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Dear Partners in Ministry,

I am writing to you during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. During this week, when the parish is usually quiet with school being out and no meetings or catechetical sessions on the calendar, I come in and prepare for the last half of the catechetical year. I look over the previous four months thinking of things that I wish I had accomplished and look over the upcoming months with a mixture of excitement and anticipation.

I am very excited to be able to share with you in this upcoming year the goals that the APARE Council discerned this past fall using the "Choosing Paths" process. I believe that in working towards the achievement of these goals, APARE will be better able to support you, the Parish Administrator, in your ministry. They are goals of outreach, advocacy, and improved communication and will be presented to you at the upcoming OCE Winter Business Meeting. Also on the horizon in 2011 is the implementation of the New Roman Missal (NRM). The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops states that this is a time to "reawaken your parish's love for the Eucharist as you introduce them to the changes..." Fr. Pat Beidelman from the Office of Worship will give a presentation on the NRM at the Winter Business Meeting and is planning a larger group presentation at the August Administrator's Conference.

So during the remainder of the 2010-2011 Catechetical Year when we will busy ourselves with sacrament parent meetings, sacrament preparation and celebration, RCIA, the Lenten and Easter seasons, and a whole host of other catechetical events and programs, remember the little catchphrase that we see around this time of year: "Jesus is the reason for the season". Indeed, Jesus is the reason for every season. Everything we do in parish catechetical ministry is for His kingdom, His honor, and His glory. Amen.

Have a Peaceful and Blessed New Year,
Bill Unruh



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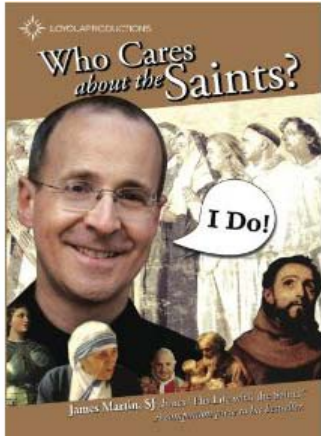
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Who Cares about the Saints?

By Annette Calloway



Have you discovered the video “Who Cares about the Saints” from Loyola Productions? It comes from James Martin SJ author of the book My Life with the Saints. This video has short, less than ten minutes, power-packed stories about 11 different saints, Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, Joan of Arc, Francis of Assisi, Mother Teresa, Ignatius Loyola, Bernadette Soubirous, Pope John XXIII, Therese of Liseux, Joseph, Peter, and Mary. Each story ends with a summary of what this saint’s life has to teach us. They are a great way to breathe life and challenge into any lesson. You can use them for RCIA, Religious Education, Adult Education or Youth Ministry. Check it out. www.loyolaproductions.com or look for the clips on YouTube (sign on to YouTube and search on saints & Martin)

Confessions of a Confirmation Director By John Jacobi

Hi, my name is John (you say, “Hello, John!”). I am very ashamed to admit it but yes, I a recovering Confirmation Director Nazi! I know it is probably difficult for you to believe, but I held the Sacrament of Confirmation hostage from youth until they had fulfilled all the criteria that I had deemed necessary for “worthy” reception of the Sacrament. “Why?” you might ask.. Well, I have to admit that deep down in my soul I had this fear that we might never see these wonderful youth again so I thought I had to cram every ounce of knowledge of the Catholic faith in to them so they would remember it and practice it for the remainder of their natural born lives. I required completion of the infamous “100 Questions,” 30 hours of service work complete with a listing of the service hours and narrative of what “they got out of it.” They were required to attend an over night retreat, write papers on patron saints, and the confirmation classes lasted for 8-9 months, meeting every Sunday for three hours! The worst part of all of this is that I lost so many of our youth after the Sacrament was celebrated.

When the new Confirmation guidelines came out, I knew I had to take a healthy look at

how preparation happened at my parish. Even though I was a bit nervous I decided that I would take the leap of faith. I reorganized the preparation to simply be prep for the reception of the Sacrament and not “try to cram it all in!” We meet once a month for six months and shared meals together. Talked about the Sacraments of Initiation, the Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit, and shared prayer and reflection time. We did service work together and debriefed what that service work meant to us together as a group. They had the option of attending an overnight Deanery Retreat or attend an all day of refection with their peers. The 100 Questions were gone but I found upon review that those questions were in the Archdiocesan curriculum, covered in various years. Best of all we formed what we hope to be life long learners! Surveys came back as very good from the youth and it was so much easier to direct and administer. The only thing I think I might change it that the classes being held once a month seemed somewhat spread out so I might make them over a shorter duration but still only meet that same amount of times. If you have not already done so, be sure to take a look at the Confirmation guidelines – you never know where they might lead you!

