ADDRESS CHANGE

Parish Cluster of Charlotte, Petersville, Sugar Creek and Delmar: The office for these parishes has moved from Charlotte to Delmar. This is effective immediately.
   New address: 405 Delmar Ave., PO Box 293, Delmar 52037-0293
   New phone: 563-674-4240       New email: delmarstpat@diodav.org
(FYI: Fr. Scott Lemaster’s contact information has not changed: Assumption & St. Patrick in Charlotte, 563-677-2758 or lemasters@diodav.org.)

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE
October is Respect Life Month: This year’s theme is Faith opens our eyes to human life in all its grandeur and beauty. Promotional materials may be downloaded or purchased from the USCCB, http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/.

Webinar on Parish International Twinning and Partnerships: October 3, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Important aspects of international parish twinning and partnerships will be presented by Ken and Kathy Miller with information they obtained at a national solidarity conference hosted by the USCCB and CRS. Ken and Kathy are St. John Vianney, Bettendorf parishioners and represented the Diocese of Davenport. This information will be valuable both to parishes and groups who already have partnerships and those who are considering establishing such relationships. Topics covered will include important elements of Twinning Partnerships, Short Term Missions and Micro Enterprises. At a later date a second webinar will focus on the unique features of partnerships with the people of Haiti. To register go to https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/369977744. Questions regarding the webinar may be directed to Kent Ferris, ferris@davenportdiocese.org or Glenn Leach, leach@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1911.

Iowa Institute for Social Action will be held on Oct. 6, 9:00 a.m. at St. Theresa Parish, Des Moines. Attached is a brochure of the topics and speakers. For online registration go to: http://www.iowasocialaction.org/index.html.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development Annual Collection will be held on November 17-18. The Diocese retains 25% of the proceeds to fight poverty within our own diocese. This year’s theme is Fight Poverty. Defend Human Dignity. Promotional materials will be mailed to parishes in October, including posters and bulletin inserts. On the weekend of November 10-11 please insert the flyer in your bulletin and display the poster. If your parish materials don’t arrive by mid-October, you need more materials or have questions contact Loxi Hopkins, hopkins@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4212. Parish resources can also be found at http://www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/collection/collection-resources.cfm

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

LEADERSHIP RESOURCE
Dan Ebener’s new book, Blessings for Leaders, comes out in October (see attached flyer). This book explores the wisdom of the Beatitudes and applies that to leadership. It is intended to be a much easier book to read than Dan’s first book, Servant Leadership Models for Your Parish. Blessings for Leaders is designed for adult education classes or a Bible study group in your parish. It is augmented with a website that has supplementary materials for each of the eight chapters (each of which focuses on one of the Beatitudes).
Liturgical Press is now offering advance sales of the book at a discount price of $7.96 per book. For 10 or more copies, the discount price goes to $7.46 per book. You might want to consider buying this book as a gift for others in your parish, such as your parish or finance council.

For more information, or to order books, go to: www.servantleadershipmodels.com.

**FAITH FORMATION OFFICE**

**Parishes with new catechetical leaders:** Directors or coordinators of faith formation, youth ministry, adult faith formation, RCIA, etc. are encouraged to contact our diocesan faith formation office. Please contact Barb Butterworth, 563-888-4240 or butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org, and she'll connect you with a staff person who can provide orientation and resources to help your new leader get a good start in ministry.

**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. A registration form can be found at http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/LibraryFF/Bill%20Huebsch%20flyer.pdf.

**Lay Ministry Formation Opportunities:** The Ministry Formation Program is offering Basic Year II (in English and Spanish) and a specialization track on Catechesis. More information can be found on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org [Chancery>Faith Formation>Lay Ministry (MFP)] or contact IlaMae Hanisch, 641-791-3435 or hanisch@davenportdiocese.org.

Upcoming courses are:

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**Partners on the Journey** is a new Catholic marriage enrichment program that was published in August and is being endorsed and promoted by the Diocese. A preview copy is available for review. For information see the attached information page.

