



Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap  
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith  
Living our Catholic Faith in the World

August 17, 2016 Edition

**How to Engage Families in an Age of Drive-by Parents with Dr. Joseph White:**



We had a great day on August 11 at Holy Rosary parish in Glenwood breaking open the topic of evangelizing parents and engage the entire family. A few thoughts of appreciation are in order:

- Dr. Joseph White and Cindee Hays from Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) for resourcing this day for all of us.
- The CLADD Leadership Team for working hard from planning to logistics to make sure the day ran well.
- Theresa Romens, Fr. Dan Siepker, the staff and volunteers at Holy Rosary parish in Glenwood for the wonderful hospitality and delicious food.
- Sherri Simmer for all the details of making sure people were registered and had all the materials they needed.
- To you...for attending and giving of yourself in discussion and networking throughout the day.

For those who couldn't attend or didn't have enough time to write down all of Dr. White's notes, below is a link to his presentation notes:

<http://www.sharingcatholicfaith.com/upload/How%20to%20Engage%20Families.pdf>

You can follow Dr. White by going to his website at [www.sharingcatholicfaith.com](http://www.sharingcatholicfaith.com) or by following him on Twitter at @josephosv.

Materials distributed at the ALL CLADD Fall Kick-off included:

- The CLADD Directory & Master Programming Calendar
- Information on the Rich Soil Catechetical Certification Process & Programming Dates for 2016-2017 (attached to this e-mail)
- The Faith Journey – Catechetical Institute brochure on continuing to deepen your own faith journey through formation.
- Radix Retreat (for High School Seniors) postcard
- Youth Ministry Kick-Off Flyer
- Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) flyer and registration materials
- Diocesan Confirmation Retreats Flyer

- Discipleship Focused Youth Ministry Training Flyer for Jan. 4
- Lenten Materials for the Holy Ghost Juniorate Outreach Project (Poster, letters to families and envelopes)

In case we haven't mailed yours out to you, let Sherri know so she can speed that to you ASAP.

### **Preparing for Catechetical Sunday – Prayer: The Faith Prayed:**

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2016 and will focus on the theme "**Prayer: The Faith Prayed.**" 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:

- Items for teaching (aids and resources)
- Catechist in-service sessions
- Adult faith formation
- Family resources
- Liturgy resources
- 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

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

**Not too late to register for the Youth Ministry Fall Kick-off** – RSVP before 10:00 am on Thursday, August 18.

Thursday, August 18 (6:30 to 8:30 pm) or Friday, August 19 (9:00 am to 3:30 pm) with Jared Dees. Jared is the author of *To Heal, Proclaim and Teach: The Essential Guide to Ministry in Today's Catholic Church*. Jared will focus on ministry to teens AND their parents.



- Appreciation Dinner & Inspirational Keynote – Thursday, August 18, 2016 at Ss. Peter & Paul parish in Atlantic. This is for you and your team members to enjoy a delicious supper and excellent conversation surrounding ministry to and with teens.
- Youth Ministry Workshop – Friday, August 19, 2016 at St. John parish in Adel. Jared will break open his new book and provide applications to Jesus' ministry methods to teens and parents. Breakfast and lunch is included.
- There is no cost with either of these youth ministry fall kick-off events. Please RSVP to Sherri Simmer at [ssimmer@dmdiocese.org](mailto:ssimmer@dmdiocese.org).

### **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.

**Registration information will be e-mailed to you by Thursday afternoon, August 18.**

For more information please contact me at [jgaffney@dmdiocese.org](mailto:jgaffney@dmdiocese.org) or call me at 515-237-5026.

### **Thank you staff and volunteers for another great CYC Season:**

One of the many great blessings in our diocese is the Saint Thomas More Center, home to Catholic Youth Camp. In any given year between 1500 and 1600 youth and teens learn more about their faith, enjoy camp activities such as zip line, horseback riding, canoeing and swimming, and participate fully and actively at Mass. Our camp is one of the few in the country whose leadership is primarily made up of volunteers: counselors and directors. If you had children or teens who attended from your parish, take some time to visit with them about their experiences. It is guaranteed to put a smile on your face.

