

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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Adult Faith Formation Resources on the Catechetical Theme – God’s Gift of Forgiveness:

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston has produced a resource for adults for the upcoming catechetical year. This resource takes the Catechetical Sunday theme, “Teaching About God’s Gift of Forgiveness”, and develops it over 9 micro-lessons. Parish groups could use this resource for as little as 5 minutes a month for intentional adult catechesis. We appreciate the work of Julie Blevins and her staff at the Archdiocese for sharing these resources with us as well as members of NCCL.

The link for the English resources is:

http://www.archgh.org/default/OEC/Framework/AFF_Resource_on_Gods_Gift_of_Forgiveness.pdf

The link for the Spanish resources is: <http://archgh.org/default/OEC/Marco/Recurso-para-la-formacion-de-fe-en-el-adulto.pdf>

Parish Ministry Development – “Transforming Your Ministry in Just 3 Moments of the Day:

Wellness and balance are an important part of the life of the parish lay ecclesial minister. It is easy to say that but with our very busy schedule, how does one achieve it?

Jesuit priest, Fr. Christopher Collins, leads us through punctuating our day in pray focusing on an approach blending Ignatian spirituality and the Sacred Heart devotion. He writes, “Making an offering of the day every morning, reviewing how that offering went at the end of the day, and being united to the offering of Christ’s sacrifice every day in the Eucharist lays out a path for our daily prayer as ministers of the Church.”

This webinar sponsored by NCCL, NALM, NFPC, and presented through Ave Maria Press. It is a recorded webinar that occurred in September. There is no cost to this webinar and this hour is very powerful for your own use as a Catechetical Leader as well as something very useful for your catechists.

If you find this webinar very helpful, you can order Fr. Collins’ book at Ave Maria Press for \$13.95.

The link for the webinar is: <https://www.avemariapress.com/webinars/parish/three-moments/>

Resources for the Universal Day of Prayer in Preparation for the Synod of Bishops addressing the Pastoral Challenges of the Family:

The Diocese of Des Moines' Year of Marriage kicks off on October 19. However the Third Extraordinary Synod of Bishops addressing the Pastoral Challenges of the family in context of Evangelization will take place October 5-19.

Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has joined Pope Francis and the office for the Synod of Bishops in encouraging a universal Day of Prayer on September 28. Families of all sizes and shapes are encouraged to pray a daily Rosary for the work of the Synod.

Below are resources that you and your parish may find useful:

- USCCB resources - <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/upload/September-28-2014-Day-of-Prayer-for-Synod.pdf>
- Synod on the Family Guide – Dr. Pat Clement, an NCCL member, provides background information on the Synod as well as the official working document. This is attached to the e-mail.
- Video – A Parent's Prayer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=puuaxhEfpDw>
- Video – A Parent's Love – from the perspective of our seniors on a parent's love that will make you cry...I guarantee I - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g0sihX98mAw>

Prayer to the Holy Family for the Synod (USCCB):

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

Amen.

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

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Angelus of Pope Francis

