

| SEPTEMBER 2020 |

# THE CATECHETICAL LEADER

THE BISHOP HAMMES CENTER | DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR

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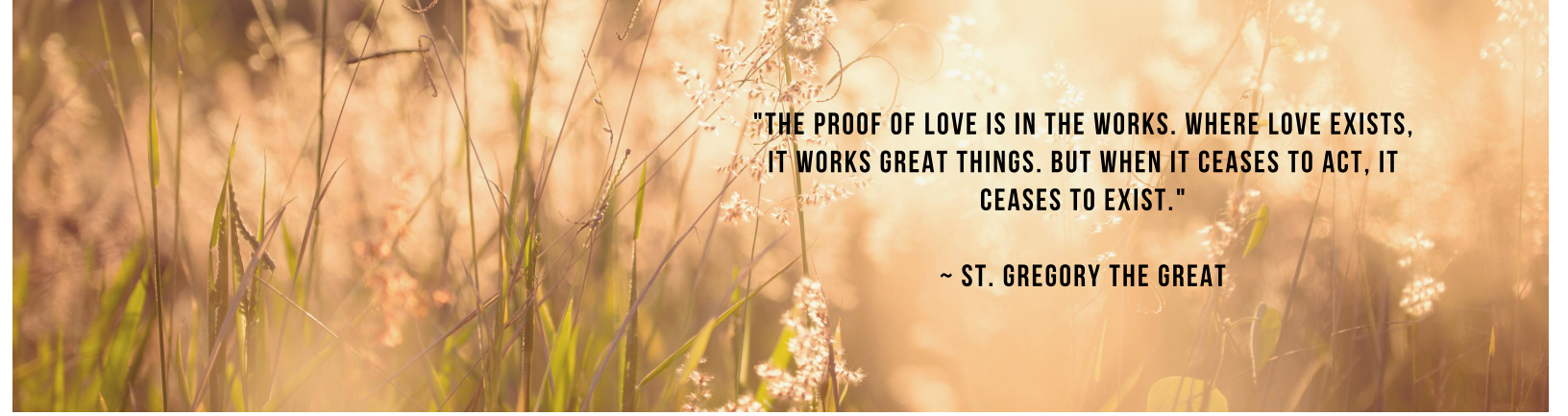
## SAVE THE DATE - YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

### **High School Leadership**

November 13-15, 2020 CrossWoods, Mason  
March 19-21, 2021 Crescent Lake, Rhinelander

### **Youth Rally**

April 7th, 2021 - River Falls  
April 14th, 2021 - Tomahawk



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## ONLINE RESOURCES

The diocese has combined all of the COVID-19 resources in one place including a collection of Masses from around the diocese that are available to live stream as well as Family Faith Formation resources.

[Link to Diocese of Superior Resources](#)

## RCIA RESOURCES

Why a Year-Round RCIA is Important for Baptized Seekers

Almost everyone agrees that one of the big benefits of a continuous initiation process is that when a seeker is moved by the Holy Spirit to start the journey of faith, they will not be told they have to wait until September when RCIA starts. [READ MORE](#)

Resource Highlight: Your Parish is the Curriculum: RCIA In the Midst of the Community.

