

# 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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## Evangelization: Mission of the Church

### Church: A Family of Faith

#### "New Evangelization"-- Parish Survey

Some of the parishes have responded to the parish survey and I thank you for your quick response. This is a helpful tool for you and for the Office of Evangelization to support your efforts of evangelization in the parish. If you have not sent in your parish survey, I would welcome it.

There will be **two new parish surveys**:

1. **Evangelization in Your Parish—Pastor and Pastoral Council--** The purpose of this survey is to help with the Pastor and the Parish Council discuss how evangelization is taking place in the parish.
2. **Parish Evangelization Assessment Tool**—The purpose of this survey is to help the Evangelization Team, RCIA and other ministries to assess evangelization in the parish. Items from this survey should be prioritized to be given to the pastor and Pastoral Council.

These surveys can be found on [www.pastoral.dioogdensburg.org/evangelization](http://www.pastoral.dioogdensburg.org/evangelization).

The Office has purchased the **Best Practices for Parishes** from the Paulist Evangelization Ministries [www.pemdc.org](http://www.pemdc.org). If you are interested in reviewing and using the **Best Practices for Parishes in Evangelization**, please let me know and I will post it on the website. The Office will pay for the license for one year use if there are enough parishes to warrant the cost. This is an excellent resource for parishes to truly delve into parish evangelization.

### The Ministry of Hospitality

One area of parish evangelization that many parishes are engaged in is the Ministry of Hospitality. The ministry of hospitality is the parish's opportunity to welcome Christ and to welcome all those who enter and participate into our parish family with Christ's presence. We should be able to think of this family as having a friendly face. It should be a gathering of God's people that is filled with a welcoming spirit. Our expressed concern for one another, our hospitality as we gather, the way we respond and sing and pray as one are all signs that remind us that we are one family of God united in Jesus our Brother. We share our history together in the hearing of God's word in Scripture. We share faith as we sing and pray together. We share together in the meal that is God's gift of God's own Son. On [www.pastoral.dioogdensburg.org/evangelization](http://www.pastoral.dioogdensburg.org/evangelization) there is a booklet called **Becoming a More Vibrant Parish—The Ministry of Hospitality**. The booklet is meant to be used as a guide and resource for the parish's Evangelization Team and/or Hospitality Team. The booklet contains suggestions for:

- ~How Welcoming Am I? Are we?
- ~Ministry of Hospitality—Ushers and Greeters
- ~Welcoming New Parishioners
- ~Welcoming Newlyweds
- ~Funerals
- ~New Ideas
- ~Resources
- ~Sample Activities

### Church Community in Action— Lifting Up Our Hearts/Changes in the Roman Missal

#### Small Communities

Small Communities in the parish can become a vehicle for many opportunities of evangelization in the parish. *Faith-sharing* is one of those opportunities that deepen the life of faith within the individual but also of the community. The experience of the faith sharing is meant to lead into some form of *action* that reaches out to the parish family and to the community.

Some of the parishes will be using **Lifting Up Our Hearts** or some other resource to prepare for the **Third Edition of the Roman Missal**. Whatever the resource that is being used, some form of faith-sharing should be part of the preparation. The

**Prayer and Reflection Mornings on Saturday mornings from 9:30-12:00 in October across the Diocese** is an invitation to reach out to those who are not practicing their Catholic faith or are looking for a way to reconnect with their faith to come to these Prayer and Reflection sessions. **A Flyer and Registration Form** can be found under *What's New in the Diocesan Offices* on the Diocesan homepage [www.dioogdensburg.org](http://www.dioogdensburg.org). **Registration** must be received by **Monday, September 26**.

**Please note the schedule under Important Dates for the Prayer and Reflection Mornings for Third Edition of the Roman Missal. The dates are also on the Diocesan Calendar [www.dioogdensburg.org](http://www.dioogdensburg.org).**

Parishes that are using **Lifting Up Our Hearts** can find the posters and flyers are on [www.pastoral.dioogdensburg.org/evangelization](http://www.pastoral.dioogdensburg.org/evangelization) and on the evangelization website [www.dioogdensburg.org/evangelization](http://www.dioogdensburg.org/evangelization) with the *Link: Church: A Family of Faith/Lifting Up Our Hearts*.

**Book Order**—The book order for **Lifting Up Our Hearts** has been sent. The books will be delivered to you.

**Passing on the Catholic Faith—Third Edition of the Roman Missal**

Resources can be found on [www.dioogdensburg.org/evangelization](http://www.dioogdensburg.org/evangelization). In the *Link: Church: A Family of Faith/Revised Roman Missal Updates and Resources*, there are several resources for you to use with Small Communities and for the parish at large.

**Important Dates**

Friday, September 16	<b>Christopher West: Theology of the Body, St. Mary's Church, Massena</b>
Saturday, September 17	<b>Christopher West: Theology of the Body, Sacred Heart Church, Massena</b>
Sunday, September 18:	<b>Catechetical Sunday: Do This in Remembrance of Me</b>
Sunday, September 25:	<b>A Novena to the Holy Spirit for a Fuller Participation of the Faithful</b>
<b>Sign-Up Sunday</b>	<b>For Small Christian Communities—Lifting Up Our Hearts</b>
Saturday's , October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	<b>Regional Reflection Days from 9:30-12:00 pm (Watch for your parish bulletin for place and date in your region)</b>

<b>Deanery</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Jefferson, Lewis Hamilton-Herkimer, Deanery	St. James Church, Carthage	October 1	9:30-12:00 pm
St. Lawrence Deanery	Wadhams Hall, Ogdensburg	October 8	9:30-12:00pm
Essex Deanery Adirondack, Franklin Hamilton-Herkimer Deanery	St. Patrick's Center, Port Henry	October 15	9:30-12:00pm
Clinton Deanery	St. Bernard's School, Cafeteria, Saranac Lake	October 22	9:30-12:00pm
	St. Peter's Emmaus Hall Plattsburgh	October 29	9:30-12:00pm

**Registration for these days are due in the Office of Evangelization on Monday, September 26.**

October 2—November 6	<i>Lifting Up Our Hearts</i> —faith sharing sessions
Saturday, October 1	<b>Families: Become What You Are</b> --St. Joseph's Church, West Chazy.
October 7-9	<i>Family Guggenheim</i>

*O Mary, Star of Evangelization, enlighten us with the radiance of your Son, walk with us in faith, strengthen us in hope, and unite us in love as we strive to become disciples in mission. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.*



**Christopher West: Theology of the Body Workshop**

Christopher West is offering **two workshops on the Theology of the Body**:

**September 16, at St. Mary's Church in Massena, is for priests, deacons and their spouses and religious. September 17, at Sacred Heart Church in Massena, is for all catechetical leaders, catechists and others interested in learning about this important topic.**

Information about the presentation is posted on the diocesan website homepage. Click on [www.dioogdensburg.org/cf/west/index.html](http://www.dioogdensburg.org/cf/west/index.html) or the Christopher West **Theology of the Body Link** at the **bottom** of the **homepage**. **Registration forms, suggested bulletin notices and a promotional flyer** that may be reproduced are available on the link.

In order to secure adequate participant materials, **registrations** must be received by **September 6**. If you have questions about the event you can contact Julia Wilkinson at [jwilkinson@dioogdensburg.org](mailto:jwilkinson@dioogdensburg.org) or (315)393-2920 Ext. 411.