



Formation Idea – Progressive Supper for teens from Kathy Ecklin in Lenox:

Kathy Ecklin, Catechetical Leader from Lenox, shared a progressive prayer supper that she prepared for the teens in her parish community. Attached you will find a copy of the prayer program that each teen received. They began and ended the progressive supper at St. Patrick's parish to symbolize being sent and then coming back for nourishment in Word and Eucharist. Each volunteer family that hosted prepared their portion of the supper. It was very successful and Kathy is already working on additional ways to continue building this experience. Thank you Kathy for sharing with all of us.

Social Media Workshop Follow-up from Anne Marie Cox:

As promised to those who were able to attend the 1st Diocesan Social Media Workshop, we set up a page on the diocesan website with resources that might help you with social media in your ministry.

The link to this website is: www.dmdiocese.org/social-media.cfm

I have included a copy of MJ Meister's presentation and Tara Nelson's presentation along with a link to that great YouTube video MJ showed at the beginning of the day. I plan to add additional resources suggested by Cheryl Fourier early next week so be sure to check the diocesan webpage in a few days. If you think of any resources that have been helpful to you in your ministry, please let me know and I'd be happy to share them on the site.

The feedback forms indicate there is a strong desire to have another workshop to continue the conversation and a need for some hands-on work with specific platforms. I will let you know how we'll address that in the coming months. You can reach me at acox@dmdiocese.org.

Pentecost Activity for children:

Last week I was at Conception Abbey for Region IX Religious Education Directors meetings and not far from the area is a friend who is a 1st grade catechist at Blessed Sacrament parish in Bethany. On my way home I stopped by quickly to say hello and on her kitchen table was these wonderful Pentecost Mats that she was going to use in her lesson next week (their last week of meeting as a class.) This activity does require playdough. She chose this activity rather than the one in the book because it allows for the children to create as they take the story of Pentecost and put it into their lives. She also felt the questions were better than the resource she had. However, she did feel that the background and teaching found in the Loyola Press resource was perfect to fit in with this activity.

The link to this activity is: <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.co.uk/2014/04/pentecost-play-dough-mat.html>

Have a great summer!

This will be the last Growing Disciples Newsletter until the 1st week in August. Please know that you are continually prayed for by name from members of our department. This is an excellent time to rest, but also reflect on the year and spiritually prepare for next year. A couple of good resources that might be helpful for you:

- Under the Influence of Jesus (Joe Paprocki) – Loyola Press
- 31 Days to Becoming a Better Religious Educator (Jared Dees) – Ave Maria Press
- Catholic Mom's Café: 5 Minute Retreat for Every Day (Donna-Marie Cooper Boyle) – OSV Publishing
- Technology Tools for Your Ministry (Tim Welch) – Twenty-Third Publications
- The Joy of the Gospel (Pope Francis) – USCCB Communications

A Summer Blessing:

May you be blessed with an abundance of physical activity and good health.

All: Amen

May you be blessed with nourishing food, clean water and plenty of sleep to help you grow.

All: Amen

May you enjoy the presence of Jesus with you in play and work and be blessed with joy and peace.

All: Amen

May almighty God bless us all, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen