Vocations aren't solely for priests and the religious. Because of our Baptism, we are called to live in ways where our passions and gifts intersect. In this workshop you'll hear how this has come to be in my life and receive five keys to discovering and living your vocation.

Andy Rebollar serves as the Pastoral Associate for Parish Life for St. Pius X in Grandville.

Dimension: *Catechist*

C-23 Connecting Faith and Life: Theological Reflection

Explore the elements of theological reflection and skills for practicing it. This can enrich one's own ongoing formation as well as be used with various groups in ministry.

Pete Ries is the RCIA Director at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and St. John Church and Student Center in East Lansing. He is the former Director of Evangelization, RCIA and Adult Faith Formation for the Diocese of Lansing.

Dimension: *Catechist*

C-24 RCIA for DREs

RCIA can be a lot of record keeping and organization. This workshop will help equip the DRE who is now in charge of the RCIA process to make the most efficient use of time.

Barb Scott is the Faith Formation Director at St. John Vianney in Wyoming. She has been in RCIA ministry for 23 years.

Dimension: *Method*

Dimension: *RCIA*

C-25 Chant for Everyone!!

Gregorian chant is always given "pride of place" in liturgical music according to Church documents. Chant is uniquely the Church's own music. However, most musicians shy away from using chant in the liturgy. This workshop will address the importance of using chant and the practical logistics of using it in the liturgy. All are invited to this session as it will have implications for school and parish music programs. There have been many advancements in this area recently - come and see what all the excitement is about!

Dennis Rybicki is the Director of Liturgical Music for the Diocese of Grand Rapids and also the Director of Choral Activities and Campus Ministry for Catholic Central High School in Grand Rapids.

Dimension: *Music/Liturgy; Catechist/Method*

Track: *Music Ministry*

C-26 La misión evangelizadora de la iglesia te necesita

Estamos invitados a responder al llamado de Jesús: "Vayan por todo el mundo y proclamen la Buena Nueva a toda la creación" Mc 16, 15. La Buena Noticia no consiste puramente en un mensaje intelectual, sino que es un acontecimiento salvífico; fuerza de Dios para salvar a todo el que cree. Esta fuerza de Dios se manifiesta en Jesús de Nazaret, en sus palabras, en sus signos, en su muerte y resurrección. Todo fiel cristiano, por estar incorporado a Cristo mediante el bautismo, está llamado a participar en la misión evangelizadora de la Iglesia. Para realizar dicha tarea y discipulado entre las personas, es necesario reunir una serie de elementos y lo más importante: se necesita de ti.

Carmen Slachter es originaria de México. Es la Directora de la Escuela de Evangelización San Andrés de la Parroquia de San Francisco de Sales en Holland.

Dimensión: *Content*

C-27 The History and Theology of the Liturgical Year

Have we always celebrated Christmas? When were our special solemnities added? What are the most solemn days of our Liturgical Year? You are invited to explore a brief history of how our liturgical calendar developed and to appreciate, again and still, the rich theology that defines our seasons, weeks, days and hours.

Rita Thiron is the Director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Lansing. She holds a masters in liturgical studies from the University of Notre Dame.

Dimension: *Content; Catechist*

Track: *Worship*



C-28 Moses: The Original Basket Case

This session will explore the various phases of Moses' life, comparing the challenges he faced to our own struggles with life issues such as transition, leadership, conflict resolution, disappointment, loss and prayer. We will learn and draw strength from Moses' example, so that in facing our own troubles we can avoid becoming a basket case!

Mary Vaccaro is the Director of Dominican Center at Marywood.

Dimension: *Catechist*

C-29 Introduction to Empathic Listening

Empathic listening enables us to be true to our identity as Christians. Empathic listening reflects our life as Christians by living out our unity with all God's people even in difficult relationships. In this session participants will learn: to understand the meaning of empathic listening, to recognize the difference between empathy and sympathy, to discern the qualities of empathic listening, and to recognize the importance of empathic listening in resolving conflict situations. Listening empathically is a skill that can enhance relationships in all arenas such as parish staff, co-workers, family, parish groups, teacher/student etc. This introduction will prepare you for developing this skill. The dynamics of the session will include a brief presentation, engaging dialogue and an empathic listening demonstration.

