



Department of
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Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
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YOU have a membership to NCCL – Below are instructions to activate & enjoy the benefits:



We have worked out an arrangement within our diocesan membership in NCCL to **include a FREE membership for all our parish catechetical leaders** (those who work in religious education, youth ministry, adult faith formation, sacramental or RCIA team leaders and pastors). Follow the instructions below and use the information provided in this notice to activate your membership profile. We value your work and want to encourage access to dialog, networking and professional-level ministry involvement. Enjoy!

Instructions for Activating Membership Profiles

Follow these step-by-step instructions for full Diocese of Des Moines membership access to the largest professional catechetical organization in the nation.

Instructions for Parish Catechetical Leaders in the Diocese of Des Moines:

Step 1. Click <https://www.nccl.org/product/individual-membership//> verify (1) membership is indicated. Then click **Join/Renew**.

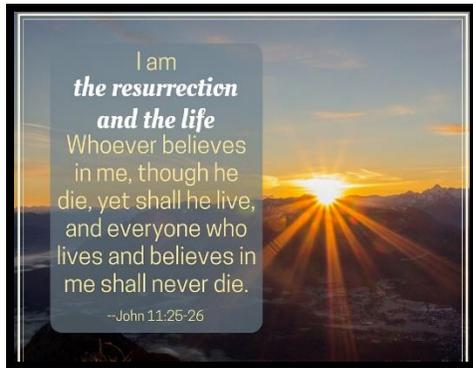
Step 2. This is the **Cart** page, verify that the correct membership type is in the cart (*Individual Membership*). Apply the special PCL coupon code **dmpcl**. Click **Update Cart** then select **Proceed to Check Out**. Here is where you will begin to create your membership profile, create a username and password (Hint: strong passwords are preferred). Click **Place Order**.

Step 3. Once logged in, go to your profile and complete all fields.

*Here are a few very short videos that will assist you in this process as well as how to navigate the site and edit your profile: <https://www.nccl.org/videos/>

***If you already have an active NCCL membership simply log in and renew using the instructions above.*

Please keep Theresa Romens (Holy Rosary parish in Glenwood) in your prayers:



Theresa Romens' father passed away yesterday at the age of 89. Colleagues and friends surrounded Theresa at our West CLADD session in Missouri Valley yesterday when she was told of his death. According to Theresa, it was very peaceful. Her brother had just picked her dad up to take him to the bank. Her brother looked over to see if he was buckled in and ready, their dad gave a smile to her brother and then passed away. It was a privilege to pray with Theresa and surround her with love during this difficult moment in her life. Please keep the entire family in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto our brother, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Adult Faith Formation Practices for Mature Adults Webinar with Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP – January 23 at 2:00 pm:

Adult faith formation is all encompassing; adult faith formation for today's mature adults (55-75 years) needs to be broad, wide and deep. Previous webinars talked about young adults and mid-life adults; today—with our growing longevity—mature adults is a “new” generation seeking on-going faith formation. The “**delivery systems**” for adult faith formation are many and varied, especially for this age group who – along with many similarities – are also very diverse in their life styles, their activity and vibrancy.



This webinar is part of the on-going Ave Maria Press Professional Development Webinar Series for parish ministers. The registration link is <https://www.avemariapress.com/webinars/parish/>

For this webinar, it would be helpful to read a short article on the NCCL website: <https://www.nccl.org/2018/01/adult-faith-formation-practices-for-mature-adults/>

Vocations to the Priesthood – Upcoming College Seminary Visits:



Father Ross Parker and Cathy Jordan thank you for all you do to support our young people and the work of vocations in the diocese. The office is making a concerted effort to have as many young men as

possible visit the seminaries used by the diocese. We have found this is one of the best ways to promote and encourage vocations. The dates for formal visits are as follows:

- February 2-4, 2018 –St. Pius X Seminary in Dubuque, IA
- February 8-10, 2018 - St. John Vianney Seminary in St. Paul, MN
- April 14-16, 2018 –Conception College Seminary in Conception, MO

For those who are interested, Father Ross and Cathy would like the young man to be at least 17 years of age or older, so mainly High School Juniors and Seniors and above. Your encouragement is tremendously beneficial. Even if the young man is not discerning priesthood, your words of encouragement will mean so much. A flyer is attached to this e-newsletter so you can use as you see fit.

The Vocations Office will also be providing opportunities for young women to visit religious orders this spring. That information will be forthcoming. Again, on behalf of Father Ross and Cathy, thank you for all you do and know of their continued prayers and support.

Science as a Teenager's Path to God Webinar by NFCYM:

Robert Feduccia will present on January 24, 2018 at 1:00 pm CST on a very important area in the life of teens: the current false narrative of science versus faith. Current research is showing that today's teens live in the world differently than previous generations. There is an increasing desire to have any thought or belief verified through the scientific method. Rather than this reality being an obstacle for catechesis, it is an opportunity. The webinar will provide an overview of the current research and then will present the Church's teaching on the role of science in the life of a Christian. Particular attention will be given to the Big Bang and Evolution by Natural Selection. Finally, a catechetical session on Faith and Science will be provided.



Webinar registration link is <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1547158383790470146>

Surgery scheduled next week – January 22, 2018:



As I shared in December the stability of my ankle has deteriorated dramatically since October. Considering all this I have decided to have the lower portion of my leg amputated with the eventual placement of a prosthetic. The surgery will take place on January 22, 2018 at 1:00 pm. I will be out of the office for five weeks. The first few weeks I will be in the hospital and in rehab. If all goes well I will return on February 26, 2018. While I am out, Justin and Sherri will share my duties with Adam Storey, our Vice Chancellor, helping.

I will keep Sherri updated so she can keep you updated.

During this time, we will not be publishing the Growing Disciples E-Newsletter. Updates will be provided in “In the Diocesan Loop.” My hope is to join everyone for Joe Paprocki in March. Please keep my family and me in your prayers. Thank you.

