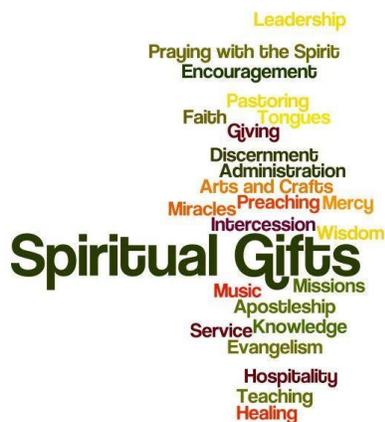


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Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
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Living our Catholic Faith in the World

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Upcoming CLADD sessions in October – “Exploring Spiritual Gifts: How is God Calling You?:



This month’s session is excellent for everyone in any phase of lifelong formation in faith ministry!

Each year the Catechetical Leaders Team plans one or two CLADD sessions which will enhance the ministry for those who work primarily with adults...or teens...and of course, children and families. This month’s session with Deb Richards is one of these sessions.

The October session provides an opportunity to begin to discover God's call in your life through Sacred Scripture and the study of the Charisms.

In our workshop, we'll explore:

- What are Spiritual Gifts, and how do I know what mine are?
- How can I recognize whether a Spiritual Gift is at work in my life?

Our facilitator will be Deb Richards who is a writer, spiritual guide and Director of Faith Formation at St. Mary of Nazareth Catholic Church in Des Moines. John Gaffney will resource CLADD South.

- CLADD West will be held on October 17 beginning at 9:00 am at Saints Peter & Paul parish in Atlantic.
- CLADD East will be held on October 19 beginning at 9:00 am at St. Augustin parish in Des Moines.
- CLADD South will be held on October 12 beginning at 6:00 at St. Edward Parish in Afton. CLADD South serves primarily the Osceola region of parishes.

Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference 2017 (DCYC) So Many Exciting Possibilities:

Today I want to share so many of the possibilities that are available for your youth and chaperones at DCYC 2017:

- High School Breakout Sessions include: Importance of Service, Being Boldly Sent to

- Proclaim Life, and Being Boldly Catholic in College.
- Middle School Breakout Sessions include: How to be a Saint, Catholicism 101 with Fr. Ross Parker, and Being Boldly Catholic in High School
 - Afternoon Works of Mercy activities include: World Food Prize with Feeding the Hungry, Nora Tobin with Self-Help International with Give Water to the Thirsty, St. Vincent de Paul Society with Clothe the Naked, Catholic Charities with Shelter the Homeless, Janet Elwer (who works with prison ministry) with visit the imprisoned, Mercy Hospice with Visit the Sick, Caldwell Parish Funeral Homes with Bury the Dead, Randy Kiel (counselor) with Counsel the Doubtful and more to come.
 - Many booths to visit over lunch including: St. Thomas More Center, One Bread One Cup Summer Liturgical Conference, Dowling Catholic High School, St. Thomas Aquinas Church (Ames) Catholic Student Center, Sisters of Humility (Davenport), Sisters of St. Mary Benedictine Monastery (Rock Island), Meals from the Heartland, DMARC, AGAPE Pregnancy Center, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Iowans for Life, Catholic Charities, Knights of Columbus, InnerVisions Health Care, Students for Life and Iowa Catholic Radio.
 - Music by Eric Webster and band with a youth choir at Mass
 - Keynote Presenter is Chris Padgett.



All this including lunch, a t-shirt and a memento for \$30.00. Parish scholarships are available as well. Let's fill the Iowa Events Center with our outstanding Catholic teens. Contact Justin White at jwhite@dmdiocese.org to register.

Ministry with Maturing Adults Parts 1 & 2 – Sr. Janet Schaeffler, O.P.:



Between 2010 and 2050, the United States is projected to experience rapid growth in its older population. In 2050, the number of Americans aged 65 and older is projected to be 88.5 million more than double its population of 40.2 million in 2010. (U.S. Department of Commerce, Economics and Statistics Administration – U.S. Census Bureau)

“Pope Francis identified the growing needs of those in the second half of life, recognizing that the church has a responsibility to respond to these growing needs. Pope Francis reminded us that there is a true vocation and mission set aside for older people, who have a lot more free time at their disposal now than before. "It's still not time to 'rest on one's oars' and just coast along," he said. Being older is certainly different, and so when it comes to finding one's new purpose in the world, seniors need to sort of "make it up" as they go along" because our societies are not ready, spiritually and morally, to give this period of life its full worth." Even "Christian spirituality has

been taken a bit by surprise, and it involves sketching out a spirituality of older persons," he said. (Weekly general audience, March 11, 2015)"

Sr. Janet mines the gems of best practices for ministry with maturing adults in two parts. It is well worth the read. In each resource Sr. Janet makes the case well, sets a practical vision, provides pastoral solutions that every parish can begin.

- GEMS Newsletter #75 - http://www.janetschaeffler.com/GEMS_75.pdf
- GEMS Newsletter #76 - http://www.janetschaeffler.com/GEMS_76.pdf

50 Ways to share Jesus: Ideas for evangelizing different age groups by Catechist Magazine – Part 5:

Catechist Magazine is exploring evangelization in their September issue. This excerpt will explore ideas 31



through 40. For more on this article you may want to subscribe to Catechist Magazine through this link: www.catechist.com.

- #31 – Wear religious t-shirts or buttons (it is even better if the children/teens designed them).
- #32 – Set a good example of being Christ to others.
- #33 – Be open to questions, even debates, but follow-up with good Catholic resources.
- #34 – If someone asks a challenging question, answer it with charity, then privately dig deeper into why she/he asked the question.
- #35 – Share your story of faith.
- #36 – Encourage faith enrichment programs for adults such as Symbolon, Christlife, Christ Renews His Parish, Alpha, and RCIA for those who have not been baptized or desire to join in full communion with the Church).
- #37 – Be obvious about your faith.
- #38 – Take a friend to reconciliation, Mass – or both!
- #39 – Meditate on Scripture.
- #40 – Leave your car radio on the local Catholic radio station.

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

