VICAR GENERAL’S OFFICE, MSGR. JOHN HYLAND
Iowa Catholic Conference Newsletter: The ICC is the official public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Iowa and is an advocate at the Iowa legislature for policies that serve the common good. Please visit www.iowacatholicconference.org and click on “Join the Network” to receive a newsletter and action alerts.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY
The Diocesan Directory has been updated and the 2010 issue will be distributed this month. All subscribers or recipients of the Mini-Messenger will be emailed an electronic version. A hard copy, including three-ring binder and tab dividers, is available for purchase for $12. Copies may be ordered by contacting Laurie Hoefling, hoefling@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 267.

VOCATIONS OFFICE
National Vocation Awareness Week begins this Sunday, January 10, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. You are challenged to renew your baptismal commitment as you consider how you can call and ask others to serve God in the priesthood, diaconate or religious life. Materials are on the diocesan website ~ www.davenportdiocese.org ~ to help you in your promotion of vocations.

If you need any materials ~ prayer cards, posters, Rosary for Vocations CD or anything else ~ to help in promoting vocations, please contact Fr. Marty Goetz, goetz@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 259.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
Sales/Use Tax: This is a reminder that churches and religious organizations (except schools) must pay sales tax on taxable goods and services. If the organization (in Iowa) that you purchase from does not charge you sales tax, then you need to call them and have them issue you a new invoice with the sales tax included. If the organization is not in Iowa and does not charge you sales tax, then you need to report it as use tax to the Iowa Department of Revenue. Also all receipts from gambling activities sponsored by nonprofit entities are subject to sales tax, regardless of the ultimate use of the proceeds. More information regarding sales tax is available in Publication #78-595. The publication may be obtained through:
- Publications order line at 800-532-1531. Ask for it by number (78-595)
- Tax Fax Line at 800-572-3943. Dial in #78-595 and your fax number. A copy will be sent to you within minutes.
- Download it from the website www.state.ia.us.tax. Click on Publications, then Sales & Use Tax, then nonprofit entities (publication 78-595.)

Calendar Year-End Filing Requirements: Just a reminder of the following required annual filings:
- Donations – Provide donors with written confirmation for all contributions by January 31.
- Payroll – Furnish each employee a completed W-2 by January 31. File the W-3 transmittal form with the Social Security Administration by February 28.
- Non-Payroll Payments – Provide individuals or entities to whom you made payments of $600.00 or more during the calendar year for services, rents, commissions, fees or other non-employee payments with Form 1099 by January 31. File copy A of each Form 1099 with the IRS by February 28. A more complete description of these annual filings, along with instructions for reconciliation between the W-2s, W-3 and the quarterly Form 941 was sent December 18 by email to the pastors and bookkeepers. For additional information contact Nancy Karn, karn@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 229.
LITURGY OFFICE

Rite of Election: Information concerning the Rite of Election has been sent to parishes, priests, deacons, and RCIA coordinators and has also been posted on the Liturgy Event webpage (http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm). Please remember that registration information is due back by January 25.

National Catholic Youth Choir: The 2010 National Catholic Youth Choir is currently accepting student applications. Additional information can be found in the attached PDF file or go to their website at www.CatholicYouthChoir.org. Application forms are online and are due back by March 8.

PASTORAL SERVICES

Social Action . . .

Iowa Social Action Institute: There will not be an Iowa Institute for Social Action held this January as usual. The dioceses of Iowa and the Iowa Catholic Conference are planning to continue the event in future years. If you would like to participate in planning the next event, please contact Esmeralda Guerrero, 563-324-1912, ext. 289, or guerrero@davenportdiocese.org.

The Annual March for Life will be held January 21-22 in Washington, D.C. This year’s theme is Stand Up Now! Unite for the Life Principles -- No Exception! No Compromise! Information can be found at www.marchforlife.org.

World Day of Peace was commemorated on January 1. To read Pope Benedict XVI’s message, If You Want to Cultivate Peace, Protect Creation go to http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/international/worlddayofpeacewebsite.shtml. A six-page flyer (bulletin resource) with excerpts from his message is also there.

