

Dept. of Evangelization &
Catechesis

Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
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Next Week is the ALL CLDD Fall Kick-Off – August 17 in Glenwood – RSVP Today:

CALED TO JOYFUL WITNESS

Witnessing with Words:

The Practice of Sharing the Kerygma through our Personal Stories

Sr. Maureen Colleary, FSP from RENEW International will lead us in a day that our CLADD Leadership Team and I believe would delight Pope Francis; sharing the joy we have in our friendship with Jesus and the wonderful opportunity to minister in the field of lifelong formation in faith.



What does it really mean to witness to our faith? As catechists, we need to reflect on who fanned the flame of faith for us. The practice of sharing our faith through our personal stories, witnessing with words, that's what we are about today and every day of our lives. Through dialogue and reflection, we will share our faith stories so we can empower others to do the same.

The agenda is attached. Breakfast and lunch will be delicious because it is being prepared by Theresa Romens and friends. If you have not been to Holy Rosary in Glenwood, it is worth the travel time. It is nestled in the rolling hills of SW Iowa, not far from Council Bluffs.

Besides a wonderful formation session, the day will be filled with introductions including Justin White - our new Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, diocesan updates and door prizes.

Contact Sherri Simmer at ssimmer@dmdiocese.org to RSVP today. Please contact John Gaffney at jgaffney@dmdiocese.org for more information or if you have questions.

Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) Update – Save the Date for October 22:



DCYC 2017 is going big after many comments suggested a larger venue and opportunities that mirror aspects of NCYC and the Steubenville Conferences. We listened.

WE ARE BOLDLY SENT

IOWA EVENTS CENTER - OCTOBER 22, 2017

Our keynote speaker is Chris Padgett with special musical guest, Eric Webster. Attached is the flyer.

Your challenge – HELP US FILL THE VENUE!

More to come in your mail and digitally. For more information or to help, contact Justin White at jwhite@dmdiocese.org.

Guideline Revisions for the Celebration of Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities online at the USCCB:

The Guidelines have been published at the USCCB site found below. The Guidelines are the culmination of years of work and were approved by the Bishops at their annual meeting in June 2017.

A text of the Guidelines as well as a pdf version can be found in the Policies section of Divine Worship at the USCCB, ([click here](#)).

Jess Streit and Christen Cota from St. Francis of Assisi will be with us at our September sessions to break this and other important aspects of inclusive ministry open to all of us.

Thank you to the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD) and the USCCB for their tireless work that will benefit all Catholics with disabilities for years to come.



Time to get ready for Catechetical Sunday – Living as Missionary Disciples:

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 17, 2017 and will focus on the theme



"Living As Missionary Disciples." 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:

- Webinars from the Leadership Institute focused on this year's theme
- Various articles that could be used in catechist formation

- Liturgy resources for the commissioning service
- 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

It is not too late to order resources for your catechists, RCIA teams, youth ministry volunteers, Catholic School religion teachers, etc. But do it soon to avoid any items being out of stock.

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

