COMMUNICATION OFFICE
The diocesan website has a new look! To see the new site click here. If you have the website saved as a favorite or have particular pages saved as bookmarks, you will need to update them to the new website/department pages. If you get an error message, click on one the menu tabs under the picture to look for your page or department. We invite you to browse the new site and hope you find it more user friendly.

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE
Best Practices in Parish Stewardship: Tips from the Diocesan Stewardship Commission to effectively promote stewardship in the local community: Celebrate the good stewards who serve the parish and broader community. There are many ways to recognize valuable service ranging from thank you notes, awards, spontaneous treats and newsletter articles spotlighting “good stewardship” all the way to themed appreciation dinners. Whatever method suits the parish culture and budget, demonstrating appreciation for the time and talent dedicated to the greater good is an important aspect of stewardship.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE
Faithful Citizenship: The election season is well underway. This time offers an excellent opportunity to help parishioners understand the importance of acting in the political arena with a properly formed conscience. To assist you attached is the document, Political Do’s and Do Not’s. For additional resources go to the USCCB website and the Iowa Catholic Conference website.

Respect Life: For those who ordered parish packets they will be mailed directly to the parish in August/early September. If your parish missed the notice to order, a few extras are available on a first-come first-served basis. Contact the Office of Social Action at guerrero@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4210. Materials are now available for purchase at the USCCB website.

CCHD Intern: We are pleased to welcome Nicholas Riedesel as the new intern for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development for the year 2016-17. Nick will be a sophomore at St. Ambrose University, majoring in Elementary Education. He is from Grand Mound and a member of St. Joseph Parish in DeWitt. Nick attended CCHD training in Washington, D.C. the end of May and will attend Gamaliel’s week-long organizer training this summer. He will be working with Quad Cities Interfaith on issues that are of concern to our diocese.

CRS Rice Bowl Collection:
- Thank you to all the parishes that participated in the 2016 collection. It was an extraordinary year. For more information on how funds were distributed around the diocese please visit our website.
- You can start preparing for the 2017 CRS Rice Bowl by placing your order for free materials now. Your order will be shipped in early January. You may place your order by 1) sending the post card that was mailed to your parish in May, 2) calling 800-222-0025 or 3) going to http://www.crsricebowl.org/ Materials are available in both English and Spanish.
- Rice Bowl Breakfast: We are starting to plan for 2017. Our goal is to cover all different areas of the Diocese prior to Lent. If you would like to host one at your parish please contact Loxi Hopkins, 563-888-4212.

St. Vincent’s Home Corporation Grant: For consideration at the October board meeting, 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 the Social Action grant page.

All organizations that work with children must document their efforts to perform background checks for 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. New funding will not be considered until the Progress Report has been submitted.

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

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

There are two ways to support Project Rachel:
1. “Humble Angel Honey”: For parishes who are interested in having “Humble Angel Honey” for sale at their parish please contact Kent Ferris or 563-888-4210 to make arrangements.

2. Make a financial contribution, payable to the Diocese of Davenport and mail to Diocese of Davenport, Project Rachel, 780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804-1901.

**Social Action Newsletter:** The Diocesan Social Action office has a newsletter filled with upcoming events and deadlines, calls to action and social justice news and views. You can view previous issues or subscribe to The Two Feet newsletter at [http://bit.ly/1mY1moJ](http://bit.ly/1mY1moJ). Or, send an e-mail to kerstena@diodav.org and we will add you to our subscription list. Please feel free to submit any parish event for inclusion in our monthly newsletter.

**FAITH FORMATION OFFICE**

**August Gathering:** Saturday, August 13, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at St. Alphonsus in Mt. Pleasant. This annual event is for DREs/CREs, Youth Ministry Leaders, catechists, youth ministry volunteers, and all involved in the faith formation of children, youth and families. The day’s focus is “Calling Youth to Mission – Equipping Young Disciples” and it will explore how we can foster missionary discipleship with children and youth. Registration deadline is August 10. Visit the August Gathering webpage for more information and to register or see the attached flyer for complete details.

