VISION 20/20

Podcasts of the Convocation presentations/speakers are now available. If you would like to hear the audio go to: https://diocese-of-davenport.simplecast.com/. The podcasts are also available on Google Podcast, Spotify, Stitcher and TuneIn and coming soon to iTunes and iHeartRadio.

Audio and video recordings of the general and breakout sessions are available on YouTube. The playlist can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvo3pXe1sySVnUWi5sQn1q9Hm8gC5xz
Presenter materials can found on the diocesan event website: https://event.davenportdiocese.org/presenters-material

OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL

The 2019 annual meeting of the Parish Corporate Boards will be held on Sunday, September 29 at 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. Pastors and lay directors for every parish are required to attend one of the dates in order to have a quorum. The meeting will be offered via GoToMeeting at the following sites:

- Clinton Deanery: St. Joseph, DeWitt
- Grinnell Deanery: St. Mary, Oskaloosa
- Keokuk Deanery: SS. Mary & Patrick, West Burlington
- Davenport Deanery: Chancery
- Iowa City Deanery: St. Mary, Riverside
- Ottumwa Deanery: St. Mary, Fairfield

Further details will be e-mailed at a later date.

LITURGY OFFICE

The August edition of LiturgyNotes is available here.

PRIEST PHONE NUMBER CHANGE

Rwehikiza, Rev. Fortunatus: New phone number: 563-210-8098 (effective immediately)

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Three Different Webinars for 2019-20 Audit Year: It is highly recommended that your Safe Environment Coordinator attend to get the latest policies, requirements and information. Even if you have attended in the past there is always new information to be shared. Click on the link provided next to the date(s) you will attend.

1) Requirements/Policies/Parameters:

We will be reviewing the Diocesan requirements, Stonebridge audit results, polices, 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, Empowering God’s Children Curriculum and helpful tools for tracking for the next audit period. 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. If you have questions prior to any of these sessions please submit them to trujillo@davenportdiocese.org and they will be addressed during the next webinar session. If you prefer to attend in person you are welcome to do so. Please send an email to Virginia to RSVP.

Option 3 on Sep 17, 2019 8:30 AM: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6783957456214200834
2) Virtus Program Database:
This will be on managing the VIRTUS database, compliance, tracking and reports. How do you run reports? How do you know if someone is compliant in VIRTUS? 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. If you have questions prior to any of these sessions please submit them to trujillo@davenportdiocese.org and they will be addressed during the next webinar session. If you prefer to attend in person you are welcome to do so. Please send an email to Virginia to RSVP.

Option 3 on Sep 17, 2019 12:30 PM: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8441662550109412866

3) K-12 Curriculum for the Children’s Safe Environment Program:
This session is for: Clergy, Faith Formation leaders, Principals, Catholic School Teachers and Safe Environment Coordinators. We will be using Empowering God’s Children Lesson 2 for 2019-2020. I will be training everyone on how the program works and how to record training in VIRTUS. I will then answer any questions you might have after the training session.

Option 1 on Aug 15, 2019 8:30 AM: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7252434072041830658
Option 2 on Aug 15, 2019 12:30 PM: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4254273670794313218

VOCATIONS OFFICE
All are invited to St. Serra Club’s Annual Summer Gathering in appreciation of retired priests and religious on August 4 at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 4-6pm. Picnic fare will be served. Priests, religious, deacons and their wives attend gratis. $35 per person. Click here for more information and to RSVP.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE
Respect Life Materials: For those who ordered parish packets they will be mailed directly to the parish in early August/mid-September. If your parish missed the notice to order, a few extras are available on a first-come first-served basis. Contact Esmeralda Guerrero, guerrero@davenportdiocese.org.

Rice Bowl Collection: Thank you to all the parishes that participated in the 2019 collection. This year we were able to distribute $16,100. Reminder: if your parish has not sent funds in to the Diocese for this year’s Rice Bowl collection, please do so as soon as possible. Please write Rice Bowl in the Memo line.

2019/2020 Mottet Leadership Institute is now accepting registrations. Flyer. Registration is limited. The registration fee is $400. Spaces tend to fill quickly. To register, call Leslie Kilgannon, 563-343-3284 or mottetleadershipinstitute@gmail.com. All sessions will be held at the Diocese of Davenport.

St. Vincent’s Home Grant Deadline September 15: For consideration at the November board meeting applications must be postmarked by September 15. For more information click here.

Project Rachel provides services for those wounded by abortion:
- Dedicated Helpline: 563-333-4107 (calls answered personally Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm) Voice messaging available all other times.
- Dedicated e-mail: projectrachel@diodav.org
- Dedicated national website: www.hopeafterabortion.org

The 2019 CCHD Annual Collection will be held on November 23-24. Promotional materials will be mailed to your parish in early October. From the money collected in 2018 the Diocese was able to distribute $6,570 in local grants.

Two Feet Social Action Newsletter: The Diocesan Social Action office has a newsletter filled with upcoming events and deadlines, calls to action and social justice news and views.
FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Youth and Young Adult
August Youth Ministry Leaders’ Gathering: This month’s meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 6, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at St. Thomas More parish in Coralville. The meeting is followed by a potluck lunch. Check the Gathering’s webpage for the agenda.

Step Out to Serve: We’re in the final month of this summer service initiative. If your young people or families have engaged in service this summer (e.g., mission trips, service projects in your community, served as leaders in your Vacation Bible School, etc.) be sure to record it online using the SOS Service Recording Form. To date, over 3500 hours of service have been reported! Let’s see what our young people collectively can do in sharing the joy of the Gospel with the world.

