VISION 20/20
The April meeting minutes of the Steering Committee are available here.

A three-page easy to read and understandable summary of Pope Francis’ document, *Joy of the Gospel*, can be found here. This summary covers the seven areas Pope Francis focuses on: 1) We must be a Church on a mission, 2) We can overcome challenges to serve this mission, 3) Everyone needs to proclaim the Good News, 4) We need better homilies and a more evangelizing catechesis, 5) Love of God necessitates love of neighbor, 6) We need to work for a peace based on the common good of all, and 7) The Holy Spirit must fuel our evangelization efforts.

LITURGY OFFICE
The May edition of *LiturgyNotes* is available here.

VOCATIONS OFFICE
May 12 is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Resources, some of which are free of charge (such as homily ideas and Prayers of the Faithful), are available by going to this webpage.

New Melleray Abbey: *Come and See Weekend*, May 31-June 2 or Aug. 30-Sept. 1. Weekends are offered as discernment experiences for single Catholic men between the ages of 18 to 45 who are thinking about becoming a monk. Meals and accommodations are offered without charge. You may bring friends, also without charge. Reservations may be made by contacting Fr. Stephen Verbest or 563-588-2319, ext. 199.

Saint Benedict Institute: *Masters of Monastic Tradition* will focus on the thought and writings of St. Jerome. This free week-long intensive study program held August 18-24 in Still River, MA is for men who are undergraduate or graduate students. Participants will experience the wealth of our Catholic Tradition within an environment of a living monastic community whose life is centered on prayer, lectio and work according to the Rule of Saint Benedict. Go here for more information.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE
Ecumenical Prayer Service on the First Anniversary of the ICE Raid: Sunday, May 5, 4:00 p.m., St. Alphonsus Church, Mount Pleasant. Please join us to show our support to the families that continue to struggle after the raid. A simple meal and fellowship following. English flyer, Spanish flyer

Food Pantry for Affected Families in Mount Pleasant: We are quickly approaching the first anniversary (May 9) of the Mt. Pleasant workplace ICE raid that directly affected over 30 families. We are so very grateful for the generosity shown both with financial contributions, but also with donated food items that fill the shelves of a new food pantry, one that caters to the particular needs of the families. Would your parish be willing to collect rice and cooking oil, as well as laundry detergent and personal care items for a month to help keep the pantry shelves full? If so, please contact Loxi Hopkins, 563-888-4212.

Available Grants: Applications must be received in the Social Action Office by May 15 by 4:00 p.m., no exceptions. For questions call Loxi Hopkins, 563-888-4212.

- Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl: For those providing/supporting direct services to people who are hungry (first foot of Social justice).
• **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.

**CCHD & CRS Collections Remittance due by May 31:** When mailing the checks please use these remittance forms: [2019 CRS Rice Bowl donations](#) and [2018 CCHD Collection funds](#). Grant determinations will be made on the funds received.

**Buy Ethical Trade:** The SERRV Spring/Summer catalog is available to buy Ethical Trade handcrafts and gourmet food items from disadvantaged producers around the world. [Request a catalog](#) or [online catalog](#).

**2019 Respect Life Materials:** Parishes interested in receiving a free Respect Life Packet may submit their order to Esmeralda Guerrero. Include in your e-mail. 1) Parish name and address, 2) Contact name, 3) Contact phone number and 4) Contact email address (if not the pastor or office contact). [Orders can also be submitted online](#).

**Materials for the 2020 CRS Rice Bowl participation will be arriving by US mail:** Please review and update your postcard quantities if needed otherwise your order will be as it was for 2019. If you don’t have any changes you still need to return the postcard. [Snapshot of postcard](#)

**CCHD Intern:** Mayra Fernanda Hernandez Garcia has been selected as the new Catholic Campaign for Human Development Intern for the 2019/2020 school year. She will be working out of the Center for Worker Justice Center in Iowa City. Mayra is fluent in Spanish. She is wanting to learn more about community organizing and work with immigration issues.

**Religious Freedom Week:** *Strength in Hope, June 22-29.* Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity. [Video](#) from the USCCB.


You also have the opportunity to participate in two email discussion groups:

- Social Action Advocacy: Addressing legislative advocacy on social issues of concern to the Catholic Church and encouraging faithful.

- Parish Social Action: Provide resources, ideas and opportunities for parishioners to live out their faith working for charity and justice.

If you or anyone else in your parish would like to receive the newsletter or participate in either discussion group, contact Amy Kersten at kerstena@diodav.org.

**FAITH FORMATION OFFICE**

**Youth and Young Adult Ministry**

**Christus Vivit:** Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation based on the recent Synod is now available for sale from the USCCB store and for downloading on the Vatican website. This is a must-read for all who minister to, with, and for youth and young adults.

