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SPOTLIGHT on Evangelizing Catechetical Ministry

FEATURED LINKS:

Resources you can use Now! FOR ADVENT--Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent is the season leading up to the celebration of Christmas. Visit the Beacon webpage for a wide variety of resources <http://www.archbalt.org/evangelization-catechesis/beacon/index.cfm>

Vatican Conference Focuses on the Deaf Community--

November 19-21, a conference was held at the Vatican focusing on the "Life of the Deaf Person in the Church." This was the first time in the history of the Catholic Church that a conference focused on Deaf people and their life in the church. Deaf people from various countries presented on their experiences in the Catholic Church and how ministry with Deaf persons and their families can be improved. Please see the article from the Catholic News Service for further information

<http://www.catholicnews.com/data/stories/cns/0905103.htm> .

For more on Deaf Ministry in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, visit <http://www.archbalt.org/evangelization-catechesis/deaf-ministry/index.cfm>

MINISTRY WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Camp GLOW Christmas – A Camp GLOW Christmas celebration will be held on December 20, 2009 at the Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House. Camp participants and companions will reunite for an afternoon of friendship, singing and entertainment, featuring Pattycake the clown and a visit from Santa Claus.

ELEMENTARY AND SACRAMENTAL CATECHESIS

Visit our new resources pages at on children's sacraments and whole community catechesis, plus this month's feature topic & links: "Twelve Steps of Christmas":

<http://www.archbalt.org/evangelization-catechesis/elementary-sacramental/catechetical-resources.cfm>

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY ENRICHMENT

World Marriage Day Celebration

Annual Mass and reception at Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, with Archbishop O'Brien, February 14 at 3:00 pm. All are invited. Couples married 25 years or more who attend the Mass may register at www.wvme.net/registratrion_wmd.html or call

410-987-8407 for special recognition. Each parish is invited to nominate one Longest Married Couple and invite them to be honored at the Mass. Co-sponsored by World Wide Marriage Encounter. For more information, contact Lauri Przybysz, 410-547-5420, lprzybysz@archbalt.org

Facilitator Training for Pre-Marriage Inventories:

Saturdays, Jan. 16 at St. Michael, Overlea or March 27 at St. Joseph, Sykesville. For Sponsor Couples, Clergy, and Pastoral Ministers. To register, contact Lauri Przybysz, 410-547-5420, lprzybysz@archbalt.org *Sponsor couples also take a home study module – see below:*

Marriage Prep Leader Basic Training –Register parish volunteers to learn how to using the program materials in the Archdiocesan Marriage Prep packets – in the comfort of their own home and on their own schedule. Choose Sponsor Couple, Pre-Cana Team versions and a Remarriage Sponsor Supplement for Sponsor Couples. Contact lprzybysz@archbalt.org, 410-547-5420.

MORE RESOURCES

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