

Department of  
Evangelization & Catechesis

Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap  
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith  
Living our Catholic Faith in the World  
November 1, 2017 Edition

**Upcoming CLADD Sessions in November – Cultivating Retreat Moments in Catechetical Ministry:**

**This month’s session is excellent for everyone in any phase of lifelong formation in faith ministry!**

Everyone we work with, including our volunteers and especially ourselves, need to intentionally create a sacred space for you to stop, go within and connect with God, so



you can place all that’s heavy on your heart into God’s loving hands. The session will help us explore these moments and how to incorporate more of them within our programming.

Our facilitator will be Cindy Shaw who is a spiritual director, retreat facilitator and Co-Director of The Emmaus House – a retreat center in Des Moines.

- CLADD West will be held on November 7 beginning at 9:00 am at Saint Patrick parish in Neola.
- CLADD East will be held on November 9 beginning at 9:00 am at Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart parish in Ankeny.
- CLADD South will be held on November 9 beginning at 6:00 pm at St. Edward parish in Afton.

**Upcoming Webinar by NFCYM – The Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics – November 7, 2017 at 1:00 CDT:**



This webinar is perfectly timed as our diocese, and the United States Church, continues to break open *The New Moment* whereby we pivot our ministerial attention to millennials.

Saint Mary’s Press recently conducted extensive research with young Catholics who have left the Church. This session will identify the underlying dynamics that lead to

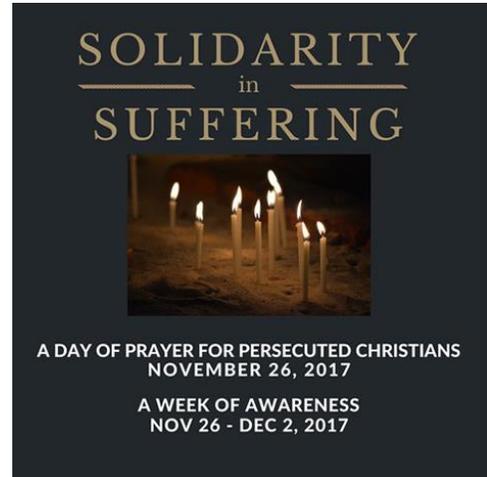
disaffiliation, describe the factors that reinforce those dynamics, and examine the implications for parish life, vocational discernment, and pastoral ministry. And we will also propose pastoral strategies that enhance affiliation and engagement with the faith community.

The webinar presenters are Dr. Bob McCarty, Frank Mercadante and Brother Armand Alcazar. To register follow this link: <https://register.gotoweinar.com/register/3088858400323632387>

### **Solidarity in Suffering: A Week of Awareness and Education for Persecuted Christians – November 26-December 2:**

The Christian presence in the Holy Lands traces its roots to the earliest days of Christianity. These small, diverse communities have historically contributed to the vibrant social fabric of their societies in the fields of science, medicine, and philosophy. Their fraternity with the diversity of Churches and other religious groups helps to foster greater interreligious dialogue, unity, and peace in the Middle East.

In the midst of the turbulence in the Middle East, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops expresses solidarity with Christians and all those who suffer from the conflict and persecution in the region. The Church stands at the service of all people in the Middle East, both Christians and Muslims.



Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Bishop Oscar Cantú, Chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace, have designated **Sunday, November 26, A Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians** that initiates “**Solidarity in Suffering**” a Week of Awareness and Education.

To access a variety of resources from the USCCB follow this link: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/global-issues/middle-east/christians-in-the-middle-east/index.cfm>

### **Catechists as Missionary Disciples – An NCCL Webinar Series launches November 9<sup>th</sup>:**



Take a spiritual journey this upcoming liturgical year and explore the call of the catechist to be a missionary disciple. For the seasons of Advent, Lent, and Easter, NCCL, NFCYM, NCEA, and CRS will accompany catechists in unpacking Catholic Social Teaching and its direct link to the baptismal call of missionary discipleship.

The first webinar is titled “*Missionary Discipleship Through the Lens of Catholic Social Teaching*” and it is session 1 of 3.

**Session 1 will have a focus on the Life and Dignity of the Human Person and the Call to Family, Community and Participation.**

Presenter: [Kristin Witte](#), Coordinator of Catholic Education with Catholic Relief Services.

The webinar is scheduled for November 9, 2017 at 3:00 CDT. To register follow this link: <https://event.on24.com/eventRegistration/EventLobbyServlet?target=reg20.jsp&referrer=https://wcc.on24.com/webcast/groupregistration/1526188&eventid=1526188&sessionid=1&key=30813BC404321566C8E01867DC52FB3E&regTag=180175&sourcepage=register>

