

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Workshops - English

Title	Description	Presenter	Room
Hope – Absolutely and Definite!	As catechists, whether it is to children or adults, we do not always see the effects of the ministry. This workshop will help us define hope, to recognize it and to help others find it.	Cynthia Battle	326
Blessed Carlo Acutis: Pilgrim of Hope	Come learn about Blessed Carlos Acutis. Dr. Tom Burnford from the Saint John Paul II National Shrine will bring a relic of Carlo Acutis and time will be provided for prayer and veneration of the relic during this workshop.	Dr. Thomas Burnford	Chapel
How a Marriage Catechumenate can Renew the Church	We will explore the marriage catechumenate, which Pope Francis calls for and see how this view of preparation for marriage has the potential to renew the Church from within.	Sally Daniel	139
Hope of Today: Learning from the Saints in the West and the East	This workshop begins with saints who have inspired us individually, then explores the lives of several saints from both the West and the East. It will end with how catechists will remain or become beacons of hope as they accompany disciples of Christ.	Sr. Leitani Dumaliang and Carolyn Ng	7306
Forming Disciples Religion Curriculum: Hope for Catechists	Using the archdiocesan religion curriculum, religion textbook, and other resources, catechists will learn creative methodologies to catechize children and accompany families on their faith journey.	Claudia Gatica	Library
Finding Hope in our Confirmation Teens	Do we know how to cultivate opportunities for evangelization, catechesis, and encounter with teenagers? Doing so can help transform our ministry to young people to a transformational experience of Jesus Christ and his Church.	David Guillen	327
Understanding Reconciliation as a Sacrament of Hope	The sacrament of reconciliation is rightly understood as a sacrament of healing. Other aspects of this sacrament, however, can help us see it as a sacrament of hope.	Fr. Christian Huebner	7303
Hope Does Not Put Us to Shame	When we set out, as Christians, on a pilgrimage of hope throughout our Christian journey, one thing that is certain is the destination, which is the “hope of sharing the glory of God” (Rom. 5:2). This hope is guaranteed by God who is true.	Fr. Ebuka Mbanude	7305
Holding to the Hope we Profess	The Church has given us models of perseverance and advocates in heaven through the Saints. Let us explore some heavenly helpers we can call on to help us on our pilgrimage of hope to “one who is faithful to His promise.”	Dr. Christina Mendez-Hall	210
Rooting Care for Our Common Home in Faith and Action as Pilgrims of Hope	Pope Francis encouraged Catholics in our vital mission to care for all of God’s creation. We will explore ways that our Archdiocesan Laudato Si’ Action Plan can help us respond to this priority of the Church in our times to hope.	Ian Mitchell	305
A Healing Presence in our Parishes: Pastoral Approaches to Accompanying those Living with Mental Illness	How can we as clergy and lay ministers walk alongside those facing mental health challenges and their family members? Join Father Pat to explore this vital ministry and see how we can indeed become a healing presence.	Fr. Pat Mullan	135
Theology of Aging: What do Adults Need to Know about Their Church as They Age?	This presentation will offer theological and spiritual considerations of aging and suggest ways that religious education ministers and others might accompany and encourage adult Catholics “on the other side of middle age.”	Maureen Pratt	137
Walking the OCIA journey with Catechumens and Candidates	Godparents and sponsors play important roles as spiritual companions and representatives of the Catholic faith community. We will explore resources, guidance, and support for them to fruitfully accompany beyond the rites.	Marilyn Santos	208
Prayer as a School of Hope	A workshop based on Part I of <i>Spe salvi</i> by Pope Benedict XVI.	Dr. Ester Sesmero	202
How to be a Witness of Christian Hope	This presentation will focus on the characteristics of Christian hope foundational for witnessing the Catholic faith. It will lay out how catechists can witness to the hope of the Christian faith they teach and proclaim.	Carlos Taja	308
Doors Always Open: The Practice of Accompaniment in Hope	We will explore best practices for parish leaders in accompanying people who have been away from the Church or who are unable to participate fully in the sacramental life of the church but desire a life with Jesus Christ.	Dr. Susan Timoney	306