CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
The Diocesan and Catholic Messenger offices will be closed on Monday, September 3.

ANNUAL PARISH CORPORATE BOARD MEETING
Sunday, September 23, 2:00 p.m. or Tuesday, September 25, 7:00 p.m. All pastors and lay directors (trustees) are to attend this meeting as required by the parish’s by-laws. This year the annual meeting will be held simultaneously in each deanery via the internet using, GoToMeeting. The deanery locations are:
Clinton: St. Joseph Church Hall, DeWitt
Grinnell: St. Mary Parish Office, Oskaloosa
Keokuk: SS. Mary & Patrick Parish Hall, West Burlington
Davenport: St. Vincent Center
Iowa City: St. Mary Hall, Riverside
Ottumwa: St. Mary Church, Fairfield

ADDRESS CHANGE
Rev. Corey Close: St. Mary Catholic Church, 520 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD 20852-1131
301-424-5550 (parish phone)

Delmar, St. Patrick: (parish business now managed by Assumption & St. Patrick, Charlotte). US mail to 147 Broadway St., Charlotte 52731-9686; phone: 563-677-2758

FINANCE
The Fiscal Year End reports (corporate resolution with budget, finance council report with copies of reports to parishioners, internal control questionnaire, summary of financial data) and the QuickBooks backup were all due August 1. 14 parishes and 4 schools have not submitted their reports as of August 30. A big thank you to the parishes and schools that sent all their reports. If you have a problem, please contact Nancy Karn, 563-888-4367 or karn@davenportdiocese.org.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE
St. Vincent’s Home Corporation Grant: Applications must be postmarked by September 15. Applicants are to be located within the 22 counties of the Diocese of Davenport or serve children within the Diocese of Davenport. The grant application and grant criteria can be found at http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sastvincenthomecorporation.htm#applygrants.

All organizations that work with children must document their efforts to perform background checks on employees and volunteers that work or have direct contact with children in order to be eligible for funding. If an organization received a grant in the past a Progress Report must also be submitted by September 15. An application for new funding will not be considered until the Progress Report has been submitted. For questions call the Office of Social Action, 563-888-4212.

2012 Pacem in Terris Award Ceremony: Sunday, September 16, 2:00 p.m. at Christ the King Chapel, St. Ambrose University, Davenport. Kim Bobo will receive the award for her local and national actions to mobilize people of faith in the battle to improve wages, benefits and conditions for workers in the low-wage economy. See the attached flyer for details.

October is Respect Life Month: Please use and display your Respect Life month packet materials. This year’s theme is Faith opens our eyes to human life in all its grandeur and beauty. If your parish missed the notice to order, a few parish kits are available by contacting Loxi Hopkins, 563-888-4212. Materials may also be downloaded or purchased from the USCCB, http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/.

Iowa Institute for Social Action: The 19th annual Iowa Institute for Social Action will be held on Oct. 6 at St. Theresa Parish, Des Moines. Bishop Richard Pates will be the keynote speaker on the topic, “Threats to World
Peace and the Church’s Response.” There will also be a variety of breakout sessions on the social concerns of the Church. To register go to: http://www.iowasocialaction.org/index.html.

**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, vacav@attglobal.net or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

**FAITH FORMATION OFFICE**

**Catechetical Sunday:** The 2012 Catechetical Sunday theme is “Catechists and Teachers as Agents of the New Evangelization.” Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful time and opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in passing on the faith and being witness to the gospel. It is a time to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a faith community. Each year the third Sunday of September is the celebration, September 16, 2012 is the nation-wide day for catechists. Resources are available for download from the USCCB website, www.usccb.org and the National Conference for Catechetical Leaders website, www.nccl.org.

**Workshop - Vatican II at 50:** October 23, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. Presenter Bill Huebsch will revisit the outcomes of the Second Vatican Council with a focus on how parishes in the Diocese of Davenport can be renewed in its vision and spirit. This workshop is for parish and school leaders, staffs and all parishioners. Additional information can be found on the attached flyer/registration form.

