



Congratulation Dr. Cheryl Fournier – New Director at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Urbandale:  
Please join me in congratulating Cheryl on her new position as a parish director at St. Pius X parish. I am not including her title completely because I know that father Dave Fleming and Cheryl has some innovative ideas on what this role will look like. The great news is that Cheryl will continue to be involved in catechetical ministry within our diocese.

Essential Tasks in June in Catechetical Ministry:

- Conduct and evaluate Vacation Bible School
- Break open grade level evaluations and consider options for upcoming catechist in-services and special grade level sessions that address areas for growth
- Continue to call forth the gifts of new and returning catechists, youth ministry volunteers, RCIA Team Members and lifelong formation in faith volunteers (adult prayer group members, CRHP/CEW Retreat leaders, etc.)
- Catch-up and/or update filing and organization of office space.
- Begin to make lists of needed supplies and materials
- NCYC and other youth ministry fund-raising efforts
- Last minute preparation for summer mission trips for teens

Using Words with Dignity:

Below please find a list of words that empower persons with disabilities. We will add to this list throughout the summer:

<b>Do Not Use</b>
handicap
the handicapped
crippled with
victim
spastic
patient (except in hospital)
invalid
paralytic

<b>Words with Dignity</b>
physically disabled
person with a disability
person who has multiple sclerosis
person who has muscular dystrophy
paraplegic (person with limited or no use of

lower limbs)
quadriplegic (person with limited or no use of all four limbs)
person who has cerebral palsy
person who had polio
person with mental retardation
person with mental disability
person who is blind
person who has a speech impairment
person with a learning disability

How Your Parent Formation can be an agent of Evangelization:

Tom Quinlan, diocesan director from Joliet Illinois, has some dynamic ideas about using parent formation sessions as an avenue for conversion opportunities. He clearly places many of the parents he has worked with in the pre-evangelization stage: one identified by developing relationships, creating a sense of belonging, helping them establish an entry point into a life of prayer, and responding to powerful witnesses within the community.

Below is a link to this wonderful one page article. He posits six ideas that can be used in parent formation sessions. Perhaps you should challenge yourself to incorporate one of these ideas within your parent formation sessions during 2015-2016?

[http://www.21stcenturycatholicsevanglization.org/uploads/5/1/6/4/5164069/evangelizing\\_parent\\_formation.pdf](http://www.21stcenturycatholicsevanglization.org/uploads/5/1/6/4/5164069/evangelizing_parent_formation.pdf)

The Catechumenate as a Model – What does it mean for Adult Formation? by Sr. Janet Schaeffler:

This training document from the G.E.M.S. Series (Great Endeavors Mined & Shared) has so many gems relating to working with adults in our parish communities. As summer begins to unfold, I think this document can help you ponder new possibilities as you help adults move closer to God wherever they are at along the evangelization schema (pre-evangelization, evangelization, discipleship or apostleship.)

Link to GEMS #33 (from September 2013): [http://www.janetschaeffler.com/GEMS\\_33.pdf](http://www.janetschaeffler.com/GEMS_33.pdf)

Just as the sweet aroma of a simmering crockpot filters through a home, so does the catechumenate affect parish catechesis.

- Dr. Gerard Baumbach,  
Evangelizing Catechesis: New Vision, New Directions.  
NCCL.

**A Summer Prayer (RTJ's Creative Staff):**

Long warm days...  
The pace of life slows...  
A time for picnics and rest in the shade...  
Lord, help me to rest awhile  
in the cooling shade of your presence.  
Slow down my restless heart and fill me  
with gentle compassion for all your people. Amen.  
- Author unknown

