

Echoes of Faith Plus is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who is currently a Catechist with children, youth or adults in the Catholic Church or for those who are discerning becoming a Catechist in the Church.

Echoes of Faith Plus is also a great experience for those who are interested in exploring and learning more about the Catholic Church and it's teachings.

Echoes of Faith Plus is an opportunity to grow in faith, spirituality, fellowship with fellow Catholics and knowledge of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The Task of the Catechist..

WORD WORSHIP COMMUNITY SERVICE

A proclaimer of the Message...

A Full, Active, Conscious member of the Church...

A sharer of the Spirit in the community...

A person of Faith responding to a call...

A witness of the Gospel...

A witness of the Church...

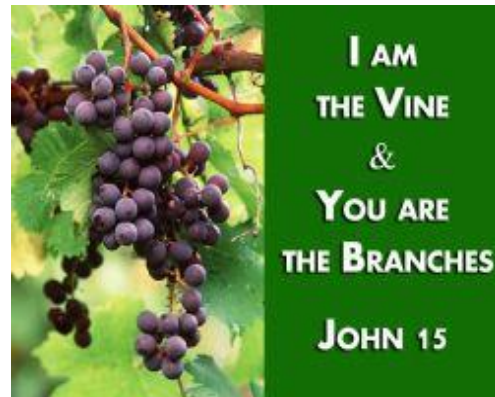
A servant of the Community...

The Person of the Catechist...YOU!



What are the goals of *Echoes of Faith Plus*?

- To form competent, confident, and capable catechists by providing a dynamic program that delivers spiritual formation, background, solid content, resources, and skill-building.
- To support catechists' by offering them flexibility in their formation and continued support using the latest technology.
- To build commitment to the catechetical ministry by engaging catechists in an easy-to-use process for spiritual and catechetical formation.
- To renew the faith of catechists through image, story, information, and faith sharing.



Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." - Matthew 28: 18-20

God's call to Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the prophets, and Mary. When catechists answer God's call, they become part of the unfolding of God's plan for humanity. The Spirit of God accompanies us in our ministry.

Who is the Catechist?

- Catechists are called to be mentors in faith.
- Catechists help form the whole person: head, heart, and hands.
- Catechists are both priestly and prophetic.
- Catechists call others to an apprenticeship to Jesus.

Inviting Discipleship!

- A disciple is a follower and apprentice of Christ.
- Invite children's participation in catechesis.
- Give young people and adults an experience of the work of the Gospel.
- Always process an activity to facilitate understanding.



Catechist Formation Certification



Formation Classes will be offered to anyone interested in becoming a Trained Catechist or who just wants to learn more about the Catholic Church at Most Holy Trinity Parish

Echoes of Faith is a project of the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership, *Echoes of Faith Plus* is the most complete and widely used catechist resource ever developed. Volunteers from over 130 dioceses have been formed into ever more confident and capable catechists who have been enriched in their spiritual formation and knowledge of the Catholic faith.

What is Echoes of Faith Plus?

The three categories of Echoes Plus (The Catechist, Theology, and Methodology) relate to one of the three aspects of catechist formation outlined in the General Directory for Catechesis (GDC): being, knowing, and *savoir-faire*, or “know-how.”

The Catechist (being): Three modules address the vocation and roles of the catechist.

Theology (knowing): Four modules treat the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. A fifth module introduces learners to an understanding about Sacred Scripture.

Methodology (savoir-faire /know-how): Four modules prepare catechists to teach different grade levels of children, youth and adults.

Echoes of Faith Plus can have a transforming effect on catechists in our parish. Even the most experienced catechist can gain from the process because it is one that invites them into a process of sharing faith and experience with their peers. Those who participate in *Echoes of Faith Plus* will emerge from this formation program more confident, capable, and committed to the catechetical ministry. Our goal here at MHT is to have at least 10% of our catechist Level I Certified by the end of Fall 2011. With dedication and commitment we can achieve this goal.



- The *Echoes of Faith Plus* resource will provide you with historical background, solid content, resources, skill-building, and spiritual formation.
- Through a process of spiritual reflection, along with the companion book and DVD, the *Echoes of Faith* process will engage you through the use of image, story, information, and faith sharing.
- You will come to incorporate your prior knowledge of the content and learn to integrate the information and spiritual content so you may effectively share it in your ministry of catechesis.
- Both new and veteran Catechists are invited to attend as the Catechetical ministry is an ever unfolding encounter with Christ and the Church.



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Topics covered with the *Echoes of Faith Plus* are:

- **Getting Started as a Catechist**
Tuesday, May 31, 2011 6-9pm (Hall)
- **Person of the Catechist**
Tuesday, June 7, 2011 6-9pm (Hall)
- **Roles of the Catechist**
Tuesday, June 14, 2011 6-9pm (Hall)
- **The Learner**
Tuesday, June 28, 2011 6-9pm (Hall)
- **I Believe, We Believe**
Tuesday, July 5, 2011 6-9pm (Hall)
Tuesday, July 12, 2011 6-9pm (Hall)
- **Liturgy & The Sacraments**
Tuesday, July 19, 2011 6-9pm (Hall)
Tuesday, July 26, 2011 6-9pm (Hall)
- **Catholic Morality**
Tuesday, August 2, 2011 6-9pm (Hall)
Tuesday, August 9, 2011 6-9pm (Hall)
- **The Scriptures**
Tuesday, August 16, 2011 6-9pm (Hall)
- **Prayer & Spirituality**
Tuesday, August 23, 2011 6-9pm (Hall)
- **Social Justice Component** (TBA)
- **Methodology:** (TBA) (divided by grade levels: grades 1 & 2; grades 3 & 4; grades 5 & 6; grades 7 & 8)



Registration Form

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Day #: () _____ Cell #: () _____
 Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Occupation: _____

Tuition Fee's

\$60.00 which can be paid in full or in three monthly installments.

Payments can be made by cash, credit, debit or check made payable to Most Holy Trinity Parish.



Amount Enclosed: \$ _____
 ___ Cash ___ Check _____ Check Number
 ___ Credit Card #: _____
 Signature: _____ Date: _____
 ___ Visa ___ Master Card ___ Amer. Express

NO one will be turned away due to financial hardship!

This RSVP Form and/or Payment can be mailed to:

Most Holy Trinity Parish
Attention: Religious Education
1300 North Greasewood Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85745

Or

Can be dropped off at the Parish Office

By: May 24, 2011

