

Department of  
Evangelization & Catechesis

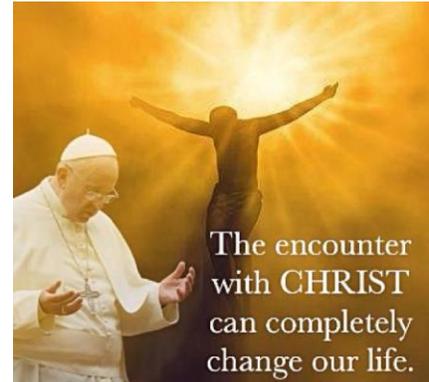
Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap  
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith  
Living our Catholic Faith in the World  
November 7, 2018 Edition

*“Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.” (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 164)*

**Please RSVP this week for CLADD Sessions for November – Effective Prayer Services for an Encounter with God:**

As the beloved of God, we are invited to grow in intimacy through prayer.

What are some important elements to consider when planning and leading prayer for the people of our parish families? What qualities are needed to help those participating in the prayer experience to have an encounter with God? Are there “roadblocks” we need to be aware of and assist ourselves and others in overcoming? How important is the environment, the music, or the space/time of day in preparing for a powerful moment with God? Theresa Romens, catechetical leader from Holy Rosary parish, and Randy Henderson, youth ministry leader at Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart parish, will facilitate a morning focused on praying with and for the faithful. You are guaranteed to go home with two or three new ideas to implement.

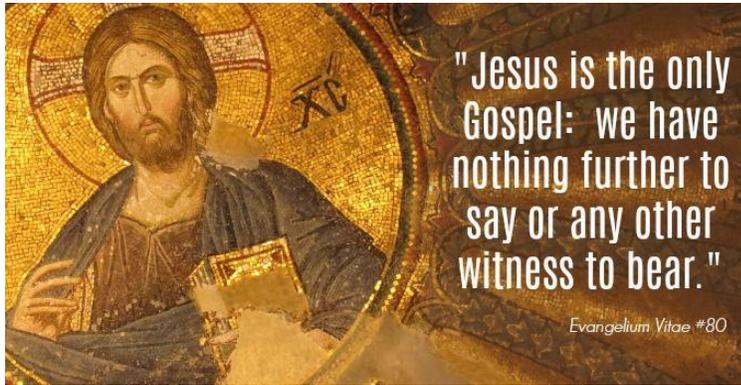


- CLADD West will be held on November 13 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at Ss. Peter & Paul parish in Atlantic. Theresa Romens is our facilitator. **Register [here](#) by November 9.**
- CLADD East will be held on November 15 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart parish in Ankeny. Randy Henderson is our facilitator. **Register [here](#) by November 12.**

Please register here for this wonderful professional development session that is focused on all ministries found in Lifelong Formation in Faith.

**The Kerygma – The Core & Heart of our faith:**

The word kerygma is related to the Greek verb *kērússō* (pronounced "kay-roos'-so") meaning to cry or proclaim as a herald. It means proclamation, announcement or preaching.



The kerygma is the message of the Gospel; the apostolic proclamation of salvation through Jesus Christ. It is the core and heart of our faith.

As you can see, the kerygma is not complicated. It is not concerned with the details of morality or magisterium. It is a telling of the story of our salvation in its simplest and most important form.

A formula used by many is:

1. God loves each of us unconditionally and has created each of us for a relationship with God.
2. Each of us has broken our relationship with God by sin.
3. Jesus restores this relationship through His life, death and resurrection.
4. Jesus invites each of us to trust Him, to turn from sin and give our life to Him.
5. The Holy Spirit is poured into our heart to bring each of us to new life in the Church.

The Kerygma is not only the first proclamation. It is an important on-going proclamation that should be utilized at all catechetical sessions because at the heart of its message is our evangelization message. *On the lips of the catechist the first proclamation must ring out over and over: "Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you."* (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 164)

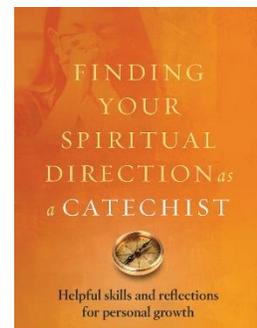
Please share this with your catechists in RE, youth ministry, adult formation and RCIA during your next in-service. There are excellent books on this subject. My favorite is *Under the Influence of Jesus* by Joe Paprocki from Loyola Press.

