



Vehicle and Driver's Safety Policy Clarification:

Throughout the summer we have met with staff from Administration at the Pastoral Center regarding the vehicle and safety policy. Below please find a chart that will help you make sure you have the proper forms completed to support the policy. The forms are attached to this e-mail.

A gathered parish event is one that is held on your church grounds or is held elsewhere off parish grounds. Transportation of children and teens can occur to and from the parish which allows the staff more control over safe environment: or the children and teens gather at the event requiring the parents/guardians the responsibility for transportation.

Gathered parish event where parish is transporting children and teens require:

- Completing the volunteer driver application.
- Completing the private vehicle use application (unless the driver is authorized to use a vehicle owned by the parish).
- Completing a background screening application (Drivers only need to check the box for a motor vehicle report and include the driver's license number and issuing state.)

Although for safe environment we consider the threshold of 3 hours or more per month as regular contact with children and teens, regarding transporting of children and teens all contact requires completion of all applications and screenings. The motor vehicle background screening needs to be repeated every 7 years.

As always, please contact John Gaffney at [jgaffney@dmdiocese.org](mailto:jgaffney@dmdiocese.org) with any questions. If he cannot answer your question, he will contact a member of the Diocesan Safety Commission.

Resource idea – Current college students give insights on how to stay close to Christ while at college:

Monica Hughes, Senior Class Faith Formation Team Member, from Holy Rosary parish in Glenwood shared the resource that you will find attached to this e-mail. Basically they had five of their former youth ministry members who are now in college, write to graduating seniors with their experiences on how to include their Catholic faith as part of the experience. These letters were distributed to graduating seniors at the senior Mass in May. Prior to this, they had a special evening for seniors in April where they discussed strategies for keeping close to Christ while in college. Thank you Monica, and everyone at Holy Rosary, for sharing this with us.

17 Books Every Catholic Leader Should Read free eBook:

Jonathan F. Sullivan, diocesan director for Catechetical Services in the Diocese of Springfield Illinois and a previous presenter for our All CLADD Kickoff in 2013, is sharing a free resource which he created. *17 Books Every Catholic Leader Should Read* is a short eBook recommending some of his favorite books on leadership, pastoral administration, and the mission of the Catholic Church. You can download a free copy of this book at <http://bit.ly/17BooksFree>. Currently I am reading *Quiet* by Susan Cain and am finding it very powerful both professionally and personally.

Catechetical Sunday 2015 – Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person – September 20, 2015:

This year, the Church will focus on the theme "Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person." Those whom 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. It is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Resources that are downloadable include:

- Teaching resources
- Teaching aids
- Prayer Cards
- Bulletin Campaigns
- Certificates for your catechists
- A beautiful poster and clip art

You can find all of this and more by following this link: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/human-dignity/index.cfm>

Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendar:

- August 11, 2015 – All CLADD Kick-Off – Holy Rosary parish in Glenwood - 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.
- August 27-29, 2015 – Youth Ministry Fall Kick-Off Week – Discipleship Focused Youth Ministry
  - 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.
- October 25, 2015 – Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference – “Saved by the Call” – This year’s initial conference will be held at Dowling Catholic High School. Plans are underway for a great day including Jackie Francois as our keynote, separate tracks for middle school, high school and adults, Mass with Bishop Pates, vendors, games and so much more...Please put this wonderful event on your ministry calendar and start letting your teens know that this event will be awesome.

**Prayer attributed to Brother Lawrence**

Lord of all pots and pans and things,  
 since I’ve no time to be a great saint  
 by doing lovely things,  
 or watching late with Thee,  
 or dreaming in the dawnlight,  
 or storming heaven’s gates,  
 make me a saint by getting meals,  
 and washing up the plates.

Warm all the kitchen with Thy Love,  
 and light it with Thy peace;  
 forgive me all my worrying,  
 and make my grumbling cease.

Thou who didst love to give men food,  
 in room, or by the sea,  
 accept the service that I do,  
 I do it unto Thee.

Amen



In this Jubilee Year,  
let us allow God  
to surprise us.

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