COMMUNICATION OFFICE
Keeping your computer and personal information secure is a high priority. Read the attached document, *Data Security Training Bulletin*, for helpful and prudent suggestions/reminders.

MULTICULTURAL MINISTRY OFFICE
“Song of Hope”, a bilingual concert with Tony Melendez will be held **March 6**, 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Parish, Iowa City and **March 7**, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Ottumwa. Tony Melendez, born without arms, was invited to play for Pope John Paul II in 1987. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Office of Multicultural Ministry, 563-888-4217; St. Patrick Church, 319-337-2856 or St. Mary Church, 641-682-4559. Tickets are $8 in advance or $10 at the door. Please purchase tickets in advance, as there is limited seating. For questions contact Miguel Moreno, moreno@davenportdiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE
Complimentary Webinar: *The Shared Parish: Navigating Two (or more) Cultures in Parish Life*, March 19, 1:00 p.m. Central time. Presenter: Bret C. Hoover. As Catholic faith communities across the United States grow ever more diverse, many parishes have become shared parishes. Shared parishes allow cultural groups to maintain their own language and customs. Shared parish life is a long process of negotiation-how to share leadership, committees, worship, etc. We'll investigate strategies that can help pastors, pastoral staffs, and lay parish leadership in their struggle to facilitate their parish becoming a more holy and inclusive people of faith. To register go to https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/572555622. Provided by the Conference for Pastoral Planning and Council Development of which the Diocese is a member. For questions contact Dan Ebener, ebener@davenportdiocese.org.

International Catholic Stewardship Council
- Region IX of ICSC is planning a stewardship conference for Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas, to be held in **Columbia, MO on Friday, May 1**. The program will run all day. More information is forthcoming, but mark your calendars now.
- The *International Stewardship Conference* will be held in **Chicago on October 22-25**. More information about this conference is available at the ICSC website, www.catholicstewardship.com.

These two ICSC conferences provide an excellent opportunity for parish stewardship teams, including parish council, lay trustees and finance councils, to attend with their pastor, to deepen the understanding and appreciation for the stewardship approach to parish ministry. For more information, please contact Dan Ebener at ebener@davenportdiocese.org.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE
*Map of My Kingdom*, Feb. 8, 2 p.m., DeWitt Operahouse, DeWitt. This one-hour show presents snapshots of farm families struggling with land transition. Faith and its relationship to the land is a theme present in the play. There will be a Panel Question and Answer session after the performance. No admission is required but a $5 donation is encouraged. All proceeds will be going to the FFA chapters at Calamus Wheatland and Central of DeWitt High Schools. Call sponsor First Central State Bank for questions at 563-659-3141.

**Income Tax Help:** Low-and moderate income working families may qualify for help from two federal tax benefits: Earned Income Credit (EIC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC). This year eligible low-wage families in 2014 may be eligible for an EIC worth up to $6,143. Workers raising children who earned less than about $48,000 in 2014 may be eligible for the EIC. Workers not raising children who earned less than about $14,590 also can qualify. For more information about the Tax Credit go to www.eitcoutreach.org. Also, please encourage families to file their taxes through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA). This offers free tax help for low-to-moderate income people who cannot prepare their own return. To find a current location call 800-906-9887 or visit the VITA website, http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=219171,00.html.
Tax year 2014 is the first year that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) affects tax returns therefore filing assistance can play a critical role in helping people file their tax returns correctly. During the first enrollment period about 10.3 million previously uninsured adults enrolled in coverage for 2014 under the ACA. The second enrollment period ends February 15.

CRS Rice Bowl

CRS Rice Bowl Collection begins Ash Wednesday, February 18. If your parish did not order or you need additional materials please contact Esmeralda Guerrero, 563-888-4210. Remember that 25% of the funds collected will remain in the Diocese to help organizations that fight hunger and poverty. Criteria for the 2015 CRS Rice Bowl Grants is available at http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sacrsapplyingfororgrant.htm. All grant applications are due May 31.

One Kick off Breakfast is remaining: February 7, St. Joseph, Hills, 9-11 a.m. To register contact Loxi Hopkins at 563-888-4212.

