

**Association of Catechetical and Pastoral Ministers
Business Meeting and Luncheon
March 28, 2006**

Present: Claudia Sereno, Sister Carla M. Crabtree, Rosa Guerrero, Michael Way, Mary Jo Kilt, Charleen Katra, Ginger Tamborello, Christine (?) Barbara Mackie, Sr. Jean Marie Gwocas, Marilynn Kiel, Fredna Kilcommins, Maria Cortz, Mary Camarata, Kathy Kelley, Cynthia Newman, Nannette Coons, Lorelei Guerin, Susana Tijero, Adela Flores, Esperanza Monterrubio, Gretchen Tickle, Marianne Strzelecki, Laura Hinton, Anna Brent, Ginny Lee, A. Holm, Stacy Arbogast, Debbie Cortez, Gabriela DeParia, Anne Comeaux, Maria Torres, Marilynn Quick Wilson

Opening Prayer "Lent: A Time for Returning" by Kathy Kelly

Introductions

CCE Office

- Catechetical Leadership Days will be August 7-9. The theme is "Who do You Say I Am?" Our presenter is Timothy Mullner. The format of CL days will change by adding one meal and one overnight. It will begin on Monday afternoon allowing more time for business and deanery meetings. The big social will be Monday night. Tuesday will be a day for spirituality with Reconciliation Service in the afternoon and evening options on your own. Wednesday will be the final talk and closing liturgy.
- Put on your calendars the Catechetical Leadership Conference, "The Holy Work of Catechesis, Communion with Christ," January 19-20, 2007. It *should* be at the same hotel as last time, but we have the entire hotel this time. Fee should be less than \$40.00. Registration available in August.
- Funds are available for scholarships up to \$1500 (divisible into separate scholarships). Application deadline is at the end of March. Charleen Katra will chair the committee. It will be for graduate or undergraduate work in Catechetical Leadership (Education, MAPS, Theology, etc.) Joann Borski has applications.
- Archbishop DiNardo wants parish visitations to see what's going on – to keep in touch with every parish and pastor. The visits will begin in the fall (while classes are in session) and will begin with 2 parishes per CCE staff member per semester. Probable letters are forthcoming for pastors/DREs to request a visit.

ACPM Scholarships

- Kathy Kelley reminds everyone that there are scholarships for memberships for ACPM.
- There are also two \$250 and one \$75 scholarships available to catechetical leaders for academic studies. Eligibility is for no more than two consecutive years. Must be a member of ACPM, be present for the gatherings of the membership, and committing to catechetical ministry. There has been only one application received to date. The deadline is April 1.

Small Group Work

Questions for Reflection

- Name one month in the fall, winter, and spring that would be a good time to gather.
 - Fall

- Sept-Oct., late October, October,
 - Winter
 - early Dec., Jan., late Feb., early to mid January
 - Spring
 - March (after Easter), early March
 - Summer
 - June
- What would be a good topic for the day of reflection in June? Who is a presenter you would like for us to invite?
 - Transitions in the Local Church (Maureen Bacchi, Eileen Barbella-Rafanella, Ivan Marsh, Velma Rodriguez)
 - Midsummer Nights Dream (Father Whitney Miller)
 - Spirituality of the Catechetical Leader – Avoiding Burnout/Overload (Fr. Kevin Story, St. Thomas High School; Fr. John Robbins, St. Anne's)
- What would be three topics that would be of interest for discussion and speaker to present for the other three gatherings? Spring is the business luncheon, but a topic is needed for speaker.
 - Family Perspectives: Meeting the Needs of Families (divorce, gangs, etc.)
 - Parish Catechetical Plan; How to Do It
 - Immigration
 - Gospel of Luke and Study (Kathleen Weber, Gerald DuPont)
 - Nurturing the Catechetical Leader
 - Becoming Mentors for One Another
 - Ways to Motivate Certification – Best Practices
 - Inclusivity: A Celebration of Culture
 - Thought provoking Retreat in Theology (Michael Jamail)
 - Social Justice (Jenny Carr – Catholic Charities)
 - Ways to Promote Vocations
- In what way can our association help to mentor new ministers to catechetical, youth and pastoral ministry?
 - Need help/training to mentor. More intentional with mentoring/nurturing, child care/quality
- In what way can we help to refresh and rejuvenate long time members?
 - No written comments
- What is a topic of advocacy that you would like our organization to assist with?
 - Professional formation and education. Model Gospel values.
- “Gathering” committees will do the work of this coming year. What quarter would you like to assist?
 - Fall – Lorelei Guerin
 - Winter – Lorelei Guerin
 - Summer – Maggie (?), Rosa Guerrero

Membership

- The directory of membership is due out in the fall.
- Nannette shared some information about memberships and *ACPM* Talk, our Yahoo Group.
- Her e-mail address is ncoons@st.michaelchurch.net.

- Membership Requests
 - Sister Carla Maria, O.S.W. would like a scholarship for membership. Her address is 4129 Sarong Dr. Houston, TX 77025, 713-666-7229.
 - Ginny Lee, St. Justin, 13350 Ashford Pt. Dr., Houston, TX 77082 281-902-5711, glee@sjmtx.com.
 - Maria R. Torres, DRE at St. Stephen's, 2019 Center St. Houston, TX 77007, 713-864-4075, catholic_maria_2002@yahoo.com

Sister Carla Marie offered some information about "Five Minutes of Prayer in the Home." Bishop San Pedro (Miami – 1990) approved these booklets and gave permission to priest to distribute.

Gretchen Tickle shared information about St. Michael's Summer Theology Series, beginning at 6:15 p.m. with dinner. Presentations begin at 7:00 p.m.

June 7 – "Church Fathers" Archbishop Daniel DiNardo

June 14 – "Church Mothers" Lisa May

June 21 – "Our Archdiocese" Lisa May

Luncheon

Introduction and presentation on "Grace" by Reverend Brendan Cahill.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 16, 12:00 P.M., ST. DOMINIC CENTER