

FROM MSGR. JOHN HYLAND

Pope Benedict XVI has designated June 19, 2009 through June 19, 2010 as the Year for Priests. This year-long celebration begins on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a day on which we pray for the sanctification of all priests. The Holy Father has likewise declared St. John Vianney the Universal Patron of All Priests on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the saint's death.

The Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) offers resources which can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/yearforpriests/index.shtml>.

COMMUNICATION OFFICE

July 1 deadline: Since the Diocese upgraded to Office 2007 in December we have emailed documents in the old ".doc format" and will do so until July 1. After that we will start emailing documents in the new ".docx format".

What this means is that we are not requiring parishes to purchase or upgrade to Office 2007 by July 1, but have the ability to open Office 2007 documents.

If you are using Office 2000, Office XP, or Office 2003 there is a free compatibility patch that will allow you to open the new format (Office 2007 files). If you have an older version, like Office 1997, then you must upgrade to one of these supported versions. The free patch can be downloaded from this website:

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=941B3470-3AE9-4AEE-8F43-C6BB74CD1466&displaylang=en>.

Office 2007 orders are due June 10. On your behalf, the Diocese can order an Office 2007 Professional Plus license for \$65 (plus tax and handling) **per computer**. This package has Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher and Outlook included. If you would like to order contact Rob Butterworth, butterworth@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 273.

HOLY HOURS OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS are continuing across the Diocese during the month of June. You are invited and encouraged to come and pray for the gift of vocations. Here is the schedule for June:

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| June 4: St. Mary Parish, Iowa City (7 PM) | June 11: Holy Family Parish, Ft. Madison (7 PM) |
| June 15: St. Mary Parish, Albia (11 AM) | June 16: St. Mary Parish, Solon (7 PM) |
| June 18: St. Mary Parish, Williamsburg (7 PM) | |

Please pray for the success of these Holy Hours. More Holy Hours are scheduled across the Diocese for June, July, August and September and a full schedule is in *The Catholic Messenger*. Please encourage your parishioners to come and pray for the gift of vocations.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Sessions are open to all adults in the Diocese of Davenport and are mandated for all employees and those volunteers who work on a regular basis with children. To schedule a session contact your deanery facilitator listed on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org (Offices, Protecting Children, Safe Environment, Protecting God's Children) or Virginia Trujillo, trujillo@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 256. Current training scheduled (as of May 29):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
9/09/09	SS. Mary & Mathias, Muscatine	6:30 p.m.

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002, or vacdav@attglobal.net or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

FINANCE OFFICE

Gavin Audit: All parishes and schools were to have submitted by May 31 a list of 1) **all employees** and 2) **all volunteers who work with children or dependant adults**. For questions regarding the list or forms for outstanding background checks contact Lynnette Sowell (immediately as the report is due soon), sowells@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 235.

Parishioner address lists were due May 1 and some parishes have not submitted their list. To check the status of your parish contact Lynnette Sowell. Due to the new postal regulations for bulk mailings, we ask that parishioner address changes be submitted on a monthly basis.

National Collections Remittance: Please send one remittance check, postmarked no later than June 26, for **all** national collections that are on your parish books. Mail all payments to the attention of Lauren Flores.

401K

- July 1 is one of the two times participants can change the amount of their 401K contribution. Also, employees who have waived their enrollment previously can begin to contribute.
- Employees who have been employed longer than one year may be eligible to participate as of July 1, 2009.
- Employee must be at least 21 years of age, and have completed one year of service. Our plan defines this year of service as a 12-month period in which an employee works at least 1,000 hours for the employer. This 12 month starts the day the employee begins work.
- If you would like your contribution to remain the same, you do not need to take any action.
- Changes will take effect with your July paycheck.
- Remember that the Plan allows withdrawals only when you retire or terminate employment.
- TIAA-CREF accounts do not belong to the Diocese, but they belong to the participants.

PASTORAL SERVICES

Social Action . . .

New Social Action Director: Kent Ferris joined the Social Action Team as the new director May 18. Kent has an extensive background in human services. He has taken the opportunity to introduce himself to others during his first week by attending the meetings of the Iowa Catholic Conference and Social Action Commission. Kent can be reached at ferris@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 269.

Respect Life Program Materials: A parish kit is available for promoting Respect Life Sunday on October 4. To receive the kit, email the following information to Esmeralda Guerrero, guerrero@davenportdiocese.org. 1) Parish name and town, 2) contact name, 3) contact phone number and 4) contact email address (if not the pastor or office contact).

Your order must be placed by June 15. If you do not place an order you will not receive any promotional materials. Kits will be mailed directly to the parish by the USCCB. Each kit will contain six-full color pamphlet length articles, a CD with all articles, additional resources, program models, clip art and other components of the program in English and Spanish. There will also be a poster and flyer in English and Spanish as well as a liturgy guide and an order form for additional copies of the individual resources. The CD provides reproducible copies of most materials.

The Diocesan Immigration Program helps reunite families split by immigration. The immigration counselors, Laura Raya-Ferreira and Gricelda G. Garnica, are approved by the United States Citizenship & Immigration Services to file necessary forms and documents to start the process of uniting families living in or outside the United States. Our office can assist immigrants with consular processing or adjustment of status.

