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Dear Parish Leader,

Friday, June 1, 2018 – Holy Cross Diocesan Center

You are invited to a day of catechetical training on **June 1, 2018** regarding the online learning system being developed by the Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University at Steubenville.

The Steubenville online learning system has 14 Tracks for ongoing formation for those who form others—it “forms formators.” These Tracks are developed for Catechesis, RCIA, Pastoral Accompaniment, Youth Ministry, Ministry of Parenting, Sports Ministry, etc. Each Track is composed of various workshops, each of which provides an hour of content divided into short video clips (10 minutes) and followed by a simple skills-building task. These tasks allow learners to process the material by answering a simple question or implementing something into their teaching situation. Further, the learner receives an online response from a mentor. This mentor is not to be a teacher, a spiritual director, or counselor but someone who accompanies the learner in the learning process, encouraging him or her and provides simple feedback so that the learner can think more about a particular point. Bishop Callahan is encouraging those in parish leadership to receive this valuable training regarding this online learning system and to learn about the mentoring process. There is no cost for this day.

Dr. Petroc Willey, Head of the Catechetical Institute, directed the Maryvale Institute in Birmingham, England for 25 years and will be the day’s chief presenter. His experience with this methodology provides the backdrop for taking online learning to the next level, while incorporating spiritual formation as the highest priority. A registration form, schedule and presenter bios for Friday, June 1st are also available on this webpage. Please complete the registration form and email or mail to Susan Skemp at sskemp@diolc.org to register for this day.

Saturday, June 2, 2018 - Holy Cross Diocesan Center

You are also invited to attend **RCIA training** on **June 2, 2018**. Dr. Petroc Willey, a world-class speaker, and Bill Keimig have a great deal of experience and will help those involved with RCIA (or who will be involved) to take the process at your parish to the next level. There are tracks for beginner and advanced levels of experience. A brochure with details and registration info. is available on this webpage. Schedule: Mass at 8 a.m. with day concluding by 4:30 p.m.

We will need to know if you plan to stay for dinner on Friday, and if you will need housing on Friday night. These costs will be covered by the Catechetical Institute. Thank you.

Sincerely in Christ,
Ann Lankford and Christopher Carstens