**Falling Into You – a Retreat Day for Ministry Leaders:** Tuesday, September 13, 9 a.m.-2.30 p.m. St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. Join the world-renowned musician, singer, composer, and master storyteller Jesse Manibusan for this exciting day. Jesse will help us re-connect with our call to ministry through storytelling, prayer, reflection, and sharing. The day will close with the celebration of the Eucharist. The retreat is open to anyone involved in any ministry. For more information and to register by September 8, visit the Retreat webpage or see the attached flyer.

**Diocesan Orientation Day for New DREs, CREs, and Coordinators/Leaders of Youth Ministry.** All new parish staff in Faith Formation and Youth Ministry are invited to the Chancery on Monday, September 19, from 10 AM – 3 PM. The day provides new staff an opportunity to meet others in similar roles in the diocese, discover a bit more about the responsibilities of their position in a larger Church context, become familiar with the various offices and services of the diocese that can support and resource their ministry, and meet many of the chancery staff. Bishop Amos will open the day with a welcome and lead the opening prayer. If you have a new staff member in any of these roles, please send their name and contact information to Barb Butterworth by August 15 so that a personal invitation can be sent directly to them. NOTE: The day is also open to “not-so-new” DREs/CREs/CYMs who would like to get a refresher, but reservations are needed. Just call or email Barb (563-888-4240) to reserve your spot.

**MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM**

All courses are held at the Chancery in Davenport, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Another option is the DVD/YouTube small group in which the order of courses is as stated below; however each group will determine its monthly meeting
time. Application form and additional information may be found on the [MFP website](#). For information regarding the courses or the Ministry Formation Program contact [Marianne Agnoli](#) or 563-888-4242.

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### MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

#### Marriage and Parenting Resource

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

### Upcoming Webinars and Conferences

**Ano Jubilar de la Misericordia (Jubilee Year of Mercy):** Join Most Reverend Daniel E. Flores, Bishop of Brownsville, Texas in this free NACFLM Professional Development Conference Call in Spanish Thursday, **August 18, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** An informational flyer will be available soon on the [Marriage and Family](#) diocesan webpage.

**Going Natural - A Healthy Choice:** Friday, October 7 at St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. Registration begins at 8:30am and conference runs from 9am-3pm. This conference will present a scientific analysis of sex, fertility, and relationships. Speakers include Vicki Thorn, M.S., Jamie Rathjen, M.A., Monica Minjeur, D.O., Robert Pranger, M.D. and Fr. Ray Atwood. Everyone is welcome! CEUs offered for medical professionals. $25 for conference, materials, lunch and CEU credits. $15 for students and financial scholarships available. Registration deadline: Sept. 30. An informational flyer is available on the [Marriage and Family](#) diocesan webpage.

**An Invitation to Love – God’s Plan for Sexuality and Marriage:** Saturday morning, October 8 at St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. Continental breakfast and registration begin at 7:45am and conference runs from 8:30am-12:15pm. Topics include: Marriage- A Reflection of the Trinity, What They Didn’t Tell You in Sex Ed, From Chaos to Restoration - Building a Culture of Life and Love, and NFP personal testimony. Speakers include Vicki Thorn and Fr. Corey Close. Everyone is welcome! Freewill donations accepted. RSVP by Oct. 1. An informational flyer is available on the [Marriage and Family](#) diocesan webpage.

### Marriage Preparation

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

The schedule of dates and locations is as follows:

- **August 27** = Iowa City (St. Patrick, IC)
- **Sept. 3** = Ottumwa Deanery (St. Patrick, Ottumwa)
- **Sept. 17** = Keokuk Deanery (McAleer Hall, Holy Family, Fort Madison)
- **Oct. 1** = Grinnell Deanery (Sacred Heart, Newton)
- **Nov. 5** = Clinton Deanery (St. Joseph, DeWitt)
- **Dec. 3** = Davenport Deanery (site TBA)

In addition, this material will be the topic of the Deacon Convocation on October 15-16.

