

Department of
Evangelization & Catechesis

Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
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“Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.” (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 164)

CLADD Retreat More Reasons to register today:



Numbers are increasing for our fabulous CLADD Retreat scheduled for February 7 & 8, 2019 at the Holiday Inn and Suites on Merle Hay Road in Des Moines. Our retreat facilitator is highly in demand and well loved in Des Moines, Julianne Stanz. We still have room available and YOU do not want to miss this opportunity to invest time in your relationship with God and with colleagues who share your passion for formation ministry. Scholarships are still available thanks to very generous donors.

To tempt you further to take the plunge here are some other details:

- Food: The CLADD Leadership Team has selected an incredible menu of food that will include a London Broil and Herb Crusted Salmon, four options of salads, two different sides, three options of desserts, as well as a soup, salad and potato bar for lunch and lots of table munchies.
- Goodie bags filled with retreat necessities and some nice gifts to warm the heart
- Our Thursday evening social for everyone whether you are staying at the hotel or not to get to know your ministry colleagues a bit better over adult beverages and snacks.
- The opportunity to pray and share our faith together.

What more can you ask for. The retreat flyer is attached. This retreat is for all catechetical leaders: youth ministry, adult faith, sacramental prep/RCIA and religious education. Give yourself a gift today.

NCYC Information Sheet for Initial Planning:

Sherri, Justin and I are working hard on the final plans for the pilgrimage to Indianapolis this November. Although there are still some outstanding issues to think about, attached is some information that will assist you in initial meetings with parents.



We had discussions yesterday out West and will also have conversation tomorrow at CLADD. There will also be an information GoTo Digital Meetings near the end of the month after you receive your NCYC packets. This will give you a chance to formulate questions. Let Justin White know of any initial questions you have. He can be reached at jwhite@dmdiocese.org.

The emcees for NCYC 2019 are Katie Prejean McGrady (Des Moines had her fist at Boldly Sent) and Fr. Augustino Torres, CFR. The opening concert will be For King and Country (after their appearance at the Iowa State Fair.) Iowa Rocks!

Free Webinars that Are Available by Ave Maria Press and NFCYM:



Finding Peace in Parish Ministry

Tuesday, February 5 at 2:00 pm

Presented by Gary Zimak author of Give up Worry for Lent!

Parish ministry can be a very rewarding vocation. If we're not careful, however, it can sometimes lead to anxiety, burnout, or despair. In this presentation, Gary Zimak will offer advice for maintaining your peace as you serve the Lord and His people. As you will discover, the answer is simpler than you might expect!

Use this link to register: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1007552169941857794>

How to Survive Burnout and Thrive in Youth Ministry

Tuesday, February 12 at 1:00 CST

Presented by Christopher Wesley

The longer you are in ministry the more joys and memories you accumulate. Watching life change is a beautiful thing. At the same time the longer you are in ministry the more desert periods you'll face. How you and your team work through them is important. It's not only about having the right resources but creating a culture filled with healthy habits. In this webinar Chris Wesley, Founder of Marathon Youth Ministry, will share his own story of burnout, how he's worked through it and some of the best practices that have helped him, his team and other youth workers thrive in ministry.

Use this link to register: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4207158494430705419>

Going, Going Gone...What Now?

Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 1:00 pm CST

Presented by Dr. Bob McCarty

In their study, the Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics, Saint Mary's Press describes extensive research on young Catholics who have left the Church. This webinar will identify the underlying dynamics that lead to disaffiliation and will propose pastoral strategies that enhance

affiliation and engagement with the faith community. This session builds on the initial webinar ([Going, Going, Gone](#)) originally presented in 2017 and which can be viewed via [NFCYM's webinar library](#).

Use this link to register: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2833733231257878797>

Information for RCIA Rite of Sending and the Rite of Election

Information regarding the logistics and pastoral resources for the Rite of Sending and the Rite of Election will be e-mailed by Sandy Riesberg on Tuesday, January 22.

The information will include a letter to parishes with a packet participation survey and parish placement requests, an instruction letter and details about planning the Rite of Sending.



The Rite of Election will be held on March 9 (Corpus Christi parish – Queen of Apostles Worship Site) and 10, 2019 (St. Ambrose Cathedral.)

An information link will also be included to our website for information on the lesser rites that are incorporated in the Period of the Catechumenate.

Please contact me at jgaffney@dmdiocese.org if you have any questions.

“Let the Church always be
a place of Mercy
AND Hope,
where everyone is welcomed
Loved and Forgiven.”
Pope Francis

