

### *Walking Together in Faith*

#### **DIRECTORY CHANGES**

New Address:

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Phone Number Correction for seminarian Michael Gayman: 563-333-5676

#### **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](http://www.davenportdiocese.org)) or Virginia Trujillo, [trujillo@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:trujillo@davenportdiocese.org) or 563-324-1912, ext. 256.

**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](mailto:vacdav@attglobal.net) or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

#### **PASTORAL SERVICES**

##### **Ministry of Word . . .**

**Media Library:** Are you looking for a video or some music? The Diocesan video and music library catalogs are on the web at [www.davenportdiocese.org](http://www.davenportdiocese.org). Once you reach the home page, look down the left side for the library icon and click on it. On the next page you see, click on "media resources." Click on the appropriate library and you will open a PDF. To quickly find a particular selection, use the "find" or "search" function designated by the binoculars on the tool bar above the document. The library contents are listed in the catalog alphabetically, so the search function is the fastest way to find a selection. There are a lot of very good selections available for loan.

**Da Vinci Code:** The U.S. Bishops' Catholic Communications Campaign has web site, [www.jesusdecoded.com](http://www.jesusdecoded.com) to provide accurate information on Jesus, Catholic teaching, and various topics explored in *The Da Vinci Code*. The web site explains Catholic beliefs and includes articles from theologians, media commentators, art experts and others providing background and also speculations and inaccuracies about Christ and the origins of Christianity.

A booklet, *The Authentic Jesus*, is also available which addresses questions raised by *The Da Vinci Code* and other popular portrayals of Jesus. The booklet, produced by the USCCB Committee on Communications, presents authentic Catholic teaching about Jesus and his divinity, the New Testament, Gnosticism, women and the Church, and other important topics in a convenient question-and-answer format. *The Authentic Jesus* will be available for individual and bulk sale from USCCB Publishing. Also for sale from USCCB Publishing will be a bulletin insert based on the same material.

**Whole Community Catechesis Conference:** Registration deadline is April 12. “Becoming a Church of Lifelong Learners” is a one-day conference to be held April 25 at St. Ludmila’s in Cedar Rapids. The presenter is John Roberto of the Center for Ministry Development (CMD). The focus of the conference is to present new approaches, skills, tools, and resources for the continuing development of lifelong faith formation. It is designed for all parishes – those using the Generations of Faith model and those hoping to expand their ministry to learners of all ages. A flier can be found at [www.davenportdiocese.org](http://www.davenportdiocese.org). Registrations are being handled by CMD. For more information on this conference, contact Pat Finan, 641-842-5148 or [finan@harenet.net](mailto:finan@harenet.net).

**June Institute:** June 15-16, St. Vincent Center, Davenport. Renowned Catholic faith formation leader Maureen Kelly will be the speaker for the 2006 June Institute. She will discuss many themes important to catechetical leaders, including:

- The implications that the new National Directory for Catechesis has for adult faith formation
- The opportunities found in sacramental preparation programs to engage parents and learners of all ages
- A fresh look at liturgical catechesis

Housing for the event will be available at St. Ambrose University. A brochure will be available soon at [www.davenportdiocese.org](http://www.davenportdiocese.org). Contact Pat Finan for more information.

**Christian Leadership Institute for youth – Christian Leadership Institute (CLI)** will be offered twice this summer, July 16-21 and July 23-28, at the YMCA Camp in Boone. This is an outstanding opportunity for youth from your parish to develop their leadership skills to serve the church. A brochure can be found at [www.davenportdiocese.org](http://www.davenportdiocese.org). For more information, contact Pat Finan.

**NET Ministries is coming** to the Diocese of Davenport! The NET Team visits the diocese every-other school year to present retreats at parishes and schools for youth in grades 7-12. The team, made up of 10-12 young adults, presents a variety of retreats with different themes and lengths. For more information about what they offer, go to [www.netusa.org/retreats](http://www.netusa.org/retreats).

The official diocesan announcement, including the dates, will be made in the May *Mini-Messenger*. At that time, requests will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Parishes and schools will be asked to provide several options, as the duration of NET’s visit is limited. If you’re interested in NET, begin thinking about what days/evenings of the week work best for you, and also consider your budget (prices are listed on the NET website). Host parishes and schools are required to provide meals and overnight lodging. These needs vary depending on the team’s travel schedule.

**Catholics in Action**, our annual diocesan youth service retreat, will be held June 25-27 in Riverside. This event brings teams of youth from parishes around the diocese for three days of service, prayer, learning and fun. The cost is \$35 per participant. Parish team registrations are due June 6. A brochure can be found on the faith formation page at [www.davenportdiocese.org](http://www.davenportdiocese.org). For more information contact Pat Finan.

