

DIOCESAN OFFICES

The diocesan offices will be closed on Friday, March 5 for an all staff retreat.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY

The 2010 Diocesan Directory is available for purchase for \$12. Copies may be ordered by contacting Laurie Hoefling, hoefling@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 267.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

2009 Tax Deduction for Haiti Contribution: The IRS alerted taxpayers who itemize deductions that they may claim donations to charities providing earthquake relief in Haiti on their 2009 tax return. This special tax relief provision is available only for cash (includes check, debit, credit) contributions made after January 11, 2010, and before March 1, 2010. For more tips about claiming a deduction and other information about providing relief to Haiti through a charitable organization, see IRS.gov.

Slips and Falls: Falls on steps and sidewalks increase during the winter season. Here are a few measures that should be considered to safeguard the people, facilities and ministries of our communities:

- Take special care to see that steps and sidewalks are clean and well tended.
- GuideOne Insurance has issued a directive that each location must keep a salt and sanding log book. This will provide documentation in case of an accident.
- Have the employees responsible for snow removal wear the appropriate footwear.
- When possible, offer assistance to anyone who might have difficulty walking.

Worker's Compensation Audit: New forms were sent by email in December to the bookkeepers, pastors and principals. There is more information needed this year, so we sent them out early. You can work on them quarterly. They are due to the Diocese no later than August 1. Contact Nancy Karn, 563-324-1912, ext. 229 or karn@davenportdiocese.org with your questions.

Performance Evaluation: According to the new employee handbook, a formal written performance evaluation should be conducted for all regular full and part-time employees on an annual basis by February. The evaluation should be signed by the supervisor and the employee and kept in employee's personnel file.

VOCATIONS OFFICE

World Day for Consecrated Life: The 14th celebration of the annual World Day for Consecrated Life, February 2, will be marked in the United States the weekend of Feb. 7. The occasion is celebrated in the United States on the Sunday following Feb. 2, to enable as much participation as possible. World Day for Consecrated Life marks an opportunity to highlight the extraordinary contributions of men and women religious in this country as well as a time to pray for vocations to the consecrated life. If you need materials for this special day, please contact Fr. Marty Goetz, goetz@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 259. Let us pray not only for vocations to the priesthood and diaconate, but also the religious life.

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE

The Msgr. McGread Stewardship Conference is being held February 24-25 and August 4-5 in Wichita, KS. It brings together pastors and parish leaders for training in the spirituality and practice of stewardship. Cost is \$350, plus lodging. Fee includes all sessions, meals and a high quality DVD of Msgr. McGread explaining key components of building stewardship in the parish. This is an opportunity to:

- * Interact with renowned stewardship pioneer, Msgr. Thomas McGread, and learn about his vision of stewardship as a way of life.
 - * Spend time with others who are striving to make stewardship a priority in their parishes.
 - * Learn about the practical components needed to encourage parishioners to become better Christian stewards.
- Sponsored by Catholic Stewardship Consultants. Conference brochure is available at www.catholicsteward.com.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Sessions are open to all adults in the Diocese of Davenport and are mandated for all employees and those volunteers who work on a regular basis with children. To schedule a session contact your deanery facilitator listed on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org (Offices, Protecting Children, Safe Environment, Protecting God's Children) or Virginia Trujillo, trujillo@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 256. Current training scheduled (as of January 28):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
2/02/10	Centerville, St. Mary Church	6:30 p.m.
2/04/10	Williamsburg, St. Mary	6:30 p.m.

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002, or vacdav@attglobal.net or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

PASTORAL SERVICES

Social Action . . .

2010 Immigration Reform Postcard Campaign: Parishes are reminded that February 1 is the deadline to submit the number of postcards needed for this campaign urging Congress for the passage of immigration reform legislation. The Diocese of Davenport will be providing information regarding the Church's reasons for supporting immigration reform, and answers to the many myths about immigration in a series of articles in *The Catholic Messenger* and via email to parishes and Respect Life/Social Action contacts. Contact Esmeralda Guerrero, 563-324-1912, ext. 289 or guerrero@davenportdiocese.org.

Free tax assistance for individuals and families earning less than \$45,000 annually is available in Clinton, Davenport, DeWitt and Muscatine. Click on this link for English and Spanish flyers: http://www.unitedwayqc.org/vitasite/VITA_flyer_1108.pdf.