CRS-Fair Trade Chocolate: This Valentine’s Day give a gift that will change lives. When you purchase a Fair Trade gift artisans and farmers will receive a fair wage. Visit Catholic Relief Services partners, SERRV to purchase delicious chocolate or beautiful gifts that will benefit so many—here and around the world. Click the link http://www.crsfairtrade.org/products-and-partners/ to learn more about Fair Trade or contact Kent Ferris at ferris@davenportdiocese.org.

2015/2016 Internship for Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD): Applications are being accepted until Feb. 28. Are you Catholic? Interested in fighting poverty? Then consider being an intern for CCHD. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development:

- Provides grants for self-help projects developed by grassroots groups working to address the root causes of poverty in their communities.
- Works to increase Catholics’ awareness of poverty in the U.S.
- Educates about the Catholic social tradition.
- Builds bridges between poor and non-poor communities.

For more information go to http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sacchdinternship.htm or contact Loxi Hopkins, 563-888-4212 or hopkins@davenportdiocese.org.

Project Rachel is a confidential, post-abortion healing ministry of the Catholic Church offering hope and healing to women and men hurting from past abortions. Project Rachel staff understand the emotional pain that follows an abortion. Brochures are available by contacting Esmeralda Guerrero, guerero@davenportdiocese.org. You may contact Project Rachel staff by calling the local Helpline: 563-888-4107 or email, projectrachel@diodav.org. Please use the attached flyer for distribution or posting.

There are two ways to support Project Rachel:

- Purchase “Humble Angel Honey” at $10 bottle. (The bottle is shaped like an angel and is 100% pure premium quality produced honey by Midwest beekeepers.) To purchase contact Esmeralda Guerrero or stop by St. Vincent Center at 780 W. Central Park Avenue, Davenport.

- Make a financial contribution, payable to the Diocese of Davenport. In the memo line write Project Rachel and mail to Diocese of Davenport, Project Rachel, 780 West Central Park Avenue, Davenport, IA 52804

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, vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.
FAITH FORMATION

Called & Gifted Workshop: Saturday, March 7, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. This workshop introduces the participant to the foundational principles for the discernment of one’s spiritual gifts. See the attached flyer for more information and how to register.

Upcoming Youth Retreats: Please be aware of the following retreat opportunities for youth. Consider inviting your teens to take time away to reflect on their faith and their relationship with Jesus. Links to the brochures and registrations forms are provided and can be found on the diocesan website.

- **TEC.** Weekend for 11th-12th graders. February 14-16 in Solon.

Live in the Light – Diocesan Summit on Young Adult Ministry: April 18, 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m., University of Iowa Newman Center, Iowa City. This program is a day of spiritual enrichment for young adults and a workshop on understanding and developing young adult ministry in a parish or regional setting for pastors and parish ministry leaders. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Tim O’Malley from Notre Dame University who will also present the track for young adults. Doug Tooke, Director of Catholic Formation Services for the Diocese of Helena, will present the pastors and ministry leaders’ track. Details available in early February.

Junior High Youth Rally: Sunday, March 22, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Regina Education Center in Iowa City. Publicity and registration materials are now available on the Junior High Rally webpage on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org.

Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies: Do you work in youth ministry, or know someone who does? The Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies is perfect for all who work with middle and high-school aged youth! Presented by the Center for Ministry Development since 1979, this certificate program equips youth ministers and workers with the skills, experience, and tools for vibrant youth ministry in parishes, schools, and communities. The certificate can be completed in as few as two summers (eight courses) at St. Ambrose University, with an option for undergraduate or graduate credit. Four courses offered this summer on June 11-12, June 13-14, July 9-10, and July 11-12. A great program for youth ministers, high school ministers, retreat directors, and anyone who works with youth. Contact Chris Clow at 563-333-6189 or ministry@sau.edu to learn more!

MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM

Basic Year II:

On-Site Format Schedule: All courses held at the Diocese of Davenport, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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DVD/YouTube Format Schedule:
The order of courses is as stated above; however each group will determine its monthly meeting time.

