



Department of
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Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World

April 27, 2022 Edition

“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)

PCL/CLADD Connect ZOOM Session on Out of Sequence Formation with Jayne Ragasa Mondoy, Barb Wolter, and Anita O’Gara, rescheduled to May 12:



Due to many requests and an opening in our presenter’s schedule we moved the April 27 session on “Out of Sequence Formation” to Thursday, May 12 beginning at 2:00 pm.

Jenni Lihs (from Ss. John & Paul parish in Altoona) and I invite you to a very special afternoon PCL/CLADD connect program on the topic of “Out of Sequence Formation” and best practices on May 12 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on ZOOM. Our guest facilitators will be Jayne

Ragasa-Mondoy (see biography below), Barb Wolter (from St. Patrick parish in Perry), and Anita O’Gara (from St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines). Please see the attached flyer for the agenda.

What is this session about and why should I attend? Jenni and I recently sat down on ZOOM and discussed this issue which is becoming larger for parish communities all across southwest Iowa. Paulette Chapman and I visited with Jayne while we were attending the LA Religious Education Congress. Jayne recently facilitated this workshop and shared the following, “For decades, children marched through Catholic schools and parish religious education programs in lock step, with only a few here and there “falling through the cracks” and showing up for the sacraments “out-of-sequence.” Today, that has all changed. Families that decide to bring their children for faith formation and sacraments come to us whenever the time is right for them. In our time together, Jayne will explore how we need to respond to this “new normal” and what we need to do to engage children and families in faith formation without trying to squeeze them into a “sequence.”

Barb Wolter will share her experience in Perry and how she has approached the issue of out of sequence formation, while Anita O’Gara will share the experience of working with many

different ethnicities and their unique needs when it comes to receiving sacraments. There will also be plenty of opportunity for Q&A. **In advance of the session, please send any questions you have on this topic to Jenni Lihs at jlihs@ssjohnpaul.org so she can send them in advance to Jayne, Barb, and Anita.**

Join individually or perhaps in a watch part at your parish. This session is focused on those PCLs working with children and teens preparing for the sacraments of 1st Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion, and Confirmation. This session will be recorded in case you should not be available to participate in-person.

ZOOM Information (Please consider logging in 5 minutes early so we can begin right on time.)

Topic: Best Practices and Pastoral Solutions to Out of Sequence Formation

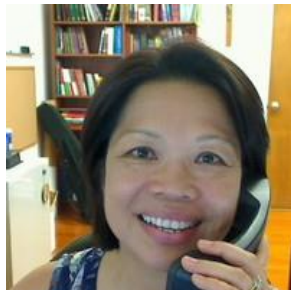
Time: May 12, 2022 02:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81903831126?pwd=ZUQzcEZzZGtvNnExemlqUFIQcUJwdz09>

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Jayne Ragasa-Mondoy serves as director of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Honolulu. Her responsibilities include curriculum development, oversight of catechesis and evangelization processes, and the formation of catechetical leaders across state of Hawaii’s six major islands. While Jayne’s approach to catechist formation has been shaped by her roles as high school teacher/administrator, and parish/diocesan catechetical leader, she considers her vocation – God’s call – to be a faithful missionary disciple to be her role “par excellence.” Jayne is author of “Cultivating Your Catechists: How to Recruit, Encourage, and Retain Successful Catechists” (Loyola Press, 2017) and “Planning for Restored Order” (Twenty-Third Publications, 2021.) She is a national speaker and contributor to, “The Catechist Journey” blog hosted by Loyola Press. She is a member of the advisory committee for the USCCB Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Island Affairs and member of the USCCB curriculum and resource development team for the national Eucharistic Revival initiative.

Resources for Parish Catechetical Leaders:

Living the Easter Season:



Our family resources for Easter were uploaded on the diocesan website a while back. You can find them using [this link](#). Please feel free to share with your parish families as we continue our Easter joy. Since Easter fell late, sharing these resources with families is a great way to continue their family formation well past your last formation session in April or May.

You will find in *Living* the Easter Season formation ideas for the remainder of the Easter Season including Ascension and Pentecost. An additional Pentecost resource will be added within the next week or two.

