

Department of
Evangelization & Catechesis

Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
September 5, 2018 Edition

Register Today for the upcoming CLADD Sessions for September – Conversations and Best Practices to Catechize your Catechists with Patsy Carlson & Cindee Hays (SOUTH CLADD Presenter: John Gaffney)

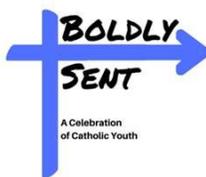
What are the best methods you have discovered to catechize your catechists? Do you struggle in this area? Join two of our diocese's most experienced catechetical leaders as they facilitate a discussion and share their experiences. Facilitated by Patsy Carlson and Cindee Hays.



- CLADD West will be held on September 18 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at St. Patrick parish in Neola. **Register [here](#) by September 14.**
- CLADD East will be held on September 20 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi parish in West Des Moines. **Register [here](#) by September 17.**
- CLADD South will be held on September 13 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at St. Edward Parish in Afton. CLADD South serves primarily the Osceola region of parishes. **Register [here](#) by September 11.**

Youth Ministry Updates for 2018 and 2019 Calendar:

Have you seen our [new website](#)? The Youth & Young Adult pages are [HERE](#)



The 2018 Boldly Sent youth rally weekend (formerly DCYC) is coming up quick—October 20th-21st. Registration is due October 5th, and can be done in a couple different ways. Information and Leader Resources can be found at www.dmdiocese.org/boldlysent

The Diocesan Youth Council is now YCL: Young Catholic Leaders. This change in name and format is being done to empower and encourage authentic leadership among our teens and parents. The first YCL day is coming up fast—September 22nd! More information can be found at www.dmdiocese.org/ycl





Stay tuned! I've been assured that initial information on NCYC 2019 will be coming in the September e-newsletter from NFCYM.

On that NFCYM note, if you're attending NCCYM in Tampa this December, would you please reply to this e-mail to let me know? If you haven't registered already, there's still time to do so at www.nccym.info

The September 8th Fanning the Flame retreat has been CANCELLED. For information on hosting a Fanning the Flame day of retreat for your Confirmation candidates, parents, and sponsors, email me at jwhite@dmdiocese.org



Registration is live for 2019's Radix retreats— information and registration at www.dmdiocese.org/radix

CYC 2018 was a TREMENDOUS summer, as well over a one thousand five hundred youth were able to experience Christ's love in the Eucharist and in those around them. Be sure to reach out to Alex Kautzky, Executive Director of the St. Thomas More Center, at alex@stmcenter.com to arrange for her to come speak to your parish/school about this amazing opportunity for the youth in your community.



Prayer and Action is a summer mission-trip right here in our own Diocese that will be starting in the Summer of 2019 (June-July). Similar to a Catholic HEART Workcamp experience, Prayer & Action will allow teens from around the Diocese to experience a week of charity, evangelization, fun, and worship without

having to spend the money involved with a trip far away.

Advent 2018 and Lenten 2019 Retreats:

It is time to reserve your dates for Advent and Lenten Retreats for your parish communities. These retreats are normally scheduled for 2 ½ hours to 3 hours depending upon your needs. Please contact John Gaffney [here](#) for more information or to schedule:

- Advent – God With Us – An ‘O’ Antiphons Retreat - To help and guide our prayer this year, we are reflecting on the ‘O’ Antiphons traditionally used in the anticipation of Jesus’ coming to dwell among us.
- Advent – Visio Divina on Advent Themed Art – This retreat uses sacred scripture with art to contemplate Advent in our lives today.
- Lent – “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? A Retreat on suffering – This retreat is still a work in progress but the premise is this: As I have gotten older, I realize that suffering is a normal part of life. If we live, we will suffer. I do not find this a source of despair, rather, just a healthy realization. As Christians who follow in the footsteps of Jesus, we will be called to the cross just as Jesus was asked to embrace the cross. What will our response to suffering be? (Would you like to help me finalize with this retreat? Let me know and we can visit.)
- Lent – Conversion of Heart: Exploring the Three Scrutiny Gospels – The three Gospel stories used on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays in Lent are rooted in our human experience. This retreat will give us the opportunity to examine how we live our lives, the areas of our lives where we are tempted and the need to seek Jesus for healing and strength.
- Lent – Visio Divina on Lenten Themed Art – This retreat uses sacred scripture with art to contemplate Holy Week in our lives today.

“Let the Church always be
a place of Mercy
AND Hope,
where everyone is welcomed
Loved and Forgiven.”
Pope Francis