An application form and additional program information may be found on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org (Chancery-Faith Formation-Lay Ministry-MFP Forms). For information regarding the courses or the Ministry Formation Program contact Marianne Agnoli, agnolim@davenportdiocese.org, 563-888-4242.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

National Marriage Week is February 7-14. This provides an opportunity for your parish to celebrate the gift and blessing of marriage and to affirm and support engaged and married couples. Resources can be found on the diocesan website, http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Marriage%20and%20Family.htm (Marriage and Family section) or by contacting Marianne Agnoli, 563-888-4242 or agnolim@davenportdiocese.org.
**Lineamenta:** Bishop Amos is inviting you to comment on the *Lineamenta* questions. The *Lineamenta* is the working document the Synod on the Family will use when they meet next October in Rome. It is based on the first worldwide consultation for last year’s Extraordinary Synod. The document and the questions are divided into three parts. The Bishop plans on submitting a summary on each part and would like you to respond to any questions or parts on which you choose to comment. Please submit your responses to Marianne Agnoli agnolim@davenportdiocese.org by February 13 so that there will be sufficient time to have your perspectives included in the Bishop’s summary. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights on these topics so vital to the future of family life. For a copy of the document and questions go to *The Catholic Messenger* website, http://www.catholicmessenger.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/SYNOD-OF-BISHOPS-Lineamenta.pdf.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** May 1-3, Iowa City. This marriage enrichment program is designed to give married couples the opportunity to examine their relationship. The emphasis of the weekend is on communication between husband and wife. Couples are able to spend quality time together away from the distractions and tensions of everyday life to concentrate on their marriage. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is a positive, renewing experience for couples that have a good marriage, but want to make it even better! See the attached flyer for more information.

**World Meeting of Families:** September 22-27, Philadelphia. Registration is open for attendance at the World Meeting of Families. Go to http://www.worldmeeting2015.org. Preparatory Catechetical Resources on the ten themes of family church teaching are available at the site above by clicking on “The Catechesis.” Pope Francis is scheduled to be in attendance and is expected to celebrate a public Mass on September 27 on the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

**Catechetical Preparation for the World Meeting of Families:** A NACFLM Professional Development Conference Call will be offered on Thursday, February 19 at 12:00 noon. Join Dr. Peter J. Colosi as he addresses Chapter 5 of the Love is Our Mission Preparatory Catechesis, “Creating the Future.” This session will explore the Catholic understanding of family as a school of love and the basic building block of a healthy society using Colosi’s “Homily Ideas” which can be easily adapted to other settings. Dial in Number: 605-475-4000 and Participant Access Code is 680838#. See attached flyer for more information.

**Natural Family Planning Link:** A complete Billings Ovulation Method NFP course is available on line at http://learnnfponline.com. Engaged couples are encouraged to begin NFP instruction four to six months prior to the wedding date. A certificate of completion will be issued. Additional information and NFP contacts can be found on the diocesan website, http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Marriage%20and%20Family.htm.

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

**Marriage Preparation:** The Diocese of Davenport offers several marriage preparation program formats: One-day, Weekend (two-day), Sponsor Couple (through your parish) and Online (under special circumstances—with parish approval)

**Weekend and One-day**

- February 28, 2015: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, *registration deadline is February 20* (space is limited)
- April 25-26, 2015: Williamsburg, St. Mary, *registration deadline is April 17*
- August 8-9, 2015: Mt. Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, *registration deadline is July 31*

The fee is $125 per couple and is now also payable by credit card/PayPal. The registration form and more information can be found on the diocesan website at http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Marriage%20and%20Family.htm. If you have questions contact Barb Butterworth, 563-888-4240, butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org.

**Online:** Go to http://www.marriageministries.com/courses/catholic-marriage-prep-class/.
IOWA CITY
Lenten Renewal Opportunities with Fr. Jacques Philippe: February 19-21, Iowa City. Feb. 19: What is True Conversion?, St. Mary Church; Feb. 20: An Evening of Recollection for Men, St. Wenceslaus Church and Feb. 21: Retreat for Women, St. Patrick Church. Fr. Jacques Philippe is a world renowned spiritual guide and author. For more information go to http://www.stwenc-ic.com or contact Dan Teets, dan-icstmarys@q.com or Mila Grady, mmwgrady@gmail.com or 319-354-8162.

