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Fr. Robert Shortall: 2522 Fort Worth Ave., Apt. 419, Dallas TX 75211-1840

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE
The International Catholic Stewardship Conference is holding a regional conference in Kansas City on April 21, to inspire new support for the USCCB stewardship pastoral letter, on the 25th anniversary of its release. Registration and details are in the attached flyer. If anyone from your parish is planning to attend, please contact Dan Ebener, 563-888-4251, ebener@davenportdiocese.org so rides can be coordinated.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE
CRS Rice Bowl: Thank you for inviting families in your faith community to an enriched Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl. Together, we will do our part to responding to Christ’s call to build a culture of encounter. With this year’s collection your parish helped make a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world suffering from poverty and hunger. To ensure your donations will be put to use as soon as possible parishes are asked to remit Rice Bowl contributions to the Diocese by May 31. Thank you for your generous support.

CRS Fair Trade has changed its name to CRS Ethical Trade. The name change does not change the commitment to fair trade. CRS will continue to offer Consignment Sales in partnership with Serrv. Remember, Serrv makes a donation to CRS with every purchase. Resources and information can be found at http://ethicaltrade.crs.org/

Buy Ethical Trade this Lenten Season: The new SERRV Spring/Summer 2017 catalog is now available. For a chance to buy Ethical Trade handcrafts and gourmet food items from disadvantaged producers around the world, go here.

Diocesan Immigration Office: The office is now able to offer its services for clients desiring Inadmissibility Waivers along with many other services. Our Immigration Office has operated for the past 25 years, our two counselors are accredited by the Department of Justice (DOJ). To schedule an appointment please call 563-324-1911. For more information please see the attached brochure or go here.

Immigration Issues – Changes following the Election: A website page is now available to present accurate information on immigration laws as it stands today and changes as they occur. Recommendations provided by the Legal Immigration Network and similar authoritative sources will appear for consideration, however, nothing in these pages should be considered as legal advice. Every person’s situation is unique, and only personal consultation with a licensed immigration attorney or Department of Justice (DOJ, formerly called BIA) accredited counselors can provide legal advice tailored to the individual. Additional resources can be found here.

Available Grants: Application must be postmarked by May 31
- Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl: For those providing/supporting direct services to people who are hungry (first foot of social justice). If your parish or community would like to apply go here.
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD): For those organizations and projects that promote systemic change (second foot of social justice). To apply please send your request in a 1-2 page letter along with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Grant Agreement. To view grant criteria and obtain a copy of the agreement go here.

Send to Diocese of Davenport, Social Action Office, 780 West Central Park Ave., Davenport 52804-1901. For questions call Loxi Hopkins, 563-888-4212.
Project Rachel is a confidential, post-abortion healing ministry of the Catholic Church offering hope and healing to women and men hurting from past abortions. Project Rachel staff understand the emotional pain that follows an abortion. To learn more please go here.

Social Action Newsletter: This month we reach the three-year anniversary of the Two Feet Newsletter. To view past issues or to subscribe please go to: http://bit.ly/TwoFeetNewsletter

Flood Preparation: As we are bounded by major rivers on the east and west and well-blessed with smaller rivers and streams throughout the state, parts of Iowa are always potentially at risk of floods, particularly in the spring. For any emergency, pre-planning is important. While flooding usually progresses at a rate that allows for more protective action than a tornado, we may have only hours of warning. Some questions to consider:

- How quickly can we get to necessary insurance policies, deeds, lists of possessions for long term recovery?
- Do we have protected copies of critical prescriptions, medical histories, and do we have plans for any critical medical devices we must use at home?
- Where do we presently store photographs, souvenirs and other valued family materials?
- How will we get together if we are separated at school, work, when disaster hits?
- How will we do this if the phone lines and cellphone tower go down?
- Are we prepared for a power outage of a day, a week, longer? (refrigerators, freezers, water supply if pumped, etc).
- Do we have secondary hazards in the event of flooding, such as water getting into electrical circuits (outlets, junction boxes, motors) that may be below water in the basement, making it hazardous to enter?
- Do we know what to do if water threatens furnaces or water heaters, gas or electrically powered?

