

Bi-National Consultation on RCIA in Multi-Parish Communities—An Invitation!

Jim Schellman, Executive Director



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Many of you know that Forum is focusing on the challenges and opportunities in implementing the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* in parish communities that have linked, clustered, or merged in some way in

the last few years. These are formerly distinct parishes that have become more closely related to one another and in a variety of configurations. The most comprehensive term for these varieties seems to be “multi-parish communities.”

First Consultation

The first step in Forum’s work on this fast-emerging pastoral reality took place last October. With generous financial support from the ACTA Foundation, about 30 specially invited participants joined us in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for a 2-day, carefully designed process under the guidance of Mark Mogilka and

Kate Wiskus, co-authors of *Pastoring Multiple Parishes: An Emerging Model of Pastoral Leadership*. For a review of this publication and to read an initial report of what was learned during the Albuquerque consultation, please see the Winter 2010 issue of the Forum Newsletter, available at www.naforum.org, click on Newsletter).

Second Consultation

The next step will take place this summer. Again with help from the ACTA Foundation, we will hold a second gathering of those immersed in this pastoral experience:

Consultation on RCIA in Multi-Parish Communities

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This event is open to all who are immersed in the experience of implementing the RCIA in the pastoral setting of multi-parish communities.

This second consultation will build on

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8:30 Registration

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12:00 Lunch

5:30 PM Dinner

Free Evening

Friday, August 26

8:00 AM Breakfast

12:00 Lunch

2:45 PM Closing Remarks

Departure

TEAM

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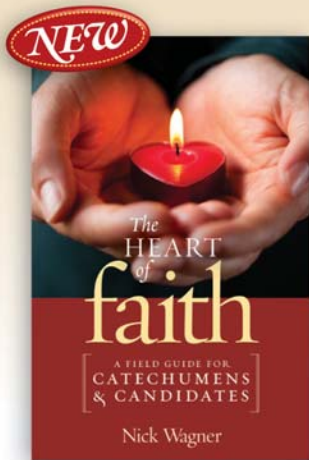
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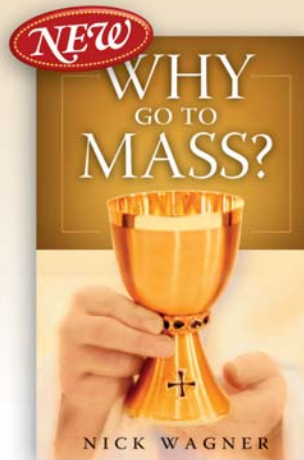
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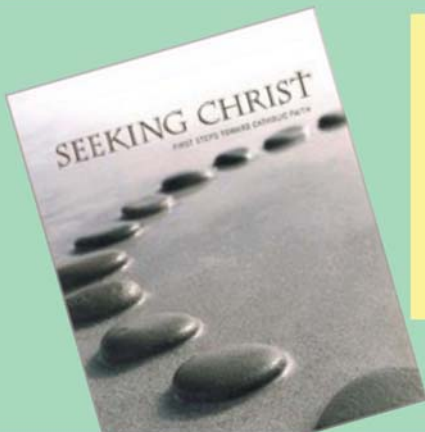
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what we learned at the Albuquerque gathering and go deeper still. Together we will:

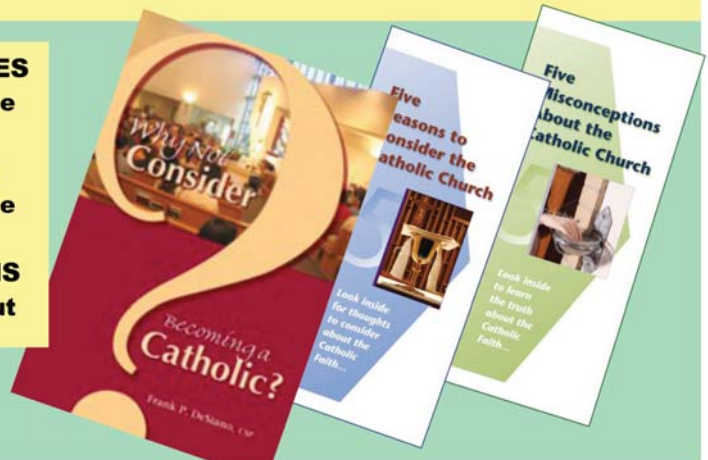
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God Calling!!! Who's Going to Answer?