SISTERS OF HUMILITY, DAVENPORT
Consecrated Life Celebratory Mass: February 8, 10:00 a.m., Humility of Mary Center, Davenport.
Consecration, in general, is an act by which a person is dedicated to the service and worship of God. As the Catholic Church celebrates the Year of Consecrated Life, it is promoting “Days with Religious” initiatives and resources to help people learn about the consecrated life of religious women and men. They will focus on sharing experiences of prayer, service and community life with those living a consecrated life.

Attending Mass and visiting afterwards with the Sisters of Humility is a wonderful opportunity for families and adults to experience the ways these women serve Christ and the Church while answering the call to live in consecrated life.

Pope Francis proclaimed 2015 a Year of Consecrated Life, starting on the First Sunday of Advent, the weekend of November 29, 2014, and ending on February 2, 2016, the World Day of Consecrated Life. Its purpose, as stated by the Vatican is to “make a grateful remembrance of the recent past, while embracing the future with hope and living the present with passion.”

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

Tues, February 17 | 9:30am – 3:30pm
Come to the Quiet: Secret Signs of Spring
In the Celtic Isles, the birthing of lambs in the month of February is one of the signs and a reminder that cold winter months unfold into the transformation of new life. Even in the frigid, dark months, the hope of light and new life is kindled. Fee: $20

Fri, February 20 | 6:30pm – 7:30pm
Lenten Taize’ Vigil Service
Taize is an ecumenical movement, drawing Christians of all denominations together in unified and compassionate prayer. All people of faith are invited to participate. Pre-registration encouraged. No fee.

Tues, March 17 | 9:30am – 3:30pm
Come to the Quiet: Thawing
Celtic spiritual writers remind us that sacred water and sacred wells connect us very intimately to the Holy. Ice and snow melting into running water – who knows where one will find sacred water. The Divine uses the most ordinary to surprise us and comfort us! Fee: $20

March 27–29 | Fri, 5pm – Sun, 10am
Take up Your Cross: A Retreat for Men
Fr. Michael Schaab
Father Michael returns for to The Prairie to reflect with men on these questions: What is the cross and how does one take it up? What is the relationship between hardships and everyday difficulties of life? How do they compare to what Jesus is talking about in “Take up your cross?” Fee: $100
Celebrating the Year of Consecrated Life: On February 8 at 2 p.m. the film, “Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America” will be shown. The film chronicles the lives of women who, since their arrival in America nearly 300 years ago have endured periods of struggle and controversy while establishing schools, hospitals, and colleges and providing other social services that have served millions even today. The Clinton Franciscans will relate this history of American women religious to their current ministries, particularly for the many women, children, and men who are victims of modern-day trafficking. The event is free and open to the public.

Peace Soup Suppers in Lent: Peace Soup is a free soup supper followed by a speaker on the Tuesday evenings in Lent. This year the Peace Soup series of discussions will be built around “do justice and love goodness” – Micah 6:8. Come to St. Boniface Hall, 2520 Pershing Blvd, Clinton at 6 p.m. on the following dates.

- February 24 Rev. Duane Larson of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Clinton will speak about mercy.
- March 3 a husband and wife who teach at Ashford University, Gary and Sally Deckard will present a film and a talk on happiness.
- March 10 a mother and daughter team, Laura Anderson of Franciscan Peace Center and Clinton High School student Molly Anderson will share their slides and knowledge about the environment.
- March 17 Warden at the Administrative United States Penitentiary in Thomson, IL Don Hudson, will speak about mercy and rehabilitation.
- March 24 will be Glenn Leach of the Davenport Diocese speaking about hunger in Iowa.

The event is free and open to the public. Details are available at www.clintonfranciscans.com. Please call the sisters’ office with questions or for weather-related postponements. No need to register and there is no fee.

Vespers: Sundays in Lent, 6:00 p.m. beginning February 22. Prayers and reflections for these Lenten events will be centered on Jesus’ journey from his farewell in the garden to his cries on Calvary.

Lenten Retreat: Can I Be Joyful in Lent? March 14, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., The Canticle, Clinton. Get away for a few hours this Lenten season to reflect on the deeper meaning of Jesus in your life. Contrary to popular belief, we are called to be joyful people throughout the year, even in Lent. “Never give way to discouragement! Ours is not a joy born of having many possessions, but of having encountered a Person: Jesus in our midst.” - Pope Francis. The suggested donation is $25 and includes lunch. For more information go to clintonfranciscans.com or call 563-242-761. Wishing to spend more time in prayerful reflection? Ask us about additional accommodations.