St. Vincent’s Home Corporation Grants: Just a reminder that spring grants are no longer awarded. Grants will only be awarded once a year in the fall. The next grant deadline is September 15 and all applications must be postmarked by that date. Applicants are to be located within the 22 counties of the Diocese of Davenport or serve children within the diocese. The grant application and criteria are available at here.

If you received a grant in the past you must also submit your progress report by September 15. New funding applications will not be considered until Progress Reports regarding previously awarded grants have been submitted. For questions or information contact Esmeralda Guerrero, or 563-888-4210.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE
Re-Visioning Faith Formation Ministry with Adolescents YOUTH Survey: The deadline for completing the Youth Survey for 6th-12th graders is now April 6. To access the information and instructions for this survey, visit the Calling Youth To Mission workshop page. If you are a ministry leader for programs that include 6th-12th graders, please do your best to get a sampling of teens – both active/connected to your faith formation programs and those not involved – to complete the survey. If you have any questions, contact Don Boucher at 563-888-4243 or via email.

IMPORTANT: Re-Visioning Focus Event: Calling Youth To Mission – Equipping Young Disciples Workshop: Join Bishop Amos and ministry leaders from across the diocese on Thursday, May 4, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at St. Patrick Church, Iowa City for this exciting workshop. The workshop will be presented by Tom East from the Center for Ministry Development. You’ll hear the findings from the surveys being utilized for the Re-Visioning process, and explore possible methods and approaches for re-directing present ministry efforts. NEW: A representative from St. Mary’s Press will be onsite with youth ministry and faith formation resources for browsing and purchase. It is important as we conclude Phase 1 of the Re-Visioning Process that representation from as many parishes and Catholic schools in the diocese attend this workshop. Pastors, DREs, Youth Ministry Coordinators, Catholic school principals and campus ministers are highly encouraged to attend as the next phases of this process will be shaped from the proceedings of the day. Cost for the day, registration information, and more can be found at www.davenportdiocese.org/mission.

Junior High Rally: Thanks to parish leaders for all the work they did to promote the day, register their young people and adults, and get everyone to the day. The Holy Spirit was truly present. If you want to see what the day was like, visit the Diocese of Davenport Youth & Young Adult Ministry Facebook page and scroll down to find the videos of the Opening Session, both Keynotes and the Mass.
Seeking Input for the 2018 Synod of Bishops on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment: The Vatican is asking for input on the synod topic in order to develop the synod’s work document or *Instrumentum laboris*. Keep watching your email in the coming week or so for more information.

MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM
MFP Courses: Classes are held at the Chancery in Davenport from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. or participants may instead choose to join one of the video small groups held at various locations throughout the diocese. Each small group location will determine its monthly meeting time. An 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.

2017 Schedule

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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
Blended & Blessed™ - Saturday, April 29, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm: FREE one-day live event and livestream for stepfamily couples, single parents, dating couples with kids, and those who care about blended families. Join the livestream as Family Life Blended unpacks 5 keys that are crucial to healthy stepfamily marriages. Register here

On May 9 at 11:00 a.m. and May 18 at 7 p.m. the Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP) will be presenting a free webinar entitled “Marriage Crisis – Pornography’s Destructive Impact.” Please click on the link for full details and registration link for this free webinar, RAAP’s Spring 2017 Webinar

Diocesan Marriage Preparation Policies and Procedures: The new diocesan marriage preparation policies were promulgated on December 30, 2016 and applies to all couples beginning marriage preparation in the diocese after December 31, 2016. This policy is available on the diocesan website here. Note that the diocesan Prenuptial Investigation form has been revised to reflect the new marriage preparation requirements. Access a fillable PDF form in English here and the Spanish fillable form here.