By Elio Capra, SDB, Chair, Australian Catechumenate Network



Elio Capra, SDB

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I have just finished a whole day with a group of teachers exploring the stories of calling, the annunciations both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament. In the Old Testament we explored the stories of Abraham, Jacob, Noah, Jonah, Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah. In the New Testament we

explored the stories of Mary, Joseph, Matthew, Zacchaeus, the disciples, Paul and the rich young man.

For each of these stories we looked at the following questions:

- 1) What was the situation of the person before his/her encounter with Jesus/God?
- 2) How did the encounter take place?
- 3) What were the words, actions, and feelings during the encounter?
- 4) What was the final response?
- 5) How was life changed after the encounter with Jesus/God?

In this short article I would like to look at three “annunciations”: Mary, Joseph, and the rich young man.

As soon as we hear the term “annunciation,” we immediately think of Mary. But this is not the full story. This year is the year of Matthew and in his gospel we have a very detailed description of the “annunciation” to Joseph (see Mt. 1:18-25 and 2:13-23). What a calling! What a challenge to all the plans he had for both himself and Mary! And yet his yes to God was unconditional. He accepts the challenge, the dangers, and the responsibilities of his new role as protector and guardian with a deep sense of humility, courage, and total commitment. I am sure Jesus learned much more than carpentry from him!

We are more familiar with Mary’s annunciation. From Luke’s gospel, it is obvious that Mary and Joseph had their own plans for their own future. Once again, her response is total and unconditional. And how her life changed after that! The humble handmaid became the mother of God!

What contrast with the story of the rich young man. He comes to Jesus as a person who has observed the commandments all his life. But Jesus challenges him. The following of Jesus calls for a total and unconditional response; it demands that we let go of all self-reliance and trust ourselves to God. The calling demands a dramatic process of reversal: from “What do I want to do with my life?” to “What does God want me to do with my life?” In this story the rich young man is not prepared to accept this challenge and “he goes away sad.”

For catechumens and candidates, for RCIA leaders and for parishioners, these characters are a source of reflection, inspiration, and meditation. Our catechumens and candidates will be comforted at the thought that Jesus is calling them to follow him and at the same time they will be challenged to give their wholehearted response to Christ. RCIA leaders are reminded that all their work must lead the catechumens and the candidates to a personal encounter with Christ. Only Christ can give the catechumens and candidates the love, the hope, the promise and the strength necessary to transform their lives. It is a very urgent and awe-inspiring work we are doing. If we do not lead our catechumens and candidates to a personal encounter with Christ, there will be no conversion, no transformation, no new life. If their catechumenal journey does not lead them to say “Yes” to Christ, they will be left feeling very sad and unfulfilled, like the rich young man. On the other hand, a generous and positive response will transform their lives in ways beyond our imagining. What a privilege and what a responsibility we have!

God is calling! Who’s going to answer?

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Why Not Consider Becoming a Catholic?

By Frank DeSiano, CSP

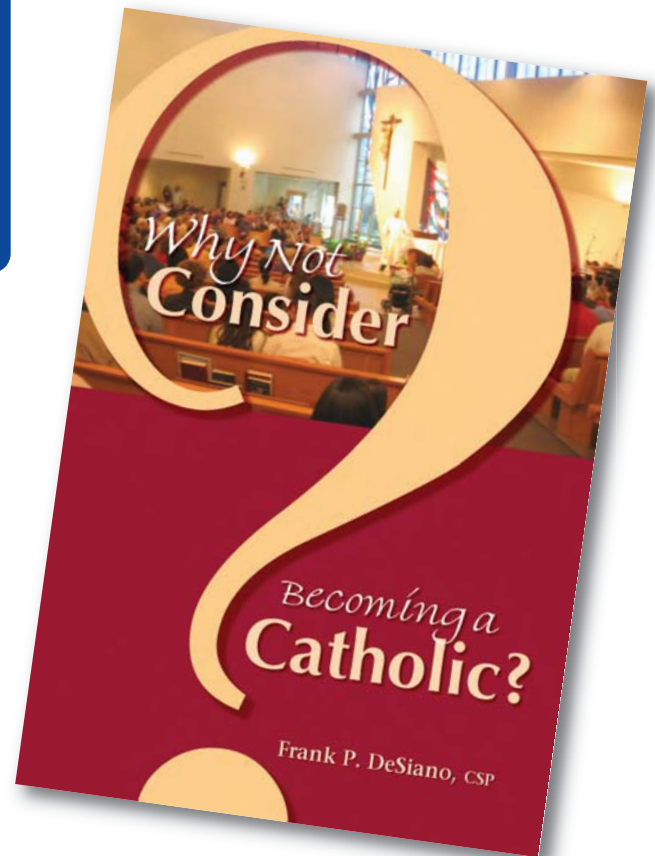
Published by Paulist Evangelization Ministries (formerly PNCEA), \$7.95 (U.S.), 93 pages

