OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
The 2017 annual meeting of the Parish Corporate Boards will be held on Sunday, October 8 at 2 p.m. and Thursday, October 12 at 7 p.m. Pastors and lay directors are required to attend one of the dates in order to have a quorum. The meeting will be offered via GoToMeeting at various sites to be announced. Further details will be e-mailed at a later date.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE
Introducing the Mottet Leadership Institute - Coming to the Quad Cities Fall 2017: The Mottet Leadership Institute was formed to continue the legacy of Father Marvin Mottet who was a lifelong advocate for social justice. If you have ever wanted to learn how to lead local change in your community, this is the training for you! Eight sessions will be offered and the topics are: one-on-one relationship building, power relationship building, power and self-interest, running a community meeting, and organizing money and people. Additional details can be found in the attached flyer and feel free to distribute to those who may be interested. The registration fee is $400 and some scholarship funds are available. Registration is limited. To register, call 563-940-2580 or e-mail mottetinstitute@gmail.com. Financial donations are also being sought. Quad Cities Interfaith (qcinterfaith@gmail.com) is proud to be organizing this new initiative. Our thanks to the Regional Development Authority for their support and to our working partners: Diocese of Davenport, St. Ambrose University and NAACP 4019!

CRS Rice Bowl Collection: Thank you to all the parishes that participated in the 2017 collection. It was a good year. This year we were able to distribute $19,300 and from the CCHD collection $7,500. For more information on how funds were distributed around the diocese please visit our website for CCHD and CRS.

Now is time to start preparing for 2018 CRS Rice Bowl collection. Please place your order for your FREE 2018 CRS Rice Bowl Materials now. Your order will be shipped in early January. You may place your order by sending the post card (see attached sample) that was mailed to your parish in May, calling 800-222-0025 or online. Materials are available in both English and Spanish.

2017 Respect Life Materials: For those who ordered parish packets they will be mailed directly to the parish in August/early September. If you forgot to submit your order, but would like to obtain a packet contact Esmeralda Guerrero at guerrero@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4210. A few extras will be available on a first-come first-served basis.

St. Vincent’s Home Corporation Grant: For consideration at the November 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. Also if your organization received a grant in the past you must submit a progress report along with your application.

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. The grant criteria, application and progress report can be found here.

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. 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

Two ways to financially support Project Rachel: “Have a “Humble Angel Honey” Sale at your parish. Contact Kent Ferris or 563-888-4210 to make arrangements. 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.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT
Two different Safe Environment Webinars will be offered. This will be beneficial in learning and understanding what the diocesan requirements are. This is designed for the local Safe Environment Designee, pastor and principal.

Session 1 webinars will be reviewing the Diocesan requirements, policies, and procedures of the Safe Environment Program. Some topics covered will be: who is required to do Safe Environment, scenarios on how to handle certain situations, what do you do when someone wants to be an employee or volunteer at your location, using free resources to get more information, Circle of Grace curriculum going forward. Do you know there is a policy and procedure if a parent or family member is on the sex offender registry? How do you handle this? Liability situations when someone uses your facilities. 3rd party businesses: what do you require from them to meet our Safe Environment requirements. To register click a link below.

- August 1, 8:30 a.m. – Noon: #1, Option 2: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4164594186406886401
- September 19: 8:30 a.m. – Noon: #1, Option 3: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6490425217501938177

Session 2 webinars will be on managing the VIRTUS database and Stonebridge Audit. How do you run reports? How do you know if someone is compliant in VIRTUS? What does the Red Caution check box mean? What numbers do you report on the Stonebridge Audit? What if I have a person that is active in Sept. but no longer active for our location, what do I do? Questions and demonstrations will be reviewed during these sessions. To register click a link below.

- August 3, 12:00 – 3:30 p.m.: #2, Option 2: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3032970222030069249
- September 28, 12:00 – 3:30 p.m.: #2, Option 3: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1325106507187016193

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE
Youth/Young Adult Survey for the 2018 Synod of Bishops: Pope Francis wants to hear from young people 16-29 years of age to provide input for the Synod. Please refer to this article for some background on the survey, and please publicize this in your church bulletin and social media platforms utilized by your parish. Here is the direct link to the survey: https://survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718.