Our staff is bilingual in English and Spanish. Replacement of permanent resident cards and naturalization/citizenship are some of the services we offer. Call our office if you have been waiting several years or if you have moved since filing your petition. To learn more or for an appointment contact Karina Garnica at 563-324-1912, ext. 232 or 563-324-8119. Information can also be found at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/saimmigrationprogram.htm>.

Postville Anniversary of Raid: On May 12 over 30 priests, religious and lay people from the Diocese of Davenport traveled to participate with hundreds of others from many Iowa towns and several states in the remembrance services for the people and the town so impacted by the immigration raid one year ago that date.

In St. Bridget's Church, the Archbishop of Dubuque, local parish leaders, and leaders from the Lutheran and Jewish traditions spoke. In different words, all echoed the words of Archbishop Hanus who said, "Let us proclaim the year 2009 as the year for comprehensive immigration reform. We must work so that there would no longer be any immigration raids—no more immigration raids to traumatize a people, to separate families, to destroy businesses, to shatter towns and to scar hearts forever."

Immigration reform is needed to replace the outdated patchwork of laws and rules that no longer serve either people or the country well. Approximately 60 people are still confined to Postville by GPS anklets. As they are not legal residents, they are unable to work, unable to receive any state or federal aid, and must depend totally on the generosity of others for their existence. So far, donations to support these women and their children have come from 49 states and several foreign countries. The need for assistance continues as the date for court appearances has been put off many times, the latest being November, 18 months after the raid and the week of trials that jailed or deported 389 people. Prayers and contributions are still needed. For pictures, information and the opportunity to provide support, go to: <http://www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us/PostvilleRelief/>.

JustFaith: Fr. Richard Bresnehan, retired pastor from the Diocese of Peoria, and a team of JustFaith graduates from the Illinois and Iowa Quad-Cities have created a JustFaith follow-on group of JustFaith graduates that seeks to take advantage of the new graduates, acting as a group for social change. The graduates have selected the broad topics of hunger and housing as the areas from which to hone in on initiatives. If you are a JustFaith graduate and interested in working with other JustFaith graduates, contact Glenn Leach, 563-324-1912, ext. 244 or leach@davenportdiocese.org for contact information.

SHARE Iowa: Are you a volunteer at your local church? Do you make a dish for community dinners? Or give your time in some other way if so, you can participate in SHARE Iowa. SHARE Iowa offers a tasty, nutritious grocery package at **half the retail cost** in exchange for 2 hours of volunteer services in your community. For more information please contact SHARE Iowa at www.shareiowa.org or call 1-800-344-1107.

Pacem in Terris: Hildegard Goss-Mayr of Austria has been selected to receive the Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award on September 20, at 3:00 p.m. The award ceremony will take place in Christ the King Chapel at St. Ambrose University. To read more about Hildegard go to <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/index.htm>

Faith Formation . . .

Catholics in Action, our annual diocesan youth service retreat, will be held June 28-30 at Clear Creek Amana High School. Parish groups from around our diocese will gather for three days of service, prayer, fun and growth. More information is available at www.davenportdiocese.org.

A TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Retreat will be held July 11-13 at Clear Creek Amana High School. TEC is a 3-day retreat for high school juniors and seniors (college freshmen also are welcome) that focuses on the Paschal Mystery. Applications are online at www.davenportyouth.org.

Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) is the premier training opportunity offered in Iowa for Catholic youth to learn leadership skills. It brings together youth from around the state for six days to learn how they can grow their God-given gifts for service to the Church. CLI participants return to their parishes to be more effective leaders. Information about CLI is available online at www.davenportyouth.org.

August Leadership Gathering: "Adolescent Catechesis: Knowing Jesus, Growing as Disciples" will be held August 6, at Regina High School in Iowa City. Ann Marie Eckert of the Center for Ministry Development will be our presenter in which leaders will grow in their understanding of and vision for adolescent catechesis in all of its settings. Cost is \$49 and includes all workshop materials, lunch and refreshment. A registration flier is attached. Deadline to register is July 31.

New Parish and School Leaders Orientation: August 11. New parish faith formation leaders, youth ministry leaders and principals of Catholic schools are invited to this diocesan orientation gathering at St. Vincent Center in Davenport. More information will be sent soon to all parishes and schools.

Diocesan High School Youth Rally: “Jesus Christ: King of Heart & Soul” will be Sunday, October 4 at the Coralville Marriott. Our keynoter will be storyteller and singer ValLimar Jansen. Cost is \$38 per person for parishes registering by Tuesday, Sept. 22. Additional registrations will be taken until Tuesday, Sept. 29 at a higher fee. A promotional flier and other registration materials will be e-mailed to all parish leaders soon.

NET (National Evangelization Teams) retreats will be offered in our diocese December 4-16. If you are interested in hosting NET at your parish or school, please contact Pat Finan at finan@davenportdiocese.org as soon as possible. Parishes and schools requesting dates are asked to provide their top THREE dates; at least one of these dates should not be a weekend date. Mondays are not available. For more information about NET, please go to www.netusa.org.

