

Dear servants of the liturgy,

Wow! What a weekend! And, no, I'm not referring to the Super Bowl. On Friday, I had the privilege of assisting Bishop Franklin at the Catholic Schools Week Mass in Davenport, and on Sunday we celebrated his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Presbyterate. Each in its own way was an awesome celebration of our Catholic faith.

It is that same faith that we celebrate at each Sunday Eucharist; and as God's Priestly People it is indeed our privilege to pray the liturgy—in large church or small, with all the “smells and bells” or in utter simplicity. The liturgy makes us; let us be open to that transforming grace!

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

PREPARING FOR LENT AND EASTER

A new resource has been added to the USCCB Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy website, under the title “Resources for Lent and Easter.” The website can be accessed at: www.usccb.org/liturgy. Questions related to changes in the rubrics for the celebration of the Triduum are addressed there.

THE FOOTWASHING

This is the time of year that liturgy offices get inundated with questions or complaints regarding the washing of women's feet on Holy Thursday. Yes, the literal Latin of the rubrical instructions concerning the footwashing state that the priest is to wash the feet of men (*viri*; no number is specified) in this optional rite. But, before I get accused of being rigid, it is also true that the U.S. Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy has stated that the practice of washing women's feet is pastorally appropriate. And, in response to Boston Archbishop O'Malley's direct inquiry on the matter, the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship has “provided for a ‘pastoral decision’ to include women” in the rite (*Ministry and Liturgy* 32:7 Sept. 2005 p. 21). In other words, it is allowed to wash the feet of woman on Holy Thursday. I hope this settles the question.

Handwashing? Some thoughts to consider...

I have been asked if the washing of *hands* is an appropriate adaptation of the rite. While there is no legislation on the matter, it is also true that not everything that isn't explicitly forbidden is necessarily allowed or encouraged. We are dealing with the realm of mystery and symbol—and so need to be very careful.

The Footwashing enjoys a 2000-year history in our tradition. In some places, such as Milan, it even achieved quasi-sacramental status. For symbols, or metaphors, to “work,” they have to have a clear point of reference. On Holy Thursday, the Johannine account of Jesus’ actions at the Last Supper is proclaimed: that is the referent for the ritual action that follows. The connection is clear: the ritual action serves as a reminder and encouragement to follow the example of Jesus’ selfless service. The fact that we may be “squeamish” about washing feet (or having our feet washed) is indeed a good thing: self-emptying service in fidelity to Jesus *is* uncomfortable, challenging, and messy.

If we substitute “handwashing,” we recall another biblical story: that of Pilate. Our words, proclaimed from the ambo, would be encouraging selfless service. Our actions would speak of avoiding responsibility. The core symbol would be distorted.

While it is true that we do not literally wash the feet of those who visit our homes today, that is not the point; that is not the metaphorical referent needed for the symbol to “work.” The story of Jesus is. In addition, “washing feet” is a well-understood metaphor in our language for serving others. And “washing ones hands” of something is understood as a metaphor for avoiding responsibility, avoiding involvement. What could be further from what the scriptural account—and the Church’s liturgy—wants to proclaim?

We lament that so many in our pews are unaware of our symbolic and biblical heritage. I would think that the solution is to embrace and celebrate these symbols well—and not abandon them in the name of expediency or of not wanting to challenge our people.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RCIA: THE PERIOD OF PURIFICATION

A Reminder: The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion in our Diocese

The Rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport at 3PM and 6PM on Sunday, March 5 and again at St. Mary’s in Ottumwa at 3PM on March 12. If you have not already done so, please submit your list of participants via the electronic forms previously provided so we can make our final preparations.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Wednesday, April 5, at 4 p.m. I would ask that we all encourage the members of our parishes—especially those in the RCIA or preparing for Confirmation—to attend this beautiful and important liturgy. We are working on an electronic “order” form for the Oils and will get it out to you as soon as it is completed.

RCIA: MYSTAGOGY

In the Period of Postbaptismal Catechesis a number of rites can be celebrated—the most important of which are the “neophyte Masses” in which all those who have been baptized at the Vigil gather together again to celebrate the liturgy. Pentecost Sunday and the anniversary of their baptism would be other special days to keep in mind. Please see RCIA # 244-251.

CONTINUING FORMATION OPPORTUNITIESWorkshops for Readers/Lectors

Mr. Ken Miller, of St. John Vianney Parish, has kindly volunteered to offer lector training programs in the diocese. His program has been quite successful at his home parish, and he is now ready and willing to “take it on the road.” His program was reviewed and approved by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. If you are interested in having Mr. Miller at your parish or deanery, please contact him at: KJMCAM99@aol.com or at 563-332-8404. He may also be contacted through St. John Vianney parish.

