

IMPACT OF THE CATHERINE OF SIENA INSTITUTE

• “I am not exaggerating when I say this apostolate understands the Church’s theology of the laity better than anyone else in the world. I cannot recommend these guys highly enough. Brilliant!”

Mark Shea, Author

• “From the bottom of my heart, thank you... this was not a message imposed from without but a vision called forth by fellow Christians, from within the Body of Christ.”

*Katherine Coolidge,
Pastoral Associate, St. John Fisher, LA, CA*

• “I am so excited to be listening intentionally to what God may be calling me to... I was wondering what I would do this year --my answer is an unequivocal YES!”

Becky O'Hara, participant

• “You encouraged me to finish my memoir and showed me what my book was about -- what my life is about. I can’t thank you enough!”

*Jan Vallone,
author of Pieces of Someday*

• Claudia Bohnert left North Carolina to go to Tanzania with her skills as a pharmacologist to teach people there how to administer drugs for AIDS.

• Ellen Piper in Boise started the first homeless men’s volunteer firefighting brigade, a day-shelter for the homeless and two Catholic Worker houses.

• Scott Moyer in San Francisco left a lucrative job in Silicon Valley to head the Adult Faith Formation in his parish.

• Barbara Elliott in Houston founded an organization to transition the homeless, recovering addicts, and former prisoners into employment. She also became a teacher for the Institute.



CO-DIRECTORS OF THE INSTITUTE

Sherry Weddell and Fr. Michael Fones, O.P., are the co-directors of the Catherine of Siena Institute. Sherry co-founded the Institute in 1997 with Fr. Michael Sweeney, O.P., as an affiliated ministry of the Western Dominican Province. The Institute models the collaboration of laity and clergy in their shared mission to the world.

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WHAT THE CATHERINE OF SIENA INSTITUTE IS DOING FOR YOU

- Equipping parishes to form lay apostles.
- Making self-formation resources available to lay Catholics, to help them mature in faith.
- Equipping parishes to be houses of formation, discernment, and apostolic support for the laity.
- Forming clergy, religious, and lay leaders to evangelize and form the laity.
- Fostering awareness, discussion, theological inquiry, and pastoral consultation throughout the Church regarding the apostolic mission and formation of the laity.



- Collaborating with interested individuals, groups, and organizations in the service of this mission.

EQUIPPING THE LAITY, PRIESTS AND PARISHES

Since 1997, the Catherine of Siena Institute has given workshops, retreats, clergy days, and leadership training to Catholics in hundreds of parishes and 100 dioceses across the United States and in eight other countries. From Seattle to Boston, Sydney, and Rome, the Institute has delivered a powerful message to more than 60,000 Catholics and other Christians about the mission of each baptized person to become a disciple and serve Christ.

Solidly anchored in magisterial teaching, the Institute conveys the clarion call of the Second Vatican Council, echoed by Pope John Paul II in *Christifidelis Laici*, that the laity are called to be mature disciples and effective apostles in the world. The Institute equips parishes to be houses of formation for the laity and provides theological and practical training for clergy, seminarians, and pastoral leaders who minister to adults.

“Making Disciples” is one of CSI’s foundational workshops, which equips Catholic leaders to evangelize a post-modern world. “Called and Gifted” is our popular parish-based discernment process for discovering the spiritual gifts each individual has been given by God for the sake of others. The Institute also offers training on stewardship, revitalizing RCIA, adult faith formation, evangelization, theology of the laity and faith in the marketplace.

CREATING A CLIMATE OF VOCATIONS

Where the Institute’s work has taken root, individuals and institutions are experiencing transformation. One parish produced eight vocations to the priesthood and religious life in two years. Our mission finds its fruition in followers of Christ who discover their vocation -- ecclesial or secular-- and answer the call to serve God with a resounding YES.