

## Rooted in Christ

### DIRECTORY CHANGES

Email change

Fr. Troy Richmond: pastor\_ftcatholics@msn.com

### COMMUNICATION DEPT.

*The Policies Relating to Sexuality and Personal Behavior* has been updated. As Bishop Amos has stated, "These policies have created a standard of conduct and protection that upholds the dignity of all people and promotes their safety." Go to <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/fflib/FFSafeEnvPoliciesSexualityPersonalBehavior5-16-08.pdf> to access a copy of the *Policies*.

**Catholic Radio Stations:** There are currently seven Catholic radio stations in the Diocese of Davenport: Clinton 92.5 FM, DeWitt 92.5 FM, Davenport 102.7 FM, Muscatine 105.3 FM, Burlington 98.3 FM, Fort Madison 99.9 FM and Iowa City 92.7 FM. Most of the current broadcasting is carrying programs from Relevant Radio [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com) or EWTN [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com) or a combination of both. All of these stations were authorized by the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) through applications for low power FM (LPFM) radio stations in 2001. These LPFM stations were all organized and operating without any diocesan funds. They do require some dedicated volunteers to accomplish their mission.

The FCC is considering another open window to accept applications for new LPFM radio stations. The FCC selects one application filed for each frequency to issue a construction permit. Then the station has three years to organize, raise money, and build out their construction permit for their radio station.

Mr. Charlie Burke has offered to help any prospective Catholic radio station with filing their application to the FCC. They would need to find or locate a potential site to ultimately install their antenna and a frequency for their broadcasting. Mr. Burke can be reached at 563-320-5497.

When a person or group in the Diocese of Davenport desires to be recognized as a Catholic radio station, the bishop must follow *The Protocol for Catholic Media Programming and Media Outlets* from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops ([www.usccb.org/comm/protocol.shtml](http://www.usccb.org/comm/protocol.shtml).)

People interested in starting a radio station need to make a written application to the bishop. The letter should contain:

1. the mission statement, goals and objectives;
2. a description of the nature and content of radio programming;
3. a copy of any written programming policy;
4. the resources usually employed in preparation of radio programming; and
5. a list of officers and board members of the radio station.

After careful consideration, the bishop will determine whether to grant approval. You may contact Deacon David Montgomery, [montgomery@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:montgomery@davenportdiocese.org), Director of Communication for the Diocese of Davenport who can assist you with this process.

### VOCATIONS OFFICE

A "*Project Andrew Dinner*" will be held June 18 starting at 6 p.m. at SS Mary & Mathias, Gannon Hall in Muscatine. 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](mailto:goetz@davenportdiocese.org) or your local priest.

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

**Gavin Audit: June 6 is the deadline for each parish and school** to submit its Virtus/PGC numbers and names of all those employed and those volunteering with children or dependant adults from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. If you have questions regarding this please contact Virginia Trujillo ([trujillo@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:trujillo@davenportdiocese.org)) or Lynnette Sowell ([sowells@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:sowells@davenportdiocese.org)) or phone 563-324-1911.

**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](http://www.davenportdiocese.org) (Offices, Protecting Children, Safe Environment, Protecting God's Children) or Virginia Trujillo, [trujillo@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:trujillo@davenportdiocese.org) or 563-324-1912, ext. 256. Current training scheduled (as of May 29):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
6/4/08	SS Mary & Joseph, Ft. Madison	6:30 p.m.
6/17/08	St. Mary, Iowa City	6:30 p.m.
8/15/08	St. Vincent Center, Davenport	TBA
8/17/08	Assumption High School, Davenport	3:00 p.m.
11/9/08	Assumption High School, Davenport	3:00 p.m.
3/8/09	Assumption High School, Davenport	3:00 p.m.
5/17/09	Assumption High School, Davenport	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 [vacdav@attglobal.net](mailto:vacdav@attglobal.net) or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

## STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCES

For information regarding these or other stewardship concerns contact Dan Ebener, [ebener@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:ebener@davenportdiocese.org).

<b>August 6-7, 2008</b> Msgr. McGread Stewardship Conference Spiritual Life Center, Wichita, KS Registration: Call 888-822-1847 Housing: 316-744-0167 or <a href="mailto:slc@slcwichita.org">slc@slcwichita.org</a>	<b>October 12-15, 2008</b> International Catholic Stewardship Council Hyatt Regency, Chicago Registration: 800-352-3452 or <a href="mailto:register@catholicstewardship.org">register@catholicstewardship.org</a>
<b>March 26-27, 2009</b> Region IX Stewardship Conference Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, KS	

## FINANCE OFFICE

**Annual Diocesan Appeal Goal:** Pastors will receive their parish appeal goal statement at Clergy Days on June 2.

**Due August 1:** On May 30 an email was sent to parishes, priests and bookkeepers with these attachments:

Summary of Financial Data                      Finance Council Report  
Internal Control Questionnaire              Worker's Compensation Audit Form

These forms and the parish 2008-09 budget are to be submitted to Nancy Karn, [karn@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:karn@davenportdiocese.org).