2010 Junior High Youth Rally will be held Sunday, March 21 at Regina Catholic Education Center in Iowa City. Our keynoter will be Catholic storyteller and singer Anne Marie Cribbin. For more information, go to www.davenportyouth.org.

Marriage Preparation Weekends:

- June 27-28: Sigourney, St. Mary (registration deadline June 19)
- August 15-16: Newton, Sacred Heart (registration deadline August 7)
- October 17-18: Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias (registration deadline October 9)
- February 20-21: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney (registration deadline February 12)

The registration form is on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org (Faith Formation Office, Marriage Preparation). Registration is \$125 per couple. For information about marriage preparation in our diocese or neighboring dioceses contact Barb Butterworth, 563-324-1912, ext. 265 or butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org or IlaMae Hanisch.

Ministry Formation Program (MFP): The offerings for the 2009-10 year are:

1) Year I Basic:

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| Sept. 12: Ecclesial Ministry & Ministries | Sept. 19: Retreat |
| Oct. 10 & 24: Baptism | Nov. 7: Holy Orders |
| Nov. 21: Matrimony | Dec. 5 & 19: Anointing & Reconciliation |
| Jan. 16 & 23: Confirmation | Feb. 6 & 20: Eucharist |
| March 6 & 20: Personal & Pastoral Themes for Ministry | April 10 & 24: Catholicism |

2) Catechetical Specialization:

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| Sept. 19: Retreat | Sept. 26: Catechesis |
| Oct. 17: Catechetical Minister | Nov. 14: Program Development |
| Dec. 12: Professional Practice I | Jan. 9: Professional Practice II |
| Feb. 13: Pastoral Praxis I | March 13: Pastoral Praxis II |
| April 17: Legal Issues | May 8: Youth Ministry/Young Adult |

A brochure with additional details is attached. If you would like brochures for distribution contact Barb Butterworth, butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org. Application packets may be found at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/ffmfppg1.htm>. For further information contact IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org or 641-791-3435.

HOPE AND HEALING MINISTRIES®

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: July 24-26, Rock Island, IL and November 6-8, Newton. The confidential, supportive retreat is for anyone seeking spiritual and emotional healing after abortion. For more information, to donate, or volunteer please call 563-322-1645, or email hopeandhealingtoday@gmail.com. Scholarships are available. You can also visit www.rachelsvineyard.org, or call a toll-free hotline at 1-877-896-HOPE.

Hope and Healing Ministries is a ministry that offers healing retreats with counseling services, counseling referrals, toll-free hotline, support groups, mentoring, and educational seminars to women and men (including family members) who are struggling with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion or sexual abuse. Services were created to help one experience the mercy, compassion, and love of God while providing an opportunity to surface and release feelings of anger, shame, guilt and grief in a safe setting.

2009 SUMMER YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM AT ST. AMBROSE

The Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies is a ministry education program offered at St. Ambrose University in conjunction with the Center for Ministry Development for those in ministry with youth ages 11 – 18, both in parish and school settings. Courses offered this summer:

Principles of Youth Ministry, June 11-12	Practices of Youth Ministry, June 13-14
Foundations for Ministry Leadership, July 9-10	Skills for Christian Leadership, July 11-12

Participants will experience the following benefits:

- Confidence. Participants feel more confident in their youth ministry role because they have integrated and applied the most recent and innovative theory and approaches into their own setting.
- Competence. The comprehensive sequence of courses provides a solid foundation of theory, theology and practical approaches, which can be applied in any parish or school youth ministry setting.
- Credibility. This is a nationally recognized curriculum, offered in over 30 sites and sponsored by over 50 diocese. Graduates of this curriculum are in parish, school and diocesan leadership positions across the country.

The fee for each two-day course is \$180, which includes tuition, books, materials and refreshments. Parish or school team discount is \$180 for the first person, \$135 for the second and \$95 for the third. Each team receives one set of books (additional sets are available at cost). Overnight lodging is available on campus at \$26 per night for a single room, or \$21 each person for a shared room. To register, or for more information, please contact Stella O'Rourke at 563/333-6083 or OrourkeStellaJ@sau.edu.

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE RETREAT, WHEATLAND

Included with this issue is an attachment listing the summer and fall programs. The June events follow. For information or to register contact Barb Gross, olpretreat@gmail.com or 563-336-8414.

KNIT ONE, PRAY TOO! A Day of Knitting, Fellowship & Prayer

Tuesday, June 9, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Presenters: Ann Green, Anne Johnson, Karen Brooke

Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

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Target Audience: All knitters, including beginners, women and men

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Karen Brooke is a lay minister at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and development director for the Sisters of Humility. Call 533-336-8401 for more details.

COME TO THE QUIET Summer or Autumn Silent Retreat Day

Tuesday, June 16 **or** Tuesday, October 6

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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WALKING FOR YOUR SPIRIT

Thursday, June 18, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Presenters: Lisa Bellomy and Joan Sheil, CHM

Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

Be in the moment—observe the beauty around you and reconnect with yourself. Discover that walking can lead to inner peace, mental focus, and spiritual awareness. After a short warm-up we’ll walk and explore The Prairie trails as a group. Following a healthy lunch break, you’ll enjoy a personal journey walking the labyrinth or hiking alone or with new friends.

