

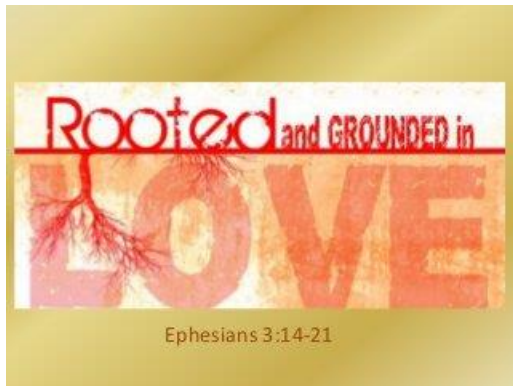


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PCL Connect E-Newsletter  
Glorifying God – Growing in Faith  
Living our Catholic Faith in the World  
October 2022 Edition

*“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)*

**October 20 PCL Connect/CLADD Professional Formation Session with special guests Deacon Matt Halbach and Steve Botsford from Sadlier Religion – Dipping Our Toes Into Digital Formation:**



Deacon Matt and Steve produce and host the popular series [Catechist Stream](#) and will be joining us to help us consider how to engage all groups within lifelong formation with the right digital formation tools.

Within lifelong formation in faith, participants arrive to your sessions with experience using computers, phones, and tablets to consume and create a variety of media. Our challenge as catechetical leaders is to find and utilize the best tools to help you integrate into your formation strategy whether you or your participants are

digital natives (those born into the digital age) or digital immigrants (those who learned to use technology at some point in their adult life).

We will have two satellite locations for this session: St. Mary parish in Shenandoah and Assumption parish in Granger. The Diocese will provide morning hospitality and the parish hosts will serve lunch. See the attached flyer.

Please RSVP to Sherri Simmer at [ssimmer@dmdiocese.org](mailto:ssimmer@dmdiocese.org).

Our November session will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> with Paulette Chapman. The topic is Dipping Our Toes Into Family Faith Formation.

**National Eucharistic Revival Update:**

Sparked by the Holy Spirit and fueled by grassroots efforts, a fire is beginning to sweep our nation! Catholics of all ages and backgrounds are embracing an invitation from Jesus Christ himself—to return to the source and summit of our faith in the



Holy Eucharist. Below are some updates that will help you in your parish community lean into this foundational initiative of the USCCB.

### Leader's Playbook



We are pleased to share the USCCB's new Leader's Playbook. The focus of this first year of the Revival is on engaging leaders, and this Playbook offers the "Why" and the "How" of the Revival, along with some practical suggestions about "What" might happen as well. But above all, it is an invitation to evangelical discernment for engaging any ministry or apostolic activity with a Eucharistic mindset. You may download [it here](#).

### Resources around the Four Pillars of the Revival



Also now available for [free download](#) are resources inspired and connected to the pillars of the Revival:

1. Personal Encounters
2. Reinvigorating Devotions
3. Deepening Formation
4. Missionary Sending

These resources will be continually updated and archived for your use.

### Charitable Opportunity:



Sister Rosehellen Karwirwa came to Des Moines from Kenya in 2007 for the ordination of her cousin Father Lazarus Kirigia. She said she'd be back.

Indeed, she did come back from Kenya in 2013 with three other Nazareth Sisters of the Annunciation with one purpose: To work in Iowa to raise funds to help support the sisters back home in caring for the poorest of the poor in Kenya.

Currently, the four Iowa sisters are working through a 501c3 organization established here in Iowa to help them build a medical clinic in Tunyai, a rural community located a long distance from the closest hospital. The current open-air clinic has no walls and no roof.

A local architect estimates the cost of building a structure for the clinic to be \$62,000. They've already raised \$46,000. I invite you to consider this charitable effort for a group fundraiser to help put the sisters over the top for their goal. For questions about the project, for pictures or for more information on how you can help, please contact Steve Craig at [Steven.Craig@unitypoint.org](mailto:Steven.Craig@unitypoint.org). Thank you for considering this opportunity as we begin this new year in catechetical ministry.