Come to the Feast! Junior High Rally 2017½: Junior High Rally for the academic year 2017-2018 takes place on Sunday, October 15, 2017, at Regina Education Center in Iowa City. Bishop Zinkula will celebrate Mass and will interact with participants in an open forum. Mathias Michael will witness to his faith through spoken word and music. Breakouts will deal with topics that relate to the everyday lives of middle school youth. Initial publicity materials, participant forms, and registration materials are now (or soon will be) available on the Junior High Rally webpage. For more information, contact the Office of Faith Formation at 563-888-4240.

The FORUM for Catholic Youth Leaders: Mark your calendars now for a new and exciting opportunity for the young church to grow deeper in their faith and to have a significant impact on faith formation ministry in parishes and the diocese. FORUM, a congress-style event, will take place February 16-18, 2018, at St. Ann’s parish in Long Grove. Each parish of the diocese is highly urged and encouraged to form a delegation consisting of 2-4 engaged and active high school youth, 1 parent, and 1 adult leader in youth ministry/religious education to attend this event. Beginning on Friday evening and concluding mid-Sunday afternoon, participants will be motivated and empowered to live as missionary disciples, engage in round-table discussions on how to improve the faith formation experience for teens, and develop recommendations for parishes and the diocese on improving adolescent faith formation. Our main presenter and motivator for this experience is Mike Patin, a well-known and highly respected speaker and “faith horticulturalist.” Delegations will need to be named by October 20 as each delegation will be required to do some personal and group work to prepare for and contribute to the event’s program. See the attached FORUM Fact Sheet for basic information. More details will be sent directly to youth ministry and faith formation leaders later this month.

Online Formation: Our Diocesan Partnership with Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) at the University of Dayton provides an opportunity for ongoing formation in an online format during the month of
Information on submitting couple’s names and addresses.)

An email from the Office of Faith Formation is held at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Davenport on Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 2 p.m. Couples that were unable to attend any prior celebrations are also welcome to participate. The Office of Faith is sponsoring a diocesan celebration for all couples who are celebrating fifty years of marriage this year. A Mass and informal reception will be held at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Davenport on Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 2 p.m. Contact your parish to confirm that they have submitted your names and address. Invitations will be sent in September. (Parishes received an email from Barb Butterworth, butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org on June 26 that provided the necessary information on submitting couple’s names and addresses.)

Understanding How Kids Learn: Multiple Intelligences and Faith Formation: September 23, 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m., St. Patrick Parish Hall, Ottumwa. Each child learns differently, yet we often teach only one way. Come explore different ways of teaching and learning to be more effective in sharing the faith with our students. Based on the research of Howard Gardner, the session will discuss the theory of Multiple Intelligences, as well as provide time to practice and examine different activities that help everyone be engaged in faith formation. For a flyer and to register by September 21 click here. For more information, contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

Engaging the Family in Faith Workshop: September 30, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Location to be determined. Combined with an in-service on the Pflaum Gospel Weekly Faith Formation materials, catechist and educator Sue Grenough will offer insights on how to engage the family in faith and bring faith into the home. For more information or to register, contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

Living as Missionary Disciples - Catechetical Sunday is September 17: This is the US Bishops’ annual celebration of Catechetical Sunday. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate those individuals who will serve as catechists in the parish for the next year. Resources to aid in the celebration, including a Commissioning Service, Prayer Cards and Certificates are available here.

Reimagining Faith Formation with Children and Youth: Join Faith Formation leaders from across the country to explore, imagine and apply information about Faith Formation with Children and Youth in a three-day symposium dedicated to this topic. Held October 26-28 at the Park Plaza Hotel in Bloomington, MN, the Symposium will bring together leaders to explore new ways of handing on the faith to our children and youth. For more information, contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244 or visit http://www.lifelongfaith.com.

