

Diocese of Des Moines  
Evangelization &  
Catechesis



Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap  
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith  
Living our Catholic Faith in the World  
September 17, 2014 Edition

Catechist Commissioning at Christ Our Life Conference:

Thanks to Father Joe Pins and Hugh O’Hagan it was approved by the Christ Our Life Steering Committee to have a commissioning/blessing of catechists at the Christ Our Life Conference on Sunday, September 21. If you have catechists, youth ministry volunteers, Catholic School teachers, Adult Faith Formation and RCIA team members, please make sure they participate in this commissioning/blessing at the closing Mass.

rebuild7.0 – Prepare the Way – Online Catholic Youth Ministry Conference:

Twice a year Catholic youth workers gather from around the globe gather online for the Rebuild Youth Ministry Conferences. On October 2nd they will gather everyone again for Rebuild7.0: Prepare The Way. Join the webinar for a taste of NCCYM and dialogue with peers from around the globe. This is a great opportunity to connect to some of the amazing training that will be happening at the NCCYM event and to feed your ministry. You can join the on-line conference at 12:00 or 7:00 pm Central time.

Speakers include:

- Chris Wesley – One of the youth leaders from parish in the “Rebuilt” book
- Ela Milewska – Cultivation Ministries and has worked for years on the Adolescent Prep Project nationally
- Dr. Timone Davis – Peace centered wholeness
- Pat Millea – youth leader, speaker and musician
- Rich Curran – Rich was the keynote at last year’s Youth rally
- Roy Petitfils – Catholic writer, speaker and counselor

To register for this free event follow this link: <http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=8f929c58bff0b81b1bfe91e3f&id=c05f1333fe>

Remember that we are all youth leaders no matter what age we work with a majority of the time. I hope you will consider participating in this event.

Chosen resources for parents:

*Chosen* has released two videos that supplement their materials with videos targeted at parents. Take a look and see if they could help you and your Confirmation even if you do not use *Chosen* as your primary curriculum.

- Parent Invitation Video – This is a wonderful message to parents which encourages them to take an active role in their teen’s formation and to attend an upcoming informational meeting. The video is 5:20 in length. The link is:  
[http://confirmationstudy.com/parents/?utm\\_source=Ascension+Press&utm\\_campaign=a7bf905d31-Second\\_Chosen\\_Email12\\_3\\_2013&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_e09e12a778-a7bf905d31-350192621&mc\\_cid=a7bf905d31&mc\\_eid=bc627f7fa4](http://confirmationstudy.com/parents/?utm_source=Ascension+Press&utm_campaign=a7bf905d31-Second_Chosen_Email12_3_2013&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e09e12a778-a7bf905d31-350192621&mc_cid=a7bf905d31&mc_eid=bc627f7fa4)
- Chosen Parent Information Session – This one hour parent session includes a 20 minute video and a session outline that will be uploaded to Confirmationstudy.com by September 22. There may be some points you may want to use in a parent session even if you do not use this program. The video link is:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLMHAY3oYBo&utm\\_source=Ascension+Press&utm\\_campaign=a7bf905d31-Second\\_Chosen\\_Email12\\_3\\_2013&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_e09e12a778-a7bf905d31-350192621&mc\\_cid=a7bf905d31&mc\\_eid=bc627f7fa4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLMHAY3oYBo&utm_source=Ascension+Press&utm_campaign=a7bf905d31-Second_Chosen_Email12_3_2013&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e09e12a778-a7bf905d31-350192621&mc_cid=a7bf905d31&mc_eid=bc627f7fa4)

Diocesan Youth Rally – Unbury Your Treasure:

Registration is open for this year’s Diocesan Youth Rally. It is scheduled for November 15 (middle school) and November 16 (high school) from 9:00 to 4:30 pm each day at the Saint Thomas More Center in Panora.

We are very excited to have Chris Mueller as our keynote. To see what the Diocesan Youth Council experienced when they selected him go to [www.newsite.chrismuellerministry.com](http://www.newsite.chrismuellerministry.com). There are great opportunities for encountering the sacraments, asking questions to Bishop Pates, an opportunity for helping feed others in underdeveloped countries of the world and have great fun with other teens throughout the diocese.

To register on-line go to [www.dmdiocese.org/youthrally.cfm](http://www.dmdiocese.org/youthrally.cfm). We can send a bill directly to you for the teens and chaperones you register. For more information contact Tessa Roberts at [troberts@dmdiocese.org](mailto:troberts@dmdiocese.org).

Prayer of Forgiveness – Psalm 51:

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offense.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin.

My offenses truly I know them;  
my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;  
what is evil in your sight I have done.

That you may be justified when you give sentence  
and be without reproach when you judge.  
O see, in guilt was I born,  
a sinner was I conceived.

Indeed you love truth in the heart;  
then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.  
O purify me, then I shall be clean;  
O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear rejoicing and gladness,  
that the bones you have crushed may revive.  
From my sins turn away your face  
and blot out all my guilt.

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervor sustain me,  
that I may teach transgressors your ways  
and sinners may return to you.

O rescue me, God, my helper,  
and my tongue shall ring out your goodness.  
O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

For in sacrifice you take no delight,  
burnt offering from me you would refuse;  
my sacrifice, a contrite spirit.  
A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

In your goodness, show favor to Zion:  
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.  
Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice,  
holocausts offered on your altar.

**The Cross**  
**conveys all of the negative strength**  
**of evil**  
**as well as**  
**all of the omnipotent gentleness**  
**of God's mercy.**

September 14, 2014  
Angelus of Pope Francis