Marriage Preparation: In the hope of helping to build a solid foundation for an enriching life-long marriage, engaged couples beginning preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Diocese of Davenport after December 31, 2016 will participate in the following preparation activities:

1. Initial personal interview with the priest, deacon or pastoral minister
2. Completion of an approved Premarital Inventory: FOCCUS, REFOCCUS or PREPARE/ENRICH
3. Follow-up meetings as determined by the minister.
4. Participation in a Marriage Preparation Instructional Program:
   - Sponsor Couple (preferred option)
   - Approved Diocesan Marriage Preparation Day/Weekend - see dates below
   - Approved On-line option (only under special circumstance – requires parish approval)
5. Participation in an approved Introductory Natural Family Planning Instruction-see options below
6. Completion of the pre-nuptial investigation form.
7. Post-wedding couple contact plan.
Marriage Preparation Instructional Programs: 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:**
- April 29-30, 2017: Williamsburg, St. Mary, registration deadline April 21
- August 5-6, 2017: Mt. Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, registration deadline July 28
- October 7, 2017: Muscatine, SS Mary and Mathias, registration deadline September 29

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.

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

**Natural Family Planning:** Participation in a diocesan approved Introductory NFP Instruction is required for all engaged or civilly married couples of child bearing age preparing for marriage in the diocese. General information as well as method specific content is available in a variety of formats in both English and Spanish. A listing of diocesan approved NFP online and local instructional resources can be found here.

Engaged couples are encouraged to begin NFP instruction at least four months prior to their wedding date and may select to participate in one or more of the options based on their individual level of interest or particular life circumstance. All diocesan NFP instructional resources are updated regularly with the latest version accessible through this diocesan website. This link will also provide a list of any upcoming NFP instruction opportunities scheduled in the diocese. A current listing of these opportunities can also be found below.

**Upcoming Free NFP Instruction:** Beth and Al Budelier at Diocese of Davenport (780 West Central Park Ave., Davenport). All sessions on the following Sundays from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- April 2
- June 4
- August 6
- October 1
- December 3

Couples may register to attend one of these sessions by contacting Marianne Agnoli at 563-888-4242 or agnolim@davenportdiocese.org.

**PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN**

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, Victim Assistance Coordinator: 563-349-5002, vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

**CHAIR OF CATHOLIC STUDIES LECTURE AT ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY**

“Shakespeare and Me”: Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 pm in the Rogalski Center Ballroom at St. Ambrose University in Davenport. Noted author Ron Hansen, will deliver lecture corresponding with the College of Arts and Sciences year-long academic theme celebrating the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare’s birth and examining his influence in the author’s writings.

Ron Hansen is the Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ, Professor in the Arts and Humanities at Santa Clara University and an ordained permanent deacon for the Diocese of San Jose. Deacon Hansen is the author of twelve books, including Mariette in Ecstasy, Atticus, and The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford, which was made into a movie starring Brad Pitt and Casey Affleck.

Hansen has held teaching positions at universities around the country and continues to be recognized for his writing. He was twice a finalist for a PEN/Faulkner Award, a finalist for the 1997 National Book Award, received first prize in fiction from the Bay Area Book Reviewers Association and a Gold Medal for Excellence in Fiction from the Commonwealth Club of California.
Following his military service in the U.S. Army, Hansen studied at the University of Iowa Writer’s Workshop and earned a Master of Fine Art in Creative Writing in 1974. He later earned a Master of Art in Spirituality from Santa Clara University in 1995.

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS, CLINTON
Peace Soup Suppers presents: *Our Invisible Neighbors* in Lent of 2017. Suppers will be held at St. Boniface Center, 2520 Pershing Blvd, Clinton at 6 p.m. Peace Soup is free and open to the public. The Tuesday night sessions are sponsored by Prince of Peace Pax Christi and the Sisters of St. Francis. No registration is required. Paper bowls will be provided or bring your own bowl to reduce waste. The last session is April 4: This program, *Employment and Training Opportunities,* will be presented by Charlene Nicoletto, Lead Teacher of the Clinton Community College Adult Basic Education program; and Andrea Feller of Iowa Works, serving Clinton and Jackson County youth, adults, and dislocated workers.