Sr. Ann Walters, OP is a member of the Dominican Sisters Grand Rapids. She is an Adult Faith Formator, spiritual director and presenter of adult development workshops.

Dimension: *Catechist*

C-30 Faithful and Committed Love: A Reflection on Marriage

What is love? Why are fidelity and commitment necessary for love to flourish? How is it possible to commit to one's spouse for life? And to what does the love of husband and wife testify? The purpose of this presentation is to answer these questions in light of the Church's teaching about the marital sacrament.

Dr. Dennis Marshall is Professor of Theology at Aquinas College.

Dimension: *Content*

C-31 RCIA the Easy Way: Using What We Know

How do we present the faith in a way that is cohesive, organic, and comprehensive? Working from what we know, we can easily organize our initiation catechesis within a sacramental framework that begins with Baptism. Focusing on the baptismal gateway into the sacraments, our catechesis will have a structure and coordination that is easy and accessible for both catechumens and facilitators. Practical and immediately applicable guidelines that you can use RIGHT NOW!

Kathryn Mulderink is the Director of Faith Formation at St. Isidore in Grand Rapids. She is the mother of seven children and has written and spoken on catechetical topics in many venues. She is also the author of five books.

Dimension: *Method*

Track *RCIA*

C-32 Planning for Dynamic Youth Ministry

This workshop helps parishes assess their current strengths and weaknesses, identify resources for youth ministry, and develop a practical plan for developing more effective ministry with adolescents.

Jim Hurst is Director of Faith Formation at Holy Redeemer in Jenison. Jim has a passion for dynamic ministry proven by the web series he created called "Faithtesters".

Dimension: *Method*

Track: *Youth Ministry*

C-33 Human Trafficking: Modern Day Slavery in Our State and Nation

Learn about what human trafficking is, how it impacts our society, and current public awareness and legislative efforts to combat this crime.

Rebecca Mastee is a policy advocate for the Michigan Catholic Conference. She advocates on a variety of public policy issues, especially those related to life and human dignity, marriage and family.

Dimension: *Content*



C-34 Our Faith, Our Future and Hispanic Impact in Our Parishes

This session will discuss the effect of Hispanics and other immigrants in our parishes. How the practice of our faith differs and the cultural diversity and practices that parishes will encounter. We must be prepared as catechists, DREs and members of our faith communities to embrace our brothers in Christ.

Penny S. Burillo is a retired Dept. of Human Services Worker, a catechist for over 25 years, co-founder of Oceana Hispanic Center with experience in immigration and other social issues that parishes and immigrants experience.

Dimension: *Catechist*

C-35 One Lord, Two Faiths

Like myself, did God also call you to marry a non-Catholic? Please join me for an open and honest discussion of the joys and difficulties interfaith marriages bring. Come and listen, learn and share how you and your spouse approach the Lord in terms of your role as a catechist, Sunday worship, child rearing and much more.

Amanda Dodge is a certified catechist teaching 5th and 6th graders at Our Lady of Fatima in Shelby where she resides with her wonderful husband, David and her two amazing sons, Dominic and Noah. She has a master's degree in journalism and works as an adjunct faculty for Baker College.

