

## About the Ministry Enrichment Gathering®

The *Ministry Enrichment Gathering*® invites parish ministers and leaders from around the diocese for a time of prayer, training, and formation. The day begins with an opening address that explores the role and the responsibilities of the baptized in the Church through an innovative blend of storytelling, lecture, art, and music. The theme of the gathering is reinforced throughout the day in a series of presentations specially designed to assist in the spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation of the liturgical minister. Participants will also join in fellowship: over lunch, at midday prayer, and at a concluding mystagogical reflection.



Initiation into the Christian community is a graced process of evangelization, community involvement, catechesis, and formation for mission that culminates in the celebration of the sacraments and begins new life in Christ. This gathering will work with active initiation ministers and other interested parishioners and leaders to explore the importance of the parish community in the initial and continuing formation of Christians, inspire all of its members by the spirit of baptismal catechumenate (RCIA, 75), and celebrate its liturgical rites with joy.



The community must always be fully prepared in the pursuit of its apostolic vocation to give help to those who are searching for Christ.

*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, 9*

Saturday, October 14, 2017  
9:00AM – 2:30PM

Registration and Hospitality	8:30-9:00
Welcome, Introduction & Prayer	9:00-9:45
Opening Address	9:45-10:40
Presentation	10:55-11:50
Lunch	11:50-12:35
Prayer	12:35-1:10
Mystagogical Reflection	1:20-2:00
Discussion and Closing	2:00-2:30



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The Diocese of Gaylord and Liturgy Training Publications invite you to join other RCIA teams, catechists, and liturgical ministers for an opportunity to gather for prayer, training, and formation.

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**Handing On What We Have Received**

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# Presentation Topics

## OPENING ADDRESS

### CHOSEN, ROYAL, AND HOLY: THE DIGNITY AND POWER OF BAPTISM

In the Old Testament, God chose and anointed individuals to serve as priest, prophet, or king. Through our Baptism, God called us to a holy priesthood, a prophetic mission, and a royal responsibility. In the waters of Baptism, we died to our old selves and were anointed to new life in him. With this life, we continue Christ's work of drawing people to God by proclaiming the Gospel with words and actions, bringing others to faith.

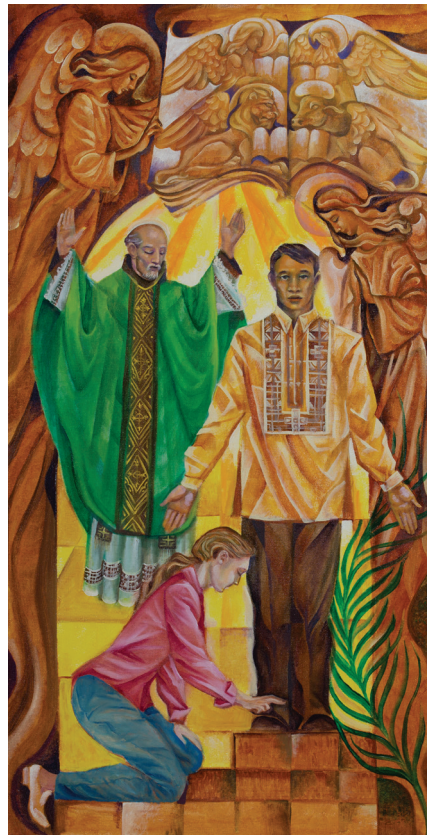
## PRESENTATION

### THE PARISH COMMUNITY AND THE BAPTISMAL CATECHUMENATE

When God calls people to faith, they are called to a community. When someone seeks to know Christ, they come to a parish, a community of believers, the Body of Christ. The parish accompanies the catechumens as they come to faith and journey toward the sacraments. Parishioners share their stories of faith, listen to the questions and insights of the catechumens, and pray with and for them, especially at the liturgies that mark the steps along the way to initiation.

## PRAYER AND REFLECTION THE SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

This prayerful exercise will guide participants through the signs and symbols of Christian initiation from the moment the inquirers are signed at the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens until they receive the consecrated bread and wine at the Easter Vigil. During each rite, we come to know the sacredness of God's choosing and calling those seeking initiation to a life of faith.



Be sure to register by **September 30, 2017**

*One participant per form, please.*

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Parish

Parish City

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Circle: HOME / CELL / WORK

E-mail Address

Liturgical Ministry

The **Registration fee** includes continental breakfast, lunch, and two resources by Liturgy Training Publications. If you have any questions, or cost is a prohibitive factor in your attendance, please contact Beth Hicks at [bhicks@dioceseofgaylord.org](mailto:bhicks@dioceseofgaylord.org) or 989-732-5147.

☐ **\$25** individual registration, before **September 30, 2017**

☐ **\$20** Per Person Group Rate when 3+ from the same parish register together.

Please detach this completed registration form and return it, with a check payable to: **Diocese of Gaylord**

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For more information or additional registration forms, visit:  
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