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DIRECTORY CHANGES

Email change

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Holy Trinity, Keota: The February issue said that mail for Holy Trinity was to be sent to Sigourney. That is incorrect. US mail is to remain being sent to its current address: 109 N. Lincoln St., Keota 52248-9757.

COMMUNICATION DEPT.

Thank you to all those who participated in the Diocesan Support Days. Your evaluations are helpful as we plan future Support Days and trainings. The diocesan staff and volunteers are here to support you...not just one day a year, but always. So please do not hesitate to contact us.

Approval of the Joint Plan of Reorganization Proposed by the Diocese of Davenport and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors: The diocesan press release of April 30, 2008 is attached.

CLERGY JUNE INSTITUTE

The annual Clergy Institute will be held June 2-4 at the Quality Inn and Suites in Iowa City. The presenter will be Archbishop Timothy Dolan from Milwaukee. The theme is Priesthood: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow with Examples from American Catholic History. 25th, 40th, 50th and 60th priestly ordinations will also be celebrated.

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 April 29):

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> |
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| Davenport, Assumption High School Library | 5/4/08 | 2:00 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 vacdav@attglobal.net or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

VOCATIONS OFFICE

A "*Project Andrew Dinner*" will be held May 6 starting at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center (301 High Ave. East) in Oskaloosa. This is a wonderful opportunity for young men – ages 15-35 – who may be called to serve in the priesthood, and their parents, to gather with Bishop Amos and area priests to talk about their vocation and share a meal. To RSVP or for further information or if you know of someone who is just waiting to be asked, please contact Fr. Marty Goetz, 563-324-1912, ext. 259 or goetz@davenportdiocese.org.

Ordination to the Priesthood: We remember in our prayers Hai Dinh and Joseph Sia who will be ordained priests for our Diocese on Saturday, May 10. Let us all pray for the gift of vocations!

FINANCE OFFICE

Parish membership and address changes are due no later than June 1. Lists and instructions were sent to parishes the beginning of April. If you have not received your list for review and updating please contact Lynnette Sowell, 563-324-1912, ext. 235 or sowells@davenportdiocese.org.

Copper Theft: An email (with fact sheet) was sent to all parishes and principals regarding theft of copper. This fact sheet can be downloaded at: www.guideone.com/SafetyResources/Churches/Downloads/copperthefts0607.pdf from GuideOne, the diocesan insurer. Two parishes have been the victim of theft recently as the value of copper has risen. Gutters and air conditioning copper wiring (or the entire air conditioner unit) seem to be the prime targets. Please review the fact sheet and pass it on to the person in charge of your parish's or school's building security.

PASTORAL SERVICES

Social Action . . .

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Intern Donna Coen: Donna has been volunteering in Madagascar with Catholic Relief Services since August 2006, and will be continuing her service with CRS in the Diocese of Davenport in the Social Action Department. Her work with the Diocese will be to share stories from her 18 months of living and working with the people of Madagascar as a volunteer. Donna hopes to speak to groups in our Diocese to raise awareness of various social justice issues, encourage people to become further involved, and help build and strengthen the link between the people of Madagascar and the United States.

If you are interested in having Donna come and speak to your group, or would like to talk with her regarding her experience, please contact her at 563-324-1912, ext. 284, or dcoen@crs.org.

SHARE IOWA: Who wouldn't like to save money on their grocery bill these days? The SHARE Program was begun in Iowa with funding from St. Vincent Home Corporation 16 years ago and can offer you up to a 50% savings on nutritious food packages for just 2 hours of volunteer service each month. Contact www.shareiowa.org or call 800-344-1107.

The Catholic Messenger Faith at Work: The new Social Action page in *The Catholic Messenger* is called: *Faith at Work!* The May 8 issue will feature stories about Immigration policy. If you have a story you would like to share contact Esmeralda Guerrero, 563-324-1912 ext 289.

Social Action Kit: Plans are to complete and present a new "Social Action Starter Kit" to parishes and Social Action groups in the Diocese. The purpose of the Starter Kit is to share basic information and additional resources needed to start a Social Action Committee or take on a project. These will be distributed beginning in May.

CCHD:

- Loxi Hopkins has been appointed by Bishop Amos as the new diocesan director of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Loxi has been a volunteer in the Social Action Department for 5 years and has worked with Quad Cities Interfaith, a CCHD funded group for the past 15 years.
- Application deadline: May 30 has been set for CCHD and CRS, Rice Bowl grant applications. The grant criteria is available at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/> please look under offices to find Social Action. If you have any questions contact Loxi Hopkins, 563-324-1912 ext. 246 or 563-940-2580.