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE RETREAT, WHEATLAND
To register contact: 563-336-8414 or oplretreat@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.

Weaving Prayers and Baskets: Fri, April 7 | 9:00am – 4:00pm. Learn simple basket weaving in the context of prayer and meditation. Make an Easter Basket today. Limit 8 participants. Fee: $30 Kathleen Storms, SSND

A Walk into Holy Week with the Labyrinth: Mon, April 10 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Start off Holy Week walking the Labyrinth with a special emphasis on mercy and forgiveness. Learn about the history of the Labyrinth and explore ways in which the Labyrinth will release you from what binds you and prepare you for a renewed Easter. There will be time for group discussions, labyrinth walks, reflection and journaling. Fee: $20. Sherry Nauman and Pat McLaughlin

Come to the Quiet: Tues, April 11 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. St. Syncloteca, early Christian Desert Mother and Abbess, wrote *Our God is a consuming fire, so we also must kindle the divine fire in ourselves.* Syncloteca chose to live her life counter to the time’s culture, to fiercely focus on kindling divine love, whatever the cost. Fee: $20. Pat Shea

Special Event in Davenport co-sponsored by The Prairie: *A Sugar Creek Chronicle: Observing, Communicating, and Surviving Climate Change*: Wed, April 19 | 6:30pm. Cosponsored by the CHM Care of Earth Committee. Humility of Mary Center, 820 W. Central Park Ave, Davenport. Realizing that our changing climate is increasingly altering life around the world, Connie Mutel has employed the use of personal and nature stories to share the complexities of climate science with lay readers. Since the 2016 publication of *A Sugar Creek Chronicle,* she has continued to explore how we might explain climate change to a reluctant audience, even as we maintain balanced lives ourselves. Her book will be available for $10. Fee: Free will offering. Connie Mutel, MS in plant ecology, Senior Science Writer and Archivist at University of Iowa

*Lectio Divina through Current Writers:* Sun, April 23 | 2:30pm – 4:30pm. Book for Lectio: *It’s Never Too Late to Begin Again* by Julia Cameron. Have you been asking, “Now what?” Using contemplative tools called “Morning Pages, Artists Dates, and Solo Walks,” discover how to release your creative energies giving your life new purpose and meaning. Fee: $15. Linda Clewell, Oblate of St. Benedict

SPECIAL EVENT
*Coming to Peace Book Reading:* Mon, May 8 | 7:00pm. Humility of Mary Center, 820 W. Central Park Ave, Davenport. *Coming to Peace* is a hybrid conflict resolution method that was born out of core mediation practices from a variety of earth-based wisdom traditions and Buddhism. The essence of resolution lies in the recognition of the deep and unbroken connectedness that we share as human beings. This book shows how the processes of *Coming to Peace* meet those in conflict and provides them a pathway to reconciliation and wholeness. Free Will Offering. Isa Gucciardi, Ph.D., Founding Director, Foundation of the Sacred Stream

Embracing the Sacred Feminine: Thurs, May 11 | 1:00pm – 3:30pm. Join us for an early celebration of Mother’s Day as we reconnect with the power of the Sacred Feminine and explore our relationship to it in meditation and reflection. This presentation is open to both men and women. $30. Isa Gucciardi, Ph.D., Founding Director, Foundation of the Sacred Stream
The Path of Service and the Nature of Suffering: May 12 – May 13 | Fri. 5:00pm – Sat. 3:30pm. This retreat explores the Buddhist understandings about the nature of suffering contained in the Four Noble Truths. It also examines the path of service of the Bodhisattva, a person who seeks to help others understand how to find freedom from pain. We will look at how the commitment to this type of service changes our psychological orientation and offers us deeper teachings about the nature of service. Fee: $150. Isa Gucciardi, Ph.D., Founding Director, Foundation of the Sacred Stream

