BISHOP ZINKULA

Participating in the 2020 Census is a vital, civic duty for everyone living in our Diocese. We should encourage all parishioners to participate as an accurate count impacts federal representation and distribution of federal funding in our communities. Pastors/Parishes will receive bulletin announcements, brief public service announcements and flyers that can be inserted in bulletins and posted throughout the facilities. One set of resources will be provided for each weekend February 14/15 through March 14/15. Our goal is to ensure our parishioners know that:

- Everyone counts.
- Each household will receive a postcard beginning mid-March and can respond easily either online or by phone. This should take about 10 minutes and support for multiple languages is available.
- The questions asked are basic and there is good guidance available when needed.
- Confidentiality is guaranteed by law and personal information will not be shared with any other individual or agency. The Census Bureau is only allowed to use the information available to generate statistics.
- Counting children, a traditionally undercounted population, is important.

You can find additional resources and information at our diocesan census page. It is my hope some of you will offer access to parish or school computers a time or two along with volunteers to assist community members in completing their census survey. Thank you for supporting the 2020 Census.

VOCATIONS OFFICE

“Called by Name”, a vocation recruitment and discernment program, will be launching in our diocese on February 16. At the core of “Called by Name” is the prayerful discernment by clergy, parish and school leaders, family members, and folks in the pews as to who among those in their midst, sophomore in high school and older, seem like they are called by God to serve Him as priests and consecrated persons. The discernment of any vocation is not exclusive, but ought to involve the church community as well. It is everyone’s business to help each other know and live out their vocation. Our hope is to help one another deepen our relationship with God so that someday we can be with Him and all the saints in Heaven. Please watch for more about information this program in your parish and Catholic high schools!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Webinar: Completing the Audit Worksheets: This presentation will go over, step-by-step, how to fill out the audit spreadsheets, who to count, etc. The forms will be sent prior to this webinar/in person training so you can have your items in front of you. This will cover all active employees, children and volunteers during the audit period July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020. Items due to the office for audit will be April 1. If you have questions you may send them to Virginia, trujillo@davenportdiocese.org one week prior to the webinar as she will answer them during the webinar. If you prefer to attend in person you are welcome to do so. Please send an email to her to RSVP.

- Option 1: March 3, 8:30-11:30 a.m.: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3954782101349424651
- Option 2: March 3, 12:30-3:00 p.m.: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/51218954607002125

LITURGY OFFICE

The February issue of LiturgyNotes is available here.

Some items of note:

- Rite of Election: http://www.davenportdiocese.org/rite-of-election
  o Please note: registration is due by February 1!

By request, we’re highlighting the different pages of the diocesan liturgy website. This month, our focus is on the Liturgy Library page (https://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy-library). The page has “quick links” to the forms
used to prepare liturgies with the bishop. It also links to three sub-pages: (1) a listing of various liturgy preparation forms and related resources; (2) a page listing our liturgical policies and related resources; (3) a page with other liturgy resources, including articles, book lists, instruments to help evaluate a parish’s liturgical life, and prayers for various needs; and (4) a page dedicated to learning about Vatican II’s Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. Please stop by for a visit and see the treasure trove that’s there to support your liturgical ministries!

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Internship opportunity: Are you Catholic? Interested in fighting poverty? Then consider being an intern for CCHD. Applications are now being accepted until February 21. For information, promotional flyer and application process go here.

Immigration and Trafficking Among Us: February 8, 9:00 am. – 12:30 p.m., Eastern Iowa Community College, Davenport. Details about the event here.

Service Opportunity: The Social Action Office promotes service and mission as well as charity and justice. The Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque have service and mission opportunities for 2020. Franciscan Common Venture – a volunteer program sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque, Iowa, provides the opportunity for persons age 20+ to contribute their time, commitment and talent in service among people who are poor. There are multiple service opportunities from a Native American Retreat Center in Montana to a food bank’s community garden. Long-term service is also available. If interested, contact Sr. Michelle Balek, OSF; 3390 Windsor Ave; Dubuque IA 52001; 563-583-9786; balekm@osfdbq.org; or visit www.osfdbq.org/commonventure.

Income Tax Help: Low-and moderate-income working families may qualify for help from two federal tax benefits: Earned Income Credit (EIC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC). For more information go to www.eitcoutreach.org. Also, please encourage families to file their taxes through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA). This offers free tax help for low-to-moderate income people who cannot prepare their own return. To learn more and to find a location in your area call, 800-906-9887 or go to the IRS website here.

