

Newsletter



Office of
Family Ministry
& Respect Life
and
Office of
Catechesis
& Youth

Safe Haven Sunday

The Office of Family Ministry and Respect Life recently sent information to each parish regarding Year 3 of Safe Haven Sunday, including a letter from Bishop Kagan encouraging participation of each parish in this important initiative. Safe Haven Sunday 2021, themed *Connected: How Strong Family Relationships Lead to Internet-Safe Kids*, is **Nov. 6-7**. Please see [this link](#) for a summary of the Year 3 book for families. The **order form** is to be completed and returned to Amanda at the diocese by **Friday, Oct. 15**.

Augustine Institute Webinar

All parishes in the diocese that do not presently have a FORMED subscription may register to participate in a special grant opportunity to reduce the cost of a one-year subscription by as much as \$400. FORMED provides great Catholic content to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith anywhere. Resources such as movies, eBooks, parish programs and guides can aid in personal faith formation, group study and catechesis. Any parish that currently has a FORMED subscription is eligible for reduced renewal pricing as well. Details of the special arrangement with the Augustine Institute will be announced at an upcoming webinar to be held on **Thursday, Oct. 14** at 1 p.m. CST. All registrants will be sent a link to a recording of the webinar, so even if you cannot attend live, you do not have to miss out. Register [here](#) for the webinar.

Diocesan Grant

The 2021-2022 grant application for the Catholic School and Religious Education Endowment Fund is now available online. You can find it on the diocesan website under the Office of Stewardship and Resource Development and then under Diocesan Grants or you can access it directly [here](#). The deadline for receiving all grant applications is **Sunday, Oct. 31**. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Schatz at 701-204-7202 or by e-mail at rschatz@bismarckdiocese.com.

Thirst - A free, one-day Eucharistic Conference, Thirst 2021, is set for **Saturday, Oct. 30** at the Bismarck Event Center. The general conference for adults will include various inspiring speakers including Dr. Ben Akers, Matt Fradd and Dr. Ray Guarendi. The conference will also include a special Vacation Bible School (VBS) for youth ages 3 through grade 5 and the Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) for youth grades 6-12. The VBS portion of Thirst will accept the first 250 registrants and the DYC will accept the first 275 registrants. For more information and to register any attendee for Thirst 2021, [click here](#).

Volunteer at Thirst

We are in search of generous hearts interested in volunteering at the upcoming Thirst Eucharistic Conference scheduled for **Saturday, Oct. 30** at the Bismarck Event Center. Volunteer opportunities include serving youth at the Vacation Bible School and Diocesan Youth Conference, welcoming attendees as they arrive for the conference and more. For more information and to register as a volunteer, visit [here](#). We sincerely thank you for your willingness to serve!

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