

The Convocation will conclude with an 11:30 a.m. concelebrated Mass on Tuesday, August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Bishop William E. Franklin will be the principle celebrant.

Everyone is invited to attend this liturgy. Come and meet the Iowa seminarians. Priests of the Diocese are welcome to concelebrate. Contact Deacon Frank Agnoli, 563-324-1912, ext. 255 so accommodations may be made.

DIOCESE'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, September 30: We will gather at Le Claire Park in Davenport to celebrate our 125th Anniversary as a diocese. A Eucharistic Procession beginning at 8:30 a.m. at St. Anthony Church and arriving at the park by 9 a.m. will start the day. Our keynote speaker is Fr. Brendan Moss, OSB, a monk of St. Meinrad Archabbey who specializes in preaching with youth. Steve Angrisano, one of the leading Catholic recording artists in the United States and well-known among younger Catholics will provide music throughout the day. We'll also hear from a number of folks from around the diocese regarding our history, and music by Lynn Cooper. The Hispanic and Vietnamese communities of our diocese will also be featured. Food and drinks will be available for purchase; we ask that participants support the parish ministries that will be providing this service. In addition, we are encouraging every parish and school to set up a display honoring their history. A tent-chapel for Eucharistic adoration will be available the entire day. The day-long celebration will conclude with Mass at 4:00 p.m. Come and celebrate our "walking together in faith."

Seeking Vendors: If your group would like to have a space to sell food, beverages or Catholic religious items (such as books, music, pictures, etc.) we invite you to be a part of our anniversary celebration. This is a great way for parish groups to raise money for parish programs. There is no fee for setting up a booth, but a donation at the time of the offering at Mass is requested. Spaces will be pre-assigned only for those registered. Those selling food will need to sign a city permit before being assigned a space. You are responsible for bringing your own tables, chairs and tents. To request a "Vendor Request Form" or if you have questions, please email: marcia@eagleswings.ws.

FINANCE OFFICE

August 1 Due Date: The following items are due to the Finance Office August 1. For questions contact Marj Gonzales at gonzales@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 229.

- **Corporate Resolution** for approval of the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget – The Budget Summary should be attached. The resolution should be signed by the pastor and two lay directors. The Bishop and Vicar General will review the budget and sign the resolution. A copy will be returned for your records. Detailed forms and instructions were included in an e-mail sent March 2.
- **Workers' Compensation Audit Form** – This form needs to be completed by all parishes, schools, and any other corporate entity covered under the Diocesan Workers' Compensation Insurance Program. The form and instructions were included in an e-mail sent May 30.
- **Summary of Financial Data** – Major changes have been made to this annual report of parish assets and liabilities. Attempts have been made to simplify this reporting process. For details, please refer to the form and instructions included in the May 30 e-mail.
- **QuickBooks Back-up** – Please send a back-up of your QuickBooks file by e-mail or on disk after you have completed the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 review and reconciliation.

Political Campaign Activity: As the political season gets into full swing, you are reminded that church organizations may not endorse candidates, distribute statements for or against candidates or become involved in any activity that would either support or oppose any candidate for elective public office. Contributions to political campaign funds or public statements of position (verbal or written) made by, or on behalf of, a church organization in favor of, or in opposition to, any candidate violate the IRS prohibition against political campaign activity. Violation of this prohibition may result in denial of or revocation of tax-exempt status and the imposition of certain excise tax. For more information, contact Marjorie Gonzales, 563-324-1912, ext. 229 or gonzales@davenportdiocese.org.

PASTORAL SERVICES

Ministry of Worship . . .

Form/Reform: Touching Mystery through Vision, Creation and Mission: This annual conference on environment and art for Catholic worship will be held July 30 – August 2 at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown, Kansas City, MO. Conference materials are available at www.FormReformConference.com.

Liturgical Music Conferences: The National Association of Pastoral Musicians is hosting their annual regional conventions on July 18-21 (Grand Rapids, MI), and August 1-4 (Sacramento, CA). They are also offering their specialized Institutes over the summer; the closest is “Music with Children” in Darien, IL on August 8-10. More information is available on their website: www.npm.org.

Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions: Annual Meeting, October 10 – 13 in Omaha. While the focus of the convention will be on liturgical music and the art of celebrating the liturgy, there will be break-out sessions on a wide variety of liturgical topics. Since our region is hosting this gathering, all are encouraged to attend. More information is available on the FDLC website: www.fdlc.org.

Ministry of Word . . .

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 few spots still remain for each week. A brochure can be found on the youth ministry page at www.davenportdiocese.org. For more information, contact Pat Finan at 641-842-5148 or finan@harenet.net.

Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated September 17. The annual resource packet will be available at a reduced cost through the diocese. It includes a bilingual booklet, CD-ROM, and poster. These materials will help you prepare for and celebrate the catechetical theme “Who Do You Say That I Am?” on September 17 and throughout the year. The cost is \$12 (a savings of more than \$4). Orders must be placed by August 2. To order, send a check payable to the diocese and mail to: Diocese of Davenport, attn. Virginia Trujillo, 2706 N. Gaines St., Davenport, IA 52804-1998.

August Gathering: “Who Do You Say That I Am?” The 2006 August Leadership Gathering will be held August 11-12 at the Quality Inn Conference Center in Iowa City. 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 “How Catechetical Leaders Can Imitate Christ,” “Making Sense of the NDC,” and “Implementing the Six Tasks of Catechesis as a Springboard for Parish Planning.” A brochure is available on the faith formation page at www.davenportdiocese.org.

Catholic Scouting:

Girl Scouts: Information about religious recognition programs for Girl Scouts can be found at www.nfcym.org/gscf/recognitions.htm. To order program booklets or to place requests for medals, contact Pat Finan, 641-842-5148 or finan@harenet.net.

Boy Scouts: Information about religious recognition programs for Boy Scouts can be found at www.nccs-bsa.org/emblems-awards/emblems.php. Program books can be purchased at local scout shops. Medals for boy scouts who have completed their requirements must be ordered through Pat Finan, 641-842-5148 or finan@harenet.net.

RCIA Conference: *Concerning the Baptized* on July 20-22 at Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart, Ankeny. Have these questions surfaced in your parish RCIA process? How do you distinguish between catechumens and candidates liturgically? Catechetically? Is it appropriate to adapt the initiation process for the baptized, and are there inappropriate adaptations? How do we truly respect a person’s baptism? The conference is co-sponsored by the Des Moines Diocese and the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. Brochure is online at www.dmdiocese.org (see “Faith Formation”). If you are unable to download the brochure and registration information, contact IlaMae Hanisch hanisch@davenportdiocese.org or 641-791-3435.

Marriage Preparation Weekends: The Registration Form is on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org. On the home page (left side) click on "Marriage Preparation Weekends." Currently scheduled weekends are:

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| August 5-6 | Fort Madison, SS. Mary & Joseph |
| November 18-19: | Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias |
| February 3-4: | Bettendorf, St. John Vianney |

Registration is \$125 per couple. For information about marriage preparation in our diocese or neighboring dioceses contact Barb Butterworth at 563-324-1912, ext. 265 or butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org or IlaMae Hanisch, 641-791-3435 or hanisch@davenportdiocese.org.

Ministry Formation Programs 2006-2007

Application forms and information packets for the following three training programs are available at:

- www.davenportdiocese.org. (home page, left side under programs, click on the name of the program)
- Basic MFP Year II:
<http://www.davenportdiocese.net/MFP/MFP%20Basic%20Year%20II%202006-07%20Info%20App%20packet.pdf>
- Parish Life Administrator: **Application deadline is August 1.**
<http://www.davenportdiocese.net/MFP/PLA/Parish%20Life%20Administrator%20Training%20Information%20&%20Application%20Forms.pdf>
- Finance Administrator:
<http://www.davenportdiocese.net/MFP/FA/Finance%20Administrator%20Training%20Information%20&%20Application%20Forms.pdf>

You may also request an information packet by contacting IlaMae Hanisch at hanisch@davenportdiocese.org or 641-791-3435. If leaving a voice message please leave your name, phone number and mailing address.