### **Diocesan Participating Entities in the 401K Plan:**

- July 1<sup>st</sup> is one of the two times participants can change the amount of their 401K contribution. Also, employees who have waived their enrollment previously can begin to contribute.
- Employees who have been employed longer than one year may be eligible to participate as of July 1, 2008.
- Employee must be at least 21 years of age, and have completed one year of service. Our plan defines this year of service as a 12-month period in which an employee works at least 1,000 hours for the employer. This 12 month starts the day the employee begins work.
- If you would like your contribution to remain the same, you do not need to take any action.
- Changes will take effect on your July paycheck.
- Remember that the Plan allows withdrawals only when you retire or terminate employment.
- TIAA-CREF accounts do not belong to the Diocese, but they belong to the participants.

**Diocesan Collections Reminder:** By June 20 please remit payment for all diocesan collections that are on your parish books. One check (payable to the Diocese) for multiple collections is acceptable, but note the name of the collection and its amount. Send payments to the attention of Lynnette Sowells.

*The Catholic Messenger* subscription drive IS NOT a diocesan collection. Please remit that payment directly to The Catholic Messenger office, PO Box 460, Davenport 52805-0460.

## **PASTORAL SERVICES**

### **Social Action . . .**

**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](http://www.shareiowa.org) or call 800-344-1107. Attached is the list of food packages that are available in June.

***The Catholic Messenger* "Faith at Work" Page:** The June 11 Social Action page will feature stories about Social Action Engagement and the July issue will cover the history of the Pacem in Terris Award. If you would like to share your experience with the Pacem in Terris Award or events surrounding it contact Esmeralda Guerrero by June 14.

**Social Action Starter Kit:** The Marvin Mottet "Social Action Starter Kit" is now available 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 to act on the two feet of Social Action (Charity and Justice). To get your copy and schedule a short training session on the use of this kit, contact Esmeralda Guerrero.

**Catholic Relief Services Intern Donna Coen** will be returning to her family home in Missouri on May 31<sup>st</sup>. She will continue to share her story about serving 18 months in Madagascar in the Kansas City metro area and she will be back in Iowa for several special presentations in June. We have really enjoyed having Donna as a part of our Team. She has truly inspired us and everyone she has met.

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

**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:

June 12-13	Pastoral Care	June 14-15	Evangelization & Catechesis
July 10-11	Justice & Service	July 12-13	Prayer & Worship

The four remaining courses in the program will be offered in 2009. For a brochure, go to <http://www.davenportdiocese.net/Youth%20Ministry/index.html>. For further information, contact Stella O'Rourke at 563-333-6083 or [ourkestellaj@sau.edu](mailto:ourkestellaj@sau.edu).

**Catholics in Action:** Application deadline is June 6. This is our annual diocesan youth service retreat and will be held June 22-24 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 at [www.davenportyouth.org](http://www.davenportyouth.org). For more information, contact Pat Finan.

**Christian Leadership Institute (CLI)** will again be offered twice this summer. The dates are July 6-11 (application deadline June 15) at Twin Lakes Christian Center near Manson, and July 20-25 (application deadline July 1) at Christian Conference Center near Newton. 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.davenportyouth.org](http://www.davenportyouth.org) or contact Pat Finan at 641-842-5148 or [finan@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:finan@davenportdiocese.org).

**NET (National Evangelization Team)** will return to our diocese January 13- February 3 to provide retreat ministry to parishes and schools. Weekday and weeknight slots are still available. For information about retreat themes, costs and other details, go to [www.netusa.org/retreats](http://www.netusa.org/retreats). To schedule a retreat, contact Pat Finan.

**The Institute in Adolescent Catechesis**, a program of the Center for Ministry Development, will be held August 11-15 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL. The institute will prepare parish faith formation and youth ministry leaders to plan and implement dynamic catechesis for youth. For more information, go to [www.cmdnet.org](http://www.cmdnet.org).

**The Institute in Lifelong Faith Formation**, a program of the Center for Ministry Development, will offer weeklong courses at locations across the nation this summer. Topics include Fashioning Lifelong Faith Formation, Teaching for Discipleship, and Fostering Learning in a Community of Disciples. For more information, go to [www.cmdnet.org](http://www.cmdnet.org).