Reviewed by Donna Mostilller

As I write this review, the calendar suggests that spring is around the corner. Yet the snowflakes which swirl around outside my window confirm our meteorologist's forecast that another winter storm is underway. I have found myself watching a lot of television this winter and have learned that I tend to enjoy the commercials as much as the television programs. One of my favorites is one which features Justin Bieber and Ozzy Osbourne. I honestly can't say if they're selling a cell phone or cellular phone service but I can appreciate Ozzy's confusion over 3G and 4G and of course what is a "Bieber."

Perhaps most of us who live in today's fast-paced and technologically advanced society can appreciate Ozzy's confusion. Those of us who work are generally working more hours and are tied to our jobs via the Internet and smart phones. Unlike our parents' generation, we are required to manage our own retirement funds and health insurance and quite often we are tasked with managing our aging parents' health care. Add to that the responsibility of parenting our own children, maintaining healthy relationships with our significant others, home and pet ownership, and there is no wonder that adults are overwhelmed.

What does this have to do with Frank DeSiano's book, *Why Not Consider Becoming a Catholic?* Most important, the book recognizes that today's adults lead very busy and complicated lives and it attempts to meet peo-



ple where they are. Often churches tend to dismiss the fact that adults have tremendous demands placed on their daily lives. Take for example, the church which has office hours between 9 and 4 (hours when most adults are working) and does not answer telephone calls between 12-1 (the time when most adults have a break to make calls). The book's approach is to provide information for adults to consider. It is not a heart-wrenching testimony of personal conversion nor is it a critical analysis of other religious traditions. It simply looks at some of the major concerns that adult seekers may have about life and the Catholic Church and it provides

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information. The book allows the reader to reach his or her own conclusion. This approach—to treat adults like they are adults—is incredibly refreshing.

The author is clearly passionate about the topic and does not hesitate to address some of the very challenging issues that some seekers have regarding the Catholic Church. The book begins with an overview of the Church's position on the human experience—the wholeness of each person as body, mind, heart, and soul. The reader is assured that it is appropriate for humans to seek meaning in their lives through each of these components and how the Catholic Church affirms this. The reader's concerns about Jesus, community, church authority, morality, and the Catholic approach to both Scripture and worship are addressed.


In the introduction, DeSiano writes that he will present information for the contemporary seeker with openness to all sides. This is no easy feat and yet the book is successful in this regard. I should note that the book is thin and easily portable. In addition, the author is very light on technical church language. For these reasons, this would be a useful resource not only to today's seekers but to those involved in evangelization ministries.

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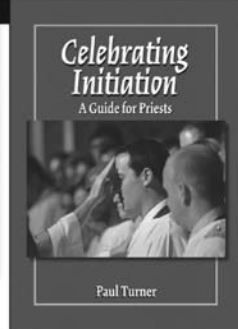
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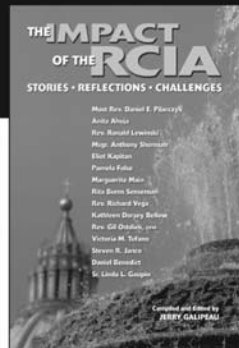
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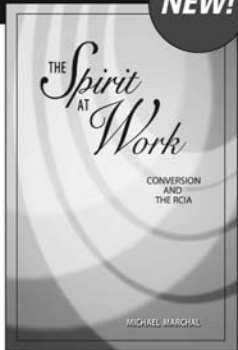
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The Heart of Faith: A Field Guide for Catechumens and Candidates

