

Diocese of Des Moines
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Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
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Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God's Creation: 2014 Respect Life Packet from the USCCB:

Each fall, the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities prepares information folders providing resources to parishes and dioceses in their movements and formation to respect life. This year's campaign is entitled, "Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God's Creation." Each packet includes four 8 ½ by 11 poster, a book listing publications in various aspects of the Respect Life movement (abortion, biotechnology, capital punishment, church documents, culture of life, euthanasia, natural family planning, prayer/worship, and establishing a parish respect life program), and 6 small brochures on various topics.

Your Pro-Life contact or pastor received this packet. If you have not seen it, please ask your contact for it. There are many connections that can be used in your religious education and teen formation programs throughout the year. All materials are available in Spanish as well as English.

More information can be found on the USCCB Website including the pamphlets, posters and catalog. The link to the website is <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/index.cfm> We have a limited number of extra copies at the Department of Evangelization & Catechesis. Please contact Sherri Simmer if you would like us to mail a Respect Life folder to you. Her e-mail is simmer@dmdiocese.org.

National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry is coming in December:

Early Bird Registration to the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry ends on September 15. This year's conference will be held in San Antonio Texas from December 4-6. You will save \$25 on your registration if you register by September 15. NFCYM member's fee is \$300 while nonmember's fee is \$325. The fee increases by \$25 on September 16 and then again on November 1.

This year's keynote addresses will be provided by Roy Petitfils, Sr. Helen Prejean, Dr. Timone Davis and Father Greg Boyle, S.J. Other featured speakers include Father Michael White and Chris Wesley (Rebuilt authors), Dr. Ed Hahnenberg, Dr. Kristin Witte, Fr. Virgillio Elizondo and Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller.

Besides exciting and relevant keynotes and features speakers, NCCYM has opportunities for liturgy and prayer, breakout sessions with youth leaders from around the country, networking, exhibitors, and opportunities to hear new Catholic artists.

For more information, contact Tessa Roberts at troberts@dmdiocese.org. Flights seem to begin at \$330 round trip from Des Moines (from Kayak.com).

Strong Catholic Family Faith website:

There is a new website with a dynamic resources library for faith formation. The website CatholicFamilyFaith.org has been created by staffs in the faith formation offices of the Diocese of Jefferson City (MO), Diocese of Saint Petersburg (FL), and the Diocese of San Jose (CA).

This curated site is designed to assist parish and school catechetical leaders in supporting and resourcing parents in their efforts to offer quality faith formation for themselves and their children. Catechetical leaders can glean ideas from this site to supplement current activities or to suggest specific links to families.

The site link is www.catholicfamilyfaith.org.

Register today for the Diocesan Youth Ministry Kick-Off & Training Day in Atlantic:

This event is a day of prayer and formation for pastors, youth ministers and youth ministry volunteers. The theme for the day is, “Servants of Christ and Stewards of the Mysteries”.

The keynote is by a wonderful and energetic youth minister, Deacon Dana Nearmeyer from the Archdiocese of Kansas City. The focus of the day is to help you and your team with new ideas and visions for youth ministry, practical breakout sessions to help enhance your work with teens and an opportunity to pray together.

There is no cost for the day although we are asking a small free-will donation to offset the cost of the lunch meal. Register your entire team today with Sherri Simmer at ssimmer@dmdiocese.org by August 29th. There is a flyer included in this e-mail.

Prayer to the Heart of Jesus, Mary & Joseph:

Heart of Jesus, I adore thee,
Heart of Mary, I implore thee,
Heart of Joseph, ever just,
In this heart I place my trust.

Amen.