**Marriage and Parenting Resource:** Attached is the October issue of “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.
“All Things Are Possible!” is the theme of the diocesan young adult conference (ages 18-39) to be held Saturday, October 13, 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! Registration deadline is Oct. 11. To register go to http://www.davenportyouth.org/davenportya.org/index.html. Go to www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Youth%20Ministry.htm for a promotional flier. For more information contact Kathryn Churchill at 319-631-8638 or davenportcyan@gmail.com or like us on Facebook.

“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 on promoting rally and getting your group registered, visit www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Youth%20Ministry.htm and please steer your youth toward our youth website, www.davenportyouth.org.

“Signed. Sealed. Delivered.” is the theme of the 2013 National Catholic Youth Conference, to be held Nov. 21-23, 2013 in Indianapolis. NCYC is a biennial gathering of more than 23,000 youth and their adult leaders for three powerful days. Resources for promoting NCYC at your parish (including links to promotional videos), along with helpful information about costs, deadlines and other factors, can be found at www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Youth%20Ministry.htm. The parish estimate form, which indicates a best-guess group size, is due Oct. 19. For more information, please contact Pat Finan at finan@davenportdiocese.org or 641-842-5148.

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.

MEETING AND RETREAT SPACE AVAILABLE
New Melleray Abbey near Dubuque, the Trappist monastery where the caskets are made, has rooms available for groups to use for meetings or retreats. There are six weekend dates available in spring and summer 2013. There are 20 rooms available: 16 singles and 4 doubles. Each room has its own shower and bathroom. Towels, linens and meals are provided. Groups may bring their own presenter make personal retreats, or upon request a monk will provide a conference. To inquire or make a reservation contact Fr. Jonah, O.C.S.O, guesthouse@newmellary.org or 563-588-2319, ext. 100. You may visit their website at www.newmelleray.org.

ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY
October 10, 7 p.m.: A service of prayer and reflection will be held at Christ the King Chapel commemorating the vigil of the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the beginning of the Year of Faith. The service will be led by Bishop Martin Amos; short reflections will be offered on themes of the Council.

CELEBRATING VATICAN II: SHARING THE VISION
The Catholic Sisters of the Upper Mississippi River Valley will host a four-part lecture series in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council of the Roman Catholic Church. “Celebrating Vatican II: Sharing the Vision” will be held at venues throughout the region from October, 2012 through April, 2013. The lecture series explores four key themes of the Council and is scheduled as follows:
On Sunday, Oct. 21 at 2 p.m. in the Rogalski Center, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Dr. Richard R. Gaillardetz will address “What Happened at Vatican II? Keys to Understanding the Council,” exploring the enduring significance of the most important event in Roman Catholicism in four centuries and probing its implications for the present and future.

Richard Gaillardetz is the McCarthy Professor Catholic Systematic Theology at Boston College, author of Ecclesiology for a Global Church and co-author of Keys to the Council.

Dr. Zeni Fox will speak on “The Laity after Vatican II: Collaboration in Ministry” at Clarke University, Dubuque, Dec. 2, 2012.

Dr. Massimo Faggioli will speak on “Liturgical Reform: the Crucial Impact and Legacy of Vatican II” at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Hiawatha, Feb. 24, 2013.

Dr. Marlene Weisenbeck, FSPA and a panel of respondents including Most Rev. Daniel Turley, OSA, Bishop of Chulucanas, Peru, will speak on “The Church in the Modern World: Vatican II’s Challenge for Our Time” at Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Church, Clinton, April 21, 2013.

Registration is not required for the programs which are free and open to the public. Follow-up sessions to each of the four lectures will be offered in the cities where the sponsoring Sisters congregations minister. For details see www.facebook.com/catholicsisters or call Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton, 563-242-7611 or Congregation of the Humility of Mary in Davenport, 563-336-8404.

