



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)

Engaging Today’s Parents: Re-imagining Youth Ministry with Families in Mind – Center for Ministry Development Webinar:

Today’s session with Tom East was excellent and is well worth the one hour investment whether you are ministering with youth, teens, young parents,



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volunteers, as the pastor are even grand-parents. In short, this webinar really connects The New Moment initiative in a positive way to our ministry. Most of our parents fall into the category of millennials or generation X. Through ministry to and with youth, Tom gives us much to chew on as it relates to families. Finally this is a precursor to our CLADD Kick-Off on August 8 in Glenwood when the Center for Ministry Development will provide the following program for us, “Connecting Families to Sacramental Ministries for Children and Youth.”

Link to webinar recording:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/viewRecording/7325976003136332812/6681025574364944387/jgaffney@dmdiocese.org?registrantKey=6818564582817625869&type=ATTENDEEEMAILRECORDINGLINK>

Two resources are attached to this e-newsletter: the PowerPoint slides that were used and resource documents that Tom references in the presentation.

Link to information about our August 8 gathering in Glenwood with the Center for Ministry Development. Please note that the Diocese is sponsoring this workshop so there will be only a small registration fee to cover materials and lunch; not the \$54.00 indicated on the web page.

<https://www.cmdnet.org/cfsm>

CLADD Gala and Mass – Celebrate Colleagues for Extraordinary Tears of Service:



We have much to celebrate on May 7 with our colleagues at the CLADD Year End Celebration and Mass. One that is always a great joy is to celebrate the service anniversaries of those we are blessed to share this ministry. This year is no exception. Please keep our friends in prayer:

5 years of service:

- Annie Brinks – St. John Adair
- Jennifer Valencia – St. Edward Afton
- James Rogers – Sacred Heart Bedford
- Consuelo Salas – Our Lady of the Americas Des Moines
- Jane Ann Becicka – St. Theresa Des Moines
- Kandra and Brad Johnson – St. Mary Shenandoah
- Chris Van Kirk – St. Francis of Assisi West Des Mines

10 years of service:

- Kristi Schulz – Sacred Heart Chariton
- Jane Rychnovsky – St. Patrick Corning
- Melissa Kahler – St. Mary/Holy Cross Elkhart
- Annette Lorenzen – St. Patrick Missouri Valley
- Amy Ausdemore – St. Patrick Neola
- TJ Irvin – St. Boniface Waukee

20 years of service:

- Sheila Adams – Sacred Heart Chariton
- Barb Hudson – Holy Spirit Creston
- Theresa Romens – Holy Rosary Glenwood
- Debbie Chalik – Sacred Heart West Des Moines

30 years of service:

- Henrietta (Hank) Hughes – St. Mary Portsmouth

45 years of service:

- Barb Woods – St. Theresa Des Moines

Those pursuing new adventures:

- Joan Ammons – Ss. John & Paul Altoona
- Jess Streit – St. Francis of Assisi West Des Moines

