

The Partnership for Adolescent Catechesis

A collaborative effort by NFCYM, NCCL, and NCEA, in cooperation with the USCCB, to enhance the quality of adolescent catechesis, especially through a comprehensive approach to faith formation in parishes and schools. Our collective goal is to foster a shared ownership for adolescent catechesis across ministerial boundaries and structures. Our efforts are focused on supporting the development of an effective and contemporary understanding of adolescent catechesis and to promote a comprehensive approach to Catholic faith formation throughout our



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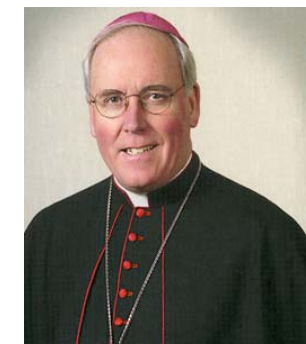
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Best Practices in Adolescent Catechesis: Methods, Models, and Meanings

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During the 2006 National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry (NCCYM), a unique series of workshops will be offered for those involved in faith formation at the parish, school, and diocesan level. This special track will examine some of the best models and methods being used today to help form the faith of younger and older adolescents.



Each *Best Practices* workshop features four presenters sharing their best practice on one of the following focus areas:

- **Methods** covering the faith themes of “Jesus Christ,” “Sacraments,” and “Church.”
- **Models** used by parish/school and diocesan structures.
- **Meanings** will be addressed by Bishop Malone as well as a panel of national leaders from NFCYM, NCCL, and NCEA.

Attendance of workshops in this special track is open to all conference attendees without any additional costs.

Featured Presentation

New Directions in Adolescent Catechesis



Most Rev. Richard J. Malone
Bishop of Portland, Maine

It is critically important for teens to be growing in their knowledge of the faith! Most of us committed to the faith formation of teens have been struggling to find ways to accomplish this mandate. The National Study of Youth and Religion (NSYR) has alarmed us with its claim that “On most measures of religious faith, belief, experience and practice, Catholic teens as a whole show up as fairly weak.” We have the message. We have the motivation. What are the means?

Schedule Highlights

Thursday, November 30

Pre-conferences, Exhibits, and Regional Gatherings
Opening Program

Friday, December 1

General Session Keynote—Rev. Allen Deck, S.J.
Workshops—Round A
Concurrent Sessions—Round B
General Session—Vallimar Jansen
Friday Night on the Strip and Artist’s Coffeehouse

Saturday, December 2

General Session Keynote—Mr. Mike Patin
Workshops—Round C
Concurrent Sessions—Round D
Workshops—Round E
NFCYM’s 25th Anniversary Bash

Sunday, December 3

General Session Keynote—Dr. Jamie Phelps, O.P.
Closing Liturgy

Other Workshops of Interest

Nearly 75 workshops, concurrent sessions, and keynotes will be presented during the 2006 NCCYM. In addition to the Adolescent Catechesis track, faith formation leaders might also enjoy:

- *Unleashing the Power of God’s Word* by Lee Nagel
- *Cultivating Spirituality in a Technological and Consumerist Culture* by Dr. Richard R. Gaillardetz
- *Will Our Faith Have Children? A Closer Look at the Impact of the NSYR* by Terri Telepak
- *The Sacrament of Confirmation: Exploring the Ritual and the Journey of Faith* by David Haas
- *Insights into Jesus: From Galilee to Trinity to the Present* by Dr. Bob Ludwig
- *Tools for the Vineyard: Empowering Lay Leaders for Ministry in the Fields* by Sean Reynolds
- *The Encuentro and You: Where Do We Go from Here?* by a panel from La Red and the USCCB
- *Fostering a Deep and Ultimate Respect for Life* by Steve Angrisano
- *Sharing Faith with Young Adolescents* by Tom East
- A *Hispanic Track* presented in Spanish

Additional Highlights



Those attending the 2006 NCCYM in Las Vegas will be treated to creative and engaging prayer and worship experiences, uplifting praise and worship music, lively and fun entertainment, over 100 exhibitors, networking with over two thousand of your colleagues, plus so much to do and see during the evening free time.

Couple and Family Friendly

Numerous accommodations are being made to support couples and families wanting to attend the NCCYM in Las Vegas including a two-hour couples retreat on *Marriage and Ministry* with Drs. Robert and Maggie McCarty on Thursday, November 30 and babysitting services provided by the Diocese of Las Vegas. More information is available at our website.

Registering for NCCYM

All registration occurs online at www.nfcym.org between April 1 and October 31, 2006. An early registration discount fee of \$210 for NFCYM affiliated dioceses (or \$240 for nonaffiliated dioceses) is available for all registering before October 6. Hotel rooms at the Riviera are discounted to \$99 per night.



Register Today

Online at...

www.nfcym.org/nccym