

Department of
Evangelization & Catechesis

Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
Summer Edition July 2019

“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)

August 8 – CLADD Kick-off in Glenwood – Center for Ministry Development National Workshop Series:



*Connecting Families to Sacramental Ministries
for Children and Youth*

2019 National Workshop Series for Catholic Leaders

The Center for Ministry Development invites you to join your catechetical colleagues within our diocese for this workshop series which will provide vision and practical resources for all leaders (religious education, adult faith formation and youth ministry) to know, welcome, engage, and empower parents as they share faith and sacramental life with their children.

Sacramental life is not only focused on preparation for 1st Communion and Confirmation. It also includes how our adult parents accompany their children towards all the sacraments (session 1) and help equip parents in leading their family of faith at home as well as the parish (session 2).

The schedule and information about the day can be found below:

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| 9:00 am | Register and enjoy hospitality |
| 9:30 am | CLADD Leadership Welcome and gather in prayer |
| 9:45 am | Session 1 – Accompanying Today’s families
Families are the school of love and the place where children learn to live the truth of Baptism, Families are the school of love and the place where children learn to live the truth of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. In this session, we will explore the Church’s vision for families and sacraments. We will share current research and insights about families and faith, and we will envision new relationships between |

families and the ministries that prepare children and youth for the sacraments of initiation.

- 11:00 am Break
- 11:15 am Session 2 – Engaging Families in Sacramental Ministries
Families of faith gather at two tables, the table of Eucharist at our parish, and the family table. In this session, we will share a process for engaging families that helps parents see their role of leading their family in faith at home and in the parish. This step-by-step process begins with hospitality and includes support for faith sharing at home as well as gatherings at the parish.
- 12:45 pm Lunch Break
- 1:30 pm Session 3 – Exploring Best Practices for Each Sacrament of Initiation
Parishes are re-imagining Sacramental ministries with families in mind and finding ways to connect families with these ministries for their children and youth. This session will provide practical examples and explore best practices for the preparation, celebration, and follow-through for Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, and Initiation ministries. This will include networking with leaders working in similar ministries and planning for first steps for implementing your vision back home.
- 2:45 pm CLADD Programing for 2019-2020
- 3:00 pm Closing Prayer

Normally the registration fee for this workshop is \$54.00. Since the Diocese of Des Moines is paying the workshop cost there will be a small fee of \$10.00 per person materials, lunch and refreshments.

Contact Sherri Simmer at ssimmer@dmdiocese.org to register.

News from parishes around the Diocese:



High School Faith Formation Coordinator position available at St. Francis of Assisi parish in West Des Moines:

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is looking to hire a Coordinator of High School Faith Formation. This position is responsible for directing the parish's efforts surrounding faith formation for high school students in grades 9-12. The goal of