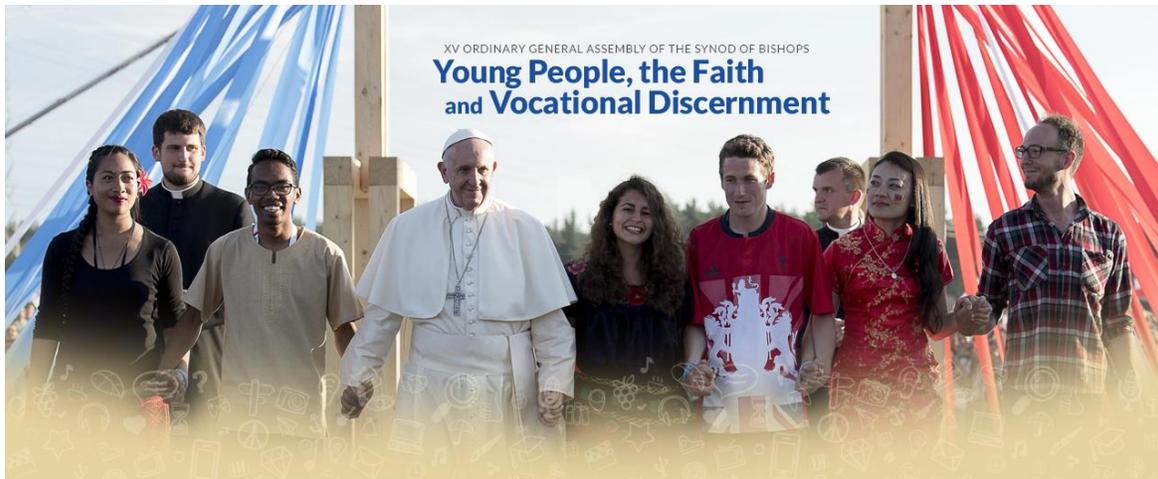
For those who haven't been to our celebration before here is what happens:

- 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. Please see the flyer attached to this e-newsletter for more information and to RSVP.

10 things in “Christus Vivat” addressed to all of us who work with young people (not just teens) and a Synod Webinar Series:



"Christus Vivit – Christ is Alive" is a remarkable document. This letter to young people (primarily young adults) reflects the wisdom of the Synod on Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment. Though it is primarily written to young people, it also speaks directly to all of us who share faith and ministry with the young. Our friends at the Center for Ministry Development has developed a Top Ten list addressed to ministry professional who work with young people. It takes about 11 minutes to read and is worth the investment whether you work at a large suburban parish or a small rural parish. Please print this article and share it with your pastor and other parish colleagues.

CMD article link: <https://www.cmdnet.org/cmd-blogs-ministry/entry/christus-vivit>

The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM), the Southeast Pastoral Institute for Hispanic/Latino Ministry (SEPI), the Catholic Apostolate Center (CAC), in collaboration with the USCCB Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth will host a synod webinar series from May 28 through June 18 on **Implementing Synodality: Unpacking the Universal Church’s Recent Work on “Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment”**

Use this link to register: <http://nfcym.org/synod-webinar>

Session 1 – An Emmaus Journey: from Pre-Synod to Exhortation is scheduled on May 28 at 1:00 CDT (in Spanish on June 5 at 7:00 pm)

Session 2 – “He Walked with Them”: The Art of Accompaniment is scheduled on June 4 at 1:00 pm CDT (in Spanish on June 13 at 7:00 pm)

Session 3 – “What Things?” The Sacred Act of Listening is scheduled on June 11 at 1:00 pm CDT (in Spanish on June 18 at 7:00 pm)

Session 4 – “And Their Eyes Were Opened”: Vocational Discernment is scheduled on June 18 at 1:00 pm CDT (in Spanish on June 26 at 7:00 pm)

Free Webinar – The Way of the Listener – 10 Steps for Listening to Homilies (even bad ones) by Ave Maria Press:

Webinar is scheduled for April 30, 2019 at 2:00 pm CDT

How can ministry leaders, laity, and clergy help the Church improve preaching? Believe it or not, it’s not just the preachers’ responsibility—it’s everyone’s. Spiritually speaking, the quality of preaching depends as much on listeners as it does on speakers. How we listen to homilies (and how we help others listen) is an important part of evangelism and parish ministry.

Fr. Joshua Whitfield, author of *The Crisis of Bad Preaching*, offers *The Way of the Listener: 10 Steps for Listening to Homilies (even bad ones!)* to help those listening to homilies make the best of it! If you thought the homily was time to take a nap, think again! Learn how to listen to homilies the right way!



The Ave Maria Professional Development Webinar Series is a partnership with the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL), the National Association for Lay Ministry (NALM), the National Association for Catholic Family Life Ministers (NACFLM), and the National Federation of Priests Councils (NFPC).

Click the link below to register today:

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