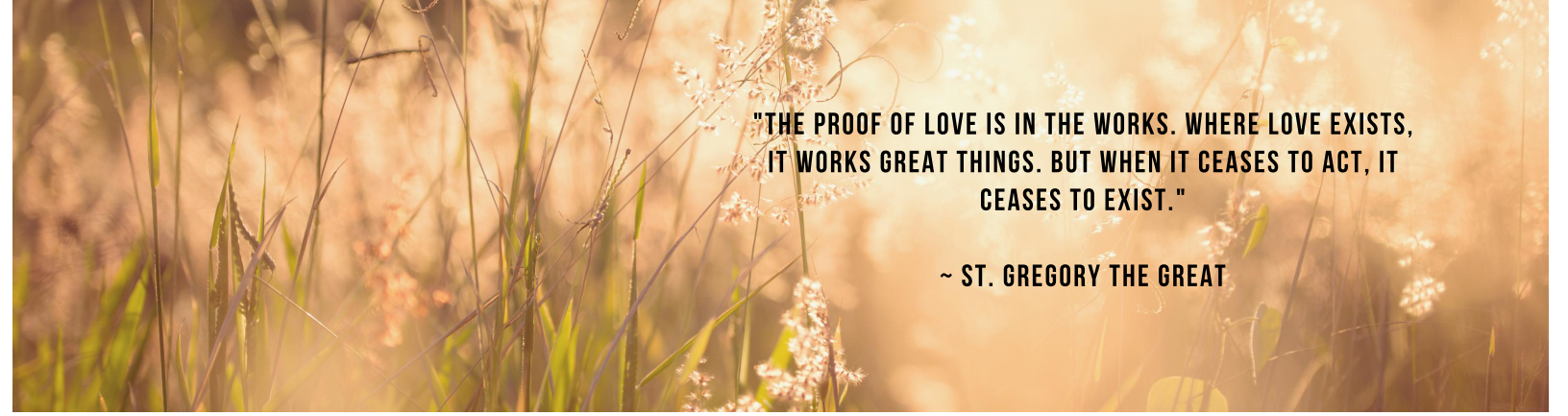
*In Your Parish is the Curriculum: RCIA In the Midst of the Community* Diana Macalintal offers a practical and engaging vision for parishes as communities of discipleship that accompany people at all stages of their faith journey through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. In an accessible and down-to-earth manner she outlines principles, suggestions and ideas to help parishes-both those who are new to the RCIA process and those who are veterans-to facilitate and foster conversion. [BUY HERE](#)

## PUBLISHER RESOURCES

[Faith & Life Digital Resources: Ignatius Press](#)

[Adapted Faith Formation Lesson: National Catholic Partnership on Disability](#)

[FAITH Catholic: Digital Content](#)



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## FALL CONFERENCE

"Give Thanks in All Circumstances"

The Diocese of Superior's 58th Annual Fall Conference is scheduled for October 30, 2020. Fr. Adam Laski, priest of the Diocese of Superior is this year's keynote speaker.

An alternate format is being planned for this year. More information will be available soon.

Questions regarding the conference should be directed to Kathy Drinkwine, [kdrinkwine@catholicdos.org](mailto:kdrinkwine@catholicdos.org) or 715 394 0216.

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## ANNUAL REPORT REMINDER

Each year, both religious education and schools, complete a diocesan annual report. This report helps us to evaluate how parishes are operating in regards to diocesan policy, but also helps the Office of Catholic Formation understand what assistance is needed within the parishes.

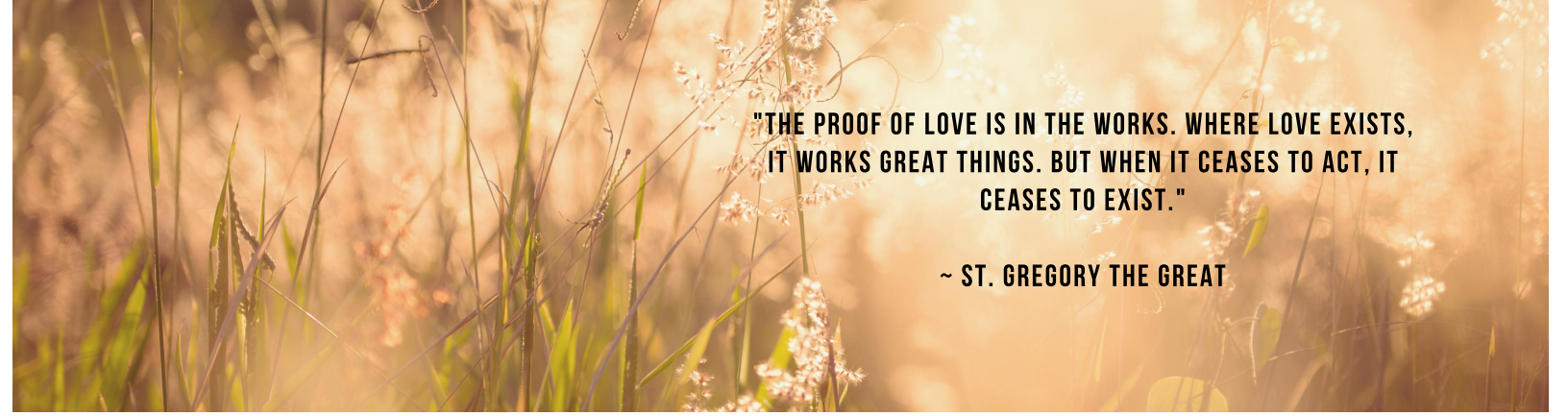
The survey will be distributed in September with a due date of December 1. A full report will be available to the parishes at the Parish Catechetical Leadership Conference in August.