**Step Out to Serve:** Parish faith formation and youth/young adult ministry leaders will soon receive detailed information on a new summer service initiative focused on youth, young adults and their families that invites and challenges all to share the joy of the Gospel with those in need. The initiative lasts from Memorial Day to Labor Day and culminates in a diocesan Celebration of Service on Sunday, September 8. As we move beyond the upcoming diocesan Convocation and look for concrete ways “to draw near to…the homeless, the addicted, refugees, indigenous peoples, the elderly who are increasingly isolated and abandoned, and many others” (*Joy of the Gospel, 210*), why not “Step Out to Serve.” Watch for more information.
Adult Formation:

Ministry Leader Appreciation Dinners: The Office of Faith Formation invites all Ministry Leaders to gather for an Appreciation Dinner to celebrate the 2018-19 Faith Formation year and rejoice in your ministry efforts. Join us either at SS Mary and Mathias School on Monday, May 6 or at St. Mary, Oskaloosa on Tuesday, May 7 for dinner, prayer, fellowship and a few surprises. Both evenings will run from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Register online. For more information, visit our website or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

Online Adult Formation: Looking to grow in your faith? Participate in an online course from STEP at the University of Notre Dame this summer! Courses begin on June 17 and cover a wide variety of topics. Participants completing the Core Course: Introduction to the Catholic Faith partially complete coursework for the Diocesan Basic Formation Certificate. Cost is $74.25 per course; participants work at their own pace each week. Visit our website for additional details or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

“The Parish as Initiating Community”: August 3-4, St. Patrick, Iowa City. Sponsored by the Office of Faith Formation and the Office of Liturgy. Comprised of two workshops, this event is designed for coordinators and team members involved in the RCIA process. Diana Macalintal from TeamRCIA will present “A Deeper Look at RCIA 75” from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday and Michael Ruzicki from Liturgy Training Publications will present “RCIA Adapted for Children” from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Sunday. All parishes are encouraged to have at least one attendee at both workshops. Register Online. For more information, including registration fees and deadlines, please visit our website or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

Marriage and Family:

Hope and Healing Webinar: May 16, 11 a.m. or May 21, 7 p.m. The Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP) will be presenting a free webinar to equip church leaders helping those struggling with pornography and to assist those in ministry who may also be struggling in this area. The webinar will present a broad approach to the problem of pornography use and addiction, combining grace and mercy with truth & accountability. Register here.

Called to Virtue – Catholic Men’s Conference: May 18, 8 a.m. – Noon, Our Lady of Lourdes, Bettendorf. Join Bishop Zinkula, Deacon Chris Kabat and Dr. Michael Havercamp for a morning of challenging and inspiring talks just for men. Registration required with no fee to attend. See flyer for more information.

Divorced and Separated Ministry using the Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for Catholic Families: A new 12-session program will begin meeting on Wednesday, June 5, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Church in Iowa City. Cost is $15. For more information see brochure. To register contact Stephanie Zeising, 319-530-5487 or joyinggratitude@gmail.com. Additional resources for individuals and families are available on the Times of Challenge webpage.

“Engaging the Engaged and Newly Married: Practical Possibilities for Parishes”: August 2, 6-9 p.m. at St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. Clergy and laypersons ministering to engaged and newly married couples are invited to join author and speaker Diana Macalintal to explore effective methods of involving engaged and newlyweds in parish life. Registration opens May 6.

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.

- **World Labyrinth Day: Walk as One at One:** Sat, May 4, 10:00am-3:00pm
- **Come to the Quiet: The Way of Humility:** Mon, May 13, 9:30am-3:30pm
- **Knit One, Pray Too,- Thrus, May 16, 9:30am-3:30pm
- **Creative Spirituality and the Art of Beading:** Sun, May 19, 1:30pm-4:00pm
- **Cosmic Walk:** Wed, May 22, 9:30am-3:30pm
- **Taizé Vigil Service at Humility of Mary Center:** May 26, 6:30pm-7:30pm
- **Come to the Quiet: The Way of Simplicity:** June 11, 9:30am-3:30pm
- **Seven Day Directed Retreat:** June 23-29, Sun 5:00pm-Sat 11:00am
- **Taizé Vigil Service at Humility of Mary Center:** June 30, 6:30pm-7:30pm

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.

**Guided Retreat: The Wonder of it All:** Tues. May 7 (Arrival: 4:30 pm; Soup Supper: 5:30 pm; Retreat opening: 7:30 pm)-Fri. May 10, 1 p.m.

**Honoring Grief…Intending to Heal: Grief Support Companion Training:** Tues. May 14 & 15, 8 am-4 pm each day.

**Grieving Through the Seasons: Day Long Spiritual Retreat for the Bereaved:** Either Fri. May 17 or Sat. May 18, 9 am-4:30 pm.

**Women’s Retreat: Wisdom Woman:** Fri. June 21 (Arrival: 5:30 pm; Soup Supper: 6:00 pm; Retreat opening: 7:00 pm)-Sun June 23 1 pm

**Men’s Retreat: Believing and Living as God’s Beloved Sons Today:** Fri June 28 (Arrive 6:30-6:45; Conference opening 7 pm)-Sun June 30 Noon

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

**Summer Retreats:**
- **The Challenge of Interiority:** June 2-7
- **Jesus and the Women of the Gospels: Traveling Together on the Path of Discipleship:** July 14-19

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