

Diocese of Des Moines
Evangelization &
Catechesis



Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
August 10, 2016 Edition

Welcome Back:

Sherri, Tessa and I hope you had a restful and reflective summer. We at the Department of Evangelization & Catechesis have been very busy over the summer working on how we can best help you through resources, skills development and larger programming.

We will have a large grouping of everyone present tomorrow for the All-CLADD Kick-off at Holy Rosary in Glenwood. For those who could not attend you will be receiving a packet of information delivered or in the mail which includes:

- The CLADD Directory
- The CLADD Calendar for upcoming professional development sessions
- Brochure for Faith Journey – the Catechetical Institute
- Brochure & Program Dates for The Rich Soil Catechetical Certification Process
- Radix High School Senior Retreat postcard
- Youth Ministry Kick-off flyer for August 18 & 19 (with Jared Dees)
- DCYC Flyer, poster, registration form & instruction, FAQ sheet,
- Confirmation Retreat flyer
- Discipleship Focused Youth Ministry training flyer
- Resources for the Holy Ghost Juniorate Lent 2017 collection (envelopes, poster, and letters)

Thank you to our good friends at Our Sunday Visitor (Katy Maier, Cindee Hays, and Dr. Joseph White) for the wonderful resourcing on evangelizing the domestic church and engaging parents in faith formation. We are blessed to collaborate with wonderful ministry partners.

We look forward to being with you and your parish communities throughout the upcoming catechetical season. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns that we can help you with. Please know you are in our daily prayers.

CLADD Leadership for 2016-2017:

CLADD is a member driven organization. The Department of Evangelization & Catechesis resources the decisions made by the leadership team. However, your colleagues you selected for leadership work very hard to be supportive and helpful for you in your formational ministry.

Our leaders for 2016-2017 are:

- Paulette Chapman (chairperson) – pchapman@ssjohnpaul.org
- Jill Faust (vice-chairperson) – jrfaust1@cox.net

- Julie Williamson (secretary) – jwmson@metc.net
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The CLADD Leadership Team is another resource to help support you in the ministry of Evangelization & Catechesis. Please feel free to contact any member of the team with questions or ideas about future programming.

The Rich Soil Catechetical Certification Brochure & Program Dates:

I am very excited by the launch of our new catechetical certification process: The Rich Soil. The goals of the process are simple:

- To focus on the importance the role of witness brings to the catechetical session
- To help create a community of support as new catechists to God's call into this ministry
- To provide some skills and resources that can be used in the religious education and youth ministry setting immediately.

Attached top this newsletter is the brochure and a timeline when the retreat and sessions will be held (both in-person and digital sessions.) If I can be of service to your catechists I am happy to come to your parish and visit with them or call in by conference call.

For more information please contact me at jgaffney@dmdiocese.org or call me at 515-237-5026.

Follow us on Twitter:

The Department of Evangelization & Catechesis has a Twitter account and we frequently tweet links to some great resources. Our most recent tweets had to do with World Youth Day in Poland and include pictures as well as links to Pope Francis' conferences and homily (in English.) To follow us go to @therichsoil on Twitter.

All kidding aside, it forces me to be brief too!