**Lay Ministry Formation Opportunities:** The Ministry Formation Program is offering Basic Year II (in English and Spanish) and a specialization track on Catechesis. All course listings are in the attached brochure. Information packets include an application, forms and an overview of the curriculum can be found on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org [Chancery>Faith Formation>Lay Ministry (MFP)]. A copy of the packet may also be mailed to you by contacting Barb Butterworth, butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1911.

**Marriage and Parenting Resource:** Attached to this issue is the newsletter, “Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers.” This is produced by Susan Vogt and she has excellent resources to support couples and families. You have permission to reprint these in your parish bulletin. Please include the web address and information for those who want to read more written by Susan on these family life topics. Go to her website to review her ample resources: http://www.susanvogt.net/index.html.

**Marriage Preparation Weekend:**
- November 17-18: Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias, registration deadline is November 9 2013
- January 26-27: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, registration deadline is January 18 (space is limited so register early)
- February 23-24: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, registration deadline is February 15 (When registering be prepared with an alternate weekend as this weekend is very popular and fills up fast… so early registration is a must!)
- April 27-28: Williamsburg, St. Mary, registration deadline is April 19
- August 10-11: Mt. Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, registration deadline is August 2
- November: TBA

The registration form is on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org (Chancery>Faith Formation> Marriage and Family). Registration is $125 per couple. For more information contact Barb Butterworth, 563-888-4240 or butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org or IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org.

**A Natural Family Planning** three-part series will be held September 17, October 15 and November 19. All sessions will take place in the Fanning Room at Mercy Medical Plaza, Iowa City. Persons attending are asked to sign up online at www.ccli.org. For more information contact the Pastoral Care office at Mercy Hospital, 319-339-3556 or the course instructors, Gary and Geralyn Ward, 319-360-4964. Sessions are sponsored by Mercy Hospital and the Couple to Couple League.

**Divorce Ministry Resources:** A web site that would be a good link on your parish web site or parish bulletin for those who are divorced is www.naesdc.org/. Many times our divorced parish members feel abandoned by the
Church. This is one way to connect them to resources on line that are from a Catholic organization, Catholic Divorce Ministry (CDM).

CDM’s Leadership Conference has several training sessions on October 4-6 in Fort Worth with an international conference that follows on October 5-6. This would be an excellent opportunity for a team or individual to be trained to lead support groups or plan for parish activities designed for all who are divorced. Page one of the four-page conference information is attached. To view the full information and to register go to the above web site. Early bird registration ends Sept. 10.

“All Things Are Possible!” is the theme of the diocesan young adult conference to be held Saturday, October 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at St. Patrick’s in Iowa City. Our keynoter is nationally known speaker and Assumption High (Davenport) graduate Pat Millea. The day also will include thought-provoking breakout sessions, Mass, and plenty of opportunities to eat, have fun and pray with other young adult Catholics!

Catholic Young Adult Network (CYAN) is a new collaboration of leaders working to provide opportunities for young adults (ages 18-39) in our diocese to know, love, and serve God. For more information, e-mail: davenportcyan@gmail.com, call Kathryn Churchill at 319-631-8638, like us on Facebook or visit our website.

National Evangelization Teams (NET) Ministries will be offering retreats in our diocese in September and October. Saturday, Sept. 26, has opened up on NET’s schedule, and they also are offering Oct. 9, 10 and 11. If you are interested in NET’s services, go to www.netusa.org or contact Pat Finan at finan@davenportdiocese.org or 641-842-5148 for more information.

“Made to Serve,” is the theme of our diocesan High School Youth Rally to be held Sunday, Oct. 21, at the Coralville Marriott. Our keynoter will be John Donahue-Grossman, and the day also will include breakout sessions, great food, Mass with Bishop Amos and much more. For more information visit our website.

The 2013 Diocesan Junior High Youth Rally will be held Sunday, March 17, at Regina Catholic Education Center in Iowa City. The keynote act will be 5thousand.

