

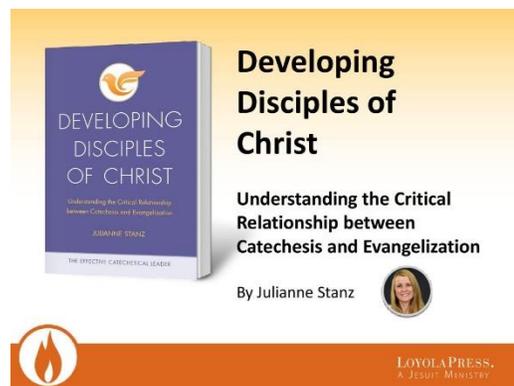
Department of  
Evangelization & Catechesis

**Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap**  
**Glorifying God – Growing in Faith**  
**Living our Catholic Faith in the World**  
February 13, 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)*

**A Retreat Special from Loyola Press**

Thanks to Julianne Stanz’ connection to Loyola Press, we were able to get a retreat special on a few of their most popular titles. Attached is the order form and we have already hit the minimum for the toolbox series including the *Catechist’s Backpack* co-authored by Julianne. We also have 50 orders for Julianne’s *Developing Disciples of Christ* so the cost is currently \$9.77 plus shipping.



We will place this order as the Diocese of Des Moines. To be part of the order, please contact Sherri Simmer by noon on Monday, February 18. Her e-mail is [ssimmer@dmdiocese.org](mailto:ssimmer@dmdiocese.org). An order form is attached to this e-newsletter.

**A Free Mission with Sarah Hart on February 24 & 25 at Saints John & Paul parish:**



Invite your catechists, families and ministry colleague to join your friends at Saints John & Paul for a two day mission with Sarah Hart on February 24 & 25 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. The title of the presentation is “Grace in our lives, music in our hearts and praise on our lips.”

Sarah Hart has been a singer, songwriter and keynote speaker for 20 years. Her parish missions and ministry events have taken her across the United States and abroad. Sarah has performed for countless parishes, conferences and conventions, and for Pope Francis in 2013. She is a Grammy-nominated songwriter and her songs have been recorded by numerous performers and are found in many hymnals.

Contact Patty Hormann at [phormann@ssjohnpaul.org](mailto:phormann@ssjohnpaul.org) for more information or call her at 515-967-3796.

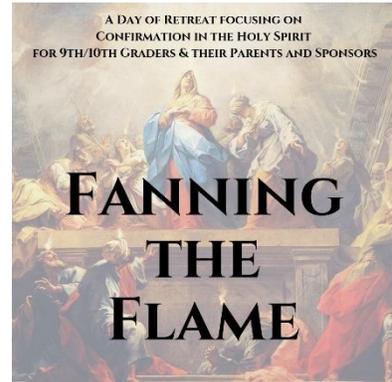
## **Fanning the Flame Confirmation Retreat March 9 – The Y Camp in Boone Iowa:**

"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 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](mailto:jwhite@dmdiocese.org).



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



### **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