



Dept. of Evangelization &
Catechesis

Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
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The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry has a web presence again!:

NFCYM
**NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR
CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY**

Our colleagues at the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry have created a temporary web presence that holds a great deal of its former functionality. Please check out the web functionality and the updates that have already been included as they move toward a stable new

digital platform. The link is <http://www.nfcym.org/>

For those planning to attend NCYC, or exploring the idea, the link is <http://www.nfcym.org/ncyc1/> Once there click on “Learn More.” There you will find the following:

- information on featured speakers and artists
- Prayer and Sacraments schedule
- NCYC detailed schedule
- Promotional Videos and the NCYC Logo to be used on materials

Sherri and I have yet to receive the forms you will need to submit later in the process. When we have them we will send them to you by mail and digitally. Thank you for your prayers and your patience for our colleagues and friends at the NFCYM. This has been a very difficult six months for them. We are blessed to have such partners in ministry supporting us in the diocese and our parish communities.

CLADD Sessions in April:

The CLADD Leadership team focuses us to ponder the balance of evangelization and catechesis in March. Attached to this e-mail you will find the flyers for CLADD West and East. Please take time out of your schedule to join us for outstanding professional development and an opportunity to reconnect with your colleagues in catechetical ministry.



- **CLADD West & East – The Evangelization Cycle: What You Don’t Know Can Hurt You with John Gaffney**

We all know that our parish evangelization outreach and catechetical programming intimately connect because each one of us, by virtue of our baptism, is called to live our faith and to bear witness to the Gospel. Did you know that there is a cycle by which most people move through and which we as lay ecclesial ministers can work more effectively if we know how to use it?

This session is about breaking open the Evangelization Cycle through the lens of a catechetical leader and effectively offer resources and formation to others to help with outreach. The morning is highly interactive and based upon the successful workshop John uses with parish leadership across our diocese.

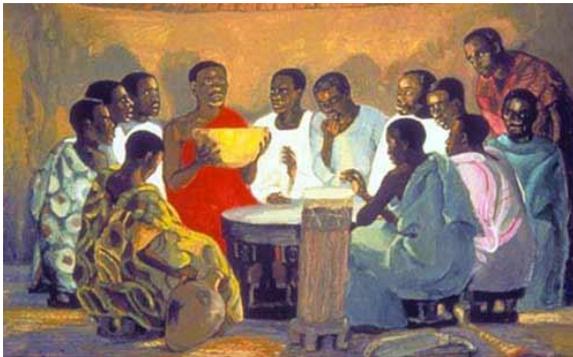
CLADD West will be held at St. Mary in Hamburg on April 18.

CLADD East will be held at St. John the Apostle in Norwalk on April 20

- **CLADD South – What we learned this catechetical season**

Join us as we share the areas of success in our programming and areas that need some TLC. This session is a walk through an evaluation process to prepare for next year. Contact John for location.

Adult Faith Formation Mini-Retreats:



Last week I provided an adult mini-retreat for St. Theresa in Des Moines. After visiting with Barb Woods, their adult faith formation director, we settled upon using stories between Passion Sunday and the Agony in the Garden as the content with Visio Divina as the medium. An assessment of the group showed that about 2/3 of them had been exposed or used Lectio Divina but no one had experienced Visio Divina. The feedback from the group was wonderful. My

favorite moment was when one of the participants shared with her group, “This painting is my Christian life and this year’s Lenten experience.” She had been reflecting on an image of the Agony in the Garden that showed the disciples asleep.

Mini retreats held throughout the year are effective in any size parish. The key is to match the type of retreat to those who you hope to attend (do they need an experience that is more witness or proclamation versus one that strengthens discipleship).

- We are here to help you with planning, promotion and leading mini retreats, or
- I can actually work with your parish team to lead a mini retreat.

Contact me at jgaffney@dmdiocese.org for more information or with questions.

Upcoming Sadlier Religion Webinars:

Our colleagues at Sadlier Religion have two outstanding free webinars coming up within the next four weeks.

- **April 11, 2017 – Teaching for Discipleship: The Call, The Challenge, The Difference**
 - Now is the time to emphasize the call of discipleship! Join Mike Carotta as he addresses the challenges involved in making what the Church calls “necessary adaptations” dynamics that distinguish Teaching for Discipleship from our past approaches and practices that can help us all keep heart.
- **May 4, 2017 – Steps to Successfully Start Adult Faith Formation**
 - All Church documents remind us that adult formation is primary. It is at the center of all our educational enterprises within the parish/diocese. Adult faith formation can seem like an immense—and exciting—endeavor. Together, let’s look at seven steps to brilliantly and successfully start and establish effective adult faith formation in a parish. The facilitator is Sr. Janet Schaeffler, O.P.



The webinars begin at 3:00 pm and scheduled for one hour. Please sign-up even if you can’t attend live. Sadlier will send you a link to watch the recorded webinar. To register follow this link http://www.sadlier.com/religion/resources/lifelong-learning-webinars?utm_campaign=22&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=49820408&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8jDdeCOQ5MstlhIGgJzJK3ZVNRf-wlpcDZITSN8EFGP42rPt4vcfq-qzQf7yJLA8yecoqTvrflq135iM3Zug4Faa-6Yw&hsmi=49820408