Come to the Quiet: Tues, May 16 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. St. Brendon lived his life as a pilgrim. His prayer gives us courage to do the same, Help me to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown. Give me the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with You. Fee: $20 Pat Shea

Visio Divina through Film: Tues, May 16 | 5:30pm light supper followed by 6:00pm film, The Diving Bell and the Butterfly. Named Best Picture of the Year and nominated for 4 Academy Awards. Based on a true story of renowned editor Jean-Dominique Bauby, whose love of life and soaring vision shaped his will to achieve a life without boundaries. (English sub-titles, 112 minutes) Fee: $15

Lectio Divina through Current Writers: Sun, May 28 | 2:30pm – 4:30pm. Book for Lectio: 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life by Karen Armstrong. In simple practiced steps we learn to see our family, friends, and world with new eyes, and confidently take action to be the world we wish for others. Every day, all day. Fee: $15. Linda Clewell, Oblate of St. Benedict

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 http://www.smmsisters.org/retreats/ to register for programs mentioned below.

Read, Think, Pray: Apr 1, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. This experience is for single women 21-45 years old. Join the Benedictine Sisters for prayer, faith sharing, and enjoy time for personal prayer. A light lunch will be served. There is no cost; you are our guest!

Family Evening: "Pretzels For Lent": Apr 4, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM. This evening will consist of fun, food, stories, prayer, activities and a chance to bake your own pretzels. How the pretzel was first created will be dramatized. All ages are welcome; however, the focus will be families with grade school age children. Children, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles etc. are all welcome. Presenters: Deacon Steve and Kathy MacDonald. Fee: $15/family of 2-3; $20/family of 4 or more.

Mother/Adult Daughter Morning: Memories: Apr 29, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM. Love and walk with each other during our annual Mother-Adult Daughter Morning. We’ll enjoy a special breakfast, time together, solitude, fun and activities. Presenters: Sr. Stefanie MacDonald, OSB, and her mother, Kathy MacDonald. Fee: $30 per mother/daughter; $15 each additional daughter.

A Retreat Featuring Richard Rohr and the Legacy of St. Francis: May 4 (Registration: 6-6:45; Opening: 7 pm) - May 7 1:00 pm. Richard Rohr, the best-selling author and speaker can’t be present to direct a retreat! However, he will be present through his DVD video presentation on the Legacy of St. Francis. In five video segments you will explore a Christian faith informed by contemplation, mysticism, compassion, justice and centuries of rich, Christian history. This 3-day retreat will include time for quiet reflection, group discussion of Rohr’s presentations, community prayer and full immersion into Franciscan spirituality. Facilitators: William Maakestad, St. Mary Monastery Oblate, a 2015 graduate of Richard Rohr’s ‘The Living School’ at the Center for Action and Contemplation; Sr. Virginia Heldorfer, OSF who has studied Franciscan Spirituality at Washington Theological Center and has co-facilitated Franciscan Way of Life, a two-year formation process for people who desire to live the Gospel values of peace, joy, community, respect for creation, prayer/contemplation through the eyes of St. Francis of Assisi which leads to on-going conversion; and Sr. Pat Doody, OSF, a Sister of St. Francis of Dubuque, Iowa who is currently a member of the congregation’s Franciscan Charism team working in vocation and formation ministry. She has studied Practical Theology, focusing on the dynamics of faith formation and Franciscan values as a means of transformation. Fee: Register and pay in full by Apr. 4: $325. Registrations after Apr. 4: $340. Commuter fee: $217, includes meals.
**Bee-Attitudes: Buzzing with Jesus!** May 13 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. A renewal day for adults and adolescents with developmental disabilities. Family members, friends and caregivers are also welcome to attend. Join us for a day filled with fun, sharing, activities, singing, and prayer. Bring a sack lunch and be ready to celebrate!!! Presenters: Deacon Steve and Kathy MacDonald and team. Fee: $20/family 2-3; $10 individual.