2010 Legislative Priorities: The Iowa Catholic Conference has education, families and children, pro-life, environmental issues, health care, immigration, and rural life as its priorities for the 2010 legislative session. For a detailed brochure regarding these concerns go to www.iowacatholicconference.org or contact Esmeralda Guerrero, guerrero@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 289.

The Annual Catholic Social Ministry Gathering will be held February 7-10 in Washington, DC. The theme for the 2010 Gathering will be Charity in Truth: Seeking the Common Good. All registrations must be made either online, through mail, or via fax, before the cut-off date of January 25. If you have any question about your registration, please go to: http://www.usccb.org/jphd/csmg/index.shtml or call 877-247-0449.

The Diocesan Immigration Program: Beginning in January, site visits to Oskaloosa will end, but will begin in Ottumwa on the third Thursday of each month by appointment only. Site visits will continue in Columbus Junction on the first Tuesday. To schedule an appointment or to learn more about the services provided contact Karina Garnica, 563-324-1912, ext. 232. For bi-lingual information go to http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/socialactionlibrary/saimmigrationflyer-2009.pdf.

Prayer for Life Day: February 10, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Des Moines. In the morning Fr. Tadeusz Pacholeczyk, PhD will be speaking about stem cell research and end of life issues. The afternoon includes a “Lobbying 101” session and a Prayer for Life Rally. See the attached flyer for registration information.

Operation Rice Bowl: Ash Wednesday is February 17. If you have not already done so, you can order your 2010 Operation Rice Bowl materials by calling 800-222-0025. Your order will be shipped in early-January, six weeks before Lent.

2010 St. Vincent Home Corporation Grants must be postmarked by March 19 for consideration at the spring board meeting. All applications must be postmarked by that date. The grant application and criteria are available at http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sastvincenthomecorporation.htm. Please note important changes in the criteria. If you received a grant in 2008 or 2009 you must also submit your progress report by March 19. New funding applications will not be considered until Progress Reports regarding previously awarded grants have been submitted. For questions or information contact Loxi Hopkins, hopkins@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 246.
Faith Formation . . .

Upcoming Youth Retreats:

- **Feb. 13-15:** TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Retreat, location in or near Davenport to be determined. TEC helps older youth (11th and 12th graders; College freshmen also welcome) explore their faith in the context of the Paschal Mystery. For more information, go to [http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/fttec.htm](http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/fttec.htm) or contact Pat Finan at finan@davenportdiocese.org or (641) 842-5148.

- **Feb. 27-28:** Quest Retreat at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Bettendorf. Quest is a retreat for 9th and 10th graders. For more information, contact Joyce Kloft at bettlourdesdre@diodav.org or (563) 359-0345.

- **March 6-7:** Quest Retreat at Immaculate Conception Parish in Colfax. Quest is a retreat for 9th and 10th graders. For more information, contact Joe Dvorak at dvorakj@diodav.org or (515) 674-3711.

- **March 12-14:** Ottumwa COR (Christ in Others) Retreat at St. Patrick’s Parish in Ottumwa. COR is for youth in grades 10, 11 and 12. For more information, contact Anna Hanson at ottstpatdre@diodav.org or (641) 682-4496.

- **March 19-21:** DeWitt COR (Christ in Others) Retreat at St. Joseph’s Parish in DeWitt. COR is for youth in grades 10, 11 and 12. For more information, contact Pat Sheil at dewittstjosephym@diodav.org or (563) 659-3514.

- **March 26-28:** Keota COR (Christ in Others) Retreat at Holy Trinity Parish in Keota. COR is for youth in grades 10, 11 and 12. For more information, contact Georgia Gent at ggent@netins.net.

**Faith Formation Conference:** March 14-15, Ames. *Ministry at the Margins: The Call to Serve Christ’s Mission Today* is sponsored by the four dioceses of Iowa. Keynoter Dr. Edward P. Hahnenberg is a theologian on the staff of Xavier University in Cincinnati. The registration information is attached.

