



National Conference for Catechetical Leadership

BOARD REPORT

Highlights of the Board meeting, December 13, 2011

1. We opened with prayer: *Help us to walk in faith according to the teachings of our Savior.*
2. The 2012 budget was approved.
3. Executive Director Update:
 - A. NCCL members continue to register for the conference at the discounted registration fee.
 - B. The USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis is creating a number of resources.
 1. Sacramental Catechesis: Online Resource for Dioceses – In addition to a text that will address the contemporary challenges to sacramental catechesis, the document will respond to the challenges with
Eight Principles of Doctrinally Sound Sacramental Catechesis
Detailed Catechesis on the Seven Sacraments
Common Characteristics of Sacramental Catechesis
Opportunities for Sacramental catechesis
 2. I Have Called You By Name: Outreach and Ministry in the New Evangelization.
 3. Archbishop Wuerl presented a summary of the theological conference “The Intellectual Tasks of the New Evangelization” An article about this conference had previously been published in CL Weekly.
 4. Work has begun on a piece that will address the catechetical component of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).
 - C. Surveys of parents were conducted in various parishes. Five things they said they desire help/assistance with are:
Doing service with our child(ren)
Praying with our child(ren)
Talking about moral decisions
Faith sharing
Developing family traditions
 - D. The USCCB has decided to widen the audience for the Leadership Institute to include parish catechetical leaders.
 - E. Lee met with the FCH animators during part of their weekend meeting. The animators were working on the mission and goals of FCH and issues related to submitting an application to NCCL to become a federation.

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4. President Update:
 - A. Reports on committees' current work was emailed to the Board.
 - B. Product Development will have some new materials to share with the membership in 2012.
 - C. Ken Gleason will serve on the NCRC (National Certification Review Committee) of the Alliance .
 - D. To serve on the PCRC (Partner Certification Review Committee) of the Alliance, people should be professional members of NCCL who have an MA or have successfully completed a diocesan/eparchial or university catechetical formation process based on the *National Certification Standards for Lay Ecclesial Ministers*, including the specific standards for Parish Catechetical Leaders or Youth Ministers.

5. Anne Roat attended the National Catholic Ministry Association Leadership Forum. The focus was on planning in turbulent times. Three case studies were presented and discussed.
 1. What happens when an organization must fold.
 2. How to do strategic planning with a board.
 3. Growing your savings so that you have six months operating expenses in the bank.

6. Ministry With Families: NACFLM would like to create a revision of this one-day workshop that they did for *Strong Catholic Families*. They have asked NCCL to be part of the process.

7. Multiple Parish Ministry International Symposium:

Funding was received for this symposium which will be held on Feb 7-9, 2012 at Mundelein. The NCCL person who attends should have a background in multiple parish ministry and be able to represent NCCL. It was decided that Joanie McKeown will attend the conference on behalf of NCCL.

8. Strategic Plan: Action Items for Goals 1-3 were reviewed with a timeline and costs added to each.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanie McKeown,
NCCL Board Secretary