Ministry of Word . . .

Two June events for Catechetical Leaders:

- **Framework for the Future:** Tuesday, June 10, Regina High School in Iowa City. Explore how we implement the new high school faith formation curriculum framework. This day is open to high school principals, campus ministers and theology teachers, as well as parish youth ministry leaders and directors of faith formation. The day will focus on the U.S. Bishops' new framework for high school catechesis and its implementation in parishes and schools in our diocese.
- **June Institute: Planning with a Purpose:** Wednesday, June 11 at Holy Trinity Parish Hall in Richmond. This one-day event will focus on systemic planning for parish faith formation. It will encourage parish catechetical and youth ministry leaders to move beyond episodic planning, which focuses on events or time frames (such as First Communion or a school year) and toward a formative approach that focuses on ongoing initiation in the faith.

The facilitator for both days will be Daniel Mulhall, formerly of the USCCB catechesis office and currently director of consultant services with RCL Benziger. A registration form is attached.

Youth Ministry Training: The Certificate Program in Youth Ministry Studies, the premier Catholic training program for youth ministry leaders, will again be offered in our diocese this summer. Here are the dates, topics and instructors:

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| June 12-13 | Pastoral Care | Deborah McDonald |
| June 14-15 | Evangelization & Catechesis | Christina (Chris) Semmel |
| July 10-11 | Justice & Service | Jane Angha |
| July 12-13 | Prayer & Worship | Shirley Kelter |

The program is a collaboration between St. Ambrose University and the Center for Ministry Development. For more information, call Stella O'Rourke at St. Ambrose University, 563-333-6083.

Catholics in Action Youth Service Retreat is June 22-24 at St. Mary, Riverside. This annual retreat is an opportunity to learn about Catholic Social Teaching, serve at sites in and around the central part of our diocese, praise and worship God, and have fun with new friends. It is open to youth in grades 9-12, including incoming freshmen and graduating seniors. The registration can be found at www.davenportyouth.org along with other information.

Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) will again be offered twice this summer. The dates are July 6-11 at Twin Lakes Christian Center near Manson, and July 20-25 at Christian Conference Center near Newton. CLI is a weeklong training event designed to teach young people the skills necessary for effective leadership with other youth and adults in a parish or school youth ministry setting. CLI is for young people ages 15-18, who are preparing to enter at least their sophomore year of high school. Each candidate should be either currently involved with or beginning a leadership role in a parish, school, or diocese. An application can be found at www.davenportyouth.org.

NET Ministries will present retreats in our diocese January 13-February 2, 2009. NET does retreats for high school and junior high youth, including Confirmation retreats. More information about their services can be found at www.netusa.org. The team is not available for retreats on Mondays, and can do only one retreat per day (or evening). For more information about scheduling NET, contact Pat Finan, finan@davenportdiocese.org.

Diocesan High School Rally is Nov. 16: Christian comedian Judy McDonald will be keynoter. The event will again be held at the Coralville Marriott. Information can be found at www.davenportyouth.org.

Retreat for all who minister in the church: Saturday, September 6, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., St. Alphonsus, Mount Pleasant. The author of *Living Like Francis Today*, Sr. Marci Blum, OSF will lead a retreat and Bishop Amos will preside at Mass, followed by lunch. Registration for the retreat (\$15 per person) will include lunch and a copy of her book. Registration forms will be available on the diocesan web site next month. Contact IlaMae Hanisch for more information hanisch@davenportdiocese.org or 641-791-3435.

American Association of Interchurch Families (AAIF): Whether you give pastoral care to an interchurch family or are a member of an interchurch family you are invited to join this organization. For information or wanting to attend their conference in Louisville, KY on June 27-29 contact IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org or 641-791-3435.

Marriage Preparation Currently Scheduled Weekends:

July 12-13: Williamsburg, St. Mary (registration deadline July 3)

August 16-17: Newton, Sacred Heart (registration deadline August 8)

October 25-26: Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias (registration deadline October 17)

February 21-22, 2009: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney (registration deadline February 13)

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 at 563-324-1912, ext. 265 or butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org or IlaMae Hanisch.

M.O.M.S. (Ministry of Mothers Sharing): This program of spiritual enrichment is designed to help women have a greater awareness of their inner sacred self and teach them new ways to inspire and affirm each other. **Renee J. Crock** has led several MOMS groups in her parish and she has completed training with Sr. Paula Hagen (MOMS co-creator) at St. Paul's Monastery in St. Paul, Minnesota. We welcome her as a regional coordinator. If you have MOMS groups in your parish please let her know how she might resource you. If you would like more information about MOMS or would like to start this program, please contact Renee at rjayck@iowatelecom.net or 563-886-1249.