MFP- Basic Year II:

Want to become an "informed" leader in your parish? Just want to update and know more about your faith? This "basic" ministry formation program is open to those who want to grow in their faith. For ICN participants classes are 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. two Saturdays a month at ICN locations around the diocese. Non-ICN participants meet once a month for three hours and the schedule is determined by your group and its facilitator.

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| Sept. 9 | Retreat (required by all) | Sept. 23 | Old Testament I |
| Oct. 7 | Catechetical Themes | Oct. 21 | Old Testament II |
| Nov. 4 | New Testament I | Nov. 18 | New Testament II |
| Dec. 2 | Moral Themes | Dec. 16 | Discipleship Themes |
| Jan. 6, 2007 | Theological Themes I | Jan. 20 | Theological Themes II |
| Feb. 3 | Liturgical Themes I | Feb. 17 | Liturgical Themes II |
| March 3 | Spiritual Themes I | March 17 | Spiritual Themes II |
| April 14 | Legal Themes I | April 28 | Legal Themes II |

Registration Fee-Basic MFP Year II (8-month program): This includes most books, reading packet, instructor stipend & facilitator stipend (non-chancery staff) for non-ICN groups, retreat day, and ICN line use. It does not include food or transportation costs.

ICN format:

- \$150/person (resident of diocese)
- \$100/person (group rate of 5 or more registered from same parish or cluster with same pastor)
- \$225/person (non-resident of diocese)
- \$25 per individual course

Non-ICN format:

- \$175/person (resident of diocese)
- \$125/person (group rate or 5 or more registered from same parish or cluster with same pastor)
- \$250/person (non-resident of diocese)
- \$25 per individual course

Credentials may be reviewed to “waive” some course requirements. Contact IlaMae Hanisch for more information.

Parish Life Administrator Training and Formation Program:

Application deadline is August 1. Sessions are 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Williamsburg Community Recreation Center; 939 S. Highland Street, Williamsburg (handicapped accessible with elevator, 2nd floor, meeting room A).

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| Aug. 19 | Psychological Screening, St. Vincent Center, Davenport | Sept. 9 | Retreat at St. Mary, Riverside |
| Sept. 16 | Presiding: Parish Worship & Prayer | Oct. 14 | Parish Management-Finances, Stewardship, & Personnel I |
| Nov. 11 | Parish Management-Finances, Stewardship, & Personnel II | Dec. 16 | Sacramental Preparation & RCIA I |
| Jan. 13, 2007 | Parish Leadership & Organization I | Feb. 10 | Sacramental Preparation & RCIA II |
| March 10 | Annulments | April 14 | Parish Leadership & Organization I |
| May 5 | Parish Life | June 16 | Preaching the Word I |
| July 14 | Preaching the Word II | Aug. 11 | Lifelong Faith Formation |

Concurrent with the above courses is the 12-month internship for Parish Life Administrators. Credentials may be reviewed to “waive” some course requirements. Contact IlaMae Hanisch for more information.

Registration Fee-Parish Life Administrator (12-month program): This includes reading packet, level one psychological evaluation, instructor & internship mentor stipends (non-chancery staff), retreat day, and site charges. It does not include food, books, or transportation costs.

- \$350/person (resident of diocese)
- \$500/person (non-resident of diocese)
- \$40 per individual session (one Saturday)-some courses require 2 sessions (\$80)

Finance Administrator Training Program:

Sessions are 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Williamsburg Community Recreation Center; 939 S. Highland Street, Williamsburg (handicapped accessible with elevator, 2nd floor, meeting room A).

