



acpm NETWORK

From Our President ...

Greetings!

I hope the beginning of the catechetical year has been a good one for you. It has been a powerful time for me. I very much feel the presence of the Lord in everything going on in the parish. There are new people who are enthusiastic about volunteering, and those who have been around for a while who are happy to be back. What a blessing!

At this time last year *acpm* was working on ways to answer the need for spiritual support to all catechetical leaders. This year our work has come to fruition. We can now offer our members retreat experiences that focus on the needs of catechetical leaders. Please don't dismiss these because you are too busy. Of course you are busy, but we all need to take time to replenish and repair. It is like what the airlines tell us to do — in an emergency put on your own oxygen mask first so you can help someone else.

On January 16-17, 2003, *acpm* is offering SHEPHERDING THE SHEPHERDS at the Cenacle Retreat Center. The cost for this retreat is \$80.00 which includes overnight stay and meals. There is some scholarship money available for those who have the need. Look for the registration flyer coming out soon. If you don't receive it, contact me by phone, email or snail mail and I will see that you get the information. You

can also find the information on our website: www.acpm-galhouston.org.

Our annual meeting will be held on Tuesday February 25 at St. Theresa's Parish . We are very fortunate to have **Bishop Joseph Vasquez, Auxiliary Bishop** of this diocese speak to us. His topic will be "Living for the Lord in the Parish". Please come and join us.

Another spiritual support that is available on the vicariate level is a day of prayer called **Retreat with the Potter**. This was developed by a retreat team put together by *acpm* to specifically be available for those catechetical leaders who have more difficulty leaving their area of the world for a diocesan gathering. The day of prayer will come to you. It includes prayer, quiet reflection and sharing.. If your deanery or parish wants to host such a day, please contact me or one of the other committee members and we will be happy to accommodate you.

"Rise up, be off to the potter's house; there I will give you my message. I went down to the potter's house and there he was, working at the wheel." Jer. 18:2-3

In God's Peace,

Mary Jo Wilt



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ACPM Member Web Site

- Have you felt that there are days when you are the only person who has to deal with angry parents, long schedules, or frustrating co-workers?
- Do you find yourself needing a creative program or prayer and unable to have one coherent thought?
- Or maybe, you have come up with the best prayer experience and have no one to share it with?
- Or you have successfully completed the best evaluation process and feel ready to share?

Do we have the place for you!

Our website not only has membership benefits, but also information on retreats, formation scholarships, as well as a swap page called the "Attic." The site has a membership email group for us to share our hopes, dreams, frustrations, and support. As a member, you can be a part of this group. Go to our website and log-on to ACPM Talk. Whenever you have something to share, a question to ask, or maybe just want to blow off steam to the group for support, all you have to do is send your message. The address will be given to you, and we'll be there!

***Don't miss this opportunity
to support and to be supported.***

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2002-2003 acpm Scholarship Recipient

**Congratulations to Bill Wilson,
Director of Youth Ministry at Sts. Simon and Jude!**

In Bill's spare time, he is pursuing a Masters of Arts in Pastoral Studies at the University of St. Thomas at St. Mary's Seminary.

The association will recognize Bill at our Annual Business Meeting
on February 25th, 2003.

Dream by the River: Faithful Past, Faith-Filled Future

National Association of Parish Catechetical Directors

11th Annual NPCD National Convocation
in conjunction with the beginning of the
NCEA Centennial Celebration

April 22-25, 2003 — St. Louis, MO

Adam's Mark Hotel and Convention Center



How great it will be on the shores of the "Mighty Miss"!! Fr. Richard Fragomini, David Haas, and a unique opportunity to join the NCEA keynoter, Margaret O'Brien Steinfelds, Editor of *Commonweal* magazine, for a discussion with diocesan directors on "Catholic Identity in the Public Forum".

Make your hotel reservations as soon as you receive your registration packet.

Let Kathy Kelley know if you need any reservation assistance. Call 281-376-6831 or email kathy.kelley@cgsc.org.

Don't forget.....

SHEPHERDING THE SHEPHERDS

**A Spiritual Retreat Experience
for all Catechetical and Pastoral
leaders**

Thursday, January 16th, and
Friday, January 17th
The Cenacle Retreat House.
420 North Kirkwood, Houston

**Registration information
available soon.**



PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

acpm: This is our LOCAL professional organization, an independent association of parish catechetical ministers in leadership roles, regardless of "title." Annual dues: \$30.00 per person, due September 1.

NPCD: This is our NATIONAL professional organization, a department of NCEA. It is the only grassroots organization solely for parish catechetical ministers. Annual dues: \$70.00 per person, first member; \$45.00 per each additional member.

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

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I wish to join **acpm** at \$30.00 For your convenience, you may send one

I wish to join **NPCD** at \$70.00 (first member) check to cover both memberships. **Make check**

I wish to join **NPCD** at \$45.00 (additional member) **payable to acpm.**

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TOTAL AMOUNT

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