

Walking Together in Faith

DIRECTORY CHANGES

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New Residence:

Rev. Harry Linnenbrink: Cottage Grove Place, 2115 1st Ave SE, Cedar Rapids
This does not change his mailing address.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

Adult Support Group for Victims of Sexual Abuse: Eight sessions beginning March 10. Held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month, 9-10 a.m. For more information contact: Joni Dittmer, LISW at 563-320-4395 or Alicia Owens, Victim Assistance Coordinator at 563-349-5002. Provided by the Diocese of Davenport.

COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

Computers and Daylight Saving Time: This is the first year that daylight saving time is being extended in the United States. The time change will start on March 11, which is three weeks earlier than daylight saving time has started in the past and it will last one week longer to November 4. Unless you update your computer to reflect these changes your computer's system clock may be off by an hour during the extended portion of daylight saving time. If you use Outlook or another calendar program you need to double check the start times of your appointments. It is recommended to print your calendar prior to the start of daylight saving time as a reference and placing the start time for the appointment in the subject line. Patches for this issue are available for Windows 2000 and Windows XP. No patches are available for Windows 98 or Windows ME. Patches for Microsoft Outlook are available for version 2000 or newer. To download the patches or for more information go to http://support.microsoft.com/gp/cp_dst. Contact Rob Butterworth as needed, 563-324-1912, ext. 273 or butterworth@davenportdiocese.org.

Parish Support Staff Day: The surveys are in and we are pleased to announce that workshops will be offered on April 25 in the new parish center in Richmond and April 26 in Davenport. Workshops include Word I; Word II; Excel I; Excel II; QuickBooks; Publisher; Sacramental Records/Recordkeeping; Microsoft XP and e-mail; Hardware, Software and Networking; Future of Technology; Websites; and QuickBooks and payroll. This day is designed for those who provide administrative support to their parishes. Anyone else who is interested in these workshops is invited and encouraged to attend as well. The fee will be nominal. A registration flyer will be sent in late March. For further information contact Laurie Hoefling, 563-324-1912, ext. 267 or hoefling@davenportdiocese.org.

VOCATIONS OFFICE

A "*Thinking of Priesthood Day*" will be held March 24 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Catholic Student Center near the campus of Iowa State University in Ames. This event begins at 10 a.m. (registration is from 9-10) and concludes at 5 p.m. with Mass and dinner following. Sponsored by the Vocation Offices of the four dioceses of Iowa, this day is for men, ages 17-45, who might be considering a possible call to priesthood. This day will include informal presentations and discussions, sharing from vocation directors of the four dioceses of Iowa and seminarians. Fr. Jonathan Fassero from St.

Meinrad School of Theology, St. Meinrad, IN will lead the discussions. A poster is attached. For more information and to register, please contact Fr. Bob Gruss, 563-324-1912, ext. 254 or gruss@davenportdiocese.org.

Come and See a Franciscan Way is a retreat for women, March 17 & 18 in Dubuque. The Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque invite single women, 18-49 years old to a weekend exploring the lifestyle of women religious. Contact Sr. Nancy Miller, 563-583-9786 or millern@osfdbq.org. There is no registration fee except an open heart.

Encounter with God's Call, March 24-26, Conception Seminary College, Conception, MO. This is a discernment retreat for young men age 16 and older who are considering the vocation to priesthood. Participants will spend time immersed in the daily life of a seminary and the seminarians will share their stories of responding to God's call. The cost is free. For more information contact Conception Seminary College at 660-944-2886 or vocations@conception.edu.

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 February 27):

<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.
DeWitt, St. Joseph	5/15/07	6:30 p.m.
DeWitt, St. Joseph	8/21/07	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

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

Hope and Healing Ministries is a ministry that 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. For more information: 877-896-HOPE, 319-338-2497, hopeandhealing@davenportdiocese.org, or www.davenportdiocese.org/hopeandhealing.

