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*Fifth Annual
Evangelization and Catechesis Symposium
“Abiding in Faith”*

August 11-13, 2017

Greetings fellow servants in Christ – Shalom!

This year we have an extraordinary opportunity with a special all day training on Friday, August 11, provided by four experts from the Augustine Institute (see enclosed flyer).

FORMED Diocesan Evangelization Training Seminar: Friday, August 11, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

This training is especially suited for clergy and parish catechetical and faith formation leaders to learn how to make the most of FORMED as a resource for evangelization outreach and faith formation in your parish.

All parishes, schools and missions are strongly encouraged to send at least one designated leader to the Friday training. There are many **new resources now available through FORMED – in Spanish and English** – which will be reviewed at this training. The training will focus on how to maximize FORMED in the following areas:

- Adult Faith Formation and RCIA: *Symbolon* in full Spanish is being released this summer!
- Sacramental Preparation: *Reborn* (baptism), *Forgiven* (confession) and *Beloved* (marriage) are now all available in Spanish and English!
- How to utilize FORMED for maximum parish engagement and outreach – in Spanish and English!
- New Catechetical Certifications in Marriage Preparation and RCIA will also be unveiled.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of taking advantage of this training to learn from the experts on how to maximize our investment in FORMED across the Diocese of Baker. And for parishes/missions that are legitimately Internet challenged as a result of limited Internet access options, I have great news! We will have several DVD sets of *Symbolon*, *Reborn*, *Forgiven* and *Beloved* available for distribution at the training.

Please do your part to ensure parish staff and volunteers who work in any catechetical capacity are encouraged to attend the general Symposium which begins Friday 6 PM and ends Sunday at 12 PM. Attendees will be able to bring back to your parish information and insights for application towards our ongoing evangelization and catechetical endeavors. **Enclosed are posters, flyers and registration forms (English and Spanish)** for you to display and distribute in your parish and mission sites. All promotional material and registration are also available online as indicated on the posters and flyers.

As always, I look forward to seeing everyone at this year’s annual Symposium – it will be glorious!

In Christ,

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