

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 September 29):

Date	Location	Time
10/04/09	Ottumwa, St. Mary	2:00 p.m. Spanish
10/05/09	Mt. Pleasant, St. Alphonsus	6:30 p.m.
10/12/09	Ottumwa, St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.
10/15/09	West Burlington, SS. Mary & Patrick Church	6:30 p.m.
10/26/09	Albia, St. Mary Church	6:30 p.m.
11/08/09	Davenport, Assumption High School	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 or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

COMMUNICATION OFFICE

Office 2007 orders are due October 10. On your behalf, the Diocese can order an Office 2007 Professional Plus license for \$67 (plus tax and handling) **per computer**. This package has Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher and Outlook included. To order, send an email request to Rob Butterworth, butterworth@davenportdiocese.org.

VOCATIONS OFFICE

Holy Hours of Prayer for Vocations are continuing across the Diocese. Our next Hour is October 16 at SS. Mary & Mathias, Muscatine at 6:30 p.m. You are invited and encouraged to come and pray for the gift of vocations.

"Thinking of Priesthood Day": October 17, Newman Center, Iowa City. The day begins at 9 a.m. and concludes with Mass and dinner at 5 p.m. Fr. Jonathan Fassero from St. Meinrad School of Theology will again be leading the day. If you would like more information or to RSVP, contact Fr. Marty Goetz, goetz@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 259)

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE

Diocesan Stewardship Day: Tuesday, October 6, St. Mary Parish, Solon, 9 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. "Forming Grateful Hearts", the keynote address, will be given by Fr. Frank DeSiano, a nationally known expert on evangelization, stewardship and discipleship. There will also be a session for participants to share stories of what is happening in their parish. Also, please consider bringing a handout from your parish, something describing your stewardship ministry, and bring 50 copies to pass out to others. The cost for the day is a free will offering for lunch. RSVP immediately to Dan Ebener, ebener@davenportdiocese.org.

PASTORAL SERVICES

Social Action . . .

Pacem in Terris Recipient's Book: Hildegard Goss-Mayr's new biography, *Marked for Life*, written by Richard Deats, (New City Press, 2009) is available for purchase at \$15 per copy. To purchase contact Esmeralda Guerrero, guerrero@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 289.

Respect Life Month Begins October 4: *Every Child Brings us God's Smile* is this year's theme. During Respect Life Month we are called to reflect on the precious gift of life, from conception to natural death. For Respect Life information and resources in English and Spanish, see: www.usccb.org/prolife/programs/rlp/2009/index.shtml.

St. Vincent Home Corporation Grant Applications must be postmarked by October 15 to be considered at the fall board meeting. Applications can be found at: www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sastvincenthomecorporation.htm. Questions about the grant application process can be directed to Loxi Hopkins, 563-324-1912, ext. 246.

Cover the Kids Day Initiative 2009: The Iowa Department of Human Services is designating Sunday, October 18 as the second Cover the Kids Day in Iowa. We're asking for your help to let parents know they can apply for free or low-cost health and dental coverage for their children. There are as many as 27,000 children in Iowa who have headed back to school without health insurance coverage. The State of Iowa offers two health care coverage programs to help families maintain coverage for their children – Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (*Hawk-i*) and Medicaid. Here's how your parish can help:

1. Inform worshipers from the pulpit, church bulletins or both that Iowa offers two free or low-cost health and dental coverage programs for children;
2. Have several enrollment application packets on hand for members of the congregation to pick up;
3. Encourage parents who might benefit to take home an application form and send it in.

In early October each parish will be receiving bulletin inserts/announcements, talking points for announcements, and a packet of application forms to make it easy to participate. Your participation in Cover the Kids Day can make a significant difference in the lives of many Iowa families. For more information please contact Amanda Paulsen at 515-244-4456 or apaulsen@zlrignition.com.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Local Grants: All organizations interested in applying for a CCHD grant must submit their request by **October 23**. To view grant guidelines go to: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sacchd.htm>.

Annual Collection: November 22. This year's theme is *Families are Struggling. Faith is calling*. Promotional materials will be mailed October 16, including posters, envelopes and the bulletin insert adapted to our diocese. If your parish materials don't arrive by October 23, you need more materials or have questions, contact Loxi Hopkins at 563-324-1912, ext. 246 or hopkins@davenportdiocese.org. Please place the insert in your parish bulletin the weekend of November 15-16 and prominently display the poster.

Economic Issues: The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) has created a website specifically to address economic issues. The site is: <http://www.usccb.org/jphd/economiclife/>. This site, based in large part on the Holy Father's Encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate, Charity in Truth*, brings together many resources to aid in understand economic issues from a Catholic perspective. The site features podcasts and videos, as well as a quiz you can use to check your own knowledge of economic principles.

Fair Trade Catalog: The new 2009/2010 CRS Fair Trade Catalog is available now. Perfect for Christmas presents you won't find anywhere else for the special people on your list who want to be a part of economic development in the parts of the world served by CRS. If you would like a free copy for your parish or school contact Esmeralda Guerrero, guerrero@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 289.