Target Audience: People interested in walking as a spiritual exercise

Lisa Bellomy, a nature hiker since days hunting mushrooms with her dad, and once did backpacking in the Grand Canyon. Lisa is the communications director for the Sisters of Humility.

Sr. Joan Sheil, CHM, member and archivist of the Sisters of Humility and retired library director at the former Marycrest College, is an avid bird watcher and seasoned Rocky Mountain hiker.

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

Deacons

Diocesan Liturgical Commission

Priests

Diocesan Pastoral Council

Diocesan Planning Commission

Diocesan Corporate Board

Parishes

Principals

Seminarians

Youth Ministers

Parish Lay Directors

Diocesan Board of Education

Directors/Coordinators of Faith Formation

Pastoral Associates

Sisters

Bookkeepers

RCIA Parish Contacts

Other interested persons are welcome to subscribe. If you have questions regarding your subscription contact Laurie Hoefling, hoefling@davenportdiocese.org.

Diocese of Davenport ~ 2009 August Gathering

Knowing Jesus
Adolescent Catechesis
Growing as Disciples

Thursday, Aug. 6, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
at Regina HS, Iowa City
with Ann Marie Eckert
of the Center for Ministry Development

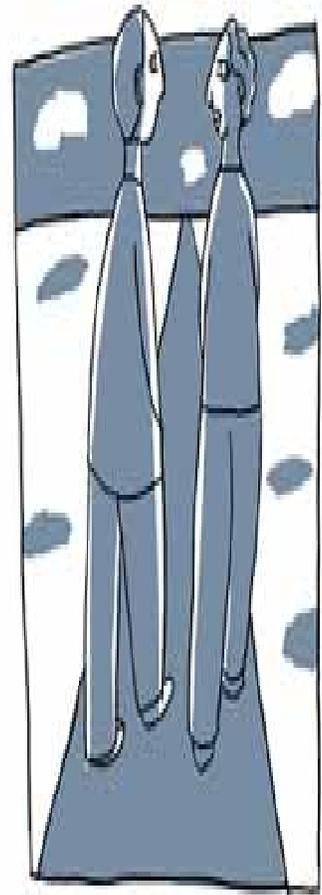
Adolescent Catechesis: Knowing Jesus, Growing as Disciples
Youth and their families grow in the ways that they come to know Jesus and his mission through participation in catechesis and pastoral ministry.

By participating in this workshop, leaders will grow in their understanding of and vision for adolescent catechesis in all of its settings. Leaders will be prepared to assess their current efforts and enact meaningful changes to provide solid catechetical content within pastoral ministry for youth.

The workshop is designed for anyone interested in catechesis and adolescent ministries including Pastors, Coordinators of Youth Ministry, Directors of Religious Education, Coordinators of Confirmation Preparation, and members of ministry teams.

Workshop participants will learn about:

- Ways to promote discipleship towards a lifelong commitment to faithful living.
- Promising practices that are making a real difference in adolescent catechesis.
- Opportunities to engage the parish in helping to mentor and form the faith of youth.
- The latest research and thinking about adolescent catechesis.
- Exciting information about learning styles and dynamic ways of engaging youth in faith learning.



Schedule of the day

8:30 a.m.	Registration / Hospitality / Bookstore Open
9:00	Opening Prayer Session 1: Looking at the Big Picture
10:45	Break / Bookstore Open
11:00	Session 2: Promising Practices in Adolescent Catechesis
12:00 p.m.	Lunch (provided) / Bookstore Open
1:00	Session 3: Helping Youth Learn and Grow in Faith
2:45	Conclusion / Prayer / Bookstore Open
3:30	Bookstore Closes

Presenter

Ann Marie Eckert is a Coordinator for Youth Ministry Services. She is Project Coordinator for YouthLeader, CMD's youth leadership training program and CMD's Leadership Development Workshops.

Ann Marie was staff to CMD's Envisioning and Planning for Adolescent Catechesis. She previously was the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Over the past five years, Ann Marie has contributed to a variety of resources, including...

- *Youth Ministry Access*, a comprehensive youth ministry resource from the Center for Ministry Development.
- *Call to Discipleship*, a high school catechetical resource from Houghton, Mifflin, Harcourt Religion Publishers
- *Call to Faith - A Thematic Approach to Young Adolescent Catechesis*, a junior high catechetical resource from Houghton, Mifflin, Harcourt Religion Publishers
- *Total Faith Series*, a catechetical and pastoral ministry resource from Saint Mary's Press.



Registration deadline: July 31st

Cost: \$49 (includes lunch, refreshments and workshop materials)

For information, contact Barbara Butterworth butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org (563) 324-1912, ext. 265

Name:	
Day Phone Number:	E-mail:
Parish/School:	Parish/School Town:

Make checks payable to Diocese of Davenport and return form and payment to:
Diocese of Davenport, attn. Barbara Butterworth, 2706 N. Gaines St., Davenport, IA 52804-1998

The Call to All Believers

"God calls. We respond. This fundamental, essential pattern in the life of every believer appears throughout salvation history...."