Vibrant Faith University: It’s time to rethink and revision our Faith Formation/Youth Ministry efforts. The Certificate in Lifelong Faith Formation from Vibrant Faith University is an opportunity to engage with your colleagues to examine, explore and put into practice new ways of approaching faith formation, so that it reaches our 21st Century families. Beginning in January 2018, the Diocese will support a cohort for this formation opportunity. Delivered online, this formation is designed for the experienced DRE/Youth Minister who wants to engage with others in re-visioning formation and strengthen/adapt their programming. For more information, contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244 or go here.

Certificate in Ministry Studies: All DREs, youth ministers, catechists and youth ministry team members are invited to join the Office of Faith Formation in a formation process to discover more deeply the practices and foundations of ministry. Sponsored by the Center for Ministry Development, the Certificate in Ministry Studies offers 8 courses to deepen our understanding of ministry. Courses will begin in January 2018. For more information contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM
MFP Courses: Classes are held at the Chancery in Davenport from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. For information regarding the courses or the Ministry Formation Program contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass: At the request of Bishop Zinkula, the Office of Faith Formation is sponsoring a diocesan celebration for all couples who are celebrating fifty years of marriage this year. Couples that were unable to attend any prior celebrations are also welcome to participate. A Mass and informal reception will be held at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Davenport on Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 2 p.m. Contact your parish to confirm that they have submitted your names and address. Invitations will be sent in September. (Parishes received an email from Barb Butterworth, butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org on June 26 that provided the necessary information on submitting couple’s names and addresses.)
Prepare/Enrich Couple and Parenting Inventories Certification Training: August 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at a new location, St. Vincent Center, Davenport. Registration deadline is August 7. This training is intended for clergy & lay ministers who prepare couples for marriage, couples who promote marriage enrichment in their parishes and parish leaders who are interested in helping parents build strong families. $75 per person ($90 per couple) includes all instructional materials, lunch and hospitality. Register here. For a promotional flyer go here.

SAVE THE DATE: Radical Listening in the Family, October 28, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., St. Wenceslaus Church, Iowa City. All parish Sponsor Couples ministering in the Diocese of Davenport are encouraged to attend this first annual diocesan Sponsor Couple Enrichment Event. This workshop, facilitated by Barb Schwery, Executive of the Befriender Ministry, will help couples enhance their listening skills for the benefit of their marriages, families and the engaged couples they serve. The cost is $30 per couple and includes hospitality, lunch and all materials. An informational flyer is available here.

Diocesan Marriage Preparation Policies and Procedures: The new diocesan marriage preparation policies were promulgated on December 30, 2016 and apply 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 Online 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:
August 5-6, 2017: Mt. Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, registration deadline July 28
October 7, 2017: Muscatine, SS Mary and Mathias, registration deadline September 29
February 17, 2018: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, registration deadline February 9
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 August 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 are from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

- 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.

NFP Postpartum Instruction: CCL now offers the Postpartum Class in a self-paced online option. Teaching couple is Dr. Matt and Franchelle Jaeger, of Little Rock, Arkansas. Postpartum Class was transformed into a series of video modules. There are mini-quizzes after each module to test for comprehension, as well as sample charts that the students interpret. All students also have access to a Teaching Couple for assistance. Questions? Contact Director of Promotion & Enrollment Angela Exner at 800-745-8252, ext. 1050.

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.

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.

