



Department of
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Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
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Ministry to and With Persons with Disability Opportunities:



Christ Our Life Breakout Session with Renée Bondi – Hope for the Hurting – September 29 beginning at 1:15 pm.

Organizers of Christ Our Life are pleased to announce a first among our breakout sessions that are held for special audiences, groups or issues at each conference.

For those who need hope, peace or understanding because they are wheelchair bound, have lost their mobility or otherwise are facing a serious disability, we will offer a session for them and their caretakers, 1:15 pm – 2 pm, Saturday, Sept. 29 in Hy-Vee Hall with our gracious speaker Renée Bondi.

There will be directional guidance available for those who are disabled. As always, they will offer sign language interpreters and headsets providing translation into Spanish at the conference.

Opening Our Eyes and Ears: An event to support deaf and special needs communities in our parishes – October 20 beginning at 8:00 am.

Join the Saint Joseph Educational Center for a morning focused on inclusive ministry with a variety of national speakers: David and Mercedes Rizzo (authors of Faith, Family and Children with Special Needs – Loyola Press), Mary O’Meara (Director of Special Needs Ministry Department at the Archdiocese of Washington), and Father Paul Zirimenya Who will celebrate the Mass in ASL. Father Zirinmenya is from the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

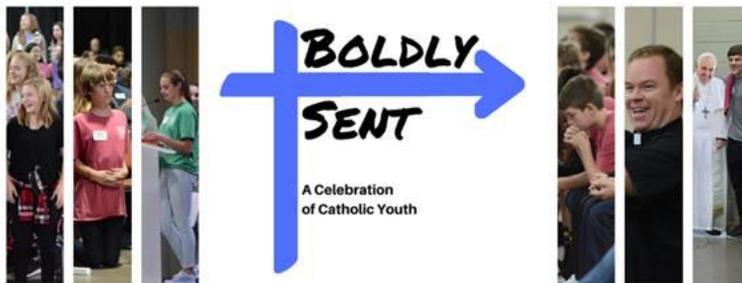
The event begins at 8:00 am and will be held at St. Francis of Assisi parish in West Des Moines. Register for this event [here](#). There is no fee for this wonderful professional development resource morning.

Inclusive Ministry Conference – November 9-10 at Valley Church in West Des Moines

The Special Needs Ministry Network of Des Moines will once again host a 1 ½ day workshop featuring breakout sessions for a variety of resourcing (ministry, family and volunteer), keynote speakers and exhibitors. You can find more information and register [here](#).

Boldly Sent Youth Rally News:

Now that we're within 4 weeks of this awesome event for teens and chaperones, Justin will be updating you on how Boldly Sent preparations are developing, and provide whatever resources you need. There are a number of actionable items in this particular update which are highlighted in red.



REGISTRATIONS

We have received a number of registrations already (thank you). There is time for you to get them in if you haven't had a chance to receive your registration forms back from your group members.

- **Registration Deadlines are as follows: October 5th for registrations with t-shirt orders, and October 12th for a final number (for food for the rally and rosters for dodgeball.)**

FAQ SHEETS

I've added a couple of FAQ sheets to the **Leader Resources section of www.dmdiocese.org/boldlysent** for your use. Justin requested that the FAQ sheets be included in bulletins for the next couple weeks, to help with registration.

T-SHIRTS

T-shirts are not included in this year's registration but are available for \$10/shirt. The default will be Deep Purple with white print, as in the attached PDF. As long as you order 12 of a given color, Justin can put in orders before October 5th for whichever color you'd like (**all colors can be seen [here](#)**, and the font can be either black or white).

SATURDAY DAY OF EVANGELIZATION

If you are coming in from out of town for Saturday's evangelization efforts at parishes around town, **please let Justin know ASAP an estimate of your numbers**. This doesn't need to be exact, but to pair your group with a metro parish without overloading anyone, Justin needs at least an idea of numbers.

DODGEBALL REGISTRATION

Also added **[online](#)** (towards the bottom, under "Leader Resources") is a registration form for your Dodgeball teams. **Please see the Dodgeball Rules and Regulations form there as well. Teams need to be registered by October 12th**. Teams can be as few as 5 and as

many as 7. Justin will work with teams under 5, let me know and he will work to merge your group with another parish with fewer than 5.

Thanks again for all you do, and be sure to check out www.dmdiocese.org/boldlysent for additional information, registration and resources. E-mail Justin with any questions.

NFCYM announces NCYC 2019 Theme:



NCYC 2019 will be held in Indianapolis on November 21-23, 2019. The Diocesan Team will be participating in two webinars next month. Information that parish delegation leaders will require will be sent out as soon as we have them. However, start planting the seeds with your teens and parents today.

Changing the Way We Care Campaign by CRS:



Catholic Relief Services has launched a new campaign that can be a powerful opportunity to engage your young people and their parents in protecting the rights of children by shining a spotlight on the orphanage industry and the

needs of children who are too often invisible in the world.

More than 8 million children worldwide are growing up in orphanages even though 80-90% of them have a living parent. Poverty and disability are the two main reasons driving families apart. Orphanages cause tremendous harm to children, yet they are profitable businesses in poor countries.

[*Changing the Way We Care*](#) and Build-A-Bear are joining forces to keep children in loving homes. To raise awareness, Build-A-Bear designed a special bear called the Hugs N' Hope bear. You can help by hosting a Build-A-Bear party and build the Hugs N' Hope bear, which can be donated to a vulnerable child or kept as a reminder of your action. \$5 from each bear built at the Hugs N' Hope parties will be donated to [*Changing the Way We Care*](#). Together, we can keep children in safe families where they can thrive. Included in this E-Newsletter is an information brochure.

You can find a link to the stories [here](#) which has videos you can share with the young people and their parents.

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

