

# CATECHESIS DURING THE PERIOD OF THE CATECHUMENATE



*A Workshop for  
Christian Initiation Ministers*



**Saturday,  
September 14, 2019**

**9:00am – 3:00pm**

**St. John Bosco (St. Mary Campus)**  
731 Main Street, Branford, CT, 06405

**Register by September 10, 2019.**

**Individual Registration:** \$20 per person.

**Group Registration:** \$10 per person  
(for groups of three or more).

**Registration Website:** [bit.ly/Sept14RCIA](http://bit.ly/Sept14RCIA)  
or visit [www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org](http://www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org)

Please bring your copy of the RCIA ritual text.  
Coffee and lunch is included.

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### Catechesis during the Period of the Catechumenate

The wisdom of RCIA 75.1 is that the catechumenal journey is to be a gradual process. What is catechesis in the catechumenate supposed to look like? Why and how does it need to be “accommodated to the liturgical year?” What is a “profound sense of the mystery of salvation,” and how do we instill it in the catechumens and ourselves? Catechumeneon team members will present a vision of what this extended time of formation and instruction looks like. Finally, participants will be challenged and invigorated to consider the many ways in which “catechesis both precedes the liturgy and springs from it” (*National Directory for Catechesis*, 33).

#### SESSIONS INCLUDE:

- The Four Aspects of Catechumenal Formation
- Catechesis and the Liturgical Year: Revealing the Paschal Mystery
- Training Exercise: Preparing Catechesis  
In and For Your Community
- Catechesis for Baptized Candidates  
and the Reception into Full Communion

#### WORKSHOP PRESENTERS



**TIMOTHY A. JOHNSTON**, an Editor and Liturgical Training Consultant for Liturgy Training Publications, holds degrees in music education, liturgical studies, and Christian doctrine. Timothy has been engaged in initiation ministry at the parish and diocesan level for more than 20 years coordinating and training teams. He is co-author of *Disciples Making Disciples: Print and Digital Resources for Forming the Assembly* (LTP, 2017).



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