**Other events:**

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| National Conference for Catechetical Leadership: | April 30-May 4, Chicago                               |
| Diocesan Youth Rally with Jesse Manibusan:       | November 12 at Marriott Convention Center, Coralville |
| National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry:  | November 30 - December 3, 2006, Las Vegas             |
| National Catholic Youth Conference:              | November 8-11, 2007, Columbus, Ohio                   |

**Marriage Preparation Weekend Registration Form:** The Registration Form is on the diocesan website, [www.davenportdiocese.org](http://www.davenportdiocese.org). On the home page (left side) click on “Marriage Preparation Weekends.” Currently scheduled weekends are:

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| June 24-25:        | Williamsburg, St. Mary         |
| August (date TBA): | TBA                            |
| November 18-19:    | Muscataine, SS. Mary & Mathias |

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](mailto:butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org) or IlaMae Hanisch, 641-791-3435 or [hanisch@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:hanisch@davenportdiocese.org).

## **Ministry Formation Programs 2006-2007**

Since 1997, the Diocese of Davenport has offered Ministry Formation Programs. We announce specialized training for ecclesial leaders who desire to serve as parish life administrators and finance administrators. Qualified applicants from other dioceses are welcome to enroll in this training.

**Parish Life Administrator Courses:** Retreat + Preaching I & II + Presiding + Sacramental Preparation + Life-long Faith Formation + The Church, Society, and Culture I & II + Annulments & Divorce Support + Leadership I & II + Management of Finances and Personnel I & II. Twelve-month internship coincides with courses.

Schedule: 12 months, meeting once a month in Williamsburg

2006: Sept. 9 (retreat, location to be determined) & 16, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 16

2007: Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14, May 5, June 16, July 14, Aug. 11

**Finance Administrator Courses:** Retreat + Leadership I & II + Management of Finances and Personnel I & II. Six-month internship coincides with courses.

Schedule: Dates will be determined by the schedule for Parish Life Administrator training.

**MFP- Basic Year II Courses:** Retreat + Catechetical Themes for Ministry + Discipleship Themes for Ministry + Legal (Canonical & Civil) Themes for Ministry + Liturgical Themes for Ministry + Moral Themes for Ministry + Scriptural (Old Testament) Themes for Ministry + Scriptural (New Testament) Themes for Ministry + Spiritual Themes for Ministry + Theological Themes for Ministry.

ICN Format Classes Schedule: Meets two Saturdays per month at a site near you.

2006: Sept. 9 (retreat) & 23, Oct. 7 & 21, Nov. 4 & 18, Dec. 2 & 16

2007: Jan. 6 & 20, Feb. 3 & 17, March 3 & 17, April 14 & 28

Non-ICN format groups meet once a month and determine their own class dates.

For information, application, etc. contact: IlaMae Hanisch, M.P.S.; Diocese of Davenport; 2706 N Gaines St.; Davenport, IA; 52804-1998 or [hanisch@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:hanisch@davenportdiocese.org) or 641-791-3435.

## **Ministry of Service . . .**

**Davenport Deanery Social Action Meeting:** April 11. (The 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m., St. Paul the Apostle, McEleny Hall, lower level, north door, Davenport.) The featured topic will be a presentation about the Diocesan Global Solidarity Program delegation to Madagascar. In addition to the presentation, the meeting will highlight the social action activities and events of parishes in the Davenport Deanery.

**Social Action Commission Meeting:** April 18, 10:00 a.m., St. Thomas More, Iowa City. Among the discussion items will be *Communities of Salt and Light*.

**Madagascar Solidarity Committee** will meet April 18 at 11:00 at St. Thomas More in Iowa City. Four working committees are forming: Material Assistance Projects, Pastoral Initiatives, Delegation Visits, and steering committee. If you would like to work on any of the four committees or have any questions, you may contact, Loxi Hopkins in the Social Action Department, 563-324-1912, ext. 246 or [hopkins@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:hopkins@davenportdiocese.org). We are planning a visit by a delegation from the Archdiocese of Antsiranana to our diocese this fall.

**Operation Rice Bowl Grants:** Grant applications are due by May 30, and evaluation of grant requests will occur in June. If you sponsor or know about a program that works to alleviate hunger or poverty in the diocese, that program may be eligible for grant support from the retained portion of the annual Operation Rice Bowl Collection. Application requires only a simple letter of application. Criteria and instructions are attached.

**Iowa Mobility Action Planning Workshops** are planned for May throughout the state including North Liberty, Bettendorf, and Burlington. If your parish is wrestling with the problems associated with connecting people with services, particularly people with mobility problems, you may find this of interest. For information, visit [http://www.istranist.com/regulations/map\\_workshop.asp](http://www.istranist.com/regulations/map_workshop.asp) or call Michele Frank at 515-239-1691.

