



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)

Membership in the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) is for everyone – We have paid for you – Activate your membership today:

The Diocese of Des Moines has purchased an upgraded diocesan membership in NCCL, and we



want to include YOU! Please follow the instructions below and use the information provided to activate your membership profile. We are sharing this gift of membership with you because we value your work and want to encourage access to dialogue, networking, and professional-level ministry involvement.

The National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) promotes catechetical and evangelization ministries in the Church and enhances the ministerial effectiveness of its members through the interchange of ideas, resources and mutual support. Parish Catechetical Leaders are a vital part of this organization. This includes the ministries of leadership in adult faith formation, religious education, youth ministry and RCIA.

NCCL is excited to introduce the “Community Stewardship Initiative”! This year we are asking each individual member to make a \$24 fully tax-deductible contribution during the registration process. This \$24 gift, is an act of solidarity: a meaningful investment in the ministry of catechetical leaders everywhere and a reminder of our call to serve 24/7. THANK YOU for your generous support! This contribution still saves you close to \$80.00 per year on a membership. Please contact John at jgaffney@dmdiocese.org if you cannot afford the \$24.00 but would like to be an NCCL membership. We will work it out for you.

Instructions for PCL's ONLY

Step 1. Click <https://www.nccl.org/product/individual-membership/> and verify (1) membership is indicated. Then click **Add to Cart**.

Step 2. On the **Cart** page, you should see an *Individual Membership* as well as the *24/7 Community Stewardship Initiative Donation*.* Enter the special PCL coupon code **001-desmoinespcl**. Click **Apply Coupon** then select **Proceed to Check Out**.

Step 3: If you already have an active NCCL membership, you now log in. If you are a new member, here is where you will begin to create your membership profile, create a username and password (Hint: strong passwords are preferred). Enter your payment information for the 24/7 Donation. Click **Place Order**.

Step 3. Once logged in, go to your profile and complete all fields if you have not already done so.

-Here are a few very short videos that will assist you in this process as well as how to navigate the site and edit your profile: <https://www.nccl.org/videos/>

Next year the NCCL Conference will be in Dubuque. You will want to be a member to get a special discount on registration.

NCCL membership is valuable for all who work in lifelong formation in faith whether full-time, part-time or as a volunteer.

NCYC May Webinar Recording – Watch today:



Our information webinar regarding timeline and deadlines, the early bird discount, and other pertinent information was held on May 7. Below you will find a link for this webinar.

Please keep inviting teens to participate in NCYC throughout the summer. Groups that are awesome to reach out to include: teens working on Vacation Bible School programming for the younger children, teens participating in summer mission trips or conferences, young ladies and men involved in Catholic scouting, as well as at any time you gathering teens throughout the summer. Below you will also find a link to the NCYC page for more information and videos about the

conference.

Contact Justin at jwhite@dmdiocese.org or John Gaffney at jgaffney@dmdiocese.org with any questions.

Webinar link: <https://youtu.be/iRv9vGsU6Eo>

NCYC Website: <http://www.ncyc.info/>

CLADD Thank You:

As I shared yesterday at the CLADD Year End Gala and Closing Mass I want to take this time to thank you for your participation in CLADD: whether you attended one session, our annual retreat, or was there at every event.



CLADD (Catechetical Leaders Association of the Diocese of Des Moines) is YOUR organization as a PCL (leaders in adult faith formation, religious education, RCIA and youth ministry). Sherri and I are blessed to help resource the ideas that are generated by YOU and in a special way the CLADD Leadership Team.

Thank you to Theresa Romens (Holy Rosary in Glenwood), Kelly Howard (St. John in Adel), Julie Williamson (Ss. Peter & Paul in Atlantic), Jane Ann Becicka (St. Theresa in Des Moines), Bernie Koch (St. Patrick in Neola) and Tom Primmer (Our Lady's Immaculate Heart in Ankeny) who have spent many hours planning, inviting and evaluating programming for this year and as we launch 2019-2020. We are blessed by their passion and dedication to ministry and CLADD.

If you haven't ever attended CLADD or it has been awhile, give it a shot in the next year. The goal of CLADD is twofold:

- To offer a space for networking, support and community amongst the catechetical leader community
- To help equip you for ministry through a variety of dynamic programming focused on each pillar of formation found in "Co-Workers in the Vineyard" (human formation, spiritual formation, intellectual formation and pastoral formation).

I shared the story of the mentorship and friendship that I have had with Sr. Virginia Jennings who is retiring from Ss. John & Paul parish in Altoona. She was at the Cathedral when I was at the Basilica. Her support, encouragement and experience was needed then and is still needed this year and beyond. CLADD has been an important part of my catechetical experience even when I couldn't participate as often as I would have liked.

Our challenge to you is to try a session or two this upcoming year. The programming is designed to support all ministries within lifelong formation. If you have questions, contact John at jgaffney@dmdiocese.org.

Our last weekly issue for this catechetical year will be next week. There will be a monthly issue sent in June and July. We will resume weekly issues on July 31, 2019.