The schools' annual report survey will be distributed in late August or early September with a due date of November 1. The full report will be available in February.

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## CONFIRMATION RETREATS

Over the past year we received many requests for help locating Confirmation retreats. Please contact the Bishop Hammes Center if your parish will be hosting a Confirmation Retreat this year and willing to open it up to students from other parishes. Thank you so much!



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## CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

This year Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated on September 20, 2020. The theme this year is: "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you."

[Link to USCCB Resources](#)

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Discover Catholic Schools: November 17-23, 2020

Celebrate Catholic Schools: January 31- February 6, 2021

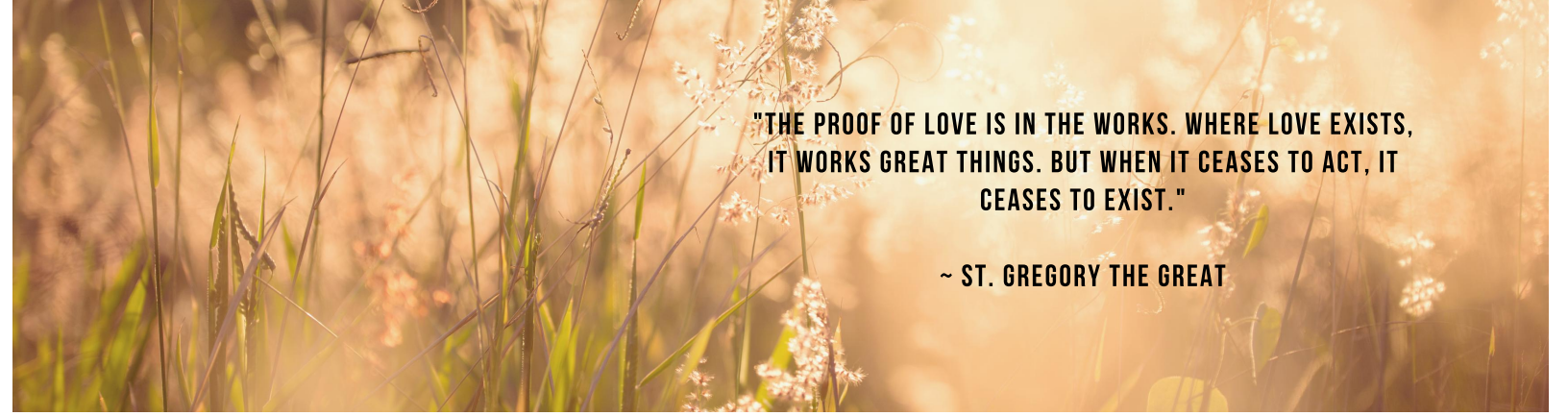
The current theme is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." This theme encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, we, as educators, are growing with them. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed.

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## VOCATIONS WEEK

November 1-7, 2020

The Diocese of Superior Vocations Team has created a beautiful website "Called North" ([callednorth.org](http://callednorth.org)) check it out for ways to learn more about vocations and ways to celebrate them. **Remember to use your Vianney Vocation lesson plans!** If you'd like another copy of the registration code, please contact Grace Geisler at [ggeisler@catholicdos.org](mailto:ggeisler@catholicdos.org)



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## VIRTUAL FALL REGIONAL WORKSHOP

September 15, 2020  
September 21, 2020

Keynote: Trauma Informed Care - presented by Peggy Schoenfuss  
Breakout: Pandemic Catechesis - presented by Chris Hurtubise