Retreat Dates:
- Feb. 16-18: Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) retreat for high school juniors and seniors at St. Joseph, DeWitt
- March 2-3: Quest Retreat for high school freshmen and sophomores at St. James, Washington
- March 8-10: Christ in Others (COR) retreat for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors at St. Joseph, DeWitt
- March 15-17: Christ in Others (COR) retreat for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors at Holy Trinity Parish in Keota
- June 8-10: Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) retreat for high school juniors and seniors, location TBA
- June 30-July 2: Catholics in Action service retreat for high school youth, location TBA

For information about these and other youth ministry events and resources, go to www.davenportyouth.org or contact Pat Finan at finan@davenportdiocese.org or 641-842-5148.

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS, CLINTON
All events are held at The Canticle, 841-13th Avenue North, Clinton, and are open to the public. For more information, call 563-242-7611 or visit www.clintonfranciscans.com.

Thursday, Sept. 20: The Clinton Franciscan Center for Active Nonviolence and Peacemaking is co-sponsoring the annual Stop the Hate / Show the Love WALK that begins at 5:00 pm at Clinton Community College and proceeds to Ashford University for a closing presentation. This is the 13th year for the event which was begun by the Clinton Franciscans and Clinton Community College to emphasize the need for tolerance and community.

Friday, Sept. 21 – the United Nations International Day of Peace will be celebrated again at The Canticle, home of the Clinton Franciscans, with a Prayer Vigil for Peace Retreat. The retreat begins with opening prayer and drumming by the Arboretum Drumming Circle at 8 a.m. The day’s events include praying with seniors from Prince of Peace College Prep; Eucharistic Liturgy at 11:00 a.m.; praying with the Rev. Peter Sickles of Christ Episcopal Church; a reflection on healing and peace with former hospital chaplain, Maureen Becker OSF; a reflection on Saint Francis and Saint Clare and the spirituality of peace with Michael Marie Burns OSF; a
reflection on the spirituality of Mahatma Gandhi with Mary Smith OSF and Hilary Mullany OSF. The closing prayer at 6 p.m. will be led by members of Clinton’s L’Arche community. Participants are welcome to come for all or part of the day. Those who plan to stay for the noon meal are asked to make a reservation by calling the Sisters of St. Francis, 563-242-7611. There is no charge to participate.

**BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL**
All events held at Benet House Retreat Center, 2200 88th Avenue West, Rock Island, IL 61201-7649. To register, contact Sr. Jackie Walsh at 309-283-2108 or retreats@smmsisters.org.

**The Word Among Us:** Read, reflect, pray and share with other committed Christians seeking to grow in reflecting on the challenges of Scripture for everyday life. We share a new book each month. Presenter: Sr. Charlotte Sonneville, OSB; 2 Mondays each month, Sept. 10 & 17; 6:45-8:15 pm; Fee: $65 for the series or $5/session & cost of books. For more information call 309-283-2109.

**Centering Prayer:** Join others in a weekly practice of this method for fostering a deeper relationship with God. Leader: Sr. Catherine Cleary, OSB; Wednesdays beginning Sept. 5, 1-2 pm; Free Will Offering

**Friday Night at the Movies:** Popcorn and a good movie followed by insightful conversation. Come and enjoy a relaxing Friday evening following your busy week. Join Sr. Bobbi who has chosen four movies with spiritual messages from the last four decades. Participate every time or as often as your schedule allows. Presenter: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB, MA Religious Education and 8 years experience as Vocation Director. 6-9 pm; Fee: $5/session. Sept. 7: Places of the Heart (1984); Nov. 9: City of Joy (1992); Jan. 18: Freedom Writers (2007); Mar. 22: Made in Dagenham (2010).

**Book Discussion:** Many Christians remember being taught to avoid sin and “the near occasions of sin.” Richard Rohr’s book, *Near Occasions of Grace*, stresses the positive. It invites attentiveness to the mystery of God’s presence in everyday experiences. We’ll begin by sharing such moments in our own lives, and then do some reading to enhance our experience and understanding. Books may be ordered after the first session if desired. Facilitator: Sr. Helen Carey, OSB. Thursdays Sept. 13, 27; Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 8; 9:30-11 am; Fee: $5/session or $20 for the series.