**Living Well: Christian Practices for Everyday Life** is a 3-day seminar on faith formation in Christian practices for learners of all ages. It will be offered at four sites this summer, the closest being July 21-23 at the Benedictine Center in St. Paul, MN. For more information, go to [www.lifelongfaith.com](http://www.lifelongfaith.com) or call John Roberto at 203-490-1975.

**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.

**Focus on Initiation: Catechumenate** is an RCIA workshop to be presented by the North American Forum on the Catechumenate on July 18-19 at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Des Moines. For more information, go to [www.naforum.org](http://www.naforum.org) and click on the calendar page.

**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. The registration form is attached. Contact IlaMae Hanisch for more information [hanisch@davenportdiocese.org](mailto: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](mailto:hanisch@davenportdiocese.org) or 641-791-3435.

**FOCCUS Pre-marital Inventory** changes are effective July 1. Only two options for scoring will become effective next month: On-line scoring and FOCCUS, Inc. Scoring Service. Parishes will no longer be using local software to score the inventories. Attached is an information sheet about this change and the options for scoring the FOCCUS instrument.

**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](http://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](mailto:butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org) or IlaMae Hanisch.

**Marriage Makes a Difference:** This new resource is available for supporting marriage in today's world from a trusted name-Christian Family Movement (CFM). It is 10-session once-a month program for marriage enrichment. This program is designed around a host couple inviting other couples to join them as small group to enrich marriage and family life. Attached is a flyer about this program and how to order a 'starter kit'. If you'd like to 'preview' the starter kit for this program before ordering, please contact Barb Butterworth, 63-324-1912, ext. 265 or [butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org).

**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](mailto:rjayck@iowatelecom.net) or 563-886-1249.

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

**MFP-Basic Year II:** The courses are presented in two formats: ICN (meeting two Saturdays per month for 8 months) or Non-ICN (small group meeting once a month). The schedule is as follows:

Sept. 6: Retreat- <i>Living Like Francis Today</i> -Mount Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, 8:30-3	Sept. 20: Spiritual Themes
Oct. 4: Old Testament I	Oct 18: Old Testament II
Nov. 1: New Testament I	Nov. 15, 2008 New Testament II
Dec. 6: Moral/Discipleship I	Dec. 20: Moral/Discipleship II
Jan. 3: Catechetical Themes I	Jan. 17: Catechetical Themes II
Feb. 7: Liturgical Themes I	Feb. 21: Liturgical Themes II
March 7: Legal Themes I	March 21: Legal Themes II
April 4: Theological Themes I	April 25: Theological Themes II

**MFP Specialization-Catechetical:** Sessions are 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary’s Parish Hall, Riverside. The sessions are as follows:

Sept. 6: Retreat- <i>Living Like Francis Today</i> -Mount Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, 8:30-3	Sept. 20: Catechesis
Oct. 25: Catechetical Minister	Nov. 22: Program Development
Dec. 13: Professional Practice I	Jan. 24: Professional Practice II
Feb. 28: Pastoral Praxis I	March 28: Pastoral Praxis II
April 18: Legal Issues	May 9: Youth Ministry/Young Adult

Application forms and information can be found at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/libraryff.htm#MFP>.

**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](http://www.davenportdiocese.org).

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

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

June 28: Practicum III, Deacon Agnoli & Patti McTaggart

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

Aug. 16: Practicum IV, Sr. Joann Kuebrich, 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](mailto:hopeandhealing@davenportdiocese.org), or [www.davenportdiocese.org/hopeandhealing](http://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](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.

### **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

## **OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE RETREAT, WHEATLAND**

To see their summer and fall programs open the attachment.

## **SHALOM RETREAT CENTER, DUBUQUE**

Their summer programs are listed in their attachment.

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

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](mailto:hoefling@davenportdiocese.org).

# A Retreat for All Who Minister in the Church

## Living Like Francis Today

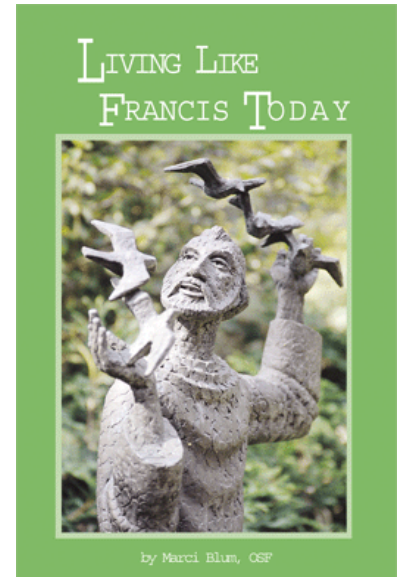
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*Sister Marci Blum, OSF*

How do these themes  
apply to your ministry?  
To your life?