Dimension: *Catechist*



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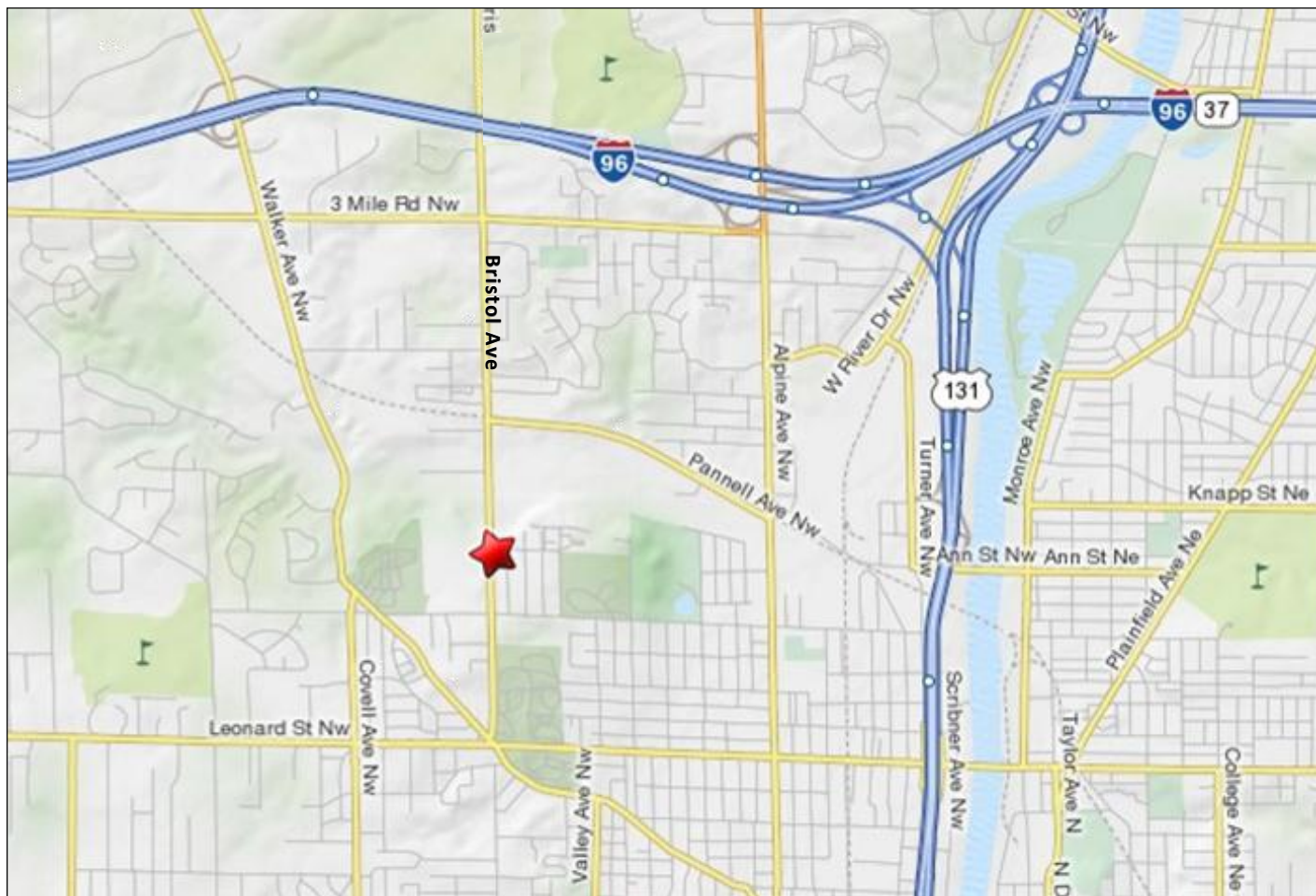
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From the northeast (Reed City/Big Rapids): Follow US-131 south toward Grand Rapids. Merge onto I-96 west (via exit 89b) toward Muskegon. Follow I-96 west 1.4 miles to Alpine Ave. Take the Alpine Ave south exit (exit 30a). Merge onto Alpine Ave NW and travel south 0.3 mile to 3 Mile Rd NW. Turn right onto 3 Mile Rd west for 1.0 mile. Turn left onto Bristol Ave NW and follow for 1.3 miles. West Catholic High School is on the right.

From the southwest (Holland): Take I-196 east toward Grand Rapids. Take exit 76 toward Lane Ave. Immediately turn slight left onto 1st St. NW and then turn left onto Lane Ave NW. Turn left onto 2nd St NW. Follow 0.4 mile and then turn right onto Valley Ave NW. Follow for 0.7 miles and then turn left onto Walker Ave NW. Follow for a 1/2 mile and turn right onto Bristol Ave NW. Follow Bristol Ave NW 1/2 mile north. West Catholic High School is on the left.

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