VISION 20/20
March 1-April 1 is the registration period for the Convocation on June 6-8.
This is a two-part registration process:
1. Parishes/Entities attending the convocation are to register their group at the link below. (This will enable us to log the registrations of your delegates.)
   https://www.davenportdiocese.org/vision-2020-parish-registration
2. Delegates, both adults and youth who have been asked to attend the Convocation, are to register here:
   https://www.davenportdiocese.org/vision-2020-delegate-registration
3. Registration Instructions are available for download from each of these pages (English & Spanish).

Evangelization Resources have been added to the Vision 20/20 website here.

The January meeting minutes of the Steering Committee are available here.

LITURGY OFFICE
The March 2019 issue of LiturgyNotes is now available here.

Rite of Election: Please note that because only about 500 will be in attendance at the Rite of Election (St. Patrick Church holds 1000), there will not be assigned seating this year. Please plan accordingly.

VOCATIONS OFFICE
The next Project Andrew Dinner will be held at University of Iowa Newman Center on March 28. Please visit http://davenportvocations.org/upcoming-events/#Discernment for more information and to RSVP.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE
Rice Bowl begins Ash Wednesday, March 6.
- Please display your materials and invite your community to participate in CRS Rice Bowl. Encourage them to pick up a Family Rice Bowl and use the Lenten Calendar daily to guide them in prayer, fasting and almsgiving for the 40 days during Lent.
- Funds raised in the CRS Rice Bowl collection support development projects in nearly 100 countries overseas, and 25% of the funds stay in our Diocese to support local hunger and poverty efforts. Last year we were able to distribute $17,100 locally to hunger and poverty programs across the Diocese.
- Local Rice Bowl Grant: 25% of the funds collected from the Rice Bowl Campaign remains in the Diocese to help organizations that combat hunger and poverty. Click here for Grant Criteria and to see changes for the 2019 Grant Cycle. Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on May 15, 2019 (no exceptions).

Accepting Grant Applications from the 2018 Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection:
Eligible applicants are organizations and projects that promote systemic change, the second foot of social justice. Go here to apply and for more information.

Share the Journey - Prayer Walk Available: To reserve a date for this traveling prayer walk contact Kent Ferris, ferris@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4211. Please see online calendar for available dates, scroll down to the bottom of the page.
**Diocesan Volunteer Program Grant:** Grants are open to any Catholic or parish within the 22 counties of the Diocese. The primary focus of the volunteer program grant is to assist in providing support to individuals for short-term mission work and to support new and existing global projects and partnerships within the Diocese of Davenport.

**Social Action Summer Institute (SASI):** This year’s theme is Cultivating Creativity in Social Justice Ministry: “Two Feet, One Voice: Building a Home for All”. It will be held July 25-28 in Salt Lake City.

**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. Calls answered personally Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Voice messaging available all other times. All calls returned promptly and discreetly. More information can be found [here](#).

**Diocesan Immigration Program:** The diocesan Immigration program is a non-profit program that provides immigration counseling to help reunite families split by immigration, and assists immigrants in adjusting their immigration status and advocates on their behalf. The immigration program focuses on family reunification immigration cases. To learn more go to [here](#).

**Social Action E-Newsletter:** To view past issues or to subscribe go [here](#).

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**FAITH FORMATION OFFICE**

**Adult Formation:**

**Catechist Skills Workshop Series:** March 9, *Teaching the Season of Lent* at St. Thomas More, Coralville. [Register online](#) or contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244 for more information.

**Adult Formation Upcoming Courses:** 3/2/19 Old Testament II both by Dr. Matthew Coomber and 3/30/19 Matrimony by Rosina Hendrickson. 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.

**Accompanying Parents Roundtable Discussions:** Thursday, March 28, 9:00 a.m.-Noon with lunch to follow at St. Mary, Ottumwa and on Friday, March 29, 9:00 a.m.-Noon with lunch to follow at St. Paul the Apostle, Davenport. Join the Office of Faith Formation and colleagues from across the diocese for a day devoted to discussing how we accompany parents in Faith Formation programming. Designed for clergy, catechists, ministry leaders, and adult parishioners, this is a day to hear from each other about what is occurring, discover best practices and identify challenges to implementing parent formation. Participants select one of the two dates to attend. A freewill offering will be taken for morning hospitality and lunch. [Register online](#) by March 25. For more information, visit our [website](#) or contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244.

**Evangelization and Catechesis:** April 27 and 28 at the Chancery in Davenport. Join the Office of Faith Formation for a 2-day course developing the foundations and practices for nurturing faith growth and Catholic identity through evangelization and catechesis. Through a combination of theory, experience and practice, participants will explore a variety of ways to promote a living relationship with Jesus in the lives of students. Cost is $150 for those active in ministry in the diocese. [Register online](#) by March 11. For more information, visit our [website](#) or contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244.

**Diocesan Retreat Opportunities:**

For more information about these three retreats visit our [website](#) or contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244.

**Ministry Leader Retreat: Two Options!** Saturday, March 16, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00p.m., St. Mary, Lone Tree OR 1 p.m. Monday, March 18 – 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 19 at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in Solon. Ministry leaders are invited to join the Office of Faith Formation and facilitator Kathy Carver for a Lent Retreat. Designed to help us open our minds and hearts with the ways God is calling us as ministers, this retreat calls us to renew our spirit through personal and communal prayer. [Register online](#). Space is limited!
Men’s Retreat: Disciples According to the Heart of Jesus: April 6, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., St. Mary, Solon.
Have you ever wondered what does it really mean to follow Jesus? From the first moment Jesus stepped on this earth he invited us to follow him. He did it two thousand years ago with his first disciples and he continues inviting us today. His invitation was not an invitation that would lead us to emotional and spiritual slavery, but to be better people, parents, better spouses transformed by his Spirit and according to his heart. We invite you to spend a day with us, praying, reflecting and sharing your faith with others. The retreat is in both Spanish and English. Register by March 17 for early-bird pricing of $30/person and $40/person until April 1.

