



DIocese OF BRIDGEPORT

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My Dear Friends in Christ:

An essential part of the work of *The One* is the need for catechesis to be reimagined as part of a larger process of evangelization. Given the fact that we live in a secular world, we can no longer presume that those who come to us seeking formation understand or seek personal discipleship with Christ.

We must reorient our work to explore the deeper dimensions of a living relationship with the Lord, in and through His Church, for those entrusted to our catechetical care. To meet this new challenge, all those in leadership in the Church, *especially those who lead the work of catechesis and evangelization in all its forms*, must undergo ongoing personal formation and ministerial training.

To introduce you to this new vision of catechetical formation, I am inviting you to join Patrick Donovan, executive director of The Institute for Catholic Formation for a brief meeting about your role as a catechist and this new vision of catechetical formation.

The meetings will run no longer than 75-90 minutes. Those who attend will receive a gift from me as an expression of my gratitude for your ministry. You may register in LEAD or by responding to your parish catechetical leader. A list of the meetings is attached. You are welcome to attend the meeting most convenient for your schedule.

I believe we are at a turning point in our diocese. The work of the Holy Spirit continues to inspire and surround us as we facilitate encounters between our young people and the person of Jesus Christ. You are an essential part of this renewal, and I look forward to sharing my vision of catechetical renewal with you.

With every best wish and a promise of prayers, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

cc: Dr. Patrick Donovan



Deanery Meetings with Catechists

September

- 9/19/2024 **Deanery Meeting with Catechists**.....Our Lady of Grace 7pm
- 9/25/2024 **Deanery Meeting with Catechists**Assumption Church Westport 6:30pm

October

- 10/2/2024 **Deanery Meeting with Catechists**Queen of Saints - Catholic Center..... 6:30pm
- 10/5/2024 **Deanery Meeting with Catechists**St Thomas - Fairfield..... 10am

November

- 11/2/2024 **Deanery Meeting with Catechists**St Rose - Newtown 9am
- 11/9/2024 **Deanery Meeting with Catechists** St Stephen - Trumbull 9:30 am
- 11/12/2024 **Deanery Meeting with Catechists** St Paul - Greenwich..... 6:30pm
- 11/13/2024 **Deanery Meeting with Catechists** St Philip - Norwalk..... 6:30pm

December

- 12/2/2024 **Deanery Meeting with Catechists**St Leo - Stamford 6:30pm

To **register**, log in to your LEAD account

Click your dashboard

See the event.

Choose the one you wish to attend and click “participate.”

If your plans change, you can edit your participation.