Come to the Quiet: Wed, August 9 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Miriam the Prophet proclaims in Exodus 15, “Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously.” Her prophetic voice calls us to imagine the world as it might be; liberated from injustice, where all people live together in abundant compassion, singing to the Lord. Fee: $20

Knit One, Pray Too! Thurs, August 10 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Karen Brooke, Ann Green & Anne Johnson. Seasoned knitters and novices are invited to bring their latest projects for a tranquil day of needlework, sharing and praying while enjoying the seasonal serenity of The Prairie. Fee: $20

Eating Your Way through the Gospel of Luke: Mon, August 14 | 9:00am – 4:00pm. Fr. Bob Miller, Pastor of St. Dorothy Church, Chicago, with Mark Nimo. Using a deep study and exegesis of Luke’s writings, we will unpack the abundant gift that Jesus was/is for our world! Fee: $30

7th Annual Spirit of the Prairie Benefiting Our Lady of the Prairie Programs: Sun, August 20 | 3:00pm – 6:00pm. A spirit-filled afternoon at The Prairie: Summer Buffet ~ Spirits ~ Music. Locally produced food, wines and beer! Fee: $50

Lectio Divina through Current Writers: Sun, August 27 | 2:30pm – 4:30pm. Linda Clewell, Oblate of St. Benedict. Book for Lectio: Seasons in My Garden by Elizabeth Wagner. We are invited to a meditative garden with a blending of Scripture, the liturgical calendar and nature’s seasons. The Prairie is the perfect place for this reflection. Fee: $15

Solstice Taize’ Vigil Service: Special Davenport location, Humility of Mary Center. Sun, September 10 | 6:30pm – 7:30pm. Taize’ is an ecumenical movement, drawing Christians of all denominations together in unified and compassionate prayer. All people of faith are invited to participate. No fee but register to attend.

Cooking Up a Storm: Tues, September 12 | 9:30am – 2:00pm. Kathleen Storms, SSND. Shop in The Prairie gardens and prepare Earth-friendly 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! Fee: $30

**Visio Divina through Film:** Tues, September 12 | 5:30 pm light supper followed by 6:00pm film. Film: *The Legend of Bagger Vance.* Directed by Robert Redford, this is a film that celebrates the power and potential of the human spirit. It is the tale of a local hero with a promising future whose hopes are shattered on the battlefields of war. Forgetting about winning and following the advice of his caddy brings healing and a renewed spirit. (127 minutes) Fee: $15

**Come to the Quiet:** Thurs, September 14 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Pat Shea. St. Hildegard of Bingen, Doctor of the Church, inspires us with her holy visions and music: Fire of the Holy Spirit, life of the life of every creature, holy are you in giving life to forms. Her visions and teachings urge us, in communion with all life, to live fully and purely in union with Divine Life. Come to the Quiet for a day of peaceful reflection. The day begins with a short message from a wise, holy person who exemplifies an abundant and compassionate life. Time for quiet, a nutritional seasonal lunch, more silence and a closing reflection summarizes the day. Fee: $20

**VANG, a Drama about Recent Immigrant Farmers:** Presented twice. It isn’t possible to witness this play and not be changed by the gut-wrenching experiences of these recent refugees and immigrants, by their ability to survive in the face of the horrific. With our current immigration policy debate, this play gives us much food for thought. Free and open to the public. Please use the attached flyer to promote in your parish.

- **Thurs, Sept. 14 | 7:00pm,** DeWitt Opera House Theatre. Co-sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton
- **Fri, Sept. 15 | 6:30pm** Humility of Mary Center, Davenport. Co-sponsored by the Sisters of Humility

**Lectio Divina through Current Writers:** Sun, September 24 | 2:30 – 4:30pm. Linda Clewell, Oblate of St. Benedict. Book for Lectio: *Welcome to the Wisdom of the World: Universal Spiritual Insights Distilled from Five Religious Traditions* by Joan Chittister. Using her great story-telling skills, Joan Chittister shares wisdom from the five major religious traditions to answer timeless questions on living in the present, free from concern of the past or the future. Fee: $15

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

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

**Exploring the Human Condition: A Journey to Interior Freedom and Self-Transcendence:** This weekend retreat will be led by Susan Komis who is widely known for her work with Contemplative Outreach. The retreat will focus on 4 themes: The Awakening; The Human Condition and Divine Therapy; The Power of Formative Thought; and Transformation. **Fri. Aug. 18 (Arrival: 4:30-5:15 pm; Soup Supper: 5:30 pm; Retreat opening: 7 pm) – Sun. Aug. 20, 1 pm.** Fee: $250.