**2010 Junior High Youth Rally** will be held Sunday, March 21 at Regina Catholic Education Center in Iowa City. The theme is “J-Walking: Journey with Jesus” and our keynoter will be storyteller and singer Anne Marie Cribbin. Registration information is available at [http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/ffyouthrally.htm](http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/ffyouthrally.htm). Please steer youth to [www.davenportyouth.org](http://www.davenportyouth.org).

“**Catechesis: An Oasis Amidst Diversity,**” the annual conference of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership, will be held April 18-22 at Bally’s Hotel in Las Vegas. For more information, go to [www.nccl.org](http://www.nccl.org).

**Catholics in Action** is a three-day service retreat that brings together 100 youth and adults from across our diocese. CIA will be held this year June 27-29. Save the date! Registration materials will be available later this month.

**Christian Leadership Institute (CLI),** a weeklong empowerment experience for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors, will be held July 25-30 at the Christian Conference Center near Newton. CLI brings together dozens of talented youth every summer for six days to build their leadership skills for service to the church. This year, only one week of CLI will be offered, so save these dates.

**High School Youth Rally** will be held Sunday, Oct. 24, at the Coralville Marriott. Our keynoters will be APeX Ministries, featuring the juggling, humor and solid faith message of Gene Monterastelli and Brad Farmer. Registration details will be available soon, but mark the date now!

**Marriage Preparation Weekends:**
- February 20-21: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney (registration deadline February 12)
- April 24-25: Williamsburg, St. Mary (registration deadline April 16)
- June 26-27: Sigourney, St. Mary (registration deadline June 18)
- August 14-15: Newton, Sacred Heart (registration deadline August 6)

The registration form is on the diocesan website, [www.davenportdiocese.org](http://www.davenportdiocese.org) (Faith Formation Office > Marriage Preparation). Registration is $125 per couple. For information about marriage preparation in our diocese or neighboring dioceses contact Barb Butterworth, 563-324-1912, ext. 265 or butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org or IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org. If your parish is willing to host a weekend (diocese pays all expenses) please contact Barb Butterworth or IlaMae Hanisch.
Ministry Formation Program (MFP):
The Ministry Formation Program is expanding to include a program for Spanish-speaking participants.

For the first time, during 2010-2011, we will offer the Basic two-year MFP in Spanish. Classes begin in January and will meet monthly on Sundays, 3:00-6:00 p.m., in St Joseph’s Church basement in West Liberty. Class dates are January 10, February 21, March 21, April 11, May 2, June 13, July 11, August 8, and September 12. The next two-year program, 2012-2013, will be held in another location in the diocese. We hope to offer the program each year and move the location every two years.

We are grateful for the help of several priests, religious women, and lay ecclesial ministers who will teach the courses. The on-site facilitator is Matt McAndrew, who recently completed five years in ministry formation.

Brochures and applications are available by contacting IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org, Matt McAndrew, 906 12th Ave., Coralville, IA 52241-1735 or Karina Garnica, 563-324-1912, ext. 232.

As needs in the Church and our diocese change, so does the formation program designed to form leaders for ministry in the Church. Since 1997, specialization programs have been added to the Basic two-year process for 1) catechetical leaders, 2) liturgical leaders, 3) pastoral associates, 4) finance administrators, and 5) parish life administrators. Year I in the Basic MFP is also a prerequisite for the diaconate.

El Programa de Formación del Ministerio ahora se ofrece en Español

Por primera vez, ofreceremos el año II básico MFP en español. Las clases serán los Domingos por la tarde de 3:00 p.m. a 6:00 p.m. una vez por mes en el sótano la Iglesia de St. Joseph en la ciudad de West Liberty empezando en el mes de Enero. El programa se llevará a cabo en la ciudad de West Liberty por dos años 2010-2011. Los próximos dos años se llevaran a cabo en otra localidad de la diocesis durante el 2012-2013. Esperamos ofrecer el programa cada año y cambiarlo de localidad cada dos años a otra área de la Diócesis. Las clases serán en Enero 10, Febrero 21, Marzo 21, Abril 11, Mayo 2, Junio 13, Julio 11, Agosto 8, Septiembre 12.