Similar help is available through the United Way or other local service agencies. If you are aware of services in your local area, please let us know so that we can help publicize them. Often those most needing the assistance cannot access computers, and need help finding tax assistance. If parishes could join with other local agencies and provide laundromats, drugstores and other places where folks often visit with flyers contain tax assistant information, it would a significant benefit. Many firms that advertize tax assistance with instant refunds are providing what are effectively high interest loans.

Internship for Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD): Are you Catholic? Interested in fighting poverty? Then consider being an intern for the CCHD. CCHD: 1) provides grants to self-help projects developed by grassroots groups of empowered poor persons who are working to address the root causes of poverty in their communities; 2) works to increase Catholics' awareness of poverty in the U.S.; 3) educates about the Catholic social tradition, and 4) builds bridges between poor and non-poor communities. Please contact Loxi Hopkins, 563 324-1912, ext. 246 or hopkins@davenportdiocese.org. Please distribute the attached flyer to those who may benefit from this opportunity.

The Diocesan Immigration program helps reunite families split by immigration. Our immigration counselor (approved by the United States Citizenship & Immigration Services) travels to Columbus Junction on the first Tuesday and to Ottumwa (12-2 p.m.) on the third Thursday of each month for appointments.

Replacement of permanent resident cards and naturalization/citizenship are some of the many services we offer. Please call our office if you have been waiting several years or if you have moved since filing your petition. Our staff is bilingual in English and Spanish. When scheduling an appointment indicate the type of service needed to obtain a list of which documents to bring with you. To schedule an appointment or to learn about the services provided contact Karina Garnica, 563-324-1912, ext. 232 or Elliott Rivera, ext 262. Bi-lingual information is available at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/socialactionlibrary/saimmigrationflyer-2009.pdf>.

Learning More About Immigration: The following movies are excellent for Bible Study and discussion groups or for anyone who wants to go deeper into the real issues of immigration than the media typically affords:

1. *Dying to Live*: Looks at the human face of the immigrant. It explores who these people are, why they leave their homes, and what they face in their journey to the US.
2. *One Border, One Body* tells the story of a ritual that unites people beyond political constructions which divide them.

To borrow a copy, contact Esmeralda Guerrero, 563-324-1912, ext. 289 or guerrero@davenportdiocese.org. To order your own copy of either of the two DVDs go to <http://oneborderonebody.nd.edu/>.

Operation Rice Bowl materials can be ordered by calling 800-222-0025. Supplies are free and available in English and Spanish.

Speakers from Catholic Relief Service's Global Fellows Program are available to speak at your parish about CRS programs overseas. Global Fellows are priests and seminarians who have personally visited Catholic Relief Services projects around the world and can share their stories with your parishioners. This is an excellent way to show how our Operation Rice Bowl funds are working in developing countries. If you have questions concerning Operation Rice Bowl or would like to schedule a speaker contact Kathy McCoy, 563-355-6347.

2010 St. Vincent Home Corporation Grants must be postmarked by **March 19** for consideration at the spring board meeting. All applications must be postmarked by that date. The grant application and criteria are available at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sastvincenthomecorporation.htm>. Please note important changes in the criteria. If you received a grant in 2008 or 2009 you must also submit your progress report by March 19. New funding applications will not be considered until Progress Reports regarding previously awarded grants have been submitted. For questions or information contact Loxi Hopkins, hopkins@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 246.

Faith Formation . . .

Retreat for Youth Ministry Leaders: March 7-9 at Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat Center, Wheatland. "Wired to Connect" will be the theme of our annual retreat for youth ministry leaders. Our director will be Chris Edmonds, director of youth ministry for the Diocese of Wichita. Chris will lead us in reflections on our innate need for relationship and help us reflect and re-connect with God, our ministry peers, and ourselves. A registration flyer is attached.

Faith Formation Conference: March 14-15, Ames. *Ministry at the Margins: The Call to Serve Christ's Mission Today* is sponsored by the four dioceses of Iowa. Keynoter Dr. Edward P. Hahnenberg is a theologian on the staff of Xavier University in Cincinnati. Registration is \$70 before Feb. 21 and \$75 after that date. Additional information and online registration can be found at www.IowaFaithFormation.org.

Junior High Youth Rally will be held Sunday, March 21 at Regina Catholic Education Center in Iowa City. The theme is "J-Walking: Journey with Jesus" and our keynoter will be storyteller and singer Anne Marie Cribbin. Registration information is available at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/ffyouthrally.htm>. Please steer youth to www.davenportyouth.org.

"Catechesis: An Oasis Amidst Diversity," the annual conference of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership, will be held April 18-22 at Bally's Hotel in Las Vegas. For more information, go to www.nccl.org.