**The Centering Prayer Post-Intensive Retreat** is an opportunity for more extensive periods of Centering Prayer to deepen the personal practice of contemplative prayer. The Post-Intensive retreat focuses more on complete silence for the duration of the retreat with no educational component presented. All meals are silent with no conversation. A minimum of one year regular practice of Centering Prayer is a prerequisite to attend a Post-Intensive Retreat. Facilitator: Susan Komis. **Sun. Aug. 20 (6-6:45 pm; Retreat opening: 7:00 pm) – Fri. Aug. 25, 4pm.** Fee: $505.

**Combine the Two Retreats:** Fri. Aug. 18 (Arrival: 4:30-5:15 pm; Soup Supper: 5:30 pm; Retreat opening: 7 pm) – Fri. Aug. 25, 4pm. Fee: $695. Registration Information for both retreats: A non-refundable deposit of 25% at time of registration is required. [Online Registration](http://www.snmsisters.org/retreats), email: retreats@snmsisters.org or phone: 309-283-2108.

**Expressing the Psalms With Music and Writing:** Fri. Sept. 8 (Arrival: 6:15-6:45 pm) 7-8:30 pm – Sat. Sept. 9, 9 am–3:30 pm. Take time to more deeply appreciate the Book of Psalms in a creative way. This retreat begins with a reflection on the Psalms and how they can touch our life experiences. Then you will have the opportunity to work with a writer and a musician to express your Psalm in a prayerful manner. Maybe one specific line, verse or Psalm touches your heart and you can create a melody for it. Maybe you would find writing your own Psalm a prayer for your life. Let loose your creative side and deepen your prayer with the Psalms. Writing material provided or bring your own. Keyboards available or bring your musical instrument. No writing or music skill required!! Presenter: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB; Artists: Misty Urban and Lori Carroll, St. Mary Monastery Oblate. Fee: Register and pay in
Celebrating Four Gifts of Autumn: Beauty, Harvest, Letting Go, and Hope: Fri. Sept. 15 (Registration: 4:30-5:15pm; Soup Supper: 5:30; Opening of Retreat: 7pm) – Sun. We can learn much about our spiritual life from the four seasons of the year. This weekend retreat, nestled in mid-September, celebrates four gifts the season of autumn wishes to give us: beauty, harvest, letting go, and hope. Using scripture, nature, videos, music, stories, and humor, Sister Melannie will lead us in exploring ways this beautiful season can enrich our love for God and others. Presenter: Sr. Melannie Svoboda, Sister of Notre Dame, teacher, student, author, speaker, listen, friend, poet and farm girl.

"The Way, The Truth, The Life" (John 14:6): A Workshop for All Who Preach: Sept. 26, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Christian preaching continues the ministry of Jesus. The challenge for the preacher is to preach the WAY Jesus preached, to preach the TRUTH Jesus preached and to call people to live the LIFE that Jesus lived. Thus, listeners are challenged to embrace Jesus as their way, truth and life. All of this is the work of God’s Spirit. Join Fr. R. Michael Schaab, STL, DMin. and other preachers to pause, reflect and more deeply connect with the ministry of Jesus Christ. Fee: Register and pay in full by Aug. 26: $55. Registrations and payments after Aug. 26: $70.

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Other interested persons are welcome to subscribe. If you have questions regarding your subscription contact Laurie Hoefling, hoefling@davenportdiocese.org.
Father Marvin Mottet believed that action on behalf of social justice is a necessary part of a moral life. Charity and justice are the two steps in his “two feet” approach. Too many people walk on one foot, but it takes both feet to walk in the footsteps of justice. Stepping for justice is something that requires training. That is the goal of the Mottet Leadership Institute.

Father Mottet looked to the Gamaliel Foundation of Chicago and Quad Cities Interfaith to provide leadership training. He sent many people from the Quad Cities to the weeklong training in Chicago. The Mottet Leadership Institute brings this same training to the Quad Cities in an 8-week format.

