OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL
The 2018 annual meeting of the Parish Corporate Boards will be held on Sunday, October 14 at 4 p.m. and Tuesday, October 16 at 7 p.m. at sites in each deanery. **Pastors and lay directors are required to attend** one of the dates in order to have a quorum. More details will be coming by email soon.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL
The Annual Diocesan Appeal Kick-off Weekend is September 23-24. As we continue to prepare for the 2018 Appeal please note the following dates. Please contact **Tom Tallman, 563-888-4365** with questions or concerns.
- August 1: Final goal statements mailed to pastors
- August 15: ADA Manual emailed to priests, parishes and bookkeepers
- August/September: Parish materials given to pastors at their deanery meeting
- September 10: Letter from Bishop Zinkula mailed to parishioners

LITURGY OFFICE
The **August edition of LiturgyNotes** is available.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT
Safe Environment webinars continue in August and September. The Sept. 12 session (on how to manage the VIRTUS database) has been rescheduled for Sept. 25. Go [here](#) for descriptions and the registration links.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE
**USCCB National Prayer campaign** August 3-September 28. People of good will are invited to join in a prayer campaign that the change in the U.S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life. **Prayer Resources here.**

The **2018/2019 Mottet Leadership Institute** begins in September after a successful first year. Registration is limited to 35 people and the fee is $400. Limited scholarships are available. Register: **online**, call Leslie Kilgannon, 563-343-3284 or e-mail mottetinstitute@gmail.com. All sessions will be held at the diocesan office in Davenport.

**Respect Life Packets** for those parishes that ordered will be mailed mid-August or early September. If you forgot to submit your order, but would like to obtain a packet contact **Esmeralda Guerrero, 563-888-4210** as a few extras will be available on a first-come first-serve basis.

**Rice Bowl Collection:** Thank you to all the parishes that participated in the 2018 collection. This year we were able to distribute $17,100. If your parish has not remitted funds for this year’s Rice Bowl collection, please do so as soon as possible. Please write Rice Bowl in the memo line.

**St. Vincent's Home Grants:** Applications must be postmarked by September 15 for consideration at the November board meeting. **More information and application.**

**Share The Journey Yours to Mine Table Conversations:** Everyone in the Diocese has the opportunity to respond to Pope Francis’ two-year global migration awareness campaign by hosting a **Share the Journey Yours to Mine Table Conversation.** **More information and resources.**

**The CCHD Annual Collection will be held November 17-18:** Promotional materials will be mailed early October to parishes.
Two Feet Social Action Newsletter is filled with upcoming events and deadlines, calls to action and social justice news and views.

The Diocesan Immigration Program is a non-profit program that provides immigration counseling to help reunite families split by immigration, and assists immigrants to adjust their immigration status and advocates on their behalf. The Immigration Program focuses on family reunification immigration cases. The counselors are certified by the Department of Justice and work in close conjunction with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). More information.

Project Rachel is a confidential, post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church offering hope and healing to women and men hurting from past abortions. Confidential referrals for individualized counseling with a Project Rachel priest or counselor are provided as well as a dedicated helpline and national website. More information.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Youth and Young Adult:

Holy Fire: Start promoting and registering your 6th-8th graders for Holy Fire during your fall registration. The first deadline for ordering tickets at the least expensive price is August 15. Deadline for reserving space on the diocesan buses and for overnight housing in Davenport is September 15. Host sites (parishes and/or Catholic schools) in the Davenport area are needed for overnight housing on Friday, October 26. For more information, see the diocesan Holy Fire webpage and the national Holy Fire webpage.

August Youth Ministry Leaders’ Gathering will be held Tuesday, August 7, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at St. Thomas More, Coralville. All ministry leaders who work with middle school and high school youth in any capacity are welcome to attend in person or virtually. For meeting agenda, minutes, and more information, visit the Gatherings’ diocesan webpage.

Adult Formation: Upcoming Courses: August 18 Personal/Pastoral by IlaMae Hanisch and Sept. 15 Catholicism by Dr. Corinne Winter. Whether you need a refresher for yourself or are a catechist forming students or catechumens/candidates, these courses are for you! 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Chancery. $25 per course. Register or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

August Kick-Off Event for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Leaders: Offered in a One-Day (August 11) or Two-Day (August 13-14) format, this is a time to gather with other ministry leaders, gain some skills for ministry, take time for prayer, network and socialize with one another. Additional information is available on our website or by contacting Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

Catechist Skills Workshop Series: Join the Office of Faith Formation for a Catechist Skills Workshop during the 2018-19 academic year. Offered on the 2nd Saturday of the month, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., this series will offer practical skills for all who work to share the faith with our students. The first workshop will be Creative Catechesis on September 8 at Sacred Heart, Newton. Visit our website for dates and topics. Register online or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

Online Formation: The Diocese has partnered with STEP at the University of Notre Dame to offer online formation for parishioners. Courses are offered in a variety of topics and no prior formation is necessary. Core Course: Introduction to the Catholic Faith is a great course for catechists and adults who desire to deepen their knowledge of the faith. The next session of courses begins August 27. Click here for a list of courses. Cost is $74.25 per course per person after diocesan discount. For more information, contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244 or visit our website.

Catechetical Sunday is September 16. Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ: The theme of the US Bishops annual celebration of Catechetical Sunday is “Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ”. This 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.
Foundations of Ministry Leadership: September 22-23 at the Chancery in Davenport. This is a 2-day course exploring the theology, principles, and practices of effective leadership in Christian Ministry. A combination of theory, experience and practice, participants will come to understand how to be more effective ministers. Cost is $150 for those active in ministry in the diocese. Register online by August 20. For more information, visit our website or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

Ministry Leaders Orientation Day: October 8, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Chancery in Davenport. All new faith formation ministry leaders are encouraged to attend. For more information visit our website or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

The Faith Formation Media Library contains DVDs, CDs, and study programs in many ministry areas. Parishes and ministry leaders are invited to check out resources for preview purposes and use in programming. Please take a few minutes to review the catalog and discover resources that may be beneficial for your ministry efforts. For more information, contact Barb Butterworth, 563-888-4240.

