



Preparing for Life at the Table of the Lord

A Newsletter from the Christian Initiation Committee
of the Ontario Liturgical Conference

Easter 2018

Celebrating the 50 Days of Easter

Our Church reminds us that *“The period of Mystagogy is a time for the community and neophytes together to grow in deepening their grasp of the Paschal Mystery and in making it part of their lives through meditation on the Gospel, sharing in the eucharist, and doing the works of charity.”* (RCIA, par. 234)

In many parishes the neophytes, godparents, sponsors, newly received and members of the parish gather for times of catechesis. Including a time to hear and reflect together on the Sunday Gospel in this time of post baptismal catechesis may foster a deeper grasp of how we are to live the Paschal Mystery.

Pentecost: As the Easter season draws to a close you may consider asking two or three of the neophytes to offer a brief testimony to one or more of the parish groups. The women’s or men’s group or a prayer group may be interested in hearing how the parish supported and can support those seeking initiation.

Welcoming Inquirers: The Easter season brings extended family and newcomers to our parish. This is an ideal time to include a notice in your bulletin or parish website inviting those who may wish to become a full member of the Catholic Church to speak with a member of the pastoral staff.

Save the Date! A Time of Formation

The Word of God in the Sacraments of the Church

When:

Friday Sept. 28, 2018 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
and Saturday Sept. 29, 2018 from 9:00 a.m.
to 3:00 p.m.

Where: St. Pius X Parish
9 Waverly Street, Brantford, ON

Mark the date and plan to attend this conference. An invitation is extended to all who lead the parish RCIA, leaders for baptism preparation, confirmation preparation and preparation for first sharing in Holy Communion. All parish catechists, deacons and pastors are invited. The conference is for those who prepare people to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation.

Comments from Past Participants:

A powerful conference, the Word of God was present and alive.

I learned much about the RCIA process.

I learned more about the importance of the unity of the table of the Word and Eucharist.

Full Details and Costs available by May 15, 2018. For a complete brochure email: olcrcia@gmail.com or visit our blog <https://olcinitiation.blogspot.ca/>

The Ontario Liturgical Conference is a consultative body to the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario in liturgical matters. The Christian Initiation Committee supports the OLC in matters pertaining to the implementation of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and other issues of Christian Initiation in Ontario, Canada. One of the primary goals of the Christian Initiation Committee is to promote the vision of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* as it applies to adults, children of catechetical age and those baptized in infancy. **Email:** olcrcia@gmail.com