Live Simply  
Live Humbly  
Live Prayerfully  
Live Lovingly  
Care for Creation  
Live in Peace



**Saturday, September 6 at St. Alphonsus Church  
607 S. Jackson Street in Mount Pleasant, Iowa**

8:30-9:00.....Registration  
9:00-10:45.....Retreat  
10:45-11:00.....Break  
11:00-noon.....Mass with Bishop Amos  
                          MFP graduation  
Noon-12:45.....Lunch  
12:45-2:45.....Retreat  
2:45-3:00.....Sending forth

**Spend the day with Marci Blum, OSF author of the book *Living Like Francis Today*. Stories of Francis's life and scripture passages he loved and lived by form the core of this retreat. Come explore how these simple teachings can enrich your ministry and your life.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fee: Retreat Day (\$15.00 per person covers lunch, book, and materials)**

*Return form and check (payable to Diocese of Davenport) by **August 29, 2008** to:  
Diocese of Davenport, attn. Barbara Butterworth, 2706 N. Gaines St., Davenport, IA 52804-1998*

## **The Call to All Believers**

*"God calls. We respond. This fundamental, essential pattern in the life of every believer appears throughout salvation history...."*

*"The basic call is the same for all the followers of Christ, namely "that all Christians in whatever state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life...."*

*"All the baptized are called to work toward the transformation of the world,"*

## **The Call to Lay Ecclesial Ministry**

*Within the faith community some are called to a very public ministry in the church. "Their functions of collaboration with the ordained require of lay ecclesial ministers a special level of professional competence and presence to the community. Their position often involve coordinating and directing others in the community. They are frequently employed on a full- or part-time basis by parishes, or church institutions. For these reasons their roles often require academic preparation, certification, credentialing, and a formation that integrates personal, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral dimensions."*

*Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord  
United States Catholic Bishops  
November, 2005*

## **Formation Opportunities For Specific Ministries**

### **Personal Enrichment, Parish Council & Parish Volunteer:**

*MFP Basic Year I*  
*MFP Basic Year II*

### **Director/Coordinator Faith Formation & Director/Coordinator Youth Ministry:**

*MFP Basic Year I*  
*MFP Basic Year II*  
*Specialization - Catechesis*

### **Liturgist:**

*MFP Basic Year I*  
*MFP Basic Year II*  
*Specialization - Liturgy*

### **Pastoral Associate:**

*MFP Basic Year I*  
*MFP Basic Year II*  
*Specialization - Catechesis*  
*Specialization - Liturgy*  
*Parish Life Administration (8 courses)*

### **Finance Administrator:**

*MFP Basic Year II*  
*Finance Administration (4 courses)*

### **Deacon:**

*MFP Basic Year I*  
*MFP Basic Year II*  
*Diaconate Formation Process*

### **Parish Life Administrator:**

*MFP Basic Year I*  
*MFP Basic Year II*  
*Specialization - Catechesis*  
*Specialization - Liturgy*  
*Parish Life Administration*

# *Into the Vineyard of the Lord*

*Training  
Forming  
Supporting  
Ecclesial  
Ministers*

*Diocese of Davenport  
Ministry Formation Programs  
2008-2009*

## **MFP BASIC Year II 2008-2009**

**ICN participants** meet two Saturdays per month from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at ICN locations around the diocese.

**Non-ICN participants** review the recorded ICN classes and then meet once a month for three hours for small group work. Your schedule is determined by your group and its facilitator.

Register for one course or for the full curriculum.

Sep 6, 2008	Retreat 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. St. Alphonsus in Mount Pleasant
Sep 20, 2008	Spiritual Themes
Oct 4, 2008	Old Testament I
Oct 18, 2008	Old Testament II
Nov 1, 2008	New Testament I
Nov 15, 2008	New Testament II
Dec 6, 2008	Moral/Discipleship I
Dec 20, 2008	Moral/Discipleship II
Jan 3, 2009	Catechetical Themes I
Jan 17, 2009	Catechetical Themes II
Feb 7, 2009	Liturgical Themes I
Feb 21, 2009	Liturgical Themes II
Mar 7, 2009	Legal Themes I
Mar 21, 2009	Legal Themes II
Apr 4, 2009	Theological Themes I
Apr 25, 2009	Theological Themes II

**MFP**

Credentials may be reviewed to  
“waive” some course requirements.

## **CATECHETICAL Specialization 2008-2009**

Curriculum meets the National Certification Standards for Catechetical Leaders (USCCB, 2003).

Sessions are 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Riverside. (51 St. Mary's Street, Riverside, IA 52327)

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## **Registration Fees 2008-2009**

### **Basic MFP Year II (8 month program)**

ICN format:

- Resident of diocese, \$150
- Non-resident of diocese, \$225
- Individual course fee, \$25

Non-ICN format:

- Resident of diocese, \$175
- Non-resident of diocese, \$250
- Individual course fee, \$25

All rates are per person.

