

Title	Description	Presenter
Biblical Understanding of Technology in the Era of Artificial Intelligence	Pope Leo XIV has called AI the new industrial revolution, warning it threatens human dignity, labor, and justice, similar to how 19th-century machine-driven economies treated workers as commodities. For the Church to empower missionary disciples in addressing this important global challenge, disciples must be informed of the origins of technology from a biblical perspective and the unique safeguard against its unethical abuse.	Fr. Dr. Avelino Gonzalez, SThp
Forming Disciples in the Domestic Church of the Home	How the lessons of seminary formation help parents form children to be future disciples and apostles.	Fr. Carter Griffin
From the HEART to the heart	Adoration plays a role in forming disciples. We hear our calling. We respond with faith. We share His Love. We unite in Christ. The talk will center on the necessity of OCIA teams to love Christ in the Eucharistic Adoration – interceding for souls in OCIA.	Fr. Dan Leary
Repentance and Restoration of Baptismal Grace	Baptism gives us a new identity; Confession restores the holiness of our life. This presentation explores how the Sacrament of Penance is deeply rooted in Baptism and the necessity of confession to live our Christian faith as disciples of Christ.	Fr. Augustin Lopez
Literature and Catechesis	We rarely think about fiction helping lead people to come to know God. However, in one of his final papal letters, Pope Francis expressed that reading classical literature was almost an essential part of catechesis. This talk will explore the role that literature plays in the spiritual life and give practical guides to incorporating it into personal prayer and a catechetical program.	Fr. Conrad Murphy
"Go forth, the Mass is ended": Exploring the Catechetical Power of Liturgy	The liturgy is the body language of divine revelation that shapes us to “Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.” It is the garden where God and man walk alongside the fountain of flourishing which enables us to “Go in peace.” The Eucharistic celebration is the school of the moral life that equips us to live, “glorifying the Lord by your life.” This workshop will explore the Catechetical power of the liturgy to reveal, manifest, and embody the Sacred Mysteries in our lives.	Fr. Joseph Murphy
"Lord, teach us how to pray:" Teaching High School OCIA Candidates to Embrace a Life of pPrayer	In this presentation, catechists and other formation leaders will learn tips and tools for living a prayer life and how to teach it in the catechetical classroom. Whether they teach sacramental preparation for children, teens, or adults or whether they lead other faith formation programs in the parish, this presentation will focus on methods, best practices, and ways to incorporate a life of prayer so as to teach others how to have a real, deep, interior life with God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I will share particular fruits from my own experience teaching 8th-grade Confirmation preparation and high school OCIA classes at the parish.	Fr. Dylan Prentice
To Infinity... and Beyond: Relationship, Identity, and Mission	You are not an accident. You are beloved, chosen, and sent. Our deepest crises are not primarily moral failures but crises of identity. Let’s see how some beloved Pixar characters show us how we each have to discover who and whose we are before we can discover what we are here for.	Fr. Kevin Regan
Born of Water and Sent in Mission: Baptismal Preparation and Missionary Discipleship	Participants will explore how baptismal preparation is not merely sacramental logistics or doctrinal explanation, but a pastoral moment of evangelization, welcome, and sending.	Deacon Michael Brooks
Beyond Sunday: A Daily Encounter with the Word That Sends Us	The Sunday Liturgy of the Word is not a weekly information download — it is a living encounter with the Risen Christ. But most Catholics arrive at Mass having never sat with the readings during the week. Catechists, above all, need to model what it looks like to hear, ponder, and be sent by the Word of God — and then teach that practice to others.	Deacon Eugene de Ribeaux
Bringing Christian Life into Focus	This workshop will give us three (3) easy ways to (FOTE) to emphasize the importance to live out our purpose for our Christian life and why practicing your faith makes sense. Focus on Education, Focus on the Eucharist, Focus on the Eternal.	Deacon Darryl Kelley
Designing a Holistic Confirmation Preparation Program	Children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation need a robust experience of community, a sense of bondedness with their peers and adults and answer to where and how they belong in the Body of Christ. This workshop lays out one parish’s attempt to supplement intellectual formation for the Sacrament with a strong experience of community and prayer, showing candidates – not simply telling them - how faith makes a difference in life.	Sr. Grace Marie Horan, FSE