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

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

**Weekend and One-day:**
- **October 15, 2016:** Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias, registration deadline is October 7
- **January 21, 2017:** Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, registration deadline is January 13
- **February 25, 2017:** Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, registration deadline February 17

Registration fee: $150 per couple.

The registration form and more information can be found on the Marriage and Family webpage. If you have questions contact Barb Butterworth or 563-888-4240.

**Online:** Go here — to be used only under special circumstance with parish approval.

**Natural Family Planning**

**New Diocesan Requirement:** Participation in an approved NFP instruction will be required for all engaged couples of child bearing age preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony in the diocese beginning January 1, 2017.

Engaged couples are encouraged to begin NFP instruction at least four to six months prior to the wedding date.

NFP Local Instructor contact information can be found on the diocesan Marriage and Family webpage.

Recommended NFP Online Instruction

- **Billings Ovulation Method NFP course** is available at [http://learnnfponline.com](http://learnnfponline.com). A certificate of completion will be issued. Cost is $49.

- **Couple to Couple League (Sympto-thermal) Method** offers two online options for those couples who do not have a local teaching couple, or for those whose schedule prevents them from attending a local instruction. Couples will receive the same materials as those attending any on-site class, plus have access to professional chart reviews until confident in their method skills. Check the [CCL website](http://ccl.org) for the schedule of Live Online and Self-paced Online classes.

Additional NFP Distance Learning Resources are available here.

**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](mailto:vac@diodav.org) or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

**ST. JOSEPH, DEWITT**

**SPAM: Spirit, Peace and Music:** Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m., DeWitt at the Central DeWitt Performing Arts Center. The performer will be Jesse Manibusan, a Catholic lay evangelist who uses music, comedy and stories to connect with people. His uplifting message touches people of all generations. Admission is a free will offering. See the attached flyer for more information.
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.

Knit One, Pray Too!: Tues, August 9 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Seasoned knitters and novices are invited to bring their latest projects for a relaxing day of knitting, sharing, praying and enjoying the peace of The Prairie. Karen Brooke, Ann Green & Anne Johnson. Fee: $20

Come to the Quiet: The Gift of Discernment: Tues, August 16 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Among all the clamor and clutter of our culture, the Spirit bestows the gift of discernment to help us grasp and comprehend our call to follow the sacred way. Pat Shea. Fee: $20

Sixth Annual Spirit of the Prairie: Sun, August 21 | 3 – 6pm. (Proceeds benefit Our Lady of the Prairie Programs.) Join us for a spirit-filled afternoon at The Prairie: Summer Buffet ~ Spirits ~ Music. Locally produced food, wines and beer! New this year – a silent auction of artworks created by local artists. Guests will have the opportunity to “Meet and Greet” Ralph Iaccarino, Michale Blaser, David Zahn, KC Barnes, Judy Heath and Tom Hempel. Presentations by each of these fine artists will also be on the Spirit of the Prairie schedule. New visitors and return guests to Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat will find this a wonderful opportunity to experience and explore the Spirit of the Prairie. Call 563-323-9466 for additional party information and to make your reservations OR register on-line at www.chmiowa.org. Fee: $50

“Do not resist the Holy Spirit!” A New Pentecost for a New Evangelization: Tues, August 30 | 9am – 4pm. Building upon Pope Francis’ plea, we will reflect on how 2000 years of Christian Wisdom can help our Church keep Pentecost alive in today’s post-modern world. Rev. Bob Miller, Pastor of St. Dorothy Church, Chicago, with Mark Nimo. Fee: $30

