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

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All CLADD Year-End Celebration – May 13 at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish:

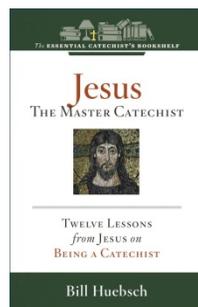
This week you will be receiving an invitation from the CLADD Leadership Team for our annual celebration. This year we will hold the event at St. Francis of Assisi parish in West Des Moines. Although I know you have very busy schedules, please consider taking time out of your day to be with us on May 13. The morning begins at 9:15 am and ends in the early afternoon following lunch. The CLADD Leadership team has planned a wonderful morning for us including:

- Mass & Presentation of Service Awards (colleagues who have from 5 years to 25 years of service being recognized)
- The annual swap shop – the opportunity for you to bring resources you no longer use to swap with those who will find them a treasure
- Cindy Shaw, Co-Director of the Emmaus Retreat House in Des Moines, will provide a light program to recognize our recent catechetical year and send us off into the summer with inspiration and prayer
- Farewell celebration for Dr. Cheryl Fournier. It is our hope that Cheryl will be with us so that we may relive the last 10 years and thank Cheryl for her friendship and the blessings of her ministry.
- Delicious lunch catered by Hy-Vee including: herb roasted chicken, long grain and wild rice, green beans, garden salad, dinner roll, cheesecake and beverages. Cost is \$6.00 which helps offset half of the cost of the lunch.

More information will come out shortly on a CLADD farewell memento we will be giving to Cheryl and how you can contribute to this gift.

Please RSVP to Sherri Simmer at ssimmer@dmdiocese.org by May 11.

Catechist Formation – *Jesus: the Master Catechist - 12 Lessons from Jesus* by Bill Huebsch:



I wanted to take a moment to make you aware of a wonderful small book that would be helpful in catechist formation; especially for newer catechists. *Jesus: The Master Catechist – 12 Lessons from Jesus* is a gem and only 96 pages. It includes a study guide. This engaging and informative guide examines how we can become better catechists by following Jesus' example. Taking lessons from Pope Francis' *The Joy of the Gospel*, *The General Directory for Catechesis*, and the gospels themselves, we learn how to draw people around us, speak clearly of the Father's love, and extend God's endless forgiveness to our students. We learn about praying for our students, and how to lead them to the brink of the paschal mystery, trusting in divine grace for the rest.

For more information on this resource follow this link: <http://www.pastoralplanning.com/>

Follow-up from CLADD April Sessions:

It was a blast at CLADD East and West this month as we shared strategies that can be implemented this spring to insure a dynamic fall in religious education and youth ministry. We discussed:

- calendaring – recording your typical year in the life of a DRE/youth minister
- evaluating your catechetical/youth ministry program
- catechist/youth ministry volunteer recruitment
- formation for your catechists/youth ministry volunteers and reminders of adult faith formation principles

The PowerPoint and handouts will be available on the diocesan website this week. Please follow this link for the resources: <http://www.dmdiocese.org/cladd.cfm>

National Catholic Partnership on Disability – May is Mental Health Month:

Did you know that one out of every four families experiences mental illness? When your parish gathers, nearly everyone there will know someone who has a mental illness of varying severity and length. Because of the stigma attached to it, few will come forward, but it is there.

The National Catholic Partnership on Disability has many resources available for use in your programs and liturgies. These resources include:

- prayer resources including prayers of the faithful
- bulletin articles
- resource materials for parish ministries
- community resources

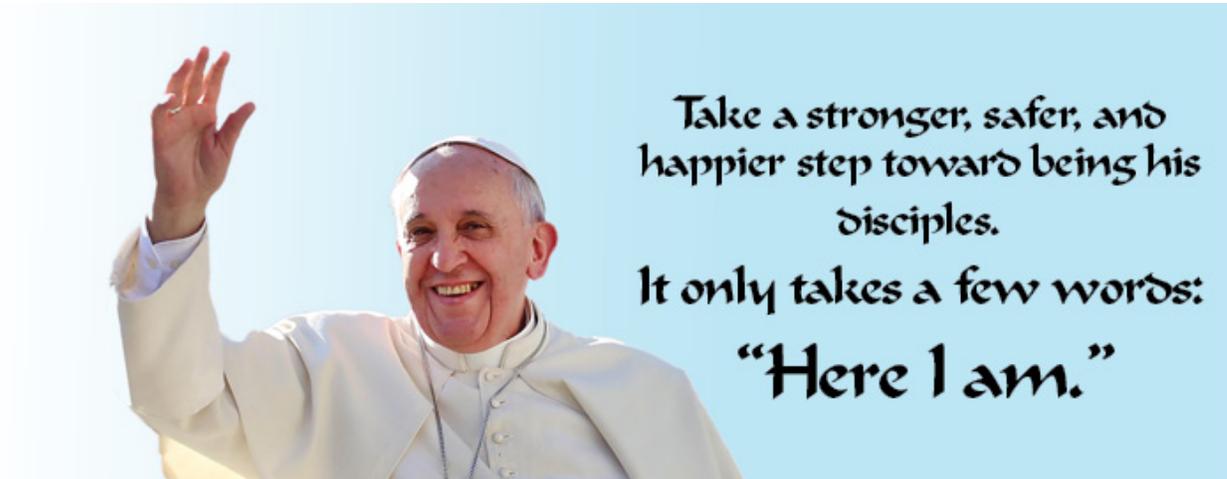
For this information please follow this link: <http://www.ncpd.org/ministries-programs/specific/mentalillness/resources/mhmonth>

A Prayer Moment with Your Child (Loyola Press):

God of judgment and mercy, thank you for your love,
which continually calls me to come closer to you.

Help me to see you in all people I meet
and to recognize how to serve you by helping others,
especially those in need.

Amen



Trusted curated sites for this newsletter include:

- Twenty Third Publications - <http://www.pastoralplanning.com/>
- National Catholic Partnership on Disability – www.ncpd.org
- Loyola Press Prayers - <http://www.loyolapress.com/childrens-prayers.htm>