



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

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Webinar News...Webinar News:

Below is a list of webinars coming your way in the next few months. Many of our colleagues have found these webinars to be very helpful in their ministry formation. Many of the hosts of the webinars will record them for those who can't attend because of work commitments.

- Center for Ministry Development – cost is \$25.00 per webinar or \$125 for their entire webinar series
 - Sept. 23, 2015 - God Saw That It Was Good: Empowering Youth and Families to Care for God's Creation – facilitated by Jane Angha - With the release of the encyclical *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis underscored the importance of caring for our common home as part of our Catholic faith and tradition. Join us in this webinar as we explore ways to promote caring for God's creation among our youth and their families and even in our ministry settings.
 - October 21, 2015 - Digital Reach: How to Engage Youth and Families through Media and Social Media – facilitated by Peter Bierer and Angel Barrera - Youth and their families are busier than ever. With sporting events, band practice, retreats, school, friends...ugh. There's sometimes so little time to gather them at the parish for any programming. In this webinar, we'll look at ways to engage youth and their families in non-gathered ways through social media. We'll learn how to develop a plan for leveraging social media to extend our reach.
 - To register follow this link: <https://www.cmdnet.org/cmd-store/category/24-webinars>
- Archived webinars from Ave Maria Press can be found at this link: <https://www.avemariapress.com/webinar-videos/>
- Archived webinars from Loyola Press can be found at this link: <http://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/webinars-2/>
- Archived webinars from the National Catholic Partnership on Disability can be found at this link: <http://www.ncpd.org/webinars>
- Archived webinars from William H. Sadlier religion publishers can be found at this link: <http://www.sadlier.com/religion/resources/lifelong-learning-webinars>
- Archived video from NFCYM on the topic “How to talk to young people about God!” with Dr. Bob McCarty can be found at this link: <https://cultivationministries.adobeconnect.com/a1043039540/p1b6odvkdjr/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal>

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

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 20, 2015, and 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. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

“This year’s theme reminds us that the dignity of each human person rests in the biblical teaching (Gen 1:26-27) that he or she is made in God’s image and likeness. It also reminds us that we the baptized may need to actively support and protect others from all sorts of harm, cherishing human life from the moment of conception to a natural death.

As in past years, a variety of materials have been prepared to assist pastors, parish catechists, Catholic school teachers and the faithful in celebrating Catechetical Sunday, not only in September, but also throughout the 2015-2016 year.” Archbishop Blair, Chairman of the USCCB Evangelization & Catechesis Committee.

For excellent resources on so many opportunities to use this year’s theme in catechist in-service programs, the artwork, prayer cards, lesson plans, family resources and a wonderful commissioning service follow this link: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/human-dignity/index.cfm>

For more information about these resources or to view other resources offered on their website follow this link: <http://www.lifelongfaith.com/>

Staff Updates:

Luis Salinas, diocesan coordinator for Hispanic Youth Ministry, has moved to Arizona so he and his family can be closer to his in-laws. We greatly appreciate the hard work that Luis undertook while working in the diocese to bring youth into authentic encounters with Christ.

If you have any questions regarding ministry to Hispanic youth, please direct them to Mayra Moriel de Banuelos at mmoriel@dmdiocese.org or to Tessa Roberts at troberts@dmdiocese.org.

Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendar:

- **September 10, 2015** – Des Moines Area Youth Ministers Meeting – St. Pius X Church from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
- **September 14, 2015** – Des Moines Region Adult Faith Formation Directors Meeting – St. Theresa Church from 12:00 to 2:00 pm.
- **September 14, 2015** – CLADD South – St. Edward Church in Afton from 6:00 to 8:30 pm – Topic is Jubilee Year of Mercy
- **September 15, 2015** – CLADD West – St. Mary Church in Red Oak from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – Topic is Jubilee Year of Mercy

- **September 17, 2015** – CLADD East – St. Augustin Church in Des Moines from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – Topic is Jubilee Year of Mercy
- **September 20, 2015** – Catechetical Sunday
- **October 11, 2015** – Year of Marriage and Family concluding celebration – “Family is a School of Virtue” at St. Boniface Parish from 1:00 pm until 5:30 pm. More information can be found at <http://www.dmdiocese.org/finish%20flyer%20english.pdf>
- **October 25, 2015** – Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference – “Saved by the Call” – For more information follow this link: <http://www.dmdiocese.org/dcyc.cfm>

Parent’s prayer:

All praise to You, Lord Jesus, Lover of children:
Bless our family, and help us to lead our children to You.

Give us light and strength, and courage when our task is difficult.
Let Your Spirit fill us with love and peace,
So that we may help our children to love You.

All glory and praise are Yours, Lord Jesus,
For ever and ever.

Amen.