Catholics in Action is a three-day service retreat that brings together 100 youth and adults from across our diocese. CIA will be held this year June 27-29. Save the date! Registration materials will be available later this month.

Christian Leadership Institute (CLI), a weeklong empowerment experience for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors, will be held July 25-30 at the Christian Conference Center near Newton. CLI brings together dozens of talented youth every summer for six days to build their leadership skills for service to the church. This year, only one week of CLI will be offered, so save these dates.

August Gathering: August 6, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., St. Patrick Parish, Iowa City. The presenter will be Joe Paprocki, author of "The Bible Blueprint: A Catholic's Guide to Understanding and Embracing God's Word." A registration flyer will be available soon, but save the date!

High School Youth Rally will be held Sunday, Oct. 24, at the Coralville Marriott. Our keynoters will be APeX Ministries, featuring the juggling, humor and solid faith message of Gene Monterastelli and Brad Farmer. Registration details will be available soon, but mark the date now!

“March with the Saints,” the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry, will be held Dec. 9-12 in New Orleans. For more information, go to www.nfcym.org.

Upcoming Youth Retreats:

- Feb. 13-15: TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Retreat, location in or near Davenport to be determined. TEC helps older youth (11th and 12th graders; College freshmen also welcome) explore their faith in the context of the Paschal Mystery. For more information, go to <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/fftec.htm> or contact Pat Finan at finan@davenportdiocese.org or (641) 842-5148.
- Feb. 27-28: Quest Retreat at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Bettendorf. Quest is a retreat for 9th and 10th graders. For more information, contact Joyce Kloft at bettlourdesdre@diodav.org or (563) 359-0345.
- March 12-14: Ottumwa COR (Christ in Others) Retreat at St. Patrick’s Parish in Ottumwa. COR is for youth in grades 10, 11 and 12. For more information, contact Anna Hanson at ottstpatdre@diodav.org or (641) 682-4496.
- March 19-21: DeWitt COR (Christ in Others) Retreat at St. Joseph’s Parish in DeWitt. COR is for youth in grades 10, 11 and 12. For more information, contact Pat Sheil at dewittstjosephym@diodav.org or (563) 659-3514.
- March 26-28: Keota COR (Christ in Others) Retreat at Holy Trinity Parish in Keota. COR is for youth in grades 10, 11 and 12. For more information, contact Georgia Gent at ggent@netins.net.

Marriage Preparation Weekends:

February 20-21: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney (registration deadline February 12)

April 24-25: Williamsburg, St. Mary (registration deadline April 16)

June 26-27: Sigourney, St. Mary (registration deadline June 18)

August 14-15: Newton, Sacred Heart (registration deadline August 6)

The registration form is on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org (Faith Formation Office > Marriage Preparation). Registration is \$125 per couple. For information about marriage preparation in our diocese or neighboring dioceses contact Barb Butterworth, 563-324-1912, ext. 265 or butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org or IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org. If your parish is willing to host a weekend (diocese pays all expenses) please contact Barb Butterworth or IlaMae Hanisch.

Ministry Formation Program (MFP):

MFP Year I Basic Classes: Participants are welcome to join at any time. The remaining sessions are:

Feb. 6 & 20: Eucharist

March 6 & 20: Personal & Pastoral Themes for Ministry April 10 & 24: Catholicism

Year I for Spanish-speaking Participants: New members are welcome...even if you missed the first class. The 2nd class meets on February 21 in West Liberty. Remaining sessions are March 21, April 11, May 2, June 13, July 11, August 8, and September 12.

Information for both programs is available at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/ffmfppg1.htm>. For further information contact IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org or 641-791-3435.

ST. THOMAS MORE, CORALVILLE (3000 12th Ave.)

Humor and the Bible: February 20, 9:00 a.m. - Noon. (Registration begins at 8:30). This mini Lenten retreat is open to all interested persons. Facilitated by Rev. David Swinton, PhD, come see how a vibrant faith and a sparkling sense of humor serve to uncover truth; grant us surprising shifts in perspective; enhance delight and discovery; make pain bearable; and joy a regular habit. We will also explore the qualities of a Christian who practices humor: strong, humble, honest, spirit-filled, free, forgiving, just, and joyful. \$10 suggested donation. If you wish to stay for lunch the cost is an additional \$8. Please register by contacting Mary Kay Kusner, 319-339-1306 or mkusner@mchsi.com.

