

Diocese of Des Moines  
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Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap  
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Living our Catholic Faith in the World  
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All CLADD Fall Kick-Off – August 11 – “The Pope Francis Effect: Creating a Culture of Encounter” with Joan Weber from the Center for Ministry Development:

The CLADD Leadership Team is very excited about our first opportunity to gather as lay ecclesial ministers whose work focuses on Lifelong Formation in Faith. Joan Weber from the Center for Ministry Development will share with us the ways our ministries can create a culture of encounter by using the example set for us by Pope Francis. This session is intended to be multi-faceted to connect to the specific ministry you find yourself: adults, family ministry, a traditional K-8 or Catechesis of the Good Shepherd environment, RCIA, youth ministry, special needs ministry, etc. Attached with this e-mail is a flyer for the event.

The All-CLADD Fall Kick-Off will be held at Holy Rosary parish in Glenwood on August 11, 2015. Please RSVP Sherri Simmer at [ssimmer@dmdiocese.org](mailto:ssimmer@dmdiocese.org). Come for the program, meet new parish staff (DREs, youth ministers and adult faith directors), great food by Theresa Romens and friends, and renew friendships within our wonderful catechetical community.

Youth Ministry Fall Kick-Off Week – “Discipleship Focused Youth Ministry” with Eric Gallagher:

This year we are providing many ways to access opportunities to learn more about discipleship focused youth ministry, be inspired to enter into a new youth ministry year and learn more about what the Diocesan Department of Evangelization and Catechesis has in store for those who serve the young Church: whether volunteers, part-time staff or seasoned full-time staff. We have a lot of great things coming for you and your teens:

- Thursday August 27, 2015 at Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in Atlantic (6:30 to 8:30 pm) - We invite you to enjoy dinner and an inspirational talk from Eric Gallagher. Eric will be speaking on intentional discipleship in youth ministry, explaining how the general idea of four marks of discipleship can be incorporated into whatever models of youth ministry you are currently using. This is a free evening for all.
- Friday August 28, 2015 at St. John Parish in Adel (9:00 am to 3:30 pm) – Coordinator Training Day - We invite you to begin the day with Mass before diving deep into a day-long training session on the DFYM model. It will introduce you to the model in its fullness and show how the principles could be applied within what you are already doing. The diocese will provide breakfast, lunch and resource materials free of charge.
- Saturday, August 29, 2015 at St. Boniface Parish in Waukee (9:00 am to 12:00 pm) – DFYM Small Group Leader Training - We invite parish volunteers to a morning training session focused on volunteers and what they need to start discipleship groups

from scratch. The diocese will provide breakfast, but we ask that the individual or parish cover the \$15 resource fee per person.

A flyer will be sent soon. Please save these dates on your calendar so that you and your volunteers can be present for what will be a wonderful week of formation around youth ministry. You can listen to the watch the webinar that was held this spring with Eric for a better idea of what will be covered in August. Follow this link: <http://www.dmdiocese.org/youthministry.cfm> Please RSVP Sherri Simmer regarding the sessions you are interested in participating and the number who will be attending from your parish community. **These formation events are planned to include you and your volunteers.**

Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference – “Saved by the Call” – October 25, 2015 at Dowling Catholic High School:

We are transitioning the Diocesan Youth Rally to look and feel more like the National Catholic Youth Conference or a Steubenville Conference. This year’s initial conference will be held on October 28, 2015 at Dowling Catholic High School. Plans are underway for a great day but below you will find even more wonderful details to promote to teens and families this summer:

- Theme for DCYC is “Saved by the Call”
- Keynote for this year is Jackie Francois who will be one of the MCs for NCYC 2015 in Indianapolis. She is a singer/songwriter, a Catholic evangelist and a worship leader. To view a YouTube video of Jackie’s keynote at the 2013 Steubenville Conference: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C139nATUmFc> This should give you a good understanding of her many gifts she will share with us in October.
- Middle School & High School youth will gather together but...
  - There is a track for High School Students
  - There is a track for Middle School Students
  - Except for Mass and closing prayer, they will not be around each other.
- We will have a track for Hispanics
- We will have a track for Adults
- There will be vendors and games available
- Confessions will be held and there is an opportunity to extend the session with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please put this wonderful event on your ministry calendar and start letting your teens know that this event will be awesome.

**Prayers for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit by St. Bonaventure**

We beg the all-merciful Father through Thee,  
his only-begotten Son made man for our sake,  
crucified and glorified for us,  
to send upon us from His treasure-house the Spirit of sevenfold grace,

Who rested upon Thee in all His fullness:

- the Spirit of Wisdom  
enabling us to relish the fruit of the tree of life, which is indeed thyself;
- the gift of understanding: to enlighten our perceptions;
- the gift of prudence, enabling us to follow in Thy footsteps;
- the gift of strength: to withstand our adversary's onslaught;
- the gift of knowledge: to distinguish good from evil by the light of Thy holy teaching;
- the gift of piety: to clothe ourselves with charity and mercy;
- the gift of fear: to withdraw from all ill-doing and  
live quietly in awe of Thy eternal majesty.

These are the things for which we petition.  
Grant them for the honor of Thy Holy Name,  
to which, with the Father and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, thanksgiving, renown,  
and Lordship for ever and ever.  
Amen.

