

About the National Gathering on Christian Initiation™

The **National Gathering on Christian Initiation™** invites parish leaders, initiation ministers, and regional or diocesan trainers to come together to explore the theoretical and practical aspects of initiation ministry. Through interactive sessions, meetings, and prayer opportunities, participants will understand more deeply that the vision of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* is the vision of the parish as a community of disciples.

The **National Gathering on Christian Initiation™** will have two tracks. **Parish Leaders and Initiation Ministers** will deepen and enrich their work as they gain practical skills, discuss common challenges, and share best practices. Pre-conference distance-learning sessions will be available for new ministers and those interested in exploring the basics of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*. **Regional or Diocesan Trainers** will explore and discuss practical strategies for implementing effective training and formation in their local communities.

This event will take place one block west of Lake Michigan at the Sheraton Grand Chicago hotel, overlooking the Chicago River in the heart of the city.



- Opening reception with a view of July 4th fireworks.
- Exceptionally low room rate of **\$149.00** per night in Downtown Chicago.
- Fellowship with initiation ministers from around the country.
- Interactive multimedia presentations, complimentary resources, and expert training.
- Opportunities for prayerful reflection on the liturgies of the RCIA.

The Theme Disciples Making Disciples 2017

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* presents a vision for the Church that is constantly evangelizing, catechizing, and initiating people as Christian disciples. In *Evangelii Nuntiandi* Pope Paul VI said that “the Church is an evangelizer, but she begins by being evangelized herself” (15). The **National Gathering on Christian Initiation™** invites parish and diocesan leaders to reflect on discipleship—to consider the skills necessary in forming disciples, the role of the parish in evangelization, and the mission of the individual as a disciple. Those who attend NGCI will be fed and nourished through prayer, experience fellowship in community, and learn from dynamic catechesis, all while recommitting themselves to the mission of the Church.

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**A Conference for
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and Pastoral Leaders**

**July 5-6, 2017
Chicago, IL**

**Disciples Making Disciples
2017**

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schedule

July 4, 2017

7:00pm – 9:00pm **Opening Reception and Fireworks on the Riverwalk**
Optional. Tickets are \$25. Includes hors d'oeuvres and open bar.

July 5, 2017

8:00am – 8:50am **Breakfast and Registration** *Breakfast included in registration.*

9:00am – 9:45am **Welcome, Introductions, and Opening Prayer**

9:45am – 11:00am **Morning Session** *Topic: How the parish community encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers.*

11:15am – 12:15pm **Continuing the Conversation Parish Leaders and Initiation Ministers** *discuss the role of intentional evangelization in their communities. Regional or Diocesan Trainers discuss how to identify model communities to use as examples for their own training.*

12:15pm – 1:15pm **Lunch** *Included in registration.*

1:15pm – 1:45pm **Prayer**

1:45pm – 2:00pm **Large Group Discussion**

2:00pm – 3:00pm **Afternoon Session** *Topic: The baptismal catechumenate and its role as a model of ongoing formation.*

3:00pm – 3:30pm **Coffee Break**

3:30pm – 4:30pm **Skills Training Parish Leaders and Initiation Ministers** *discuss practical skills and best practices for nourishing discipleship in the parish. Regional or Diocesan Trainers discuss practical skills for effectively training parishes to use the principles of the baptismal catechumenate in their everyday lives.*

4:40pm – 5:00pm **Evening Prayer**

5:00pm – 7:30pm **Dinner On Your Own**

7:30pm – 9:30pm **Evening Reception** *Optional. Tickets are \$25. Includes dessert and open bar.*

July 6, 2017

8:00am – 8:50am **Breakfast** *Included in registration.*

9:00am – 9:20am **Prayer**

9:20am – 9:30am **Setting the Stage**

9:30am – 10:45am **Morning Session** *Topic: The role of the liturgy in nourishing discipleship.*

10:45am – 11:15am **Coffee Break**

11:15am – 12:30pm **Continuing the Conversation Parish Leaders and Initiation Ministers** *discuss the role of liturgy and liturgical catechesis in the parish community. Regional or Diocesan Trainers discuss how to help parishes discern their gifts and shape their identity to best serve the world.*

12:30pm – 1:30pm **Lunch** *Included in registration.*

1:30pm – 2:00pm **Prayer**

2:00pm – 3:00pm **Afternoon Session** *Topic: How baptized disciples are called to live and share their faith.*

3:10pm – 4:10pm **Skills Training Parish Leaders and Initiation Ministers** *discuss practical ways to live and share their faith in the parish community. Regional or Diocesan Trainers discuss how to help parish leaders implement a regular parish practice of spiritual preparation and mystagogical reflection.*

4:15pm – 4:30pm **Closing and Prayer**



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Register by May 12, 2017
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\$250 Individual Registration, by May 12, 2017
Includes breakfast and lunch for July 5th & 6th.

\$25 July 4th Opening Reception and Fireworks on the Riverwalk
Optional. Includes hors d'oeuvres and open bar.

\$25 July 5th Evening Reception
Optional. Includes dessert and open bar.

To reserve a room at the Sheraton Grand Chicago Hotel, call 312-464-1000 and mention NGCI, or visit <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/NGCI>.

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