**Evening at the Monastery:** Enjoy Vespers and dinner with the monastic community followed by reflection and sharing on Scripture and the monastic way of life. Presenter: Sr. Margaret Murphy, OSB. Thurs. Sept. 20, 4:45-7:45 pm; Fee: $15

**Women’s Body, Mind, Spirit Retreat: Journey to the Heart:** This twenty-four hour retreat will explore how our relaxed mind, body and spirit all enable us to go deeper into our heart to ponder God’s presence within us. Prayer, presentations, discussions, and quiet time are built into the schedule. Chair massage is optional. Presenter: Sr. Mary Schmidt, OSB. Friday, Sept. 21, 7 pm-Sat. Sept. 22, 7 pm; Fee: $105 (private room), $97 (shared room)

**Muslim/Jewish/Christian Women’s Dialogue: Under the Tent of Abraham:** Join with other Quad City women for conversation, sharing stories, laughter, building trust and friendship. Come and bring friends. For more information call Sr. Catherine Cleary, OSB: 309-283-2118. To be held at the Moline Mosque, 6005 – 34th Avenue, Moline. Mondays, Sept. 24 and Oct. 1, 7-8:30 pm; Free Will Offering

**OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE RETREAT, WHEATLAND**
Visit [www.chmiowa.org](http://www.chmiowa.org) to learn more about Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat. For direct inquiries: 563-336-8414 or olpretreat@gmail.com.

**September 11 – Walking for Spirit**
9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Discover how walking can lead to inner peace while exploring the nature trails and labyrinth at The Prairie Retreat. Rain or shine. Bring water bottle and good walking shoes. Fee: $20
September 18 – Fall Come to the Quiet
9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Experience the crisp September air at The Prairie. The day is yours to shape as you will after a brief introduction to mindfulness. Fee: $20

September 26 – Jean Vanier & Henry Nouwen
9:30 am – 3:30 pm
We will listen to and learn from Jean Vanier, founder of L’Arche and Henri Nouwen, spiritual writer and member of L’Arche community in Canada. Focus will be on what is most essential: relationships with Jesus and others. The day includes prayer, input and personal reflection.” Essential Writings by J. Vanier” and “Essential Henri Nouwen” books included in fee. Fee: $30

Thursday, October 4 - Knit One, Pray Too!
9:30 am – 3:00 pm
A day of knitting, fellowship and prayer. For beginning and seasoned knitters alike. Bring size 11 or 13 knitting needles, 3-6 oz. seins of yarn (or special project in progress) and join us as we create a prayer shawl, scarf or special gift for someone in need of comfort. Fee $20

Tuesday, October 16 – Harvest Come to the Quiet
9:30 am – 3:30 pm
The Prairie is taking on the golden hue of the sun. Come and experience the fullness of the season. The day is yours to shape as you will after a brief introduction to abundance. Fee: $20

October 19-21 – Weekend Retreat for Women
Friday 7:00 pm – Sunday 10:00 am.
An opportunity for women to come to a quiet setting to celebrate God’s presence in the midst of ordinary daily experiences on life’s journey. Fee: $200

Wednesday, October 24 – The Autumn Time of Life
9:30 am – 3:30 pm
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, God. Audience: 65+. Fee: $20

Or come for a personal day of quiet at the Prairie. Kathleen Storms, SSND is available for spiritual direction. Call to set up an appointment: 563-374-1092.

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.

Healing Masses: Sept. 11 and Oct. 9 at 1 p.m.

Soaking with a Purpose (SWAP): Sept. 28 and Oct. 12, 7 p.m. Come join us for an evening of praise and worship, a teaching and time to ‘soak’ in God’s glorious presence.