The eight sessions of the training will be held from 10 am to 4 pm on eight Saturdays:

- Week One: Sept. 23 - Public life, power, values and self-interest.
- Week Two: October 28 - Public relationships, one-on-ones, building a public life.
- Week Three: November 18 - Qualities of a leader, building a team, power analysis.
- Week Four: December 16 - Cutting issues, doing actions, how to enter the public arena.
- Week Five: January 2018 - How to run and organize a meeting, power one-on-ones.
- Week Six: February 2018 - Media and social media as part of a change campaign.
- Week Seven: March 2018 - Organized money and people.
- Week Eight: April 2018 - Pathway to power.

All eight sessions will be taught by the Gamaliel Foundation. St. Ambrose University will issue a Certificate to all graduates of the program. We will assign a mentor to any participant who is interested.

Registration Limited to the first 50 people,

Call 563-940-2580 or E-mail mottetinstitute@gmail.com

The 8-week leadership training will cost $400 per participant.

We will not turn anyone away due to lack of funding.

We are raising funds to create a Scholarship Fund for those unable to pay the full $400.

Financial Contributions can be made payable to:

Quad Cities Interfaith c/o Mottet Leadership Institute
601 Brady Street Suite 208 Davenport, IA 52803
**CRS RICE BOWL—LENT 2018 MATERIALS ORDER**

To order your **FREE** CRS Rice Bowl materials, CALL 800-222-0025.
VISIT crsricebowl.org/order or COMPLETE and MAIL this postage-paid card.

Please update your order quantities in the spaces below; otherwise, you will receive the same quantity of materials as in 2017.
You will automatically receive a 2018 CRS Rice Bowl Coordinator’s Guide and DVD with your order next January.
(See below for a list of your 2017 materials.)

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--Dr. Judith A. Conlin
Executive Director,
Iowa International Center
FORUM 2018

Who
FORUM is targeted to:
1. High school youth who are actively engaged in and committed to their faith, parish/school, and faith formation programs.
2. Parents who are actively engaged in and committed to their faith and parish/school, and who are dedicated to making faith central to their family life.
3. Adult leaders in their parish/school youth ministry, religious education, and/or faith formation.

Keynote presenter and chief motivator for FORUM is Mike Patin, nationally-known speaker and presenter, from Louisiana.

What
A weekend experience for high school youth, parents, and faith formation leaders designed to:
1. Provide participants with an opportunity to encounter Jesus.
2. Inspire, motivate and empower participants to live as a missionary disciple of Christ.
3. Discover what young people and parents desire and need most from the Church.
4. Develop recommendations for parishes and the diocese on transforming faith formation for adolescents and families.

When
Begins Friday evening, February 16, and concludes Sunday afternoon, February 18.

Where
St. Ann’s parish, Long Grove.

Why
The Preparatory Document for the 2018 XV Ordinary General Assembly states:

“Through every phase of this Synod, the Church wants again to state her desire to encounter, accompany and care for every young person, without exception. The Church cannot, nor does she wish to, abandon them to the isolation and exclusion to which the world exposes them. That young people’s lives might be a good experience; that they do not lose themselves in violence or death; and that disappointment does not imprison and alienate them, all of this has to be of great concern to one who has received life, been baptized in the faith and is aware that these are great gifts.”

The impetus for entering into our diocesan journey to re-visioning faith formation for adolescents was the realization that many of our current programs and efforts are, in some ways, leading us to doing exactly what this quote indicates we (Church) cannot do, i.e., abandon on young people. Increasing numbers of our youth are leaving the church as they move into their young adult years. Indeed, more of our youth are exiting the practice of their faith right after Confirmation. A recent CARA study found that many of those who have abandoned their faith made a conscious decision to do so by age 13. Despite our good intentions and hard work, our present efforts are yielding less results. Something has to change.