### **Items from Disability Ministry:**

#### **NOVEMBER is National Caregivers Month. Please share this Support group opportunity with people in your parish!**



Our Mission is to Support & Empower Caregivers Through the Gift of Faith

Holy Trinity and St. Mary of Nazareth Churches in Des Moines are co-hosting a monthly caregivers support group called [Nourish for Caregivers](#). The program includes tools and resources to support and

empower caregivers through the gift of faith! All are welcome to join so please share with your parishioners. (flyer attached)

#### **All caregivers are welcome to attend. There will be monthly meetings starting:**

**When:** Wednesday, 10/26/2022

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Holy Trinity Parish, 2926 Beaver Ave,  
Des Moines, IA 50310 [\(515\) 255-3162](tel:(515)255-3162)

**Room:** Media Center of the school building

**Contacts:** Deacon Dan Maxcy [danm@holyltrinitydm.org](mailto:danm@holyltrinitydm.org)

Deacon James Houston [jhouston@saintpiuschurch.org](mailto:jhouston@saintpiuschurch.org)

#### **Tools to help raise awareness and be welcoming for Persons with Disabilities:**

- Awareness tools such as pew cards on disabilities and mental illness, Inclusion Tip/Fact Sheets or prayer cards—[FREE prayer cards from Patron Saints of Mental Illness](#).
- Include persons with disabilities in your [prayers of petitions](#) during Mass on the following AWARENESS MONTHS/WEEKS/DAYS in October:
  - Month: Down Syndrome, ADHD, Spina Bifida, National Disabilities Employment Awareness Month
  - Weeks: Mental Health Oct. 2-8, Invisible Disabilities Week Oct. 16-22
  - Days: World Cerebral Palsy Day Oct. 6, World Mental Health Day Oct.10, Stuttering Oct. 22, World Spinal Bifida and Hydrocephalus Oct. 25
- Share information on Patron Saints of Persons with Disabilities including an **upcoming webinar** on Patron Saints of Behavioral Health on Tuesday November 9 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm.:

- Register for a webinar from NCPD on the [Patron Saints of Behavioral Health](#) . Deacon Ronnie will personally discuss who holy men and women influenced him as a social worker and minister to people living with behavioral health disorders.
- Other resources for patron saints of disabilities include;
  - [Saint Margaret of Castello](#) Patron Saint of Children and Disabilities
  - [Saint Thorlak](#) hailed as Patron Saint of Autism
  - [St. Christina](#) the Astonishing and Autism
  - [St. Francis de Sales](#), patron saint of the sick, the afflicted, the poor of all kinds, those who are disabled, and those wounded by life.
  - [St. Andre Bassette](#) patron saint of those who are Deaf and Persons who are Hard of Hearing

Please contact [Patty Origer](#), Coordinator of Persons with Disability Ministry if you have questions or need additional resources.

**Free Webinar October 7 at 9:00 CT – Best Practices for Catechizing Diverse Learners :**



In a special episode of Catechist Stream, Steve Botsford and Deacon Matt Halbach welcome Charleen Katra, Executive Director of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability, to discuss how we can be more mindful of our brothers and sisters with diverse learning needs. Join live to receive a certificate.

Register today at [this link](#).

**October Important Dates:**

- October 4 – [Saint Francis of Assisi](#)
- October 5 – [Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska](#)
- October 7 – [Our Lady of the Rosary](#)
- October 11 – [Saint Pope John XXIII](#)
- October 15 – [Saint Teresa of Avila](#)
- October 16 – [Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque](#)
- October 18 – [Saint Luke](#)

- October 19 – [Saints Isaac Jogues, Jean de Brebeuf, and Companions](#)
- October 22 – [Saint Pope John Paul II](#)
- October 28 – [Saints Simon and Jude](#)

*The Church is on mission in the world.  
Faith in Jesus Christ enables us to see  
all things in their proper perspective,  
as we view the world with*

# **GOD'S OWN EYES AND HEART**

**POPE FRANCIS**

