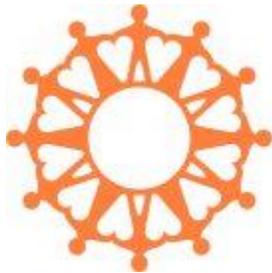


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Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap  
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith  
Living our Catholic Faith in the World  
September 13, 2017 Edition

**New Opportunity to Encounter Others through Migration Awareness – Share the Journey:**



Share the  
Journey #  
#sharejourney

Caritas Internationalis will be kicking off their international migration campaign “Share the Journey” on September 27, 2017.

**Share the Journey** has at its heart the vision of a united global human family. The focus is on our joint journey as people on the move in departure, transit and host communities. Public

awareness campaign promotes opportunities and spaces for migrants and communities to come together and share stories and experiences with the aim of strengthening the bonds between migrants and communities.

Pope Francis will launch the campaign from Saint Peter’s Square on September 27<sup>th</sup>. On that day he will invite everyone around the world to **Share the Journey** with refugees and migrants. The campaign continues until September 2019.

One of the best ways in which those in formation (religious education children and families, teens, RCIA participants, those in adult faith formation processes, etc.) is to organize and event in your parish community. You can pray. You can advocate to our government on migration. You can share materials on social media and take a “*reaching out*” photo in support of the campaign and share on your social media accounts. You can donate to migration projects through our diocese or national Caritas.

For more information and a host of additional resources follow this link:

<https://sharejourney.org/>

**50 Ways to share Jesus: Ideas for evangelizing different age groups by Catechist Magazine – Part 2:**

Catechist Magazine is exploring evangelization in their September issue. This excerpt will explore ideas 1 through 10. For more on this article you may want to subscribe to Catechist Magazine through this link:

[www.catechist.com](http://www.catechist.com).

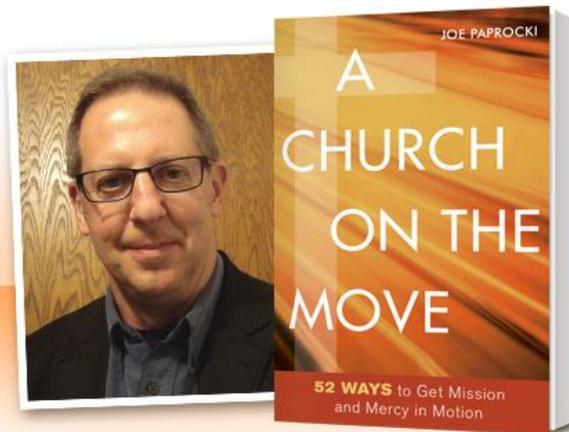
**RELATIONSHIP STATUS:**

- IN A RELATIONSHIP
- SINGLE
- IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

- #1 – A family member can enthusiastically whisper to a child right before the Consecration at Mass, “Jesus is coming!”
- #2 – Provide a small amount of money for the child to give when the basket comes around as a practice that helps the child open their heart to those in need.
- #3 – Let children draw a picture of Jesus and explain it to you.
- #4 – Use a good Catholic children’s picture Bible with questions to engage the child.
- #5 – Have the children share with each other why they think Jesus dies on the cross.
- #6 – Have children create a “velcro version” of a Facebook page. Each week the kids could create a post a status update for Jesus, post a picture they drew, put parish events or birthdays for the children on the page, etc.
- #7 – Lead a prayer procession for opening prayer in your classroom.
- #8 – Proclaim your lesson plan topic with joy and enthusiasm.
- #9 – Encourage the children to visit Jesus in adoration. For very young children this can mean entering the worship space/chapel reverently and genuflecting before leaving. For 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in can be 10 minutes, 15-20 minutes for middle school youth and up to 30 minutes for high school. You will be surprised how quickly the high school teens can move to one full holy hour given the opportunity.
- #10 – Share the book *Imitation of Christ for Children* (Paulist Press) with your 8 to 13 year old children/pre-teens. It’s a kid friendly adaptation of Thomas A Kempis’ four step journey in developing a personal relationship with Jesus.

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

**Joe Paprocki is Coming – Joe Paprocki is Coming:**



**Breaking News** (sorry stealing from CNN) – Joe Paprocki will be joining us in the Diocese for our spring Ministry Day at All Saints Parish in Stuart.

We are still working on logistics including the dates but it looks like it will be one of the four dates: March 6, 8, 20 or 22.

Joe is a blessing to the Church and is an author who works for Loyola Press. He is also a catechist and his

blog has been one that I have found helpful as a catechist. His website that is part of Loyola Press’ outreach to catechists is <http://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/>. More to come as we details keep developing.

**Upcoming CLADD Sessions for September - A Practical Morning on Inclusive Ministry**

with Jess Streit, parish special needs coordinator, and Christen Cota, director of religious education – St. Francis of Assisi Parish

The CLADD West presentation was amazing! Thank you Jess and Christen. Do not miss this opportunity with information and formation that is helpful and practical.



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 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.

### **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](mailto:jwhite@dmdiocese.org).