By Nick Wagner

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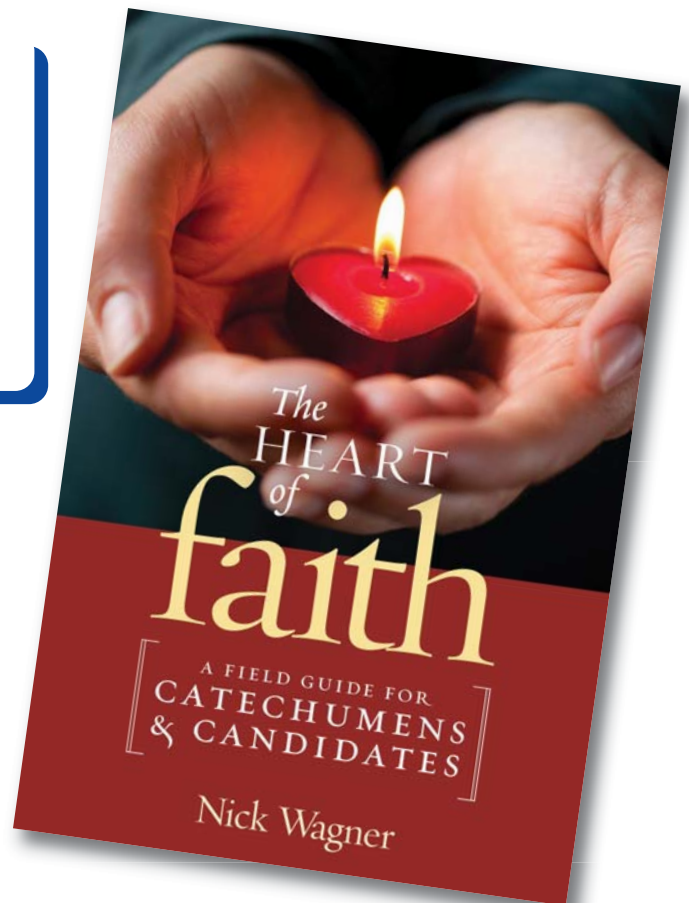
Reviewed by Priscilla Lemire, RJM

How do I become a Catholic? In my experience over the years of working with the initiation ministry in the parish, I have found that too often the response to the inquirer's initial question takes on the dimension of "doing" the Catholic thing instead of "being" (be-com-ing) a Catholic.

At the outset of his new book, *The Heart of Faith*, Nick Wagner tells his reader that the place to become a Catholic is in his heart. He begins with Jesus, the heart of our faith. Nick speaks from his own early practice of being a "keeping the rule" Catholic till he learned from his evangelical friends how to "keep the faith."

The Heart of Faith is a field guide for catechumens and candidates to understand more fully "why we do what we do" as Catholic Christians. Reflection questions designed to lead one to do some heart – soul searching can readily serve as a daily journal.

Three facets of Wagner's guide are especially significant to me. The first, found in the first three chapters, is Wagner's strong conviction that at the heart of being Catholic is to know, love, and follow Jesus. Nick stresses the importance of beginning with Jesus and not the Church. He actually states that before you join the Church, you have to think of "joining Jesus." In our practice, do we not often proclaim an institution



instead of the good news of Jesus? Nick Wagner's solid premise of first falling in love with Jesus speaks to the heart, the locus for change.

Second, I found particularly compelling Nick's introduction of the world of symbols. Significantly important is that he relates the use of symbols as lenses through which Catholics see the world. He does not speak of symbols as seen only in the liturgy and sacraments. Catholics are to live a sacramental life. St. Ignatius of Loyola captures this way of life in his foundational principle of finding God in all things.

He continues his presentation of symbols by naming the four disciplines of faith, namely, word-worship-community-service, which shape the way Catholics see the

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world. These are essential elements of parish life. One can also make the connection to # 42 and #75 in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, which the Church uses as criteria for discerning readiness at each stage of the initiation process. Nick’s catechesis on worship using these four elements is another way of helping the reader grow in the practice of the Catholic way of life.


A final facet that I have found compelling is a chapter entitled “What’s expected of you?” Briefly, Nick gives the catechumens what I call a “jump start” into the discernment process before moving to the next stage. He lists the five things that the Church is looking for before entrance into the catechumenate. He speaks of them as “entry-level disciplines of Christian life.” Using the reflection questions at the end of this chapter, he invites them to notice for themselves the changes that have taken place since they began the process. A fore-knowledge of what is expected by the Church, and so well defined for the lay person by Nick, is an excellent way for the catechumen and candidate to engage in the process of discernment for readiness.