Want to listen to your youth and young adults? A key theme emerging from the Vision 20/20 Convocation is the need to listen more to and engage our youth and young adults. The Office of Faith Formation can help. A process and format to do just that has been developed and is available to you. If you’re interested in learning more, contact Don Boucher, 563-888-4243.

Adult Formation
Ministry Leader August Formation Days for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry leaders. Offered in a One-Day (August 24) or Two-Day (August 19-20) format, this is a time to gather with other Ministry Leaders, gain some skills for ministry, take time for prayer, networking and to socialize with one another. Additional information is available on our website or by contacting Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

Catechist Skills Workshop Series for the 2019-20 academic year. Offered one Saturday a 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 “Skills for Special Needs Catechesis” on August 17 at St. Mary, Centerville, followed by “Teaching the Mass” on September 7 at St. Mary, Williamsburg. Visit our website to see additional dates and topics. Register online or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244, for more information.

Catechetical Sunday: The US Bishops annual celebration of Catechetical Sunday is September 15, 2019. This year’s theme is “Stay with Us”. 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.

The American Catholic Experience: September 21, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Chancery in Davenport. This Adult Formation Course takes a look at the social history of the Catholic Church in America in the 18th and 19th centuries and participants will be challenged to see how that history has formed the present reality of the American Catholic Experience. Visit our website to see additional Adult Formation courses. Cost is $30 and includes lunch. Register online or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244 for more information.

Faith Formation Ministry Leaders Orientation Day: Saturday, September 28 OR Monday, September 30, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Chancery in Davenport. All new Faith Formation Ministry Leaders are encouraged to attend this Orientation Day sponsored by the Office of Faith Formation. Seasoned ministry leaders who have not attended an Orientation or those wishing a refresher are also encouraged to attend. For more information visit our website or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244. Register online by September 25.

Prayer and Worship: October 5-6 at the Chancery in Davenport. This two-day course investigates the foundational role that Prayer and Worship have in fostering the spiritual growth of parishioners. A combination of theory, experience and practice, participants will come to understand how to promote participation in the liturgy, foster the prayer life of parishioners, prepare prayer services, and support the development of spirituality. Cost is $150 for those active in ministry in the diocese. Register online by August 19. For more information, visit our website or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

Online Formation through STEP at Notre Dame: 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 September 2. Click here for...
a list of courses. Cost is $74.25 per course after diocesan discount. For more information, contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244 or visit our website.

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 Colleen Darland, 563-888-4391.

Marriage and Family

“Engaging the Engaged and Newly Married: Practical Possibilities for Parishes”: August 2, 6:00-9:00 p.m., 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 and Flyer

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 Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport on Sunday, October 27, at 2 p.m. Contact your parish to confirm that they have submitted your names and address. Invitations will be sent out mid-September. (Parishes received an email from Barb Butterworth butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org on June 28 that provided the necessary information on submitting couple’s names and addresses.)

Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for Catholic Families: A new 12-session program will begin meeting on September 10, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Church in Iowa City. Material cost is $20. For more information see brochure or flyer. To register contact Stephanie Zeising, 319-530-5487 or joyinggratitude@gmail.com. Additional resources for individuals and families affected by divorce or separation are available on the Times of Challenge webpage.

Civil Marriage Initiative – Witness to Love Marriage Preparation Training Workshop: Sept. 21, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. This workshop will provide information, materials and training for parish use of Witness to Love. Civil Marriage Initiative is designed specifically to meet the needs of civilly married couples preparing for marriage in the Catholic Church. All clergy, marriage ministry leaders, and parish Sponsor Couples are encouraged to attend. Program materials available in English and Spanish. Registration and Flyer

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. Upcoming free introductory session classes are as follows:

- Davenport (Chancery) – Tuesday, August 27, 7:00-8:00 pm
- Melrose (St. Patrick) – Sunday, September 8, 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Solon (St. Mary) – Sunday, September 8, 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Contact Marianne Agnoli, 563-888-4242 if you would like to register or 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 call the Iowa Attorney General Clergy Abuse hotline at 855-620-7000 (M-F, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) to speak with a trained advocate or the Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178. 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.

- Knit One, Pray Too: August 6, 9:30am-3:30pm
- First Wednesday Mass: August 7, 10:00am
- 12-Step Centering Prayer Retreat: August 9-11, Fri 5:00pm–Sun 11:00am
- Come to the Quiet: The Way of Love: August 14, 9:30am-3:30pm
- 9th Annual Spirit of the Prairie...Celebrating 20 years of Spiritual Retreats: August 18, 3:00pm-6:00pm
- Taizé Vigil Service at Humility of Mary Center: August 25, 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Gospel of Matthew: August 28, 9:00am-4:00pm
- First Wednesday Mass: September 4, 10:00am
- Come to the Quiet: The Way of Mercy: September 9, 9:30-3:30
- Contemplation with Francis and Clare: September 13-15, Fri 5:00pm-Sun 11:00am
- Spirituality and the Arts: September 27-29, Fri 5:00pm-Sun 11:00am

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.

Encountering the Sacred Heart of Jesus: Oct. 25, 4:30 pm – Oct. 26, 4 pm
5-Day Directed Retreat: Fri. Nov. 1, 4:30 pm – Wed. Nov. 6, 3 pm (Sr. Joyce Rupp is one of the Spiritual Directors.)

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@davenportdiocese.org.