



Dept. of Evangelization &
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Radix Retreat for High School Seniors – Registration Now Open:

Registrations are going well for our 12th Grade retreat titled *Radix*. However, we can always take more and I need your help. Please personally invite the seniors to participate in this retreat. A former Drake campus minister along with some wonderful young adults facilitates the retreat.



Radix is a high school senior retreat on staying "rooted" in the Catholic faith during the transition after high school. Two weekend retreats will be held at the St. Thomas More Center in Panora: March 3-5 and March 31-April 2. Each retreat begins at 7:00 pm on Friday and end by Sunday at 3:45 pm. The cost for the weekend retreat is \$175.00. Limited scholarships are available, as well.

Here is what a few former high school seniors have said about the retreat:

"The Radix retreat really helped me to understand what I was going up against as a Catholic in college and gave me the peace of mind that I can overcome struggles and stay close to God."

- Whitney Fisher, Ankeny High School Grad

"Radix provided an opportunity for me to take a step back and focus on my relationship with God before I went off to college. My experience brought confirmation from God that my plans for next year were in line with His plans for me. As well, Radix offers a great chance for seniors to simply relax and rest with the Lord away from anxieties and stress."

- Ben Baker, Dowling Catholic High School Grad and current seminarian

For more information on the retreat or questions, please contact John Gaffney at jgaffney@dmdiocese.org Registration is online at www.dmdiocese.org/radix.cfm.

One Bread, One Cup Liturgy Conference – July 17-21 at Conception Abbey:

One Bread, One Cup (OBOC) is a five-day Catholic conference at Conception Abbey in Conception, Missouri. Youth and adults discover the Catholic Church's treasures of Word, Sacrament and Mission and enjoy opportunities for fellowship and fun (team building, outdoor recreation, variety show and dance). Participants come to appreciate the Benedictine balance of prayer, work and recreation, while receiving in-depth training (led by college interns).



In our ongoing commitment in assisting growth in missionary discipleship, especially the newly confirmed, Bishop Pates has secured funding to help youth attend a dynamic liturgy conference at Conception Abbey. “Not only does this conference help teens develop their gifts for liturgical ministry, but does so in a peer friendly environment,” commented Bishop Pates. Kim Mandelkow, Diocesan Worship Director said, “*One Bread, One Cup* has become a well-known program for youth, which offers a lasting opportunity for faith formation. 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.”

A generous donation to the Diocese of Des Moines allows us to partially-fund ten conference registrations. Each delegate selected to represent the diocese will receive a \$250 scholarship toward the total cost of \$550. We encourage delegates to seek additional funding through local parish organizations or personal fundraising efforts.

Let me know if you have someone in mind and would like me to come and visit with her/him and parents. This is a wonderful opportunity to help the young person grow in parish leadership. You can reach me at jgaffney@dmdiocese.org.

CLADD Retreat with Sr. Joyce Rupp – February 9-10 in Urbandale – Please pray for us:



Our annual CLADD Retreat is next week. It is not too late to register although we will need your information by Tuesday, February 7, 2017. Please contact Sherri Simmer at ssimmer@dmdiocese.org. The retreat fee is \$75.00.

Please keep us in your prayers on February 9 & 10 as we ponder the movement of God’s grace in our lives as we move through the Paschal Mystery.

Upcoming Webinar with Daniella Zsupan-Jerome on Catechesis in the Digital Age on February 9 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm:

The first Sadlier/NCCL webinar features Daniella Zsupan-Jerome as we invite you to consider our digital culture beyond what is available today. Instead of focusing on the latest technology platform, app, or gadget for receiving the Good News, this presentation on theological foundations invites us to think about catechesis as a ministry of the word rooted in revelation and what that means in the digital age. The presenter, Daniella Zsupan-Jerome, PhD is a Professor of Pastoral Theology at Notre Dame Seminary Graduate School of Theology in New Orleans and a consultant for the USCCB Committee on Communication. She is the author of *Connected Toward Communion: The Church and Social Communication in the Digital Age* published by Liturgical Press.



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