"The basic call is the same for all the followers of Christ, namely "that all Christians in whatever state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life...."

"All the baptized are called to work toward the transformation of the world,"

The Call to Lay Ecclesial Ministry

Within the faith community some are called to a very public ministry in the church. "Their functions of collaboration with the ordained require of lay ecclesial ministers a special level of professional competence and presence to the community. Their position often involve coordinating and directing others in the community. They are frequently employed on a full- or part-time basis by parishes, or church institutions. For these reasons their roles often require academic preparation, certification, credentialing, and a formation that integrates personal, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral dimensions."

*Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord
United States Catholic Bishops
November, 2005*

Formation Opportunities For Specific Ministries

**Personal Enrichment, Parish Council,
Parish Volunteer:**

*MFP Basic Year I
MFP Basic Year II*

**Director/Coordinator Faith Formation,
Director/Coordinator Youth Ministry:**

*MFP Basic Year I
MFP Basic Year II
Specialization - Catechesis*

Liturgist:

*MFP Basic Year I
MFP Basic Year II
Specialization - Liturgy*

Pastoral Associate:

*MFP Basic Year I
MFP Basic Year II
Specialization - Catechesis
Specialization - Liturgy
Parish Life Administration
(8 specified courses)*

Finance Administrator:

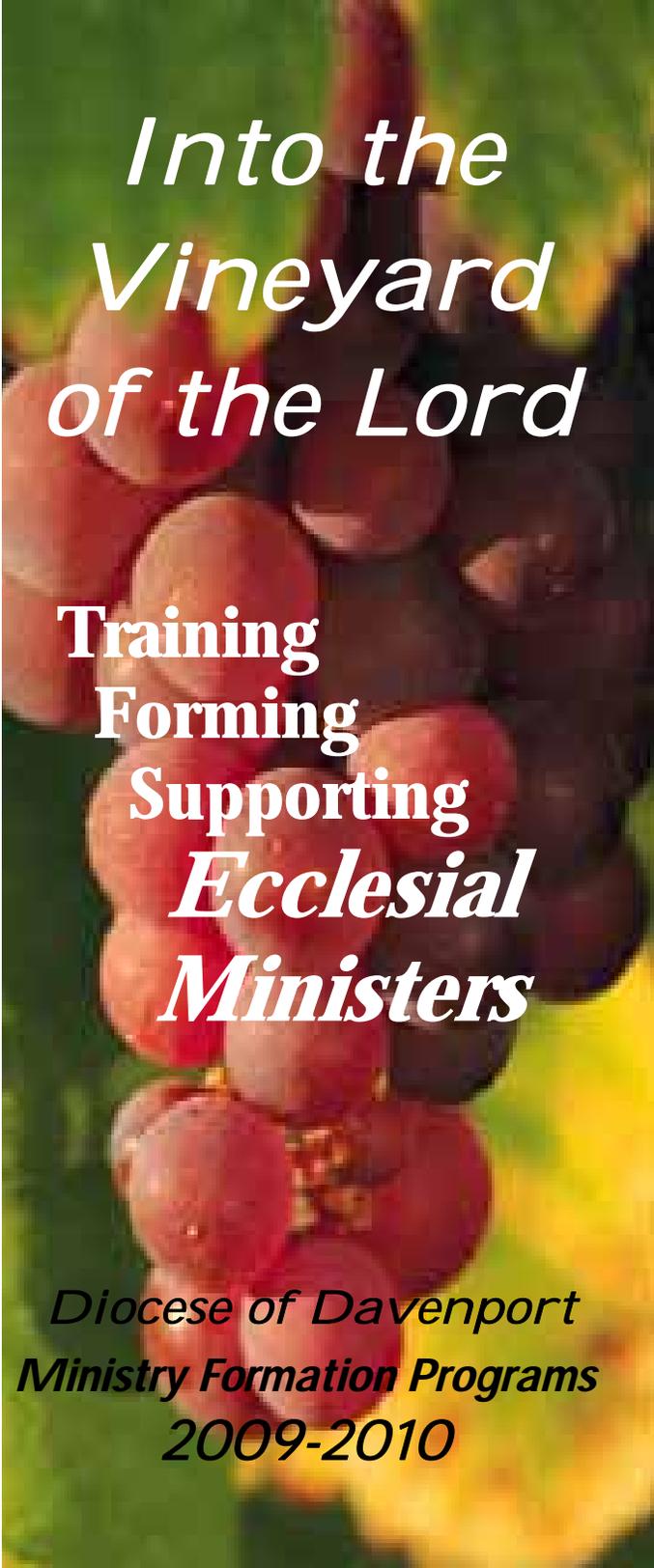
*MFP Basic Year II
Parish Life Administration
(4 specified courses)*

Deacon:

*MFP Basic Year I
MFP Basic Year II
Diaconate Formation Process*

Parish Life Administrator:

*MFP Basic Year I
MFP Basic Year II
Specialization - Catechesis
Specialization - Liturgy
Parish Life Administration*



*Into the
Vineyard
of the Lord*

*Training
Forming
Supporting
Ecclesial
Ministers*

*Diocese of Davenport
Ministry Formation Programs
2009-2010*

MFP BASIC Year I 2009-2010

ICN participants meet two Saturdays per month from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at ICN locations around the diocese.