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

Hidden Springs: A Fountain-Making Workshop/Reflection
Saturday, Sept. 15, 9:00am – 1:00pm
Leader: Diane Konshak
Tabletop fountains are soothing, relaxing, and easy to make/personalize. In scripture, the well is a rich symbol. During the fountain making process, participants will explore this symbol at each level of construction and gain insight into the “hidden springs” within each of us.
St. Clare of Assisi: A Woman for Our Times Spiritual Enrichment Day  
Saturday, Sept. 22, 9:00am – 3:00pm  
Using 13th century historical records, Sr. Beth Lynn, OSC will present Clare as co-founder of the Franciscan way of life. She will share the Franciscan values lived by Clare and how the Franciscan charism is alive today. Day includes foot massage provided by Wellness on Davis massage therapists.  
Offering: $40/person or $60 for both of you if you bring along a friend who is new to Shalom. Includes lunch & program. Register by Sept. 18.

The Spirituality of Gandhi: “Be the Change You Wish to See…”  
Tuesday, Sept. 25, 7:00 – 8:30pm  
Presenter: Mary Smith, OSF  
Join us to explore the spirituality—life legacy of Mohandas Gandhi, who helped India achieve its independence from the British empire through the transforming power of faith-based nonviolence. Evening will include presentation, reflective music and group conversation.  

2012–2013 Spirituality of Presence Retreat Series  
Friday, 7:00 p.m. – Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
A series of four weekends on the theme of Spirituality of Presence will be held. You can register for the four sessions or register separately. Presenters may suggest a book/article to read before each weekend. This will be helpful to go deeper with the content. The weekend includes presentations and reflection time. Registration is due by Wednesday the week of the retreat.  
Commuter – Offering per retreat: $50, includes lunch.  
Overnight – Offering per retreat: $85, includes overnight stay, continental breakfast & lunch.  
Series of 4 retreats* – Commuters: $180; Overnight: $300.  
*Retreat #1: Practicing Presence: Relationships As a Path of Awakening  
Friday, Oct. 5, 7:00pm – Saturday, Oct. 6, 4:00pm  
Presenter: Kim Kali-Schultes, MSW, Psychotherapist for adults, couples & professionals facing emotional, physical & spiritual challenges  
Authentic spiritual practice calls us to relationship with God, self and others. How we relate to others reflects how we relate to God. To practice presence in relationship is to let go of one’s expectations and become aware and accepting of another. Learning to practice presence in all of our relationships invites deeper and more meaningful relationships to emerge. This session will consist of interactive dialogue, contemplative exercises and processes.  
*Retreat #2: Being Present to Self and Body, Jan. 4 – 5, 2013  
Retreat #4: Being Present to Creation, May 3 – 4, 2013  
Visit www.shalomretreats.org for details.

To support the ministry of your parish, school and the diocese these groups automatically receive the Mini-Messenger:

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Seminarians  Diocesan Pastoral Council  Principals  Other interested persons are welcome to subscribe. If you have questions regarding your subscription contact Laurie Hoefling, hoefling@davenportdiocese.org.
An Invitation to Attend the 2012 Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award

Mrs. Kim Bobo
Executive Director, Interfaith Worker Justice

Mrs. Bobo has been selected as this year’s recipient for her local and national actions to mobilize people of faith in the battle to improve wages, benefits and conditions for workers in the low-wage economy.

In 1991, she founded the Chicago Interfaith Committee on Worker Issues out of which the vision for the National Interfaith Committee on Worker Justice was developed.

In 2003, she was a key organizer of the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride which mobilized people of faith to speak out on the abuses and exploitations of immigrant workers.

Award Presentation by Bishop Martin Amos
Sunday, September 16, 2012
2:00 P.M.
St. Ambrose University
Christ the King Chapel
518 W. Locust Street, Davenport, Iowa

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Previous award recipients include Martin Luther King, Jr.; Dorothy Day; Dom Helder Camara; Mother Teresa; Archbishop Desmond Tutu; Eileen Egan; Cesar Chavez; Daniel Berrigan; Adolfo Perez Esquivel; Lech Walesa; Bishop Salim Ghazal; Rev. John Dear, SJ; Bishop Alvaro Leonel Ramazzini