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER/ST. MARY MONASTERY, ROCK ISLAND, IL

Events held at Benet House Retreat Center or Sr. Mary Monastery, 2200 88th Avenue West, Rock Island, IL 61201-7649. To register, contact Sr. Jackie Walsh at 309-283-2108 or retreats@smmsisters.org.

Girls-Only Monastic Experience: Sat., Feb. 7, 9 am-3 pm. Attention girls entering 6th-10th grades: Spend a fun-filled day at St. Mary Monastery. This great day includes meeting our sisters, prayer, arts and crafts, games, friends and food. You are sure to enjoy this day! Meet new friends and learn how wonderful a life focused on God can be! There is no cost; you are our guest! For information contact Sr. Stefanie MacDonald, OSB 309-283-2300 or vocation@smmsisters.org.

Valentine’s Evening: Have Your Cake and Eat It, Too: Fri., Feb. 13, 6:30-9:30 pm. How do we stay engaged after getting married? Is it possible to have your cake and eat it, too? Come explore these questions and others. Facilitators: Krista and Matt Nixon and Marshall and Valerie Plumley. $30 per couple. Couples may stay overnight at Benet House for an additional $50.

Swift and Slow: The Ways of Conversion: Sat., Feb. 21, 9 am-12 pm. Conversion can be sudden insight and renewed life as well as grey, slow days filled with tedious inner work. St. Benedict knew that both are necessary to bring forth conversion’s full fruit. Come reflect on the dynamics of the mysterious and graced process. Presenter: Sr. Marianne Burkhard, OSB, serves on the Peoria Marriage Tribunal and has translated works on the Rule of St. Benedict from famed German scholars. Fee: $20, plus an option for lunch $8.
Becoming Who God Created You To Be: Wednesdays, Feb. 25; Mar. 4; Mar. 11; Mar. 18; Mar. 25; Apr. 1; 6:30-8:30 pm. Experience Lent through a series of six 45-minute video conferences featuring certified spiritual director, Sr. Maria Tasto, OSB. Using the lens of Scripture and inspired by the work of Fr. Thomas Keating, Sr. Maria shares what she has gleaned from walking with others and her own remarkable spiritual path. Each conference includes quiet time followed by a discussion led by Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB. Fee: $75, plus $10 for cost of guidebook.

QC Young Adult Morning of Spiritual Renewal: The Davenport Young Adult Group invites you to join them on Sat., Feb. 28, 10 am-12 pm. The theme is learning about different prayer styles including Lectio Divina and centering prayer. The morning includes an opportunity to meet with a spiritual companion, select from different prayer stations and have meaningful conversations with your peers. Bring a lunch and enjoy our company! Contact Luke Ebener at davstpaulym@diodav.org or Sr. Bobbi at rbussan@smmsisters.org, 309-283-2109 to make reservations. Free will offering.

Benedictine for a Day: Experience life as a Benedictine Sister with other single, Catholic women 18-50 years of age. Enjoy prayer, meals and conversation with the Sisters. Join the Benedictines as they serve God with personal and communal prayer in a lively monastic community and hear about their ministries in the outside community. Come for one or more of the following weekends and take the step you need to discover whether God is calling you to Benedictine religious life. Weekends: Mar. 14-15; May 16-17; Sat. 9 am-Sun. 1 pm; there is no cost; you are our guest! For information contact Sr. Stefanie MacDonald, OSB (309) 283-2300 or vocation@smmsisters.org.

Pizza and Prayer: Interested in learning more about religious life and the Sisters of St. Benedict? Single Catholic women 18-50 years old are welcome to join us for pizza and prayer. Last Wednesday of each month through June 24. There is no cost; you are our guest! For information contact Sr. Stefanie MacDonald, OSB (309) 283-2300 or vocation@smmsisters.org.