Miracles, Mystery, Promise 2006: Claiming the Vision of RCIA.

On Thursday, 8 June 2006, 7:00-9:00 PM and Friday, 9 June 2006, 8:30 AM-2:30 PM, Rev. Paul Turner, presenter, priest of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph will present on the RCIA at St. Julie Billiart Parish, 7399 West 159th St., Tinley Park IL 60477-1398 – I-80 at exit 148. \$25.00 per person. Social, continental breakfast, breaks, lunch included.

For more information, contact Eliot Kapitan in the Office for Worship/RCIA for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois: (217) 698-8500 ext. 177 / E-mail: ekapitan@dio.org / www.dio.org. A registration brochure (.pdf) is also included with this mailing.

Notre Dame Center for Liturgy

There are two important conferences being offered by the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy this summer. The first is its 34th annual liturgy conference, gathering around the topic of liturgy and spirituality. The conference will be held on June 19-21. SummerSong 2006 is a 2 week intensive experience for liturgical music ministers, running from July 9-21.

Both conferences will be held on the Notre Dame campus in South Bend, IN. More information and on-line registration is available on their website: <http://www.liturgy.nd.edu>. Surface mail may be sent to: 2006 Liturgy Conference, 115 McKenna Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

RCIA: “Focus on Initiation: Concerning the Baptized.”

The Diocese of Des Moines, in cooperation with The North American Forum on the Catechumenate, is sponsoring this three day institute to be held July 20-22. The institute will explore the underlying vision for journeying with baptized adults who seek to complete their initiation and/or be received into full communion. For further information please contact:

Rev. Tim Fitzgerald
Department of Faith Formation
Diocese of Des Moines
601 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50309
(phone: 515-237-5058 / fax: 515-237-5070 / email: formation@dmdiocese.org)

The registration brochure will be available on-line at least 6 months before the institute at www.naforum.org and www.dmdiocese.org. It is also included with this mailing (.pdf format).

Form / Reform

This national conference on environment and art for Catholic worship will be held July 30 – August 2 in Kansas City, MO. For more information, contact: T.M. Enterprises, 8404 Jamesport Drive, Rockford, IL 61108. Phone: 815-332-7084. TMEnter2@aol.com. www.TMConferenceServices.com.

Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions: Annual Meeting

The FDLC's annual meeting will take place in Omaha, NE on Tuesday, October 10 through Friday, October 13. Our region, Region IX, is hosting the event. The focus of the gathering will be "Music and the Art of Celebration." For more information, visit the FDLC website at www.fdlc.org.

LITURGY PREPARATION

INTERCESSIONS

Intercessions for Life

These intercessions are provided by the USCCB for your use. Please adapt them as you see fit.

- Feb 5th* *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
For all who are homeless, forgotten, or abandoned: that we might come to see Christ present in their lives and rejoice at the gifts they bring us; we pray to the Lord.
- Feb 12th* *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
For every child born this day, that God might give us the grace to love and support them; we pray to the Lord.
- Feb 19th* *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*
For all who are engaged in medical research, that they might be guided by the Church's love for the truth; we pray to the Lord.
- Feb 26th* *Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
For all who teach young children: that by their lives and by their words they might teach the beauty and value of life from conception to natural death; we pray to the Lord.

FOCUS ON INITIATION: CONCERNING THE BAPTIZED

Co-sponsored with The North American Forum on the Catechumenate

and The Diocese of Des Moines, Iowa

July 20-22, 2006

The Concerning the Baptized Institute presumes previous experience of a *Beginnings & Beyond* and two to three years pastoral experience.

► Presents the vision for journeying with baptized adults seeking to complete their initiation and/or to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church

► Helps to clarify the distinct theological and pastoral realities of the baptized

► Explores appropriate preparation and celebration with the baptized catechized adult

► Explores appropriate liturgical, catechetical and pastoral formation of the baptized uncatechized adult

► Invites reflection, faith sharing, discernment, and liturgical celebration

DATES AND DEADLINES

Early Bird Deadline: May 20, 2006

Registration Deadline: June 22, 2006

MEETING FACILITY

Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Parish

510 East First Street

Ankeny, IA 50021 Phone: 515-964-3038

* near I-35, exit #92

* 25 minutes from Des Moines International Airport

* with advance notice of arrival time, Diocese will provide pick-up service

LODGING FACILITIES

Best Western Metro North

515-964-1717 or 866/888-6045)

Single: \$57/rm/night + tax Double: \$60/ rm/night + tax. Restaurant.