Award co-sponsors: Diocese of Davenport, St. Ambrose University, Augustana College, Churches United of the Quad City Area, Pax Christi Quad Cities, The Catholic Messenger, Muslim Community of the Quad Cities, Congregation of the Humility of Mary, Sisters of St. Benedict, Sisters of St. Francis (Dubuque, Iowa), Temple Emanuel, Sisters of St. Francis (Clinton, Iowa)
The Call to Lay Ecclesial Ministry

Within the faith community some are called to a very public ministry in the church. “Their functions of collaboration with the ordained require of lay ecclesial ministers a special level of professional competence and presence to the community. Their position often involves coordinating and directing others in the community. They are frequently employed on a full- or part-time basis by parishes, or church institutions. For these reasons their roles often require academic preparation, certification, credentialing, and a formation that integrates personal, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral dimensions.”

Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord
United States Catholic Bishops
November 2005

El Llamado al Ministro Laico

Dentro de la Fé comunitaria algunos son llamados a un ministerio de la Iglesia para el público. “Sus funciones de colaboración con la ordenación require de Ministros Laicos Eclesiásticos en un nivel especial de competencia profesional y presencia para la comunidad. Su posición seguido se ve envuelta en dirigiendo, coordinando a otros en la comunidad. Ellos frecuentemente son empleados por medio tiempo o tiempo completo por las Iglesias y Parroquias. Por estas razones sus reglas requieren preparación académica, certificación, referencias, y una formación que entregue personalmente espiritualidad, intelectual y dimensiones pastorales.”

Trabajadores en la Viña del Señor
Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos
Noviembre 2005

Registration Fees
2012-2013
Additional funding from Annual Diocesan Appeal

MFP Yr II On-site format English:
- Resident of diocese, $150
- Non-resident of diocese, $225
- Individual course fee, $25

MFP Yr II DVD format English:
- Resident of diocese, $175
- Non-resident of diocese, $250
- Individual course fee, $25

MFP Año II: Clases en Español:
- Residentes de la Diócesis, no hay cobro
- Residentes fuera de la Diócesis, $150

Catechetical Specialization:
- University of Dayton $40 per course
- University of Dayton $30 per seminar
- Diocesan courses $15 per practicum

Contact
IlaMae Hanisch
Ministry Formation Coordinator
Adult/Family Formation Coordinator
hanisch@davenportdiocese.org
641-791-3435

An application form and program information may be found on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org.
(Chancery> Faith Formation > Lay Ministry)

Diocese of Davenport
780 West Central Park Ave.
Davenport, IA 52804-1901
Ministry Formation Program
Basic Year II
2012-2013

Participants will register for ONLINE courses and seminar via University of Dayton VLCFF. https://vlc.udayton.edu

PRACTICUMS are held at the Chancery, 780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport Iowa. 9:30-3:00 2nd floor conference room.

2012

10/6 Retreat
St. James Washington
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

10/20 & 11/3 Moral Themes
11/17 Introduction to Spirituality
12/1 & 12/15 Old Testament

2013

1/5 & 1/19 Introduction to Theology
2/2 & 2/16 New Testament
3/2 Canon Law
3/16 Civil Law
4/6 & 4/20 Introduction to Liturgy
5/4 Introduction to Catechesis
TBA 2013 Retreat and Commissioning

CATECHETICAL

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2012

10/6 Retreat
St. James Washington
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

10/14 - 11/17 Introduction to Catechesis
(five weeks)

12/1 Practicum: Catechetical Certification

2013

1/13 - 1/19 Faith and Human Development
(5 weeks)

3/3 - 3/23 Our Hearts Were Burning
(3 weeks)

4/7 - 5/11 Comprehensive Youth Ministry
(five weeks)

6/22 Practicum: Catechetical Models, Methods & Resources

7/20 Practicum: Designing a Catechetical Plan

8/3 Practicum: Catechetical Leadership, Supervision & Management

TBA 2013 Retreat and Commissioning

Credentials may be reviewed for advanced placement by contacting the program coordinator.
Marriage Moments & Parenting Pointers

SEPTEMBER - 2012

I offer you these tidbits of wisdom as prayer prompts to remind you (and your constituents) of the sacredness of marriage vows and the value of every child. The commitment to love a spouse forever, and the generous gift of life parents offer a child are indeed spiritual undertakings and cannot be done alone. May the God of Love be with you and your work.