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 an abortion. For more information, to donate, or volunteer please contact Maria at 319-338-2497 or shores@davenportdiocese.org. Scholarships are available. You can also visit www.rachelsvineyard.org, www.davenportdiocese.org/hopeandhealing, or call a national toll-free hotline at 1-877-HOPE-4-ME.

Ministry of Worship . . .

Copies of the planning sheets for Liturgies with the Bishop, in both Word and PDF formats, are available on the diocesan website. Just click on the "Liturgy News and Resources" link on the left side of the main page - or go directly to www.davenportdiocese.org/ddo-offices/page7.html - and scroll to the bottom.

As a reminder, these forms are to be used whenever the bishop is going to preside at confirmation or another more solemn liturgy, and they are to be submitted to the Office of Liturgy no later than 2 weeks before the event. For regular Sunday or weekday Masses, with no additional rites, the forms do not need to be submitted. If you have any questions, contact Deacon Frank Agnoli, agnoli@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 255.

Ministry of Service . . .

Interfaith Prayer Service: March 25, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes, Bettendorf. The focus of the prayer service is to pray for the soldiers who have died in Iraq and to pray for their loved ones. Also, we will not forget the many civilians, men, women and children who have died in Iraq and lastly we will pray for people who believe that engaging in war will bring about peace in our world. Sponsored by Pax Christi Quad Cities.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD):

- Do you want any changes in the number of English or Spanish materials that you received last year (envelopes, bulletin inserts) for the diocesan collection?
- Can you tell us whether your bulletin printing company will reproduce our diocesan CCHD promotion insert, either as a cover or as an insert in your bulletin? If they will, we can save some trees and some money. If we do not hear from you by MARCH 21, we will presume that you want the same numbers as last year. Thank you so much for your cooperation and support.

Contact Fr. Marv Mottet, 563-324-1128 or marv422@aol.com with the answers to these questions or with concerns.

Social Action Deanery Trainings: The Catholic Church has a history of serving the poor, educating children, advocating for life, organizing for workers' rights, reaching out to immigrants and refugees and more. To assist parishes in continuing this tradition the Social Action Department is offering trainings in each deanery. During the month of March parishioners and clergy interested in learning about how they can be more involved in direct service and advocacy efforts within their parishes, throughout the diocese, across the country and throughout the world are invited to attend. The trainings will be presented by Abigail and Mike Heaton, the new leaders of the Social Action Department. The trainings will be hosted by members of the diocesan Social Action Commission at the locations and times listed below:

Davenport Deanery: March 6

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: St. Paul the Apostle, Davenport

Grinnell Deanery: March 19

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: St. Mary, Grinnell

Ottumwa Deanery: March 22

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. Mary, Albia

Iowa City Deanery: March 14

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Iowa City

Keokuk Deanery: March 20

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. Alphonsus, Mount Pleasant

Clinton Deanery: March 29

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. Joseph, DeWitt

For additional information contact Mike Heaton, 563-324-1912, ext. 269 or heatonm@davenportdiocese.org.

Ministry of Word . . .

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 14. For more information, contact Pat Finan, 641-842-5148.

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.

Junior High Youth Rally: Our first-ever diocesan Junior High Youth Rally will be held Sunday, April 29, at Regina High School in Iowa City. "Cool 2b Catholic" will feature Mike Patin, a Catholic speaker who made hundreds laugh at our 2005 High School Youth Rally. The day also features workshops, prayer, lunch, games, and Mass with Bishop Amos. More information is available at www.davenportyouth.org or www.davenportdiocese.org (click on faith formation, youth ministry and scroll down to Jr. High Youth Rally).

Certificate Program in Youth Ministry Studies: This nationally recognized training program for youth ministry leaders will again be offered this summer at St. Ambrose University. These four courses will be offered this summer:

Principles of Youth Ministry (June 7-8)

Practices of Youth Ministry (June 9-10)

Foundations for Ministry Leadership (July 12-13)

Skills for Christian Leadership (July 14-15)

The four remaining courses in the program will be offered in 2008. For a brochure, go to www.davenportdiocese.org (click on faith formation, youth ministry and scroll down to Certificate Program). For further information, contact P.J. Foley at 563-333-6041 or foleypaulj@sau.edu.