Non-ICN participants review the recorded ICN classes and then meet once a month for three hours for small group work. Your schedule is determined by your group and its facilitator.

Register for one course or for the full curriculum.

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Apr 24, 2010	Catholicism

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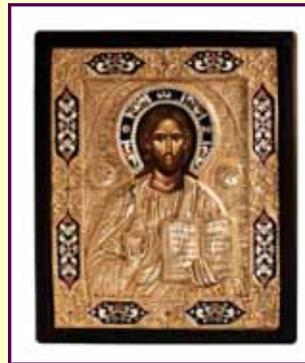
Credentials may be reviewed to waive some course requirements.

CATECHETICAL Specialization 2009-2010

Curriculum meets the National Certification Standards for Catechetical Leaders (USCCB, 2003).

Sessions are 8:30-2:30 at Williamsburg Community Recreation Center, 939 Highland Street, Williamsburg IA 52361 (I-80 exit 220).

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Registration Fees 2009-2010

Basic MFP Year I (8 month program)

ICN format:

- Resident of diocese, \$150
- Non-resident of diocese, \$225
- Individual course fee, \$25

Non-ICN format:

- Resident of diocese, \$175
- Non-resident of diocese, \$250
- Individual course fee, \$25

All rates are per person

Parish group rates available

Catechetical Specialization (9 month program)

- Resident of diocese, \$200
- Non-resident of diocese, \$250
- Individual course fee, \$25

All fees are per person.

Application forms and policies for all programs may be found on the diocesan web site.

www.davenportdiocese.org

From the Offices tab, choose Faith Formation and then Lay Ministry.

IlaMae Hanisch, M.P.S.
Ministry Formation Coordinator
hanisch@davenportdiocese.org
641-791-3435

Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat Wheatland, IA

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Presenters: Lisa Bellomy and Joan Sheil, CHM

Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

Be in the moment—observe the beauty around you and reconnect with yourself. Discover that walking can lead to inner peace, mental focus, and spiritual awareness. After a short warm-up we’ll walk and explore The Prairie trails as a group. Following a healthy lunch break, you’ll enjoy a personal journey walking the labyrinth or hiking alone or with new friends.

Target Audience: People interested in walking as a spiritual exercise

Lisa Bellomy, a nature hiker since days hunting mushrooms with her dad, and once did backpacking in the Grand Canyon. Lisa is the communications director for the Sisters of Humility.

Sr. Joan Sheil, CHM, member and archivist of the Sisters of Humility and retired library director at the former Marycrest College, is an avid bird watcher and seasoned Rocky Mountain hiker.

THE WHEEL OF LIFE
A Medieval Meditation on the Modern Spiritual Life

Thursday, July 9, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Presenter: Rev. Becky David, MPS, MDiv
Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

We are all aware of the constant changes presented to us in our personal and professional lives. These changes often cause great suffering and leave us fearful for our future. How do we begin to reframe our experience within a spirituality that leaves us hopeful and with applicable tools to handle the large and small frustrations that cause us to forget to whom we belong? Come and experience an ancient answer to these modern questions and begin a transformation of healing.

Target Audience: Women

Rev. Becky David currently serves as Director of Spiritual Care for Genesis Health System. A graduate of St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA and Loyola University, Chicago, she has served as adjunct faculty at St. Ambrose and Loyola. Rev. Becky is an ordained member of the United Church of Christ and a certified spiritual director.

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

Tuesday, July 14, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Presenter: Fr. Bob Pierson, OSB
Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

Fr. Bob will share his reflections on God's unconditional love and mercy as it is exemplified in the life and teaching of Jesus and his parables, especially those in St. Luke's Gospel.

Target Audience: All those who want to reflect on God's love for them.

Fr. Bob Pierson, OSB, is a monk at St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, MN. In his 25 years as a priest, he has served in parish ministry, seminary formation, and university campus ministry. He is currently the guest master at the Abbey Guesthouse and director of the Spiritual Life Program at the abbey.

SABBATH IN THE MIDST OF MINISTRY

Friday, July 31, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Presenter: IlaMae Hanisch
Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

Finding creative joy in life can be a challenge when we minister to others. We will explore ways to create Sabbath time in our own lives as we lead others. Come and discover time for your own spiritual nourishment.

Target Audience: Full and part-time ministers

IlaMae Hanisch worked in Catholic parish ministry for eighteen years and has been with the Diocese of Davenport for the past eleven years. She is currently coordinator for lay ministry formation and adult/family formation. She has led numerous retreats, workshops and seminars.