*FOR MORE extended marriage and parenting articles, plus archived Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers, go to: www.SusanVogt.net *BLOG: Living Lightly. www.SusanVogt.net/blog *TWITTER: @Vogt_Susan


MARRIAGE MOMENTS

484. Sept. 3: "Love keeps no record of wrongs." (1 Cor. 13:4-5) A 50/50 marriage will be consumed with checking who's ahead and who owes who. Better to expect to give 100% of your effort. Sometimes you'll give more, sometimes you'll receive more, but who's counting.

485. Sept. 10: When your hobbies differ and compete, does your spouse get stuck with the burden of extra chores, childcare, or unwanted alone time as a result of your recreation? Does your hobby take a lot more time than your spouse's? If not, be thankful you're in sync.

486. Sept. 17: "Who do people say that I am?" (Mk 8:27) Just as our public persona does not always reflect our truest self, spouses are privy to the hidden truth/weaknesses of each other. What do you know about your beloved that perhaps no one else does? Honor this privileged information.
487. Sept. 24: "What were you arguing about?...If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last." (Mk 9:33, 35) This teaching of Jesus parallels the perennial marital argument about who is right. Arguments can often be shortened if you can give up the need to be right - every time.

PARENTING POINTERS
484. Sept. 7: The 2nd Sunday in September is Grandparents day. Grandparents don't usually want gifts, they just like to be acknowledged. Help your child show appreciation for the grandparent(s) this weekend. If your own grandparents are still alive, do the same. If not, tell them in prayer.

485. Sept. 14: It's been 11 years since 9/11. We shouldn't need a terrorist attack to prompt us to voice our love to others and make amends to those we have hurt. Are there people in your life who need to hear words of love or apology from you? Do it today. You never know what tomorrow will bring.

486. Sept. 21: The 4th Mon. of September is Family Day. One way to celebrate is to eat dinner together. Maybe you do this most of the time anyway. Good. Talk about your favorites - food, games, colors, animals, family times...

487. Sept. 28: One of the Spiritual Works of Mercy is to "Counsel the Doubtful." Parents can sometimes doubt whether they are being too strict or too lenient with discipline; too generous or too tight with giving their kids money... Check your doubts with other wise parents.

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Who Should Attend

**Conference:** Our International Conference is open to all who have experienced divorce or the loss of a relationship, and to those who minister with them. Learn and laugh with friends and peers as you journey toward wholeness, healing, growth, wisdom, and peace! With a focus on spirituality, our conference offers knowledgeable speakers and topics, plus a rich array of activities, workshops, and people who understand that God never abandons us.

**Seminars:** Anyone who works with those going through a loss, divorce, or death—or anyone who has experienced a loss and desires to help others along the path—will benefit from our Leadership Seminars. We offer a special welcome to Priests, Deacons, Religious Leaders and sponsors of RCIA, CCD teachers, Directors of Family Life, Singles Ministry Leadership, anyone in Parish Ministry.

Meet Bishop Kevin W. Vann

Bishop Kevin W. Vann, JCD, DD, was ordained and installed as the third bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth in July 2005 and has served as the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Episcopal Liaison to Catholic Divorce Ministry since May 2010. Bishop Vann provides leadership for various initiatives at the state and national levels, including service as the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith’s Ecclesiastical Delegate for the Pastoral Provision in the U.S. and as a member of the USCCB Committee on Migration. Bishop Vann will be participating in the International Conference and is scheduled to present the conference Keynote Address on Saturday.