Cooking Up a Storm: Wed, September 14 | 9:30am – 2pm. Prepare Earth friendly and healthy foods from scratch. Have fun trying recipes with quinoa, using fresh produce from the garden, and learning the basics of making great soups and bread. Let’s prove to the world that many cooks do not spoil the soup! Kathleen Storms, SSND. Fee: $30

Come to the Quiet: The Gift of Wisdom: Tues, September 20 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. With the gift of wisdom we come to appreciate more fully the mystery of life and the Spirit. Pat Shea. Fee: $20

International Day of Peace, Origami of Peace: Wed, September 21 | 9:30am – 2pm. “This is our cry. This is our prayer. Peace in the world.”(Sadako Sasaki Memorial, Child of Hiroshima, Victim of Atomic Bomb). Experience the peace and joy of paper folding, the art of origami. Patricia Gade, Japan Fulbright Memorial Awardee. Fee: $30

Autumnal Equinox Taizé Vigil Service: Thurs, September 22 | 6:30pm. You will have the opportunity for quiet reflection upon one of the many generous gifts given by the Divine Giver of Gifts. The day consists of a morning reflection, quiet time to ponder, a nutritious seasonal lunch and a time for sharing. Pre-registration encouraged. No fee.

Hildegard of Bingen, Doctor of the Church: A Woman for our Time: September 23–24 | Fri 5pm – Sat, 4pm. Spend a day immersed in the story and spirit of Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)—a woman for our time and for all time. Weaving together presentations, ritual, individual and group reflection and a viewing of the film, “The Unruly Mystic,” we will encounter one of the most significant women in the history of Christianity! Mary Kaye Medinger. Fee: $100

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS, CLINTON
For more information call 563-242-7611 or visit www.clintonfranciscans.com.

The Sisters of St. Francis will show the movie “Life in a Day,” Thursday, Aug. 18, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at The Canticle, 841 13th Ave. N., Clinton, as part of their monthly social justice film fest. “Life in a Day” is a user-generated, feature-length documentary shot on a single day—July 24, 2010. Enlisted to capture a moment of the day on camera, the global community responded by submitting more than 80,000 videos to YouTube. The videos contained over 4,500 hours of deeply personal, powerful moments shot by contributors from Australia to Zambia, and from the heart of bustling major cities to some of the most remote places on Earth. The film offers a unique
experience that shows—with beauty, humor, and joyful honesty—what it's like to be alive on Earth today. The event is free and open to the public. Popcorn will be provided. See the attached flyer for promotional use.

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

Contact Sr. Jackie Walsh, OSB at 309-283-2108, retreats@smmsisters.org or online at www.smmisters.org/retreats/retreats-and-programs to register for programs mentioned below.

**Voices Serving the Holy in All:** Fri. Aug. 19 (Registration: 6:30 pm; Evening Session: 7-9 pm)- Sat. Aug. 20, 9 am–2 pm. Do you long to twine your voice with others in song? Do you remember that you were born singing, as your ancestors before you? Join a growing global movement, knitting the world together through songs of love, play, spirit and freedom. This retreat is for people who 'don't sing' AND for people who love to sing. Join as we use our voices to deepen our sense of communion with others and our sacred respect and wonder in the face of all nature. We'll sing easy-to-learn, playfully challenging songs that speak to critical themes—spiritual, environmental, social, interpersonal—in a way that brings joy, a sense of success and an expression of shared meaning. Follow along as we relax into the voices we were born to sing with, sharing beautiful, fun, simple songs that can reshape the world. Community Song Leader Liz Rog will lead this music retreat. Liz is a songleader in the global Ubuntu tradition. Liz lives in the Driftless Region of northeast Iowa with her family, where she leads weekly community singing for all ages and hosts guests at Fern Hollow Cabin, her ancestral home. Fee: $70.