Heartland Inn, 515-964-8202 or 800-334-3277. 1-4 persons, \$65/ room/night. Must call before June 30. Continental breakfast included

SESSIONS / MEALS / PRAYER			END OF DAY
Day One	*10:00 AM Registration Starts for All	1:30 PM - 5:00 PM Pre-Session (Principles of the <i>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</i>) / Welcome, Gathering Prayer, Introduction, Overview / <i>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</i> - Part I: Principles & Norms / <i>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</i> - Part II: Chapters 4 & 5 / Liturgy Preparation / 7:30 PM Stories of our Baptism: Reflection, Celebration	9:00 PM Reception
Day Two	8:30AM	8:30 AM - 6:00 PM Liturgy Preparation / Morning Prayer / Mystagogical Reflection on the "Stories of our Baptism" / Discerning the Appropriate Path to the Table: Parts I & II / Pastoral Formation of the Baptized Adult: Foundations / Pastoral Formation of the Baptized <i>Uncatechized</i> & Baptized <i>Catechized</i> Adults 7:30 PM Celebration of a Penitential Service	8:30 PM Social
Day Three	8:30 AM	8:30AM - 2:15 PM Liturgy Preparation/ Mystagogical Reflection on the Penitential Service / Spiritual Preparation of the Baptized Candidate / Celebration of the <i>Rite of Reception</i> / <i>Mystagogical</i> Reflection on the <i>Rite of Reception</i> / Moving Toward the Vision / Celebration of Eucharist	3:30 PM Closing

INSTITUTE TEAM

Institute leaders are among North America's most experienced pastoral ministers, liturgists, catechists, and theologians.

CHUCK BARTHEL is pastor of St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish, an urban parish in St. Louis, MO, and has ministered in a variety of parish settings for over 18 years. Chuck has served as a Forum team member since 1989.

GAEL GENSLER, OSF is pastoral associate for St. Julie Billiard Parish,

Tinley Park, IL She has been involved in adult initiation for twenty-five years. Gael served on the Forum staff and is a Forum Team member. She is a co-author of the *Foundations in Faith series (Resources for Christian Living)* and presents and writes on initiation topics.

VICKY TUFANO is pastoral associate at Ascension parish in Oak Park, Illinois, and the editor of *Catechumenate: A Journal of Christian Initiation*. She has worked as an editor at Liturgy Training Publications, and as director of the liturgy office for the Diocese of

Des Moines, Iowa. She frequently writes and speaks on issues of liturgy and initiation, and has been a Forum team member since 1987.

FORUM REGISTRATION

Phone: 202-884-9758

Fax: 202-884-9747

Email: info@naforum.org

LOCAL COORDINATOR

TIM FITZGERALD

Phone: 515-237-5026

Fax: 515-237-5070

Email: formation@dmdiocese.org

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION FEE (TUITION/FACILITY & MEALS)

Tuition is **\$225 per person**.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

Save \$20 by registering before May 20

PARISH TEAM DISCOUNT

Save \$10 per person when you register 2 or more participants from the same parish at one time. Complete one form for each participant.

In addition to tuition, each person pays a **\$90 facility and meals fee**.

Meals	Break-fast	Lunch	Dinner	Snacks	Receptions/Socials
Day One		●	●	●	●
Day Two	●	●	●	●	●
Day Three	●	●		●	

LODGING FACILITIES

Please be reminded, you must call the Hotels directly for room reservations. Special rates apply through June 30.

Best Western Metro North

133 SE Delaware, Ankeny
515-964-1717 or 866/888-6045

Heartland Inn

201 SE Delaware, Ankeny
515-964-8202 or 800-334-3277

RITUAL TEXT

You must bring a copy of *The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (1988 Study Edition) to the institute. Please bring your own text, or reserve a copy by including payment of \$17.00 with your registration. Your reserved copy will be available when you check in for the institute.

CONFIRMATION

Upon completion of your registration, you will receive a confirmation packet containing additional information and specific instructions on how you should prepare for the institute. The packet will also include a detailed institute schedule and directions to *Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Parish* and the nearby Hotels.