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| Sept. 9 | Retreat at St. Mary, Riverside | Oct. 14 | Parish Management-Finances, Stewardship, & Personnel I |
| Nov. 11 | Parish Management-Finances, Stewardship, & Personnel II | Jan. 13, 2007 | Parish Leadership & Organization I |
| April 14 | Parish Leadership & Organization I | | |

Concurrent with the above courses is a 6-month internship for Finance Administrators. Also required is Year II of the Basic MFP courses. Credentials may be reviewed to “waive” some course requirements. Contact IlaMae Hanisch for more information.

Registration Fee-Finance Administrator (4-month program): (Year II of MFP basic is also a requirement. See fee listed above for that program). This includes the reading packet, instructor & internship mentor stipends (non-chancery staff), retreat day, and site charges. It does not include food, books, or transportation costs.

- \$150/person (resident of diocese)
- \$40 per individual session (one Saturday)-some course require 2 sessions (\$80)

Ministry of Service . . .

Introducing Rachel's Hope: Rachel's Hope offers healing retreats and referrals for counseling for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion or sexual abuse. The referrals provide free, confidential and caring counseling and reconciliation by trained personnel for women and men wounded by abortion or sexual abuse. The retreats are a beautiful opportunity to help one experience the mercy, compassion, and love of God. Rachel's Hope encompasses the ministries of Project Rachel, Rachel's Vineyard (post-abortive) and From Grief to Grace (sexual abuse). The Project Rachel ministry that was previously facilitated by diocesan staff is now incorporated into the services of Rachel's Hope.

Rachel's Hope has a staff of three with Maria Shores as the director. She may be reached at shores@davenportdiocese.org. Contact information for Rachel's Hope is 866-363-3772, 319-665-3077 or rachelshope@davenportdiocese.org. The website is under construction and its address will be announced in the August *Mini-Messenger*. Sponsored by the Diocese of Davenport.

Rachel's Vineyard Bulletin Announcement: Please publish the following through the weekend of August 18.

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in Cedar Falls August 25-27. The confidential, supportive retreat is for anyone hurting inside after abortion. For more information, to donate, or volunteer please, contact Maria at 319-530-2597 or mariashores2000@yahoo.com. Scholarships are available. You can also visit www.rachelsvineyard.org or call a national toll-free hotline at 1-877-HOPE-4-ME.

Social Action Commission Meeting: July 25, 10:00 a.m., St. Thomas More, Iowa City. The meeting will be followed by lunch and the meeting to plan the visit of the delegation from Madagascar, who will be arriving in September. If a parish in the Diocese has interest in hosting an event for the delegates, please notify the Social Action Department, 563-324-1911 and every effort will be made to accommodate you.

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>.

Social Justice Programs:

JustFaith will be starting a 30-week journey into justice in September. There are JustFaith graduates who are available to speak to interested people in your parish.

JusticeWalking (J-Walking) is a program available for high-school age youth.

If you are interested in starting either of these great programs of immersion into justice contact Msgr. Marv Mottet, mottet@davenportdiocese.org or Loxi Hopkins, Hopkins@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1911.

Pro-life Masses:

- August 5 St. Pius X Church, Rock Island, IL, 8:00 a.m., rosary after Mass and then at Planned Parenthood, Bettendorf
- September 2 Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport, 7:50 a.m., rosary after Mass in chapel and then at Planned Parenthood, Bettendorf
- October 7 Our Lady of Guadalupe, Silvis, IL, 7:00 a.m., 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
- December 2 Sacred Heart Church, Moline, IL, 8:30 a.m., rosary before and after Mass and then at Planned Parenthood, Bettendorf

SHARE Iowa: Food package sign-up deadline is July 8. To find out more about SHARE check out the web site: www.shareiowa.com, email: shareiowa@lisco.net or call 1-800-344-1107.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Sessions are open to all adults in the Diocese of Davenport and are mandated for all employees and for those volunteers who work on a regular basis with children. If you have a need for a session please contact a facilitator in your deanery (listed on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org) or Virginia Trujillo, trujillo@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 256. Current training scheduled (as of July 6):

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> |
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| Clinton, Prince of Peace Parish Office (505 9 th Ave. S) | 7/11/06 | 6:00 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.