Faith Formation . . .

NET (National Evangelization Teams) retreats will be offered in our diocese December 4-16. If you are interested in hosting NET at your parish or school, please contact Pat Finan at finan@davenportdiocese.org as soon as possible. Parishes and schools requesting dates are asked to provide their top THREE dates; at least one of these dates should not be a weekend date. Mondays are not available. For more information about NET, please go to www.netusa.org.

Upcoming Youth Retreats:

- Feb. 13-15: TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Retreat, location in or near Davenport to be determined. TEC helps older youth (11th and 12th graders; college freshmen also welcome) explore their faith in the context of the Paschal Mystery. For more information, contact Pat Finan at finan@davenportdiocese.org or 641-842-5148.
- Feb. 27-28: Quest Retreat at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Bettendorf. Quest is a retreat for 9th and 10th graders. This is the only Quest scheduled in our diocese in 2010. For more information, contact Joyce Kloft at bettlourdesdre@diodav.org or 563-359-0345.
- March 12-14: Ottumwa COR (Christ in Others Retreat) at St. Patrick's Parish in Ottumwa. COR is for youth in grades 10, 11 and 12. For more information, contact Anna Hanson at ottstpatdre@diodav.org or 641-682-4496.
- March 19-21: DeWitt COR (Christ in Others Retreat) at St. Joseph's Parish in DeWitt. For more information, contact Pat Sheil at dewittstjosephym@diodav.org or 563-659-3514.

2010 Junior High Youth Rally Sunday, March 21, at Regina Catholic Education Center in Iowa City. The theme is "J-Walking: Journeying with Jesus. Keynoter will be Anne Marie Cribbin, teller of funny faith stories and singer of strange songs. Registration material, T-shirt design and other details will be available later this month. For more information, go to www.davenportyouth.org.

2010 Statewide Faith Formation Conference: "Ministry at the Margins: The Call to Serve Christ's Mission Today," March 14-15 at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in Ames. Keynoter Dr. Edward P. Hahnenberg is a theologian on the staff of Xavier University in Cincinnati. More information, including online registration opportunities, will be available soon at www.davenportdiocese.org.

Upcoming National Ministry Conferences:

Parish faith formation and youth ministry leaders are encouraged to consider attending these events for their professional development (scholarships and discounts often are available):

- **"Fashion Me a People"** Conference, January 7-9 in Orlando. "The Word of God for All Ages" is the theme of this third annual national conference focusing on lifelong faith formation. Join keynoters such as Dr. Barbara Sutton, Sr. Diane Bergant, CSA, and Fr. Mark McCormick, along with musical guests including Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, ValLimar Jansen and Dan Schutte. For registration information, discounts and other details, go to www.cmdnet.org.
- **"Catechesis: An Oasis Amidst Diversity,"** the annual conference of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership, will be held April 18-22 at Bally's Hotel in Las Vegas. For more information, go to www.nccl.org.

Marriage Preparation Weekends:

October 17-18: Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias (registration deadline October 9)

February 20-21: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney (registration deadline February 12)

April 24-25: Williamsburg, St. Mary (registration deadline April 16)

June 26-27: Sigourney, St. Mary (registration deadline June 18)

August 14-15: Newton, Sacred Heart (registration deadline August 6)

New
dates

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, 563-324-1912, ext. 265 or butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org or IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org. If your parish is willing to host a weekend (diocese pays all expenses) please contact Barb Butterworth or IlaMae Hanisch.

Ministry Formation Program (MFP):

"In short, the MFP has literally changed my life! Not to sound cheesy but the light bulb went off within the last year and now I "get it". I thank God every day for leading me to this program and back to the church." S.D., Iowa City (a current participant)

The Ministry Formation Program is more than a program to train people for ministry, it is also a great way to **grow in your faith and learn more about how you can become more active in your parish.**

The following two programs will be offered for 2009-10. Information including overview, application, and schedule is available for download for use within the Diocese of Davenport. Go to: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/ffmfppg1.htm>. Select Basic MFP Info Packet 2009-10 or Catechetical Specialization Information Packet 2009-10.

The offerings for the year are:

- 1) **Year I Basic:** Two options for attending: 1) Two Saturdays per month on the following dates with instruction via the ICN [Iowa Communications Network] or 2) Once a month (location and time TBD).

Oct. 10 & 24: Baptism	Nov. 7: Holy Orders
Nov. 21: Matrimony	Dec. 5 & 19: Anointing & Reconciliation
Jan. 16 & 23: Confirmation	Feb. 6 & 20: Eucharist
March 6 & 20: Personal & Pastoral Themes for Ministry	April 10 & 24: Catholicism

- 2) **Catechetical Specialization:** Highly recommended for parish DRE's, CYM's, Directors of Catechumenate processes, theology and religion teachers in Catholic Schools. Meets in Williamsburg.

