



Teaching From The Heart



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**Meet 77 People, Places and Events that Will
Change Your Life!**

Upcoming Events (details on pp. 2 and 3)

Walk Thru the Bible
August 6, 2005
(see info at right)

**School of
Apostolic Action**
September 18, 2005
Christ the King SLC
2 p.m.
Bp. Dan discusses
the role of Mary,
mother of Jesus
*Evensong/light
supper included*
\$20 per person

Laurie's Links

www.albanydiocese.org
Sign up for Walk Thru
the Bible, School for
Ap. Action, access
Diocesan Confirmation
program.

www.rotation.org
FREE curriculum info for
workshop rotation
programming!!!!

**Walk Thru The Bible:
The New Testament**
**at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center
Greenwich, NY**
Saturday, August 6, 2005



When: Saturday, August 6, 2005
Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Christ the King SLC
Greenwich, NY
Cost: \$25 per person (13 and older)
or
Be a Sponsoring Parish and pay \$125
Each person pays only \$10 to attend
but MUST pre-register!!
Cost includes lunch and materials
Who: Teachers, preachers, clergy,
vestry, parents, students
Contact: Deacon Laurie at
LGrohr@albanydiocese.org
Scholarships always available



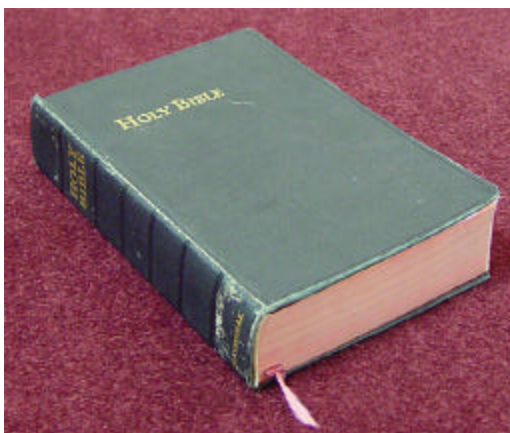
NEW—Shorter Term Disciple class: Only 8 weeks each!!!!

New Testament:

The story of Jesus is the starting point for understanding the church's mission and identity.

Planning kit includes video and one each: Leader guide and Participant guide for \$125.

Individual participant guides are needed at \$9 each.



Go to: www.cokesbury.com or
Call 1-800-672-1789

Old Testament:

Learn how the Torah, the Law, the Prophets and Wisdom writings clarify God's call to all of us.

Call Christian Ed office for more details or to borrow materials:

(518) 465-4737

(Available after August 2005)

Energizing Confirmation Class

Cover these areas:

Word: Bible knowledge

10 Commandments
Great Commission
Books of Old and new Testaments
Key people

Worship: The Episcopal Church and Anglican Heritage

Liturgy
Music
Sacraments
Seasons of the Year

Discipleship/Community:

Service-domestic and international
Teaching
Your Christian Lifestyle
Living Faith at Home

Ideas for Confirmation class:

- Field trips to local synagogues
- Incorporate Mentors
- Use Guest Speakers
- Go on Pilgrimages
- Attend Church meetings (once!)
Vestry, leadership, Christian Ed
- Invite family participation at monthly dinners/activities
- Write a personal profession of faith
- In-depth study of the Creed
- Let students teach younger classes on occasion.
- 'Intern' with a current lay person or clergy member to learn about visitations or other ministry

DOWNLOAD DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION PROGRAM AT: www.albanydiocese.org



Children's Ministry Magazine Workshop 2005

Saturday, September 24, 2005
 Light of the World Christian Church
 28 Sparrowbush Road
 Latham, NY
 Cost: \$49 per person
Or \$39 for groups of 2—9
Includes a year's subscription to the BEST children's ministry magazine published!!!



Need more info or want to register?
 Go to: www.cmmag.com

Are you Taking Care of Your Clergy Person?

Pastor's spouse: "Honey, let's change things around this Sunday. You be nice to *your family* and be grumpy to the congregation."

In a 1991 survey by the Fuller Institute among clergy people:



70% do not have a close friend
90% work more than 46 hours a week

90% feel inadequately trained
70% have low self-esteem



And there's more! But you have to download it from this site:

"Self-Care Tips for the Clergy Family" www.desperatepreacher.com/pastorcare/

Download a copy for *your* clergy person today!!

Free Resource for Your Church!!!

Group Publishing and Gallup Organization worked together to create a *free* resource with survey info and ministry ideas to help "Create a Culture of Connectivity in Your Church"—it's really called FRIENDSHIP!!!!

Every year Group tithes by giving away a free resource—this is it and it's good!

Valued at \$29.95, you get a CD (*with a 90 minute training session*) and book (*with ministry ideas/survey results*)

Visit their website at www.group.com/giveback
 or call 1-800-747-6060x1324



Did You Know That...

Every week in the US:

- 300,000 churches offer Sunday School or religious education programming.
- 45 million adults and 22 million children attend such programming each week.
- 1 out of 5 churches create their own curriculum for elementary education.
- Midweek and VBS programming are declining by 10% to 15% overall—representing 20,000 churches who are no longer offering these types of educational programs. (*The main reason? Lack of teachers/volunteers*)

We are always looking for great Christian Education ideas and stories from the missionary outposts within the Diocese. Please send an e-mail to LGRohr@AlbanyDiocese.Org and we will work to share your successes!

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