Adult Faith Formation
and the Liturgy

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults has heightened awareness of the intrinsic link between adult faith formation and the liturgy. In paragraph 75, we read that the catechesis of candidates should be "accommodated to the liturgical year, and solidly supported by celebrations of the word."

Both the *General Directory for Catechesis* and the *National Directory for Catechesis* call for the RCIA to serve as the "model" or "inspiration" for all catechesis. For this reason, the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and the National Conference on Catechetical Leadership hosted a national symposium earlier this decade to explore ways in which the RCIA could serve as the inspiration for catechetical ministry. Insights from the symposium are presented in *An Apprenticeship in the Christian Life: Exploring the Baptismal Catechumenate as Inspiration for All Catechesis* by Marie Kordes and Loyes Spayd. The book is available from both organizations at www.naforum.org and www.nccl.org.

Many adult faith formation leaders have sought to base some or all of their programs on the liturgical year. Publishers and organizations have responded to this need by creating a variety of resources.

The Archdiocese of Detroit offers an extensive online list of liturgically based adult learning resources that are available from a wide range of publishers. To access the list, go to www.aodonline.org. Click on Offices and Ministries, then Education, then Adult Faith Formation, then Programming Resources, then Lectionary-Based Adult Scripture Study.

Some catechetical leaders have found *Ministry and Liturgy Magazine* helpful in their efforts to connect adult faith formation with the liturgy. It can be accessed at: http://www.rpinet.com/ml.

Two organizations that have made consistent efforts to provide assistance in resources and consulting for the liturgical dimensions of adult faith formation are LifelongFaith Associates at www.lifelongfaith.com and Pastoral Planning at www.pastoralplanning.com.