Department of
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Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith
Living our Catholic Faith in the World
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"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)

No Time for an Advent Retreat for Yourself? How about one with Mike Patin digitally?:

Spirituality Once-Removed
Featuring: Mike Patin
Moderated by: Alison Pope

December 18, 2018 2:00 PM EDT

The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry is providing a free webinar this month on the importance of nurturing our own spiritual growth.

Much of our time and effort is spent on soul care and spiritual formation of others. But how do we, as ministers, open OUR minds, hearts, and bodies to create space for God? Near-spiritual experiences are not enough. Spend some time this Advent focused on nourishing your spiritual self.

Mike Patin has worked in ministry settings since 1984, first as a high school teacher and coach, and then in diocesan ministry for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Since 2003, he has worked full time as a speaker and "faith horticulturist." Throughout his ministry, Mike Patin has been privileged to speak to groups ranging from 10 to 23,000 in over 130 dioceses in the U.S. and Canada (including four times in the Diocese of Des Moines.) He has spoken at parish missions, conferences, rallies, retreats, leadership institutes, and in-services, addressing youth, adults, families, clergy, seminarians, school faculties, businesses, athletic teams and hospital staffs. Mike lives in Lafayette, LA, with his wife, Marlene, and his daughter, Megan.

Register here for this opportunity to deepen your own faith this Advent Season. Thank you to NFCYM for sharing their resources with us.

RCIA Free Resource from Team RCIA – Free E-Book titled *The Six Keys to Making Lifelong Disciples*:

FREE E-BOOK! Too often, our RCIA seekers disappear after Easter. This year, make sure you are doing the right things in your RCIA process to cause lasting conversion in your seekers.

- Written in plain English for RCIA teams
- Based on the teaching of the Church
- Learn the six core principles for making disciples
- Discover how to adapt for baptized candidates
- Your price: FREE!

This e-book full of practical wisdom was written by Nick Wagner, an NCCL Member. Nick has more than 35 years experience in working with faith formation leaders and RCIA teams.

To claim your free E-Book follow this link.

CLADD Retreat 2019 – Register Today:

Colleagues are already signing up for our CLADD 2019 Retreat which will be held in Des Moines on February 7 & 8, 2019. YEAH! This year we are limiting the number to 44 people. You do not want to miss Julianne.

Her topic for the retreat is *The Seven Keys to Spiritual Wellness: Tending to YOUR Soul as a Minister."* For more information and registration, please see the attachment to this E-Newsletter. Throughout the retreat, Julianne will offer seven enduring and reliable strategies for achieving spiritual wellness: a spiritual path. This is a path whose guideposts for spiritual wellness are sure to lead us to a more meaningful life and to a much richer experience of our faith.

If you are not convinced, I invite you to watch this video of Julianne as she shares "Baptism on a Mission." The link is: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJzt9qZRetY I also invite you to seriously consider staying overnight at the Holiday Inn so you can truly get away and spend some quality time with God. The room rate is secured until January 18. You can treat yourself to some private time or you can share the cost with another colleague. Please remember that we do have limited scholarships that can be provided for all, or some of the cost. I pass on to you what a good friend and spiritual director once reminded me, "God is more interested in you than in your ministry." Take time out this February to be with God and your colleagues at the 2019

CLADD Retreat.

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