Both sessions will run from 7:00 to 8:30

No Cost to Attend  
Find the Link and Log in information online

## NEW PCL CHECK-IN

October 19, 2020

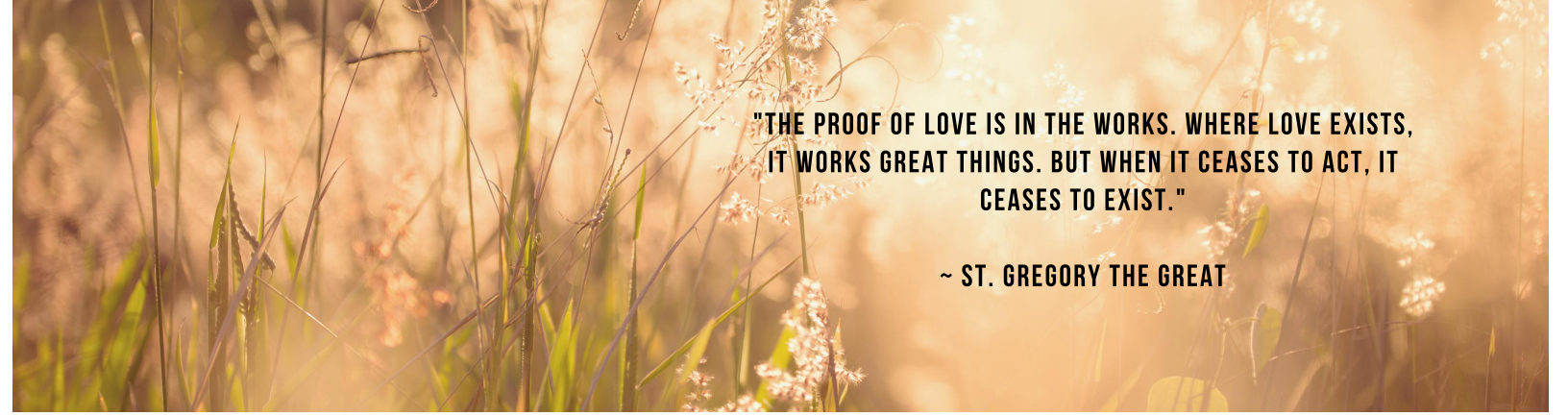
Save the date for this upcoming online meeting with new or nearly new PCL leaders across the Diocese. A great opportunity to troubleshoot any problems and celebrate the successes of your first catechetical year!

More information will be coming soon!

## MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

As many parishes begin the switch to family based catechesis this year, we'd like to offer this message of encouragement from Pope Francis to parents!

"In his general audience Pope Francis spoke of the essential role parents play in educating their children..." [READ MORE](#)



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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

- October 6, 2020: "Sharing the Vision" Panel of presenters include Fr. David Neuschwander, Chris Hurtubise, Robert Lecheler and Christ Newkirk
- January 26, 2021: "Ministry from Afar" Speakers: Peggy Schoenfuss & Fr. Papi Reddy Yeruva
- April 20, 2021: "I am a Lifelong Learner" Speaker: Chris Newkirk

All Sessions are held at St. Joseph Parish Center, Hayward and will follow the schedule below:

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Registration, Gathering & Hospitality

10:00 – 3:00 p.m. Sessions

Please see the [Diocesan website](#) for more information and to register

## LAY MINISTRY ENRICHMENT

- September 26, 2020: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"
- March 6, 2021: "Longing to be Fed: The Eucharist"
- May 22, 2021 Service Immersion: Corporal Works of Mercy: Bury the Dead

All sessions are on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. St. Anthony Parish Hall in Tony, WI. Please see the [Diocesan website](#) for more information and to register

## SCHOOL OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP

AUGUST 2020 - APRIL 2021

The Office of Ecclesial Ministry and Diocesan Consultation is offering its 10th year of The School of Servant Leadership and is now accepting applications for 2020-2021 cohort. You can learn more and register online at the [Diocesan Website](#).

Contact Chris Newkirk: 715-394-0204; [cnewkirk@catholicdos.org](mailto:cnewkirk@catholicdos.org).