VISION 20/20
Convocation Evaluations: Thank you to the 303 people who completed the Convocation evaluation form. Your feedback assists us in our diocesan evangelization efforts. An Executive Summary of the evaluations is attached.

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 TunIn 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=PLvo3gXe1sySVnUWi5s3Qn1q9Hm8pC5xz
Presenter materials can be 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
Bishop’s Chasuble: In travelling with Bishop Zinkula for Confirmations, it seems that we have picked up the wrong red chasuble and stole along the way. What we currently have in our possession is a (nicer) Slabbink chasuble (larger collar, label inside) and stole (rounded, with gold cross). The chasuble we normally travel with is more simple (still with a rolled collar, but not as wide; no label inside); the stole does not have a gold cross and comes together in the midline in a V-shape. If we have your vestments and you have ours, please let Deacon Agnoli know! We’ll arrange for a trade…

The September edition of LiturgyNotes is available here.

Flu Season: Parishes and schools should begin their “immediate preparations” for the 2019-2020 flu season. Please see our influenza webpage: https://www.davenportdiocese.org/flu

PRIESTS’ CONTACT INFO
Kaimukirwa, Rev. Adrian (from Tanzania and studying at SAU): 780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport 52804-1901, Cell: 563-210-1022
Rwehikiza, Rev. Fortunatus: New phone/cell number: 563-210-8098 (effective immediately)

DISASTER ASSISTANCE
Tools for Rebuilding Resilience, Dealing with Stress in Times of Emergency: Sept. 13, 8:00 a.m., Davenport. The workshop is intended to provide some practical tools for stress mitigation when dealing with the stress of
emergency or disaster situations. Sponsored by the Scott County Emergency Management Agency in cooperation with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Originally intended for those who responded to the floods, it is intended for future responders of all kinds who wish to build their stress mitigation skill bank. Such as faith leaders, city management personnel, teachers, school administrators, policemen, firemen, all disaster response volunteers, state emergency management personnel, and state homeland security personnel. See the attachment for details.

**MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL**

Marriage Annulments Q & A: Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, Ottumwa. Come to an Open Forum on Marriage, Divorce and Annulment presented by our Tribunal. Bring your questions and learn what our Church teaches about marriage, divorce, and the healing ministry of annulment. No reservation required.

**VOCATIONS OFFICE**

Priesthood Sunday is September 29. Please consider asking the Vocations Committee of the parish (if there is one) to coordinate something unique for this day to reflect upon and affirm the role of priesthood in the life of the Church. If your parish does not yet have a Vocations Committee, then this could be the day to launch efforts to establish one! (The parish may celebrate Priesthood Sunday on another Sunday, if that fits the parish schedule better.)

Thinking of Priesthood Day: Saturday, October 26, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Ames. This day is dedicated to young men, from Junior High School to young adult, who may be discerning the priesthood. The day allows time for discussion on vocation discernment and prayer. The guest speaker is Fr. Paul Hoesing from the Archdiocese of Omaha, who has many years’ experience of guiding men in their discernment of God’s calling. We can make arrangements for carpooling from Davenport if necessary. If you could let us know some potential candidates for this all-day event, please email our office at vocations@davenportdiocese.org.

RSVP by October 18 to Colleen Darland, 563-888-4378.

National Vocations Awareness Week (NVAW) is November 3-9. This is an annual celebration dedicated to the promotion of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. Resources are available at the following websites: Vocation Ministry (in English and Spanish) and USCCB.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

Last 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 this session please submit them to trujillo@davenportdiocese.org and they will be addressed during the webinar session. If you prefer to attend in person you are welcome to do so. Please send an email to Virginia.

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 this session please submit
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MULTICULTURAL MINISTRY

Dinner with Bishop Zinkula Raffle: The Multicultural Ministry office is sponsoring a raffle whose prize is a dinner with Bishop Thomas in his residence on November 17. Fathers Rudy Juarez, Joseph Sia and Guillermo Treviño will prepare the food. Fr. Ross Epping will accompany with music. All income will be used to organize an Encuentro (Conference) with young people. See the attached flyer with more details. Thanks for your support!

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

St. Vincent Home Corporation Grant Deadline is September 15. For consideration at the fall 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 you have not submitted a progress report for a past grant, you must submit a progress report along with your application. The grant application and the progress report form can be found here.

