

Catechetical Congress
Saturday, October 27, 2007
8:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Chase Riverfront Center, Wilmington
www.cdow.org/yearofthecat.html

Information Sheet

Quick Facts:

The Catechetical Congress is a celebration of Catechists for all Catholic Elementary School Faculties, Parish Catechists for Adults, Youth and Children, and Parents.

Exhibits open at 8:30 am with a continental breakfast. Congress begins at 9:30 am and concludes with a liturgy beginning at 4 pm.

Catechists who attend the Congress will receive half a credit. Those who complete the follow up requirements will receive a full credit.

Keynote Speaker is: Bishop Kevin Rhoades from Harrisburg, PA.

Major Presenters are: Dr. Kathleen Chesto, Fr. John Hurley, CSP, Brother Michael “Mickey” Mc Grath, OSFS and Ms. Meredith Dean Joseph, and Ms. Maruja Sedano. It is **not** necessary to sign-up for the concurrent sessions for the major presenters.

Musicians are: ValLimar Jansen and Tom Kendzia.

Exhibitors, including Publishers, will be part of the day.

Registration information is located on the website. Deadline is Oct. 12. No refunds after Oct. 20.

Transportation is available from three southern locations: SS Peter & Paul in Easton, Most Blessed Sacrament in Berlin and St. Francis de Sales in Salisbury. If you are interested in making travel arrangements, please contact your local Congress coordinator.

Experience the fun and entertainment of local musicians throughout the day.

Overnight Accommodations: Hotel - Brandywine Best Western on Route 202-\$98 a night.

Cost for the day is \$40, which includes light breakfast, breaks, and lunch.

Scholarships: If you would like to attend, but cannot afford the registration cost, scholarships are available. The form is on the website or may be obtained from your local parish or school.

Day includes a celebration of Parish/School Catechists.

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Schedule:

8:00 Registration and Exhibits Open

9:15 Opening Prayer - Bishop Michael Saltarelli

9:30 Presentation – Bishop Kevin Rhoades

10:45 Break

11:15 Concurrent Sessions

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Repeat Concurrent Sessions

2:45 Break

3:15 Gathering in Wilmington Hall: Celebration of Catechesis and Recognition of Catechists

4:00 Closing Liturgy – Bishop Michael Saltarelli

Speakers for the Day:

Keynote Speaker

Bishop Kevin Rhoades is the Bishop of Harrisburg, PA. Ordained a priest for Harrisburg, he has served as a pastor, director of the Hispanic Apostolate, seminary professor and rector of Mt. St. Mary's Seminary before being named to his current position in 2004. <http://www.hgbdiocese.org>

Major Presentations

Dr. Kathleen Chesto is an internationally known author, retreat leader and presenter, who has touched the hearts of thousands of parents as she writes and speaks on family spirituality, discovering the ordinary in the sacred, empowering parents and small faith communities. One of her most recent books is *Embracing Our Blessings* from 23rd Publications.

<http://www.kathleenchesto.com/>

Fr. John Hurley, CSP is the former executive director of the Bishops' Office for Evangelization. A former rector of the Cathedral in San Francisco and director of strategic planning for the Paulists, he currently heads up the Office for Reconciliation.

http://www.paulist.org/namerica/reconcil_leadership.htm

Brother Michael "Mickey" Mc Grath, OSFS is an artist whose works have appeared in book form, on posters and the covers of national and international magazines. Their sense of devotion and a bit of whimsy have made them appealing to all generations. **Meredith Dean Joseph** is a musician who has teamed with Mickey to present a dynamic experience of faith through art. *At the Name of Jesus* from World Library Publications is his most recent collection.

<http://www.beestill.org/>

Maruja Sedano is the archdiocesan director for religious education for Chicago. She is the former director for catechist formation in the archdiocese of Los Angeles. She is a consultant to the USCCB Committee on Catechesis, former president of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) and of the National Organization for Hispanic Catechesis (NOCH). <http://www.catechesis-chicago.org/stafflist.htm>

Musicians for the Day

Blessed with an extraordinary voice, **ValLimar Jansen** is a highly regarded singer, cantor and recording artist. She is also a college professor, a leader of worship and prayer and a workshop presenter at conferences across the United States. Known especially for her work with gospel, contemporary Christian and gospel-jazz styles, she sings a wide range of music, including spirituals and traditional, organ-based choral music. In 2005 she released her first solo collection, *You Gotta Move*. Other recent projects include her stirring, gospel-style rendition of Jaime Cortez's classic "Rain Down" on the *Live It!* two-CD compilation; and lead and background vocals on *Clothed in Love*, Tom Kendzia's collection of spirituals and gospel-style music for the liturgy. She has collaborated with some of the best-known composers of contemporary worship music, including Joe Camacho, Derek Campbell, Richard Cherie, Jaime Cortez, Gary Daigle, Bobby Fisher, David Haas, Marty Haugen, Bob Hurd, Tom Kendzia, Kenneth Louis, Jesse Manibusan, Donna Peña, Danielle Rose, Lori True, Christopher Walker, Steve Warner and Pamela Warrick-Smith. ValLimar composes all her music with the help of her husband, Frank. They live in California and have three children. <http://www.ocp.org/artists/62641>

Tom Kendzia is well known as a composer, arranger, producer, teacher, clinician, author and performer. He has been a professional liturgical musician for more than 30 years. Since 1980, Tom has appeared throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe at national and diocesan gatherings. He has been the music and worship director of the East Coast Conference for Religious Education since 2002. He has 15 collections of liturgical and instrumental music published by OCP, including *The Ships That Sailed* and *Make Us One*. Currently he is a music and liturgy consultant for Harcourt Religion Publishers and music director at Christ the King Catholic Church in Kingston, Rhode Island. <http://www.ocp.org/artists/1592>