

## Booking

- The Conference begins with lunch on Wednesday 2 July and finishes after lunch on Friday 4.
- We aim to keep the cost of the Conference as low as possible. The 'early-bird' fee is the same as the cost of the 2006 Conference
- Cost per person is £200.00. There is an 'early-bird' fee of £185 for those who book before 1 May.
- To respect the nature of the process we are unable to offer day places but there is a non-residential fee for the whole Conference which includes meals — £120 (before 1/5), £135 (after 1/5)
- Membership of the **RCIA Network** is free. Activities, such as organising study days, conferences and the newsletter, are solely funded by the receipts from events it organises.
- **Cancellation:** taking into account our liability with Sedgley Park cancellations after 1/5 will receive 50% refund, after 1/6 25% refund.
- Sedgley Park Centre ask that Cars display a security permit. If you are intending to travel by car please indicate it on the Booking Form.
- Details of Study Days and further information can be found at [www.rcia.org.uk](http://www.rcia.org.uk). Directions and other papers will be sent to participants before the Conference.
- Booking forms should be returned by 2 June 2008.

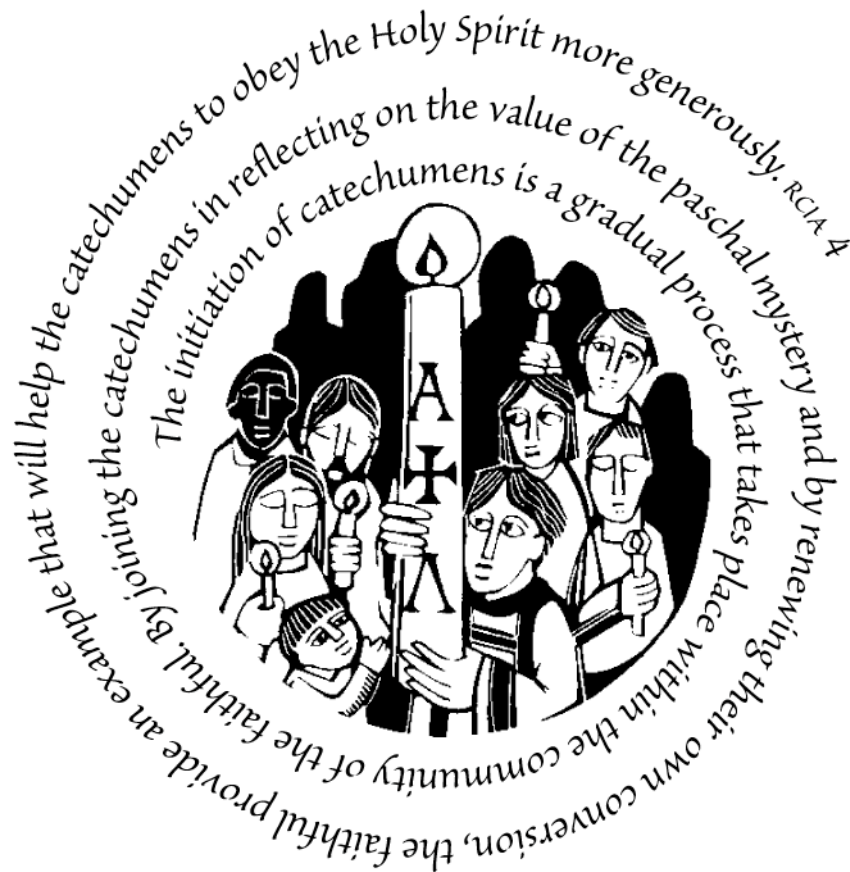
## Sedgley Park Centre

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# RCIA Network Conference 2008 *Forming Threshold Companions*



Wednesday 2 – Friday 4 July  
Sedgley Park, Manchester

## Forming Threshold Companions

*The people of God, as represented by the local Church, should understand and show by their concern that the initiation of adults is the responsibility of all the baptised. Therefore the community must always be fully prepared in the pursuit of its apostolic vocation to give help to those who are searching for Christ. In the various circumstances of daily life all the followers of Christ have the obligation of spreading the faith according to their abilities. Hence, the entire community must help the candidates and catechumens throughout the process of initiation. [RCIA 9]*

- How do we form communities that support the process of initiation?
- What is the place of liturgy and prayer?
- How do we support and offer formation to our teams?
- How do we identify and respond to the needs of those who stand on the threshold?

The Church in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults invites our communities to reach out to those who are searching for Christ and journey with them. The Rite not only extends the invitation but also provides the tools to assist us on the journey. In this year's RCIA Network Conference we will look at the ways we form ourselves, those we work with and our communities to be companions of the journey. The themes will be explored through input, group work, liturgy, prayer and reflection.

### Sheila O'Dea

Our facilitator this year is Sheila O'Dea RSM who is Director of Liturgy at All Hallows College, Dublin. She was previously Assistant Director of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and has worked with groups across the world. A skilled facilitator she will bring her deep knowledge and love of the Rite to share with us.

## RCIA Study Days 2008

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Special Needs: .....

I will require a Car Park permit:

I enclose a cheque (payable to RCIA Network) for:

Before 1 May **£185**

After 1 May **£200**

Non-residential

Before 1 May **£120**

After 1 May **£135**

Please send me an invoice:

Please send me a RCIA Network membership form

*Please return to*

Martin Foster, RCIA Network, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1PL  
by Monday 2 June 2008.

Please copy the booking form as necessary