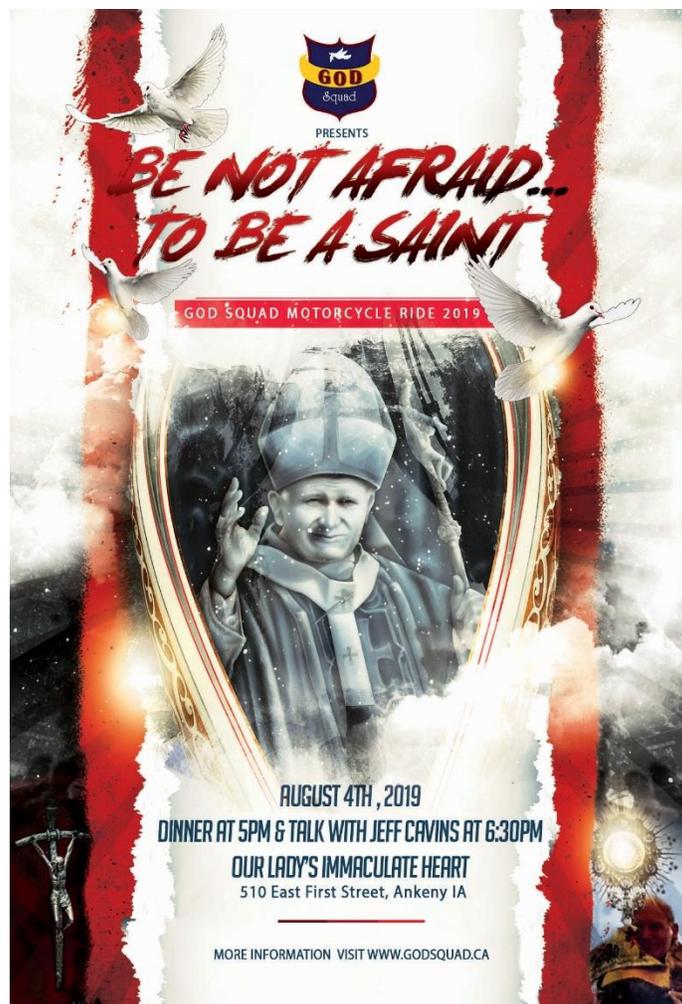
HSFF is to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person through discipleship building, study and faith sharing groups, retreats, fellowship, service opportunities and mission trips.

A minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Catholic Theology or Youth Ministry (or equivalent experience) is preferred. A successful candidate will have a heart for Jesus, have a strong desire to share their faith with our young people, can relate well to youth and adults, and has experience organizing both small and large-scale events.

Please send resume, references, and St. Francis of Assisi Employment Application (found on the parish website) by July 31, 2019 to:

Christen Cota,
Director of Faith Formation
7075 Ashworth Road,
West Des Moines, IA 50266
ccota@saintfranchurch.org

The God Squad to be at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Parish in Ankeny on August 4th:



New Director named for Saint Joseph Educational Center:

Dr. Dan Ryan, President of Dowling Catholic High School, and a committee of pastors from the Des Moines metropolitan area, the diocese announced that Tom Quinlan will assume the role of Ministry Director of the St. Joseph Educational Center (SJEC).



For the past 25 years, Tom has served in parish and diocesan catechetical ministry in northern Illinois. He most recently served the Diocese of Joliet as Director of Religious Education for 17 years. He is a published author of two books, *Excellence in Ministry* (Loyola Press, 2017) and *How to Talk to Children about the Mass* (Twenty-Third Publications, 2017), and has presented throughout the U.S. and Canada. His experience also includes extensive work with the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership, (NCCL) serving on the governance board, representative council and multiple committees.

Tom holds a B.S. in Business Administration from DePaul University in Chicago and a Master of Divinity from the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois.

We hope to have Tom work with our parish catechetical leaders in the near future.

USCCB Survey on Certification for Lay Ecclesial Ministry:



Greetings behalf of the Alliance for the Certification of Lay Ecclesial Ministers! Aware of the challenges which confront us in our Church today, and the opportunities for growth, renewal and reform that beckon us, we are asking parish catechetical leaders in NCCL member dioceses for some important feedback to help guide the work of the USCCB Subcommittee on Certification for Ecclesial Ministry and Service.

The bishops' conference is in the beginning of a two-year planning cycle which will result in a four-year strategic plan for 2021-24. The Subcommittee on Certification will be considering its own operational objectives for that period based on its mandate, endeavors undertaken during the current strategic plan, priority areas indicated by the body of the bishops, and feedback received from a survey. This feedback will be a help to the Subcommittee on Certification to formulate objectives and activities within the framework of the four-year strategic plan.

On behalf of the Subcommittee, and the chairman, Bishop Kicanas, we ask that you please complete the 7 minute survey of 10 questions to help guide conversation on the subcommittee's strategic plan. All submissions be entered by **5 p.m. EDT on Friday, July 12**. Thank you for your help in both completing, sharing and promoting this very important survey.

[SURVEY LINK](#)