**Community Sing-A-Long:** The local community is invited for a community sing, Aug. 20, 2-4 pm by the lake at St. Mary Monastery. Free will offering. Community Song Leader Liz Rog will lead this music gathering. (see above)

**One-Stop Vocation Retreat:** Sep 3, 10:00 AM - Sep 5, 10:00 AM. Learn about the right religious community for you at this unique discernment weekend for single Catholic women 18-50 years old. It includes Sisters who live in apostolic, monastic and cloistered communities such as Benedictine, Franciscan and Trappistine. The weekend features quiet time, presentations, and personal interaction with Sisters. There is no cost; you are our guest!

**Evening for Grandparents and Grandchildren: Bridges:** Sep 13, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Throughout the centuries a sacred relationship has always existed between grandparents and grandchildren. However, in today’s fast-paced world it is easy for a generation gap to develop. This evening will help bridge that gap. Following a spaghetti dinner there will be stories and a choice of age appropriate activities in which both generations can share. Suggested ages: children from 3–12 yrs. and their grandparent or other senior relative or friend. However, all ages welcome. Presenters: Deacon Steve and Kathy MacDonald. Fee: Adult/child $15; $5 each additional child or adult.

**Break-A-Way: Day of Prayer and Quiet:** Sep 15, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Take time out from busy!! The day will begin with a reflection using the music and writings of Dan Schutte. Spend the rest of the day in quiet and prayer enjoying the walking paths, the lake area, the chapel, the library, porches, patios and other reflective places. Optional prayer will close the day. Bring your own lunch or have lunch at the Monastery. Facilitator: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB. Fee: $20/day, plus an option for lunch $8. Chair or full body healing touch available for additional cost.

**Psychic Communication - Not: Effective Communication Skills and Tools for Couples:** Sep 17, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Effective communication is an essential part of any relationship, but sometimes it can be a challenge with the people we know best—our spouses and families. This retreat will explore some of the pitfalls to avoid and the tools to improve our communication skills. Presenters: Ruth and Lee Skeens. Ruth spent four years as Director of Evangelization and Adult Faith formation for three Catholic parishes. Ruth currently teaches workshops on Navigating Change and Authentic Evangelization. She also conducts retreats on strategic planning, conflict resolution, and spiritual connection. Lee has a PhD in Educational Psychology and teaches at Southeastern Community College, Burlington, IA. Fee: $100/couple.

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

- Deacons
- Diocesan Corporate Board
- Youth Ministers
- Pastoral Associates
- Directors/Coordinators of Faith Formation
- Parishes
- Catholic Foundation Board
- Sisters
- RCIA Parish Contacts
- Diocesan Liturgical Commission
- Priests
- Parish Lay Directors
- Bookkeepers
- Diocesan Board of Education
- Diocesan Planning Commission
- Seminarians
- Diocesan Pastoral Council
- Principals
- Parish Life Coordinators

Other interested persons are welcome to subscribe. If you have questions regarding your subscription contact Laurie Hoefling, hoefling@davenportdiocese.org.
Introduction: Our world is increasingly focused on public policy and the people who make it. This is understandable due to the enormous impact state and national public policy can have on issues that directly affect the lives of people in our diocese. This focus is particularly evident during the political processes of campaigning and preparing for the November elections.

The following is a quick reminder of the activities that are encouraged (Do's) and those that are prohibited (Do Not's). It is essential that our Church is fair and that we follow the laws established for non-profit organizations. Our guidelines are based on guidance contained in Faithful Citizenship by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and state level guidance from the Iowa Catholic Conference (ICC). Direct questions to Kent Ferris, Director of Social Action for the Diocese of Davenport at 563-888-4211 or ferris@davenportdiocese.org.

