



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

As leaders in our communities, we understand that growth for our parishes requires change, and that is sometimes difficult to achieve without having solid tools to strengthen Christian formation for the individual and our church communities.

At this year's Presbyter's Retreat we were blessed with presentations from The Rev. Dr. Rick Rouse and The Rev. Paul Hoffman, skilled practitioners in the Catechumenate process. This ancient practice speaks to the post-modern heart, as well as to our older, traditional members about how God is working in their lives.

At that retreat, many of you asked for a follow-up opportunity to train in this process. As a result, I committed to sponsoring such an event with the hope that you, along with your lay leaders would take full advantage of it. On August 25-27, 2016, The Rev. Paul Hoffman will be returning to Arizona to conduct an intensive training conference on the Catechumenate process at the Redemptorist Renewal Center located at 7101 W. Picture Rocks Road in Tucson.

Last month, The Rev. Canon Megan Traquair invited you, with your lay leadership, to attend this conference. The cost varies between \$325 and \$195 (commuter rate) and includes all meals, training materials and if chosen, on site housing. We have opened the conference to include Lutheran and Methodist Churches as well. The window to register and find available housing on site is closing, so I encourage you to sign up soon. A special discount is available for Episcopalians by entering: **EPISCOPAL** in the coupon code box during registration.

It is my hope that your congregations will consider the cost of this training an important investment for your parish; however, should this be a hardship for your group, financial assistance may be available if you contact me right away. Registration for the event can be found [HERE](#).

Should you have other questions about the Conference or the Catechumenate process, contact Canon Traquair at megan@azdiocese.org, or call the Diocesan Office at 602-254-0976.

If growing our capacity to serve God in church and community flows out of active Baptismal Living, then I hope you will make every effort to attend.

I look forward to seeing you there,

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