

schedule

July 4, 2018

7:00pm – 9:00pm	Opening Reception and Fireworks on the Riverwalk Optional. Tickets are \$30. Includes an open bar.
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July 5, 2018

8:00am – 8:50am	Registration
9:00am – 9:10am	Welcome, Introductions
9:10am – 10:00am	Opening Celebration of the Word and Catechesis
10:00am – 11:15am	Morning Session Accompaniment and Relationship at the Heart of Catechesis
11:30am – 12:30pm	Breakout Parish Leaders and Initiation Ministers Workshop: Mastering the Art of Accompaniment Regional or Diocesan Trainers Discussion: Strategies for Diocesan and Regional Initiation Teams and Committees
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Lunch Included in registration
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Afternoon Session Initiation Catechesis: Gradual and Complete, Dogmas and Mystery
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Coffee Break
3:30pm – 5:00pm	Skills Training All participants engage in a hands-on training session: RCIA 75.1 Catechesis Accommodated to the Liturgical Year
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Dinner On Your Own
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Evening Session Presenting the Vision: The Bond between Liturgy and Catechesis

July 6, 2018

9:00am – 10:00am	Morning Prayer & Mystagogical Reflection
10:00am – 11:15am	Morning Session Were Not Our Hearts Burning: Becoming Mystagogues
11:15am – 11:45am	Coffee Break
11:45am – 1:00pm	Breakout Parish Leaders and Initiation Ministers Workshop: How to Prepare and Facilitate Mystagogical Reflections Regional or Diocesan Trainers Workshop: Training Parish Leaders to Become Mystagogues
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Lunch Included in registration
2:00pm – 3:30pm	Afternoon Session Liturgical Catechesis in the Parish Community
3:45pm – 4:45pm	Breakout Parish Leaders and Initiation Ministers Workshop: Liturgical Catechists and Catechetical Liturgists Regional or Diocesan Trainers Discussion: Effective Collaboration between Diocesan Offices (worship, faith formation, evangelization, and ongoing clergy formation)
4:45pm – 5:00pm	Closing and Prayer



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A Conference for Catechumenal Ministers and Pastoral Leaders

To Emmaus and Back:
Liturgy and Catechesis
2018

Register by May 11, 2018
to guarantee your spot!

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Address

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State

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Parish

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Circle: Home / Cell / Work

E-mail Address

Indicate Dietary Restrictions or Circle: None

\$250 Individual Registration, by May 11, 2018
Includes lunch for July 5th & 6th.

\$30 July 4th Opening Reception and Fireworks on the Riverwalk
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Please Indicate:

Parish Leaders and
Initiation Ministers

Regional or Diocesan
Trainers

To reserve a room at the Sheraton Grand Chicago Hotel, call 312-464-1000 and mention NGCI, or visit <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/NGCI2018>.

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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 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).

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 **\$154.00** 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 To Emmaus and Back: Liturgy and Catechesis 2018

The disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus recognized him in the breaking of bread, but they needed to be catechized first. With their hearts and eyes opened by Scripture and careful teaching, they could see the Risen Lord. Then they joyfully raced back to Jerusalem to share the good news. Those involved in initiation ministry walk that same Paschal journey with catechumens and candidates year after year. The **National Gathering on Christian Initiation™** invites parish and diocesan leaders to reflect on this journey and on the essential bond between liturgy and catechesis, specifically in the process of Christian initiation. Those who attend NGCI 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).

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