



Lent Begins March 5 – Need Ideas:

Pinterest really has great ideas for Lent outside of the wonderful teaching and formation found in your catechist and youth ministry resources. Some of my favorite from a recent Pinterest Board include:

1. Lent Activities from the Religion Teacher - <http://www.thereligionteacher.com/lent-activities/> These include resources from the USCCB, The Religion Teacher, Joe Paprocki, Catholic Relief Services, Catholicmom.com, Catholic Charities, The Catholic Toolbox and much more
2. Family Activities for Lent from Catholic Icing - <http://catholicicing.com/lent-preparation-for-children-are-you/>
3. Acts of Service Jar - <http://www.pinterest.com/pin/197876977349981740/>
4. 40 Simple Lenten Activities for Kids - <http://callherhappy.com/40-lenten-activities-for-kids/>
5. Pin Your Prayers – Easy Way to Post Prayers for the group - <http://www.pinterest.com/pin/6825836909352823/>
6. Creating Prayer Bands - <http://www.pinterest.com/pin/6825836909056019/>
7. Mark Hart Article – What to Give Up For Lent - <http://lifeteen.com/what-to-give-up-25-creative-ideas-for-lent/>
8. Mark Hart Article – Weird Items to give up for Lent that helps us grow in holiness - <http://lifeteen.com/weird-lent-ideas-that-will-make-you-holier/>
9. Busted Halo Video – Ash Wednesday & Lent in 2 Minutes - <http://youthministryvideos.net/ash-wednesday-lent-in-two-minutes/>

If you know of a great resource that would be helpful for our colleagues, please send it our way. Direct your great resources to Sherri Simmer at [ssimmer@dmdiocese.org](mailto:ssimmer@dmdiocese.org).

Parishsoft Update:

Parishsoft is moving to a web-based program that have been lots of great questions about its many usages for parish RE and youth ministry programs. We are working with Roni Argetsinger on spending time with catechetical leaders and youth ministers about advantages of using Parishsoft in your programs.

One update that is coming soon will be the opportunity for on-line registration through Parishsoft. According to Trisha Barth from Parishsoft, development of an on-line RE/Youth Ministry Registration tool is being tested for an upcoming release...perhaps as soon as May. We will send out additional information when

we have confirmation about Roni being with us at CLADD meetings and the possibility of her visiting with the Des Moines Area Youth Ministers.

Increasing Spiritual Sensitivity by Stacy Halbach– Youtube Video:

“I want to share a video I found on YouTube that illustrates those awakening moments and how our job as catechetical leaders is to show our teens and everyone we minister to what to look for.”

YouTube Video – Test Your Awareness: Do the Test -  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ahg6qcgoay4#t=17>

Act of Contrition:

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.

In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.

In his name, my God, have mercy.

Amen.