Please be reminded: you are not registered for this institute until payment is complete. Once fees are paid in full, you will receive your confirmation packet within 4 weeks of registering. Please contact Forum Registration at 202-884-9758 for questions

SCHOLARSHIPS

Limited financial assistance is available through the Christiane Brusselmans Memorial Scholarship Fund. For an application, please send us an email at info@naforum.org, or call us at 202-884-9758. The application deadline is **May 20**.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

All requests for cancellations **must be submitted in writing**. Include your name, address, the institute and institute location and date. You can fax (202-884-9747) your notification or mail it to the following address:

*The North American Forum
on the Catechumenate
3033 Fourth Street NE
Washington, DC 20017-1102*

TUITION

80% refund for cancellations before July 6
50% refund for cancellations on or after July 6

ROOM FEE AND/OR FACILITY & MEALS

\$26 non-refundable fee for cancellations
No refund for cancellations on or after July 6

NOTE: The Diocese of Des Moines and The North American Forum on the Catechumenate reserve the right to cancel an institute due to extenuating circumstances such as low registration. Should this occur, you will receive a full refund.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete one form per participant

FOCUS ON INITIATION: CONCERNING THE BAPTIZED

1 Participant Mailing Information

Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Parish, Ankeny (IA) July 20-22, 2006

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE Bishop, Brother, Deacon, Mr., Mrs., Ms., Rev., Sr. (Circle one)

Name: _____
first last

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] E-mail: _____

Diocese: _____ Church Denomination: _____

Parish Name and City: _____

Please list additional information (dietary requirements, special needs request, etc.)

_____ I will need transportation from the airport to the site and will contact the Local Coordinator about my travel arrangements.

_____ I will lodge at the Hotel and will call directly for room reservations.

2 Institute Fees: Per Person

REGISTRATION (Tuition/Facility & Meals) \$ 315

Early Bird discount: before May 20
Deduct \$20..... -\$

Parish Team Discount: 2 or more
registering from one parish.
Deduct \$10..... -\$

A TOTAL REGISTRATION..... \$

B RITUAL TEXT, Check one

I will bring a copy of the Ritual Book
 Reserve my copy, \$17.00 enclosed..... +\$

C DONATION

I am making a contribution to the
scholarship fund..... +\$

TOTAL ENCLOSED
A + B + C \$

REMINDERS:

- one form for each participant
- full payment required with registration
- 2 or more registrations for team discount
- call the Hotels directly for room reservations

3 Registration by Phone or Fax

BEFORE JUNE 22

You may phone or fax registration with MasterCard, VISA or Discover.

AFTER JUNE 22

Do not mail your registration form. We can accept your registration by phone or fax with credit card payment. We cannot guarantee placement at the institute after this date.

VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER

Name as it appears on card

[] [] [] [] [] [] [] []
Credit Card Number

Expiration Date: ____ / ____

Signature

Cardholder's _____
Address: _____

4 Registration by Mail

BEFORE JUNE 22

Mail your registration with a check or money order to the address below. **Please include full amount;** we cannot register you with partial payment. **There is a \$25.00 fee for returned checks.**

**Mail to: The North American Forum
on the Catechumenate
Institute Registration
P. O. Box 79459
Baltimore, MD 21279-0459**

Phone: 202-884-9758 * Fax: 202-884-9747
E-mail: info@naforum.org * Web Site: www.naforum.org

IF DRIVING - St. Julie is set back from 159th Street. The parking lot is in front of the church. Another is located on the other side of the church – the back lot is where the Devine Center is located.

From the East Interstate 80 West to Harlem Ave. North. Take Harlem North to 159th St. Turn left onto 159th St. and move into the left lane. Go 2 blocks and turn left onto Olcott Ave. The entrance to the church is on your left. Follow the driveway around behind the church. The Devine Center is on the south side of the parking lot.

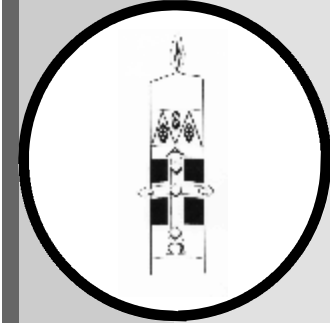
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From the North (Option One) Interstate 88 East or Interstate 90 East to I 294 South (follow signs for Indiana) to 95th St. EAST just after a toll. Take 95th St. East and once off the ramp stay in the right hand lane through the next stoplight and then go up the ramp onto HWY 43 which is Harlem Ave. Continue on Harlem Ave. South to 159th St. (HWY 6). Turn right onto 159th St. (West) and immediately get into the left hand lane (not the left hand turn lane) go 2 blocks to Olcott Ave. The entrance to the church is on your left. Follow the driveway around behind the church. The Devine Center is on the south side of the parking lot.