Oct. 17: Catechesis & the Catechetical Minister	Nov. 14: Program Development
Dec. 12: Professional Practice I	Jan. 9: Professional Practice II
Feb. 13: Pastoral Praxis I	March 13: Pastoral Praxis II
April 17: Legal Issues	May 8: Youth Ministry/Young Adult

A brochure with additional details can be found at, www.davenportdiocese.org, faith formation office, Ministry Formation Program. If you would like full-color brochures for distribution contact Barb Butterworth, butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org. For further information contact IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org or 641-791-3435.

HOPE AND HEALING MINISTRIES®

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: November 6-8, Newton. This confidential, supportive retreat is for anyone seeking spiritual and emotional healing after abortion. For more information, to donate, or volunteer please call 563-322-1645, or email hopeandhealingtoday@gmail.com. Scholarships are available. You can also visit www.rachelsvineyard.org, or call a toll-free hotline at 1-877-896-HOPE.

Hope and Healing Ministries is a ministry that offers healing retreats with counseling services, counseling referrals, toll-free hotline, support groups, mentoring, and educational seminars to women and men (including family members) who are struggling with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion or sexual abuse. Services were created to help one experience the mercy, compassion, and love of God while providing an opportunity to surface and release feelings of anger, shame, guilt and grief in a safe setting.

We are available to visit parishes and offer educational seminars. If a parish is interested in a Hope and Healing fundraiser, your assistance is appreciated. We depend 100% on donors for support.

CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH EASTERN IOWA AREA

Introduction to Centering Prayer, October 10, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., The Canticle, 831 13th Ave. North, Clinton. This workshop is an introduction to the method, practice and context of Centering Prayer as a means of bringing the contemplative dimension of the Gospel into everyday life. The registration fee of \$25 includes material and lunch. Please send name, phone and payment by October 3 to Contemplative Outreach, 1306 Caroline Ave., Clinton, IA 52732.

Upcoming Events

Silent Saturdays: Oct. 10 and Nov. 14, 9:30 -11:30 a.m., Humility of Mary Center, Davenport
Advent Retreat: Dec. 5, 9:15 a.m. -3:30 p.m., St. Andrew, Blue Grass
Weekly Prayer Groups are in Bettendorf, Blue Grass, Clinton, Davenport and Maquoketa.

Contact Lolita Diericks, 563-285-7242 regarding any of the above.

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS, CLINTON

For information regarding the following call 563-242-7611 or visit www.clintonfranciscans.com.

Come and See Weekend: October 3-4, The Canticle, 841 13th Avenue North, Clinton. This is an opportunity to learn about and reflect on religious life – what it is today and what it might be for you, and to learn about Franciscan spirituality and the history and charism of the Clinton Franciscan Family – Associates, Sojourners and Vowed Members – chosen by God, bonded in community and called to lives of service to others through our corporate mission of active nonviolence and peacemaking.

“Think Outside the Barrel”: October 24, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Clinton: Ashford University, Clare Hall. Held on UN DAY and 350 DAY – the Clinton Franciscan Center for Active Nonviolence and Peacemaking will sponsor a workshop and concert featuring Joyce Rouse, singer, songwriter, environmental entertainer and motivational speaker who uses music and humor to teach concepts such as eco-spirituality, sustainable living, biodiversity and socially responsible investing. *Think Outside the Barrel* will encourage participants to reduce their ecological footprint by using less of the world’s limited resources and to urge leaders to adopt a meaningful global climate treaty at the UN environment summit in Copenhagen in December. Registration is appreciated, but not required.

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE RETREAT, WHEATLAND

For information or to register contact Barb Gross, olpretreat@gmail.com or 563-336-8414.

COME TO THE QUIET: Autumn Silent Retreat Day

Tuesday, October 6, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$10.00 – lunch included

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. Pray, meditate, read, walk or just sit in the quiet beauty of The Prairie. This 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.)

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Friday, October 9, 7 p.m. – Sunday, October 11, 10 a.m.

Presenter: Sr. Ramona Kaalberg, CHM

Fee: \$100 (includes Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast)

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 Humility, completed the Spiritual Direction Program at Creighton University, Omaha NE.

KNIT ONE, PRAY TOO!: A Day of Knitting, Fellowship & Prayer

Tuesday, October 20, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Presenters: Ann Green, Anne Johnson, Karen Brooke

Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

“Everyone seems to be knitting these days . . .” Its very rhythm encourages contemplation and invites us to be open to the Holy Spirit. Bring size 11 or 13 knitting needles, 3 six-ounce skeins of yarn (or a project in progress), and join us as we create a prayer shawl, a scarf or a special gift for someone in need of comfort. We will knit and pray together, share “yarns” of our individual journeys, and enjoy the beauty of The Prairie.

Target Audience: All knitters, including beginners, women and men. **Ann Green** is a lay minister at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and a private piano instructor. **Anne Johnson** is a fiber artist who has been knitting, spinning and sewing since childhood. **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.

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