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Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
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Ave Maria Press Webinar on February 18 – Where Two or Three are Texting: Incarnation and Sacrament in a Virtual World:

Presented by: Jonathan F. Sullivan, director of catechetical services for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois (he opened our catechetical year in August at the CLADD Gathering in Glenwood)

Date: February 18, 2014

Time: 2 p.m.

The young people in our schools and parishes are increasingly citizens of a virtual world where they carry out many traditionally “physical” activities, including living out their faith! Other Christian communities are experimenting with “online church.” What is an “online church” and is it an option for Catholics? How does the “digital continent” influence the way we prepare young people and catechumens to receive the sacraments?

This webinar will explore these questions and offer some avenues for appropriate use of digital technologies in living our faith.

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Whether you can participate in the live presentation, or join later by viewing the recorded presentation, this is a presentation that all who work with youth should take advantage of.

CLADD Retreat begins tomorrow:

Please keep the 35 colleagues in prayer who will participate in the 2014 CLADD Retreat: The Sacred Path with Tom & Kimi Tomaszek.

For those of you who could not join us, I strongly propose that you spend some time in retreat within your catechetical year. Nurturing the personal and spiritual development of the catechist is essential to achieving a fruitful growth in faith of those seeking to be catechized.

Opportunities for retreat are one of many ways in which to continue to nurture your relationship with Christ and listen to His voice with your ministry.

Next year’s retreat will feature Dr. Tom Neal as our retreat facilitator.

Nigerian School Lenten Project Update:

We are feverishly working on materials for your parish and hope to have them out to you by February 26. Please contact John Gaffney at jgaffney@dmdiocese.org if you have any questions or fundraising ideas: especially for multi-cultural parishes.

Faith Formation Conference with Father Ron Rohlheiser, OMI – April 5, 2014:

“We live with a deep secret that sometimes we know, and then not!” Faith has this curious quality. Some days we can walk on water, and other days we feel like atheists. This conference will explore the deep inner dynamics of faith. What is real faith? - What is true doubt? What are the dark nights of the soul that can assail us? How do we work at sustaining a genuine faith?

Co-sponsored by the Arch/Dioceses of Dubuque, Davenport and Des Moines

Conference details:

- Held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Hiawatha, Iowa
- We'll gather at 9 a.m. for coffee rolls and juice.
- We'll end at 3:30 p.m. Parish Mass is at 5 p.m.
- Parish docents will provide tours of their new church.
- Your \$25 fee includes breakfast, lunch and materials.

Link to the flyer:

http://www.dmdiocese.org/faithformation/Rolheiser_registration_flier_2014.pdf

Prayer for hope:

Christianity does not offer a life free of suffering. But from the cross we see that our suffering does not need to end in death; it can bring new life. This is the hope God offers us, which the world cannot give.

Heavenly father, I am your humble servant, I come before you today in need of hope.
There are times when I feel helpless,
There are times when I feel weak.
I pray for hope.

I need hope for a better future. I need hope for a better life.
I need hope for love and kindness.

Some say that the sky is at its darkest just before the light.
I pray that this is true, for all seems dark. I need your light, Lord, in every way.
I pray to be filled with your light from head to toe. To bask in your glory.
To know that all is right in the world, as you have planned, and as you want it to be.
Help me to walk in your light, and live my life in faith and glory.

Amen.