Sister Angela Jarboe, O.S.B.

It is with gratitude that I write this article to APARE members. My name is Sister Angela Jarboe, O.S.B. I am a Benedictine Sister from Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove, Indiana. Annette Calloway graciously invited me to submit an article to your Newsletter.

I grew up in Tell City, Indiana and was taught by some of the Benedictine Sisters who are in the same community and who are also residing at Our Lady of Grace. I've recently returned to Our Lady of Grace from parish work in Ohio for the last 21 years. During that time, I was a Director of Religious Education in parishes in Springfield, Mason, and Dayton, Ohio, all within the boundaries of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Prior to becoming a DRE in Ohio, I spent 18 years in the Elementary Education. I taught intermediate grades at St. Mary of the Knobs School in Floyd Knobs, IN and also at Christ the King School in Indianapolis.

During my time in Ohio, I've been involved with Bible Study Groups, RCIA participants, as well as team leadership training, and other Adult Faith Formation opportunities and experiences. I received my M.A. Degree in Theology/Religious Studies from the University of Dayton in 2001.

During the past several years, I've had the opportunity to develop a "free-lancing" Ministry in Religious Education and Faith Formation. I call it "**Sowing Faith; Growing Faith.**" This ministry has allowed me to continue working in Faith Formation Processes and other programs. It is in this context that I'd like to offer you my services. Either you, or your Pastor should have received in the mail in the last several weeks, a brochure called "**Sowing Faith; Growing Faith.**" In addition, the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center has mailed out its program offerings for the 2011-2012 year. For example, I will be presenting a four-week session at the Benedict Inn during Lent entitled: *Companions on the Journey: A Way of Forgiveness.*



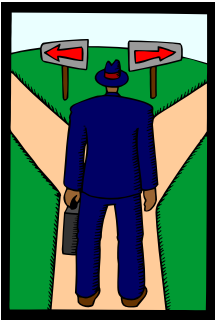
I'm very familiar with RCIA Topics and Scripture is my first love. I've done presentations to Bible Groups on various topics and books of the Bible. I also offer an Introductory Session to Scripture as well as more advanced Scripture topics. Vatican II is also a topic that I'm very fond of and have prepared a workshop for that topic, stressing its importance and its relevance for today, as well as discussing "What Happened at Vatican II?"

If I can be of any service to you in your parish or your parish work please feel free to call me on my cell phone at 937-657-4291 or Email me at: angela.jarboeosb@att.net

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I'm looking forward to getting to know many of you.*

APARE Mission

United in Jesus Christ & in Catholic Traditions, we are catechetical leaders who support, challenge & enrich one another to collaborate to further effective faith formation in the local & global Church.

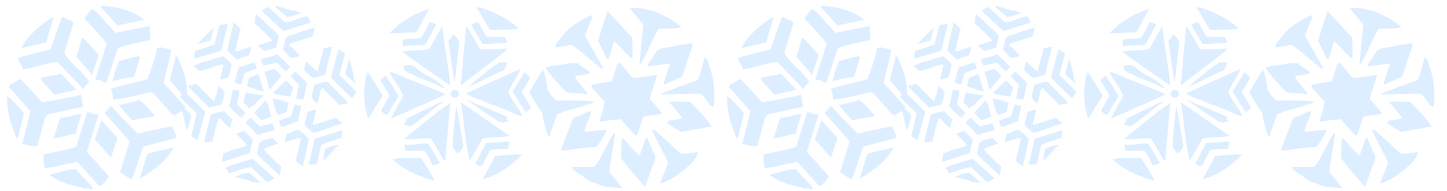


Choosing Paths on the Journey

By John Jacobi

The New Year often brings resolutions to do something better, be more healthy, or to simply try to start this year off on a better foot than we did the last. Did you by chance, make it part of your goals for this Faith Formation Year to do a better job at planning for your faith formation program? Well, if you did or even if you didn't you will probably want to take a look at the Choosing Paths Planning Process. It is available on the OCE web page in the downloads section. You will also want to note that we have put up on the OCE page some sample plans that other parish Faith Formation programs have developed. If you are having difficulty getting started these plans might give you an idea as to some goals that can be developed.

