

Diocese of Des Moines  
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Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap  
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith  
Living our Catholic Faith in the World  
October 28, 2015 Edition

Opportunity to Advocate on Behalf of Lifelong Formation in Faith – AFF, RE; Youth Ministry, Sacramental Prep, RCIA, etc:

**This is a repeat from two weeks ago, but if you didn't see it then it isn't too late. Contact Jason Kurth at [jkurth@dmdiocese.org](mailto:jkurth@dmdiocese.org) to register. The West session is October 31 and the East session is November 7.**

You may have heard about the Summit on Church Administration to be held in two locations in the Diocese on two consecutive Saturdays. The primary purpose of these summits is to recognize the great contributions our volunteer lay leadership members have been to their pastor and the parish/school staff. Secondly, the day is filled with opportunities for those who are participating to solidify our relationships with the diocesan and parish communities as well as to foster best practices to enhance effectiveness. The first Summit gathering will be held on Saturday, October 31 at Queen of Apostles Hall, Council Bluffs from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The second gathering will be held at St. Pius X Parish in Urbandale on Saturday, November 7 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

There will be a general session and breakout sessions for each parish leadership group: trustees, finance council, pastoral council, school boards and now those who are advisory on areas of lifelong formation in faith. I appreciate the work of Jason Kurth who has invested many months of work on this project to joyfully invite those who advise you, your leadership team and pastor in ministry relating to lifelong formation within the parish community.

I ask that you and your pastor identify a member or members of the leadership committees who advocate for lifelong formation (dedicated member(s) of pastoral council who represents faith formation, dedicated member(s) of school board who represents faith formation, or member(s) of a parish faith formation council or council of catechesis and personally invite her/him to participate.

Please have the identified individual register on-line by contacting Jason Kurth at [jkurth@dmdiocese.org](mailto:jkurth@dmdiocese.org) or completing the attached registration form that is included with the flyer.

This is a wonderful opportunity to advocate on behalf of lifelong formation in faith and for those representing your parish community to “reflect upon the roles, responsibilities, opportunities and challenges of Church administration.”

## Iowa Catholic Radio Religious Art Contest:

The *Our Catholic Religious Education Art Contest* is for the kids. The 2015 Art Contest theme reflects the "Year of Mercy", by creating art to encompass the theme- "**Works of Mercy.**" The Competition is for fun and to introduce Iowa Catholic Radio to more families. The competition is divided into three divisions based on age groups: K-3rd, 4th-6th, 7th-8th. There will be one winner for each division from each church. Iowa Catholic Radio will judge the art from each church to determine one winner in each division and there will be 3 finalist overall and the runner up of each division. The final winning art from each division will be posted on the Iowa Catholic Radio website and announced on-air during the morning show with Jon and Jeanne.

The three winning art pieces will be displayed on the front cover of colorful folders provided by Iowa Catholic Radio and given to each student in the participating programs for the 2016 spring Semester. These can be useful in transmitting important R.E. communications home to parents!

### **Dates**

- **Late October**—parishes receive the art contest information via email
- **Monday November 2** —the art contest begins
- **Monday November 23**—The deadline for completed artwork that needs to be delivered to Iowa Catholic Radio located in the Catholic Pastoral Center 601 Grand. Call 515.223.1150 for the staff once you arrive to the entrance. To mail art, see contest rules
- **Wednesday December 11**— The winners are announced on-air and the art will be displayed at IowaCatholicRadio.com
- **End of January** –The folders are delivered to the churches the last week of January

**Sign-up today for this wonderful opportunity by contacting Laurie or Kim at Iowa Catholic Radio today:**

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H 515-222-1766  
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## CLADD West Next Week:

Due to the National Catholic Youth Conference this month, CLADD West monthly session will be held on Tuesday, November 3 beginning at 9:00 am. Attached is the agenda.

Our topic this month is *Ideas for Engaging Parents in Faith Formation*. One of our biggest challenges, and yet rewarding parts of our ministry in engaging parents in faith formation: first for themselves and with their children and teens. This is an interactive morning where we look at our bright spot stories in our own ministry but also share our challenges.

Tom Primmer from RCL Benziger will also be present to share his success stories and challenges as well as spring for lunch. I hope to see our western colleagues next week.

RSVP to Julie Williamson at [jwmson@met.net](mailto:jwmson@met.net) by Monday

#### Apprentices in Faith by RCL Benziger:

We have received an invitation from Tom Primmer, our RCL Benziger Representative, to review their new online resources for RCIA titled *Apprentices in Faith* and *Young Apprentices*. These flexible and reproducible materials are primarily focused for use by RCIA directors, team members, catechists, catechumens and candidates. They are based upon the Sunday Lectionary readings and support the liturgical year. The primary authors of the program is Sr. Gael Gensler, OSF and Fr. Steven Lanza. You will also find catechumenate session plans and handouts for participants, which include sessions on the periods of Inquiry, Purification and Enlightenment.

To download free samples of the resources visit the following websites:

- [www.apprenticesinfaith.com](http://www.apprenticesinfaith.com)
- [www.rclbyoungapprentices.com](http://www.rclbyoungapprentices.com)

For more information please contact Tom Primmer at 515-330-7845 or by e-mail at [tprimmer@rclbenziger.com](mailto:tprimmer@rclbenziger.com).

#### Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendar:

- **October 31, 2015** – Summit on Church Administration – Queen of Apostles parish – 8:30 am to 11:30 am
- **November 2, 2015** – Des Moines area Adult Formation Director’s Meeting at Ss. John & Paul parish in Altoona
- November 3, 2015 – CLADD West – Ideas for Engaging Parents in Faith Formation – Ss. Peter & Paul parish in Atlantic – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- **November 7, 2015** – Summit on Church Administration – St. Pius X parish in Urbandale – 8:30 am to 11:30 am.

#### **Collect Prayer from the solemnity of All Saints:**

Let us pray today.  
Almighty ever-living God,  
By whose gift we venerate in one celebration  
the merits of all the Saints,  
bestow on us, we pray,  
through the prayers of so many intercessors,  
an abundance of the reconciliation with you  
for which we earnestly long.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