Pacem in Terris Award Ceremony will be held September 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Augustana College, Ascension Chapel in Founders Hall, 820 38th Street, Rock Island, IL. More information available soon.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees: September 29

October is Respect Life Month: Please remember to use and display your Respect Life month packet materials at your parish and in your bulletin. This year’s theme is Christ Our Hope In Every Season of Life. If your parish missed the notice to order materials, please contact Esmeralda Guerrero. The USCCB has developed a brand new website with resources. Click here

Project Rachel Ministry 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. The Office of Social Action has three banners for parishes to use to help promote Project Rachel Ministry. If you would like to reserve them for your parish contact Esmeralda Guerrero, 563-888-4210.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection will be held November 23 – 24. With your support, people living on the margins can create a real change in their lives. 25 percent of funds collected stay in our diocese for anti-poverty projects! Promotional materials will be mailed to parishes in October, including posters, envelopes and bulletin inserts adapted to our diocese. Any questions please contact Loxi Hopkin, 563-488-4212.

The Diocesan Immigration Program is a non-profit program that provides immigration counseling to help reunite families split by immigration, assists immigrants in adjusting their status and advocates on their behalf. The diocesan immigration counselors are certified by the Department of Justice. They work in close conjunction with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Please see the brochure for more information and feel free to distribute to those who might be interested.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Youth and Young Adult

September Youth Ministry Leaders’ Gathering: Tuesday, September 3, 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.

Reach Out and Listen to Your Youth and Young Adults. Pope Francis calls us to be a listening church. Katie Prejean-McGrady echoed this call in her Vision 20/20 Convocation general session. If you’re looking for a way to do this, the Office of Faith Formation can help. If you’re interested in learning more, contact Don Boucher, 563-888-4243.
**Hendrickson**

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**NET Retreats:** A NET team will be in the diocese October 1-10. If you’d like to have a NET retreat in your parish or school, they are available Saturday, October 5 (day or evening), and Thursday, October 10 (daytime only). For more information, contact [Don Boucher, 563-888-4243](#).

**Adult Formation**

**Catechist Skills Workshop Series:** 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. Workshops include:

- *Techniques for Classroom Management* on September 4 at St. Mary, Albia (special time – 6:00-8:00 pm)
- *Teaching the Mass* on September 7 at St. Mary, Williamsburg
- *Partnering with Families in Faith Formation* on October 12 at St. Mary, Lone Tree

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

**Creating Contagious Welcome and Hospitality:** Thursday, October 10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Patrick, Iowa City. Beginning from a perspective of what we are doing well, facilitator Jane Angha of Ministry Blueprints will help us deepen our understanding of hospitality as a parish-wide cultural transformation achievable through personal encounter. Attendees will leave with a renewed vision of hospitality incorporating Scripture, beauty, relationship and food. Cost is $35 (by September 22) or $45 (September 22-October 7). Visit our [website](#), register [online](#) or contact [Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244](#) for more information.

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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 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.)

Anouncement the Launch of the Covenant of Love Marriage Mentor Ministry in the Diocese of Davenport and Archdiocese of Dubuque! You may begin referring married couples who are experiencing a time of difficulty in their relationship or any couples seeking a more intimate relationship with God and each other to the diocesan Covenant of Love webpage. See bulletin announcement attachment.

New! Remarriage Preparation Workshop: Saturday, January, 25, 2020, Chancery, Davenport. This marriage preparation workshop is designed to meet the unique needs of couples in which one or both of the individuals have been previously married. Registration is available on the Marriage Preparation webpage.

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 jovinggratitude@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. There exists an evangelization opportunity in our Church to journey with civilly married Catholics in formation to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony. Join Ryan and Mary Rose Verret, developers of Witness to Love Civil Marriage Initiative, for resources and training to assist your parish in addressing the unique needs of civilly married Catholics preparing for a sacramental marriage. Training 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:
- Melrose (St. Patrick) – Sunday, September 8, 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Solon (St. Mary) – Sunday, September 8, 4:00 – 5:30 pm
- Davenport (Chancery) – Tuesday, October 22, 7-8 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.

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.
- First Wednesday Mass: September 4, 10:00am
- Come to the Quiet: The Way of Mercy: September 9, 9:30am-3:30pm
- 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
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.

- **Harp of Hope Concert with Dr. Diane Schneider**: Fri. Sept. 6, 7-8:30 pm in Chapel at St. Mary Monastery
- **Healing Harp and Compassion Retreat**: Sat. Sept. 7, 9-11:30 am
- **A Healing Harp Concert for Veterans and Their Families**: Sat. Sept. 7, 7-8:30 pm in Chapel at St. Mary Monastery
- **Introduction to Centering Prayer**: Sat. Sept. 21, 10 am-3 pm
- **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.
DIOCESE OF Davenport
MINISTERIO MULTICULTURAL

Win a dinner for you and 9 of your friends
Gana una cena para ti y 9 de tus amigos

RAFFLE
DINNER AT BISHOP’S HOUSE
MEAL PREPARED BY
Fr. Joseph Sia, Fr. Rudy Juárez,
Bp. Thomas Zinkula, and Fr. Guillermo Treviño

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CENA EN LA CASA DEL OBISPO
PREPARADA POR

Musical Presentation with
Fr. Ross Epping

SUNDAY/DOMINGO
17 NOV. 2019
4:30 pm.

