

Department of  
Evangelization & Catechesis

Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap  
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith  
Living our Catholic Faith in the World  
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**Let's Celebrate CLADD Year End Gala and Closing Mass – May 11 at St. John's Parish In Adel:**



Spring weather has finally caught up to the date we launched spring back in March. **It is time to celebrate!** Attached is a copy of the CLADD agenda which includes a dynamic presentation by Cindy Shaw and the Diocese of Des Moines is treating YOU to lunch! Thanks to a generous donation there is no fee for our delicious buffet lunch catered by Hy-Vee in West Des Moines.

Here is what you can expect for the day:

- **The Swap shop is back** – bring ministerial items you no longer need and find ministerial treasures for next year!
- Introduction of the CLADD Slate for 2018-2019
- Cindy Shaw from Emmaus House will provide a reflection on “**Seeing God’s Hand in Transitions**”
- Celebrate colleagues celebrating significant service achievements from 5 years to 35 years.
- Mass with Bishop Pates
- A scrumptious lunch buffet catered by Hy-Vee.

Please RSVP by May 3, 2018 to [Sherri Simmer](#).

**CLADD Slate Affirmation Vote Now Open:**

The CLADD Constitution (4.2.e) specifies that "Three members of the Leadership Team will be elected each year for a term of two years. Members may be re-elected for one additional consecutive term. Additional terms may be served after a one-year hiatus."

The Leadership Team for 2017-2018 was:

- West Leadership: Annette Lorenzen (term expiring 2018), Theresa Romens (term expires 2019), Bernie Koch (term expires 2019)



- East Leadership: Paulette Chapman (term expiring 2018), Jane Ann Becicka (term expires 2019), Kelly Howard (term expires 2019)

Our new slate for 2018-2019 is:

- West Leadership: Theresa Romens (Holy Rosary - Glenwood), Bernie Koch (St. Patrick - Neola & St. Columbanus - Weston) and Julie Williamson (Ss. Peter & Paul - Atlantic)
- East Leadership: Jane Ann Becicka (St. Theresa - Des Moines), Kelly Howard (St. John - Adel) and Tom Primmer (Our Lady's Immaculate Heart - Ankeny)

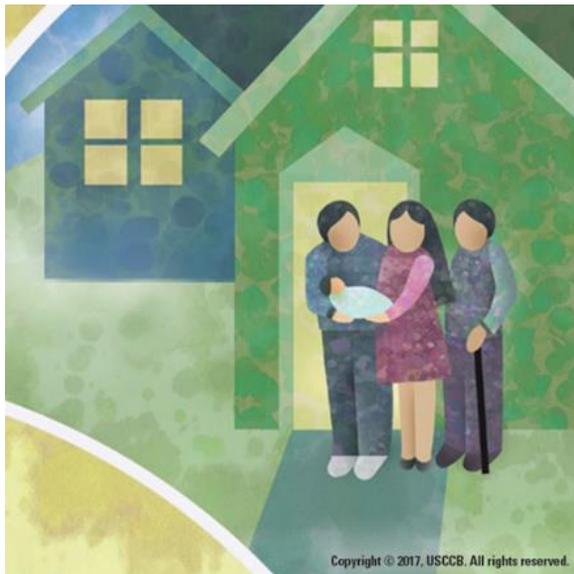
This election is for the entire slate of CLADD Leaders on the 2018-2019 CLADD Leadership Team. Below you are asked to vote for one of two options:

- 1) Accept Slate of Candidates
- 2) Decline Slate of Candidates

You will also be asked to provide your name and parish. Voting will be open between now and May 8, 2018. Thank you for your vote today.

Here is your [ballot](#) for voting.

### **Upcoming Youth Ministry Webinar on May 15 – Forming Parents as Missionary Disciples:**



Belonging leads to believing. The natural response of a disciple is missionary activity. Explore with your friends at NFCYM the many opportunities we have to encounter, accompany, form community and send forth parents to live as and make missionary disciples in the home and beyond.

Presenters for this webinar include:

- **Diane Kledzik** - the Associate Director for Evangelization, Small Christian Communities and Adult Faith Formation and Coordinator of Strong Catholic Families Strong Catholic Youth for the Department of Evangelization and Lifelong Faith Formation in the Diocese of St. Petersburg.
- **Linda Moses** - serves as the Pastoral Associate at Christ the King Catholic Church in Dallas, Texas and a past president of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers.
- **Katherine Angulo** - the Associate Director of Youth Ministry for the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

Register [here](#) for this free webinar from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) on May 15 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

## **New Papal Apostolic Exhortation is Required Reading, Here's Why:**

Catholics as well as non-Catholic Christians and people of good-will are welcoming the release of Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation, [\*Rejoice and Be Glad\*](#) (*Gaudete et Exsultate*), subtitled "On the Call to Holiness in the Contemporary World." Paragraphs 15-17 alone are worth further exploration with your pastor and catechists on how to better equip families to encounter and live into holiness.



In the introduction to the exhortation, the Pope emphasizes that the goal of his exhortation is to "repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities."

An apostolic exhortation is considered the second-highest form of papal teaching after an encyclical letter. Since his election, Pope Francis has issued two other exhortations: [\*Joy of the Gospel\*](#) in 2013 and [\*The Joy of Love\*](#) in 2016.

All documents above include a hyperlink to the Vatican website.

## **Diocese of Des Moines Pastoral Center Open House – June 3:**



Please help us get the word out for the Pastoral Center Open House scheduled for June 3 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. This is a family friendly event with music, games, face painting, balloon animals, tours of the renovated Pastoral Center and food (popcorn, cookies and lemonade.)

A flyer is attached that you can share with your parish family. Please contact [Sherri Simmer](#) if you have any questions.