NATIVITY SET SOUGHT

St. Anthony parish in Knoxville is looking for an indoor Nativity set for display in their church. Contact the parish secretary, Kathy Herwehe at knoxvillestanthony@diodav.org or 641-828-7050.

HOPE AND HEALING MINISTRIES®

A **Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat** for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in Lake Geneva, WI on April 16-18. The confidential, supportive retreat is for anyone hurting inside after abortion. For more information, to donate, or volunteer call 563-322-1645 or email hopeandhealingtoday@gmail.com. Scholarships are available. You can also visit www.rachelsvineyard.org, or call a toll-free hotline, 877-896-HOPE.

ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY, DAVENPORT

SAU Chair of Catholic Studies Lecture: February 24, 7 p.m., 3rd floor ballroom of the Rogalski Center. Rev. Cyprian Davis, OSB, will speak about the *Migration of African-American Catholics in the United States*. Fr. Davis has been called the single most important leader in historical studies of the African-American Catholic Church in the United States. He has written numerous books and articles in the area of monastic history and the history and spirituality of African American Catholics in the United States. In 1990 he published "The History of Black Catholics in the United States" (Crossroad), which received the John Gilmary Shea Award in 1991. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The 2010 Chair of Catholic Studies Lecture is part of St. Ambrose University's *Migration Project* which examines the many ways in which movements of people, ideas, and materials have shaped the modern world. For more information about this event, and to see the entire *Migration Project* program schedule, please visit our website at <http://web.sau.edu/migrationProject/default.html>.

CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH OF EASTERN IOWA

Centering Prayer Practitioners are invited to attend the following:

- Silent Saturday, Feb. 20, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Humility of Mary Center, Davenport
- False-Self Film Festival, viewing of *Romero*: March 7, 1-4 p.m., Holy Family Parish Office, Davenport
- Upcoming Retreats: May 14-15 and Sept. 17-18 in Wheatland
- A Weekend with Fr. Carl Arico, Oct. 8-10, Rock Island, IL
- Local support groups are also available.

For information on any of the above call Lolita Dierickx, 563-285-7242.

NEW MELLERAY ABBEY, PEOSTA

The Lenten Journey: He Loved Them to the end... A Monastic Retreat on the Way of Suffering. This will be held February 19 – 21, 2009 and repeated March 5–7. Men and women are invited. In addition to talks by members of the monastic community, the retreat will also provide participants with opportunities to enter into the silence and tranquility of the monastery where they can spend time in private meditation and prayer. Retreatants will be presented with a special book chosen by the Abbott for use throughout the Lenten season. The registration fee is \$170 with a special commuter rate of \$85 for those who do not plan to stay overnight. Registration due dates are February 15 and March 2. For a registration form contact the guestmaster at 563 588-2319, ext. 100, or go to www.newmelleray.org.

SHALOM RETREAT CENTER, DUBUQUE

For more information or to register, contact Karen Knepper: 563-582-3592, kknepper@shalomretreats.org or visit www.shalomretreats.org.

We Rise Again from Ashes

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, 9:15am – 3:30pm

Presenter: Msgr. Thomas Toale, Vicar of the Archdiocese of Dubuque

Through presentations, quiet time, and the celebration of Eucharist, participants will reflect upon the original dream of our God for creation, the peril and pain prompted by human weakness, and promises fulfilled by the Resurrection. Using the six weeks of Lent well has the possibility of transforming our hearts and lives!

Offering: \$35. Includes coffee upon arrival, lunch & private room for reflection. Register/prepay by Feb. 15.

Ordinary Lent, Ordinary Signs & the Ordinary Life of Jesus Retreat

Friday, Feb. 19, 5:30pm – Thursday, Feb. 25, 9:30am

Director: Matt Walsh, OP

God uses the ordinary – bread, water, wine – to come to us. We will reflect on some of the other ordinary things God uses to get our attention and most especially the “ordinary” life of Jesus. Each day we will celebrate Eucharist and gather for two conferences. We will also have a Communal Celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing.

Offering: \$360. (\$50 deposit) A \$50 nonrefundable deposit secures your reservation and is credited to the offering for the retreat.

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL

To register call 309-283-2108 or go online: retreats@smmsisters.org.

“Do You Love Me?": February 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m. *In a world plagued by distractions, sometimes the marital covenant falls into second place in one's list of priorities. Rekindle your love and commitment during our annual Valentine program.* Presenters: Elaine and Ron Foht, who have been active in Cursillo, TEC, Marriage Encounter, \$25 per couple.