Accenting the importance of 1) falling in love with Jesus, 2) seeing the world through the eyes of Christ, and 3) leading an examined-life throughout the journey, these are but a few of the many benefits to be gained by the catechumen and candidate who will take *The Heart of Faith* as a guide, a companion throughout the initiation process. For me, this book clearly defines the process of evangelization as one that begins with an encounter with Jesus that leads to mission. We are baptized for the life of the world.

The Appendix of the book provides the reader with a look at some elemental cultural catholic customs based on our tradition together with a brief explanation of marriage annulments. This section contains answers to some of the many questions that inquirers ask about the Catholic Church.

In the end, you may find yourself asking how to use this book. The answer is that this guide is meant strictly for the catechumen and candidate to use as the Spirit leads them. Again, it is not a text simply to be read through. Nick clearly tells them that their more formal catechetical formation is to take place in the parish. Nick’s style is narrative. In a way, he tells the story of the initiation process in answer to their ongoing question: “How do I become a Catholic?”

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RESOURCE REVIEW

The Spirit at Work: Conversion and the RCIA

By Michael H. Marchal

Published by World Library Publications, \$14.95
(U.S.), 89 pages

Reviewed by Timothy Fitzgerald

It didn't grab me until chapter 5, "What makes a conversion Catholic."

I think that's because this small book intends to be an introductory piece about conversion. In that, it functions well. The text is quite readable, the author knowledgeable, the subject matter explained in clear and straightforward fashion.

This is, at the same time, its limitation. The book is written to popularize the topic, not to be an in depth study of it. The first fifty pages focus on conversion through the lens of the author's experience as teacher and as minister of initiation. Drawing upon Jesuit Donald Gelpi's work, *Committed Worship: A Sacramental Theology for Converting Christians* (Liturgical Press, 1993), author Michael Marchal explores conversion as moral, intellectual, and affective growth. With this assistance, he demonstrates how generic "conversion" might be nuanced to the particular situation of catechumen or candidate. Growth in faith is the goal for all, but the path to that goal "varies according to the many forms of God's grace, the free cooperation of the individuals, the action of the Church, and the circumstances of time and place" (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, #5).

Marchal rightly stresses that there is no standard conversion or predictable growth in faith. There is, rather,



mutual discernment about each person's story of faith and how to foster further growth, provide pastoral care and companionship along the way, and draw the person into the life of the worshipping community.

But you know this already, right? Yet, the value of Marchal's book lies in the fact that ministers of initiation can't ponder conversion too often. We can facilitate growth in faith, experience it and witness it, marvel at it, then consider it and learn from it. Like the author, we bring our experience of conversion and growth in faith and, reflecting upon it, grow in understanding. You read along, thinking about his experience and yours, his insights and yours, then you gain a perspective that opens your experience to a new understanding. For me, that came with chapter five.

The second fifty pages range more widely than a focus on conversion, dealing with other pastoral issues of initiation and sacrament—the centrality of Eucharist, the many presences of Christ in the life of the Church, the integrity of the rites and their meanings. Here the chapters, more loosely connected, address some of the “second generation” issues and questions that experience with initiation has raised.

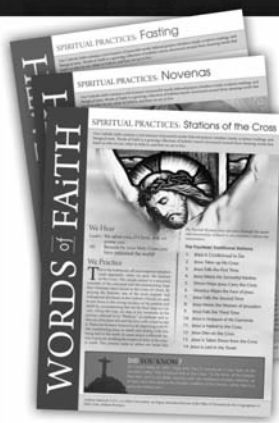
The book works best if approached as a conversation with the author about matters of mutual concern. With his writing style, familiar and chatty, one may learn more about the author than is necessary. And despite the title,

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more than conversion is addressed here. But there is no mistaking the author’s desire for the best ministry to the catechumens and candidates. He wants them—and us—to “keep our eyes fixed on Jesus,” to grow into an intimate relationship with the One who calls to them and us.

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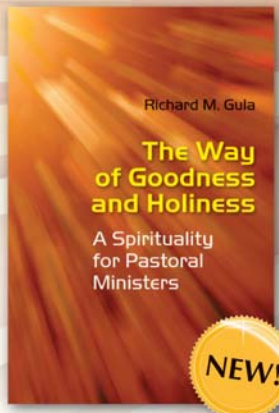
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