**SHALOM SPIRITUALITY CENTER, DUBUQUE**
To register call 563-582-3592 or send check payable to Shalom Spirituality Center with your contact information to: 1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001. [www.shalomretreats.org](http://www.shalomretreats.org), [info@shalomretreats.org](mailto:info@shalomretreats.org)

**What Do You Want Your “Life Statement” To Be?:** Tuesday, April 18, 9:30 – 11:30 AM. You are invited to join us at Shalom for an informational session and brunch to discuss values-based preparations for estate planning, funeral arrangements, and charitable giving. Session 1: Preparing your “Life Statement”: Getting started, Learning the Language, Identifying Assets & Recipients. Presenter: Don Freymann, Former Freymann Insurance & Loras College Planned Giving Director. Session 2: Funeral Pre-Planning. Presenter: Jim Schneider, Hoffmann-Schneider Funeral Homes. Reservations are required for this free brunch & informational session by Monday, April 11

**Journey Into Conscious Aging:** Thursday, April 27, 9:00 AM -3:30 PM. As with any journey, as we age we must decide what we need and what should be left behind. Nancy will guide this process by focusing through themes of gratitude, consciousness, forgiveness, grief, listening and wisdom. These are elements of a successful journey inward that create a precious legacy. This reflective workshop is appropriate for those 60 and over. Offering: $45, includes morning coffee and lunch. Must Register & Prepay By Monday, April 24. Presenter: Nancy Hemesath, MA; Certified Life Coach, Encore Coaching

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

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Other interested persons are welcome to subscribe. If you have questions regarding your subscription contact Laurie Hoefling, [hoefling@davenportdiocece.org](mailto:hoefling@davenportdiocece.org).
2017 is the 25th anniversary of the Pastoral Letter Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response. This document has been the foundation for stewardship formation. Rediscover how this information can not only transform your own personal stewardship, but also transform the life of your parish and community. All clergy, parish staff and parishioners are invited to come and be a part of the conversation about how stewardship can provide real answers to what our Church and people are facing in our world today.

All participants will receive a copy of Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response. Prior to the Symposium, those attending are encouraged to review the Pastoral Letter which can be found at http://archstl.org/node/1340893

To make arrangements for overnight lodging at Savior Pastoral Center, please call (913) 647-0370, or email savior@archkck.org. Room rates range from $35 - $60. Availability is limited.

Information about nearby hotels is available at: www.legendsshopping.com/plan-a-visit/hotels-transportation/

REGISTRATION

Please register online at www.stewardshiparchkck.org/register
Or complete this form and return to:

Eric Haselhorst
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Please make checks payable to Region IX Stewardship Conference. Cancellations must be made by April 14.

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A Disciple’s Response

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Brian Niebrugge

This will be an amazing conference. I would recommend it to anyone needing a jolt of stewardship energy and inspiration. The people you will meet will open your hearts and minds.

Brian Niebrugge
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
Activities/Actividades

- Help immigrants to obtain legal documentation

Ayudámos a los inmigrantes a legalizarse

- Refer immigrants to other community services

Recomendámos a los Inmigrantes a otros servicios comunitarios

- Develop education and outreach programs

Desarrollámos programas educativos

- Nurture a community spirit to welcome our newcomers

Alimentámos al espíritu comunitario a recibir al nuevo inmigrante

Vision Statement/Declaración Visual

Strengthening our community by welcoming newcomers

Fortaleciendo nuestra comunidad recibiendo a los nuevos inmigrantes.

Mission Statement/Nuestra Misión

To empower immigrants to become more self-sufficient through counseling, education and advocacy

Animámos a inmigrantes a ser más autosuficientes mediante consejería, educación y abogacía

July 2016
**What is an Immigrant?**
**Qué es un Inmigrante?**

An immigrant is a person who migrates voluntarily to another country.

Un inmigrante es una persona que emigra voluntariamente a otro país.

