DEACON DAVID MONTGOMERY, CHIEF OF STAFF
The office hours for the Chancery and Catholic Messenger will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. effective December 1, 2016. This change is made in response to the revised Fair Labor and Standards Act and to better meet the needs of visitors. Appointments should be made in advance for the noon to 1:00 p.m. time period when possible.

OFFICE CLOSINGS
The Diocesan and Catholic Messenger offices will be closed November 24-25 in observance of Thanksgiving.

BISHOP’S OFFICE
“Are you suffering a lot? Do not worry. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God.”

The historic, world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be visiting the Diocese of Davenport October 30 – November 3 as part of the Fatima Centennial US Tour for Peace, honoring the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima. Please join us for an extraordinary day of graces, healing and prayer to Our Lady, for our country and our families.

Make a pilgrimage to Fatima here in our own diocese! Four parishes are hosting the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

- Sunday, Oct 30 – Sacred Heart Cathedral (Davenport) (11am – 7pm)
- Monday, Oct 31 – SS Mary and Mathias School (Muscatine) (8am – 9:15am)
- Monday, Oct 31 – SS Mary and Mathias Church (Muscatine) (10am – 7:30pm)
- Tuesday, Nov 1 – Notre Dame School (Burlington) (9am – 10:30am)
- Tuesday, Nov 1 – St. Paul (Burlington) (12 noon – 7am Nov 2)
- Wednesday, Nov 2 & Nov 3 – St Mary (Iowa City) (3pm Nov 2 – 3pm Nov 3)

For detail parish planned events see www.fatimatourforpeace.com

Many favors and graces, including cures, and countless conversions are associated with the historic Image. Join in the celebration for extraordinary graces, healing and prayer with Our Lady. All are welcome at any parish!

Have you heard the story of Fatima and the great Miracle of the Sun? St. Pope John Paul II said “Fatima is more important now than in 1917.” It is for our times.

VICAR GENERAL’S OFFICE
Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting: November 12, 10:00 a.m. – Noon, St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. The Diocesan Pastoral Council is an advisory body to the Bishop which assists the Bishop and the rest of the Diocese in their efforts of evangelization by planning, overseeing and evaluating these efforts. The Council, while not replacing any legitimately and/or juridically existing office, group or other council in the Diocese, is advisory to the Bishop, is representative of the entire Diocese and serves at the will of the Bishop. Article II, Constitution & Bylaws

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE
Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD):
- The Annual Collection will be held November 19 and 20. The diocese retains 25% of the proceeds to fight poverty within our own diocese. All parishes should have received their promotional materials. On the weekend of November 12-13 insert the bulletin flyer and display the posters. If your parish has not received or you need more materials or have questions contact Loxi Hopkins, 563-888-4212.
• **CCHD Luncheon:** Special thank you to those parishes that sent a representative to the first ever CCHD luncheon. We had a great turnout. Please read the story in *The Catholic Messenger*. If your parish was unable to attend the luncheon and would like someone to come speak about the collection please contact Loxi Hopkins, 563-888-4212.

**2017 CRS Rice Bowl Collection starts Ash Wednesday, March 1:** Now is the time place your order for your free promotional materials. Place your order by calling 800-222-0025 or mailing the postcard that was sent to your parish. Materials will be shipped on January 9.

**Rice Bowl Kick-Off Breakfast Events:** We are working on the 2017 Rice Bowl Kick-off Breakfast events and are looking for host parishes. If your parish is interested in hosting a Kick-off Breakfast event contact Loxi Hopkins, 563-888-4212.

**The Iowa Institute for Social Action** will be held January 15-16 in Altoona. The Institute is our leadership-training event for advocates of the human life and dignity teachings of the Church. Brian Corbin, Executive Vice-President of Membership Services at Catholic Charities USA, will present the keynote address. Breakout sessions will feature the latest on the social concerns of the Church, including poverty, immigration and protecting the vulnerable. Attached is a promotional flyer.