Marriage and Family:
Sponsor Couple Training/Refresher: September 19, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church, Davenport. Contact Marianne Agnoli or 563-888-4242 by September 10 to register or to discuss hosting a training in your parish/Deanery.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass: October 7, 2 p.m., St. Mary, Solon. Parishes are to submit couples’ names by August 7 to Barb Butterworth, butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org. (Initial request was emailed June 14.)

“Don’t Look Now…How to Help Individuals and Families Combat Pornography”: October 22, 1:00-4:00 p.m., St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. Pornography exposure, use, and addiction are not the topics most of us want to talk about, but our silence will not make these insidious problems disappear. All clergy, school administrators, DREs, youth ministers and other concerned parties are encouraged to attend this very candid presentation. We will both explore pornography’s destructive effects and also offer some practical insights and resources for you to use in your ministry to help equip the individuals and families you serve. Registration opens on August 6.

Marriage Preparation Instructional Programs: Several marriage preparation program formats offered. More information: Marriage and Family webpage.

Natural Family Planning: Participation in an Introduction to Natural Family Planning or a method specific instruction is required of all couples of child bearing age preparing for marriage in the diocese. Listing of free upcoming introductory sessions and specific method classes. Contact Marianne Agnoli, 563-888-4242 if you would like to schedule an NFP instruction in your parish or deanery.

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. To learn more about these programs and Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat visit www.chmiowa.org. All programs include a delicious homemade meal prepared with local and organic ingredients.

- Lectio Divina through Current Iowa Writers: August 2, 6:00pm–9:00pm
- Knit One, Pray Too!: August 6, 9:30am–3:30pm
- Come to the Quiet: Praying in Nature: August 7, 9:30am–3:30pm
- The Bible's 'Sgt. Joe Friday': How Mark's Gospel Portrays Jesus: August 20, 9:00am–4:00pm
- 8th Annual Spirit of the Prairie: August 26, 3:00pm – 6:00pm
- Lectio Divina through Current Iowa Writers: September 6, 6:00pm–9:00pm
- Women of Scripture Leading the Way: September 9–15 | Sun, 5:00pm–Sat, 11:00am
• Voices Serving the Holy in All  (Adult Session) 12 Noon and Weaving Our Generations through Song (Family Session): 1:30, September 16, Noon–4:00pm
• Tuning into our Inner and Outer Guidance as We Move Forward in Life: Tues, September 18, 9:30am–3:30pm
• Come to the Quiet: Praying in Sound: September 19, 9:30am–3:30pm
• Visio Divina through Film: Gleason: September 19, 5:00 pm meal; 5:30pm film
• “Putting Food By” the Old-Fashioned Way: September 26, 9:30am–2:00pm

**EAGLES’ WINGS, DAVENPORT**

To register or for more information contact marcia@eagleswings.ws, 563-324-7263. 5816 Telegraph Rd., Davenport 52804.

**Abide in Me** is a nine-week program of prayer for spiritual growth based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It will be held Sept. 7-Nov. 9 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. This program by Fr. John Wickham, S.J. is designed to help you deepen your prayer life and bring you into a closer relationship with the Lord through the experience of personal prayer (1/2 hour daily on your own) and group sharing experience once a week on Friday afternoon, 12:30-2:00 at Eagles’ Wings. Pre-register by contacting Sandi, 563-343-0312, samiam2625@yahoo.com or Bonnie, 563-940-2375, bonnielounls@gmail.com. A phone interview will follow. Fee is $50 and includes supplies. Bring your own Bible. Space is limited and no registrations will be accepted after the first session.

**Mass with Healing:*** Sept. 13, 1:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at noon with confessions before Mass.

**Rise Up, Becoming a Prayer Warrior:** Sept. 15, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Learn how to prepare yourself to become a prayer warrior through Scripture, growing in virtue, discernment, wisdom and keeping spiritual balance. Time for empowerment prayer in the afternoon. The cost is $35 and bring a sack lunch. Mail registration to: Eagles’ Wings, 5816 Telegraph Rd., Davenport 52804. For questions: 563-324-7263 or email.

**Individual Prayer** ministry offered weekly. For more information and to schedule an appointment: 563-324-7263 or marcia@eagleswings.ws.

**BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL**

Contact Sr. Jackie Walsh, OSB at 309-283-2108, retreats@smmsisters.org or **Sr. Stefanie MacDonald, OSB at 309-283-2300, vocation@smmsisters.org or online at http://www.smmsisters.org/retreats/retreats-and-programs to register for programs mentioned below.

♦ **Girls Be a Catholic Sister for a Day:** Wed. Aug. 1, 9 am-4 pm **
♦ **Catholic Princess Retreat:** Thurs. Aug. 2, 9 am-3 pm **
♦ **Sacredness of Yoga:** Sat. Aug. 18, 9 am-3 pm

**SHALOM SPIRITUALITY CENTER, DUBUQUE**

To register call 563-582-3592 or email info@shalomretreats.org, 1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001, www.shalomretreats.org.

**Images of God in the Psalms:** Friday, October 5, 7:00pm-Sunday, October 7, 11:30am. When we pray the psalms, how are we characterizing God? What does a variety of images from the psalms tell us about God and our relationship with God? Overnight: $200, Commuter: $140. $10 early bird discount if registered by September 5. Registration deadline is September 29. $50 non-refundable.

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