

Walking Together in Faith

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FROM MSGR. JOHN HYLAND, VICAR GENERAL

Fr. Steve Ebel has been granted a Sabbatical by Bishop Amos from January 15 to May 15 to attend the Ministry to Minister Sabbatical Program at the Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, Texas.

Address: Oblate School of Theology, 109 Oblate Drive, San Antonio, TX 78216-6693

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At the conclusion of the sabbatical Fr. Ebel will return to St. Ann, Long Grove. After 16 years of serving as pastor of St. Ann's Fr. Ebel has asked for a new assignment as of July 2007.

The North American Precious Blood congregations of The Society of the Precious Blood are promoting their parish mission, "Proclaiming Abundant Love." One of their presenters, Rev. Keith Branson, C.P.P.S is also available for retreats, days of recollection and special preaching. If you are interested in the parish missions go to www.pbparishmissions.org and if you wish to contact Fr. Branson you may reach him at padrekb_cpss@yahoo.com.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Finance . . .

Fraud Prevention: The recently released study by two Villanova business school professors on fraud or other misuse of parish funds has piqued the media interest on this subject. In response to the survey information, the Accounting Practices Committee, a group of lay experts who advise the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), has called for tighter internal controls over finances in the nation's more than 19,000 parishes. Members of the Parish Finance Council can take an active role in fraud prevention by doing the following:

- Become familiar with the Diocesan Finance Council's *Accounting Guidelines for Parishes* and *Standard Internal Controls*.
- At least quarterly, an income statement and balance sheet should be provided to the Finance Council.
- At least quarterly, the general ledger detail should be printed and reviewed by someone from the Finance Council.
- At least quarterly, someone from the Finance Council should review the reconciliation of the cash and investment accounts.
- Annually, the Parish Finance Council should review the *Internal Control Questionnaire* and prepare a plan to remedy any internal control weakness noted.

The *Accounting Guidelines for Parishes*, *Standard Internal Controls* and *Internal Control Questionnaire* can be found in the Library under Finance & Administration on the Diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Sessions are open to all adults in the Diocese of Davenport and are mandated for all employees and for those volunteers who work on a regular basis with children. If you have a need for a session please contact a facilitator in your deanery (listed on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org) or Virginia Trujillo, trujillo@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 256. Current training scheduled (as of January 26):

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Davenport, Assumption High School	3/11/07	3:00 p.m.
Davenport, Assumption High School	5/6/07	3:00 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 vaccdav@attglobal.net or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

PASTORAL SERVICES

Ministry of Stewardship . . .

Regional Stewardship Conference: April 19-20, Kansas City. The Diocese of Davenport is working in conjunction with other dioceses in Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas to sponsor a regional conference on stewardship. Lay leaders are highly encouraged to attend. Brochures will be delivered to all parishes and an electronic version will be emailed in the next few weeks. For more information, contact Dan Ebener at ebener@davenportdiocese.org.

Stewardship Institute: The Diocese of Davenport is now recruiting students for its third annual diocesan Stewardship Institute. We are seeking parish leaders, or potential leaders, who are interested in providing leadership for their parish in the ministry of stewardship. The only charge for this leadership training program is the cost of books. The Institute begins on May 1 with a face-to-face workshop in an area that is centrally located among those who sign up for the Institute. To register, or to receive more information, please contact Dan Ebener at ebener@davenportdiocese.org.

The Stewardship Institute is a 6-month training and development program for parish leaders in stewardship. Most of the work is done on-line, following a syllabus that has been designed by the Diocese of Davenport. The online nature of the program adds flexibility to the learning process and limits the need for travel. Each student also works in consultation with a coach who is assigned by the Diocese to meet with the students individually about once per month. The Institute also includes three face-to-face workshops. These will be held in a location that is central to those who sign up for the Institute. The third of the three workshops is the annual Diocesan Stewardship Day, at which time the participants who finish the Institute will receive a Certificate of Graduation and all graduates of the Institute will be invited to talk about what they have learned about stewardship.

Msgr. McGread Stewardship Conference: Offered 3 times: February 28-March 1; May 2-3; and August 8-9 in Wichita, Kansas. This conference is especially helpful for clergy, but lay leaders are welcome to attend. Come and . . .

- Interact with 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.
- Receive an educational DVD featuring Msgr. McGread highlighting key stewardship components to show to your parish leaders.
- 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.

Ministry of Service . . .

Operation Rice Bowl is the official Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. Each Lent, parishes, schools and other faith communities participate in Operation Rice Bowl to learn more about the work of CRS and put their faith into action. As a Lenten solidarity program, Operation Rice Bowl calls Catholics to reach out to assist our brothers and sisters around the world through the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving while learning about their lives overseas. A parish guide is available at http://orb.crs.org/assets/parishes/community_parish_guide.pdf.