As always, if you have questions about Choosing Paths please give me a call at 812-364-6173 ext. 22 or email me at johnjacobi@insighthb.com



Wining by Annette Calloway

As everyone claims to know, it is important to take time off to relax and recreate. What it is sometimes hard to know is what to do with that time. I think adventure is in our own backyard. On the few times I have had the resources to take a "fancy" vacation, I have to chuckle at what I sometimes spend time and resources doing. If you have ever taken a cruise you know what I mean. Some of the ports are less than exotic, but the creativity they use to sell that buss tour is amazing. They really can make a mountain out of a mole hill.



So why not tour your backyard? My husband and I have set the lofty goal of collecting a cork from each of the many Indiana Wineries. So far, we have combed the Indianapolis Metro area and moved on to the South-East corner of the state. It has been interesting travel, because we find many other points of interest on the way. (<http://www.indianawineries.com/>)

Some of my favorites include...

1. Most Unique Product: **New Day Meadery in Elwood**. The facility was an old gas station, but the novelty of learning about wines concocted from honey made the trip worthwhile. (<http://www.newdaymeadery.com/>)
2. Outstanding Atmosphere: **Stream Cliff Winery in Commisky**. Located on an old family farmstead this place oozes with character. The wine room is the old blacksmith shop. There are gardens to wander, a tearoom to enjoy, gift shop and outdoor nursery. (<http://www.streamclifffarm.com/>)
3. Best Wines from Local Grapes: I better warn you both my husband and I prefer dry wines. We have found many, many delicious wines, but my memory says that Butler Winery in Brown County, and Lanthier Winery in Madison are my favorites. Yet I have only just begun to explore! (<http://www.butlerwinery.com/>)

Eating during Lent

By Annette Calloway

Lent is a great time to change our eating patterns. This is not about "losing weight" or "getting in shape," though for most of us, paying attention to what we eat, will make a difference in our overall health. This is about being more alert. Anyone who has tried to diet knows that something changes in us when we try to avoid eating. The monks in the desert, centuries ago, discovered that fasting - simply not eating - caused a tremendous boost to their consciousness. Not only did their bodies go on "alert," but their whole person seemed to be in a more heightened state of attention. The whole purpose of fasting was to aid prayer - to make it easier to listen to God more openly, especially in times of need.

Among Catholics, only Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are named as days of fast we all do together. (And that fast is simply to eat only one full meal in the day, with the other two meals combined, not equal to the one.) On the Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent, we may want to try to fast more intentionally. Of course, always conscious of our health and individual nutrition needs, we may want to try to eat very little, except some juices, or perhaps a small amount of beans and rice. We will experience how powerfully open and alert we feel and how much easier it is to pray and to name deeper desires. Not only will I feel less sluggish and tired, I will feel simply freer and more energized.

The other powerful advantage of fasting is that it can be a very simple gesture that places me in greater solidarity with the poor of the earth, who often have very little more than a little rice and beans each day. Powerful things happen in me, when I think about those people in the world who have so much less than I do. And, it's a great cure for self-pity. (Taken from the Praying Lent pages of Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html. Used with Permission.)

Rice and Beans

In its most basic form, a variety of dry beans can be soaked overnight (itself a reflection on our "dryness" and our need for "living water" to be restored). A variety of ingredients are optional, but not necessary, to add different flavorings and cultural leanings to the beans.

It is common to sauté onions and garlic in a pot, and simply to add the beans along with enough water to cover them. This is brought to a boil and then let it simmer for an hour.

This is served over a generous bed of rice. The rice is easily prepared by putting a cup or two of rice in a pot, with twice as many cups of water, and a touch of salt. This is brought to a boil and then reduced to a simmer for 20-40 minutes, depending upon the type of rice used.

Other ingredients: Along with the onions, any of the following can be sautéed and added in a variety of combinations. Sliced peppers - sweet or hot, whole or crushed olives, chopped cilantro, diced tomatoes, barley.



