



Department of
Evangelization & Catechesis

Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
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A Powerful Resource for a Topic Night on Bullying:

A recent public service announcement for Bullying Prevention Month was released created by Monica Lewinsky. She wanted to demonstrate the difference between our online and offline behavior in a thought provoking way. The video is titled *In Real Life*. She hired actors to reenact hateful cyberbullying posts that have been made on social media. The actors engaged in these conversations in public spaces. The footage captures people who had no idea that they were actors, stepping in and standing up for people.



A couple of cautions to throw out to you before you use this resource:

- It should be part of a well prepared evening on bullying and the Catholic approach to dignity for all people.
- The video uses frank and foul language that is bleeped. However, it is language they see on-line and hear at their school along with other sources of media.
- If you decide to use this video, please let parents view it ahead of time and allow the choice for their teen to opt out of the programming.

The link to the video is: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=9&v=URvC6T_xhE0

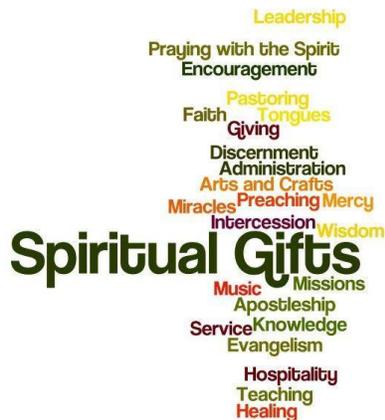
Upcoming CLADD sessions in October – “Exploring Spiritual Gifts: How is God Calling You?:”

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?

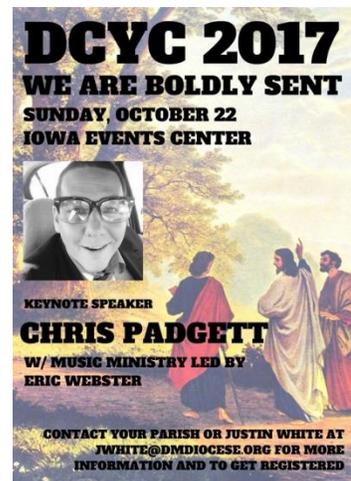
Our facilitator will be Deb Richards who is a writer, spiritual guide and Director of Faith Formation at St. Mary of Nazareth Catholic Church in Des Moines. John Gaffney will resource CLADD South.

- 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.

Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference 2017 (DCYC) – Getting Ready for the Excitement:

Today I want to share the excitement for the day and some last minute thoughts:

- There are lots of special events throughout the day including:
 - social media challenges
 - Reconciliation
 - Mass with Bishop Pates
 - Excellent music lead by Eric Webster
 - Adult workshop sessions for chaperones
 - Afternoon interactive opportunity focused on the Works of Mercy
 - A variety of booths to learn more about putting your faith in action
 - Mass with Bishop Pates
 - A very cool setting at the Iowa Events Center
- Registration is still open. The registration form can be found on the diocesan website, as well as the Youth Ministry Facebook Page and Twitter Page.
http://www.dmdiocese.org/faithformation/DCYC_2017_Registration_Form_English_Fillable.pdf
- Bring a friend or two with you. It is always much more fun to attend these events together.



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.

50 Ways to share Jesus: Ideas for evangelizing different age groups by Catechist Magazine
– Part 6:

Catechist Magazine is exploring evangelization in their September issue. This excerpt will explore ideas 41



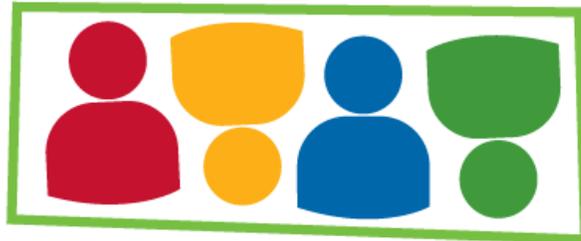
through 50. For more on this article you may want to subscribe to Catechist Magazine through this link: www.catechist.com.

- #41 – Have a playlist of faith-inspired songs that can be played in the car.
- #42 – For one week greet everyone with a smile and replace “Have a nice day” with Have a blessed day!”
- #43 – Let the Holy Spirit lead you in developing new relationships.
- #44 – Empower families to become homes of prayer...giving ideas and rituals to them.
- #45 – Empower the catechists to be at ease with talking about their faith with the children/teens.
- #46 – Enthroned the Sacred Heart of Jesus in homes.
- #47 – Carry out family service projects, such as clothing drives or serving at homeless shelters.
- #48 – Help parents create an atmosphere of stewardship (time, talent and treasure) in their homes.
- #49 – Teach those learning the faith about the scrutinies during Lent and applying them to their own lives.
- #50 – Give someone a copy of a book that shares the joy of being Catholic.

St. Mary’s Press has a resource to help with Pope Francis’ “Share the Journey” initiative:



Pope Francis' 2017 theme for Lent is, "The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift."
With these new resources, easily show your students, youth, faculty and staff how to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, caring for the "least of these."



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