

Dept. of Evangelization &
Catechesis

Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
September 7, 2017 Edition

Effective programming from Youth Ministry Access on Racism and Welcoming the Stranger:



Our colleagues at the Center for Ministry Development (Youth Ministry Access) have released two lesson plans for your use with teens on two recent topics: racism (in light of the violence at Charlottesville and other places) and welcoming the stranger (in light of issues on immigration and the recent DACA decision by the Trump administration). The lesson plans are attached to the e-newsletter.

- **Racism: Is your Catholicism Color-Blind** authored by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart explores the language of racism, and the role of our Catholic faith in addressing the sinful consequences of racism. This session is designed for high school youth and can be done with groups from 12-40 participants. Parents can easily attend this session as well. Please know that this is an older lesson plan and the links for the extended session do not work.
- **Having the Mind of Jesus: Welcoming the Stranger** authored by Leota Roesch. Migrants, immigrants, and refugees are much in the news today, serving as a background or fodder for political issues of all kinds. However, in this session, apart from these issues, we will look at how Scripture and Church call us to welcome and serve all who are “other”, who are “stranger” to us.

50 Ways to share Jesus: Ideas for evangelizing different age groups by Catechist Magazine:

Catechist Magazine is exploring evangelization in their September issue. Throughout the next few weeks we will explore some of these suggestions which may provide new energy to you and your catechists. For more on this article authored by Mary Lou Rosien, you may want to subscribe to Catechist Magazine through this link: www.catechist.com.



Three things may be applied to all encounters with Christ:

- Our thirst is quenched. The Samaritan Woman at the well is thirsting for something. Only after her heart is changed does he catechize her—showing her how her life must be amended.
- We see the world differently. When Jesus heals the blind man, the man's vision is forever changed. New faith gives new eyes to see.
- We become new. When Lazarus is raised from the dead, his life begins anew. Heaven is the goal, and we cannot get there if we have not had a profound change in the way we love God, others, and even ourselves.

Reaching very young children:

- Children 3-5 years old are still able to believe in things they do not see.
- They are learning to make connections and distinctions between feelings, thoughts and actions.
- They pay close attention to the adults around them
- They solve problems by imitating, initiating and creating.

Reaching children (Kindergarten through Sixth Grade):

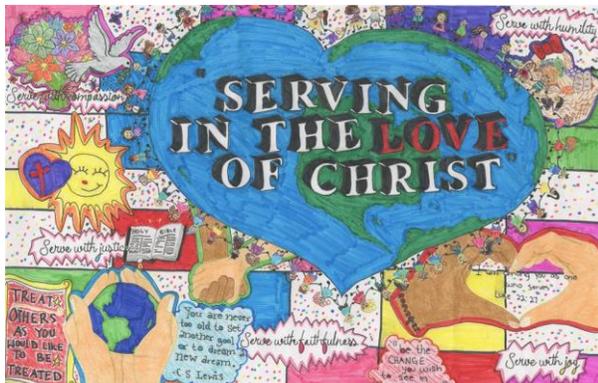
- Children try to identify who they are separate from their parents
- Children form and test their own beliefs and values.
- Knowledge, learning and peer relationships become more important.
- Group activities increase in appeal.

Reaching middle school and teens (Seventh Grade through Twelfth Grade)

- Peer relationships become extremely important
- Group activities that include everyone in Confirmation class or youth group can help initiate and encounter with Christ, helping kids to see Him in others.

Next week we will look at ten ways in which to share Jesus.

Calling All Artists: Opportunity to be part of Diocesan History Book –



Adam Storey, Vice Chancellor and Director of Marriage and Family Life, is inviting local artists to submit possible images of St. Ambrose Cathedral, which will be used as the cover art on the Diocesan History Book. The date for submission is by September 29th and a copy of the guidelines are attached to this e-newsletter. Please contact Adam at astorey@dmdiocese.org with any questions.

Upcoming CLADD Sessions for September - A Practical Morning/Evening on Inclusive Ministry with Jess Streit, parish special needs coordinator, and Christen Cota, director of religious education – St. Francis of Assisi Parish (SOUTH CLADD Presenter: John Gaffney)

This presentation is designed to equip each of us with a deeper understanding of disability and the many needs our parishes need to consider to be inclusive of all people.

- Do you know there are new guidelines for conferring sacraments for persons with disabilities?
 - How does your parish invite those with disabilities to fully participate in the ministerial life of the Church?
 - How are we responding to children and teens on the Autism spectrum or with ADD or ADHD?
- CLADD West will be held on September 12 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at St. Michael parish in Harlan.
 - CLADD East will be held on September 21 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi parish in West Des Moines.
 - CLADD South will be held on September 14 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at St. Edward Parish in Afton. CLADD South serves primarily the Osceola region of parishes.



Agendas are attached to this e-newsletter.

Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) Update – Save the Date for October 22:



DCYC 2017 is going big after many comments suggested a larger venue and opportunities that mirror aspects of NCYC and the Steubenville Conferences. We listened.

WE ARE BOLDLY SENT

IOWA EVENTS CENTER - OCTOBER 22, 2017

Our keynote speaker is Chris Padgett with special musical guest, Eric Webster. Attached is the flyer.

Your challenge – HELP US FILL THE VENUE!

More to come in your mail and digitally. For more information or to help, contact Justin White at jwhite@dmdiocese.org.



Take a stronger, safer, and
happier step toward being his
disciples.

It only takes a few words:

“Here I am.”