**Project Rachel** services for those wounded by abortion are:
- Dedicated Helpline: 563-333-4107 (calls answered personally Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm.) Voice messaging available all other times.
- Dedicated e-mail: projectrachel@diodav.org
- Dedicated national website: [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org)
- Confidential referrals for individualized counseling with a Project Rachel priest or counselor

How you can help promote Project Rachel in your parish:
- Distribute the free brochure, “Peace Starts Here.” Call 563-888-4212 to receive.
- On your parish website put a link to the [Project Rachel website](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org)
- Pray for women and men that have been affected by abortion
- Include weekly bulletin announcements

There are two ways to support Project Rachel:
1. “Humble Angel Honey”: For parishes who are interested in having “Humble Angel Honey” for sale at their parish please contact Kent Ferris or 563-888-4210 to make arrangements.
2. Make a financial contribution, payable to the Diocese of Davenport and mail to Diocese of Davenport, Project Rachel, 780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804-1901.

**FAITH FORMATION OFFICE**

**QUEST Overnight for 8th-9th Graders:** This experience helps teens to focus on loving themselves, loving others and loving God. It’s a chance to get away from their regular routine, meet new people, talk about important issues, grow in their faith, and have fun! November 5-6 at Our Lady of Lourdes in Bettendorf. Visit the [QUEST webpage](http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/national-migration-week/index.cfm) for more information and to register.

**Diocesan Youth Ministry Awards:** Every other year the diocese presents two youth ministry awards: The **St. Don Bosco Companion on the Journey Award** is presented to adults who have made significant contributions to the development of youth ministry in the diocese, and who are models of leadership that empower and accompany young people on their journey of faith. The **St. Timothy Award** is presented to high school youth who are strong witnesses to a life of discipleship and who have made significant contributions to the development of youth ministry in their parish or school. Both these awards will be presented at the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) on November 20. Nominations are due by October 28. For nomination packets, visit the [AWARDS webpage](http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/national-migration-week/index.cfm).
Parents: Do you need a little CPR? Parenting today is rewarding but challenging work, especially when it comes to making faith a central part of family life. Sometimes, you need a little encouragement and inspiration along the way. The Catholic Parent Revival provides parents with children of all ages an opportunity to revive their spirit, become more motivated to make faith a more central part of their family life, and build a network of support for building a strong Catholic family. This special program takes place on November 19 from 9:30 to 4:00 p.m., during the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference at St. Ambrose University. In the morning, parents will be energized by the spirit and faith of the young Church of Davenport as they join in the Opening Session and first keynote of DCYC. After lunch, parents will take part in the CPR at Christ the King Chapel. Cost for the day is $20 for an individual, $35 for a couple, and includes lunch. Register online by November 15 at www.davenportdiocese.org/cpr. Registrations will be accepted at the door for an additional $5, but will not include lunch. (NOTE: Please include this announcement in your parish bulletin, and post the copies of the attached flyer on your parish bulletin boards.)

2016 DCYC (Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference): This biennial conference for high school youth takes place November 19-20 at St. Ambrose University in Davenport. This year’s theme – Signed. Sealed. Delivered. For Mercy. – centers on the Kingship of Jesus in our lives. Through the keynote presentations of Robert Feduccia, the music of Mathias Michael, breakout sessions, prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation, Mass, and much more, young people will come to know deeper their call to be agents of God’s mercy in the world. Early-bird registration deadline is October 28, and final registration deadline is November 12. For publicity, registration and medical/permission forms, visit the DCYC webpage.

State of Faith Formation in the Diocese of Davenport: The Office of Faith Formation is undertaking an assessment of the current status of faith formation across the age spectrum. The goal of this assessment is to understand how each parish is forming faith in all its parishioners, discover what is most effective, identify key challenges, and determine the kind of assistance, support and resourcing most needed. The results will guide the Office of Faith Formation staff in developing future programs and service to better suit the needs of parishes. The assessment is also being conducted in anticipation of Bishop Amos' retirement to serve as an important orientation document to the new bishop on the state of faith formation in the diocese. Fr. John Stack is the project coordinator for this study, and he will be contacting all faith formation and youth ministry leaders to schedule interviews in each parish across the diocese. Look for more information in future editions of the Mini.

MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM

2016 Commissioning: Congratulations to the following MFP participants who were commissioned as Lay Ecclesial Ministers for the Diocese of Davenport on October 15, 2016 at St. Mary’s in Iowa City:

Jane Doucette: St. Mary, Iowa City
Karina Garnica: Sacred Heart, Davenport
Jane Kauzalarich-Payle: St. Mary, Oskaloosa
Andrew Reif: St. Mary, Dodgeville
Donna Tylkowski: St. Mary, Oskaloosa
Williams Doucette: St. Mary, Iowa City
Rebecca Hannum: St. Mary, West Point
Juana Plum: St. Mary, Albia
Lori Smith: St. Mary, Oskaloosa

MFP Courses: Live classes are held at the Chancery in Davenport from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. or participants may instead choose to join one of the video small groups held at various locations throughout the diocese. Each small group location will determine its monthly meeting time. An application form and additional information may be found on the MFP website. For information regarding the courses or the Ministry Formation Program contact Marianne Agnoli or 563-888-4242.

2016-17 Schedule

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Marriage and Parenting Resource: Attached is the November issue of “Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers.” These may be used in parish bulletins or as links on parish websites.

Amoris Laetitia Webinar Series: The Pastoral Response in Accompanying Families in Faith: The Strong Catholic Families National Partnership invites ministry leaders, teachers, parents and clergy to join together with others around the globe in a four-part webinar series focusing on the pastoral implementation of Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation on the family, *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love). Four Master Teachers will be speaking to different aspects of a family’s faith journey over the next several months. Each month, two live panels will convene to reflect on the master teacher presentation and to discuss the pastoral issues, concerns and effective practices related to that month’s theme. Times are 1:00 or 6:00 p.m. each day.

- **Theme 2 (November 2): Accompanying Families** presented by Bishop Richard Malone, Diocese of Buffalo
- **Theme 3 (November 6 & December 7): Assisting Families in Discerning God’s Movement** presented by Julianne Stanz, Director of New Evangelization, Diocese of Green Bay
- **Theme 4 (January 8 & January 25): Engaging for Mission** presented by Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archdiocese of Washington

Click [here](#) to register for each panel and/or to download and distribute the informational flyer.

**Courage/Encourage**

An Encourage Support Group (English) will begin meeting in November in the Diocese of Davenport. Encourage is the Courage affiliate support group for family members, spouses, and friends of men and women experiencing same-sex attraction. Courage support groups for Catholic men and women who experience same-sex attractions and desire to live chaste lives following the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church are already meeting in the Diocese of Davenport. Sample bulletin announcements are attached to help you let your parishioners know about these diocesan support opportunities. In addition, a variety of printable informational brochures can be downloaded in both English and Spanish from the [Courage website](#).

For more information, contact:

- **Family Life Coordinator** – Marianne Agnoli, 563-888-4242, agnolim@davenportdiocese.org
- **Courage (English)** – Fr. Thom Hennen, 563-888-4255
- **Encourage (English)** – Fr. Tony Herold, 563-888-4363
- **Encourage (Spanish)** – Fr. Joseph Sia, 319-728-8210

**Marriage Preparation**

An overview of the revised diocesan marriage preparation policies will be presented in each deanery during the workshops to introduce the new Order for Celebrating Matrimony. The workshops are intended for those who preside at weddings and/or are involved in ministry to couples preparing for marriage, such as priests, deacons (especially those who will not be able to make it to the deacons’ fall convocation), coordinators and team members in marriage preparation programs, music ministers, and parish wedding coordinators. Remaining workshops are:

- Nov. 5 - Clinton Deanery (St. Joseph, DeWitt)
- Dec. 2 - Chancery (St. Vincent Center), Davenport
- Dec. 3 - Chancery (St. Vincent Center), Davenport

Registration and other information is available on the diocesan website on the “New Order of Celebrating Matrimony” page. You can directly access the registration form [here](#).
The Diocese of Davenport offers several marriage preparation program formats: Sponsor Couple (through your parish), One-day, Weekend (two-day), and Online (under special circumstances-with parish approval).

**Sponsor Couple:** It is preferred that those preparing for marriage meet with a trained parish Sponsor Couple. Contact Marianne Agnoli to schedule a training in your parish to serve in this important ministry with couples preparing for marriage.

**Weekend and One-day:**
- **January 21, 2017:** Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, *registration deadline is January 13*
- **February 25, 2017:** Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, *registration deadline February 17*

Additional 2017 dates TBA.

Registration fee: $150 per couple. The registration form and more information can be found on the Marriage and Family webpage. If you have questions contact Barb Butterworth or 563-888-4240.