In the Vineyard is an electronic newsletter published by the Diocese of Davenport for all who minister in the Catholic Church. Each issue contains articles for ongoing ministry formation, workplace ideas, updates on pastoral leadership, reviews of outstanding resources for parish life and space for spiritual enrichment. To request this free newsletter send your name and email address to IlaMae Hanisch at hanisch@davenportdiocese.org.

Certification Program for Directors/Coordinators of Religious Education (D/CRE), Youth Ministers (YM), Principals and catechists (all who teach children, youth and adults): A DVD has been distributed to each parish and school about the certification program. Information regarding certification and the forms for recording hours may be found in the new Faith Formation Handbook. The Handbook and a Certification Brochure can be found at www.davenportdiocese.org. Go to Faith Formation Office and links are located in the "Just Announced" section. For questions contact IlaMae Hanisch, 641-791-3435 or hanisch@davenportdiocese.org.

The "Echoes of Faith" video/DVD series which is used for certification is available for loan by contacting Virginia Trujillo, trujillo@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 256. To purchase your own series contact Resources for Christian Living (RCL), <http://rclbooksandmore.stores.yahoo.net/catfor.html>.

Ministry Formation Opportunities

2008-2009

MFP-Basic Year II in the basic two-year process will begin this fall. Instructors are currently being contacted and the schedule created. The courses will continue to be presented in two formats: ICN (meeting two Saturdays per month for 8 months) or Non-ICN (small group meeting once a month). Application forms and information will be on the diocesan web site www.davenportdiocese.org in late May.

MFP Specialization-Catechetical: Instructors and the schedule are being compiled for a specialization track and the professional endorsement for Catechetical Ministries. Details, along with application forms will be on the diocesan website in late May.

Liturgical Ministry – MFP Specialization

Sessions are 8:30 a. m. to 2:30 p .m. at the Williamsburg Community Recreation Center, Williamsburg, (handicapped accessible). Registration and detailed information is on the website, www.davenportdiocese.org.

May 24: Music Ministry, Patti McTaggart & Diane Mahoney

June 14: Pastoral Care of the Sick / Funerals, Deacon Agnoli

June 28: Practicum III, Deacon Agnoli & Patti McTaggart

July 12: Overview of Other Rites, Deacon McCoy & Tammy Norcross

Aug. 2: Leading Prayer & Planning Retreats (*recommended for SCAP certification*), Sr. Joann Kuebrich, Gale Francione, & Tammy Norcross

Aug. 16: Practicum IV, Sr. Joann Keubrich, Gale Francione, & Tammy Norcross

Tentative Plans: Ministry Formation Programs

2009-2010: MFP Basic Year I, Parish Life Administrator and Finance Administrator

2010-2011: MFP Basic Year II, Liturgical Ministry Specialization

2011-2012: MFP Basic Year I, Catechetical Ministry Specialization

HOPE AND HEALING MINISTRIES

Hope and Healing Ministries is a ministry that offers healing retreats, toll-free hotline and counseling referrals to those (including family members) who are struggling with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion or sexual abuse. For more information contact: 877-896-HOPE, 563-322-1645, hopeandhealing@davenportdiocese.org, or www.davenportdiocese.org/hopeandhealing.

Committed to Freedom Retreat for Sexual Abuse Survivors: June 27-29, Cedar Falls. This weekend is for men and women who are survivors of childhood sexual abuse. The focus is on spiritual tools and strategic living to move beyond the abuse; not the abuse experience. The cost is \$350 and credit cards are accepted. Registration **must be** received by June 13. Forms are available at: 800-713-7837, information@committedtofreedom.org or www.committedtofreedom.org. Scholarships are available by contacting Hope and Healing Ministries 877-896-HOPE, not Committed to Freedom.

Additional Retreats

August 1-3: Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for men and women wounded by abortion, Cedar Falls

September 12-14: Aftercare Retreat for men and women wounded by abortion or sexual abuse, Cedar Falls

October 24-26: Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for men and women wounded by abortion, Rock Island, IL

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL

May Day Of Prayer In Honor Of Mary – “All Our Days”: May 1, 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. A great way to honor the Blessed Mother by joining in reflecting on Mary's journey and yours, sing Mary's song and yours, listen to Mary's prayer and yours. Presented by Sister Mary Jane Wallace, OSB

An Evening with a Buddhist Monk, Somnieng Hoeum from Cambodia: May 15. 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. He will describe his monastery's work with the homeless and victims of war, as well as instruction in meditation and mindfulness of breath. Pope John Paul II (ratified by Pope Benedict XVI) stated “All Christians must be committed to dialogue with the believers of all religions, so that mutual understanding and collaboration may grow; so that moral values may be strengthened; and so that God may be praised in all creation.”

