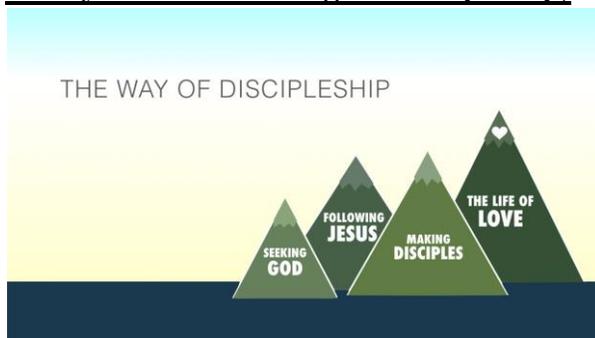


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Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
October 10, 2018 Edition

Register Today for NEXT WEEK's CLADD Sessions for October – Pray, Hope, Don't

Worry 😊 **Goal Setting for Discipleship):**



This is a follow-up session to last year's session from Deacon Matt on program evaluation. Continuing conversion is necessary for all as we walk the road to Christ. What goals need to be articulated in our planning for those we serve to consciously see themselves as disciples of Jesus Christ and sent into the world to proclaim Him to others.

- CLADD West will be held on October 16 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at St. Patrick parish in Council Bluffs. **Register [here](#) by October 12.**
- CLADD East will be held on October 18 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Joseph parish in Des Moines. **Register [here](#) by October 15.**

We really want YOU to register online. Our web administrator has told us all the bugs have been worked out. If it is successful, you will be redirected to a thank you note and receive an e-mail confirmation. If it isn't successful contact John at jgaffney@dmdiocese.org.

Bishop Pates Farewell Celebration scheduled for October 13th and 14th:

In celebration and thanksgiving for Bishop Richard Pates' 50th Anniversary of priestly ordination and an opportunity to wish him well as prepares to retire, two farewell celebrations have been planned for this upcoming weekend. You are cordially to attend this wonderful diocesan celebration:

- October 13 beginning with Mass at 5:00 pm at St. Patrick parish in Council Bluffs with a reception following
- October 14 beginning with Mass at 4:00 pm at St. Ambrose Cathedral parish in Des Moines with a reception following



Attached is a flyer to share with your volunteers. Contact Adam Storey at astorey@dmdiocese.org with any questions or for more information.

Diocesan Procedure for Undocumented Parishioners who wish to volunteer with children and youth:



All our volunteers are a blessing to our parish community and in a special way to your faith formation ministry. With that said, it is important to continue our efforts in providing a safe environment in all our programs.

Sometimes you will receive a request from a parishioner to volunteer but is concerned because they are in an undocumented status. The process

we use in the Diocese of Des Moines mirrors that of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

The undocumented volunteer is required to complete Virtus Training. However, you will not submit a background check. This individual must be paired with a Virtus trained volunteer who has a successful background check. She/he cannot be left alone with children or teens, nor can she/he transport children and teens.

This procedure has been communicated to the national audit team that inspects or policies and procedures. In three on-site audits, we have not received any notice to end this procedure.

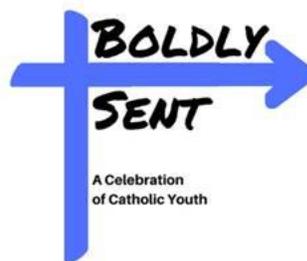
Please contact John at jgaffney@dmdiocese.org if you have any questions. I have also included two excellent Virtus bulletins for you to review and copy to your volunteers. The number of abuse allegations have dropped significantly because of you, your volunteers and our safe environment training. Thank you for your efforts. Contact Sister Jude Fitzpatrick at jfitzpatrick@dmdiocese.org if you have any questions about our Safe Environment protocols.

Boldly Sent Youth Rally News:

We're within 3 weeks of this awesome events for teens and chaperones, Below are updates on Boldly Sent preparations.

REGISTRATIONS

Registration deadline is October 12 for a final number (for food counts and dodgeball rosters.) Register [here](#) for Boldly Sent 2018.



FAQ SHEETS

FAQ sheets have been added to the “Leader Resources” section of for your use. You can find them [here](#).

PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

There is a fun new promotional video that will get your teens and chaperones excited about Boldly Sent 2018. The link to the video is [here](#).

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

Saint Joseph Educational Center to Launch Certificate Program in Pastoral Ministry:



In 1986, the St. Joseph Educational Center entered into partnership with Creighton University to offer a Certificate/Diploma program in ministry. Over 30 years later, the need for professional theological formation continues, and access to online courses through Creighton makes the program more accessible than ever to adults in the Des Moines diocese.

Why Complete the Certificate Program?

The certificate program is designed for persons who desire to:

- Take the next step in their formation as catechists, teachers or leaders in their church or school communities after initial formation through The Rich Soil or Faith Journey programs
- Prepare for ministry in a diocesan, parish or school setting
- Work toward a bachelor’s degree in theology through Creighton University
- Prepare for graduate studies in ministry, spirituality, or theology
- Engage in theological or spiritual renewal

Click [here](#) for more information on this program. Please contact Deacon Matt Halbach, Ph.D. with questions by e-mailing him at mhalbach@dowlingcatholic.org.

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