Parish group rates available.

### **Catechetical Specialization (9 month program)**

- Resident of diocese, \$200
- Non-resident of diocese, \$250
- Individual course fee, \$25

All rates are per person.

**Application forms and policies  
for all programs may be found  
on the diocesan web site.  
[www.davenportdiocese.org](http://www.davenportdiocese.org)  
click on faith formation**

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# FOCCUS Inventory Scoring Changes – and a Free Introductory Offer

As the new director of FOCCUS, Inc. USA, I would like to summarize the changes that are taking place in our scoring process and invite any questions you might have. Please feel free to call me, Lynda Madison, at (402) 557-5534 or (877) 883-5422 x1320 (toll free); or if you have any questions or suggestions after reading this information.

**As you know, beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008, parishes currently using a PC scoring disk to score couples' FOCCUS inventories have been asked to:**

- 1) Discontinue using the PC disk or pay a \$10.00 royalty fee to FOCCUS, Inc. USA for each inventory scored using the PC disk. You are asked to stop using the disk, because:
  - FOCCUS can no longer provide updates or technical support for the PC disk
  - You do not have the current version of the FOCCUS couple report
  - You are not able to access ongoing revisions to the inventory that keep FOCCUS relevant to couples in today's world.
- 2) Utilize the FOCCUS website to administer and/or score FOCCUS (at \$15 per couple), or mail the couple's paper-pencil answer sheets to FOCCUS, Inc. USA for scoring (at \$20 per couple). (Discounts are available for bulk purchase).

Many couples prefer to take the FOCCUS inventory on-line on their own computers. However, you are free to continue to use the paper-pencil version of the FOCCUS inventory if you don't wish to have your couples take the inventory on-line. In this case, your process could remain much the same as the one you are currently using with your PC scoring disk; that is, you (or your parish office) could simply enter the couples' responses into a "quick score" screen on the FOCCUS website, and download and print the couple's scored report from there.

A primary reason for scoring all inventories through the main FOCCUS, Inc. USA website is that the couples' report we offer this way is an improved version in a more readable format, displaying updated graphs of results. To view a sample of our **current, on-line FOCCUS report**, click [here](#). You will see that the report presents the complete questions from the inventory (rather than truncated ones) and offers the results in grouped format. To compare this to the **old PC scoring disk report**, click [here](#).

At FOCCUS, Inc. USA, we are doing all we can to provide a top-notch pre-marital inventory and couple report that can be updated as needed without requiring parishes to change their own computer programs. Our hope is to make FOCCUS as accessible, contemporary, and user-friendly as possible, which is especially important given the USCCB's continued attention to the National Pastoral Initiative on Marriage. Please know that FOCCUS, Inc. USA is a separate, non-profit organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Omaha. All proceeds generated from the corporation go to help support Archdiocesan ministries. The scoring fee we are requesting will help offset at least a small part of the expense of continuing to develop our website, and allow FOCCUS to continue to support marriage ministry worldwide.

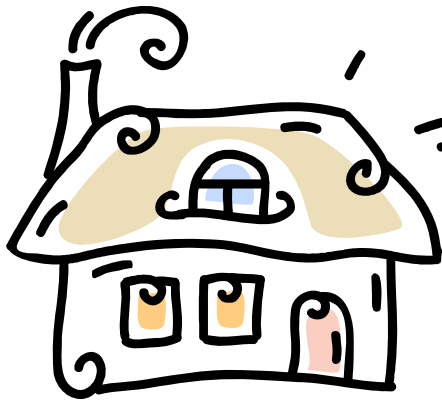
## **FREE INTRODUCTORY OFFER for CURRENT PC scoring disk owners ONLY!**

To ease the transition to our new scoring options, FOCCUS, Inc. USA would like to extend:

**5 FREE SCORING COUPONS to all diocesan PC scoring disk owners, or**

**2 FREE SCORING COUPONS to any parish or church PC scoring disk owners.**

Each coupon will allow one couple's responses to be scored free of charge, either 1) when the couple takes the inventory on-line at our website, or 2) when you "quick score" their responses by entering their paper-pencil answers into our website. To take advantage of this offer and obtain assistance with the new scoring process, please email Paige at [foccus@foccusinc.com](mailto:foccus@foccusinc.com) or call (877) 883-5422 x2.



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- Schedule for meetings
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- For a larger group or more groups, additional copies are available at the reduced price of \$10.
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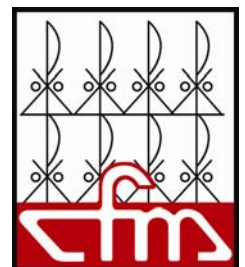
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Ideas include: Helping a neighbor, visiting a shut in, activities with your church or other local civic organizations, Scouts, Volunteer Fire Dept., etc. the list is endless, you can even help out your local SHARE host site. You choose!

