

Diocese of Des Moines
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Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
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Ministry Training Day March 3 – Your Spiritual Backpack with Loyola Press author Julianne Stanz:

It isn't too late to register for a ministry training day that is sure to be a "home run" for you and those your minister with in lifelong formation in faith.

Watch this video to see Julianne in action (video is from a presentation that was titled "'The Church is a Mystery to be embraced, not a problem to be solved.'") – Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rMC9KgbN5QA>

This ministry training day is ideal for those whose work is in religious education, sacramental prep, youth ministry, campus ministry, adult formation, Catholic schools, RCIA and retreat ministry. Attached please find the flyer for this wonderful event sponsored entirely by Loyola Press.

Please register by tomorrow with Sherri Simmer at ssimmer@dmdiocese.org to ensure we have a spot for you. We need to have registrations by February 25, 2016 so that the Loyola Press representative can provide each of you with materials for the day as well as a goodie bag.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Level One Training at St. Francis of Assisi in West Des Moines:

Beginning April 16 & 17, St. Francis of Assisi parish in West Des Moines will be hosting a level one CGS training. Level One formation is focused on children between the ages of 3 and 6. The objectives of the formation are as follows:

- To present the methodology and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for the 3 to 6 year-old child.
- To explore the religious nature and the most vital religious needs of the 3 to 6 year-old child.
- To meditate on the Biblical and Liturgical themes presented to the 3 to 6 year-old child.
- To broaden your ability to observe and learn from the child, to listen to the Scriptures with the child, to deepen your own enjoyment of God.
- To offer guidelines and assistance in preparing the 3-6 Atrium environment, and in making the catechist's album and catechetical materials.

Registration information is attached to this e-mail. For additional information contact Christen at ccota@saintfrancischurch.org.

Health Updates on colleagues in catechetical ministry:

Please continue to pray for Deacon Bill Richer, a youth minister at St. Francis Church in West Des Moines (his wife Kayla is the catechetical leader at Sacred Heart in West Des Moines). Deacon Bill had a heart attack on Saturday. He was released late on Monday and is home recuperating and resting.

Jack Richards, husband of Deb Richards at St. Mary of Nazareth in Des Moines, continues to recover from back surgery. Please continue to pray for Jack, Deb and their entire family and friendship network as they help in the healing process.

Encentro Update:

The Diocese of Des Moines will be hosting their 3rd Encuentro at the Iowa Events Center on April 2, 2016 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. This is an opportunity to gather the Hispanic community for a day of renewal and inspiration in their Catholic faith. There is programming for adults, teens and children. Speakers include: Hosffman Ospino, Carmen Aguinaco, Friar Nelson Medina, Fr. Enrique Garcia. Please promote this wonderful event in your parish communities.

Mayra and Jessica are looking for volunteers that would like to help with the programming for children. They will have their own faith program, so volunteers would help to take care of them and help the speakers to implement the art activities or games they will have for them. We need 60 adults with Virtus Training. We need 30 adults from 10:00 to 1:30 and 30 adults from 1:30 to 5:00. For more information or if you have people to volunteer please contact Mayra Moriel de Banuelos at mmoriel@dmdiocese.org or call her at 515-237-5011. Thank you for helping promote this volunteer opportunity with those in your parish.

Holy Door Pilgrimage Passports:

We are currently working with parishes that have Holy Doors to create a passport that families can use when making a pilgrimage to the Holy Doors of our diocese within the Jubilee of Mercy. Each parish will have a stamp that the child can present. When passport book is completed we will have a gift from the diocese for the family. This is a great way to encourage the opportunities for visiting and praying at the Holy Door sites. Included in this e-mail is the brochure for Holy Door pilgrimages.