To the winner, Bishop Thomas will give a beautiful life-sized image of Our Lady of Guadalupe as a remembrance of this day.

Al ganador, Mons. Thomas regalará una hermosa imagen de Nuestro Señora de Guadalupe como recuerdo de este día.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION
AND HELPING US TO BUILD BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP!

¡GRACIAS POR SU PARTICIPACIÓN
Y POR AYUDARNOS A CONSTRUIR LAZOS DE AMISTAD!

The drawing will be held on Friday,
November 8 at the Chancery.

El sorteo será el Viernes 8 de Noviembre en la Cancillería.

(Profits will be for Youth Conference and Multicultural Ministry Activities)
(Los ingresos serán para la Conferencia Juvenil y las Actividades del Ministerio Multicultural)

For tickets/Para boletos 563-324-1911 - moreno@davenportdiocese.org
You are invited to attend
Tools for Building Resilience

A workshop presented by
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
in cooperation with
The Presbytery of Eastern Iowa

Date: Friday, 9/13/2019
Time: Registration – 8:00 AM / Workshop 8:30-Noon
Location: Scott County Emergency Management Agency
1100 E. 46th St.
Davenport, IA 52807

Register at:

Please register by September 9, 2019
For questions, contact Brian P. Payne, (563) 484-3056

You will learn how to...
Recognize your own signs of stress

Use tools for stress management
in the midst of difficult moments

Increase calm and effective responses to stress

Make lifestyle choices to promote resilience
Vision 20/20 Convocation Evaluations

Executive Summary

1. What did you like best?
   - Keynote speakers (85 mentions)
   - Well-organized/ hospitality of diocesan staff (49)
   - Sense of joy/ unity/ community/ networking (48)
   - Parish conversations (28)
   - Learned a lot (12)
   - Liturgy/ Mass/ Prayer (11)
   - Music (10)
   - Break-out sessions (9)
   - Movement of the Holy Spirit (8)
   - Leadership of the Bishop (8)
   - Venue / campus (6)
   - Cookie Reception (4)

2. Suggestions for Improvement
   - Fewer, shorter breaks, less down time (39 mentions)
   - Turn down A/C, too cold (28)
   - Suggested liturgy changes (16) *
   - More youth involvement (12)
   - More interaction with speakers (9)
   - More time for breakouts (8)
   - Better breakouts (7)
   - Better directions around campus (6)
   - More for the youth to do among themselves (5)
   - More about what is next/ follow-up (5)
   - Handouts from speakers (5)
   - More info about breakouts on registration form (5)
   - More time for networking with other parishes (5)

   * Others: Rethink meal times (4), more people (4), restrooms (3), food (3),
   more breakouts (3), more on how to evangelize in a parish (3), Friday was too long (3), more on small parishes (3), seats too uncomfortable (3), more
   better marketing (3), communication about Spanish translation (2).

   * Suggestions for changing liturgy included more time for liturgy, less time for liturgy,
   women presiders, more energetic liturgy, etc.
3. **Additional Information Needed**

- How to implement this in our parish (12)
- Information from the breakouts I missed (11)
- How to answer the tough questions / hard teachings (10)
- Best practices in parish evangelization (9)
- How to be more inclusive of Hispanic community (7)
- Practicing evangelization/ role playing (6)
- Mentors to accompany us (6)
- More on the Joy of the Gospel (6)
- How to work with families/ married couples (5)
- Social justice activities (3)
- How to be more welcoming (2)
- How to evangelize those against the church (2)
- Books from keynote speakers (2)
- Dealing with conflict among parish staff (2)
- Deepening our spirituality/ the Eucharist (2)

4. **Additional Comments**

- Thank you to Bishop/ diocesan staff/ volunteers/ steering committee (43)
- Hospitality was great (11)
- Let’s do this again next year/ 2-3 years from now (11)
- It was very cold (9)
- Well-organized (7)
- Loved the liturgy/ music (7)
- Convocation exceeded my expectations (3)

**A few specific highlights:**

- Presence of the Holy Spirit was felt
- We have our work cut out for us
- This was the most uplifting and invigorating conference
- Can’t wait to see the talks online
- Golf carts were exceptionally helpful
- I liked the name badge idea
- Let’s go out and be disciples of Christ
- I’m looking forward to the next Pentecost.

--- Complied 6/26/19
Please include the following announcement in your parish bulletin as space permits.

Now Available!
Covenant of Love Marriage Mentors

Whether newlyweds or married for fifty years, whether on the brink of divorce or just wanting to grow deeper in a relatively good relationship, this mentoring process can provide couples with guidance for strengthening and sustaining their marriage. More information and registration for couples interested in being paired with a mentor couple is available at https://www.davenportdiocese.org/ff-covenant-of-love.