CRS (Catholic Relief Services): Rice Bowl Collection begins Ash Wednesday, February 26. Thank you for considering CRS Rice Bowl as part of your parish journey this Lent. CRS Rice Bowl website. Also try the CRS Rice Bowl App and receive daily reflections. Materials have been shipped and if your parish or school is in need of additional material please contact Esmeralda Guerrero, 563-888-4210. 25% of the funds collected will remain in the Diocese to help organizations that fight hunger and poverty. Click here for Grant Criteria. Applications are due May 15, 2020.

CRS Fair Ethical Trade Gifts: When you purchase Ethical Trade chocolate and gifts artisans and farmers will receive a fair wages. Visit Catholic Relief Services partners, SERRV to purchase. Click to learn more or contact Kent Ferris at if you are interested in hosting a fair trade sale.

Culture of Life Dinner: April 27, 5:15 p.m., St. Wenceslaus Church, Iowa City. The complimentary dinner’s two-fold purpose includes educating women and couples of the many physical and spiritual benefits of fertility care as well as generating grant funds for individuals interested in training at the St. Pope Paul VI Institute’s National Center for Women’s Health. To register for more information go here or call 913-426-5770.

Social Action E-Newsletter: To subscribe or view previous issues of The Two Feet newsletter go here or send an e-mail to kerstena@diodav.org.

Project Rachel 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
- Confidential referrals for individualized counseling with a Project Rachel priest or counselor

Please consider having Project Rachel as a bulletin insert on a quarterly basis. A sample bulletin announcement can be found here, under resources. Other resources available to assist with the promotion are:
• Peace Starts Here brochure
• On your parish website put a link to the diocesan Project Rachel website
• Pray for women and men that have been affected by abortion
• Display Banners: The Office of Social Action has three banners (six feet tall) for parishes to use to help promote Project Rachel Ministry. If you would like to reserve banners for your parish please contact Esmeralda Guerrero, guerrero@davenportdiocese.org or at 563-888-4210.

Make a financial contribution, payable to the Diocese of Davenport and mail to Diocese of Davenport, Project Rachel, 780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804-1901.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Adult Formation
Dr. Mel Kennedy is a musician (musician and missionary) who brings the gospel message into the hearts of those who hear her, through song, story, Scripture and prayer. Mel is the facilitator for our annual Women’s Retreat on Saturday, April 18. She will be in the diocese April 17-20 and is available to parishes for concerts, speaking engagements or liturgical minister training during this time frame. Her ministry is about empowering and inspiring men and women to share their faith and radiate God’s love through liturgy, service, relationship and the simple actions of daily life. If you are interested in more information, please contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

Catechist Skills Workshop Series Next Sessions: “Creative Catechesis” on February 8 at St. Andrew, Blue Grass, 9:30 am-12:30 pm; “Establishing and Using Your Prayer Space” on March 14 at St. Vincent School, Keokuk, and “Incorporating Technology in Faith Formation” on March 28 at Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, Clinton. This offers practical skills for all who work to share the faith with our students. Visit our website to see additional dates and topics. Register online or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244 for more information.

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. 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 Feb. 24. 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.

Adult Formation Courses: Join the Office of Faith Formation for an Adult Formation Course this spring. Courses are held at the Chancery in Davenport from 9 am-4 pm and offer an opportunity to grow in our faith. Courses include: “An Introduction to Sacraments” on Saturday, February 22 and “What is Ministry?” on March 21. Visit our website for additional information. Cost is $30 per course and includes lunch. Register online or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244 for more information.

Engaging Families in Sacramental Ministries on Saturday, February 29 from 9 am-4 pm at St. Patrick, Iowa City. Join the Office of Faith Formation and parish ministers and clergy from across the diocese to reimagine sacrament preparation and consider engaging families in sacramental ministries. Joan Weber, from the Center for Ministry Development, will guide us in exploring vision and resources for knowing, welcoming, engaging and empowering parents and communities as they share faith and sacramental life with their children. Cost of the workshop is $35 by February 10. Team pricing is available! Visit our website, register online or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244 for more information.

Diocesan Retreat Opportunities
For more information about these two retreats visit our website or contact Rosina Hendrickson, 563-888-4244.