**Bread for the World** is one of the most active US anti-hunger advocacy organizations. As Church we share Jesus' concern for the poor, the hungry. One way to learn about world hunger is to go to <http://www.bread.org/> and see what you can do along with Bono and millions of others to help end world hunger. Read, learn, take action.

**JustFaith Seminar:** May 20, St. Mary's Parish, Moline, Illinois. Jack Jezreel will be the featured speaker. Based on RCIA as its model, the *JustFaith* program combines scripture, theological considerations, and practical, real world situations to bring participants to a heightened sensitivity to the Church's mission in the world. The *JustFaith* program has reawakened the zeal for discipleship that characterized the early Church, and has given participants whole new perspectives. It is a life changing experience.

**The Social Action Summer Institute:** July 16-21 at the University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio. This is co-sponsored by all the major social action agencies (USCCB, CRS, CCUSA, CCHD, and the Roundtable of Diocesan Social Action Directors). It will feature a number of outstanding speakers and two tracks of Social Action training. For a copy of the brochure go to <http://www.nplc.org/roundtable/events/SummerInstituteBrochure06.pdf>.

**A Peace Conference, "Giving Witness to Nonviolence"**, sponsored by the Clinton Franciscans and Friends, is planned for September 29, 30 and October 1 at Ashford University Campus in Clinton. Featured speaker will be Ched Meyers. Watch for more updates on this conference.

**Pro-life Masses:**

- May 6 St. Paul the Apostle, Davenport, 8:30 a.m., rosary after Mass and then at Planned Parenthood, Bettendorf
- June 3 St. Mary Church, East Moline, IL, 8:00 a.m., rosary after Mass and then at Planned Parenthood, Bettendorf
- July 1 St. Joseph Church, DeWitt, 8:00 a.m., confessions before Mass and rosary after Mass and then at Planned Parenthood, Bettendorf
- November 4 St. Alphonsus Church, Davenport, 8:00 a.m., rosary after Mass and then at Planned Parenthood, Bettendorf

**SHARE Iowa:** Would you like to save money on groceries? Do you know someone who could benefit from stretching his or her food dollars? SHARE can offer you up to a 50% savings on nutritious food packages for just 2 hours of volunteer service each month. To find out more about SHARE check out the web site: [www.shareiowa.com](http://www.shareiowa.com), email: [shareiowa@lisco.net](mailto:shareiowa@lisco.net) or call 1-800-344-1107. Volunteer service is sharing your time and talents with others without being paid. Ideas include, helping a neighbor, visiting a shut in, activities with your church or other local civic organization. You can even help out your local SHARE host site. You choose!

**Ministry of Worship . . .**

**300 Families to Pray the Rosary:** St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Davenport, 6:00 a.m. on May 5, 12, 19, 26. Mass will follow at 6:30 and fellowship breakfast follows. The intention is for peace in the Middle East. All are invited to join in praying the rosary with the parish to reach its goal of 300 families.

**Ministry of Stewardship . . .**

**The Msgr. McGread Stewardship Conference** will be held May 10-11 and again August 9-10 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita, Kansas. Visit [www.catholicsteward.com](http://www.catholicsteward.com) or call 888-822-1847 for details and registration information.

**International Catholic Stewardship Conference:** October 1-4, Boston. The theme is "Stewardship as a Way of Life with Christ." This is the premiere stewardship event of the year, and attendees are uniform in their praise for the opportunity to attend. For a registration brochure, go to <http://www.catholicstewardship.org/en/events/conference.cfm>, or contact Dan Ebener, 563-324-1912, ext. 267, or [ebener@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:ebener@davenportdiocese.org).

## **PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY CENTER, ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY, DAVENPORT**

“Morning With the Mystics”, a program on St. Edith Stein: 10 a.m., April 20 at Benet House Retreat Center, 2200 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Rock Island.

Edith Stein was an internationally celebrated German author, lecturer, feminist and philosopher before converting to Catholicism and becoming a Carmelite nun, taking the name of Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Her profound interior life, her communion with the sufferings of Jesus and her experience of the overflowing loving presence of God in her life identifies her as a mystic. The program will be presented by Nancy Flaherty who wrote an essay and prayer service which was published in 1993 entitled, *Edith Stein: Seeker of Truth*. Registration for the program, which costs \$5.00, can be made by calling the Prayer and Spirituality Center, 563.333.6189, or [FlahertyNancyC@sau.edu](mailto:FlahertyNancyC@sau.edu), or by contacting Sr. Charlotte at Benet House 309.283.2108.