SHALOM SPIRITUALTY CENTER, DUBUQUE
To register call 563-582-3592 or send check payable to Shalom Spirituality Center with your contact information to: 1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001. www.shalomretreats.org, info@shalomretreats.org

Renewal Day of Relaxation and Healthy Living: Tuesday, Feb. 10, 9:00am – 3:30pm. Staff: Lisa Schmidt LMT, Kay Forkenbrock OSF, LMT, Kim Kali-Schultes, LISW, CCDP-D, Deb May CYI & Marci Blum OSF, D.Min, CSD. Shalom welcomes you to a peaceful place to rest and relax. The day of renewal begins with a guided meditation on walking the labyrinth, private guest room, delicious lunch, and two 30-minute holistic services of your choice. Enjoy the inner and outer space to “just be.” Choose two from the following: Massage, Success Coaching, Life Consultation, Yoga, Healing Touch, Spiritual Direction. Offering: $75 includes two holistic services, lunch, and room for the day. Indicate your two choices when registering. Register & prepay by Thursday, Feb. 5.

Ash Wednesday Retreat Day or 3-Day Retreat beginning on Ash Wednesday: From Ashes to a Garland (Is 61: 3). Option 1: Ash Wednesday Retreat Day, Feb. 18, 9:00am – 8:00pm; Option 2: Three-Day Retreat, Wednesday, Feb. 18, 9:00am – Friday, Feb. 20, 1:30pm. Director: Anthony Gittins C.S.Sp. As we enter Lent once again, we have the opportunity to think positively, about the “Beautiful Things” Jesus speaks of (Wednesday), about the Call to the Cross and Discipleship (Thursday), and about the Trans-formation from the Good Friday Failure to the Easter Sunday Promise (Friday). Daily Eucharistic liturgy.


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Other interested persons are welcome to subscribe. If you have questions regarding your subscription contact Laurie Hoefling, hoefling@davenportdiocese.org.
How to Recognize Scams

Over time, phishing attempts have become more sophisticated with increased quality of imitating a genuine email. Be aware of these warning signs:

- The message is unsolicited and asks you to update, confirm, or reveal personal identity information (e.g., SSN, account numbers, passwords, protected health information).
- The message creates a sense of urgency.
- The message has an unusual “From” address or an unusual “Reply-To” address.
- The (malicious) website URL doesn’t match the name of the institution that it allegedly represents.
- The message is not personalized. Valid messages from banks and other legitimate sources usually refer to you by name.
- The message contains grammatical errors.

Phishing Email Dos and Don’ts:

**DO** call a company that you received a suspicious email from to see if it is legitimate, but **DO NOT** use the phone number contained in the email. Check a recent statement from the company to get a legitimate phone number.

**DO** look for a digital signature/certificate as another level of assurance that senders are legitimate. Digitally signed messages will have a special image/icon at the subject.

**DO** adjust your spam filters to protect against unwanted spam.

**DO** use common sense. If you have any doubts, **DON’T** respond. Ask your department IT representative.

**DON’T** open email that you have any suspicion may not be legitimate. If it is legitimate and the individual trying to contact you really needs to, they will try other means.

**DON’T** ever send credit card or other sensitive information via email.

**DON’T** click the link. Instead, phone the company or conduct an Internet search for the company’s true web address.

**DON’T** open email or attachments from unknown sources. Many viruses arrive as executable files that are harmless until you start running them.
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Saturday, March 7, 2015
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
St. Patrick Church
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Cost: $45
(Includes lunch & materials)

What is the Called & Gifted workshop?
This one-day interactive workshop, presented by Charlie Hoover of the Catherine of Siena Institute, will help you:

- Learn about our common mission to the world as Church, your role in that mission, and your spiritual gifts, “given for the common good” (1 Cor 12:7)
- Explore Church teaching on the laity and lay ministry; the nature of spiritual gifts, call and vocation; and how to undertake the process of discernments.
- Discover resources to help you put your gifts into action in your parish community and beyond.