Tomato Basil Soup for a crowd From Fr. Steve Banet

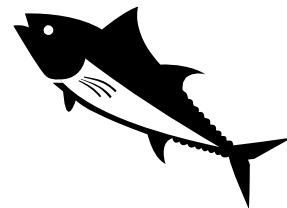
- 2 White Onions diced
- 2-3 stalks Celery
- 4 oz - Fresh Basil
- 2 - #10 cans of Quality Diced Tomato [These are 6 lb, 6 oz cans]
- 23 oz of V-8 Juice
- 23 oz can of Sacramento's Tomato Juice or other quality tomato juice
- 1 ½ TBL - Salt
- ¾ TBL - Black Pepper



Sauté onions and celery until translucent. Add remaining ingredients. Bring to Boil Puree until smooth. Makes 2 Gallons or 32 Cups of Soup In serving, an option is to garnish the soup with approximately 1 Tablespoon of Cream. Also, supply fresh shredded Parmesan Cheese

Tuna Cakes <http://www.kraftfoods.com/kf/recipes/tuna-cakes-109716.aspx>

- 2 cans (6 oz. each) light tuna in water, drained, flaked
- 1 pkg. (6 oz.) STOVE TOP Stuffing Mix for Chicken
- 1 cup KRAFT Shredded Mild Cheddar Cheese
- ¾ cup water
- 1 carrot, shredded
- 1/3 cup KRAFT Real Mayo Mayonnaise
- 2 Tbsp. CLAUSSEN Sweet Pickle Relish



MIX all ingredients. Refrigerate 10 min.

HEAT large nonstick skillet sprayed with cooking spray on medium heat. Use ice cream scoop to add 1/3-cup portions of tuna mixture, in batches, to skillet. **FLATTEN** into patties with back of spatula. Cook 6 min. or until golden brown on both sides, carefully turning patties over after 3 min.

APARE Choosing Paths Goals 2010-2013

Key Issue #1: The need to reach out to part-time and / or isolated PAREs who may feel disconnected.

Background: The APARE survey indicated that there were some PAREs who feel disconnected or isolated due to working part time, were geographically isolated, or due to time constraints and / or financial constraints found it difficult to stay connected.

Goal 1: Reach out to PAREs to help them connect to APARE.

Strategy 1.1: Review APARE membership fee structure.

Action Plan 1.1.1 Place on APARE Council agenda to discuss membership fee structure for the 2011-2012 year.

Put on Agenda for February 2010
APARE Council Meeting
Completed by June 2010

Strategy 1.2: Reach out to current PAREs to help them connect to APARE.

Action Plan 1.2.1 The APARE Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary will develop a database of all PAREs

Completed by August 2010

Action Plan 1.2.2 Following the Administrators Conference each year the President of APARE will send out a welcome message via email to all PAREs, explaining to them what APARE is and inviting them to join.

Completed by September 2010

Action Plan 1.2.3 The APARE Communications Committee will annually send out the Fall APARE Newsletter to all PAREs via email and mail.

Completed by October 2010
Make note in APARE Guidebook of this new effort

Action Plan 1.2.4 The APARE Council will ensure that personal contact is made by APARE Deanery Representatives with all non-APARE members in the fall of each year.

Completed by September 2010
Ongoing

Action Plan 1.2.5 The Corresponding Secretary will register new PAREs in their first year of APARE Membership.

September 2010 - Ongoing

Key Issue #2: The need to serve as an advocate for PAREs to OCE and Parishes.

Background: The APARE surveys indicated that some PAREs feel that they lack a voice and that APARE can be their voice with OCE. Also, some PAREs believe that there is a trend during economical difficulties to no longer employ professional PAREs at the parish level.

Goal 2: Serve as an advocate for the PAREs in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Strategy 2.1: Understand the diverse nature of employment situations / job expectations through an APARE Forum.

Action Plan 2.1.1 APARE Council will create and implement an APARE Forum via a physical meeting or internet forum to listen to PAREs and to give them a voice.

Beginning Work July 1, 2010
Completion June 30, 2014
Make sure that this is an ongoing
Agenda item

Action Plan 2.1.2 Identify the different employment situations / job expectations through APARE Forum.

Begin Work following APARE Forum
Completion June 30, 2014

Action Plan 2.1.3 APARE Council will access and compile information obtained through APARE Forum.

Completion June 30, 2014

Strategy 2.2: Increase awareness of feedback from PAREs identified through APARE Forum.

Action Plan 2.2.1 APARE Leadership will communicate feedback to Executive Director of Catholic Education and Faith Formation and Director of Catechesis.

Completion June 30, 2014

Action Plan 2.2.2 Leadership will follow up with OCE to identify tangible concerns and how APARE might best minister to those involved.

Completion June 30, 2014

Action Plan 2.2.3 APARE Council will ensure that Deanery Representatives communicate findings to PAREs.

Completion June 30, 2014

Key Issue #3: The need to improve communication between APARE and all PAREs.

