



CATECHISTS' TRAINING & RESOURCES DAY

SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2023

Sacred Heart of Mary School, 70 St Mary's Lane, Upminster RM14 2QR

TIMETABLE

10:00	Arrive <u>Sign up for your workshop choices for the afternoon</u> – first come, first served! Enjoy a welcoming cup of tea or coffee and a cake.
10:30	Opening Prayer – led by Fr Paschal Uche, Chaplain to the BCYS
10:40	Claire Bailey, Director of Youth Ministry Re/introductions to the BCYS and Walsingham House Staff Team
10:45	Siân Thomas-Cullinan, Director of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood
11:00	Gabriella Skinner, Events and Pilgrimages Co-ordinator
11:15	David Wells “Rise Up” – a continuation on the theme of Flame 2023.
12:15	LUNCH Further opportunity to network. <i>Please provide own lunch.</i>
12:55	Gather back in Main Hall
13:00	Workshop 1 <i>At registration, please select one workshop to attend from the selection over the page.</i>
13:55	Break and Changeover
14:00	Workshop 2 <i>At registration, please select one workshop to attend from the selection over the page.</i>
15:00	Closing Prayer

Workshops Available

Caritas & Faith in Action

Siân Thomas-Cullinan, Director of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood, will lead a workshop in discussing how we can encourage, reward and celebrate the way in which young people are living out their faith through social action, looking at topics such as the environment or cost of living. An opportunity to help shape the way we can assist young people from the end of primary school and all through secondary, in deepening their relationship with God and being more active in our local charitable organisations, parishes and schools through service.

www.caritasbrentwood.org

Little Acts of Love

Mary's Meals' is a charity started in 2002, whose vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things.

This workshop will share more about the story of Mary's Meals – how it reflects key gospel values and Catholic Social Teaching and give some ways catechists could use the story and work with us to engage children and young people.

www.marysmeals.org.uk

Made in God's image and likeness: in your diversity, you are cherished

Young people in the UK are living in a context where questions around sexuality and identity are very freely spoken about. Drawing from all the wisdom and teachings of the Catholic Church, how do we help them navigate these questions, especially within our Confirmation groups.

Using the principles of accompaniment, and listening with love, Fr Dominic offers some pathways for catechists, especially in situations where young people we are catechising identify as LGBT+.

A version of this workshop has already been presented in two of our secondary schools; it focuses on where our starting points can be, and also shows resources developed for schools (that could be adapted for parishes) developed by the BCYS, Brentwood Diocesan Education Service and the Department for Marriage and Family Life.

Online Resources for Confirmation

Are you making use of the variety of videos, courses and content online as part of your confirmation programme? Tom Fusi, Lay Chaplain at St Benedict's College, Colchester and Confirmation Catechist, will guide you through online resources which have made an impact with the young people he works with, both in school and in the parish, and how you can best utilise them in your own programmes.

St Vincent De Paul Society

Young Vincentians takes the SVP ethos into schools, colleges and parishes, inspiring young people to give their time to volunteer and sow the seeds for a lifetime of service. With more than 600 groups in England and Wales, Young Vincentians are the youngest members of the St Vincent de Paul Society who turn their concern into action!

Come and find out how your confirmation group can connect with the St Vincent de Paul Society in Brentwood Diocese, and how they can put their faith into action, or learn about FREE prayer and liturgy resources for primary aged children provided by the St Vincent de Paul society. These resources could support your First Holy Communion or children's liturgy. Find out how you and your children can connect to the work of the society in supporting those struggling in our local communities.

www.svp.org.uk/involve-young-people

The Bishops Certificate in Catechesis

The Bishop's Certificate is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. Claire Bailey, Director of Youth Ministry will share information on the course, including some of the modules and how you can take part.

www.bcys.net/bishops-cert

Young people in the Parish

Are you struggling to involve and engage young people in your parish, and want to hear some real ways in which it is working in the Diocese? Ken Lowe from Our Lady of Compassion, Saffron Walden and Toni Fusi from St Teresa of Lisieux, Lexden, have years of experience volunteering in their respective parishes - each in very different ways! From axe-throwing to guitar playing, they will share their experiences with you and the effect this has had on the engagement and commitment of young people in their parishes.

Session for Young Catechists

Are you aged 16+, having made your Confirmation and looking to develop your faith and involvement in Parish life? Issy from Walsingham House will lead a workshop dedicated just to **you** to help you grow your skills and confidence.