## **CLINTON FRANCISANS, CLINTON**

“**Passion for God! Passion for Earth!**” Celebrate the Earth at a full-day retreat, April 29, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The icon of Earth from space offers us a whole new understanding of who we are: one sacred community of Life. God is the pulsing reality and living energy within everything. We will gather to explore our response to this new understanding through prayerful exploration of the Divine Powers coursing through the Universe and each of us. We’ll also immerse ourselves in the principles of the Earth Charter as we celebrate one sacred community of life. Clinton Franciscan Sister Mary Smith will serve as retreat leader. Location: The Canticle, home of the Clinton Franciscans, 841-13th Avenue North, Clinton. Register online at [www.clintonfranciscans.com](http://www.clintonfranciscans.com). Select “Retreats” on the home page or call 563-242-7611. Suggested donation of \$15 includes lunch.

## **CONGREGATION OF HUMILITY OF MARY, DAVENPORT**

**Knit One, Pray Too:** April 18, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat, Wheatland. This is a time for beginning or practiced knitters, women and men, to come together and experience the joy their creativity brings them. Create a prayer shawl, scarf or lap blanket for healing, for protection or for celebration. Knit together, pray together and share the “yarns” of individual journeys in the natural springtime setting of Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat where you will enjoy hospitality in an atmosphere of tranquility and beauty. Presenting are Ann Green, a lay minister at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Anne Johnson, a fiber artist and Karen Brooke, a lay minister at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and development director for the Sisters of Humility. Cost for the program is \$20 per person, which includes lunch and the book *Knitting into the Mystery*. For more information or to register contact Sr. Cathleen Real, 563-336-8414 or [ccreal@msn.com](mailto:ccreal@msn.com).

# **Catholic Relief Services (CRS) / Operation Rice Bowl (ORB) Diocese of Davenport**

## **Instructions and Criteria for CRS / Operation Rice Bowl Grants**

- Generally, grants will be awarded in amounts of \$250 to \$3,000.
- To submit a request for funding, mail a one or two page letter outlining plans, needs and how funds would be used, along with budget information and any supporting documentation, to:

Social Action Office  
Diocese of Davenport  
2706 N. Gaines St.  
Davenport, IA 52804-1998

### **Criteria for Funding**

1. The project requesting funds must be operated within the geographical boundaries of the Diocese of Davenport.

**AND**

2. Projects must conform to the social teachings of the Catholic Church.

**AND**

3. The project requesting funds provides direct services to alleviate poverty and hunger in the Diocese of Davenport.

### **Projects NOT Meeting CRS-ORB Diocesan Criteria**

- Projects that request funding for staff positions.
- Projects that support partisan political activity.
- Projects that focus on education.
- Projects that focus on international poverty and hunger.
- Projects that provide indirect services.
- Organizations that are for-profit.
- Organizations controlled by government bodies.
- Debts already incurred by applicants.
- Organizations that would use ORB funds to direct them to another organization.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

### **Where does this funding money come from?**

Catholic parishes and schools across the U.S. coordinate the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Lenten program called Operation Rice Bowl (ORB). Through prayer, fasting, learning, and giving, parishioners learn about solidarity with families and individuals overseas. At the end of Lent, parishes collect all contributions to the “rice bowls”. Of the amount collected in the Diocese of Davenport, 25% becomes available for distribution to projects within diocesan geographic boundaries. The other 75% of the money collected is forwarded to the national CRS office for distribution around the world to address causes of global hunger and poverty.

### **Who decides what gets funded?**

A diocesan board is appointed by the Bishop of Davenport to allocate diocesan funds for ORB. This diocesan board also promotes other programs of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). The board is made up of clergy, religious and lay people from around the diocese. The diocesan CCHD / CRS board is staffed by the diocesan director for CCHD / CRS.

### **What is the decision process?**

The diocesan director distributes proposals to the diocesan board. The board reviews all of the applications and makes decisions to provide full funding, partial funding, or to deny funding or request additional information for the board. These decisions are then submitted to the Bishop of Davenport for final approval.

### **How much total grant money is available for allocation?**

Since the money available for funding is a percentage of the annual collection, the total grant money available depends on how much is collected by parishes and schools of the Diocese each year. In recent years, the average amount of ORB funds has been about \$9,000 per year.

## **REPORTING ON USE OF FUNDS:**

Please write a one page report of funded activities and an accounting of funds spent for any funded project and submit it to the diocesan Social Action Office within one month of completion of funded project or before any future requests for diocesan ORB funding, whichever comes first. These reports will be distributed to diocesan CCHD / CRS board members.

Grant money may only be used for the approved project. Unused funds must be returned to the diocesan Social Action Office within one year. Generally, funds should be used within one year.

### **For more information, contact:**

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