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

April 20, 2016 Edition

Save the Date – CLADD Closing Mass & Awards Gala – May 11 in Adel:

Plans are currently being finalized for our gala year-end celebration. This year we will be celebrating at St. John parish in Adel on May 11. This year we will celebrate 15 service awards; those who served five years up to 35 years in parish ministry. We will also bid farewell and thank three special members of our community who will be retiring at the end of this year. Of course, what end-of-year gala would be complete without our swap shop. Details of the morning gala will be sent soon but below is a sketch at what to expect:

9:30 to 9:50 am – Gather at St. John parish in Adel. Tables for swap shop items will be available in the parish hall.

10:00 am – Mass with Bishop Pates including presentation of service awards

11:00 am – Hospitality and socializing: shopping the swap shop

11:30 am – Presentation by Laura Wenman, Vice President of Mission Integration at Mercy Hospital. An inspiring talk on staying focused on our mission as parish catechetical leaders. Laura's presentation style is humorous, hospitable and humble.

12:15 pm – Presentation of CLADD Leadership for 2016-2017

12:30 pm – Lunch catered by Hy-Vee

The Joy of Love – Amoris Laetitia:

Father James Martin, S.J., and the editors at America Press Media have released a short four minute video providing viewers with the top five takeaways from Pope Francis' most recent Apostolic Exhortation. Since the document is focused on the opportunities and challenges facing families today, it is important that we are aware of Pope Francis' message.

Link to America Press Media Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJtv611PIHI>

Link to *The Joy of Love* Apostolic Exhortation:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20160319_amoris-laetitia_en.pdf

Link to FOCUS Blog by Kevin Cotter with exceptionally good overview and quotes:

<https://focusoncampus.org/content/a-summary-of-amoris-laetitia-the-joy-of-love>

Confirmation Guidelines updated effective April 15:

This week at CLADD sessions and through e-mail you will receive information on some changes made to the Confirmation Guidelines. Most of the changes are small but a few, although not changes, require each of us to consider a few areas in which our celebrations may need to change.

Area #1 has to do with inclusion. Our worship director, Kim Mandelkow, and I have each witnessed opportunities where the full community of candidates is not together because one person has a disability. This can happen in the procession but many times happens during the conferral when there are fewer than 20 candidates and everyone is brought into the sanctuary around the bishop. We experienced those with disabilities were left below the sanctuary since they could not climb the steps. We need to be aware of the power of community in these circumstances and not isolate anyone. The form that is completed has also been updated to help you and those you collaborate with to consider full inclusion when planning the liturgy.

Area #2 has to do with appropriate attire. We have received feedback over the years from parishes asking for policy when they are trying to enforce more appropriate attire for the liturgy. This section is here to support you in what can be a difficult situation.

Area #3 is a reminder that Christian service needs to be meaningful.

Faith Formation Fiesta – May 19 at Ss. John & Paul parish in Altoona:

Intergenerational faith formation has an incredible amount of inspiration and practical resourcing for helping form the domestic church. In this spirit our friends at Ss John and Paul parish in Altoona will be hosting a "Faith Formation Fiesta" for Catechetical Leaders and Leaders of Adult Faith Formation in May. Joan Weber, coordinator of the Family Bible Project and co-coordinator of Young Neighbors in Action for the Center for Ministry Development, is the guest presenter. Scheduled as part of the day will be opportunities to network and share ideas during two breakout sessions. Attached is the flyer.

Please register at: <https://ssjohnpaul.weshareonline.org/FaithFormationFiesta> by April 29, 2016. The fee for the entire day is \$25.00 per person or \$50.00 for your entire parish team.

Faith Journey – Catechetical Formation for Adults Launches for Fall 2016:

Faith Journey is a new faith formation resource for Catholic adults in our diocese. It is an ongoing formation resource for those who wish to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith and further their spiritual formation. This formation option is ideally suited for parishioners who are engaged in a ministry or on-going volunteer experience. The foundation for the format is the four pillars of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

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