

DIOCESE OF DES MOINES

Policy on Scheduling Wednesday Evening and Sunday Morning Activities

Unanimously adopted by the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Des Moines, April 24th, 2012 and approved as Diocesan Policy by Bishop Richard Pates, May 1, 2012.

Therefore, it shall be the policy of the Diocese of Des Moines that:

- 1. No youth based activities except for sacramental, ministerial, and/or catechetical endeavors will be scheduled or hosted by any Catholic school, institution, or organization on Wednesday evenings after 5:30pm, September through May.*
- 2. No youth based activities except for sacramental, ministerial, and/or catechetical endeavors will be scheduled or hosted by any Catholic school, institution, or organization on Sundays until 1:30pm.*
- 3. Singular exceptions to this policy can be made only by the bishop or the parish pastor.*
- 4. This policy **becomes effective beginning July 1, 2012**. Due to contractual commitments, Dowling Catholic High School will implement this policy on July 1, 2013.*

**Most Reverend Richard E. Pates
Bishop of Des Moines**

May 1, 2012