



Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap  
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith  
Living our Catholic Faith in the World

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Focused Dialogues from the National Initiative on Adolescent Catechesis (NIAC):

Our colleagues at the National Initiative for Adolescent Catechesis (NIAC) has developed two effective resources for catechetical leaders, youth ministers and Catholic School principals to dialogue with colleagues as well as volunteers and teachers that center on engagement within the many facets of faith formation. Attached you will find one resource focused on engaging parents and another resource on engaging teens in developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The guides are easy to use and are designed to stimulate conversation on critical questions, issues and strategies in the formation of young people. Uses for these resources can be:

- catechist/youth ministry/teacher in-service
- parent meeting
- parish staff meeting
- diocesan meeting with lay ecclesial ministers from a variety of parish communities

For more information and resources from the National Initiative on Adolescent Catechesis (NIAC) follow this link: <http://www.adolescentcatechesis.org/>

Nine Days for Life is January 17-25 – many resources available for use in formation:

On January 22 our nation will mark the 42nd anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal throughout the U.S. Since that tragic decision, more than 56 million children's lives have been lost to abortion, and many suffer that loss -- often in silence.

Join thousands of Catholics across the country coming together in prayer for a "culture of life" from Saturday, January 17 - Sunday, January 25! There is a Novena that you can load onto your phone whether you have Apple or Android type phone. For other resources and prayer opportunities follow the USCCB link here: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/9-days-for-life-resources-for-leaders.cfm> Attached is one of the prayer options which is a holy hour for reparation and healing.

Emmaus Confirmation Retreat Registrations:

The Emmaus Confirmation Retreat will have lots of people attending. So that we have everything planned for you, please have your parish leader/volunteer register your students as soon as you can for this retreat. The on-line registration is only for parish groups. We will accept individuals from parishes but they need to submit a paper registration. If you have any questions, contact Tessa Roberts at 515-1237-5098 or at [troberts@dmdiocese.org](mailto:troberts@dmdiocese.org). Thank you for your help in this matter. Link to registration is:

<https://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1657805>

### CLADD Retreat 2015 in Urbandale:

The 2015 Catechetical Leader retreat will be held on February 12-13 in Urbandale at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites. Attached please find the flyer. Here is what is in store for you:

- Dr. Tom Neal, former director of the Saint Joseph Educational Center and current professor of Spiritual Theology at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, is our retreat facilitator. His motto when facilitating retreats is “The Word made fresh.”
- This year’s theme is “Echoes of Mercy: Building a Culture of Compassion through Catechetical Ministry.”
- The retreat fee will be \$70.00 and includes materials along with wonderful meals (dinner and lunch along with afternoon and morning snacks)
- For those staying at the Holiday Inn and Suites, the room charge is \$104.95 (plus taxes) for an executive king room or a double queen room. A deluxe breakfast is included at Bennigan’s Restaurant for those staying.
- The CLADD Retreat is open to current and retired catechetical leaders, youth ministers, adult faith formation directors, and any staff who work in formational ministry. The retreat topic focuses on ministry and the lay minister, not a specific ministry. If you haven’t attended in the past please give this a shot...you will not be disappointed.
- Registration is open by contacting Sherri Simmer at [ssimmer@dmdiocese.org](mailto:ssimmer@dmdiocese.org).

Attached to the E-Newsletter you will find a flyer for the Retreat. You do not want to miss our annual retreat opportunity. Scholarships are available to help offset the cost of the retreat. For more information about the retreat or scholarships, contact John Gaffney at [jgaffney@dmdiocese.org](mailto:jgaffney@dmdiocese.org).

### Faith Formation, Sacramental Prep and Youth Ministry Fee Schedule:

Attached Please find a copy of the RE, youth ministry and sacramental prep fee schedules for parishes around our diocese. This information is for internal use only and should not be shared with those outside of staff or your advisory boards/committees.

### Face Prayer by Father James Pinto, MEV

Heavenly Father, I embrace your grace this day,  
So that I might not:  
Think of another,  
Speak to another or  
Touch another,  
without first looking for  
Your Face in the other.  
I ask all this through Jesus Christ:  
God Incarnate,  
God with Skin,  
God made Poor,  
God with a Face.  
Amen!

Trusted curated sites used for this newsletter include:

- National Initiative for Adolescent Catechesis - <http://www.adolescentcatechesis.org/>
- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops 9 Days for Life – [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com)
- Diocese of Des Moines Office of Youth Ministry - <http://www.dmdiocese.org/youthministry.cfm>
- Diocese of Des Moines Office of Catechetical Ministry - <http://www.dmdiocese.org/faith-formation.cfm>
- Priests for Life – [www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org)