Due to press deadline, monthly food packages may be subject to last minute changes  
Help SPREAD THE WORD about SHARE, forward this flyer to everyone in your address book, someone may be able to SHARE with others by acquiring this information.



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### **THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY**

**Saturday, June 21, 9:00am – 4:00pm**

**Director: Albert Haase, O.F.M.**

The rich tradition of Christian spirituality will be explored as we look at how Christians have experienced and expressed their relationship with God and others. Participants will learn some new names and discover the origins of some of our spiritual beliefs and practices. Each participant will receive a Participant's Guide that contains outlines of the talks.

**Offering: \$50 Registration deadline: June 13.**

### **LEARNING TO HANG ON BY A HARE:**

**A Day of Reflection**

**Saturday, July 19, 9:30am – 3:00pm**

**Presenter: Gerarda Lahey Keppler**

Do you sometimes feel that you have lost direction and lost, or possibly never discovered, the Real self that is you? Using the beautiful children's classic, The Velveteen Rabbit, Toni Raiten-D'Antonio has written The Velveteen Principals, a guide to becoming Real-Real with ourselves – Real with our hopes and desires, Real with the people we love, and Real with everyone else, too. We will spend a day exploring a course toward peace, self-acceptance and true love. So you can truly say you are hanging on by a Hare...but your grip will be strong.

**Offering: \$35, includes program & lunch. Register/prepay by July 15.**

### **FINDING HOPE THROUGH THE GRACE OF GOD**

**Saturday, Aug. 9, 9:30am – 3:00pm**

**Presenters: Fran and Marilyn Riley**

Fran has been broadcasting news and sports in the Quad Cities since 1978, and Marilyn has been very active in outreach to persons in need in their community. Fran and Marilyn Riley will share with you their 2003 journey of distress and emotional turmoil. Through prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit, they were given hope to search for a greater purpose in life. In gratitude for the gifts they have received, their focus is to spread the good news of God's unconditional love for all. Their story will encourage and inspire you.

**Offering: \$35, includes program & lunch. Register/prepay by Aug. 4.**

### **CLARE OF ASSISI: A Miracle for All Ages**

**Thursday, Aug. 14, 9:30am – 3:00pm**

**Facilitators: Margaret Jungers OSF & Eileen Miller OSF**

In her time, Clare's life and miracles brought consolation and healing to the people of her world. For those who still follow in her footsteps, she remains a shining light. Participants will be inspired and challenged as they probe the miracle stories that surround her life – stories of healing, multiplying bread and keeping enemies at bay. Her life and miracles will be celebrated with song, bread and storytelling.

**Offering: \$30, includes program & lunch. Register/prepay by Aug. 11.**

### **LONGER RETREATS**

**Discipleship as a Way of Life**

**Director: Anthony Gittins C.S.Sp.,**

**Distinguished Theologian**

**June 8, 5:30pm - June 14, 1:00pm;**

**Registration deadline: June 3.**

**Like the Air We Breathe:**

**An Approach to the Spiritual Life**

**Director: Albert Haase, O.F.M.**

**June 15, 5:30pm - June 20, 4:00pm**

Influenced by the writings of spiritual masters down through the centuries, this retreat takes a "second look" at some key themes in the spiritual life: the True Self, the False Self, growth towards freedom, prayer, discernment and the spiritual journey.

**Registration deadline: June 9.**

**In Communion with All of Creation:**

**Finding God in Everyday Moments of Life**

**Director: Lucy Slinger, FSPA**

**June 29, 5:30pm - July 5, 9:30am**

Open your mind, body and spirit in deeper ways to the Divine Mystery in all of Creation. Includes optional evening activities focused on Celebrating Earth.

**Registration deadline: June 24.**

**Wholeness/Holiness: A Life Changing Retreat for Women**

**Directors: Margie Hosch OSF & Connie Fahey FSM**

**June 29 - July 6**

Format: four daily one-hour sessions of individual spiritual direction, individual counseling, group shared prayer, and group counseling.

Registration deadline: June 13.

**Silent Directed Retreat**

**Directors: Fr. James Starbuck, Bernie Dansart,**

**Margaret Jungers OSF, Dorothy Schwendinger OSF**

**July 6 -13**

This retreat is tailored to the individual. Retreatants meet daily with a spiritual director and there will be opportunities for Eucharistic Liturgy and common prayer. Tai Chi is optional.