All are invited on February 6 at 6:30 p.m. as Mr. John Taylor, Catholic Relief Services Midwest Regional Office, will be at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Davenport to provide information about the most effective ways to use the CRS Operation Rice Bowl materials to enrich individual and parish Lenten observances.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD): Our apologies that, after all the preparation, the Advent bulletin inserts did not arrive. Blame it on technological advances that caused some confusion in ordering.

2007 Earned Income Credit Outreach and the Child Tax Credit Campaign: The campaign to inform low-income working people that they could qualify for tax refunds through the Earned Income Credit (EIC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC) has begun. This could mean a lot to some of our struggling families. To receive a free promotion kit, including English and Spanish posters and flyers, contact the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, phone 202-408-1080, fax 202-408-1056; or email: eickit@cdpp.org.

This year eligible families can receive as much as \$4,536 for a low-wage worker raising two children (as much as \$2,747 for workers raising one child and up to \$412 for very low-income workers not raising children). Also, millions of low-income working families will be eligible for the Child Tax Credit (CTC), which is now worth up to \$1,000 for each qualifying child under age 17. The CTC is valuable even to many families that earned too little in 2006 to owe income tax, because they can receive this credit as a refund. The CTC is in addition to any EIC for which the family qualifies --many low-income working families will qualify for both credits.

Hope and Healing Ministries (formerly Rachel's Hope) . . .

Hope and Healing Ministries offers healing retreats, growth groups and counseling referrals to those who are struggling with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion or sexual abuse. Find the healing you seek. The following opportunities are available.

- **Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat** for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion. March 30-April 1, Rock Island, IL. This confidential, supportive retreat is for anyone hurting inside after abortion. Scholarships are available. Volunteers and donations are welcome, also.
- **Sexual Abuse Growth Group:** A six-week growth group to be held February 20 - March 27 will be offered for individuals wounded by sexual abuse, and for people who want to help them. We will read and discuss *On the Threshold of Hope* written by Diane Langberg, Ph.D. This group will provide practical, spiritual tools to help those affected directly or indirectly by abuse to move toward deeper healing in their lives.
- **Pastoral Care Training and Beyond Abuse Seminars:** *Pastoral Care Training*, February 16, open to anyone interested in helping sexual abuse survivors and *Beyond Abuse*, February 17 for survivors, their support network, and those who want to learn more. These will provide a broad overview of issues resulting from sexual abuse and spiritual insights to move beyond abuse. The seminars will be held at Sacred Heart Parish Center, Newton. Pre-registration per seminar-\$25, at the door-\$30; both days \$45 or \$50 at the door. Scholarships are available.

To register for any of the above or for further information call 319-338-2497 or 877-896-HOPE; or email hopeandhealing@davenportdiocese.org or visit the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org/hopeandhealing.

Ministry of Worship . . .

Rite of Election: Parish Information Forms **are due February 1**. If your parish has not submitted its form please do so by the 1st. For questions contact Laurie Hoefling, 563-324-1912, ext. 267 or hoefling@davenportdiocese.org.

Ash Wednesday: February 21

Rite of Election: February 25: Davenport; 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.

March 4: Ottumwa; 3:00 p.m.

Chrism Mass: March 27: 4 p.m., Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport

Easter Vigil: April 7. May not begin before 8:30 p.m. and must conclude by 5:30 a.m. on April 8.

Beginnings and Beyond Conference: July 19-22, 2007, St. John Vianney, Bettendorf. This experience immerses participants in the awe-inspiring rites of initiation, and is strongly recommended for all who minister in RCIA programs. Detailed registration and housing information will be made available as soon as it is ready. The Diocese of Davenport and the Archdiocese of Dubuque are co-sponsoring this Beginnings-Plus conference.

Ministry of Word . . .

Spirituality of Pastoral Leadership, the Annual Day of Reflection will be held February 27 at St. Mary Parish Center in Williamsburg. Maureen Kelly will be the facilitator. Registration deadline is February 16. A brochure is included with this issue of *The Mini* and is also on the diocesan website under events.

Change of Email Address: Pat Finan has changed internet providers at his Knoxville office. That email address is now finan@iowatelecom.net. Please discontinue using the address at harenet. You may also continue sending him email at his diocesan address, finan@davenportdiocese.org.

National Conference on Catechetical Leadership (NCCL): “Engaging the Catechetical Moment” the 2007 Conference & Expo will be held April 22-26 in Columbus, Ohio. Registration information can be found at www.nccl.org.

Youth Ministry Leaders’ Retreat: “I Am Called to Be Holy,” a retreat for youth ministry leaders, will be held March 18-20 at Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat Center in Wheatland. IlaMae Hanisch, diocesan Adult/Family/Lay Ministry coordinator, will direct the retreat. The registration flier can be found at www.davenportdiocese.org, click on the faith formation menu and then youth ministry. Deadline is March 13. For more information, contact Pat Finan, 641-842-5148.