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, Oct. 1 & 15; 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 1-2 pm; Free Will Offering

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. Oct. 1, 7-8:30 pm; Free Will Offering

Bernard of Clairvaux’s “Vision of Mystical Love”: St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) was one of the greatest “Doctors of the Church.” His vision of the mystical love between God and humanity is among the most beautiful of all time. Come spend the day with Bernard. Hear his words, pray his prayers, let him inspire and strengthen your faith. Presenter: Hal Green, PhD, Adjunct Faculty, Eastern Iowa Community Colleges. Sat., Oct. 6, 9 am-3 pm; Fee: $40 (incl. lunch)

New Book Discussion: Searching for something more in your life? Wondering where God is leading you? Seeking to know how God is working through you? This book discussion will focus on these questions through the writing of Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB in Following the Path: The Search for a Life of Passion, Purpose & Joy. Facilitator: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB. Mondays, Oct. 8, 22; Nov. 12, 26 and Jan. 14; 6:30-8 pm; Fee: $5/session or $25 for the series + cost of the books ($20)

Continuing 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. Remaining sessions: Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 8; 9:30-11 am; Fee: $5/session or $20 for the series.
The Stones of Corinth: Why did St. Paul write his letters to the church in Corinth? What can archeology and history tell us about Paul’s community in Corinth, what he wrote and why? Are there ways we can find, in the midst of these ancient particularities, a helpful Christian message for today? Presenter: Micah Kiel, PhD, Assistant Professor of Theology, St. Ambrose University. Sun. Oct. 28, 1:30-4 pm; Fee: $20

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

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. skeins 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

Tuesday, November 13 – Gratitude Come to the Quiet
9:30 am – 3:30 pm
The awesome beauty of fall and fullness of life brings us to gratitude and quiet. The day is yours to shape as you will after a brief introduction to gratitude. Fee: $20

Friday-Sunday, November 16-18 – Becoming Conscious – Tuning in to God’s Universe
Fri. 7:00 pm – Sun. 11:00 am
Kathleen Spencer, SSND & Sandra Spencer
Participants will be led through the teaching and practice of energization, simple yoga and meditation, supplemented with chant, breathing exercise and affirmations. With new awakened energy, we will engage nature. These experiences and learnings will be integrated into a spirituality of the evolving universe through sharing, art, journaling and prayer. Fee: $200

Saturday, December 1 – A Day of Prayer for Men
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Msgr. Frank Henricksen, Gary Lane, Paul Krzmarzick, Tom Streveler
Come to the Prairie for a quiet day of prayer and sharing. This day is put together and led by the OLPR Advisory Committee men. Join them for an Advent day of quiet reflection, brisk walks as you enjoy the prairie landscape and a hearty soup with prairie bread for lunch. Fee: $20

Tuesday, December 11 – Advent come to the Quiet
9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Winter in its darkest time welcomes the Light of the World. Come and be in the quiet at this hectic time of Christmas preparation. 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: 1:00 p.m. on October 9, November 13 and December 11

Soaking with a Purpose (SWAP): Oct. 12, Nov. 9 and Dec. 14 at 7:00 p.m. Spend an evening in the presence of the Lord through praise and worship.

Open House: November 18, 3 -5 p.m. Bishop Amos will give a special blessing at 3:30 p.m. The vision for the future of Eagles’ Wings will follow the blessing.

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

Catholic Voters & Voting Catholic
Thursday, Oct. 11, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Presenter: Dave Cochran, Loras College
Cochran will explore the moral principles and political issues Catholics are called to weigh in deciding how to vote, how American Catholics actually vote in practice, and the difficult process of voting as a faithful Catholic in today’s political landscape. Free will offering. Register by Oct. 10.

