

# FOCUS ON INITIATION: CHILDREN & CHRISTIAN INITIATION

In partnership with The North American Forum on the Catechumenate

and Ascension Parish, Oak Park (IL)

June 9-10, 2011 (Thursday & Friday)

- ▶ Presents the vision of “Christian Initiation of Children who have reached Catechetical Age” as contained in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*
- ▶ Seeks to deepen an understanding of the child’s conversion and faith journey through reflection, faith sharing, liturgical celebration, and presentations
- ▶ Explores the real world of today’s children and families as well as issues that arise concerning evangelization, conversion, ritual and pastoral formation
- ▶ Presents principles and skills for local implementation

## DATES AND DEADLINES

Early Bird Deadline: April 9, 2011  
 Registration Deadline: May 12, 2011

## MEETING & LODGING FACILITY

### Ascension Parish

808 S. East Ave.  
 Oak Park, IL 60304-0000  
 Phone: (708) 848-2703 Fax: (708) 848-2773  
 Web: [www.ascensionchurch.com](http://www.ascensionchurch.com)

### Carleton-Oak Park Hotel & Inn

1110 Pleasant St, Oak Park, IL 60302  
 708-848-5000 or 1-800-CARLETON  
 \* about 40 minutes from both O’Hare and Midway Airports \* 1.5 miles from the parish \* \$98 + tax for a single or double \* must call the hotel directly for room reservations \* when making your reservation, ask for Dana Schuster or Jessica Kabat \* please reference Group #1512 when calling.

	SESSIONS / PRAYER	END OF DAY
<b>Day 1</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon</b>                      Registration / Welcome / Overview &amp; Vision of Initiation                      Review of Initiation Principles / Exploring the Ritual Text</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1:00 PM - 6:00 PM</b>                      Model Precatechumenate Session / The Period of Evangelization &amp; Precatechumenate/ Model Rite of Acceptance into the Order of the Catechumens with Dismissal / Rite &amp; Dismissal Catechesis / Reflection on the Model Rite with Dismissal Catechesis</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b>                      Period of the Catechumenate / Night Prayer</p>	
<b>Day 2</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon</b>                      Morning Prayer / Announcements &amp; Response to Questions from Day One/ Conversion &amp; Spirituality of Children / Rite of Election and Period of Purification &amp; Enlightenment</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM</b>                      The Triduum: Celebrating the Paschal Mystery with Children / Mystagogy for all Baptized Children: Implications / Insights, Questions, Clarifications / Closing &amp; Farewell</p>	<b>4:00 PM</b> Departure

## INSTITUTE TEAM

Institute leaders are among North America’s most experienced pastoral ministers, liturgists, catechists, and theologians.

### RITA BURNS

**SENSEMAN** is a catechist for the Christian initiation of children in her parish and has held catechetical leadership positions at the diocesan and parish levels. She is a freelance writer and the author of books and articles on Christian initiation, including the Confirmation preparation program, *Anointed in the Spirit* (St. Mary’s Press, 2010). Rita holds an M.A.

in theology from the University of Notre Dame.

### TIMOTHY

**FITZGERALD**, a pastor in the Diocese of Des Moines, has helped form initiation ministers with parishes and dioceses for more than twenty years. He served as the director of the offices of lay ecclesial ministry and worship in his diocese. Tim is the author of *Infant*

*Baptism: a Parish Celebration and Confirmation: a Parish Celebration.*

### REGISTRATION

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 Fax: 202-884-9747  
 Email: [info@naforum.org](mailto:info@naforum.org)  
[www.naforum.org](http://www.naforum.org)

### LOCAL COORDINATOR VICKY TUFANO

Phone: 708-434-1533  
[vtufano@ascensionchurch.com](mailto:vtufano@ascensionchurch.com)

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## REGISTRATION FEE

\$280 per person includes \$190 tuition and \$90 meal fee.