FORUM 2018 is being held to take seriously Pope Francis’ call to live as missionary disciples and to move towards accompaniment as a regular practice of ministry. One cannot live as a disciple of Jesus if one has not encountered him. One cannot answer the call to be a missionary disciple if one is not equipped with skills, practices, attitudes, and a strong faith. And the Church cannot truly
transform how she forms young people in faith unless she listens to their needs, hungers, and deep desires for meaning and purpose in their lives.

How
There are four distinct phases to FORUM 2018:

1. **Naming the Delegation.** Parishes will be invited to send a delegation of 2-4 high school youth, one parent and one adult leader involved in the parish youth ministry and/or religious education/faith formation. These delegations are to be identified by October 20.

2. **Preparation for FORUM 2018.** Delegations will be asked to:
   a. Read a document or two.
   b. Reflect on specific Scripture passages.
   c. Pray.
   d. Engage in conversations with peers, especially those not engaged in their faith or church, and summarize those conversations.
   e. Prepare a report of the results of their conversations to bring to the table discussions during FORUM.

3. **The Event.** Participate in the experience, which will include:
   a. Prayer experiences and Mass
   b. Plenary sessions
   c. Workshops focused on skill building
   d. Breakouts focused on
      i. Identifying the key needs, hungers and desires of youth.
      ii. Proposing recommendations for transforming faith formation in parishes, schools, and the diocese.
      iii. Exploring implications and planning for next steps back in their parishes or schools.
   e. Community building
   f. A call to action

4. **Follow-Up:** Delegations will be expected to:
   a. Act on their plans for their parishes or schools upon their return.
   b. Report on their progress in actualizing their plan.

**Diocesan Follow-Up**
A reporting of the FORUM proceedings will be developed and promulgated throughout the diocese to FORUM participants, and clergy and ministry leaders in parishes and schools. This report can include any or all of the following:

- A written report highlighting the key findings of the needs, hungers and desires of youth, recommendations and action plans developed by participants for transforming faith formation.
- Videos of the event’s proceedings, reflections and insights of participants, etc.
- A progress report on the actions taken by participants in their back-home setting.
- A series of articles in the Catholic Messenger.
MARRIAGE MOMENTS
741. Aug. 7: "And [Jesus] was transfigured before them, his face shone like the sun." (Mt 17:2) What is the most endearing physical feature of your beloved? Has it changed over the years?

742. Aug. 14: Today is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary in which we honor her important role in Jesus' life from her initial "Yes" to her presence with the apostles after his death. Although we don't expect to be assumed into heaven, spouses sometimes get into trouble by assuming they know what the other thinks. Don't mind read. Check it out with words.

743. Aug. 21: Do you treat your boss or friend better than your spouse? Who gets your promptness? Who do you dress up for? Who do you clear your calendar for? Who gets your undivided attention and best effort?

744. Aug. 28: How wise, knowledgeable and beyond human understanding are the ways of God. (Romans 11:33-36) When in the throes of love one's spouse may seem to also have these qualities. What intellectual trait is your beloved strongest in? What about yourself?

PARENTING POINTERS
740. Aug. 4: Has your family ever calculated your carbon footprint? To calculate go here: http://www.footprintnetwork.org/. August 2 was "Earth Overshoot Day 2017." It's late, but not too late. Talk with your child about one thing your family can do to lower your carbon footprint.

741. Aug. 11: What do you and your child think God looks like? - a grandfather, wind, an earthquake, fire, a cloud, a ghost... (1 Kings 19: 9-13) Each of you draw your idea. Talk about the qualities of God that are beyond what you can draw.

742. Aug. 18: Read a book to (or with) your child that was a favorite when you were their age. Already did that? Do another. Already did that? How about writing or telling a short story together.

743. Aug. 25: Sometimes parents of young adults (15-30+) struggle with what appears to be a lack of faith in their offspring. Consider, "Sometimes you must lose faith to find it." Your child may have to let go of "inherited faith" and eventually reflect on what is missing in their life. (Parenting Your Adult Child)