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Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
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Religious Education Fees and Results of Early Childhood Formation Questions:



Attached with this week's e-newsletter are the fee reports from parishes around the diocese as well as the information we gathered regarding early childhood formation programs. Please use these within your parish leadership team but I ask you not to release the fee schedule publicly to respect our colleagues in your neighboring parish communities.

Let me know if you have questions on beginning an early childhood formation program. I can connect you with parishes who have had success in this area who may help you discern movement into this formation opportunity.

Thank you again for the feedback regarding our parish religious education and youth ministry survey.

CLADD Retreat with Sr. Joyce Rupp – February 9-10 in Urbandale – RSVP Today:

Spots are filling up for this year's CLADD Retreat. Take time today and RSVP your attendance to Sherri Simmer.

Sr. Joyce Rupp, O.S.M. will be our retreat facilitator and the topic is "Gestating Grace: Growing in Faith in Difficult Times." Attached to this e-newsletter is a poem written by Sr. Joyce regarding Winter. It is a good example of the reflective tone this retreat will offer participants.



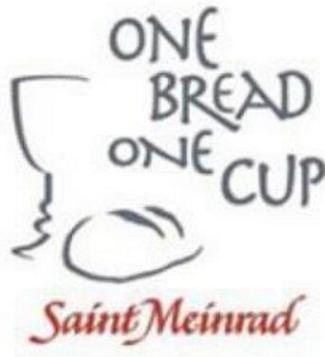
This year's conference returns to the Holiday Inn in Urbandale. Thanks to their partnership the cost is similar to that of last year:

- \$105.95 for an executive king or double queen room (cost is halved if you find a roommate)
- Retreat fee is \$75.00 which covers the cost for the meals and snacks
- Room reservations will need to be made before January 20, 2017 to ensure the special pricing for CLADD

- Sr. Joyce's facilitator fee is covered by the Diocese as part of our ongoing commitment to the catechetical leaders of the diocese, reducing the retreat cost for you.

Sr. Joyce Rupp is in such high demand we are blessed to have her as our retreat facilitator. Because her ministry attracts many people, we have only 45 spots available for this retreat and it is limited to those who are listed in the CLADD Directory as well as retired catechetical leaders.

Youth Liturgical Leadership Conference at Conception Abbey in July 2017:



Help us to locate teen leaders who would benefit from participating in a liturgical conference to enhance their talent and charism. The Diocese of Des Moines has received a very generous donation to partially fund 10 youth participants to attend "One Bread, One Cup" at Conception this summer.

"One Bread, One Cup" is a five-day liturgical leadership conference focusing on the Word, Sacrament and Mission of the Roman Catholic Church for high school youth and their campus and youth ministers. Conferences focus on community building, leadership development, catechesis, liturgical and spiritual formation, and theological reflection. The conference will be held July 17-21, 2017 at Conception Abbey through a partnership between Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology and Conception in Conception, Missouri.

"One Bread, One Cup" has become a well-known program over the past 20 years for youth. It is a tool that can be used, long after the conference days are over, to enter more deeply into every liturgy, every prayer, and every encounter with God. Throughout the conference week, there are opportunities for personal prayer and contemplation, liturgical prayer, charity and action, and vocational discernment while living and actively participating in an intentional Christian community.

Participants come to appreciate the Benedictine balance of prayer, work and recreation. Each participant chooses an area of liturgical formation to focus on during the conference. Those areas include liturgical music, liturgical arts, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, prayer in the life of the Body of Christ, preaching for the Liturgy of the Hours, proclamation of the Word, master of ceremonies/server/sacristan, and hospitality and stewardship.

Bishop Pates invites those who will be confirmed in the 2016-2017 school year to apply for this scholarship, though all youth entering grades 10-12 are welcome and encouraged to apply. Applications are available from the Diocesan Department of Evangelization and Catechesis and the Office of Worship. For more information, email: onebreadonecup@dmdiocese.org.

Catholic Relief Service (CRS) Rice Bowl and Building the Kingdom Campaign for the Holy Ghost Juniorate:

2016 was very successful for both the CRS Rice Bowl and Building the Kingdom Campaign for the Holy Ghost Juniorate. Last year our parish religious education and youth ministry contribution totaled close to \$5,100.00. Thank you.



Every parish that contributed last year indicated that the envelope campaign was very easy and did not interfere with other Lenten outreach activities the parish had planned. The only negative comment that was reported was getting the materials to parishes early in the fall.

Based upon this feedback we hurried up to distribute the posters and envelopes to your parish communities in August and September last year. We ask that you distribute the Rice Bowls and the Nigerian envelopes along with the letter from Bishop Pates to families at the beginning of Lent (one envelope per family rather than per child/teen). At any time during Lent, the family can return the envelope back to their formation class or in the Sunday collection at Mass. Parishes would then forward the money to the Finance Department using the same method for second collections. On behalf of Bishop Pates and our CRS representative, Teresa Dunbar, thank you for helping make opportunities available to share our blessings with those around the world.

This year's CRS theme is Un Tiempo de Encuentro/Encounter Lent. This year's lesson plans and prayer services include spotlights on India, Zambia, El Salvador and Mexico. There are incredible resources for your catechists that are broken into grades 1-3, 4-6 and 7-8. For the educator's guide with many resources follow this link: www.csricebowl.org/parishes. You can also find recipes and stories of hope at www.csricebowl.org.

***We are called to enlarge
the horizons of our hearts,
to be surprised by the life
that is presented each day
with its newness.***

**Pope Francis
Advent Message
November 27, 2016**