### EARLY BIRD TUITION DISCOUNT

Save \$20 by registering by April 9

### PARISH TEAM TUITION DISCOUNT

Save \$10 per person when you register 2 or more participants from the same parish at one time. Complete one form for each participant.

Meals	Break-fast	Lunch	Dinner	Snacks	Social
Thursday	●	●	●	●	
Friday	●	●		●	

## OVERNIGHT ROOM FEE

Please be reminded: Lodgers must call the hotel (708-848-5000 or 1-800-CARLETON) directly for room reservations. Ask for Dana Schuster or Jessica Kabat, and mention Group #1512 when calling.

## RITUAL TEXT

**You must bring a copy of *The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (1988 Study Edition) to the institute.** Please bring your own text, or reserve a copy by including payment of \$25.00 with your registration. Your reserved copy will be available when you check in for the institute.

## CONFIRMATION

Two weeks upon receipt of your registration, you will receive a letter confirming your registration. The letter will also include a detailed institute schedule.

***Please be reminded: you are not registered for this institute until payment is complete. Once fees are paid in full, you will receive your confirmation letter within 2 weeks of registering. Please contact Forum Registration at 202-884-9758 for questions.***

Two weeks before the institute, please access our website [www.naforum.org](http://www.naforum.org) for additional information.

## CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Requests for cancellations **must be submitted in writing.** Include your name, address, the institute and institute location and date. You can send your cancellation notice via email ([info@naforum.org](mailto:info@naforum.org)) Refunds are processed after the institute.

### TUITION

Cancellations received by May 12 will receive an applicable tuition refund of 80%. After this date, tuition refunds are given only in the form of credit toward registration for another Forum event either this year or by the end of the following calendar year.

### FACILITY USE AND MEALS

\$27 non-refundable fee for cancellations. No refund for cancellations received after May 12.

**Ascension Parish and  
The North American Forum on the Catechumenate  
reserve the right to cancel an institute due to extenuating circumstances such as low  
registration. Should this occur, you will receive a full refund.**

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1 Participant Mailing Information

Ascension Parish, Oak Park (IL)

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PLEASE PRINT Bishop, Brother, Deacon, Mr., Mrs., Ms., Rev., Sr. (Circle one)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ first \_\_\_\_\_ last

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov.: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email or Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese: \_\_\_\_\_ Church Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list additional information (dietary requirements, special needs request, etc.)

\_\_\_\_ I will call the hotel directly for room reservations

\_\_\_\_ I will need a ride from the hotel to the parish

\_\_\_\_ I am able to provide transport from the hotel to the parish

Special Needs:

2 Institute Fees: Per Person

REGISTRATION FEE (\$190 tuition + \$90 meal fee) \$280

Early Bird Tuition Discount: before April 9 Deduct \$20..... -\$

Parish Team Tuition Discount: 2 or more registering from one parish. Deduct \$10..... -\$

A TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE..... \$

B RITUAL TEXT, Check one
I will bring a copy of the Ritual Text
Reserve my copy ...(\$25.00)..... +\$

C DONATION
I am making a contribution to the scholarship fund..... +\$

TOTAL ENCLOSED A + B + C..... \$

REMINDERS: \* one form for each participant \* full payment required with registration \* 2 or more registrations for team discount \* must call the hotel directly for room reservations

3 Before May 12

You may phone (202-884-9758) or fax (202-884-9747) your registration with MasterCard, VISA or Discover.

VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER

Name as it appears on card
Credit Card Number

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature
Cardholder's Address & Phone Number

You may also mail your registration with a check or money order to the address below. Please include full amount; we cannot register you with partial payment. There is a \$25.00 fee for returned checks.

Mail to: The North American Forum on the Catechumenate Institute Registration P. O. Box 79459 Baltimore, MD 21279-0459

4 After May 12

We can accept your registration by fax (201-661-2862 or 202-884-9747 secure fax lines) with credit card payment. We cannot guarantee placement at the institute after this date.