Women’s Retreat: Mary: The Yes that Changed the World: April 13, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., St. Mary, Williamsburg. Mary is a courageous and exemplary woman. Her faith is inspirational, and we should follow her example in the way we live our lives. Come and explore how Mary’s “yes” calls us to a deeper relationship with God in the silent moments of life, but also, and especially, in the loudest and most hectic moments. Be prepared to pray, laugh, share, create, and change the world. This retreat will be offered in Spanish and English. Register by March 24 for early-bird pricing of $30/person and $40/person until April 8.

Marriage and Family:
Sponsor Couple Training/Fresher: New Sponsor Couples and experienced Sponsor Couples trained before 2017 are encouraged to attend an updated instruction.
- Davenport Deanery: Sunday, March 3, 1-4pm at the Chancery, Davenport - see flyer for more information
- Ottumwa Deanery: Saturday, March 23, 9am –Noon, St. Patrick Church Hall, Melrose, 200 Trinity Ave., see flyer for more information
Couples should register with Marianne Agnoli, 563-888-4242 by the requested deadline. Training will be provided in other locations throughout the diocese upon request; contact Marianne to schedule a training in your parish or deanery.

Essential Elements of a Strong Catholic Marriage Day: April 27, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at St. Ludmila Church, Cedar Rapids. All married couples are invited to strengthen their marriage by attending this day of renewal led by Greg and Julie Alexander. Additional information and registration.

Natural Family Planning: Participation in an Introduction to Natural Family Planning or a method specific instruction is required of all couples of childbearing 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 English or Spanish in your parish or deanery.

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

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.
- Peacemaking and Active Nonviolence in a Hurting World: March 2, 9:00am-3:30pm
- Lent: God’s Time, My Time, or Both? A Retreat for Men: March 8-10, Fri 5:00pm–Sun 11:00am
- Lenten Tuesday with Barb: African Student Priests Share their Lives: Tues, March 12, 6:00-8:30pm
- Come to the Quiet: The Way of the Blessing: March 13, 9:30am–3:30pm
- Lenten Tuesday with Barb: White Privilege and Racism: March 19, 6:00-8:30pm
- Taizé Vigil Service at Humility of Mary Center: March 24, 6:30-7:30pm
- Lenten Tuesday with Barb: Living the Experience of Jews Today: March 26, 6:00-8:30pm
Voices Serving the Holy in All: March 29-31, Fri 5:00pm–Sun 11:00am
Lenten Tuesday with Barb Arland-Fye: Being Muslim in a Polarized Society: Tues, April 2, 6:00pm-8:30pm
Mass at the Prairie: Wed, April 3, 10:00am
Come to the Quiet: The Way of Purity of Heart, Thurs, April 11, 9:30am-3:30pm
Retired with a Life Full of Meaning, Sat, April 13, 9:30am-3:30pm

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL
Contact Sr. Jackie Walsh, OSB at 309-283-2108, retreats@smmsisters.org or online at http://www.smmsisters.org/retreats/retreats-and-programs to register for the program mentioned below.

Portrait of a Radical: The Jesus Movement: Thursday evenings: Mar. 7, 14, and 21; 9:30-11 am

Centering Prayer Retreat: The Gifts of Centering Prayer: Thurs. Apr. 11 (Arrival: 4:30 pm; Soup Supper: 5:30 pm; Retreat opening: 7:30 pm)-Sun. Apr. 14, 1 pm

Triduum Retreat: Thurs. Apr. 18, 5 pm-Sun. Apr. 21, 1 pm. Contact: Sr. Stefanie MacDonald, OSB at 309-283-2300, vocation@smmsisters.org

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

The Heart of Compassion Friday, March 22, 7:00PM—Sunday, March 24, 11:00AM. Registration Deadline: Monday, March 18. Compassion is strongly associated with emotional well-being, less anxiety, and the ability to respond to difficult moments with care and understanding. It is a journey from the head to the heart. This retreat will include meditation, short talks, experiential exercise, and group discussion. We will explore why being good to ourselves is good for others. Our faith asks us to love our neighbors as ourselves and we will gain awareness of how to practice this in our daily lives.

Confronting the Collective Dark Night & Journeying Toward Hope: Friday, April 12, 7:00PM—Sunday, April 14, 1:00PM. Registration Deadline: Friday, April 5. Unconscious content is highly disturbing. This includes phenomena like the rising expression of hate speech in our public life. We live in a time of tremendous upheaval and our response will determine whether this current eruption of darkness will bring about expanded consciousness or set loose great destruction in our world. Join us in exploring these living dynamics and the kind of authentic, transpersonal hope that is available to us as an imperishable resource for times like these.

The Challenge of Interiority Sunday, June 2, 5:30PM—Friday, June 7, 9:00AM. Registration Deadline: Friday, May 24. Despite our success and accomplishments in many other areas of life, it is the creation of a rich interior life which sustains us. God invites us into that “interior garden” and we must respond. This retreat will look at the elements of interiority: faith, prayer, conversion, community, and ministry to self.

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

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