All are welcome to attend!
We especially encourage: parish leaders and council members, MFP participants, faith formation and youth ministry staff, volunteers, boards, commissions and committees, RCIA teams, catechists, Catholic school principals, religion teachers, parents, young adults, people in transition, new or returning Catholics…

Questions? Contact Barb Butterworth at butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org
563-888-4240

Space is limited so register early!
Registration deadline is February 20, 2015

A copy of this flyer and a link to the online registration can be found at:
www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/index.htm
Join **Dr. Peter J. Colosi** to explore together chapter 5 of the Love is Our Mission Preparatory Catechesis, “Creating the Future.” This chapter explores the Catholic understanding of family, the family as a school of love and the basic building block of a healthy society, as well as the Parish as a family. Dr. Colosi was a consultant for chapter 5 and is author of the monthly “Homily Ideas”. The “Homily Ideas” are related to the Catechesis, which has 10 chapters, and the idea is for the priest to deliver one homily per month to prepare his parishioners for the WMOF. The Homily Ideas can be easily adapted to other settings to enrich study of the Catechesis, which he will explain. Basing his talk primarily on the Homily Ideas for Chapter 5, he will begin with a brief overview of key ideas from the first 4 chapters to bring out the integral message of the entire Catechesis. The most recent “Homily Ideas” are posted each month on the official World Meeting of Families webpage here: [http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/get-involved/prepare-parish/](http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/get-involved/prepare-parish/) The collected Homily Ideas of the previous months are available at the Office for the New Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia webpage here: [http://www.phillyevang.org/wmof/#monthlythemes](http://www.phillyevang.org/wmof/#monthlythemes).

**Date of Call:**
2/19/2015

**Time of Call:**
1:00 pm Eastern
-12:00 Central
-11:00 Mountain
-10:00 Pacific

**Procedure for Participants:**
Dial in Number: 605-475-4000
Access code: 680838#

For more information, contact NACFLM at 937-431-5443.
Visit website for archived PDCC’s at [www.nacflm.org](http://www.nacflm.org)!
Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a marriage enrichment program designed to give married couples the opportunity to examine their relationship. The emphasis of the weekend is on communication between husband and wife. Couples are able to spend quality time together away from the distractions and tensions of everyday life to concentrate on their marriages. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is a positive, renewing experience for couples that have a good marriage, but want to make it even better!

All locations have limited availability so register today at www.iowa-wwme.org

Questions: Contact Jeff and Janet Francois - 563-608-305 or jjjwwme08@gmail.com

2015 Iowa Weekends:
Dubuque - Feb 20-22
Ankeny - March 20-22
Iowa City - May 1-3
Ankeny - Sept. 18-20
Cedar Falls - Oct. 23-25

2016 Iowa Weekends:
Ankeny - Feb. 12-14
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Testimonials

Gene & Tricia Chilton - Burnsville, MN - We thought we had a great marriage but we went to the weekend to appease Tricia's sister. We went with an open mind, but with all the skepticism in the world. Halfway through the second day we felt the power of the holy spirit in full force, and even now can't believe how much it's changed our lives. It was absolutely the most amazing thing we have been through. We started this off with us "thinking we had a great marriage" and that's all we was a thought. We owe our marriage and our new lives to WWME, our love is so much deeper than anything we could have imagined. God Bless.

Sean & Stacey Romo - Metaire, Louisiana - This weekend was truly GREAT for us. This is the Monday after, and I can see the difference in how I look at my husband. I am excited when he called today, and when he got home I immediately got off the phone to greet him. I have a new found love and I am so excited about our new future together.

Travis & Denise Wiese - McCook, Nebraska - My husband and I had our weekend recently. We've been married for 5 years. and at the time I thought we had a good marriage, I never dreamed that we would have a great marriage until after our weekend. We fell in love all over again and learned a new way of being intimate. We are so grateful and feel truly blessed to be a part of WWME.

Terry & Cara Curl - Brandon, South Dakota - Our weekend was more than we could have asked for! We both left feeling like we had been given a second chance at life together. If we had only known we had the tools with us the whole time! WWME is the best thing that has happened to us next to the day we got married! We made new friends that we will keep in touch with that are on the same path we are and are striving for the same goal. This is very refreshing! Thank you WWME! Dan & Vikki Schultz - Antrim, New Hampshire (United States) Every married couple, young or old needs this marriage encounter. It was amazing!

Anonymous - "We fell in love all over again. Since our weekend, our lives have taken on new meaning."