LEARN, ACT FOR EARTH'S SAKE

Saturday, August 1, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Presenter: Cathleen Real, CHM
Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

Presentation, discussion, reflection on climate change, the fragility of the Earth and how we can work to retain the glory of God's creation. A panel of experts will present information and lead a discussion on environmental issues. There will also be time for reflection and enjoyment of the Earth's beauty at Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat.

Target Audience: Anyone interested in preserving our environment

Sr. Cathleen Real, CHM, a member of the Sisters of Humility, recently completed training in addressing climate change and strategies for reducing greenhouse gases with Nobel Laureate Al Gore as the principal trainer. Her presentation uses updated slides based on the academy award winning film, *An Inconvenient Truth*.

“LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED”

Being at peace in an anxious world

Tuesday, August 11, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Presenter: Fr. Robert J. Miller

Fee: \$15:00 – includes lunch

Never before in history has our world been filled with such intense anxiety. This uneasiness causes society to regress, families to become reactive and blaming, and impacts politics, culture, and health. We will examine all this, and offer timeless wisdom from Scripture, spirituality and psychology to promote calm, non-anxious, courageous living and leadership for our 21st century.

Target Audience: Anyone who loves the Lord and Scripture, and seeks to live more deeply and spiritually in an anxious culture!

Fr. Robert J. Miller, former associate pastor of St. Alphonsus Church in Davenport, IA, is pastor of St. Dorothy Parish in Chicago. He preaches missions and retreats nationally, celebrates healing and charismatic Masses, and teaches in the archdiocesan deacon formation program.

KNIT ONE, PRAY TOO!

A Day of Knitting, Fellowship & Prayer

Tuesday, August 18, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Presenters: Ann Green, Anne Johnson, Karen Brooke

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SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: A Healing Balm

Tuesday, August 25, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Lucy Abbott Tucker

Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

Everyone experiences trauma in life, from mild to severe depending upon one's life circumstances. We will define trauma and its characteristics, and will help spiritual directors be a compassionate presence to others as they heal from their traumas. We will talk about how and when a spiritual director should refer a directee. This program will be didactic and experiential.

Target Audience: Spiritual directors but open to anyone who sits with others in a helping relationship.

Lucy Abbott Tucker has worked at the Institute for Spiritual Leadership in Chicago for over 25 years preparing individuals for the ministry of spiritual direction. She is active in the work of Spiritual Directors International and has been involved in retreats and workshops in Europe and Canada. She is the author of several articles related to the ministry of spiritual direction.

CREATING A NEW PARISH CULTURE

Thursday, September 3, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Presenter: Sr. Caridad Inda, CHM

Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

Old customs, behavior patterns and convictions are disappearing, causing apprehension and uncertainty as well as liberation and freedom. These shifts redefine our culture that is always geographic and time specific.

We will examine a small but significant aspect of these current shifts as they impact parish culture, especially parishes that are becoming more bicultural or multicultural. We will address changes in behaviors and qualities, deeply-rooted attitudes as distinguished from “fads” of the moment, process of cultural shift, and the process of building a comfortable, sustaining faith community that embraces all significant elements of multicultural traditions in the parish.

Target Audience: Multi-cultural parish personnel: pastors, DREs, parish councils, school principals, teachers, youth ministers, lay leaders and active parishioners.

Sr. Caridad Inda, CHM, a Sister of the Humility of Mary, is an international educator who co-founded CIRIMEX, a total immersion, one-on-one Spanish Language and Culture Center in Guadalajara, Mexico, where she has served as executive director for nearly 30 years.

A RETREAT USING the WORK and WRITINGS of JEAN VANIER and HENRI NOUWEN

Tuesday, September 15, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Presenter: Jo Anne Horstmann

Fee: \$25.00 – includes lunch

(Fee includes *Essential Writings* by Jean Vanier)

This day will offer a time to reflect on how to simplify our spiritual lives by focusing on what is most essential: our relationship with Jesus and with others. We will listen to and learn from Jean Vanier, the founder of an international community called L'Arche, and Henri Nouwen, a well-known spiritual writer who lived his last years in a L'Arche community in Canada. L'Arche is based on developing mutually transformative relationships with people with developmental disabilities. The day will include times of prayer, input and personal reflection.

Target Audience: Those interested in deepening their spiritual journey.

JoAnne Horstman has been a member of L'Arche since 1989. From 1989 to 2001 she was the Community Leader for the L'Arche community in Clinton, Iowa, and since that time has been the Central U.S. Regional Coordinator for L'Arche.

ART, PRAYER & WORSHIP

September 23, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Gale Francione

Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

What is the relationship between the visual arts and prayer? Be with us as we explore how art can deepen our personal prayer life and how we can create an inviting atmosphere for group prayer.

Bring an object or two—a favorite image, an art reproduction, an aesthetically beautiful or meaningful keepsake. It can be any two-or three-dimensional object and it must be without words on it.

Target Audience: Those who pray and find themselves leading prayer, and those who love the arts.

Gale Francione is a liturgical consultant working with congregations when they build or renovate their churches. She has a passion for the visual arts and the liturgy, and loves to share opportunities to blend the two. She has a Masters in Art History and in Pastoral Studies. Gale lives in Davenport.