Harvest TEC Retreat: Application deadline is this Saturday, February 3. Materials for Harvest TEC 2007, to be held Feb. 17-19 at Bishop Hayes School in Muscatine, are available on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org, faith formation, TEC and also on the TEC page at www.davenportyouth.org. TEC is a retreat for high school juniors and seniors and college freshmen. Registration cost is \$55. Contact Pat Finan for more information.

Upcoming Quest and COR youth retreats: A Quest retreat for youth in grades 9 and 10 will be held March 3-4 in two different locations, Grinnell and Bettendorf. A COR (Christ in Others) retreat for youth in grades 10-12 will be held March 9-11 in DeWitt. Registration information for these retreats is available at www.davenportdiocese.org, youth ministry. Another COR retreat will be held in Keota on March 16-18. For more information, call Fr. Marty Goetz. 641-636-3883.

Help Youth Ministry with Your Online Searches: Use Goodsearch, a Yahoo search engine, to search online and the diocese gets a penny for each search. Start by going to www.goodsearch.com. You’ll see two fields. In the second, type in Diocese of Davenport and hit the verify button. Then start searching! The site also gives simple directions to put Goodsearch in your toolbar or make it your home page, making searching even easier. Every search you do earns a cent for diocesan youth ministry programs.

Other Dates:

- February 6: Diocesan meeting of Youth Ministry Coordinators, 10 a.m., St. Thomas More, Iowa City
- April 29: Diocesan Junior High Youth Rally, Regina High School, Iowa City
- June 7-8: June Institute, Diocesan Pastoral Center
- June 17-22: CLI (Christian Leadership Institute), Twin Lakes Christian Center. Information available at www.davenportyouth.org.
- June 24-26: Catholics in Action Service Retreat, St. Mary, Riverside. Information available at www.davenportyouth.org.
- August 5-10: CLI (Christian Leadership Institute), Twin Lakes Christian Center. Information available at www.davenportyouth.org.

Leadership Training for Divorce Ministry will be held at the University of Notre Dame on July 2-5. A brochure and registration information is available at www.nacsd.org. Several from our diocese have attended this program in the past and found it affordable and very helpful. For more information contact IlaMae Hanisch.

National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved (NCMB) has three new inexpensive and well-done pamphlets for your parish pastoral care ministers: *A Time to Heal Emotionally*, *When Your Baby is Stillborn*, and *Ritualizing our Good-Byes*. Check them out on their website www.Griefwork.org.

Beginning Experience, a weekend for those who are widowed, separated, or divorced will be held February 16-18 at Okoboji in northwest Iowa. Another weekend will be held November 9-11. For a brochure or to register call 712-233-7532.

Infant Baptism Preparation: The latest resources for preparing parent/s, godparents, and the parish for infant baptism are available for review. A bibliography of these resources is available (via e-mail) by contacting Barb Butterworth or IlaMae Hanisch. These resources are in a “lending library” and we appreciate your courtesy in their prompt return.

Marriage Preparation Weekends: 2007 & early 2008 dates listed: The Registration Form is on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org. On the home page (left side under events) click on “Marriage Preparation Weekends.”

Currently scheduled weekends are:

- February 3-4: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney
- April: TBA
- June 23-24: Newton, Sacred Heart (registration deadline June 15)
- August 4-5: Ft. Madison, SS. Mary & Joseph (registration deadline July 27)
- October 6-7: Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias (registration deadline September 28)
- January 5-6, 2008: Newton, Sacred Heart (registration deadline, TBA)
- February 2-3, 2008: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney (registration deadline January 25)

Registration is \$125 per couple. For information about marriage preparation in our diocese or neighboring dioceses contact Barb Butterworth at 563-324-1912, ext. 265 or butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org or IlaMae Hanisch, 641-791-3435 or hanisch@davenportdiocese.org.

MFP 10th Anniversary Celebration: Saturday, September 8, St. Ambrose University. The Diocese of Davenport is celebrating 10 years of offering Ministry Formation. Former graduates, family, pastors, current MFP participants, instructors, and support staff will be recognized at a Mass and luncheon with a keynote address by Rev. Edmond J. Dunn. Details and registration information will be coming. Put the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Ministry Formation Programs

MFP- Basic Year II:

Want to become an “informed” leader in your parish? Do you want to “update” your faith? Join us for the MFP Basic Year II. This “basic” ministry formation program is offered by the Diocese of Davenport. You may register for one course or for all. Registration information is available on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org. Contact Barb Butterworth or IlaMae Hanisch with questions or to register.