Background: The APARE survey indicated that some PAREs feel out of touch with APARE and there is the growing need to stay on the "cutting edge" of technology in regards to communication.

Goal 3: Improve communication between APARE and all PAREs.

Strategy 3.1: Utilize the APARE website to improve communication with PAREs.

Action Plan 3.1.1 APARE Council will brainstorm uses of the APARE website.

Completion February 2012

Action Plan 3.1.2 APARE Council will review if current website meets the needs and investigate other options if needed.

Completion April 2012

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Action Plan 3.1.3 APARE Council will identify ways to promote the use of APARE Website, i.e., building links to APARE Newsletter, OCE, USCCB, Vatican, etc.

Completion July 2012

Strategy 3.2: Introduce new ways to utilize media to improve communication between APARE and PAREs.

Action Plan 3.2.1 Investigate, evaluate, and possibly implement new media to improve communication.

Completion July 2012
Review is ongoing

Strategy 3.3: Continue to utilize newsletter to improve communication between APARE and PAREs.

Action Plan 3.3.1 The APARE Council with the Communication Committee will clarify the purpose of the newsletter.

Completion June 2011

Action Plan 3.3.2 The APARE Council will continue to encourage APARE Members to submit articles for the newsletter to the communication committee.

Completion June 2011
Ongoing

Key Issue #4: The need to offer support to PAREs in a variety of ways.

Background: The APARE survey indicated that PAREs requested support in the following ways: Professional growth opportunities, networking opportunities, spiritual growth opportunities, and financial assistance.

Goal 4: Offer support to PAREs in a variety of ways.

Strategy 4.1: Review and analyze the many ways that APARE offers support.

Action Plan 4.1.1 APARE Council will review financial assistance program to determine its effectiveness.

Leadership will discuss at January 2011 Meeting
Completion April 2011

Action Plan 4.1.2 APARE Council will discuss and review opportunities for spiritual growth.

Completion October 2012
Need for Annual Review

Action Plan 4.1.3 APARE Council will discuss and review opportunities for professional growth.

Completion December 2012
Need for Annual Review

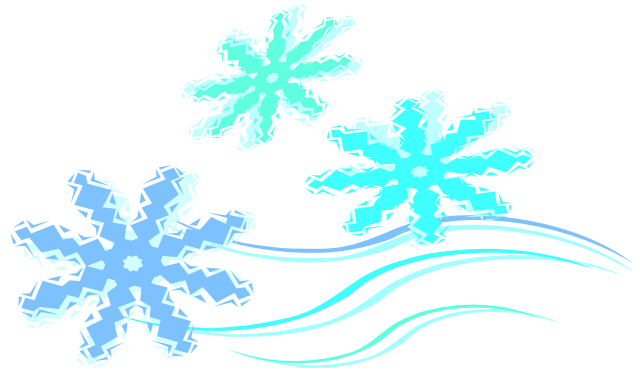
Action Plan 4.1.4 APARE Council will discuss and review networking opportunities.

Completion February 2013
Need for Annual Review

Strategy 4.2: APARE Council will invite PAREs to share current effective practices in the area of the Catechetical Ministry.

Action Plan 4.2.1 APARE Council will determine how current effective practices will be gathered.
Completion June 2013

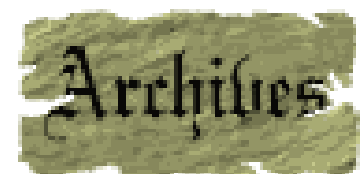
Action Plan 4.2.2 APARE Council will determine how current effective practices are disseminated to all PAREs.
Completion June 2013



Help! APARE Archives

APARE has archived its records since the 1970s. However, we have not collected material since 2004. If you have any material in your files that we could use to catch up on our files, please contact Bill Unruh at 812-923-2459 or email at bunruh@stmaryoftheknobs.org or mail to Bill Unruh
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We are looking for:
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End of Year Budgets
Membership lists
Minutes
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Job Descriptions
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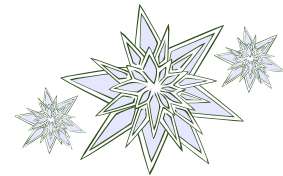


Pare Development Opportunities

One very important development opportunity that APARE offers is the annual Fall Day. The last one was held September 23, 2010 at St. Bartholomew's in Columbus. Fall Day always provides a speaker, lunch and Mass, plus opportunity to network and just have a good time. This photo was taken right after Mass. This group looks like they had a good day!



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