Estamos muy agradecidos por la ayuda de varios sacerdotes, religiosas y ministros laicos eclesiasticos quienes ayudaran en los cursos en Español. Uno de los promotores es Matt McAndrew quien recientemente completo cinco años de Formación del Ministerio.

Panfletos y solicitudes estan disponibles comunicandose con IlaMae Hanisch Hanisch@davenportdiocese.org o Matt McAndrew, 906 12th Ave., Coralville, IA 52241-1735 o llamando a Karina Garnica 563-324-1912, ext. 232.

MFP Year I Basic Classes: Participants are welcome to join at any time. There are two options for attending: 1) Two Saturdays per month on the following dates with instruction via the ICN [Iowa Communications Network] or 2) Once a month (location and time TBD). The remaining sessions are:

- Jan. 16 & 23: Confirmation
- March 6 & 20: Personal & Pastoral Themes for Ministry
- Feb. 6 & 20: Eucharist
- April 10 & 24: Catholicism
- March 6 & 20: Personal & Pastoral Themes for Ministry

Information including overview, application, and schedule is available for download at http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/ffmfppg1.htm. Select Basic MFP Info Packet 2009-10. A brochure can be found at, www.davenportdiocese.org, faith formation office, Ministry Formation Program. If you would like full-color brochures for distribution contact Barb Butterworth, butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org. For further information contact IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org or 641-791-3435.
HOPE AND HEALING MINISTRIES®
A Rachel’s Vineyard weekend retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in Lake Geneva, WI in February and April. The confidential, supportive retreat is for anyone hurting inside after abortion. For more information, to donate, or volunteer call 563-322-1645 or email hopeandhealingtoday@gmail.com. Scholarships are available. You can also visit www.rachelsvineyard.org, or call a toll-free hotline, 877-896-HOPE.

Hope and Healing Ministries is a 501 (c) (3) ministry that offers healing retreats with counseling services, counseling referrals, toll-free hotline, support groups, healing prayer, mentoring, and educational seminars to women and men (including family members) who are struggling with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion or sexual abuse. Services were created to help one experience the mercy, compassion, and love of God while providing an opportunity to surface and release feelings of anger, shame, guilt and grief in a safe setting.

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL
To register call 309-283-2108 or go online: retreats@smmsisters.org.

Book Club: A Spirituality of Kinship: Thursdays, 9:30-11 a.m. for 6 weeks beginning January 14, $5/session or $25 for the series. Using the book Compassion by Henri Nouwen, we will reflect on the challenge of being a Christian in a difficult time. Presenter: Sr. Helen Carey

Directed Retreat: Come to Know the Mysteries of Christ Jesus: January 17, 4 p.m. – January 20, 5 p.m., $225. Reflect on the experience of God in your life through prayer, solitude and quiet during this silent retreat. Meet daily with a certified spiritual director.

Surprised by the Spirit: January 22, 7 p.m. – January 23, 7 p.m. $95 private room, $85 shared room. Focus on the surprising and unexpected guidance of the Holy Spirit in the challenges of life. Join Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB, Fran and Marilyn Riley and members of the monthly ‘Challenge’ support group.

Women In The Early Church: January 23, 9 a.m.-Noon with option of staying for lunch. Conference $20 + lunch $7 = $27. Dr. Ritva Williams (Augustana College) will explore the roles of women in the early Church and how it evolved in the Greco-roman world.

SHALOM RETREAT CENTER, DUBUQUE
For more information or to register, contact Karen Knepper: 563-582-3592, kknepper@shalomretreats.org or visit www.shalomretreats.org.