“Scripture From Scratch”: Wednesdays 9-10:30 a.m.: Feb. 17, 24; March 3, 10, 17, and 24. *Join our easy-to-follow introduction to reading and praying Sacred Scripture in this 6-week mini-series. We will begin with an overview of the Bible and an introduction to the Old Testament.* Presenter: Sr. Charlotte Sonnevile, OSB, \$25 for the series or \$5 per session.

“Lenten Day of Prayer: Journey with Jesus up The Mountain”: Feb. 27, 9a.m. – 3 p.m. *Through prayer and reflection enter the “cloud” revealing the transfiguration of Jesus. How can we find moments of transfiguration in our own lives?* Presenter: Sr. Marilyn Ring, OSB, Augustana College Associate Campus Chaplain, \$30 (incl. lunch & continental breakfast)

“Suffering, Death & Hope: Muslim & Christian Perspectives”: March 8, 7-8:30 p.m. *Join us as we compare the ways their different traditions interpret suffering and death, and how they cultivate endurance and hope.* Presenters: Cyrus Ali Zargar (Islam) and Dr. Jason Mahn (Christianity), both teach in Augustana College Religion Department, at Benet House. Free will donation.

“The Call to Discipleship”: March 21, 1:45-4 p.m. *We will explore the strategy and tactics of Jesus to call people to discipleship and send them on mission, and then consider the profile of discipleship.* Presenter: Dr. Anthony Gittins, CSSP, Professor of Theology and Culture at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He is author of 18 books, and has served in Sierra Leone, as a missionary pastor and as an anthropological missionary in Africa. \$15.

To support the ministry of your parish, school and the diocese these groups automatically receive the *Mini-Messenger*:

Deacons	Diocesan Corporate Board	Youth Ministers	Pastoral Associates
Diocesan Liturgical Commission	Parishes	Parish Lay Directors	Sisters
Priests	Principals	Diocesan Board of Education	Bookkeepers
Diocesan Pastoral Council	Seminarians	Directors/Coordinators of Faith Formation	RCIA Parish Contacts
Diocesan Planning Commission	Catholic Foundation		

Other interested persons are welcome to subscribe. If you have questions regarding your subscription contact Laurie Hoefling, hoefling@davenportdiocese.org.

Diocesan Internship

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD):

1) Provides grants to self-help projects developed by grassroots groups of empowered poor persons who are working to address the root causes of poverty in their communities.



Heather Tealby CCHD Intern 08/09 leading an Immigration Forum for Quad Cities Interfaith

Catholic? Interested in fighting poverty?

Intern with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

2) Works to increase Catholics' awareness of poverty in the U.S., educate about the Catholic social tradition, and build bridges between poor and non-poor communities.

For more information, contact:

Loxi Hopkins
Diocese of Davenport
2706 N. Gaines
Davenport, IA. 52804
563-324-1911
Ext. 246

Internship Information:

- The internship is 14 to 16 flexible hours per week for 2010/2011 school year. Deadline for application, Feb. 26th
- Internship is paid (\$10/hr)
- Skills sought:
 - Willing to learn community organizing skills
 - Spanish speaking preferred but not necessary
 - Good communication skills
 - Ability to work with diverse population
 - Able to attend June CCHD training



A retreat for youth ministry leaders

Wired to Connect



Humans were created *with Chris Edmonds*
with a need to be in relationships. Take time to reflect and re-connect
with the divine, with your peers in ministry, and with yourself.

Sunday, March 7 ~ Tuesday, March 9
at Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat Center

Our guide is Chris Edmonds, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries in the Diocese of Wichita. She also has been a parish youth ministry leader.

Our Lady of the Prairie is a peaceful place between Wheatland and Big Rock.

The retreat begins Sunday at 7 p.m. and ends Tuesday with lunch.

Participants can come for the entire retreat or register for one or two days.

For information, contact Pat Finan: finan@davenportdiocese.org or (641)842-5148.

Name:

Address, City, State, Zip Code:

Day Phone Number:

E-mail:

Parish/School:

Parish/School Town:

Fee: **Full retreat: \$125** (for lodging, meals, resources) **Per-day: \$35** (for meals, resources)
Contact Pat Finan if you must make arrangements other than these options or for financial help.

Return form and check (payable to Diocese of Davenport) by **Tuesday, March 2** to:
Diocese of Davenport, attn. Barbara Butterworth, 2706 N. Gaines St., Davenport, IA 52804-1998