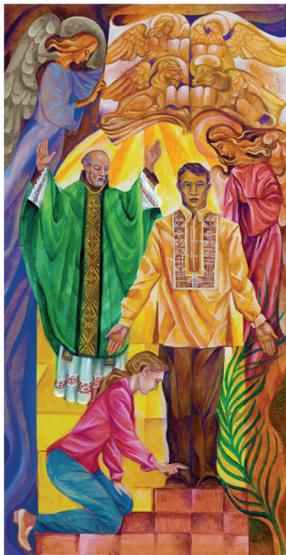


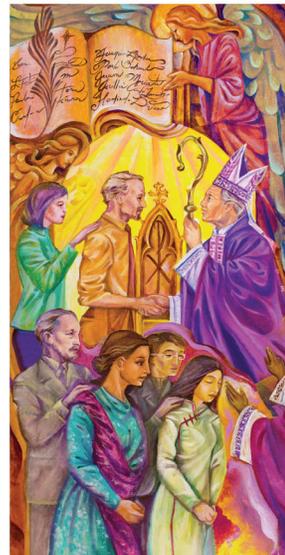
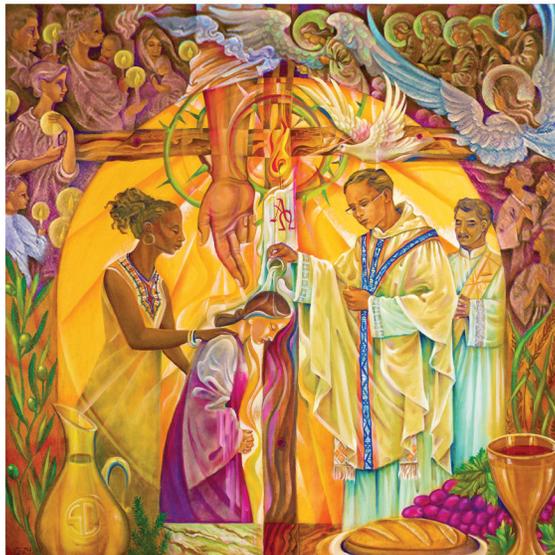
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# MINISTRY *enrichment* GATHERING®

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## THE INITIATING PARISH

### Handing On What We Have Received

The *Ministry Enrichment Gathering*® will offer you the opportunity to reflect on the role of the parish community in the way it welcomes new members and those seeking membership through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

#### OPENING ADDRESS

##### CHOSEN, ROYAL, AND HOLY: THE DIGNITY AND POWER OF BAPTISM

In the Old Testament, God chose and anointed individuals to serve as priest, prophet, or king. Through our Baptism, God called us to a holy priesthood, a prophetic mission, and a royal responsibility. In the waters of Baptism, we died to our old selves and we were anointed to new life in him. With this life, we continue Christ's work of drawing people to God by proclaiming the Gospel with words and actions, bringing others to faith.

#### PRESENTATION

##### THE PARISH COMMUNITY AND THE BAPTISMAL CATECHUMENATE

When God calls people to faith, they are called to a community. When someone seeks to know Christ, they come to a parish, a community of believers, the Body of Christ. The parish accompanies the catechumens as they come to faith and journey toward the sacraments. Parishioners share their stories of faith, listen to the questions and insights of the catechumens, and pray with and for them, especially at the liturgies that mark the steps along the way to initiation.

#### PRAYER AND DISCUSSION

##### THE SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

This prayerful exercise will guide participants through the signs and symbols of Christian initiation from the moment the inquirers are signed at the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens until they receive the consecrated bread and wine at the Easter Vigil. During each rite, we come to know the sacredness of God's choosing and calling those seeking initiation to a life of faith.

Saturday, October 14, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Diocesan Pastoral Center

611 W. North Street, Gaylord, MI 49735

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