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*Autumn Greetings
from NAFSCC*

The NAFSCC E-Newsletters sent bimonthly to members

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News and Ideas

NAFSCC Membership Renewals

Membership renewal is underway for NAFSCC. This will be your last NAFSCC e-newsletter if your diocese or organization has not renewed for the 2009-2010 year. Please contact Diane Kledzik for membership information dmk@dosp.org or the NAFSCC website www.nafsc.org.

NAFSCC Website

NAFSCC.org is redesigned and online! Note that the Web site is still in development and many of the links are not yet active. However, the board is very interested in your comments before this prototype is further developed.

- ☞ What features would best serve you in your ministry with Small Christian Communities?
- ☞ What content would you like to see further developed?
- ☞ What topics would you like to see addressed in articles?
- ☞ What links would be most useful?

Please take a moment to visit and review the site and submit your suggestions and recommendations. Your input is very much appreciated.

Good News Column

PNCEA Online Presentations on Evangelization and SCCs Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association

Donna L.Cianglio OP will be presenting (representing NAFSCC) on PNCEA's webinar during the week of October 19-23, 2009. PNCEA will be hosting its second national online conference on Catholic Evangelization, Proclaiming Christ 2009.

**Small Christian Communities:
Moving Faith Outward**

**Donna L. Ciangio, OP
NAFSCC**

North American Forum for Small Christian Communities

*Mark Your Calendars Now!
October 19-23, 2009*

Register Today! www.proclaimingchrist2009.org

National Online Conference

Full registration: \$150 per person; groups of 3 or more \$95 per person.

Early bird registration: \$125 by September 30.

Come in and out of the conference site with a click of your mouse!
Here is what you will experience at this interactive conference website:

Prayer and Faith Sharing

Presentations (pre-recorded and available 24/7 once posted)

Three Keynote Presentations

Building Dynamic Communities of Faith, Bishop John M. Smith

Reaching Every People and Culture, Mr. Ken Johnson-Mondragón

Sacraments: Powerful Signs of God's Love, Dr. Catherine Vincie, RHSM

Seventeen Focus Sessions (by experts in evangelization, catechesis, family ministry, bereavement, justice, liturgy, young adults, small Christian communities, personal and parish outreach, Christian initiation, website design, and parish life today.)

Keys to Reaching Inactive Catholics discussion group led by Mr. John Boucher, Diocese of Trenton

Exhibits (View resources and services for evangelization and interact with representatives online.)

Discussion and Live Interaction

Discussion areas for each keynote presentation and focus session topic

Live Q & A with Mr. Ken Johnson-Mondragón and Dr. Catherine Vincie, RHSM

Live text chats with other attendees

Presentation handouts, supplementary materials, and weblinks

Participate from your Computer! Join experts and ministry leaders from across the country for this exciting online event. The conference website will open on October 12, 2009, for orientation and introductions. Presentations will be posted beginning October 19 and live events will take place October 19, 20, 21, and 22. Access to the presentations, focus sessions, and discussion areas will continue 24/7 through November 2. All you need to participate is a web browser, an internet connection, and speakers or headphones to hear the presentations. By participating in this online conference community you will:

Realize the importance of mission-focused parish life

Identify current models for addressing the needs of our culturally diverse communities

Appreciate the evangelizing roles of the participants and the assembly in celebration of the sacraments

Learn practical ways to implement evangelization in different ministry settings

Discuss your ideas and insights with people from all over the country

Register at www.proclaimingchrist2009.org

Open Our Hearts by Donna L. Ciangio, OP and Rev. Thomas Iwanowski. A 2010 Lenten reflection book for SCCs and individuals. Coming soon from Ave Maria Press.

Workshops on SCCs by Donna Ciangio, OP

“Mission, Communion and Ministry” - Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Scotch Plains

“Adult Faith Formation - Creating a School of Discipleship” - College of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station

“Mission and Ministry - Being Disciples of Christ - Caldwell College, Caldwell, NJ

“The Changing face of the Church in the USA” and “Engaging Generations in Parish Life” - Maryland Province Jesuit Pastors

“Creating Vision, Engagement, and Ownership in Your Parish” and Engaging Young Adults in Parish Life through Community” - Diocese of las Cruces

“Spirituality of Learning: Handing on the Faith”-Formation of Adults - Catechist Convocations, Archdiocese of Newark and the Diocese of Metuchen

Diane Kledzik - The Diocese of St. Petersburg

The Diocese of St. Petersburg Office of Evangelization & Lifelong Faith Formation and the Diocesan Core Community are holding four Small Christian Community Regional Leadership Meetings throughout the Diocese for Parish Core Community Coordinators and Members, Small Community Leaders, and anyone interested in SCC development in the parish.

These meetings are intended to be a forum to introduce SCC leadership in neighboring parishes to one another and to encourage them to meet regularly on the deanery level. The meetings give SCC leadership the opportunity to pray, share faith, support one another, discover new ideas and processes about church and Small Christian Communities and to focus on the mission of the church through their own SCC and parish.

The Diocese of St. Petersburg has been intentionally assisting parishes in the formation and development of Small Christian Communities for eleven years and many parishes have begun the process or been nourished in the process through RENEW 2000, Disciples in Mission and our own current Diocesan Living Eucharist Initiative.

What's Going On with SCCs?

Share your good news what you are doing with Small Christian Communities. Contact NAFSCC “web person,” Carlette Chordas, Diocese of Youngstown: cchordas@youngstowndioocese.org. She will put your ideas and activities on the NAFSCC website: www.nafsc.org.

Liturgical Publications Inc (LPi)

Wins First Place in Catholic Press Association Awards

In the 2009 Catholic Press Association competition, Liturgical Publications Inc (LPi) garnered a first place award for its small group faith-sharing book, *Reconciliación: El misterio revelado del amor y la misericordia de Dios*. Authored

by Clare Colella, Rory Cooney, and Joseph Favazza, the judges praised the work as offering “a clear understanding and appreciation of the sacrament. Working in small groups engages the participants in the learning process, inviting them to learn. Ideal for adults preparing to celebrate the sacrament [of penance].”

The Catholic Press Association grants book awards in several categories, and LPi took first place overall in the Spanish Language division. LPi is a General Publisher member of the CPA.

Author Clare Colella said of the award, “More than ever, I am aware of the terrific teamwork that goes into making any resource a good production! As you may well know there are many people to whom we are indebted who began attending to this ministry of Reconciliation first within the ministry of adult initiation, then as a need within the Church overall. It is a grace to be a part of this!”

Reconciliación, and its English-language counterpart published earlier (*Reconciliation: The Unfolding mystery of God's Mercy and Love*), are part of the Catholic Faith Sharing series of books produced by LPi for small groups. To view sample pages from the work, go to www.CatholicFaithSharing.com.

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of resources that connect your community. To find out more please go to www.4LPi.com.

Good News Column

We want to hear what you are doing with Small Christian Communities in your dioceses to share with our members. Send in your events and activities to Sr. Marci Blum to be put in the e-newsletter. E-mail: DBQCLF@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us.

Upcoming Events

**Send in your events to Marci Blum OSF--
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Resources

Any resources you have to share with us?

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We hope you enjoyed reading this.

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