

THE AUGMENTER

Webster's Definition:
augment (verb)—to
make or become greater
augmenter (noun)

Newsletter for Families of St. Augustine Religious Education in Larchmont, NY

Our entire task in this life consists in healing the eyes of the heart so that they may be able to see God. — St. Augustine

To Be a Catechist: To Encounter Christ, to Follow His Way and to Build Community

The early Christians were identified as followers of “The Way.” This issue is a plea for our present catechists to continue the mission of passing on the faith through our Pflaum Gospel Weeklies program of encountering Christ through the Sunday Gospel. I also hope that more parents will consider this ministry for next year. Our methodology is simple and threefold: **Sharing Our Life Stories, Listening to the Gospel and Building Christian Community.** An additional book titled, *What the Church Believes and Teaches*, is provided for each young person and catechist to learn to articulate their beliefs. Sister Suzanne provides the mentoring and guidance for every catechist. Please contact her with your decision to continue teaching next year, or begin this great work for building the Body of Christ at srsuzanne@verizon.net. Please schedule a meeting with Sister Suzanne if you have any questions or reservations. She will be happy to clarify and help you discern your talents.

Registration for the NEW YEAR - 2015-2016

The new registration form for 2015-16 is enclosed with this issue. **The EARLY BIRD discount is only available until June 1, 2015.** The fees are staying the same as last year. **The deadline is June 30, 2015.** After that date a late fee of \$50.00 will be applied to the total amount. In order to plan for small classes, and to provide at least two catechists for each class, it is essential to have the **registration submitted ON TIME.** The registration form is also on our website, and can be printed and submitted to Sister Suzanne.

STAY Connected with the SPIRIT— New Model of Youth Ministry for Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors

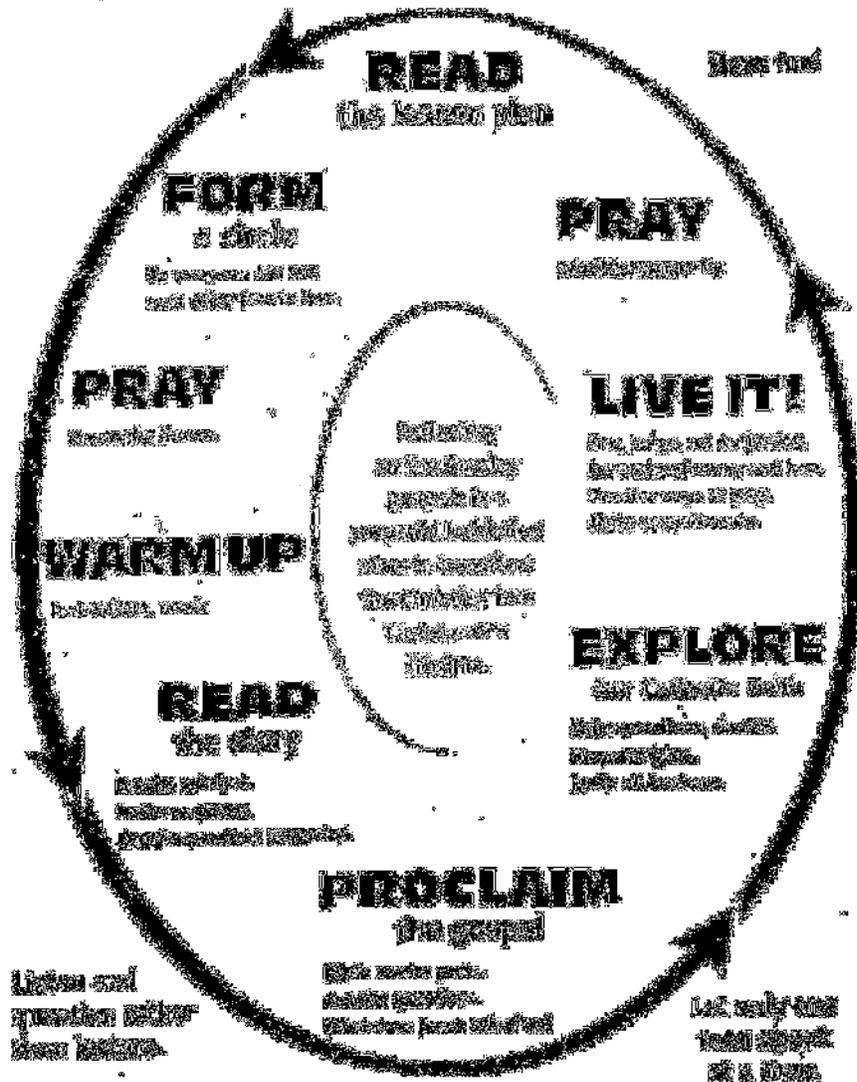
An online Gospel-based program for Catholic teens in the spirit of Vatican II is published by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Teens will be able to read issues on their computer, phone or tablet device or download and print them. A paid subscription for each teen in our group will be provided by our parish. **Check out the website.**

SPIRIT ONLINE | GoodGroundPress.com www.goodgroundpress.com/spirit.aspx

The group will meet once a month, on Sundays, in the back stage room of Kenny Hall from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and then have a social from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. A husband and wife team will facilitate the gathering. Each month the husband and wife team will change to provide variety. Preferably, we will be asking couples who have grown children and those with elementary children. To provide a sense of confidentiality, couples of high school teens will not be chosen. Teens like it this way.

If a teen attends 7 out of the 9 monthly gatherings, the teen will be eligible to participate in a mission trip to the Romero Center in Camden, New Jersey in late June for three days, with all expenses paid by our parish. This mission trip will only be available to teens who participate. First we encounter Christ through the Gospels, and then we go on mission. Any teen or parent interested should contact Sister Suzanne at srsuzanne@verizon.net. The first gathering will occur on September 27, 2015. The methodology of the new model appears on the back of this issue.

Using SPIRIT Step by Step



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Upcoming Dates

- May 21—Baptismal Feast
- May 28—First Sunday in Lent
- May 30—Easter Vigil

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