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| Feb. 3 | Liturgical Themes I | Feb. 17 | Liturgical Themes II |
| March 3 | Spiritual Themes I | March 24 | Spiritual Themes II (change of date) |
| April 14 | Legal Themes I | April 28 | Legal Themes II |

Parish Life Administrator Training and Formation Program:

The following courses remain in this 12-month ministry formation program. You may still register for an individual course by contacting Barb Butterworth or IlaMae Hanisch. All sessions are held in Williamsburg at the community recreation center from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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| Feb. 10 | Sacramental Preparation II: Confirmation, Eucharist & RCIA | | |
| March 10 | Annulments | April 14 | Parish Leadership & Organization II |
| May 5 | Parish Life | June 16 | Preaching the Word I |
| July 14 | Preaching the Word II | Aug. 11 | Lifelong Faith Formation |

Finance Administrator Training Program:

One course remains in the program. Participants also have a prerequisite of Year II of Basic MFP.

- April 14 Parish Leadership & Organization I

SEEKING DONATION

Fr. Jim Vrba is looking for a pair of processional torches to be used for the Way of the Cross for Lent. If you have a pair that you are no longer using, please contact him at Saint Mary Church, Wilton, 563-732-2271.

ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY, DAVENPORT

Most Rev. Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of Milwaukee, will be the speaker for the 25th St. Ambrose University Chair of Catholic Studies lecture on February 14. The lecture begins at 7 p.m. in the ballroom of the Rogalski center with a reception to follow. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Archbishop Dolan will reflect upon the future of the Catholic Church, according to Ryan Dye, assistant professor and chair of the SAU History Department. “The Catholic Church in the United States has struggled with serious issues, such as the priest sexual abuse scandal and declining congregations,” says Dye. “Archbishop Dolan will bring a message of hope and optimism, seeing a brighter future ahead for American Catholics.”

SISTERS OF HUMILITY, DAVENPORT

Earth Rhythms: Native American Style, March 24, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Humility of Mary Center, Davenport. Celebrate the equinox with Native American presentations, music, food and more. Special guest is Donald P. Fish of the Southern Pikuni, one of the four tribes of the Blackfoot Nation Confederacy (Northwest Montana). RSVP by March 16 to 563-323-9466. Space is limited and free will donations will be accepted.

NEW MELLERAY ABBEY, PEOSTA

Developing Christian Character: The Paradox of the Cross is a Lenten Retreat offered on two weekends: March 2-4 and again March 23-25. Participants will learn about the 4 elements of Christian character and how the paradox of the Cross develops those elements. Registration fee of \$140 covers room, meals, and materials. A fee of \$60 is requested of those commuting to the monastery rather than staying over. Registration deadline is February 24 for the first weekend; March 15 for the second. To register or for more information visit our website www.newmelleray.org or call the guestmaster at 563-588-2319 ext 100.

PRAIRIEWOODS FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER, HIAWATHA

Spirituality in the 21st Century, April 27 & 28, Cedar Rapids. “A Tale of Two Christianities” will be presented at 7 p.m. on April 27. Saturday’s workshop, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., is “The Church in the 21st Century: Seeing Christianity Again”. Dr. Marcus Borg, a biblical scholar, will be the presenter. Dr. Borg has written the best selling books *The Heart of Christianity*, *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* and *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*. Both events are open to the public. Reservations are encouraged as space is limited. Early registration rates end on April 13. For a registration form, go to www.prairiewoods.org.



Spirituality of Pastoral Leadership

with **Maureen Kelly**

A day of reflection for all who serve others in the Church

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

St. Mary's Parish Center, Williamsburg

Maureen Kelly is an internationally known catechist and lecturer. She has held parish, diocesan and national positions in catechesis and adult formation. She is a founding member of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and has done much work with the RCIA and liturgical catechesis throughout the U.S. and Europe. Most recently she has authored the *Call to Celebrate: Eucharist and Reconciliation* program for Harcourt Religion Publishers.

Sponsored by the Diocese of Davenport with Annual Diocesan Appeal Funds

Schedule	Directions
9:00 – 9:00 Registration (coffee, juice, pastries)	St. Mary's is in Williamsburg, about two miles south of 1-80, exit 220.
9:30 – 11:30 Maureen Kelly	
11:30 – 12:30 Lunch	The parish center is on the east side of IA-149, just north of the church.
12:30 – 2:30 Maureen Kelly	
2:30 – 3:00 Closing	

Registration is \$25. Deadline is February 16th. Make checks payable to *Diocese of Davenport*
For information, contact Barbara Butterworth at butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org or (563) 324-1912, ext. 265

Name: _____

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Return form and payment to:

Diocese of Davenport, attn. Barbara Butterworth, 2706 N. Gaines St., Davenport, IA 52804-1998

(Day of Reflection with Maureen Kelly February 27, 2007)