June Institute: “The Catechetical Leader as an Agent of Change,” the 2007 June Institute, will be held June 7-8 at St. Vincent Center in Davenport. Our keynoter will be Kate Ristow, national catechetical consultant for Resources for Christian Living (RCL) and a contributing editor for *Catechist* magazine. Her topics will include:

“Making Sense of the National Directory for Catechesis”

“Implementing the Six Tasks of Catechesis as a Springboard for Parish Planning”

“Making the Most of the New Adult Catechism”

“Who Do You Say That I Am?”

A brochure will be available soon at www.davenportdiocese.org. For more information, contact Pat Finan at 641-842-5148 or 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.

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:

March 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.

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.

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: 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:

April 21-22: Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias (registration deadline April 13)

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.

March 17	Spiritual Themes I	March 24	Spiritual Themes II
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.

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

CLINTON FRANCISCANS

How to Make Peace with Life’s Hurts, March 3, 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Clinton. Enjoy a day at The Canticle set aside to consider peace in your daily routine. Learn how to release stress over anger, grief, disappointment, depression and all of life’s hurts. Presenters are Sister Christine Fuller, OSF and Pat Tomich. Sister has facilitated parish reconciliation among families suffering death and imprisonment. Pat is a counselor experienced in dealing with victims of domestic abuse. To register call 563-242-7611, or go to: www.clintonfranciscans.com and select retreats.

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.

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 Blackfeet Nation Confederacy (Northwest Montana). RSVP by March 16 to 563-323-9466. Space is limited and free will donations will be accepted.

Resurrection in Everyday Life

Saturday, March 17 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

As we welcome the coming of spring across the land, so we welcome into our hearts the hope that rises out of our belief in resurrection. On this day of reflection we will look more deeply into the meaning of resurrection, explore ways of “rising to new life” and consider the process of transformation that God works within us. The day will include prayer and ritual, input and dialogue and time for private reflection. The presenter, Sister Betty Daugherty, FSPA, is a retreat director at Prairiewoods Franciscan Spirituality Center in Hiawatha.

Knit One, Pray Too

Tuesday, April 10 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

“Everyone seems to be knitting these days; it’s the handicraft of the hour.” Its very rhythm slows us down, encourages contemplation, and invites us to be open to the Holy Spirit. All knitters, including men, women and beginners are invited to bring size 11 or 13 knitting needles, three skeins of yarn, and join us as we begin to create a prayer shawl/lap blanket for a patient or friend in need of comfort. We’ll knit and pray together, share the yarns of our individual journeys and celebrate spring at The Prairie. The presenters: Ann Green is a lay minister at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and a private piano instructor. Anne Johnson is a fiber artist who has been knitting, sewing and spinning since childhood. Karen Brooke is a lay minister at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and development director for the Sisters of Humility. Call 563-336-8401 for more details.

Cost is \$12 per person for each program which includes lunch. For more information contact Sr. Cathleen Real, CHM, 563-336-8414 or ccreal@msn.com.

Thinking Of Priesthood Day

“Could God be calling me to the priesthood?”

Is this lingering question on your mind?

Join other College students and single men
between the ages of 17 and 45 years to
THINK ABOUT PRIESTHOOD

Saturday, March 24, 2007

10 AM to 5 PM

(Registration, coffee & donuts at 9:00 AM)

Mass and dinner will follow at 5 PM

**St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Catholic Student Center
Iowa State University
2210 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa
515-292-3810**

ABSOLUTELY NO COST — ABSOLUTELY NO OBLIGATION

Informal presentations and discussions
Sharing from vocation directors of the four dioceses of Iowa
and seminarians

**Discussions will be led by
Fr. Jonathan Fassero
from St. Meinrad School of Theology
St. Meinrad, IN**

If you are desiring to attend this gathering, please contact:

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