



Department of
Evangelization & Catechesis

Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
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“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)

Let’s celebrate – Save the Date for the CLADD Closing Mass and Year-End Gala:



Our year end celebration is scheduled for May 7, 2019 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at St. John parish in Adel. Our featured speaker will be Kevin O’Donnell the new co-director for the Emmaus House Retreat Center in Des Moines. Kevin will give us a great deal to reflect upon as we end another catechetical year.

Bishop Pates will be on hand to celebrate our closing Mass and bestow awards to our colleagues who have served their parish communities for a significant period of time. This year’s awards will

go to twenty colleagues whose accumulated service is 255 years. Wow! We have one colleague who will be celebrating 45 years of service. She must have began her career in parish catechetical leadership shortly after her birth.

For those who haven’t been to our celebration before here is what happens:

- Brunch items (rolls, fruit and beverages) are served beginning as early as 9:45 am.
- The swap shop is open...bring anything you want to share; materials, ideas, session plans, special event materials/resources, etc.)
- Presentation of the CLADD Leadership Team begins at 10:15 am.
- The reflective part of the day begins at 10:30 am with Kevin O’Donnell
- Mass begins at 11:30 pm celebrated by Bishop Pates
- A delicious lunch catered by Hy-Vee will begin following Mass. Service awards are given following communion.

There is no charge for this CLADD event. We will have a RSVP available within the next few weeks.

Prayer & Action Mission this summer – Shenandoah and Atlantic:

Prayer & Action is a Catholic youth ministry program that incorporates mission work within the boundaries of our diocese. It provides the opportunity to evangelize those participating in the mission weeks (youth and adult chaperones) but also the entire communities of

Shenandoah and Atlantic where the teams will work and live. Each week I will share more about the Prayer & Action experience.



We are currently accepting registrations for each of the weeks. This is perfect for two or three young people in your parish along with one adult chaperone who is Virtus trained with a background check. Prayer & Action would be ideal for Boy Scout/Girl Scout troop leaders, Knights of Columbus members bring a few teens or just an awesome parent with one's child and a few friends.

Today's focus is on the 'special event evening of Wednesday Night' On Wednesday evening, a reconciliation and adoration service is held. The service begins immediately following the Collatio talk. Adoration will include exposition, periods of silence with periods of light praise and worship music, and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament being reposed at the end.

Following the reconciliation and adoration service is the Praise Party.

The cost for a full week of Prayer & Action is \$80.00. Contact Justin White at jwhite@dmdiocese.org for information or view our website at <https://www.dmdiocese.org/ministries-and-faith-formation/youth-and-young-adults/youth-ministry/prayer-action>.

Location 1: Shenandoah, Iowa

Week 1--June 16th-21st

Week 2--June 23rd-28th

Location 2: Atlantic, Iowa

Week 3--July 7th-12th

Week 4--July 14th-19th

NCYC Update – Scholarship Information:

Scholarship information for this year's National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) is now available. You will find it a bit different than in the past. Below are the scholarships and grants that will be offered for NCYC 2019.



Registration Scholarships Offered

Up to 500 total awarded. Full registration fee covered for NCYC 2019. This does not include the added costs of bus, hotel, shirt, trading items and food.

Travel and Lodging Grants

Up to \$65,000 total will be awarded. Grants will be disbursed to aid with costs associated with travel and lodging for NCYC.

Anticipated Disbursement Breakdown

50% of funding goes towards under-represented communities.

50% of funding goes towards economic need.

Be very specific in your grant application. Use local data to identify your economic need from your community.

Timeline

April 1 – Scholarship applications and guidelines are released.

May 1 – Application submission deadline for parishes, schools, and organizations (These applications will be submitted to the diocesan/delegation leader.)

May 15 – Diocesan Scholarship Summary Form and Application due to NFCYM (This is submitted by the diocesan/delegation leader.)

June 7 – Scholarship decisions will be finalized.

June 10 – Scholarship and grant recipients will start to be notified.

Dec. 15 – All follow-up documentation required for travel and lodging grants due.

Scholarship Process

Step 1 - Each parish, school, or organization interested in applying for a scholarship or grant, that is in a member diocese will fill out the 2019 [NCYC Scholarship and Grant Application](#) for parishes, schools, and organizations, and send that completed application to their diocesan/delegation leaders by email, no later than May 1, 2019.

Step 2 - Once diocesan/delegation leaders have received all of their diocesan/delegation applications, leaders can access the [Diocesan Scholarship Summary Form and Application in MemberClicks](#). Diocesan/delegation leaders can simply follow the online instructions in filling out the summary and application, along with uploading any corresponding documents, no later than May 15, 2019.

Step 3 - The NFCYM scholarship team will review all applications by June 7, 2019, and begin to notify recipients starting June 10, 2019. The NFCYM scholarship team is comprised of members of the Development Advisory Committee and led by the NFCYM development director.

Step 4 - Diocesan/delegation leaders who submitted applications will be notified starting June 10, 2019. Included in this notification will be further instructions that will complete the application process and allow for scholarships and grants to be released. *Dioceses/delegations

that received travel and lodging grants will be required to submit follow up information for their grant process to be officially closed.

April CLADD Sessions Canceled:

Due to the historic flooding out west and the ongoing status of emergency operations planning in most parishes, our programming for CLADD West and East for April are canceled.

We considered alternative programming but it may not have been as vital to miss time in the parish as was the original programming the CLADD Leadership team desired with the presentation and conversations around emergency operations planning.

If you have not had an opportunity to take the survey about Emergency Operations Planning, please do so today. The results are already useful to me and I am sharing them with the team leading the process. Some of the suggestions already received will be shared in future Growing Disciples E-Newsletters and during individual parish visits.

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NTYYWJM>



Pope Francis' new Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit* (Christ is Alive)



Pope Francis has released his post-synodal apostolic exhortation. The document will focus on "young people, the faith and vocational discernment," drawing from the themes surfaced during the Synod in October 2018 and throughout the Synod preparation process. This historic document for youth and young adult ministry is attached. Within the next few weeks the Pastoral Center staff will provide insight into this document as it intersects with the work being done in

this area through multiple ministerial lenses.

“Let the Church always be
a place of Mercy
AND Hope,
where everyone is welcomed
Loved and Forgiven.” Pope Francis