Schedule of Events

For more information visit our home page at www.nacsdc.org

### Leadership Seminars

**October 4, 2012 — Thursday**
- 8:00 A.M. Seminar Check-in
- 9:00 A.M. Leadership Seminars: Loss Recovery & Rebuilding 101
- 12:00 N. Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. Leadership Seminars Resume
- 5:00 P.M. Dinner and Social
- 7:30 P.M. Evening Prayer

**October 5, 2012 — Friday**
- 9:00 A.M. Leadership Seminars Resume
- 1:00 P.M. Lunch
- 2:30 P.M. Close

### Conference

**October 5, 2012 — Friday**
- 1:30 P.M. Conference Check-in
- 3:00 P.M. Opening Prayer
- 3:15 P.M. Conference Opening Address
- 4:00 P.M. Ice Breaker Activity
- 5:00 P.M. Woman at the Well Service
- 5:45 P.M. Reflections in Gardens
- 6:30 P.M. Dinner and Entertainment
- 7:30 P.M. Evening Prayer

**October 6, 2012 — Saturday**
- 8:00 A.M. Conference Check-in
- 9:00 A.M. Opening Prayer
- 9:15 A.M. Keynote Address
- 10:00 A.M. Stations of the Cross for Divorced
- 10:30 A.M. Workshops #1 — A, B, C
- 11:45 A.M. Workshops #2 — A, B, C
- 1:00 P.M. Lunch, General Assembly & Entertainment
- 3:00 P.M. Workshops #3 — A, B, C
- 4:30 P.M. Refreshment & Fellowship
- 5:30 P.M. Healing Service & Candlelight Procession
- 7:00 P.M. Closing Mass

**EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 10!!!**

**NEW! SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE! APPLY AT SCHOLARSHIPS@NACSDC.ORG.**

CDM returns to the conference scene in 2012! Join us for camaraderie, spirituality, education, growth, and millions of dollars in prizes! (OK, the part about the prizes isn’t true, but we guarantee the rest!)
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In this workshop, Bill Huebsch will help us revisit the outcomes of the Second Vatican Council, with a special focus on how parishes here in the Diocese of Davenport can be renewed in its vision and spirit.

Bill Huebsch directs the work of the Vatican II Center at PastoralPlanning.com and 23rd Publications. He is author of Vatican II in Plain English and dozens of other resources to teach about and implement the Council more fully.

► How can we dialogue with each other, agreeing on the essentials, giving each other freedom on the non-essentials, and having charity in all cases (Church in Modern World #92)?

► How can we have a more participatory liturgy (Liturgy #11)?

► How can we help folks embrace their own holiness and deepen it (Church #42)?

► And how can we engage people in the parish at every age and stage of life?

This will be a fun and practical day, packed with fresh ideas!
Meet Bill Huebsch

Writer of works "in plain English," theologian, former DRE, farmer, friend and leader of the PastoralPlanning.com web site!

Bill Huebsch holds a BA in religious studies and a Masters in Theological Studies from the Catholic Theological Union of Chicago. He is the past president of Twenty-Third Publications, and has served in management roles in other Catholic publishing houses since 1995.

In 1990 he established The Vatican II Project which contributes to the effort being made within the Church to keep alive the spirit and energy of Vatican II. As part of that project, he published Grace: God’s Greatest Gift and Vatican II in Plain English, along with several other books outlining key features of the Council.

In 2000 he helped establish the movement for Whole Community Catechesis and published The GDC in Plain English and Whole Community Catechesis in Plain English, The Pastor’s Guide to WCC, along with other books, support materials, articles, and presentations.

One of his important projects has been The Growing Faith Project, which is a resource for youth, adult, or young adult faith formation. It provides a complete summary of the Catechism with an orientation to personal conversion. Es disponible en español también.

His most recent works include Dreams and Visions: Pastoral Planning for Lifelong Faith Formation and the very-popular Growing Up Catholic which is a way to coach parents to form their own children for sacrament prep. His latest book is Great Expectations: A Pastoral Guide for Partnering with Parents which is available on this web site as well.

Bill recently pulled together (working with a team of pastoral leaders) the wonderful new resource, Come to the Table, which is a way to welcome and re-engage the People of God just in time for the Year of Faith.

**Registration deadline: October 15th**
**Cost: $12 (includes lunch)**

For information and directions, contact Barbara Butterworth butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org (563) 324-1911

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