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Snow traveled beyond the northern areas...

The NAFSCC E-Newsletters sent bimonthly to members

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News and Ideas

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.

Proclaiming Christ CDs Available

Nineteen presentations from Proclaiming Christ 2009 are now available for purchase on a two-disc set of CD's (PC compatible only). This is a great resource you will want for your library and to share with those you serve. Handouts from the presentations may also be downloaded from the discs.

Go to http://www.pncea.org/store/item.asp?ITEM_ID=220 to order. Shipping is included in the purchase price!

Here is what some of the participants had to say about the presentations:

"The standard of all the inputs - keynotes and focus sessions was first rate."

"Kudos to all. It was a terrific conference. Every talk I attended was informative and helpful."

The set of discs includes these three keynote presentations:

__ Building Dynamic Communities of Faith, Most Reverend John M. Smith, DD, JCD

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

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

Click http://www.pncea.org/store/item.asp?ITEM_ID=220 to order the Proclaiming Christ 2009 two-disc CD set now.

Sixteen focus sessions are included on the CD set:

__ Evangelization in Times of Grief: Ministries of Bereavement and Consolation, Dr. Susan Blum Gerding

__ When Families and Children Don't Go to Church, Mrs. Therese Boucher
Laity: Building a More Human World, Reverend Bevil Bramwell, OMI, Ph.D

__ A Developmental Model of Conversion: What Happens When You Commit to Christ?, Robert Brancatelli, Ph.D

__ St. Monica Ministry: Praying for Children Who Are Not in Church, Dr. Jack Buchner

__ Making Connections: Evangelization as the Glue for All Ministry, Barbara Budde

__ Small Christian Communities: Moving Faith Outward, Sister Donna Ciangio, OP

__ Good News or Good Information?, Tom Curran, PhD

__ Parish Pressure Points, Reverend Frank DeSiano

__ Gospel Values and the Common Good, Sister Katherine Feely, SND

__ Absent Generations: Connecting with Today's Young Adults in their 20s and 30s, Mr. Paul Jarzembowski

__ Communicating Christ with Internet Video: Fast, Free, Effective, Reverend Jeffrey Mickler, SSP

__ Catholic Websites: Tools for More Effective Evangelization, Mrs. Terry Modica
Helping People Encounter Jesus: Personal and Parish Evangelization, Mr. David Nodar

__ If Evangelization is the Mission, Initiation is the Job Description, Mr. James Schellman

__ The Language of Liturgy: Praying and Proclaiming Faith, Monsignor Andrew Varga

Order this resource at http://www.pncea.org/store/item.asp?ITEM_ID=220

This two-disc set includes over eleven hours of presentations from experts in the ministry of evangelization, from many perspectives. Review them with others and use them for discussions. Catch the sessions you missed during the conference. Remember, the \$37.50 price includes free shipping and handling. Find out more and order this CD set now at http://www.pncea.org/store/item.asp?ITEM_ID=220.

Good News Column

News from Hartford Diocese

This past summer Bro. Bob Moriarty, S.M. (Pastoral Department for Small Christian Communities, Archdiocese of Hartford) and three pastors offered a two hour session for Hartford's seminarians on parish and small church communities. Encouraged by how well the session went Bob and the pastors sent a follow up letter to the seminarians when they were all back at their respective places of study/formation asking them to seek out invitations for Bob/pastors to do a program at their seminaries. One invitation has been forthcoming; another is pending.

What's Going On with SCCs?

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

NAPRC

National Alliance of Parishes Restructuring into Communities

2010 NAPRC National Conference

July 22-24, 2010

Nativity Parish in Brandon, FL

Email: naprcoffice@ameritech.net

Resources

Open Our Hearts

A Small-Group Guide for an Active Lent, Cycle C

Donna L. Ciangio, O.P. and Fr. Thomas B. Iwankowski

Lectionary-based, six-week Lenten Program links Catholics to the traditions of the Church and to their fellow parishioners. Published by Ave Maria Press. Cost: \$5.95. **See attached flier in pdf for more information and to order.**

Disciples on the Journey

NEW FORMAT, CONTENT, PRICE!

There is excitement in the diocese of Victoria about the new edition of ***Disciples on the Journey Lent 2010***. The format of this adult faith-sharing book for small groups has all the components necessary for prayer and reflection, using the Sunday Scriptures for the Lenten season. The Teen and Family sections are available online for each week of Lent.

The New ***Disciples on the Journey*** (DJ) for Lent 2010 is a 48-page lectionary-based booklet using Cycle C Lenten readings and Cycle A Scrutiny readings. It is available in English and Spanish.

Each booklet includes a guide for leaders/participants and tips and suggestions for small group sharing. Each week includes: Opening and Closing Prayers with Rituals, Commentary on the Sunday readings, Questions for faith sharing and discussion, story of a saint, and suggestions for prayer, service, and actions that help foster an awareness for living as disciples of Jesus.

This book is sold in packs of 10 for \$25 plus shipping/handling. Go to www.victoriadiocese.org to see a sample of Week One Cycle C and/or download the DJ brochure and order form. You can also order by calling 1-866-590-3688, or email dj@victoriadiocese.org.

Making a Difference in Each Others' Lives and Faith: Parish and Small Church Communities

This 13 minute promotional DVD for Small Christian Communities features SCC members and pastors reflecting on their experience of small church

community. **Making a Difference** is available from the Pastoral Department for Small Christian Communities (Archdiocese of Hartford). Click on link for brochure and ordering information.

Faith Sharing Process for Parish Transitions

Representatives from the Evangelization Offices in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia have written a prayer service of healing in response to the parish closures, consolidations and transitions. We are grateful to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for sharing this faith sharing process with NAFSCC.

Please see attachment in pdf for your use.

Sent by Sister Louise Alff
Coordinator for Parish Evangelization
Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Conversing with God in Lent: Praying the Sunday Mass Readings in Lectio Divina

Stephen J. Binz

Lectio divina is an ancient spiritual practice that can help us to hear God speaking to us through the words of Scripture. In recent times, Pope Benedict XVI and a Synod of Bishops have recommended that lay people pray with the Scriptures using this method. In this book, respected biblical scholar Stephen J. Binz chooses the Old Testament reading and the gospel for each Sunday in cycles A, B, and C during Lent, including the complete text from the Lectionary. Then he leads readers through the steps of lectio divina-reading, meditation, prayer, contemplation, and action-by suggesting themes and verses on which to focus.

~ Questions for personal reflection are provided for each of the Sunday readings.

~ A perfect Lenten resource for both individuals and parish groups.

Cost: \$11.95. See more info:

<http://bookstore.wau.org/productdetails.cfm?SKU=BLDVE0>

Ponder This Small Faith Sharing Resource

Joan Carey

Joan Carey lives in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. She has developed small faith sharing group materials entitled Ponder This. See the attachment: Ponder This handout. You can go on her website: www.joinjoan.com or the Milwaukee website: www.livingourfaith.net for

more information.

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