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Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
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DCYC Update – Registrations are booming and more great breakout sessions announced:

It is exciting to see the large number of teens and chaperones registered already for DCYC 2016. Keep registering the teens for this amazing event planned by teens for our teens throughout the diocese.



One quick clarification on t-shirts, even if you were unable to register your teens and adults by late last week, we may still have a shirt for you. We ordered a similar size distribution to what we ordered last year with a small percentage increase included. T-shirt orders will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis based upon registrations received this week. **This is even more motivation for the teens to register through you as soon as possible.**

We are blessed with an amazing amount of talented and faith-filled colleagues leading breakout sessions. Here are a few more that signed up this week:

- High School Breakout sessions
 - Deacon Francis Chan (St. Ambrose Cathedral) will join Ken Bresnan on the breakout session **Shelter the Homeless**. Deacon Francis has an amazing story about being a refugee from Sudan and eventually making his way to America. Every teen and adult who has heard his story is deeply moved. Your teens are in for a wonderful session with Deacon Francis and Ken.
 - Angie & Mallorie Goodale (St. Mary of Nazareth parishioners) will present **The Power of Prayer; Supporting Life from Womb to Tomb** – It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for the living and the dead. Angie & Mallorie will share simple ways in which we can unite our prayers to the needs of others and advocate for life.
 - Jessica Maciel Hernandez (diocesan coordinator for Hispanic youth & young adult ministry) will present **Our Lady of Guadalupe: The Meaning of Marian Devotion in our Lives** – Experience the spirituality of Our Lady of Guadalupe in a powerful way and unlock the symbols and mystery surrounding her appearance.
- Adult Formation Breakout sessions
 - Randy Kiel (licensed mental health counselor and a diaconate candidate) will present **Comforting the Afflicted** – Helping parents with grieving teens.

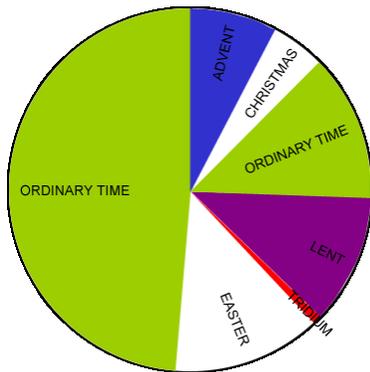
- Dr. Bud Marr (Assistant Professor at Mercy College of Health Sciences) will present **Conveying the Truth, Goodness and Beauty of God in your Family and Ministry** – Showing how important stories are in our families and in our ministry.

Keep up the excellent work in promoting and signing teens up for DCYC 2016. Tori Krogh, a senior at Ss. Peter & Paul parish in Atlantic shared this about why a teen should come to DCYC 2016, “At DCYC you can expect to see many others just like you. We teens are energetic, insightful, and outgoing, and together we will be an example of the giant, blessed community that is our Catholic Church! Along with your peers, you can listen to an awesome speaker named Paul J. Kim, experience Mass with Bishop Pates, and even attend Reconciliation!”

To register or for a variety of resources, please follow this link:

<http://www.dmdiocese.org/dcyc.cfm>

CLADD Sessions in October – Save the Date:



Members of the CLADD Leadership team will lead a facilitated discussion on **The Liturgical Year Roundtable: Unfolding the mystery of Christ by exploring Liturgical Time**. Christians are invited to enter more deeply into Christ’s life through the liturgical use of time. From the mystery of Christ’s incarnation to his resurrection and everything in between, how have you been successful connecting catechesis with liturgy? Bring examples from your parish program of how you and your catechists engage the children and teens in liturgy.

- CLADD West will be held on October 18 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at Corpus Christi parish (Holy Family site) in Council Bluffs.
- CLADD East will be held on October 20 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Augustin parish in Des Moines.
- CLADD South will be held on October 13 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at St. Edward Parish in Afton. CLADD South serves primarily the Osceola region of parishes.

CYC Registration opens on Tuesday, November 15th instead of the end of July:

Catholic Youth Camp registration is opening soon! This year, CYC wants to make sure families can better plan their summers by launching registration earlier. In fact, registration is just around the corner on **November 15, 2016 at noon!** CYC 2017 dates are available online: <http://stmcenter.com/session-chart>. CYC is for students entering 3rd grade through high school graduation and is located in Panora, IA. Sponsorships are available. Spots fill quickly.

Free Sadlier Religion Webinar – Growing in Faith: It’s Not for Children Only:



We know parents are crucial in faith formation. Not only for their children, but for themselves, too. Parents are called to grow in their own faith journey as guides and witnesses within their family. But how do you help them find the time?

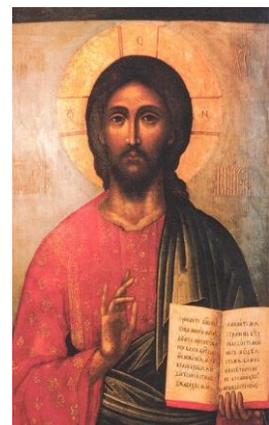
Join our good friend (and former CLADD Retreat Facilitator) Sr. Janet Schaeffler on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. CDT to explore practical and realistic ways (formal and informal) to invite, engage, and inspire parents within their busy schedules. Most parents can't imagine another thing on their plates! But often, ongoing faith growth already occurs (or can occur) in the midst of their daily lives. In this webinar, you'll learn how to help parents recognize when it does and explore other energizing possibilities!

To register follow this link: <http://www.sadlier.com/religion/resources/lifelong-learning-webinars>

Have Your Catechists Join the Excitement of Vibrant Adult Formation – iThe Rich Soil Catechist Certification Process:

On Monday, I spent the morning and early afternoon with our priests at their workshop. I had some time to advocate for formational ministry and in a special way asking their assistance in promoting on going formation in faith for their catechists.

I shared with the priests that in many ways my service in the diocese is a response to the great gift of faith that has been handed on to me. It began with my parents as a child and teen at a little United Methodist Church on the east side of Des Moines. However, my journey continued to the Catholic Church with the help of Msgr. Chiodo at the Basilica of St. John, Fr. Tim Fitzgerald with the diocesan lay ministry formation, the faculty at the University of Notre Dame and Creighton University, colleagues in ministry throughout the diocese, the coaching and formation of Fr. Aquinas Nichols and Fr. Larry Hoffman. In a very special way the encouragement of Bishop Charron and Bishop Pates.



Catechetical certification is a gift you can give those who are entering ministry with children and teens. The gift of encounters with God is an amazing opportunity for all of us. Just as the parents in your programs entrust you to make room for these encounters in your program, I hope that the catechists you help register for *The Rich Soil* will find in this program.

I appreciate your help with registrations but we can always take more. Our first retreat is this Saturday in Afton. Future retreats will be held in Council Bluffs and Des Moines. Please take

time and visit with your newest catechists, those who began in the last three years, about participation. Let me know if you have any questions.

*Today I ask you,
in the name of Christ and the
Church, never tire of being
merciful."*

*Pope Francis
The Church of Mercy*