There is a three page document of Sunday Gospel reflections to begin family faith conversations. The Easter coloring sheets include Gospel stories for all of Easter including Ascension and Pentecost.

Resources are also attached to this e-newsletter.

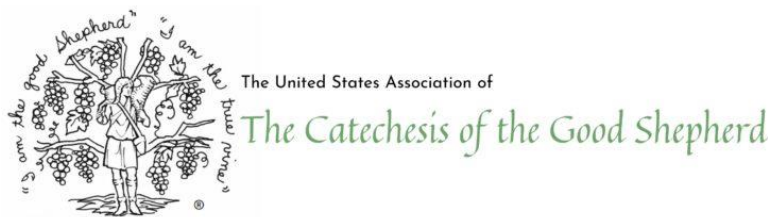
FIRST SENSORY FRIENDLY FAMILY INCLUSION MASS HELD ON May 22 at 3:00 pm at St. Ambrose Cathedral:



Please extend an invitation to embrace and welcome ALL including any person with sensory issues or disabilities of Autism, Down syndrome, developmental/intellectual, dementia, Alzheimer's, and other disabilities for them, and their family, to attend this Mass hosted by the Diocese of Des Moines Disability Ministry office. An ice cream social is planned following the Mass.

Please see the attached sample bulletin announcement and flyer for inclusion in your bulletin, parish and community.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Level 1 and 2 Formation is scheduled to launch this summer:



CGS is a common religious experience involving children and adults in which the religious values of childhood, primarily those values of contemplation and enjoyment of God, are predominant. This experience is

shared in a place particularly prepared for the religious life of children called the Atrium.

Once again Mary Heinrich and Tracy Miller will be providing formation opportunities for CGS catechists to achieve their level 1 or 2 certification. The formation sessions will be held at St. Augustin parish in Des Moines. Level 1 formation begins on July 16 while level 2 begins on June 6. Attached to the e-newsletter is information on both formation levels. For more information, contact Mary Heinrich at maryandkurt12@gmail.com.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month – Here are some resources:



The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has resources for the month of [“Together for Mental Health.”](#) Awareness, support and advocacy activities at your parish are available including images, graphics and event guide.

[A Mental Health Ministry Conference 2022 Conference](#) will be held virtually, and in person at Los Altos, CA, on May 19-21 and is hosted by Association of Catholic

Mental Health Ministers, National Catholic Partnership on Disability and California Catholic Conference. The first part of the presentation will focus on the complexity and fragility of mental health inside all of us. The second part of the presentation will focus on equipping ourselves to be leaders for mental health ministry.

Please contact [Patty Origer](#), Coordinator of Persons with Disability Ministry if you have questions or need additional resources.

We’re Hiring - Campus Ministry Associate at St. Catherine of Siena:



St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Student Center and Parish and the Diocese of Des Moines seek a full time campus ministry associate to begin on July 15, 2022. The Center primarily serves the students, faculty, and staff of Drake University, and is also involved in support of students at other colleges and universities in the Diocese.

Our engagement of students happens through authentic and inclusive personal accompaniment, vibrant worship, community-building, faith formation, and service to the wider community. The

Campus Minister plans, directs, and implements ministry programs and assists the pastor with the day-to-day functions and ministries of the Student Center. Employing a student-based administrative and ministerial model, the Campus Minister provides leadership, direction, and support to the Student Ministry Team and manages the FOCUS team’s interface with joint programs and events. For more specifics on the position, please see the attached document.

April and May Important Dates:

- April 29 – [Saint Catherine of Siena](#)
- May 2 – [Saint Athanasius](#)
- May 3 – [Saints Philip and James](#)
- May 13 – [Our Lady of Fatima](#)
- May 15 – [Saint Isidore the Farmer](#)
- May 24 – [Saint Mary Magdalene de’ Pazzi](#)
- May 25 – [Saint Bede the Venerable](#)

- May 26 – [Saint Philip Neri](#)
- May 29 – [Ascension of the Lord](#) ([Children's Prayer](#), [celebrating](#), [reflection](#))
- May 30 – [Saint Joan of Arc](#)
- May 31 – [Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)

