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## New website offers support, tools, and products for Catholic parish staff



HUNTINGTON, Indiana, September 7, 2012 – Our Sunday Visitor has recently launched a new website specifically for parish directors of religious education, catechists, pastors, and other parish ministry staff, at [www.OSVParish.com](http://www.OSVParish.com).

“The mission of the OSV Parish website is to support and advance parish catechesis through all ages and stages of parishioners’ lives,” stated Beth McNamara, General Manager of Our Sunday Visitor’s Curriculum Division. “We have worked hard to make this site as alive and dynamic as the parish.”

As a truly interactive site, OSVParish.com is designed for parish staff to direct questions to an exclusive group of national experts in sacramental preparation, adult formation, marriage prep, stewardship, religious education, and Catholic teaching. Questions can even be submitted anonymously. Experts include Anne Comeaux, former President of NCCL, Diocesan Director of Religious Education, and teacher; Hosffman Ospino, Ph.D., Adjunct faculty for the Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry at Boston College and parish catechist; Mike Carotta, Ph.D., former Executive Director of NCEA, catechist and Diocesan Director of Adolescent Catechesis; Joseph White, Ph.D., Catholic child psychologist, national speaker and author; Fr. Bob Hater, Professor of Pastoral and Systematic Theology at the Athenaeum of Ohio and parish pastor; and Heidi Busse, OSV Parish Editor and a former Director of Religious Education.

Heidi Busse, the site’s editor, is also the author of the “Everyday Faith Blog,” which resides at OSVParish.com. “As you click around OSVParish.com, you may notice that this site mirrors many of the facets of parish life,” stated Busse in her introductory article. “We are striving for the site to be pastoral and vibrant with solid Catholic information.”

OSVParish.com also includes an exhaustive resource library with hundreds of searchable articles on Catholic topics and teachings. The Catechist Help section is a collection of articles that includes teaching tips, seasonal activities, and more.

In order to build peer-to-peer relationships among the website’s users it features a community forum. Registration is free, and visitors can participate in a variety of discussions of interest to parishes such as family faith formation, classroom management, catechist tips, Scripture, doctrine, and other parish related hot topics.

Through the site, parish staff or pastors can view and order any Our Sunday Visitor parish-specific products such as pamphlets, curriculum, religious education materials, formation programs, catechist training aids, family resources, and more. The secure shopping interface is designed to make the entire experience both quick and easy.

Other websites hosted by Our Sunday Visitor include OSVCurriculum.com, OSVOffertorySolutions.com, OurSundayVisitor.com, and OSV.com. Our Sunday Visitor is the world’s largest English-language Catholic publisher and serves millions of Catholics globally. As a not-for-profit organization, Our Sunday Visitor returns a portion of net earnings back to the Catholic community through the Our Sunday Visitor Institute.

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