

Dept. of Evangelization &
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St. Thomas More Center begins the search for a new Executive Director:



The Saint Thomas More Advisory Board in coordination with Bishop Pates has established a search committee tasked with finding a permanent replacement for the Executive Director position. Attached is a copy of the job description. Joe Connolly, former President of Saint Albert School in Council Bluffs, has been serving as the interim director since August 2016.

The search committee includes: TJ Irvin (longtime CYC camp director and a youth ministry director in Waukee), Mary Dietrich (a parent of many CYC campers), Jen Weber (a long time CYC camp director), Fr. Joseph Pins (Vocation Director and STM Center Chaplain, and Jason Kurth (Chancellor for the Diocese.) Eileen Valdez and I will be staff assistance for the committee.

Please keep this process in your prayers and if you feel there is an excellent candidate for this position, please forward the attached job description to them. Qualified candidates are encouraged to send their cover letter and a resume to Human Resources at the Pastoral Center by May 12. For more information follow this link: <http://www.dmdiocese.org/diocesan-job-openings.cfm>

Adult Faith Formation Webinar – May 4 at 3:00 pm:

Sadlier Religion has an upcoming webinar with our good friend Sr. Janet Schaeffler, O.P. on Seven Steps to Successfully Starting an Adult Faith Formation Program. 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. 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=50521844&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9zONS-QbO5fdzVVXZj91BYS6R4jYAGkpOYPwTzWx3ghSfl_piABtVtw-ppN5K3mDYCu9SLTdoPVSM-nwjau5EbOYMeVA&_hsmi=50521844

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You do not need to be a consumer of Sadlier products to register for this webinar.

Reinventing the Vision of Young Adult Ministry with Doug Tooke:



The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry had an outstanding webinar on April 18 about looking at young adult ministry with a new set of lenses. We all have young adults in our ministry. Young Adult ministry is adult ministry not a model of older adolescent ministry. This is an hour well spent with many aha moments.

The link to the webinar is

<https://channel.webinar.com/channel/3137548062961020934>

Focus Questions for the Upcoming 2018 Synod on Youth & Young Adult Vocational Discernment:

Based upon focus group feedback on questions for the Preparatory Document in advance of the Synod we have proposed the following five questions to Bishop Pates to ask of high school teens and young adults. The Questions are:



- 1. Is your voice heard by the Church? Where are you given opportunities to share your thoughts and perspectives?**
- 2. What are the biggest challenge(s) you face in living out your faith? The biggest opportunities?**
- 3. What groups/movements/programs have been most meaningful to you in the Church? Outside of the Church?**
- 4. Do you feel welcome to participate in the life of the Church? How so?**
- 5. How does the voice of the Church impact your discernment about the future, and questions about what you will do with your life and who you want to be?**

Once Bishop Pates approves of this approach, you will be sent a digital informational packet with many approaches you can use with the teens for them to answer the questions. This packet will also include ways in which you will report your findings to the diocese.