**Early Bird Discount if registered by June 6.**

**Registration deadline: June 27.**



# Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat

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New Horizons of Faith (Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat) is a ministry of the Sisters of the Congregation of the Humility of Mary, Davenport

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The fall and summer programs follow. To register contact Barb Gross, 563-336-8414 or [olpretreat@gmail.com](mailto:olpretreat@gmail.com).

## **SACRIFICE FOR CREATION** **An ethical theology of the environment**

Wednesday, June 11, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Presenter: Fr. (Bud) Grant  
Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

Participants will make a personal assessment of what it means to suffer for the sake of creation, why it is necessary, who should embrace it, and why it is spiritually and ethically correct to do so.

We will discuss the relationship between social justice and environmental degradation and find out who are suffering and who are benefiting the most. We will identify the kinds of suffering being endured (physical, economic, emotional, spiritual, etc.) and look at spiritual and religious sources for guidance, especially in the *agape* ethic of Judeo-Christianity. We will explore the surprising consequences of deliberate self-sacrifice for the sake of the Other, namely: delight and discover that loving sacrifice for the rest of creation is the peak of human excellence.

**Fr. Robert (Bud) Grant**, a priest serving in the Davenport Diocese, is director of General Education at Saint Ambrose University, advisor of GREENLIFE, a SAU environmental club, and lecturer and consultant on prairie restoration projects. As associate professor of Theology at SAU, he enjoys reading theology, philosophy and history when not backpacking, canoeing, skiing or doing prairie gardening and restoration.

## **COME TO THE QUIET** **Silent Summer or Autumn Retreat Day**

Tuesday, June 24, or Thursday, September 25  
9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$10.00 – includes lunch

Set aside your hectic pace and routine to listen to the inner needs of your heart and soul. Enjoy the beauty and silence of a summer or autumn day at The Prairie. Spend time praying, meditating, reading, walking or just sitting in the quiet beauty of The Prairie. This retreat day is yours but the time includes short opening and closing prayers together. Sessions with a spiritual director are available (Separate fee paid directly to the director).

## **KNIT ONE, PRAY TOO!** **A Quiet Day of Fellowship, Knitting & Prayer**

Thursday, June 26, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Presenters: Ann Green, Anne Johnson, Karen Brooke  
Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

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**Target Audience:** All knitters, including beginners, women and men.

**Ann Green** is a lay minister at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and a private piano instructor.

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**Karen Brooke** is a lay minister at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and development director for the Sisters of Humility. Call 533-336-8401 for more details.

### **THE HEART OF THE MATTER IN SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**

Monday, July 21, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Presenter: Margaret Jungers, OSF

Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

In spiritual direction, there are three important persons—the self, the other and the Spirit. During this day of reflection we will focus on each of these persons. There will be a short amount of input and ample time for quiet, reflection, sharing and questions.

**Target Audience:** Spiritual directors

**Sr. Margaret Jungers, OSF**, is the director of Shalom Retreat Center in Dubuque, Iowa. She has served as a teacher, pastoral associate, diocesan religious educator, spiritual director and president of the Sisters of St. Francis in Dubuque.

### **MATTHEW’S GOSPEL OF EMMANUEL, GOD-WITH-US**

Wednesday, July 23, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Presenter: Daniel Durken, OSB

Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

The Eucharist will be celebrated.

The first of the four Gospels in the New Testament, Matthew’s message has long been a favorite of the Christian community. We will explore such unique features as the Infancy Narrative, the Sermon on the Mount, the five discourses of Jesus, the miracles of Jesus and his death and resurrection. Please prepare for this program by reading the Gospel of Matthew. BYOB—Bring Your Own Bible.

**Target Audience:** Adult Christians who wish to strengthen their faith, hope and love of the One who is Emmanuel by a prayerful, joyful study of Matthew’s gospel.

**Fr. Daniel Durken, OSB**, is a Benedictine monk, a priest of Saint John’s Abbey and professor emeritus (retired) of theology at Saint John’s University, Collegeville, Minnesota. For a half-century he taught Bible classes to college students and parish religious education groups in the U.S. and the Bahamas. This is his fourth annual presentation at Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat.

### **CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD: DISCOVERING (or REDISCOVERING) THE PSALMS**

Wednesday, July 30, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Presenter: Susan Quaintance, OSB

Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

We will take a look at what the Psalms are and how they came to be. We will also use the ancient practice of *lectio divina* (holy reading) to deepen our experience with praying the Psalms.

**Target Audience:** Anyone interested in Scripture (especially the Psalms) and/or Benedictine spirituality.

**Susan Quaintance, OSB**, is a Benedictine Sister of Chicago who teaches high school theology and English. She studied monastic studies and Scripture at St. John’s University in Collegeville, Minnesota.