Anonymous - Marriage Encounter gave Shirley and I the opportunity to occasion the deepest, most intimate exchange of feelings we had known in 20 years. .....it proved to be one of the highlights of my life. I just wish that everyone who trusts my opinion would now accept this advice: attend a Marriage Encounter weekend at the earliest opportunity." James C Dobson, PhD Director, Focus on the Family

Anonymous - “When some friends suggested that Sheila and I make a Marriage Encounter, we were shocked and more than a little hurt. We were very happily married, and frankly, it surprised us that they thought we needed ‘marriage counseling.’ When we finally told them how we felt, they laughed and said that they had suggested the Encounter because we were a happily married couple. Now I'm glad they did. We got an awful lot out of it precisely because we brought a lot to it”

Joe & Betty LeBlanc "We will be celebrating our 38th anniversary in July 1999. Our marriage was close to crumbling almost 18 years ago when we were invited to attend an ME weekend. Even after 20 years being married, we learned so much more about each other that wonderful weekend in Houston, Texas. The strength we gained has carried both of us through many ups and downs."

Anonymous - 20 years ago my wife drug me kicking and screaming to this Marriage Encounter Weekend and wow it was the best thing that we have ever done. It completely changed my life.. Thank God for Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

Nicole Son - Daughter - Phoenix, Arizona - This is a little different from the testimony that you asked for, but when I saw this page, I felt I had to write. My parents, Wes and Vicki Fach, made their weekend in 1981 in New Jersey, were a team couple for many years, and were execs in San Diego, CA. I thank God every day that my parents were encountered - their relationship has been a shining examplcetto me and my siblings of what a marriage should be. They have been dialoguing daily for well over 10 years, and this communication has sustained them through many difficult times. A Marriage Encounter Weekend was the greatest gift my parents ever gave their children. Thanks ME!

John & Becky MacDonald - Bozeman, Montana - Our weekend was so much more than we thought it would be! It was just amazing that the simple exercises we did could so profoundly change our relationship. We loved how the entire weekend was so positive, and that our relationship was so honored. We felt so nurtured and supported and yes, loved. We highly recommend a Marriage Encounter weekend for every married couple!

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MARRIAGE MOMENTS
609. Feb. 2: (Ground Hug Day) In the spirit of the groundhog, develop your shadow side today. If you're shy, make an overtire to someone in need. If you're not very affectionate, give your spouse an unexpected kiss or hug. If you're a workaholic, take some time off to play together. You get the idea.

610. Feb. 9: You have almost a week to think about how to celebrate Valentine's Day. (Luckily, it's before Lent so chocolate is a possibility.) Better yet, choose one favor a day to surprise your beloved with. Your love is a daily act, not just one day a year.

611. Feb. 16: Lent begins this Wednesday. Sure, celebrate Mardi Gras on Tuesday but start thinking now of a meaningful Lenten practice. Why not choose at least one penance that you will both do. It can reinforce your decision and bond you in a common effort.

612. Feb. 23: "I establish my covenant with you." (Genesis 9:11) Although this passage refers to God's covenant with Noah to never again destroy all living creatures by a flood, your marriage covenant is likewise a life-giving promise. Choose a symbol (like a rainbow) to be a reminder of your promise to each other.

PARENTING POINTERS
610. Feb. 6: February is Black History Month. No matter what our skin color, religion, or economic status we need to learn to get along with people who are different from us. As a family, learn about a race different from your own this month. For ideas go to http://fun.familyeducation.com/black-history-month/holidays/32871.html or try this Erasing Racism family activity, http://susanvogt.net/EnrichmentEx.htm#ErasingRacism.

611. Feb. 13: Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday which begins Lent. But before Lent comes Tuesday, Feb. 17, Mardi Gras. I guess it is human nature to want to splurge before taking on a sacrifice. Decide a family penance for Lent, bu plan a family treat for next Thursday.

612. Feb. 20: "I establish my covenant with you." (Genesis 9:11) God’s covenant with Noah was a solemn promise. Talk with your child(ren) today about what it means to make a promise. Is it ever OK to break a promise?

613. Feb. 27: "When your child marches to a different drummer, your main task is to support them when the culture may not." (Parenting Your Adult Child) This applies to gender identity, a special needs child, or simply one in crisis. Love them but don't pamper them.