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A Newsletter for Pastors and Parish Volunteers / Coordinators

Parish Newsletter – IDEAS 2012



What Are Your Plans for *The Year of Faith*?

Stay Tuned – Lighthouse has Ideas and Solutions for the Entire *Year of Faith* – COMING SOON!!

The Rest of the Story.....

A pastor in South Dakota makes use of the precious few moments of his homily time by taking a Lighthouse CD with him to the Ambo. He gives his homily and then tells his parishioners, "I only have 10 minutes to express the importance of (today's homily). He proceeds to hold up the CD and says "This CD will give you another hour on this subject and fill in enough pieces for you to receive "The Rest of the Story". Please stop by the CD display on your way out of Mass and pick one up, drop a few bucks in the donation box, and when you have listened to it a few times, pass it on to someone else."

For a listing of all CD titles with synopses, visit:
<http://www.lighthouseideas.org/Pages/cds.aspx>

Confirmation Program that Benefits... EVERYONE!

A parish in Illinois had developed a program using Lighthouse CDs and the YOUCAT to help not only the Confirmation Candidates, but their Sponsors and Parents.

Here's how it works:

Each Candidate receives one YOUCAT and 20 Lighthouse CDs. Twice per month the candidate and sponsors/parents listen to the assigned CD for that week and discuss to it together – the minimum commitment expected from sponsors/parents is two hours per month. If they do not agree, the pastor questions their commitment to this sacrament. When questions arise, the YOUCAT will be used as a resource. All questions are brought to the class and are welcome. THIS CAN BE CUSTOMIZED FOR YOUR CONFIRMATION PROGRAM NEEDS.

"PARENTS FIRST!"

Religious Ed Director Aims To Teach the Parents!

Understanding that parents are the first teachers of the Faith, but also realizing that many parents are not well catechized themselves, the Junior High Coordinator of a Ft. Worth Parish sends home a Welcome Packet that includes a copy each of "How to Keep Your Kids Catholic" and "How to Apply Our Faith to Our Families" CDs. Parents also join their children for CCE once a month.

The Catechists each receive a YOUCAT (when ordered from Lighthouse, not only is the price discounted but each one comes with a FREE Lighthouse CD and a FREE Young Adult MP3 download). Un-catechized parents may also relate and learn from the YOUCAT (Youth Catechism) more than from the standard larger Catechism as they are really learning their Faith on a basic level – *with their children*.

Parish-Wide Consecration to Jesus Through Mary

What: Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary.

How: *33 Days to Morning Glory* – Book by Fr. Michael Gaitley. Ideal for group participation. Contains a short daily meditation and prayer, as well as additional resources.

When: The book contains a schedule of start dates so that Consecration Day is a Marian Feast Day.

Who: All who are interested in this do-it-yourself retreat in preparation for Consecration to Mary.

Cost: \$2-\$3 per book (depending on quantity) from your Lighthouse Account Manager (retail value \$14.95).

Contact your Account Manager for assistance in customizing the order perfect for your parish!

Visit www.LighthouseIdeas.org for CD Descriptions, Promotion Details, and Ideas for you!