## BE STILL AND KNOW . . .

August 7-10, Thursday 7:00 p.m. - Sunday 1:00 p.m.  
Directors: Mary Dingman, SSSF, Joan McCorkell, OCD  
Fee: \$265.00 – includes meals

This silent, directed retreat will provide a time to relax in God's presence, surrounded by the natural beauty of God's creation. There will be opportunity to meet with a spiritual director each day. Optional periods of community prayer will be provided. Eucharist will be celebrated on Sunday.

Limit: 8

**Sr. Mary Dingman, SSSF**, is a School Sister of St. Francis and a well-known retreat and spiritual director.

**Sr. Joan McCorkell, OCD**, is a Discalced Carmelite nun at Queen of Heaven Monastery, Eldridge, Iowa. She holds a certificate in pastoral counseling and spiritual formation.

## THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD A pastor looks at the "Shepherd Scriptures"

Tuesday, August 12, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Presenter: Fr. Bob Miller  
Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

A fascinating and insightful study of one of the most common Scriptural images—God as a shepherd, God's people as sheep. We will study and pray in depth with at least two famous passages (Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34) and reflect on their impact in our modern lives and world. Bring your Bible, your notebook, and a prayerful spirit!!

**Target Audiences:** Anyone who loves Scripture, and seeks a deeper walk with the Good Shepherd Jesus Christ!

**Fr. Robert J. Miller**, former associate pastor of St. Alphonsus Church in Davenport, is pastor of St. Dorothy Parish in Chicago. He preaches missions and retreats nationally, celebrates healing and charismatic Masses, and teaches in the archdiocesan deacon formation program.

## WALKING FOR YOUR SPIRIT

Thursday, September 4, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Presenters: Lisa Bellomy and Joan Sheil, CHM  
Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

Be in the moment — observe the beauty around you and reconnect with yourself. Discover that walking can lead to inner peace, mental focus, and spiritual awareness. After a short warm-up we'll walk and explore The Prairie trails as a group. Following a healthy lunch break, you'll enjoy a personal journey walking the labyrinth or hiking on your own or with new friends.

**Target Audience:** People interested in walking as a spiritual exercise.

**Lisa Bellomy** has been a nature hiker since days hunting mushrooms with her dad. Career highlight: backpacking into the Grand Canyon. Lisa is the communications director for the Sisters of Humility.

**Sr. Joan Sheil, CHM**, is the archivist for the Sisters of Humility and the retired library director at the former Marycrest College. Sr. Joan is an avid bird watcher and seasoned Rocky Mountain hiker.

## TARGETING OUR ENERGIES TOWARD PERSONAL AND PLANETARY HEALTH

Tuesday, September 16, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Presenters: Paul Allen and Billie Greenwood  
Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

Working for justice and peace while maintaining our sanity can be a challenge. How do we get involved and how do we stay involved without over-committing ourselves? Maintaining a healthy balance is important. This is an opportunity to consider your own social justice issues and how you address them. At the end of this day you will leave more aware and better equipped to make a positive difference in the world.

**Target Audience:** Justice and peace activists or wannabes. **Billie Greenwood and Paul Allen** are retired educators and volunteers with the Seeds of Hope program in Davenport. They also work as activists on the U.S./Mexico border.

## **SOWING IN TEARS, REAPING IN JOY**

Friday, September 19, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Presenter: Lynn Batcher

Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

Using Scripture, literature, behavioral health practice and reflection on personal experience, we will discuss the natural process through which human beings grieve the loss of someone or something we love. We will talk about caring for ourselves and/or others as we grieve, and explore grief as a powerful agent of spiritual growth. Please bring a picture or other object which represents a recent or past loss.

**Target Audience:** Any adult who has experienced a significant loss or would like to be helpful to someone who has.

**Lynn Batcher, M.A.T.**, an associate in ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has served as parish educator at St. Paul's Church and congregational care associate at Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport. She currently serves as director of pastoral care at Trinity Medical Center in Rock Island, Illinois.

## **COME TO THE QUIET Silent Autumn Retreat Day**

Thursday, September 25, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

See page 8 for details

## **WEEKEND RETREAT FOR WOMEN**

September 26-28, Friday, 7:00 p.m. – Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Presenter: Ramona Kaalberg, CHM

Fee: \$100.00

An opportunity for women to come to a quiet setting to celebrate God's presence reflected in the wonders of nature. A time to be attentive to God's presence in the midst of ordinary daily experiences on life's journey.

**Target Audience:** Women. Limit: 8

**Sr. Ramona Kaalberg, CHM**, coordinator of formation for the Sisters of the Humility of Mary, completed the Spiritual Direction Program at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska.

## **KNIT ONE, PRAY TOO! Enjoy a Day of Knitting, Fellowship & Prayer**

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