From the North (Option Two) Take the Dan Ryan South to Interstate 57 South to Interstate 80 West to Harlem Ave. North. Take Harlem North to 159th St. Turn left onto 159th St. and move into the left lane. Go 2 blocks and turn left onto Olcott Ave. The entrance to the church is on your left. Follow the driveway around behind the church. The Devine Center is on the south side of the parking lot.

From the South (Option One) Interstate 57 North to Interstate 80 West to Harlem Ave. North. Take Harlem North to 159th St. Turn left onto 159th St. and move into the left lane. Go 2 blocks and turn left onto Olcott Ave. The entrance to the church is on your left. Follow the driveway around behind the church. The Devine Center is on the south side of the parking lot.

From the South (Option Two) Interstate 55 North to Interstate 80 East to Harlem Ave. North. Take Harlem North to 159th St. Turn left onto 159th St. and move into the left lane. Go 2 blocks and turn left onto Olcott Ave. The entrance to the church is on your left. Follow the driveway around behind the church. The Devine Center is on the south side of the parking lot.



Miracles, Mystery, Promise: 2006

Claiming the Vision of RCIA

Date: June 8-9, 2006
St. Julie Billiart Church
Tinley Park, Illinois

Participant
Information Sheet
and
Registration Information

WELCOME!

We are pleased that you will be able to take part in this conversation. This brochure covers all the information you need to participate in the gathering of initiation ministers.

June 8-9, 2006
St. Julie Parish, 7399 W. 159th St.,
Tinley Park, IL 60477
Phone: 708-429-6767 ext. 212.

Schedule:

Thursday, June 8, 2006

- 7:00 pm Registration/Check-In in Devine Center
(Dinner is on your own)
- 7:30 pm Welcome
Guided Reflection — *"Joined to Christ,
the door to life is opened."*

- 9:00 Night Prayer in Church followed
by social in the Devine Center

Friday, June 9, 2006

- 8:30 Registration/Check-In in
Devine Center
(Continental Breakfast)
- 9:00 Morning Prayer in Church
- 9:30 Presentation and
Dialogue — *A Closer Look at
the links between paragraph 1
(Introduction) & paragraph 245
(mystagogy)*

- Noon Box lunch

- 1:00 Brainstorming Session—*Furthering the
Vision: Implications for initiation in the
parish*
- 2:30 Departure

COST: \$25 per person
(includes breaks & lunch on Friday)

Fr. Paul Turner, a priest of the diocese of Kansas City/St. Joseph, is a well renowned speaker on all topics of Initiation. Fr. Paul is author of numerous books, articles and pens several regular columns. He is currently pastor of St. Munchin Parish in Cameron, Mo. We are very fortunate that Fr. Paul agreed to facilitate our conversation on initiation.

Overnight accommodations

A block of rooms are reserved at the following hotels under the name St. Julie—reservations must be made by May 8. All include in room coffee and deluxe continental breakfast.

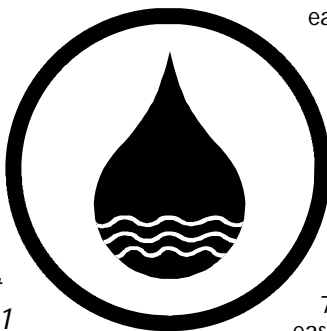
You must arrange your own housing.

Fairfield Inn – 4 miles from St Julie
18511 N. Creek Dr, Tinley Park, IL 60477
708-633-1050 or 800-228-2800
easy exit off Interstate 80
standard room rate – app. \$70. + tax

Hampton Inn – 4 miles from St Julie
18501 N. Creek Dr. Tinley Park, IL 60477
708-633-0602
easy exit off Interstate 80
standard room rate – app. \$85. + tax

Wingate Inn - 4 miles from St Julie
18421 N. Creek Dr. Tinley Park, IL 60477
708-532-9300
easy exit off Interstate 80
standard room rate – app. \$70. + tax

Sleep Inn—4 miles from St. Julie
18420 Spring Creek Dr. Tinley Park, IL 60477
708-342-1700
Standard room rate—app. \$60. + tax.



*Come prepared—Bring a
copy of the Rite with you.*

Registration:

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____
please print

Email address: _____

Parish: _____

City,
State _____

Diocese: _____

Payment of \$25 must be included: Make Checks
Payable to *Future of Initiation Ministry*.

Mail Check and registration to:

Deb DelCiello
St. Joseph Parish
1905 W. Beltline Highway
Madison, WI 53713
debdc@stjosephmadison.org
608-271-5771,x3 w
608-449-4217 h

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