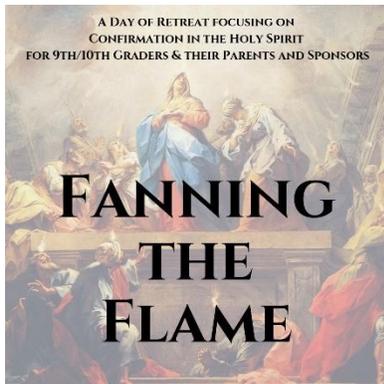


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Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
February 6, 2019 Edition

“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)

Fanning the Flame Confirmation Retreat March 9 – The Y Camp in Boone Iowa:



"Fanning the Flame" is a day of retreat dedicated to the discernment of spiritual gifts. This dual-track retreat is designed for youth preparing for Confirmation, their parents and sponsors. The focus is to help each of us understand the way in which God is calling us to engage us in the work for the Kingdom.

The day begins at 9am and ends at 4pm, after Mass together at 3. This year, we will be at the Y Camp in Boone, located at 1192 166th Dr, Boone, IA 50036.

Fanning the Flame consists largely of small group sessions for the teens, with a couple large group sessions to guide them through a Spiritual Gifts Inventory. This helps them discern what sort of gifts the Holy Spirit is calling them to live into with Confirmation. The adult track is similar, with more large group sessions and a focus not only on discerning Spiritual Gifts, but also how to foster this process of discernment in teens before & after they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Use this link to register: <https://www.dmdiocese.org/ministries-and-faith-formation/youth-and-young-adults/youth-ministry//fanning-the-flame> If you have questions, please contact Justin White at jwhite@dmdiocese.org.

Youth Focused Evangelization Grant Available:

The Mark D Pacione Foundation will be awarding grants in the amount of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$5,000. The current session is open now through April 1 and will be awarded on June 1.



When Jesus spoke to the people, he said, “*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*” John 8:12

The Mark D. Pacione Foundation fully embraces these words of Jesus in their work and mission. In the spirit of Mark D. Pacione who saw the light of Jesus in all he encountered, the MDP Foundation is establishing the “Shine On” grant. Grants will be awarded to requests that are *innovative, creative, show initiative, and break new ground*. Proposed programs need to show how they will inspire young people and/or youth ministers to become involved and grow in their faith life and be Christ in the world.

Consider the following:

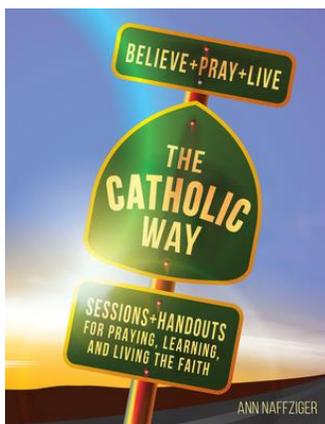
- How will this program affect the faith lives of young people and/or youth ministers?
- Does the proposed program encourage missionary discipleship?
- Does it empower youth?
- Does the program foster leadership in young people and/or youth ministers?
- Are youth involved in planning and directing the program from the program’s inception?
- Are the basic concepts easily duplicated?
- How do you propose to sustain this program beyond funding from this foundation?
- Programs need to be pastorally consistent with Catholic teaching

The above questions will be considered by otheir program committee when reviewing all proposals.

For more information on the grant process and to consider submitting a proposal, follow this link: <https://pacionefoundation.com/foundation-charitable-programs/grants/>

If you do receive a grant, please let me or the Diocesan Communication’s Office know so we can publicize this in the Catholic Mirror.

The Catholic Way: BELIEVE + PRAY + LIVE:



A versatile, comprehensive, easy-to-use toolkit for adult & youth faith formation by Ann Naffziger

- **38 topical sessions** with handouts cover Scripture, sacraments, morality, Christian living, liturgy, the church year, and more.
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- **Takes a down-to-earth, interactive approach** that will engage everyone from the young adult seeker to a life-long committed Catholic.
- **Includes lifetime parish or school license** to reproduce all 450 pages.

- **Imprimatur** from Most Reverend Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop of Oakland.

Learn more, read what leaders are saying, and preview at <https://pastoral.center/the-catholic-way>.

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

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>

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

