

# Catechist Ministry Day

*will be a great day of formation and fellowship  
for all those involved in*

## Family Life Ministries!

- ◆ *Marriage Preparation*
- ◆ *Marriage Enrichment*
- ◆ *Small Faith Communities*
- ◆ *Parent Groups*

If you take part in any Family Life Ministries, we are offering workshops for you!  
Here are a few of the workshops that you won't want to miss:

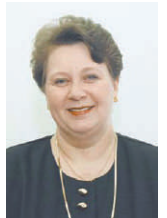


### **1. THE WAYS, MEANS, AND GRIST OF MARRIAGE PREPARATION** *John Hamlon*

What are the existing marriage prep programs? What are their strengths and weaknesses? What are the essential ingredients of a good marriage prep program? How does one become a mentor for the engaged couple? This talk is for those involved with or interested in the immediate stage of marriage preparation.

### **2. MARRIAGE-BUILDING PARISHES: BLUEPRINTS & BUILDING PLANS** *Christine Codden*

Healthy marriages matter...a lot. Our Church teaches that the well-being of every person, of the entire Church, and of all human society is closely connected with the wellbeing of marriage and family life. But does our Church, through our parish policies and programs, really show that we take this seriously? Do we support and strengthen marriage as much as we should? What would a truly Marriage-Building Parish look like? What are ways we can assess how well we are doing with this and get some ideas of where we need to go?



### **3. TEACHING CHILDREN ABOUT MARRIAGE** *John Galten*

From the very beginning, God's plan for marriage has been for one man to marry one woman, for them to bear and raise children, and for them to stay together for life. In recent years, that divine design has been increasingly called into question and even attacked. Today, one risks being labeled a bigot or a hate-monger for even asking whether there might be something wrong about a man marrying another man. Who is most at risk for adopting this warped thinking? Our youth. This workshop will provide insights and practical approaches for wisely and effectively helping our youth to see and appreciate God's beautiful, original design for marriage.

### **14. BUILDING FAMILY-BASED SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES** *Amy Sluss*

A form of family catechesis, these faith communities are made up of 4-6 families who gather in each other's homes to pray, play, and learn the Faith. Find out how to form and support these communities. Listen to stories of success. Consider the challenges and joys these groups bring and how they can work for your parish community.



*For more information and a complete list of workshops, visit*  
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