**Online:** Go [here](#) – to be used only under special circumstance with parish approval.

**Natural Family Planning**
Participation in a diocesan approved *Introductory NFP Instruction* will be required for all engaged couples of child bearing age that begin preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony in the diocese after December 31, 2016.

Both general information as well as method specific content is offered in a variety of formats:
- Individual couple or group on location instruction
- Live or self-paced online instruction
- One-on-one Skype instruction
- Video instruction and study guide

Couples may select to participate in one or more of these resources based on their individual level of interest or particular life circumstance. Most instruction is available in both English and Spanish.

Engaged couples are encouraged to start NFP instruction at least four months prior to their wedding date.

Diocesan approved NFP online and local instructional resources can be found [here](#).

**SISTERS OF HUMILITY, DAVENPORT**

**8th Annual CHM Holiday Gift Swap:** Tuesday, December 6, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Humility of Mary Center, Davenport. Cost: Free. All are welcome to attend. Why buy new stuff? As a way to reduce, reuse and recycle everyone is invited to bring new or gently used items that are perfect for RE-gifting … then shop the swap for that perfect gift for one or more on your list! Everyone, including children, are sure to find gifts for people on their list! Leftover items will be donated to Humility of Mary Housing and Shelter programs. Also…enjoy homemade goodies and visit with the sisters! *Before the swapping begins, enjoy a short presentation sure to inspire hope for Earth!*

**ST. STEPHEN MINISTRY WORKSHOP**

Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations. Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. A Stephen Minister usually provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour. Twice a month, Stephen Ministers gather with their Stephen Leaders for supervision and continuing education.

An introductory workshop will be held Saturday, November 12, 9:00a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi in West Des Moines. The fee is $15 person or $50 for a group of four or more. Additional information and registration for the Introductory Workshop can be found on the Stephen Ministries [website](#).
PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN
To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, Victim Assistance Coordinator: 563-349-5002, vae@diadav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE RETREAT, WHEATLAND
To register contact: 563-336-8414 or olpretreat@gmail.com. All programs include a delicious homemade meal prepared with local and organic ingredients. To learn more about Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat visit www.chmiowa.org.

Weaving Prayers and Baskets: Thurs, November 3 | 9am – 4pm. Learn simple basket weaving in the context of prayer and meditation. Make small baskets for holiday gifting. Kathleen Storms, SSND. Fee: $30

Heading into the Autumn Time of Life – with Grace or Denial?: Thurs, November 10 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Through the story, “A Time for Leaving,” participants will engage in reflection and shared conversation. This day is designed for persons approaching retirement, the struggles with letting go, the search for who I am now (identity), the anticipation of closer relationships with family, friends, and God. Participants: Age 65+ Mary Bea Snyder, CHM. Fee: $25

Measure Twice, Cut Once, Quilting Retreat: November 11 – 12 | Fri, 9am – Sat, 4:30pm. Color and design of fabric encourage creativity, communication, and connection with God. From a bag of prepared materials, we learn the basics of quilting while creating a table runner/wall hanging. Prayer will be “basted in” while applying quilting to daily life. A basic quilting kit will be provided. Participants bring: Sewing machine, fabric scissors, ruler or tape measure, quilting pencil, thread (beige or gray). Janet Heiar, SSND, quilter and instructor at Heartland Cottons, DeWitt, IA. Fee: $125

Come to the Quiet: the Gift of Courage: Tues, November 15 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. How challenging, and even at times terrifying, it can be to remain on our spiritual path. The gift of courage blesses us with the moral strength to continue our sacred journey, knowing we will be protected and sustained by the Holy Spirit. Pat Shea, Fee: $20

Come to the Quiet: The Gift of Peace: Tues, December 6 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. During the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, the gift of peace provides the holy tranquility of spirit. The gift of peace offers a holy, quiet calm of heart and soul. Sharing the gift of peace with family and friends truly is the gift of the season. Pat Shea. Fee: $20

Advent Taize’ Vigil Service: Mon, December 12 | 6:30pm. Taize’ is an ecumenical movement, drawing Christians of all denominations together in unified and compassionate prayer. All people of faith are invited to participate. No fee.

EAGLES’ WINGS COUNSELING AND RETREAT CENTERS, DAVENPORT
To register, for questions or information about obtaining a spiritual director, or Christian counseling contact Marcia Moore, marcia@eagleswings.ws or 563-324-7263, http://www.eagleswings.ws. Located at 5816 Telegraph Rd., Davenport.