Bridging the Gaps in Catholic Youth and Young Adult Identity	The connection between the teachings of the Church and the lived experience of being Catholic is often lost after a young person leaves Catholic School or religious education. This talk will explore the observations of how catechists can foster young people integrating the Catholic faith into their personal identity through community and service. This talk will also include the personal testimony of a college student who has lived what it means to integrate the Catholic faith into their personal being.	Ogechi Akalegbere
Saints as Inspiration for Missionary Disciples	Inspired by the Year of St. Francis, in this workshop participants will learn and practice a model for creating lesson activities based on the lives of the saints to inspire learners of all ages to "become saints in the contemporary world" as we respond to Christ's call to "Go and make disciples."	Susan Anderson
Jesus Gave us our Marching Orders...How do we Enable God's Holy People to Live Them Out	Often for parents of children to be baptized, discipleship is the farthest thing from their mind. As catechists we can guide parents and godparents to an anamnesis of their experiences that will connect them with the power of discipleship helping to build the kingdom.	Cynthia Battle
Living <i>Laudato Si'</i> : Practical Ideas for Catechists in the Classroom	This workshop will equip catechists with practical strategies for integrating the vision of <i>Laudato Si'</i> into religious education at every age level. Participants will explore some of the document's key themes—including care for creation, human dignity, solidarity, ecological conversion, and the common good—and discover how these principles enrich catechesis rather than stand apart from it. Participants will leave with renewed confidence, and an inspiring vision for forming young people who love God, care for creation, and work for the flourishing of all.	Tony Cube
Forming Disciples through a Marriage Catechumenate	Learn how a Marriage Catechumenate empowers married couples to be disciples who invite engaged couples into encounter with Jesus and foster their growth in faithful discipleship.	Sally Daniel & Patrice Fitzpatrick
The Who, What, When, Why, Where and How of Missionary Discipleship	Come engage in a discussion about what Missionary Discipleship is, what it looks like, when and where it is (or should be) taking place, who it pertains to, why it matters and how we can both emulate and inspire this radical calling as catechetical leaders.	Stephanie Dorsey
Inspiring Students through the Missionary Childhood Association	The Missionary Childhood Association follows the motto, "children helping children" as it inspires children to be open-hearted and apostolic in their communities. In this workshop you will learn how to activate the missionary call bestowed on every person at their baptism and bring the Missionary Childhood Association to your students through engaging activities, resources, and lessons.	Mauve Gilheney-Gallagher
Missionaries in the Land of Gen Z: Living Confirmation as a Mission to our Church's Youth	Confirmation preparation often focuses on preparing class materials, fulfilling sacramental requirements, and assessing our young peoples' faith knowledge. But to have a Confirmation program that truly changes lives, Catechists and leaders must adopt a missionary dynamic to today's youth, Gen Z. In this workshop, we will seek to understand the hearts and minds of our young people today and learn how we can use our role as missionary disciples to connect, transform and empower our teens preparing for Confirmation.	David Guillen
The Sacrament of Marriage and Christian Initiation (OCIA)	Part of the initial OCIA process is to determine the marital status of inquirers This workshop will explore marriage scenarios involving candidates and catechumens, as well as the canonical solutions available to them, such as the marriage of catechumens, annulments, and the convalidation of marriages.	Dr. Sofia Markovich
Spirit-filled evangelizers: Learning from the Saints in the West and the East	Spirit-filled evangelizers give joyful and effective witnesses to Christ. This workshop will explore several saints from the West and the East who are spirit-filled evangelizers. It will end with how spirit-filled catechists will evangelize in our parishes and communities.	Carolyn Ng and Sister Leilani Dumaliang, MCST
Missionary Discipleship in Diverse Communities: Many Cultures, One Body	Participants will consider the dynamics and concerns of diverse cultural communities in the ADW. The session will identify unique opportunities catechists have to form, empower, and walk with our brothers and sisters from diverse ethnic backgrounds.	Office of Cultural Diversity

Do Disciples Live with Disability?	How can the Church more fully accompany people who are Deaf or living with disabilities throughout every stage of life? This workshop explores a vision of authentic inclusion that moves beyond seeing individuals as recipients of ministry and catechesis to recognizing them as Coworkers in the Vineyard. Together, we will reflect on how to value, welcome, and empower the gifts of every person so that all may live out their Baptismal call as missionary disciples and participate fully as equal members of the Body of Christ.	Mary O'Meara
Missionary Discipleship in the Apostolic Age	Today's youth are the first generation since the early Church to be formed in an Apostolic Age - that is, without a Christian worldview - presenting both unique challenges and opportunities for evangelization and discipleship. This talk will explore what this shift means for ministry and how it impacts the first generation since the early Church to grow up in an Apostolic Age.	Mariana Pimiento and Catherine Cavanagh
Empowering CCD Teachers to be Missionary Disciples	Come discover how to lead 2nd Graders or 8th Graders to Christ and grow in your faith alongside them while implementing the ADW's Forming Disciples Religion Curriculum Guide. This workshop provides immersion lessons in which participants will experience learning the prayers, hearing the scripture stories, and befriending the saints outlined for each grade in the Forming Disciples guide.	Jessica Ptomey and catechist
Cultivating Love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus Through Prayer	This session will explore practical and prayerful ways to help children, teens and families grow in devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Drawing from Pope Francis's <i>Dilexit Nos</i> , we will reflect together on how contemplating the Heart of Jesus form us from mission and strengthens our hope in a world that often feels anxious or divided. Catechists will leave with practical strategies, sample prayer activities, and a renewed sense of Christ's tender love for all.	Cynthia Ramirez
Shift the Spotlight: Practical Strategies to Boost Student-Centered Learning and Engagement	Move from teacher-led to student-driven learning, that results in increased motivation, perseverance, autonomy, and authentic collaboration in the classroom.	Alicia Tierney and Margaret Kenney
Accompaniment in the Process of Growth	As the Church continues to learn the "art of accompaniment," catechists are particularly positioned to accompany students and families toward a deeper relationship with Our Lord and a richer spiritual life. In this workshop, we will explore the practice of accompaniment, which focuses on full and active participation in the sacraments and the life of the Church. Practically, what does it mean to meet people where they are and walk with them toward new life in Christ?	Dr. Susan Timoney
How Catechists are Called to be Missionaries and How to Prepare for it	Through our baptismal seal we are all called to evangelize, by word and witness. In a special way those who have been called to serve in ministry as catechists are called to establish, maintain and grow in a relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. How are you preparing for your mission? What steps and actions are you taking to be mentally and spiritually fit? We are going to learn how to prepare for the catechist's mission to evangelize and to lead by example. In this workshop, we will talk about the spirituality of the catechist.	Joaquin Trejo