INCENSE STANDS NEEDED

St. Peter Church, Lovilia and St. Patrick Church, Georgetown are both in need of incense stands. If there are any parishes which have an extra please call Sharon Crall, 641-946-8298.

CONGREGATION OF HUMILITY OF MARY, DAVENPORT

On Your MARK, Get Set, GOspel! Presenter: Daniel Durken, OSB

Date and time: Wednesday, July 26, 2006, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Gospel according to Mark is the designated Gospel for the Sundays in Ordinary Time 2006. The program will explore this Gospel, the first and shortest of our four Gospels. We will consider the author, audience, historical setting, Old Testament background, key words, patterns and the centrality of Jesus' transfiguration (chapter 9) of Mark's Gospel. It will be helpful if participants spent an hour reading Mark's Gospel before the program. BYOB – Bring Your Own Bible.

Target audience: People interested in a deeper understanding of Mark's Gospel.

Father Daniel Durken, OSB, is a Benedictine monk and priest of Saint John's Abbey and a retired professor of theology at Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota. For a half century he taught Bible classes to college students and adults in the U.S. and the Bahamas.

The Healing Power of Stories: Presenter: Rev. Canon Marlin Whitmer

Date and hour: Wednesday, August 2, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

In the morning session, we will learn about the importance of metaphors. Participants are asked to bring the sports section of any newspaper. As the day continues we will look at the applications and outcomes for health care.

Target audience: Caregivers and those with health problems

Canon Marlin Whitmer, a retired hospital chaplain who, in 1966, started the Befriender Program at St. Luke's Hospital in Davenport. He currently lives in DeWitt where he is the primary caregiver of his chronically ill wife. Together they have experienced the healing power of stories.

Unlocking Your Ageless Spirit: 12 Keys to Spiritual Vitality: Presenter: Rosemary Schmitt

Date and time: Thursday, August 10, 2006, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This day will focus on the psychological, emotional and spiritual aspects of aging through presentations, prayer, music, and discussion. The 12 keys can help to live life youthfully with meaning and purpose.

Target audience: Individuals who are approaching or living in their senior years.

Rosemary Schmitt is a former teacher who has earned a professional certificate in Spiritual Gerontology from the Johnson Institute in St. Louis, Missouri. Widowed in 2003, she is the mother of three grown sons and enjoys her five grandchildren.

Jesus Said . . . Give Them Something to Eat: Presenters Carol Karwoski, OSF, and Charla Bulko, OSF

Date and Time: Saturday, August 19, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Our world is filled with blessings: wheat, water, bread, hunger, to name but a few. For what do we hunger? What satisfies our hunger? Am I expected to be bread? To provide bread? To eat bread? How do I satisfy my own hunger? We will spend the day reflecting on hunger in the world and our own spiritual hunger.

Sister Charla Bulko, OSF, Milwaukee. For the past 13 years Sr. Charla was pastoral associate of Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport. Now residing in Dubuque, she is director of the YMCA Domestic Violence Program. Sister Carol Karwoski, OSF, Milwaukee now resides in Dubuque and is directing an emergency shelter for women and children. Her entire ministry has been her work with the poor and marginalized, most recently completing ten years at John Lewis Community Services in Davenport.

Exploring the Mandala: Using Sacred Circles to Deepen Our Connection to Creativity and Well-Being: Presenters:

Karen Lobovits, Pat Vint, Gwen Deming

Date and time: Saturday, September 9, 2006, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Using pastels, participants will create their own Mandalas in both morning and afternoon sessions. We will discuss the ancient tradition of the Mandala in Native American, Christian, and Buddhist cultures. All art materials furnished.

Special art fee: \$25.00.

Target audience: Particularly geared to anyone wanting to enhance self-awareness, creativity, health, and well-being.

