

DEAR FRIENDS

Give yourself a gift by taking time away from your busy life and join your fellow parish leaders from around the Archdiocese of Chicago at Parish Leadership Day 2008 -- *Taking the Spirit to the Streets: Bringing People Closer to Christ* -- on Saturday, February 2, 2008, at Guerin College Preparatory High School, 8001 W. Belmont Ave. in River Grove, IL. (See the registration page for early registration discount information.) This day is a great opportunity for parish leaders to gather together to pray and gain new knowledge and skills to transform their parishes and society.

Here are some of the day's opportunities:

- (optional) Come early and have a conversation with other parish leaders – 7:15 to 8:00 a.m.;
- Listen to the Keynote address by our neighbor, Bishop Peter Sartain of Joliet;
- Dialogue with Francis Cardinal George over lunch;
- Attend over 100 workshops (65% new, never presented before) given by qualified, experienced presenters in the areas of Parish Pastoral Councils, Evangelization, Stewardship, Skills, Formation, etc. in English, Spanish, and Polish;
- Visit many exhibitors representing Archdiocesan agencies and outside vendors;
- Worship at the Closing Liturgy with Celebrant, Francis Cardinal George OMI, and Homilist, Fr. Tom McCarthy OSA, who promise to send you off inspired to do God's work in your parish and community.

Please take some time and share this brochure with your council, commissions, organizations, or interested parishioners. Pass it on to others if you are no longer involved. It is very important that your parish send as large a group of people as possible to Leadership Day. It makes a greater difference in the life of a parish when a number of people attend and share their stories of inspiration and learning. We encourage parish groups to attend different workshops in order to multiply their experiences. Your registration packet will contain suggestions on how to share what you experienced and discern how your parish can benefit.

Join us on Saturday, February 2nd to blend faith, knowledge, and skills within a community of parish leaders, serving together to bring people closer to Christ!

Peace,



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