Days of Quiet & Prayer using, At Sea with God: A Spiritual Guidebook to the Heart & Soul by Margaret Silf Wednesdays, Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 7, May 12
9:15am cont. breakfast, 9:30am – 2:30pm (noon lunch)
Facilitator: Margaret Jungers, OSF
Embark on a spiritual voyage of self-discovery and learn how the sea stands as a metaphor for the chances and changes that everyone encounters in life. Offering: $75/series of four – includes book, program, materials, meal & private room. Register/prepay by Feb. 1.

May I Have This Dance? . . . A Valentine Evening for Married Couples
Sunday, Feb. 14, 6:00 – 8:00pm, Presenters: Bob & Becky Seymour
Bob and Becky believe that married life is like a dance. The lead sometimes changes from one partner to another – sometimes it’s a subtle change, sometimes a more obvious one. They hope to help you appreciate anew the beauty of the life dance that you and your spouse share. Their presentation will follow a delicious dinner with all the trimmings. For those who wish, the event will be preceded by a 5:00 p.m. Sunday liturgy in our chapel. Offering: $40/couple. Space is limited. Be sure to register early!
We Rise Again from Ashes
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, 9:15am – 3:30pm
Presenter: Msgr. Thomas Toale, Vicar of the Archdiocese of Dubuque
Through presentations, quiet time, and the celebration of Eucharist, participants will reflect upon the original dream of our God for creation, the peril and pain prompted by human weakness, and promises fulfilled by the Resurrection. Using the six weeks of Lent well has the possibility of transforming our hearts and lives!
Offering: $35. Includes coffee upon arrival, lunch & private room for reflection. Register/prepay by Feb. 15.

Ordinary Lent, Ordinary Signs & the Ordinary Life of Jesus Retreat
Friday, Feb. 19, 5:30pm – Thursday, Feb. 25, 9:30am
Director: Matt Walsh, OP
God uses the ordinary – bread, water, wine – to come to us. We will reflect on some of the other ordinary things God uses to get our attention and most especially the “ordinary” life of Jesus. Each day we will celebrate Eucharist and gather for two conferences. We will also have a Communal Celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing.
A $50 nonrefundable deposit secures your reservation and is credited to the offering for the retreat.

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Reservations
Reservations are required to attend the Educational Opportunities and lunch. Please call (515) 237-5016 by Feb. 3, 2010.

Educational sessions will be held at the Catholic Pastoral Center at 6th and Grand Avenue in Des Moines.

No reservations are necessary for the Lobbying 101 presentation or The Prayer for Life Rally.

Monday, February 8, 2010
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Educational Opportunities
601 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa
10:00 am - Fr. Tad will discuss Stem Cell Research (Reservation required).

12:00 pm - Lunch with Workshop provided by Sponsors. (Reservation required and donations will be taken to help cover expenses).

12:30 pm - Fr. Tad will discuss End of Life Issues and Euthanasia. (Reservation required)

Rally At The Capitol
1st Floor Rotunda
2:30 pm - Tamara Scott, Concerned Women For America, presents “Lobbying 101” in the Legislative Lounge in the Capitol basement.

Iowa Faith Formation Conference 2010
March 14, 7-9 pm – March 15, 9 am-3 pm
Gateway Hotel and Conference Center
100 Green Hills Drive
Ames, Iowa

Dr. Ed Hahnenberg, Ph.D.

Edward P. Hahnenberg, Ph.D. is associate professor of theology at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he teaches courses in theological method, ecclesiology, liturgy, and contemporary Catholicism. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame in 2002. He is the author of two books—Ministries: A Relational Approach (Crossroad, 2003) and A Concise Guide to the Documents of Vatican II (St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2007) and numerous articles in academic and pastoral journals. A native of Michigan, he and his family live in Loveland, Ohio.

Ministry at the Margins: The Call to Serve Christ’s Mission

Given the cultural milieu within which we find ourselves, all who minister in the Church today are ministering at the margins of society. This time demands a new look at strategies that will adequately equip the minister for service to the people of God and also a renewed sense of spirituality that will sustain the minister and the ministry as we move forward.

Pre-register online: www.IowaFaithFormation.org

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