Karen Labovits, B.A., an art therapist, has been facilitating art therapy workshops at Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat Center since 2003. Pat Vint, M. Ed., a psychotherapist is currently working with adolescent girls who are trauma survivors. She does expressive art therapy and Gwen Deming, B.A., a drum circle facilitator.

Deepening Our Union with God through Contemplative Prayer Experiences: Presenter: Mary Dingman, SSSF

Date and time: Tuesday, September 26, 2006, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Together we will reflect on and experience various ways of entering into prayer, a deepening union with God: praying the Scriptures, *lectio divina*, centering prayer, a contemplative walk, praying with nature, art and music leading us into prayer. Through these experiences we will see that prayer permeates our life.

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

Weekend Retreat for Women: Facilitator: Ramona Kaalberg, CHM

Date and Time: Friday-Sunday, September 29-October 1 Friday evening 7:00 p.m. to Sunday morning, 10:00 a.m.

An opportunity for women to come to a quiet and beautiful setting to be nourished by the presence of God in the wonders of autumn. It is a time for reflection and listening to God speak through the voices of nature and the ordinary daily experiences of life. Limit: 10.

Sister Ramona Kaalberg, CHM: Coordinator of Formation, Congregation of the Humility of Mary. Completed the Spiritual Direction Program at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.

The Psalms: 3000-Year-Old Prayer: Presenter: Theresa Schumacher, OSB

Date and time: Saturday, October 7, 2006, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

This day will incorporate both study and prayerful reflection on the psalms as they are presented in the Bible, in biblical studies, and in the spirituality of the Christian church. An important focus of the day will be to search out the meaning and formative elements of the psalms and their application in our lives today.

Sister Theresa Schumacher, OSB, a member of Saint Benedict's Monastery, St. Joseph, Minnesota, is working with various aspects of liturgy and liturgical life. She teaches in the monastery's initial formation program, is a spiritual director, serves as a consultant for parishes and monasteries, and gives retreats on liturgy and monastic spirituality.

Knit One, Purl Too, A Quiet Day of Fellowship, Knitting and Prayer: Presenters: Ann Green, Anne Johnson and Karen Brooke

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 17, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

“Everyone seems to be knitting these days; it’s *the* handicraft of the hour. Its very rhythm slows us down, encourages contemplation, and invites us to be open to the Holy Spirit. Bring your size 11 or 13 knitting needles, 3 skeins of yarn, and join us as we begin to create a prayer shawl/lap blanket for a patient or friend in need of comfort. We will knit together, pray together, share the “yarns” of our individual journeys, and enjoy the fall colors at The Prairie.

Beginning knitters, women and men, are welcome.

Ann Green is a lay minister at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, an elementary school teaching assistant and a private piano instructor. Anne Johnson is a fiber artist who has been knitting, sewing and spinning since childhood. Karen Brooke is a lay minister at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and development director for the Sisters of Humility.

For more information or to register contact Sr. Cathleen Real, 563-336-8414 or ccreal@msn.com.

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS, CLINTON

A Peace Conference: Giving Witness to Nonviolence; peacemaking and reconciliation five years after 9/11: September 29 –October 1 at Ashford University, Clinton. We will commemorate the fifth year since 9/11 by seeking the wisdom of the prophets as well as contemporary peace practitioners. Ched Myers, activist, writer, community builder and popular educator, will be the keynote speaker. (He was the very popular featured presenter at the Iowa Catholic Conference Social Action Workshop in Newton three years ago). The Social Action Department of the Diocese of Davenport and Jesus Christ Prince of Peace Parish in Clinton are among the endorsers. Ched will be joined by others who have faced the horror of violence in a nonviolent way including Cedar Rapids native, Kelly Campbell, co-founder and steering committee member of September 11 Families for Peaceful Tomorrows. The weekend will also feature a surprise “appearance” from a world-renowned peacemaker and an inspiring performance by HERSONG, the acclaimed Quad City women’s chorus dedicated to building a peaceful world. A schedule and registration may be found at www.clintonfranciscans.com. For further information call 563-242-7611.