Retreat: Spiritual Literacy: Reading the Wisdom Books, the Book of Nature & the Book of Experience
Saturday, Nov. 3, 9:00am – 4:00 p.m.
Presenter: Trisha Day
This day will help participants find their inner light. Trisha says, “While religion attempts to define who God is and what we must believe, spirituality has to do with how and where we experience God. We will focus on the latter by exploring some tools of spiritual literacy including awareness, intuition, playfulness and self-expression as well as the role the arts play in helping us get in touch with what lies beneath the surface of our lives.” Includes program and lunch. Bring a friend who is new to Shalom and receive a discount. Register by Oct. 30.

Grieving the Loss of a Loved One
Tuesday, Nov. 6, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Presenter: Molly Andersen Schreiber
Molly lost her husband in a tragic car accident several years ago. Left with three small children, she learned to deal with her grief positively and with great faith in God. She founded F.I.N.E., a group for young widows in the Dubuque area. Come to this evening of mutual support, hear her story, and then share as much as you are comfortable in sharing of your own story of loss. The evening will end with prayer. Free will offering. Call to register by Nov. 5.

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Schedule

9:00 a.m.  Registration

9:30 a.m.  Opening Prayer

9:45 a.m.  Keynote Speaker: Bishop Richard Pates on *Threats to World Peace and the Church’s Response*. Bishop Pates is chair of the USCCB Committee on International Justice and Peace

10:45 a.m.  Breakout Session A:
- Immigration Reform
- Forming Advocacy Teams
- Catholic Schools, School Choice and the Common Good

11:45 a.m.  Lunch and Announcements

12:45 p.m.  Breakout Session B:
- Human Trafficking
- Parish Twinning and Solidarity with the Poor
- Securing America’s Future - Children, Poverty and the 2012 Elections

2:00 p.m.  Panel Discussion, *Religious Liberty*

3:00 p.m.  Roundtable Work Session

4:00 p.m.  Closing Prayer

4:30 p.m.  Mass (optional)

Sessions and Presenters

Breakout Session A:

- **Immigration Reform – a State & Local Response**
  
  *Lori Chesser, chair of the immigration department at the Davis Brown Law Firm in Des Moines and co-founder of the Iowa Immigration Education Coalition.*

- **Forming Advocacy Teams – How to make them work in your parish**
  
  *Members of the Justice and Peace Advocacy Team of the Diocese of Davenport and the Global Advocacy Team of the Diocese of Des Moines*  
  
  *Tom Chapman, executive director of the Iowa Catholic Conference and board member of the Iowa Alliance for Choice in Education*

Breakout Session B:

- **Human Trafficking – A Pastoral and Legal Response**
  
  *Rev. Brian McVey, rector of St. Alban Episcopal Church in Davenport*

- **Parish Twinning and Solidarity with the Poor**
  
  *Kim Lamberty, senior program advisor for Catholic Relief Services*

- **Securing America’s Future - Children, Poverty and the 2012 Elections**
  
  *Sheila Hansen, director of “Every Child Counts” at the Child and Family Policy Center*

Roundtable Work Session:

During this time, issue briefs will be available relating to several topics of interest. This will be an opportunity to explore issues that you are passionate about and organize a response with others before you return to your parish.
Blessings for Leaders
Leadership Wisdom from the Beatitudes
Dan R. Ebener

The Beatitudes of Jesus offer astonishing insight into Christian life and leadership. They are eight Blessings for Leaders.

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Dr. Dan R. Ebener has been practicing leadership and developing leaders for churches, businesses and community organizations since 1976. He served as director of Catholic Charities in Davenport from 1986 to 2006. He now teaches leadership full-time for the Masters of Organizational Leadership (MOL) program at St. Ambrose University and serves as director of stewardship and parish planning for the Diocese of Davenport. Dan has presented at conferences, in classrooms, in churches, or at community forums in forty-three states and fourteen countries. He is author of Servant Leadership Models for Your Parish (Paulist Press, 2010).

“Dan Ebener has been a truly vital and prophetic Christian leader for the community of faith. In my experience, Dan is one of the best Christian activists in the country. In Blessings for Leaders, he examines what it means to be a leader through the lens of the Beatitudes, encouraging each of us to live into the invitation that Jesus has offered us. This is a book for anyone interested in learning more about what it means to be a follower of Jesus, a disciple, and an apostle.”

