

### Walking Together in Faith

#### FROM MSGR. JOHN HYLAND

Based on the comments that were received from those who participated, the Parish Support Staff Days in Richmond and Davenport were well-received, and the information provided was a tremendous help to those who work in our parishes and schools. Many said they would like to see such a day repeated, and other topics were suggested. Sixty-five percent of our parishes were represented, and we thank the staff and clergy who participated. We extend a big THANK YOU to all of our diocesan staff who planned and made both days a success.

#### OFFICES CLOSED

The diocesan offices will be closed Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.

#### DIRECTORY CHANGES

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#### VOCATIONS OFFICE

**Project Andrew Dinner:** May 29, 6:00 p.m., Riverside, St. Mary Parish Hall. This is an informal gathering with Bishop Amos, priests and young men (invited by priests) to share a meal and converse about the awareness and value of priestly life. If you know of a young man, ages 15-35, who may be called to minister in the priesthood, please call your parish priest so he can personally invite him. For further information contact Fr. Bob Gruss, [gruss@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:gruss@davenportdiocese.org) or 563-324-1912, ext. 254.

#### PASTORAL SERVICES

##### Ministry of Worship . . .

**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. A registration form is on the diocesan website, [www.davenportdiocese.org](http://www.davenportdiocese.org), home page, Liturgy News and Resources.

##### Ministry of Service . . .

**Operation Rice Bowl Grants:** Grant instructions and criteria for the 25% local share of the Operation Rice Bowl collections are now available. Non-profit programs that work to alleviate hunger or poverty within our diocese are eligible for these funds. To receive application materials contact Glenn Leach (ext. 244) or Loxi Hopkins (ext. 246) at 563-324-1912. Deadline for grant proposals is May 31. Last year \$11,630 was distributed to 14 organizations throughout the diocese.

**Deanery Trainings on Globalization & Economics:** The Diocesan Social Action Commission will be hosting a workshop in each deanery at the end of May and early June. The topic will be globalization and economics, with a focus on the 2007 Farm Bill. By/On May 4, each parish will receive an e-mail with locations, dates, mass announcement language, bulletin inserts and posters.

## Ministry of Word . . .

**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?”

Lodging is available at St. Ambrose University. A brochure is available at [www.davenportdiocese.org](http://www.davenportdiocese.org), faith formation home page, scroll down under graphic for June Institute. For more information, contact Pat Finan at 641-842-5148 or [finan@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:finan@davenportdiocese.org).

**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](http://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](mailto:foleypaulj@sau.edu).

**Christian Leadership Institute** for youth – Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) will be offered twice this summer, June 17-22 and August 5-10 at the Twin Lakes Christian Center near Manson. This is an outstanding opportunity for youth from your parish to develop their leadership skills to serve the church. For a brochure and information, go to [www.stmcenter.com/cli](http://www.stmcenter.com/cli) or contact Pat Finan, 641-842-5148 or [finan@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:finan@davenportdiocese.org).

**Catholics in Action**, our annual diocesan youth service retreat, will be held June 24-26 in Riverside. This event brings teams of youth from parishes around the diocese for three days of service, prayer, learning and fun. A brochure can be found on the faith formation page at [www.davenportdiocese.org](http://www.davenportdiocese.org). For more information, contact Pat Finan.

**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](http://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.

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

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: Newton, Sacred Heart (registration deadline, TBA)

February 9-10: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney (registration deadline, TBA)

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).

### **MFP- 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.

May 5

Parish Life

June 23

Preaching the Word I

July 14

Preaching the Word II

Aug. 11

Lifelong Faith Formation

## **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. Current training scheduled (as of May 2):

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Davenport, Assumption High School	5/6/07	3:00 p.m.
DeWitt, St. Joseph	5/15/07	6:30 p.m.
Iowa City, Regina High School Library	5/17/07	6:00 p.m.
Washington, St. James (Spanish)	8/11/07	9:30 a.m.
DeWitt, St. Joseph	8/21/07	6:30 p.m.
Muscatine, Bishop Hayes School	9/06/07	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](mailto:vacdav@attglobal.net) or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

## **HOPE AND HEALING MINISTRIES**

**Committed to Freedom Retreat for Sexual Abuse Survivors:** May 25-27, 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 \$235 and credit cards are accepted. Registration **must be** received by May 11. Forms are available at: 800-713-7837, [information@committedtofreedom.org](mailto:information@committedtofreedom.org) or [www.committedtofreedom.org](http://www.committedtofreedom.org). Scholarships are available by contacting Hope and Healing Ministries (877-896-HOPE), not Committed to Freedom.

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat:** June 29-July 1, Rock Island, IL. This confidential, supportive retreat is for anyone hurting inside after an abortion and desiring spiritual and emotional healing. For information, to donate, or volunteer contact the office at 319-338-2497 or [hopeandhealing@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@davenportdiocese.org). Scholarships are available. You can also visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org), [www.davenportdiocese.org/hopeandhealing](http://www.davenportdiocese.org/hopeandhealing), or call a national hotline, 1-877-HOPE-4-ME.

## **ST. JOSEPH, DEWITT**

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood for Fr. H. Robert Harness, pastor, will be held June 10. Mass begins at 5 p.m. followed by a reception and light supper. All are welcome to attend.

## **CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH-EASTERN IOWA AREA**

Silent Saturdays: These are half-day silent mini-retreats from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. held at Humility of Mary Center, Davenport. Dates are:

May 12	June 9	July 14
August 18	October 20	November 10

For information contact Lolita Diericks, 563-283-7242.

## **AN EVENING WITH RABBI HAROLD KUSHNER**

**Monday, May 7, 7:00—8:30 p.m.,** The MARK of the Quad Cities, Moline, IL. As a bereaved parent, Rabbi Kushner is only too familiar with the worst loss. In his presentation, Kushner will discuss loss, grief, crises of faith – the moral & spiritual complications of ordinary life – with the compassion and wisdom that has turned his book, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, into an international bestseller. This program is designed for families who have experienced the death of a child, as well as educators, social workers, psychologists, health professionals, thanatologists and clergy. **Cost:** Free and open to the public. Donations accepted at the door.

## **THE WORST LOSS—HOW FAMILIES HEAL AFTER THE DEATH OF A CHILD**

**Tuesday, May 8, 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.,** lunch included, The MARK of the Quad Cities, Moline, IL. This program, presented by Barbara Davenport (author of a book by the same title), will give social workers, psychologists, health professionals, thanatologists, and clergy insight into the particular characteristics of grief following the death of a child. Attention will be given not only to parents, but also to siblings and the effect this loss has on them. Participants will gain insight into the grief process and will improve their ability to assist families in their care.

Cost— \$90.00, \$10 for continuing education units. For information contact Nikki at 309-736-6644.