All Saints Day Retreat: Tuesday, November 1, 10 AM – 2 PM. Learn what a Saint is, how someone is determined to be a Saint, what the Church says about Saints and more. We will share a few of our favorite Saints and give you an opportunity to have some quiet time reflecting on their teachings. What a wonderful way to celebrate All Saints Day! Bring a sack lunch, no need to register, free will offering.

Prayer for Our Country on Election Day: Tuesday, November 8, 10:30 – 11:30 AM. You may bring your lunch and stay for: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at noon followed by Mass at 1 PM with prayer for healing. Reconciliation available before Mass.


Eagles’ Wings is available for private or small group retreat. We offer Spiritual Direction, the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and professional Counseling from a Christian perspective.
Expressing the Psalms with Music and Writing: Nov 5 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Take time to more deeply appreciate the Book of Psalms in a creative way. This retreat begins with a reflection on the Psalms and how they can touch our life experiences. Then you will have the opportunity to work with a writer and a musician to express your Psalm in a prayerful manner. Maybe one specific line, verse or Psalm touches your heart and you can create a melody for it. Maybe you would find writing your own Psalm a prayer for your life. Let loose your creative side and deepen your prayer with the Psalms. Writing material provided or bring your own. Keyboards available or bring your musical instrument. No writing or music skill required!! Presenter: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB; Artists: Misty Urban, who coordinates the Writing Center at Muscatine Community College and her short story collection, *A Lesson in Manners*, won the Serena McDonald Kennedy Award and was published by Snake Nation Press; and Lori Carroll, St. Mary Monastery Oblate, a graduate of Iowa State University, has been an Iowa music teacher for 35 years and is currently teaching vocal and instrumental music at Louisa-Muscatine Elementary School, and is music director, organist, and choir director at Trinity Episcopal Church in Muscatine. Fee: $70.

Catholic Sister for A Day: Nov 12 9:00 AM - Nov 13 1:00 PM. Experience life as a Sister with other single Catholic women 18-50 years old. Enjoy prayer, meals and conversation with the Sisters, discover how the Benedictines serve God with personal and communal prayer, and learn about the process of discernment. Come to and take the step you need to discover whether God is calling you to religious life. There is no cost; you are our guest! Go [here](#) to register.

Christmas Manger Evening for Families with Young Children: The Real Christmas: Dec 6 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM. This evening is designed for families with infants, toddlers, preschool age, and primary age children, however, all ages are welcome. Bring your family’s manger scene/set and gather as a family to enjoy an evening of simple stories, explanations and activities about the first Christmas. If you do not have a manger one will be provided. Don’t be concerned if your children are active and noisy. Jesus was once a very young child himself. He understands and so will we!! Presenters: Deacon Steve and Kathy MacDonald. Fee: Free will offering. Go [here](#) to register.
Save the Date!

Iowa Institute for Social Action

Jan. 15-16, 2017

Saints John and Paul Parish, Altoona

Keynote by Brian Corbin, executive VP of Catholic Charities USA. Breakout sessions to feature the latest on the social concerns of the Church, including poverty, immigration and protecting the vulnerable.

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Revival!               Motivation!               Support!

Program Focus
Parents with children of all ages – including grandparents - are invited to join together to revive their own faith, become more motivated, and feel supported in the daily effort of growing faith as a family. During the Catholic Parent Revival, parents will be treated to a day of inspiring speakers, moving music, and meaningful prayer as they breathe new life into the role that faith takes within their home, the domestic church.

Schedule
Start the day in the Rogalski Center with the young Church of Davenport as the biennial Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) begins. Proceed to lunch in Cosgrove Dining Hall. Then it’s off to Christ the King Chapel for an afternoon with other parents.

Parents of teens attending DCYC are welcome to attend any other of DCYC for just the cost of meals. You can reserve your meals when you register.

Fees & Registration
- Individual: $20 before 11/15 (includes lunch); $25 on-site (no lunch)
- Couple: $35 before 11/15 (includes lunch); $40 on-site (no lunch)

Registration is open at www.davenportdiocese.org/cpr.

Childcare
This event is for adults. No child care will be provided onsite. Nursing mothers and babies are welcome.