THE RECIPE FOR MOTHERHOOD

Monday, September 28, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Presenter: Marilyn Riley

Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

Marilyn will walk with you on the journey through motherhood. She will include many ingredients that will make your life as a mother sweet as honey.

Target Audience: Mothers of all ages, especially those raising young children.

Marilyn Riley: Partners in Faith Ministry started in January of 2007. Marilyn has a message of faith and hope about her struggles in 2003. Her son, Sgt. Badley Korthaus, died in Iraq and her husband died a few months later. She and her husband, Fran Riley, speak at churches and organizations.

COME TO THE QUIET

Autumn Silent Retreat Day

Tuesday, October 6, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$10.00 – lunch included

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WEEKEND RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Friday, October 9, 7 p.m. – Sunday, October 11, 10 a.m.

Presenter: Sr. Ramona Kaalberg, CHM

Fee: \$100 (includes Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast)

An opportunity for women to come to a quiet setting to celebrate God's presence reflected in the wonders of nature. A time to be attentive to God's presence in the midst of ordinary daily experiences on life's journey.

Target Audience: Women. Limit: 8

Sr. Ramona Kaalberg, CHM, coordinator of formation for the Sisters of Humility, completed the Spiritual Direction Program at Creighton University, Omaha NE.

KNIT ONE, PRAY TOO!

A Day of Knitting, Fellowship & Prayer

Tuesday, October 20, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Presenters: Ann Green, Anne Johnson, Karen Brooke

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Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

General Information

Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat is located in rural east central Iowa on a 200-acre tall grass prairie and woodland along the Wapsipinicon River. Two air-conditioned buildings with wrap-around porches include Victorian House with chapel, and staff facilities; and Prairie Heights that offers a Great Room with fireplace and breakfast nook, kitchen, eight guest rooms with bath connecting each two rooms. The garden level provides a spacious meeting or activity room, small library, and an efficiency apartment.

New Horizons of Faith (Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat) is a ministry of the Sisters of the Congregation of the Humility of Mary, Davenport, Iowa.

Mission Statement: We who carry on ministry at Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat provide hospitality and service in a sacred area of peace and beauty that promotes respect for all creation in the tradition of the Humility of Mary Community. We welcome all to come for prayer, spiritual renewal, solitude, conferences and meetings.

Programs for Summer & Fall 2009 Registration Form

Name _____ Phone: _____
Address _____ E-mail: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Date: _____ Program: _____
Date: _____ Program: _____
Date: _____ Program: _____

Cost: \$15 per person includes lunch except where indicated. Amount enclosed: _____

Make check payable to New Horizons of Faith. Receipt of payment confirms the registration.

Mail to: Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat
Attention: Barb Gross
820 West Central Park Avenue
Davenport, Iowa 52804-1900

**Because space is limited, registration is on a first come/first serve basis.
We encourage early registration. Cancellations must be made at least 48 hours
in advance of scheduled event or registration fee will be forfeited.**

Bring a friend. If a family member, neighbor, colleague, or friend is interested in the program you are planning to attend, please invite him or her to come with you.

Share this brochure. If, for some reason, you do not plan to attend a Prairie summer or fall program this year, please pass this brochure on to a friend who might be interested in registering for a program.

Send us names. Do you know someone who may want a Prairie experience but cannot attend one of the programs? Send us name and address on the back of registration form and we will send general information about Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat.

If you know someone who would be interested in Our Lady of the Prairie programs, please give us name and address and we will send brochure:

(Please send additional names and addresses on separate sheet. Thank you.)

Are you receiving duplicate copies of The Prairie brochures? Yes _____ No _____

If you would prefer to have your name removed from our mailing list, please check here. _____

Please send us address corrections. Thank you.

Preserving Our Prairie on Our Planet

A mission of the Congregation of the Humility of Mary and Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat is our commitment to the care of the earth. And so:

We strongly *encourage* our guests to carpool to The Prairie whenever possible so as to conserve on the use of gasoline and lessen air pollution. (Check with our office for rides from your area.)

We strongly *discourage* the use of plastic water bottles. If you must bring a plastic bottle to The Prairie, we ask that you take it with you when you leave. Be assured that a pitcher of ice water is always available for use by our guests.

We strongly *encourage* our guests to join us in our efforts to reduce, recycle, and reuse at The Prairie.

Other Opportunities at Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat

The Labyrinth is an ancient sacred symbol. While walking the labyrinth, one enters into a mystery of the Circle of Life. This is a place to pray, to heal, to deepen awareness of life as a sacred journey.

Way of the Cross† Guests have occasion to meditate on the 14 stations of the cross in an outdoor site.

A Contemplative Setting is located near the wildlife pond where guests may sit to pray, reflect, sketch, paint, meditate, and relax. Nearby is the statue of Mary, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom.

Nature Walks: The natural beauty, serenity, and quiet provide an ideal setting for private reflection and nature walks. Guests can also enjoy a variety of birds and other wild life.

Groups of up to 30 and individuals of all faiths are encouraged to use Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat. Overnight accommodations are available for ten.

*For further information
and/or to make reservations, contact:*

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