Do's:
- Address the moral and human dimensions of public policy based on the Church’s teaching.
- Share Catholic Social Teaching on topics such as human life, rural life, social justice and peace.
- Apply Catholic values to legislation and public issues, recognizing the limits that Catholic values and law impose on lobbying and advocacy and preserving our non-profit status.
- Register and vote after conscience formation on the issues and candidates.
- Arrange programs for parishioners to learn about moral issues affected by public policy.
- Strictly observe Church guidelines and IRS rules (see below) about political responsibility.
- Distribute only candidate questionnaires/information that have been approved by the Bishop.
- Refer any questions on what is allowed to the diocesan Director of Social Action.
- Promote the USCCB materials on Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility.

Do Not's:
- Do not engage in partisan politics at any level.
- Do not endorse, support or oppose any specific candidates or parties (directly or indirectly).
- Do not allow church facilities to be used for any electoral forums limited to just one candidate or political party, including Iowa party caucuses.
- Do not distribute or authorize the distribution of partisan campaign material on church property or under church auspices (this includes the grounds surrounding the church).
- Do not permit use of church property (including parking lots) for fundraisers, campaign events or the distribution of partisan materials.
- Do not allow only selected candidates to address a church-sponsored group.
- Do not conduct voter registration associated with one political party or candidate.
- Do not distribute any electoral materials not authorized by the Bishop.

References:
- For more information on this topic please visit our website at www.davenportdiocese.org/
- For USCCB information on Faithful Citizenship see http://www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship/
- For IRS guidelines visit www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=122887,00.html

Rev. 4/24/12
Parishes and Catholic schools are called to form people as missionary disciples in the world. Let’s answer the call together! This workshop will share effective ways for parishes to engage children and youth, and empower them as young disciples who are growing as witnesses to their faith. We will include vision and practical ideas for these topics:

- Calling Children and Youth to Missionary Discipleship
- Growing as Leaders in Our Relationship with Jesus
- Transforming Faith Formation and Youth Ministry into Disciple-Building
- Supporting Families of Disciples
- Knowing Young People Today
- Equipping Young Disciples (Providing an Encounter, Building Relationship, Forming Faith, Empowering for Mission)
- Accompanying Children and Youth

**PRESENTER**

Jane Angha is Coordinator of Youth Ministry Services and Project Coordinator of Young Neighbors in Action for the Center for Ministry Development. She previously served as Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry at St. Bernard Parish in Appleton, Wisconsin.

She has worked with high school youth for the past 20 years as a high school teacher, youth minister, and coordinator of religious education. Jane holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Wisconsin and a Master's degree in Theological Studies from St. Norbert College in DePere, Wisconsin.

**FEES**

- Early-Bird (by July 29): $30/person; $150 maximum per parish
- Standard (after July 29/by August 10): $35/person; $175 maximum per parish

**TO REGISTER**

Go to http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/. Click on August Gathering.

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A Retreat Day for Ministry Leaders
(Faith Formation/Religious Education, Youth/Young Adult Ministry, Marriage and Family Ministry, Pastoral Ministry, Liturgical Ministry, Clergy, Catholic Schools, Social Action, etc.)


Tuesday, September 13
9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.
St. Patrick Church, Iowa City
Cost: $49 (includes lunch)
Register by September 8
(register by August 26 and save $5)

Register at www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/adultretreat

Jesse Manibusan - composer (e.g., Open My Eyes), singer/songwriter, storyteller, humorist, catechist, evangelizer and encourager. Working with any and every age group, Jesse has that knack to build instant rapport, connect to his audience, and create life-giving memories that help deepen faith and cultivate the joy that inspires service, sacrifice and the celebration of life.

Jesse earned an MA in Multicultural Ministries from the Franciscan School of Theology, Berkeley, CA, and gives concerts, workshops, parish missions, and retreats. Jesse’s music is published by Oregon Catholic Press and Spirit & Song (a division of OCP). In 2014, he received the National Catholic Youth Award, for Presenter/Artist Category by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.

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MARRIAGE MOMENTS

686. Aug. 1: Natural or national disasters can bring out the best in humanity as we rally to help those in need. A marriage crisis can also prompt a couple to sacrifice for each other or honestly deal with a recurring problem. Don't wait for a disaster, however, to test your love. Prevention is better.