About
The Catholic Parent Revival is part of the Strong Catholic Families, Strong Catholic Youth initiative which is co-sponsored by NFCYM, NACFLM, NCCL and NCEA and offered to parishes within the Diocese of Davenport through the Office of Faith Formation. For more information on the initiative and/or how your parish can participate, contact Don Boucher at 563-888-4243 or boucher@davenportdiocese.org.
Sample Bulletin Announcements

Courage/EnCourage: Ministry to those Experiencing Same-Sex Attraction

**Courage**

If you or your loved one is struggling with same-sex attraction and want confidential Catholic support, please contact Fr. Thom Hennen at 563-888-4255.

There is a ministry in the Diocese of Davenport to help men and women experiencing same-sex attraction. For confidential Catholic support contact Fr. Thom Hennen at 563-888-4255.

Contrary to popular belief, the Catholic Church does not reject or hate persons with same-sex attraction; in fact they are loved! For confidential Catholic support contact Fr. Thom Hennen at 563-888-4255.

Are you tired of the gay/lesbian lifestyle? Disillusioned? Do you miss the Catholic faith? Do you long for the Eucharist? There is confidential Catholic support available. Contact Fr. Thom Hennen at 563-888-4255.

If you feel attraction for persons of the same sex, can you love that person and remain a faithful Catholic? For confidential Catholic support contact Fr. Thom Hennen at 563-888-4255.

**EnCourage**

Are you concerned because your child or loved one has “come out” as homosexual? There is confidential Catholic support available. Contact Fr. Tony Herold at 563-888-4363.

Does your child or family member’s same-sex lifestyle weigh on your heart? Confidential Catholic support is available through the EnCourage ministry. Contact Fr. Tony Herold at 563-888-4363.

**EnCourage (Spanish)**

¿Está preocupado porque su hijo o un ser querido ha "mostrado" su homosexualidad? Existe un apoyo católico confidencial disponible. Contacta al P. Joseph Sia al teléfono 319-728-8210.

¿Tiene su hijo o algún miembro de su familia un estilo de vida homosexual que está pesando en su corazón? El apoyo católico confidencial está disponible a través del ministerio de EnCourage. Contacta al P. Joseph Sia al teléfono 319-728-8210.
MARRIAGE MOMENTS

700. Nov. 7: The election is at hand. The USA is divided and tired. Is it possible to love and respect those with different political opinions? Consider how you resolve serious differences of opinion with your spouse. What does it mean to 'love your enemy' when it feels like fellow citizens are the enemy? Learn from your marriage. We must go on living together.

701. Nov. 14: Are you both healthy? Hopefully yes, but in any marriage there are times when one spouse gets sick. Whether it's a simple cold or a serious illness how do you like to be treated when you're not feeling well. Do you want to be left alone or get lots of tender, loving care? What kind of care?

702. Nov. 21: Trip down Memory Lane #15. In every human life eventually tragedy strikes. It may not be life threatening or frequent, but it causes us to pause and reflect. What has been a significant misfortune of your life together so far? How do you support each other?

703. Nov. 28: Feast then famine. It's a paradox of USA and Christian church calendars that the feast of Thanksgiving is quickly followed by Advent - a season of waiting and preparation. Our culture hurries Christmas by trying to get us to fill Advent with buying and busyness. Don't let yourself be robbed of this holy time of reflection. Simplify.

PARENTING POINTERS

701. Nov. 4: It's nice periodically to remember family members who have died. This need not be a sad or gruesome task but rather a way to celebrate the goodness and lessons learned from relatives who have gone before us. Familiarize your children with their deceased relatives by creating a litany of their names and good qualities.

702. Nov. 11: November is National Adoption Month. Whether or not your own children are adopted, talk with them about the generosity of those who adopt, foster parent, or simply mentor children who are not biologically connected to them.

703. Nov. 18: November 20 is the feast of Christ the King, but Jesus rejected kingship and modeled "servant leadership." Kings have armies and thus power to enforce what they want. Servants excel in listening and seek to serve others' needs. Good leaders inspire. Talk with your children about the difference between a King, a Servant, and a Leader.

704. Nov. 25: Your Thanksgiving meal is probably over, but you may have leftovers. May it prompt you to reflect on your abundance. Consult your family about one way during Advent that you can use extras around your home (food, toys, tools...) to ease the lives of those who don't have as much.