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BLESSINGS
MARRIAGE MOMENTS

488. Oct. 1: October is Respect Life Month. Sometimes spouses can be so busy taking care of children and trying to save the world that they get lazy about giving each other respect. Speak respectfully to your spouse and about your beloved today. This can include courteous actions, honoring your spouse's time, and giving preference to his/her needs.

489. Oct. 8: "God made them male and female." (Mk 10:6) How do you fit the stereotype of your gender? i.e. Males are strong, females are sensitive. How do you differ? Would your spouse agree with you?

490. Oct. 15: "The spirit of wisdom came to me." (Wisdom 7:7) What's the wisest thing your beloved has ever said or done (besides marrying you)? Tell him or her. What's the dumbest thing you've ever done? Forgive yourself.

491. Oct. 22: "Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant." (Mk 10:43) Just for fun see which of you can serve the other more today. Make a game out of it if you wish. "No, let me get the door, the snack, make dinner, etc." "No, honey, you must let me do it."

492. Oct. 29: The blind man Bartimaeus asked Jesus to cure him and Jesus did. Few people want to have a handicap but if you had to choose between being blind, deaf, or crippled, which would you choose? Why? How would it change your everyday couple life?

PARENTING POINTERS

488. Oct. 5: During Respect Life Month pick the life issue that you feel most strongly about (preventing abortion, supporting new mothers, helping those whose lives are mired in poverty, caring for the frail elderly, working for gun control, eliminating the death penalty, bullying...) Tell your child why this is important to you.

489. Oct. 12: Kid's self-doubts are never ending. Am I good enough? smart enough? pretty enough?... One way to Counsel the Doubtful is to help your child recognize his/her genuine strengths - not the superficial ones. Reinforce them as they struggle to be true to their best convictions.

490. Oct. 19: As your children become young adults, you may still be tempted to rescue them from problems. Ask yourself, "Will this action empower my child to become more independent or will it foster continuing dependence on me?" (Parenting Your Adult Child)

491. Oct. 26: Much of Halloween lore is tied up with trying to be scary (ghosts, witches, goblins) but do you know your child's deepest fears? It might be spiders, being the last one picked for a team, or that they'll lose your love. Ask. Listen. Talk.

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A Catholic Workshop based on Gottman principles

Great for groups or individual home study!

Partners on the Journey is a Christian marriage enrichment series that combines a Catholic theology of marriage with findings from scientific research to offer couples both inspiration and practical help. The inspiration comes from the riches of the Catholic faith that give meaning to marriage as a Vocation, a Covenant, and a Sacrament. The practical help comes from The Gottman Institute, which draws on nearly 40 years of evidence-based research to identify the factors that predict divorce, as well as the factors that predict marital success.

12 SESSIONS (each includes a video presentation, exercises, prayer and homework)

FACILITATORS SET:
The Facilitator’s Manual/DVD set fully supports a Parish Program for groups of couples and includes workshop format options, logistics, and timed outlines for each session. The set comes with a Facilitator's Manual, the DVD and a music CD. (Your participants will each need his or her own Participant Manual.)

INDIVIDUALS doing HOME STUDY:
Individual couples can also greatly benefit from taking this course at home on their own. Both faith and science are woven together in this compelling series that helps couples, through the use of presentations, exercises and prayer, to achieve a more meaningful, stable, and satisfying relationship. The Home Study Set contains 2 participant workbooks and the DVD, all you need to complete the course.

Offered at a reasonable cost, this program can be purchased by parishes with a very limited budget. It can be purchased by couples for their individual use. This would be a great resource to have in your parish library. Here is a direct link to the web site for PARTNERS ON THE JOURNEY

The Diocese has a copy if you'd like to preview. Contact: IlaMae Hanisch, Family Life Coordinator hanisch@davenportdiocese.org