Women’s Retreat: God’s Simple Path: April 18, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Holy Trinity, Richmond. Drawing from the wisdom of Sr. Mother Teresa, this retreat explores the stones of her “Simple Path” - silence, prayer, faith, love, service and peace. In discovering how these stones help us to love, serve and respect our Lord and our fellow human beings, we will draw closer to God and one another. Join women from across the diocese for a day filled with Scripture, story, song, prayer and action, and be reminded how we are daily called to embrace holiness and see how our lives can run more smoothly, joyfully and peacefully. Register by March 29 for early-bird pricing of $30/person and $40/person until April 13.
Men’s Retreat: From Wild Men to Wise Men: April 25, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., St. Mary, Solon. Freedom is found, not in being wild, but in being wise. Wisdom comes through our call to lead, our understanding of truth and morality, a freedom from sin and prudently embracing our free will. Join men from across the diocese for a day discovering what is needed to truly be wise men and experience real freedom – in life, in faith and in relationships. Be prepared, though, to take a closer look at the real you. Register by April 5 for early-bird pricing of $30/person and $40/person until April 20.

Marriage and Family
Celebrate National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) & World Marriage Sunday (Feb. 9). This year’s theme is “Stories from the Domestic Church.” Go to Celebrate National Marriage Week 2020 for resources (in English and Spanish) to help engage your parish.

Get Ready for Safe Haven Sunday (Feb. 29 – March 1). This diocesan sponsored awareness opportunity provides excellent resources to aid families, schools and parishes in navigating modern technology usage and the deep harm that is caused by pornography. Take advantage of the free training programs, articles and videos available on the Diocese of Davenport Clean Heart webpage and share these resources with your parish/school families and ministry leaders. Download the Parish Implementation Guide (page 14 has links to homily helps, general intercessions, bulletin inserts, etc.) for more information or questions contact Marianne Agnoli.

An Evening for the Divorced & Separated and Those Who Love Them: March 27, St. Pius X Church, Cedar Rapids, 6:30-8:30 pm. Whether you are divorced or separated, want to help someone you love, or are interested in working to help divorced families, join Catholic author and evangelist, Rose Sweet to hear what the Church really teaches about divorce and how to help those who have experienced it. Flyer

Surviving Divorce Facilitator Program Training: March 28, St. Pius X Catholic Church, Cedar Rapids. If you would like to begin outreach and support to people who have experienced the pain of separation or divorce, Rose Sweet, program creator, will offer inside tips on starting, running and successfully managing a Surviving Divorce support group in your parish, school, cluster or deanery. Flyer. More information and Registration.

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN
To report child abuse call the Iowa Attorney General Clergy Abuse hotline at 855-620-7000 (M-F, 8 am-4:30 pm.) 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.

Filling in the Gap: Women in the Bible: Tues, February – 9 11 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Valentine Evening for Couples: Fri, February 14 – 6:00-9:00 pm
Community Prayer Service: Tues, February 18 – 4:00–6:30 pm
Falling Upward Weekend Retreat: February 21-23 – 9 Fri 5:00 pm - Sun 11:00 am
Brave Hearts: From Loss to Resilience: February 28-March 1, Fri 5:00 pm - Sun 11:00 am
Wednesday Lenten Nights with Barb Arland-Fye: Wed, March 4, 11, 18, 25; 6:30pm-8:00pm (at Humility of Mary)
Come to the Quiet: The Blessing of Divine Creation: Tues, March 10, 9:30am-3:30pm
Exploring God’s Creation: Generating Hope and Energy: Sat, March 14, 8:30am-3:30pm
Taize’ Vigil Prayer Service: Sun, March 22, 6:30pm-7:30pm (at Humility of Mary Center)
Beauty of Spring Skies: Stars and Galaxies: Tues, March 24, 6:00pm-9:00pm
**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](http://www.smmsisters.org/retreats/retreats-and-programs) to register for programs mentioned below.

- **Catholic Princess Retreat:** Sat. Feb. 1, 9 am-3 pm**
- **Peacemaking:** Tues. Feb. 6, 9 am-3:30 pm
- **Prayer and Poetry: A 24-Hour Retreat:** Fri. Feb. 7 - Sat. Feb. 8, 4 pm
- **Breathing Under Water: A Spiritual Study of the Twelve Steps:** Mondays from Feb. 17 to May 11; 1-2:30 pm
- **Girls Be a Catholic Sister for a Day:** Sat. Feb. 22, 9 am-4 pm**
- **Boundless Compassion Book Study:** Thursdays beginning Feb. 27; 9:30-11:30 am

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

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