A Mother-Daughter Day of Reflection, Live, Love, Laugh and Listen: May 17, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. A Mother's Day gift for mothers and daughters that you both will long remember. Discover God's presence in joy and sorrow, hurt and healing. Presented by Sister Mary Core, OSB

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

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| Deacons | Diocesan Corporate Board | Youth Ministers | Pastoral Associates |
| Diocesan Liturgical Commission | Parishes | Parish Lay Directors (Trustees) | Sisters |
| Priests | Principals | Diocesan Board of Education | Bookkeepers |
| RCIA Parish Contacts | Seminarians | Directors/Coordinators of Faith Formation | |

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

Two events for catechetical leaders this June...

Tuesday, June 10

**Framework
for the future**

*What the new **high school curriculum framework** means to us*

The U.S. bishops have approved guidelines for publishers that outline a four-year course of catechesis for high school students. While it will take years to develop, it will affect how Catholic high schools and parishes serve these youth. This gathering, for **high school theology/religious teachers and high school principals** (parish catechetical leaders may also find this of interest) will help us understand the framework's building blocks and how we can prepare.

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Regina High, Iowa City
Registration fee \$7



About our presenter



Dan Mulhall recently joined RCL Benziger, a leading publisher of Catholic faith formation texts, as its director of consultant services. Dan served the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for 10 years as its assistant secretary for catechesis and inculturation.

Wednesday, June 11

**Planning
with purpose**

Taking our catechetical efforts to the next step

Many parishes engage in episodic planning, which just gets them through the coming year or cycle of sacraments. We need to create pastoral plans that are systemic, holistic, and lead to lifelong faith formation. This event, for parish **catechetical leaders, pastors and catechists**, will stretch our vision.

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Holy Trinity Parish
Center, Richmond
Registration fee \$15

Registration deadline is May 30th

For information, contact Barbara Butterworth butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org (563) 324-1912, ext. 265

Name: _____

Address, City, State, Zip Code: _____

Day Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Parish/School: _____

Parish/School Town: _____

Circle days

attending: **Both days: \$20** **June 10 only: \$7** **June 11 only: \$15** **Total amount enclosed \$**

Make checks payable to Diocese of Davenport and return form and payment to:
Diocese of Davenport, attn. Barbara Butterworth, 2706 N. Gaines St., Davenport, IA 52804-1998



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DATE: April 30, 2008
TO: Media
FROM: Deacon David Montgomery
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RE: Approval of the Joint Plan of Reorganization Proposed by the Diocese of Davenport and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors

At a hearing held today in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Iowa, Bankruptcy Judge Lee Jackwig approved the Joint Plan of Reorganization Proposed by the Diocese of Davenport and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors. The creditors voted last week to approve the plan with one no vote and 144 yes votes.

The next step in the bankruptcy will be the payment to the bankruptcy trustee of \$37 million which includes the deed to the St. Vincent Center property where the chancery offices are located.. All other properties owned by the Diocese, including the bishop's house, have been sold. In addition, the Diocese will fulfill the non-monetary obligations given in the Reorganization Plan. Some of the obligations have been part of diocesan procedures for many years.

This is not an issue to put behind us. This isn't a problem to "get over." The Church must always keep the protection of children in the forefront of our mission of service to others.

Much has been learned from our past mistakes and from these heinous crimes against the most vulnerable and against the very teaching of the Church. We have gone through a learning process that now promotes transparency over secrecy and justice over the threat of scandal. The lessons have been difficult to learn. I am confident that by going through this process, the Church is becoming closer to what the Gospel calls her to be, configured to Christ, our Hope.

I will continue to pray for the victims and survivors of abuse and all those hurt by the wrong actions or the inactions of the Diocese of Davenport. As Pope Benedict XVI said during his trip to the United States last week, "It is your God-given responsibility as pastors to bind up the wounds caused by every breach of trust, to foster healing, to promote reconciliation and to reach out with loving concern to those so seriously wronged." I ask the people of the Diocese to join with me in doing all that we can to protect our children and to reconcile with those harmed.

Most Rev. Martin J. Amos, Bishop of Davenport