

GOOD NEWS BYTES
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REFRESH AND REJUVENATE: Catechist In-Service

To help parish catechists who might not be able to attend the daytime meetings there will be a **special evening session on Monday, October 3, from 6:30-8:45pm** with a few select speakers from the Convention. [See flyer for details](#) and registration information. **Final Registrations are due Wednesday, September 28!**

OCEA OCTOBER 3 & 4—Columbus Convention Center

Columbus has the great privilege to host the [Ohio Catholic Educators Association](#) bi-annual convention. There are over 64 talks on the Religion track alone. All Catholic School teachers are required to attend. **Please also consider sending as many parish catechists as possible. There is a wealth of training available.** See the [attached list](#) for the pre-approved sessions for certification credit and how to apply for that credit. For copies of the complete brochure call the Office of Religious Education and Catechesis, 614.221.4633 or go [on-line](#).

CATECHETICAL RESOURCES ON THE ROMAN MISSAL, THIRD EDITION

Looking for a parish resource? Consider the new online four lesson course created by *My Catholic Faith Delivered*, Midwest Theological Forum, the Archdiocese of Boston and Msgr. James Moroney, Professor at St. John's seminary who has made presentations in 2000 parishes and 20,000 priests! You can easily reach hundreds in your parish with this interactive course. Click [here](#) for more details. Special prices are available through October 1.

FREE WEBINAR! Measuring the Quality of Parish Ministry

Presenter: Jim Lundholm-Eades, former director of parish services and planning, Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis. A definition, framework, and tools for evaluating the quality of parish ministry will be presented. Participants will learn to develop and implement a ministry improvement plan based on the results of a parish ministry evaluation. Techniques to identify a ministry's strengths, best ministry practices, and how to introduce best practice standards into current ministries will be discussed.

Date: October 12, 2011
Time: 2–3pm
Register: The National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management [website](#)

Respect Life Sunday – October 2, 2011

The Respect Life Program begins anew each year on Respect Life Sunday, the first Sunday in October. The Respect Life Program features eight pamphlets in a series called Life Matters. Each presents convincing support for the teachings of the Catholic Church on major pro-life issues, with facts and reasoning drawn from science, history, law, sociology, and other secular sources. All 8 pamphlets are available in English and Spanish. Go to the USCCB website for more information.

CATHOLICISM PROJECT: Seeking individuals to preview the series

[Word on Fire](#) and Fr Robert Barron are proud to introduce a new video series, *Catholicism*, that successfully captures the depth and diversity of the Catholic Faith, not only in its teachings, but also in its art, culture and history. Due to air on PBS stations across the country, the Office of Religious Education and Catechesis is looking for interested individuals to preview parts of this 10 disk series and participate in discussions on how we can help promote this wonderful resource throughout the diocese. Check out [a trailer](#). The video series and its accompanying study guide would be an excellent addition to any Adult Faith Formation program. Contact [Jenny Berryhill](#) or [Martha Choroco](#) if you are interested in previewing the video, 614-221-4633.

National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding

In 1990, the U.S. Congress established the first week of October as Mental Illness Awareness Week (MIAW). Tuesday of Mental Illness Awareness Week is designated as *The National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding*. Visit www.nami.org for more information.

WEBINAR—*With a Shepherd's Heart: How to Welcome Returning Catholics*

Presented by Catholic Speakers Online (CSO) with Anna LaNave & Melanie Rigney

Date: Thursday, October 13, 2011

Time: 3pm

[Register here today!](#) Early Bird Registration: \$8.00 per person through Oct 2.

