



**Save the Date – All-CLADD Gathering and Youth Ministry Kick-Off:**

During the summer our staff has the opportunity to work closely with leaders in religious education and youth ministry on subjects that will inspire and promote professionalism in lifelong formation in faith. This summer is no exception so save the dates for the following opportunities:

- ALL CLADD Fall Kick-off – Thursday, August 11, 2016 at Holy Rosary parish in Glenwood. We will gather beginning around 9:30 am with homemade breakfast items and beverages. The topic for the day will be finalized in the next few weeks but the keynote presenters being considered are exceptional. The day will end by 3:00 pm. A small cost will be a small contribution for lunch.
- Youth Ministry Fall Kick-off – Thursday, August 18 (6:30 to 8:30 pm) or Friday, August 19 (9:00 am to 3:30 pm) with Jared Dees. Jared is the author of *To Heal, Proclaim and Teach: The Essential Guide to Ministry in Today's Catholic Church*. Jared will focus on ministry to teens AND their parents. Attached please find a flyer for this event.



**Calling All Young Adults – World Youth Day Stateside Celebration – St. Patrick Irish Settlement on July 30:**



We need your assistance in getting the word out about a fantastic opportunity for young adults (roughly those between the ages of 18 and 35). Our diocese will host a local celebration of World Youth Day at the only shrine in our diocese: the location where Saint John Paul II visited the parish who invited him to Iowa.

The day will include:

- Multi-cultural coffee house with authentic Polish pastries
- Videos from World Youth Day in Krakow as well as live inspirational and educational talks

- Prayer walk and outdoor activities
- Reconciliation, adoration of the blessed Sacrament and ending with Mass

The day is scheduled from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. For more information follow this link: <https://www.facebook.com/dmdiocesewyd/> Cost for the day is \$15.00 which includes lunch and some really cool giveaway items specially designed for the day. Let Tessa know if you would like flyers mailed to you today. Her e-mail is [troberts@dmdiocese.org](mailto:troberts@dmdiocese.org).

### **Preparing for Catechetical Sunday – Prayer: The Faith Prayed:**

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2016 and will focus on the theme "**Prayer: The Faith Prayed.**" Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

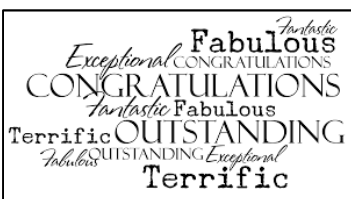


There are many resources that the USCCB has available for all catechetical leaders (youth ministry, adult faith formation, and religious education.) These resources include:

- Items for teaching (aids and resources)
- Catechist in-service sessions
- Adult faith formation
- Family resources
- Liturgy resources
- Prayer Cards
- Parish resources (many of which can be utilized in parish bulletins and on websites)
- Poster and clip art (used by the Diocesan Office in your Catechetical Leader Directory – thank you Sherri)
- Certificates for catechists

The link to the USCCB website is: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/prayer/index.cfm>

### **Books by our very own colleagues:**



The Diocese of Des Moines has very talented people (and good looking too.) Check out these three titles from Dr. Matt Halbach, Jon Leonetti and Mary Heinrich. Maybe they will autograph your copy the next time you see them?

Becoming a Parish of Mercy (Twenty-third Publications) by Dr. Matt Halbach: Mercy doesn't always wait for an apology. Mercy actively pursues. Like the merciful father who sees his son "a long way off" and goes out to embrace him, the Church is called to go out and accompany people, bringing the kingdom of God to all. In this practical and enlightening book, you will uncover key actions and attitudes of accompaniment that can bring Pope Francis' vision of a more merciful Church to life in your parish. You'll see how the New Evangelization can help you thrive as an oasis of God's mercy, cultivating relationships based on trust, respect, and love.

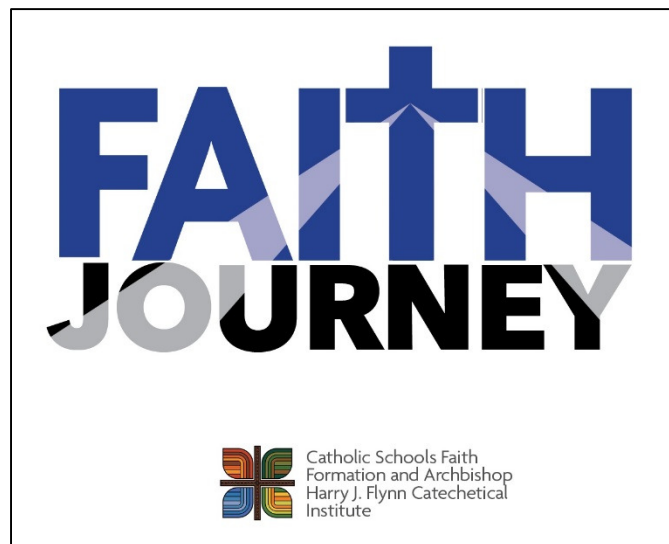
Beginner's Guide to Mother Teresa of Calcutta (E-book) by Jon Leonetti: Tom Peterson, founder of **Catholics Come Home**, wrote, "Jon Leonetti has delivered the most comprehensive, yet succinct, book on Mother Teresa I've ever read. Do yourself a favor and read this book!" Inside the book you will discover: the surprisingly simple secrets to Mother Teresa's success, how she went from a conventional school teacher to the "Saint of the Gutters," and the darkness she suffered but also the light it brought. It is an e-book in pdf format. For your free copy go to: [www.MotherTeresaGuide.com](http://www.MotherTeresaGuide.com).

The Catholic Handbook for Visiting the Sick and Homebound 2017 (LTP) by Mary Heinrich: *The Catholic Handbook for Visiting the Sick and Homebound 2017* is the essential resource for lay ministers of care, especially extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. This resource also includes a pastoral introduction providing ministers with helpful advice for presiding over these rituals with the sick.

### **Registration still open for remaining spots in Faith Journey – The Catechetical Institute:**

Is God still speaking to you to learn more about the Catholic Church and see how your story is unfolding in "the" story? This is the journey that you can join, along with others from around our diocese, as this wonderful opportunity begins this fall.

Faith Journey – The Catechetical Institute is a 2 year process that takes you through the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church. Each module has 11 formational sessions that are catechetical along with 2 retreat day sessions. The cost for each module is \$250.00 although there is limited financial assistance if the cost is a factor.)



Faith Journey – The Catechetical Institute is a wonderful process for our parish leaders in a variety of ministry settings. For more information contact John Huynh at 515-237-5006 or at [jhuynh@dmdiocese.org](mailto:jhuynh@dmdiocese.org). Link to the website is: <http://www.dmdiocese.org/about-catechetical-institute.cfm>