687. Aug. 8: Luke - "You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." (Luke 12:40) Who knows the future? Be ready, don't procrastinate. Tell your beloved of your love now.

688. Aug. 15: The Assumption. Through Mary, Jesus came into the world. She nurtured him, witnessed his passion, and stood by the apostles at Pentecost. Mary's life mirrors God's relationship with us during times of bliss and agony. Despite being the mother of God, she focused on those in need, the hungry, the poor, the lowly. Let go of your importance today and join Mary.

689. Aug. 22: "Love is work. It's good work, if you can get it. But it's work, nevertheless." (Benjamin Cheever) Name one thing your beloved has done for you that you know took extra effort on their part.

690. Aug. 29: "Conduct your affairs with humility." (Sirach 3:17) Who is the more humble - you or your spouse? Now that's a fool's question! Don't debate this, just try to defer to you beloved today in quiet ways.

PARENTING POINTERS

688. Aug. 5: Aug. 6 is the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, Japan. It is a somber anniversary even though it may have shortened the war. Teach your children how to make peace. See the Family Pledge of Nonviolence for a start. (http://www.susanvogt.net/PDF/PDF%20Family%20Pledge%20of%20Nonviolence.pdf)

689. Aug. 12: "Families must do two things to survive - protect themselves from what is most hurtful and connect with what is good outside the family. These tasks require time and energy, both of which are scarce commodities in an era when many parents work long hours at jobs." (Mary Pipher) Do you need to adjust your family balance?

690. Aug. 19: Imposing a punishment is no fun for the parent or the child. First parents must show self-discipline in deciding the best action, then execute it with loving firmness. What's your discipline of choice - an extra chore, removal of a privilege, time-out...?

691. Aug. 26: "The one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 14:11) It's hard for kids to be humble. They usually want to be first, highest, best. Perhaps try a humility game for a day. Let others go first, offer another the best dessert, first choice of toy, book, game.

Jesse Manibusan is a singer, songwriter, guitarist and teller of humorous tales. Well recognized throughout the country as a dynamic, eclectic speaker and musician, Jesse shares from his heart the love of Christ and the call to live out our baptism in every aspect of life.

His first solo collection, Life You’re Living, contains the popular “Open My Eyes,” that has been translated into several languages. In 2012, he collaborated with Santiago Fernández on a bilingual collection entitled Unidos and his songwriting skills can also be found on a great number of albums from other well-known Catholic artists. His desire to compose music that can motivate the people of God to grow in compassion, mercy, integrity and courage is evident in all his music.

Jesse is a familiar presence at diocesan conferences throughout the U.S. and Canada, including the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), World Youth Day events, LIFE TEEN events and many others. He also conducts parish missions and retreats through his Two by Two Ministries and often co-presents retreats and youth liturgy workshops with fellow OCP composer Ken Canedo. Jesse holds a master’s degree in multicultural ministries from the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, California.

He and his wife have three grown children and currently reside in Pacifc, California.

St. Joseph Parish welcomes Jesse Manibusan

Mark your calendar for Jesse’s visit as he brings his uplifting and engaging message of Spirit, Peace and Mercy (SPAM) to people of all generations.

Wednesday, September 14, 2016
6:30 PM
Free will offering at the door.

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841 Thirteenth Avenue North in Clinton
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“Life in a Day”
Thursday, August 18

Life in a Day is a user-generated, feature-length documentary shot on a single day—July 24, 2010. Enlisted to capture a moment of the day on camera, the global community responded by submitting more than 80,000 videos to YouTube. The videos contained over 4,500 hours of deeply personal, powerful moments shot by contributors from Australia to Zambia, and from the heart of bustling major cities to some of the most remote places on Earth. The film offers a unique experience that shows—with beauty, humor, and joyful honesty—what it’s like to be alive on Earth today.

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