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Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
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May 6, 2015 Edition

All CLADD Closing Ceremony and Awards:

Please make sure you RSVP to Sherri Simmer at the Diocese no later than 12:00 pm on Monday, May 11 if you are planning to attend our ALL CLADD session. It is a day you do not want to miss in so many ways. Attached is a flyer for the day and an overview is below.

The day includes:

- Mass,
- service awards from 5 years up to 25 years,
- a special exemplary service award for Dr. Cheryl Fournier,
- the annual CLADD Swap Shop – bring resources you no longer use and exchange them with new treasures for your community
- a program featuring Cindy Shaw from the Emmaus House Retreat Center in Des Moines
- a delicious lunch catered by Hy-Vee

We will also be saying good bye to Margie Livermore (St. John parish in Adel) who will be switching careers and Ann Mertes who is retiring as the Adult Faith Formation Director at Saint Francis of Assisi parish.

We would like to provide Cheryl with a wonderful appreciation gift for her service to each of us and our parish communities in the Diocese of Des Moines. Whether you will be able to attend the May 13 celebration or not, please send a contribution for her goodbye gift to:

Sherri Simmer
Diocese of Des Moines
601 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50309

Julie Williamson (Saints Peter & Paul parish in Atlantic) is quilting a wall hanging for her and we will also provide a beautiful pen set (fountain and regular) for her (see the picture below.) Please send this as soon as you can so we can have it for Cheryl on May 13.

CLADD Leadership Slate Elections – May 5-May 12

Below is a link for CLADD elections for the 2015-2016 Slate of Leaders. Below you will see the same information that appears on the Survey Monkey Election Ballot. Please use the link and vote between May 5 and May 12. We will affirm the slate on May 13 at the CLADD Closing mass and Awards Ceremony. Thank you for your commitment to our catechetical organization in the Diocese of Des Moines.

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."

Due to the loss of Dr. Cheryl Fournier because of budget cuts, I have asked the CLADD Leadership team for 2014-2015 to consider at least one more term, or one more year, so that we may have stability as we work on visioning for the future of our department and our resourcing CLADD. All were able to agree except Mary Heinrich & Diane Thierer who needed to step down due to professional commitments. Paulette Chapman has agreed to replace Diane for a full two year term and Patsy Carlson will replace Mary for the remainder of her term.

The Leadership Team for 2014-2015 was:

West Leadership: Cindee Hays (term expiring), Jill Faust (term expiring 2016), and Julie Williamson (term expires 2016)

East Leadership: Diane Thierer (term expiring), Mary Heinrich (term expires 2016), Jenifer Parsons (term expires 2016)

Our new slate for 2015-2016 is:

West Leadership: Cindee Hays (St. Mary - Red Oak), Julie Williamson (Ss. Peter & Paul - Atlantic), and Jill Faust (Corpus Christi - Council Bluffs)

East Leadership: Jenifer Parsons (Basilica of St. John - Des Moines), Patsy Carlson (Ss. John & Paul - Altoona), and Paulette Chapman (Holy Trinity - Des Moines).

This election is for the entire slate of CLADD Leaders on the 2015-2016 CLADD Leadership Team.

Link for CLADD Election Ballot - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X525J5S>:

Catholic Youth Camp News & Update:

Although Senior Week is full (July 26-31), there are openings for boys and girls in all the other weeks. Registration is still open and the directors as well as counselors are looking forward to a record breaking year. For more information follow this link:

<http://www.stmcenter.com/catholic-youth-camp>

Family Day Fiesta will be held on May 17 at St. Thomas More Center from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. The day will include many fun activities such as soccer, mini-golf, volleyball and archery. Families will also be treated to a wonderful lunch and tours by the staff of the Saint Thomas More Center. Bishop Pates will celebrate Mass to begin the day at 11:00 am. For more information contact Luis Salinas at lsalinas@dmdiocese.org or call him at 515-237-5051. There will also be people on hand to answer questions about scholarships that are available. For an informational flyer follow this link: <http://www.dmdiocese.org/espanol.cfm>

Discipleship Focused Youth Ministry Webinar with Eric Gallagher (Sioux Falls Diocese) May 26 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm:

“Date Correction from Last Week”

Eric Gallagher, Diocesan Director for the Office of Youth Discipleship and Evangelization for the Diocese of Sioux Falls, will be sharing his approach for discipleship focused youth ministry beginning May 26 and continuing with our Youth Ministry Kickoff in late summer.

The webinar is an introduction to the fundamentals of a Discipleship Focused Youth Ministry Model that will be continued at the kickoff and at an evening event as well. There is no cost to the webinar but we are limited to 100 participants. To attend this digital webinar follow the instructions below. Your computer will need a microphone however, Eric will be the only person who will require a camera.

To join the webinar from your computer, tablet or smartphone, go to:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/244089101>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States : +1 (571) 317-3122

Access Code: 244-089-101

Please let me know if you have any questions by contacting me at jgaffney@dmdiocese.org. A flyer is attached to this e-newsletter for more information as well.

Congratulations to Tessa Roberts & Alex Kautzky on their new births:

Tessa Roberts and her husband Mack celebrated the birth of their son Rex Francis Roberts on May 3, 2015. The family is doing well. Rex was 6 lbs. and 6 oz. measuring 17 ¾”. His picture is below.

Alex Kautzky and her husband Aaron celebrated the birth of their daughter Bernadette Marguerite Kautzky born on April 30 at 7 lbs. and 10 oz. measuring 20”. Alex is the program director for the Saint Thomas More Center.

Congratulations to both families. Contact Sherri if you need addresses to send cards.



Memorare (May is the Month of Mary):

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, we turn to thee, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother.

To thee we come, before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, do not despise our petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer us.

Amen.