**An Awesome Book focused on helping catechists with their spirituality – on sale through the Diocese of Des Moines:**

Bill Miller, former NCCL President and a former catechetical leader in the Diocese of Des Moines, has written a wonderful resource focusing on the spiritual health of catechists.

The best catechists all have one thing in common: an ever-deepening loving relationship with Jesus, solidly rooted in the faith and prayers of our church. Catechists who are on fire with God’s love can’t help but pass their enthusiasm and love on to those they work with.

Bill is just such a catechist. From the first pages here, you ll feel inspired by his enthusiasm for our catechetical ministry. Through powerful stories and down-to-earth suggestions, he’ll help you connect your own sacred stories to the great stories and meanings of our faith. He’ll lead you through many of the wonderful ways our faith



WILLIAM B. MILLER

can help us build a strong and loving relationship with the Lord, no matter what life throws at us.

**To help cut the cost the Diocese of Des Moines can purchase this resource for a 25% discount; at \$6.00 a book (plus shipping).** The original cost of the title is \$7.95. To qualify we need to order at least 51 books. Here is a link to sample the book:

<http://twentythirdpublications.com.p9.hostingprod.com/Samples/Find-Spir-Direction.pdf>

**Please e-mail your order to Sherri Simmer at [ssimmer@dmdiocese.org](mailto:ssimmer@dmdiocese.org) by November 21, 2018.** We will place the order and have them mailed to the Pastoral Center. In early December we will bring your books to you along with an invoice. Helping your catechists encounter Jesus is a great gift in preparation for Christmas.

### **“The Harms of Pornography – A recorded webinar from the National Center on Sexual Exploitation:**



Adam Storey and I have been working with the Davenport Diocese on introducing programming to combat the epidemic of pornography. I follow-up to a program we attended on October 22 was this webinar “The Harms of Pornography” by Ben Miller who is the Digital Strategies Coordinator for the NCOSE.

It was very well done and will serve as a good resource to increase awareness in parishes and schools. Pornography is more pervasive than ever. Our culture has become pornified and today’s teens are being bombard with sexually graphic content. Finally, the scientific research is catching up. Pornography harms. It is destroying our brain, our relationships, and our ability to love.

Recorded webinar link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jZVnXPNSvpo&feature=youtu.be>

Presentation Slides link: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1A4zMlNYgrOfVNY3gCSCwF-8Y-LHiXc5kCK2Bz5xytsY/edit?usp=sharing>

You can visit their website to learn about initiatives and campaigns through the NCOSE at [www.endsexualexploitation.org](http://www.endsexualexploitation.org).

### **Christ the King Solemnity Resources by the USCCB:**

*For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world,  
to bear witness to the truth.*

In its core document, **Our First, Most Cherished Liberty: A Statement on Religious Liberty**, the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty "urge[d] that the Solemnity of Christ the King—a feast born out of resistance to totalitarian incursions against religious liberty—be a day



specifically employed by bishops and priests to preach about religious liberty, both here and abroad." This is also an excellent opportunity for our parish and school programs for people of all ages connect our right practice of worship with the right action each of us are called to as we live our lives in the world.

Let us pray fervently that we will help others encounter anew Christ, our King, bringing the Gospel to the margins of society, that all might bear witness to Him before others.

Below please find USCCB resources in English and Spanish. The lectionary notes and the reflection by Father David Friel would be excellent resources for your formation teams.

- [Bulletin Insert](#) | [en español](#)
- [Lectionary Notes](#) | [en español](#)
- [Social Media Graphics](#)
- [Reflections](#)

### **Take 24 Young Adult Retreat – Advent Offering open for registration:**



All young adults are invited to take 24 hours away to prepare for Advent. A Take24 retreat will be Dec. 1-2 (noon to noon) at the St. Thomas More Center in Panora. Information and registration can be [found on our website](#).

Daily prayer is key, but sometimes the hectic nature of the rest of daily life can build up to the point where you simply must get away from it all. To that end, the Diocese of Des Moines offers three 24-hour young adult retreats every year: one in Lent, one in Ordinary Time, and one in Advent. The focus of each retreat changes based on liturgical season, but the consistent part will be sessions devoted to practicing 24 minutes of daily prayer, so that you leave the retreat more equipped for daily prayer than when you arrived.

Contact Justin White at [jwhite@dmdiocese.org](mailto:jwhite@dmdiocese.org) for more information.

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

