

HORIZON

'From the rising of the sun to its setting let the name of the Lord be praised' Psalm 113:3

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Easter: Hope of Resurrection

As we continue to journey through the desert of Lent and out of the wilderness of fasting, sin and reconciliation, we will be entering into a season of hope and joy, the Easter Season. We walk these final days of Lent reflecting on the dying and rising of Jesus. This central act of Jesus' life is our life, too. We experience the "ups and downs" of life, the dying and rising of many situations in our daily life. Our Baptism reminds that we have been baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection. This gift is more than our personal salvation. Our little "dyings and risings" are in union with Jesus' death and resurrection. They free us to be His disciples, to carry on His mission, ministry, and to reach out to others. We will soon celebrate the holiest time of the year—the Triduum: Holy Thursday Liturgy, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday concluding with the Easter Vigil Liturgy. By paying attention to each of these holy days, we can bring ourselves to remember again what Jesus has done for us. We, too, share more deeply in Jesus' own dying and rising. Jesus' resurrection is our hope of glory. Let us celebrate Easter with joy and hope.

Why Catholic?--Faith Formation Workshop II

The first six sessions of *The Celebration of the Christian Mystery: Sacraments* will soon be finishing in your parishes. I hope this has been a fruitful time of sharing many faith experiences of how God touches our lives through the Liturgy and the Sacrament of Baptism. You have the option to continue the next six sessions after the Easter season if your small community groups wish to continue. However, the Fall session is a great opportunity for the small groups to gather again to share faith experiences of the remaining sacraments.

The Faith Formation Workshop: Christ's Presence in the Eucharist: A Eucharistic Spirituality for Today will take place across the diocese during the **week of April 5-10**. Sister Kathleen Collins, SFCC, will return to reflect with us how Christ is present in the assembly, in the Presider, in the Word, and in the Eucharist for the Jefferson, Lewis, Clinton, Franklin, Essex, St. Lawrence Deaneries. Greg Kremer will do the same workshop for the Adirondack Deanery on Wednesday, April 23. **Everyone in your parish** is encouraged to come and to reflect on the source and summit of our Catholic faith. **You are encouraged to come and bring a friend. The Registration for the Faith Formation Workshop is due Friday, March 28, 2008.**

On the **Pastoral Documentation** of the Diocesan Website, you will find this **Newsletter**, the **Vignettes** for the **Faith Formation Workshop**, the **Registration Form** for the **Faith Formation Workshop**, and **Flyer** to advertise for the **Faith Formation Workshop**.

The St. Paul Event

The website for the **Year of St. Paul** can be found on the Diocesan Website with updated information. The Vatican also has a website for the **Year of St. Paul** www.vatican.va and link onto Basilica of St. Paul Outside-the-Walls-Pauline Year. The website will soon be in English.

Faith Formation Workshop (April 5-10, 2008)

Jefferson	IHC Intermediate School, Watertown	April 5	10:00-12:00 pm
Lewis	St. Peter's Church Hall, Lowville	April 6	1:00-3:00 pm
Clinton	St. Peter's Emmaus Hall, Plattsburgh	April 7	1:30-3:30 pm 7:00-9:00 pm
Franklin	Holy Family School, Malone	April 8	7:00-9:00 pm
Essex	St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga	April 9	7:00-9:00 pm
St. Lawrence	Trinity Catholic School, Massena	April 10	7:00-9:00 pm
*Adirondack	St. Agnes School, Lake Placid	April 23	7:00-9:00 pm

Public Policy

The media continues to play a role in how the candidates view issues on the economy, the War in Iraq, health care, etc. A helpful website on the candidates' view on such issues is **JUSTICE AND THE ELECTIONS:** check out "On The Record" website and find out where the presidential candidates stand on the issues of global poverty, world hunger, HIV/AIDS. <http://www.onevote08.org/jump.html?q=http://www.onevote08.org/ontherecord/>

Parish Resources

My Lord and My God: Engaging Catholics in Social Ministry by Jeffrey Odell Korgen presents a Christ-centered framework of invitation, conversion, and empowerment, offers examples of successful social ministry, and explains why some Catholics get involved in social action and others do not (\$18.95) www.nplc.org .

Spirituality for Ministry: Seven Perspectives brings together the insights and reflections of seven ministers and theologians-lay, religious and ordained, on a topic vital at this time when Catholics' understanding of ministry is expanding (\$12.95) www.nplc.org.

The Mystery of Faith: An Introduction to Catholicism by Fr. Michael Himes provides 10 programs on a three DVD set that introduces the depth of Catholic doctrine: Trinity, Grace, Incarnation, Salvation, Church, Baptism and Eucharist, Sacraments of Vocation; Reconciliation, and Tradition (\$49.95) <http://catalog.americancatholic.org>.