In the U.S. an immigrant may be eligible for legal status that can be issued by U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

En los Estados Unidos un inmigrante puede ser elegible para su estado legal por medio de los servicios de inmigración y Ciudadanía en Estados Unidos.

Examples:

- Work permits
- Legal residence
- Citizenship

Ejemplos:

- Permisos de trabajo
- Residencia legal
- Ciudadanía

**Services Offered**

**Ofrecemos Servicios de:**

- Naturalization/Naturalización
- Certificate for Citizenship/Certificado de Ciudadanía
- Family–based Petitions/Peticiones Familiares
- Replace or Renew Permanent Resident Card/Remplazar o Renovar su Residencia Permanente
- Tourist Visa Invitation/Invitación para Visa de Turista
- Removal of Conditional Card/Remover las Condiciones de su Residencia
- USCIS Status Inquiries/Cartas al USCIS sobre su Residencia
- Adjustment of Status/Ajuste de Estado Legal
- Fiancé Visas/Visas Para Prometidos(a)
- V-Visa Extensions/Extenciones de Visas V
- Consular Processing/Proceso Consular
- Immigrant Visas/Visas de Inmigrante
- Temporary Protective Status/Protección de Estado Temporal
- Employment Authorization/Permiso de Trabajo
- Travel Documents/Documentos para viajar
- VAWA/Casos de violencia doméstica/Domestic Violence
- U-Visas/Víctimas de Violencia/Victims of Violence
- FOIA
- Deferred Action/Acción Diferida
- Provisional Waivers/Perdon Provisional
- Inadmissibility Waivers/Perdon de Inadmisibilidad
- FBI Check/Chequeo con FBI
- Resources and Referrals/Recomendaciones y Referencias

**Cost/Costo**

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MARRIAGE MOMENTS
723. Apr. 3: Research indicates that the average person listens for 17 seconds before interrupting. *(5 Love Languages* by Gary Chapman) Sometimes one spouse may be more long winded than the other. Sometimes one hardly speaks at all. Pay attention to your words this next week. Try to meet in the middle.

724. Apr. 10: Palm Sunday. Because we know how this Palm Sunday parade turns out, isn't it amazing how quickly the praise turns to condemnation. How fickle we humans are. St. Paul reminds us, "He humbled himself..." (Phil. 2:8) Who is the more humble of the 2 of you? (trick question)

725. Apr. 17: Easter. The resurrection of Jesus which we celebrate on Easter was a pretty hard story for the women and apostles to believe. Today, we believe in the testimony of others and thousands of years of retelling the story. Unconditional love is so hard to believe. Believe your spouse's love anyway.

726. Apr. 24: Over the years people develop little quirks and annoying habits. In healthy marriages both partners learn to overlook a lot and do little favors to accommodate the other. Jim knows I don't like him to scrunch the carpet with his feet when sitting on the couch. He obliges me by putting his feet on a piece of cardboard. It's silly, but it means a lot.

PARENTING POINTERS
723. Apr. 7: April 9 is Palm Sunday. Tell your children the story of how the people praised Jesus by waving palms. Of course just a few days later we remember Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday. Click here to learn how to make a palm cross with your child. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmtg7m7lon8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmtg7m7lon8)

724. Apr. 14: Good Friday. God so loved us that he gave us his only Son. The gift was not pain-free, however, as we know from the crucifixion. When your child becomes a cross to you, remember Jesus words, "Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)

725. Apr. 21: April 22 is Earth Day. ([http://www.earthday.org/earthday/](http://www.earthday.org/earthday/)) This year's focus is Climate Literacy. Click here ([http://www.earthday.org/campaigns/education/climate-education-week/](http://www.earthday.org/campaigns/education/climate-education-week/)) for ideas on how to teach your child some basics about the environment. Want something less academic? Take a hike or clean up a nearby park.

726. Apr. 28: After the resurrection several disciples were walking to Emmaus and talking about what had happened. Take a long walk with your child this weekend. Observe; pay attention if someone crosses your path. Be open to conversation or let nature speak to you of the God of creation.