- **Making Great Things Happen!**
  You have a book, a group of students, and content to teach. How do you make it happen each week? Participants in this session will gain a wealth of ideas, strategies, and activities to help make great things happen in the religious education classroom.
  **JOHN COLLINS**, Catechist & Trainer with William H. Sadlier, Inc.
  John is a retired elementary school principal, former Director of Curriculum, and an elementary school teacher, a former DRE and catechist, who taught grade 2 for ten years. John has presented at catechetical congresses for the Archdiocese of Boston as well as several other New England dioceses, and at the 2012 NCEA Convention. He trains catechists with practical ideas, strategies and activities.

- **Using the Bully Pulpit: Christian Ministerial Response to Bullying & Violence**
  This interactive workshop will define "bullying" and assist religious educators, youth ministers, pastors, and others in finding ways for the Church to assist our young people caught up in bullying situations and to help create environments where bullying will not thrive.
  **KEVIN DOWD**, Doctoral Student in Theology, Boston College
  Kevin is a doctoral student in theology at Boston College. His research includes religion & public education, and bullying in the schools. He graduated from Harvard, then volunteered with Capuchin Franciscan Youth & Family Ministries. He has taught in Catholic & public schools in NY & MA. He has a master's in religious education and currently teaches 6th grade religious education at St. John's Parish in Worcester.

- **Foundational Elements in Marriage Preparation Ministry**
  - **Challenging Issues in M. P. Ministry: Cohabitation & Couples who are "Spiritual, but not Religious"**
  - **50 Ways to Strengthen Marriage in Your Parish**
  **JIM HEALY**, Director, Office of Family Ministry, Diocese of Joliet, IL
  Jim is a nationally sought speaker on marriage & marriage preparation. His published materials have been used in every U.S. diocese. He was advisor to the USCCB's Committee on Marriage & the Family and in 2000 received the national Family Ministry Award.

- **Keynote: Hope, Hospitality, Happiness: Keys to Transforming All Things in Christ**
  Today the new evangelization calls us to meet the challenges to faith by countering fear through hope, creating an ambiance for conversion through hospitality, and deepening a sense of blessing through happiness which open up possibilities for transformation in Christ.
  **MARY CAROL KENDZIA**, Director, Office of Family Ministry, Diocese of Joliet, IL
  She has written several books, including The Five W's of the Catholic Faith and several seasonal books on Lent and Advent for families, and is the series editor of The Catholic Update Guide to ..., a book series about the Catholic faith and its practice.

- **Constantly Curious: Engaging Catholics in Lifelong Learning**
  Every parish ministry offers a chance for catechesis & engagement. We'll look at practical ways to see ministry in a new light, and better understand the it as integral to spreading the good news of Jesus. We'll reflect on how Pope Francis's recent exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel), provides a contemporary perspective on taking our faith out into the world.
  **MARY CAROL KENDZIA**, Acquisitions Editor, Franciscan Media
  Mary Carol is an acquisitions editor at Franciscan Media. She has written several books, including The Five W's of the Catholic Faith and several seasonal books on Lent and Advent for families, and is the series editor of The Catholic Update Guide to ..., a book series about the Catholic faith and its practice.

- **Liturgical Music is VITAL to Communal Prayer**
  This workshop will look at effective practices for full, active, conscious participation in parish music programs.
  - **Answer the Call to Discipleship: Liturgy & Catechesis**
  Good liturgy is essential to faith formation; effective catechesis relies on ritual prayer to put “flesh on the bones”. This workshop will explore examples of ritual catechesis.
  **TOM KENDZIA**, Liturgical Musician, Composer, Catechist, Speaker
  Tom, a professional liturgical musician and composer, has over 100 published hymns and songs by OCP, like I, the Lord, Stand by Me, Endless Is Your Love, Now Is the Time, & Create in Me. His works appear in Breaking Bread & The Music Issue. He offers concerts, workshops, and retreats worldwide. He & Mary Carol live in Westerly, RI.

