

Diocese of Des Moines
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Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
March 11, 2015 Edition

Habitat for Humanity Project in Honor of Pope Francis:

Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity (GDM Habitat) is building a home in honor of Pope Francis! On Wednesday, May 20, 2015, construction will begin on 1912 Francis Avenue in Des Moines. This home will be purchased by Jimmy and Zai, who are the proud parents of two children, Henry and Rachel.

GDM Habitat is one of six Habitat for Humanity affiliates selected from more than 1,500 nationwide by an anonymous donor to receive sponsorship for the Pope Francis house. The donor has been inspired by Pope Francis's dedication to economic justice, equality, and peace. They hope to inspire others by inviting volunteers from local Catholic churches and schools to participate in the construction of this home as well as to make a donation to this build.

Attached is a letter from Bishop Pates inviting you and your groups to participate. There is a link to the Habitat for Humanity Donor site which also has the calendar for volunteers and the process. You will receive this letter by mail as well from the Bishop's Office inviting you and your families. Please keep this project in your prayers.

Sadlier Religion On Demand Seminars:

Do you need an outstanding free resource for catechist's formation? Sadlier has a wonderful tradition of strong support for catechist resources. They have an outstanding webinar series that is free and on-demand. Some of the topics you can find with this resource include:

- Catechizing with symbols, rituals, and stories
- Five ways to teach as Jesus taught
- Catholic Social Teaching and your parish catechetical program
- Let the children come: The what, why and how of Children's Catechesis
- My Spirituality and the Spirituality of my students
- Engaging parents in the life of the parish
- Partnering with parents in Faith Formation
- 10 ways technology can improve your RE session
- The Baptismal Catechumenal Model
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance
- 5 webinars in Spanish

The link to this wonderful resources is: <http://www.sadlier.com/religion/resources/lifelong-learning-webinars>

Most of the webinars last one hour.

Our Sunday Visitor Institute:

Our Sunday Visitor Institute was established to carry on the vision of Archbishop John F. Noll who founded Our Sunday Visitor for one purpose — 'To Serve the Church.' Archbishop Noll was not only a great communicator, he recognized philanthropy and fundraising as vital ministries. One cannot exist without the other and both enable the Church to pursue more effectively its mandate to spread the Gospel and bear witness in word and deed to the saving power of Christ.

There is an also lot of information on this website that may stimulate ideas of parish projects within religious education, school classroom and/or youth ministry. Application deadlines are April 1, August 1 and December 1. For more information including the application process go to: <http://www.osvinstitute.com/26>

Rebuilding Youth Ministry in Your Parish Webinar by Ave Maria Press:

In this webinar Christopher Wesley, Director of Student Ministry at the Church of the Nativity, will break down some of the practical steps in his new book ***Rebuilding Youth Ministry***. He will offer five steps that any youth minister can take to build (or rebuild) an effective and engaging youth ministry in the local parish.

Here is the link to this webinar on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZIP7esm6u6M&feature=youtu.be>

The webinar is a little over one hour.

Please pray for Glennie Woods:

Barb Woods, Adult Faith Formation Director and Liturgist for St. Theresa parish in Des Moines, is mourning the loss of her mother, Glendora, "Glennie" Woods who passed away on March 9.

Please direct any sympathy cards to:

St. Theresa Catholic Church

Attn: Barb Woods

1230 Merle Hay Road

Des Moines, IA 50311

Visitation will be held at St. Theresa parish from 4:00 to 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 12 with the funeral to be held at 10:30 am on Friday. All services will be held at St. Theresa parish. Please let us keep Glennie and the entire family in our prayers. Eternal rest grant unto her and let perpetual light shine upon her.

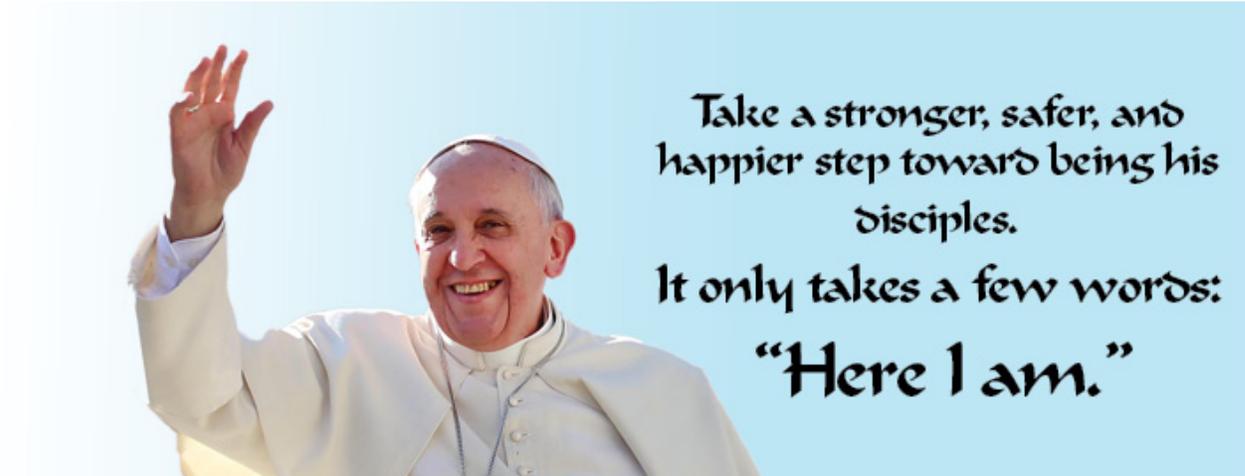
Act of Faith (taken from the *Catholic Children's Prayer Book* by St. Mary's Press):

Oh my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church

teaches because you have revealed them who are eternal truth and wisdom, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

In this faith I intend to live and die.

Amen.



Trusted curated sites for this newsletter include:

- Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity - <http://www.gdmhabitat.org/>
- Sadlier Religion - <http://www.sadlierreligion.com/index.cfm>
- Our Sunday Visitor Institute - <http://www.osvinstitute.com/>
- Ave Maria Press - <https://www.avemariapress.com/>
- St. Mary's Press - <http://www.smp.org/>