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| In this workshop we will explore some of the best practices for the people in the pews in pursuit of fulfilling their baptismal duty to help those who are searching for Christ.  
**Sr. Priscilla Lemire**, Religious Education Coordinator, St. Elizabeth Seton Church  
For the past 50 yrs., Sr. Priscilla has served the Church in pastoral, catechetical, liturgical and RCIA ministries. She served as Director of the Diocesan Office of Evangelization and the Catechumenate in San Diego, CA and in Baton Rouge, LO. Her focus is to offer formation/information to all the catechists in view of their important role and duty as the baptized to bring the Good News of God's Saving Love to all whom they teach.  |  |  |
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| **Catechesis: Six Tasks, One Goal** |  |  |
| This presentation will focus on the six tasks of catechesis and practical ways to engage them in forming disciples of Jesus Christ.  
**Mary Ellen Mahon**, Cabinet Secretary for Catholic Formation for the Diocese of Manchester, NH  
Mary Ellen has served in Catholic Schools as a Junior high Religion and High School Theology Teacher, in parishes as a Parish Catechetical Leader, and in diocesan ministry as a Diocesan Director of Parish Faith Formation. She has also facilitated retreats with adolescents and adults. Mary Ellen holds a BA in Theology from Trinity University, Washington, DC and an MA in Religious Education from LaSalle University, Philadelphia, PA.  |  |  |
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| **Even You Can Use Technology in Your Parish** |  |  |
| Learn some basic WEB 2.0 tools that you can use in the parish and catechetical ministry.  
**Claire McManus**, Director of Faith Formation, Diocese of Fall River, MA  
Claire has an MA in Pastoral Ministry from BC and an STL from Weston Jesuit School of Theology, with a concentration in Church history. She is currently President of New England Conference of Diocesan Directors of Religious Education (NECDDRE) and was Director of Confirmation and Youth Ministry in a parish for 25 yrs. Claire is married, the mother of 5, and grandmother of four.  |  |  |
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| **Engaging A New Generation (Part 1)** |  |  |
| This workshop will explore how to evangelize and pastorally engage postmodern, digital, Millennial Generation teens.  
**Engaging A New Generation (Part 2)**  
**Frank Mercadante**, Founder & Executive Director, Cultivation Ministries  
Frank has served over 90 dioceses, hundreds of parishes, and thousands of youth ministers internationally. He has a BA in Christian Education and a Master’s in Pastoral Studies. His books include, Growing Teen Disciples (SMP), Positively Dangerous (SMP), and Engaging a New Generation (OSV). He received the National Youth Ministry Award for Training from the National Federation for Youth Ministry  |  |  |
| **Bringing the Word to Life (Part 1)** |  |  |
| These workshops will explore the theological foundation of the ministry of lector, examining literary genres in scripture, the liturgical year, and the church’s three year cycle of readings.  
**Bringing the Word to Life (Part 2)**  
**Mary Jane Silvia**, Director of Campus Ministry, Rivier College  
Mary Jane holds a BA in Religious Studies & English and an MA in Pastoral Ministry. She taught junior high and high school theology and was a high school campus minister. She has coordinated parish youth & young adult ministry and trained liturgical ministers. She was Diocesan Director for Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Manchester and is currently Director of Campus Ministry at Rivier University, Nashua, NH.  |  |  |
| **Everyone’s Called to God’s Table, Even the Ones Who Can’t Sit Still in Their Seats** |  |  |
| This workshop will explain A.D.H.D. and best practices for evangelizing children with A.D.H.D. and their families.  
**Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy**, Educational Consultant, Rooted in Love  
Dr. Wojtaszek-Healy holds a Ph.D. in educational psychology, but her on-the-job training as a teacher, catechist and (most of all) mother of children with A.D.H.D. has taught her most of what she has shared with catechists across the United States. She and her husband, Jim, have four children.  |  |  |