

Rooted in Christ

BISHOP'S OFFICE

Bishop Amos, along with the other bishops of Iowa, encourages you to sign up for the Iowa Catholic Conference (ICC) newsletter. The ICC is the official public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Iowa. The ICC educates Catholics on how to participate in the political process and is an advocate at the Iowa Legislature for policies that serve the common good. Go to www.iowacatholicconference.org and click on 'Join the Network' to receive a newsletter and action alerts.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Fr. Adolfo Aban: new email: aarisaban@yahoo.com

Fr. Gene Benda: Lantern Park Nursing & Rehab Center, 2200 Oakdale Rd, Coralville
Mail: PO Box 309, Mt. Pleasant 52641-0309

Deacon Ramon Hilgendorf: new email address: namaste2@mchsi.com

Deacon Bob McCoy: 5965 Star View Dr., Bettendorf 52722-8827

Deacon Bill Schroeder: 465 S 46th St., West Des Moines 50265-2064; home: 515-327-6192

Add, new to the diocese:

Deacon Ed Goldsmith, 512 S. Market St., Solon 52333-9727; cell: 402-515-4821; redirector@stthomasmoreic.org

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 Nov. 28):

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Davenport, Assumption High School Library	12/5/07	5:00 p.m.
Davenport, Assumption High School Library	3/9/08	2:00 p.m.
Davenport, Assumption High School Library	5/4/08	2:00 p.m.

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002, or vacdav@attglobal.net or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

DEACON FORMATION

Interested in the Diaconate? Men who are discerning a call to the diaconate and their wives are invited to attend a Deacon Inquiry Day to find out more about the life and ministry of deacons and about what formation for the diaconate is all about. The last meeting is December 16, 1-4 p.m. at the Chancery (St. Vincent Center, Davenport). Please contact Deacon Frank Agnoli, agnoli@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 255 and leave your name and number.

FINANCE OFFICE

Snow & Ice Precautions: Falls on steps and sidewalks increase during the winter season. Here are a few measures that should be considered to safeguard the people, facilities and ministries of our communities.

- Take special care to see that steps and sidewalks are clean and well tended.
- GuideOne Insurance has issued a directive that each location must keep a salt and sanding log book. This will provide documentation in case of an accident.
- Have the employees responsible for snow removal wear the appropriate footwear.
- When possible, offer assistance to anyone who might have difficulty walking.

Calendar Year-End Filing Requirements: As the end of the calendar year approaches, you are reminded of the following required annual filings.

- **Donations** – Provide donors with written confirmation of all contributions by January 31. (Please note that this is a change from previous years. The IRS now requires support for a cash contribution of any amount.)
- **Payroll** – Furnish each employee a completed W-2 by January 31. File all forms W-2 and the W-3 transmittal form with the Social Security Administration by February 28.
- **Non-Payroll Payments** – Provide individuals or entities to whom you made payments of \$600 or more during the calendar year for services, rents, commissions, fees or other non-employee payments with Form 1099 by January 31. File copy A of each Form 1099 with the IRS by February 28.

A complete description of these annual filings, along with a worksheet for reconciliation between the W-2s, W-3, and the quarterly Form 941 will be sent to the pastors and bookkeepers in mid-December. Please contact Marjorie Gonzales, gonzales@davenportdiocese.org for additional information.

Minimum Wage Increase: Minimum wage will increase January 1, 2008 to \$7.25 an hour.

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, 319-338-2497, hopeandhealing@davenportdiocese.org, or www.davenportdiocese.org/hopeandhealing.

Committed to Freedom Retreat for Sexual Abuse Survivors: February 1-3 in Cedar Falls. This weekend is for men and women who are survivors of childhood sexual abuse. The focus is on spiritual tools and strategic living to move beyond the abuse; not the abuse experience. The cost is \$235 and credit cards are accepted. Registration **must** be received by January 18, 2008. Forms are available at: 800-713-7837, information@committedtofreedom.org or www.committedtofreedom.org. Scholarships are available by contacting Hope and Healing Ministries (877-896-HOPE), not Committed to Freedom.

PASTORAL SERVICES

Social Action . . .

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: From Msgr. Marv Mottet: A very special thank you to all who helped promote the CCHD collection the weekend before Thanksgiving. Your cooperation and support are sincerely appreciated.

Immigration Update: A special training session will be offered to respond to the stress and injury to families created during Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids of employers. (Preliminary plans call for this training to be held in late January in the Iowa City area.) The training was developed by a team of individuals and organizations in the Des Moines area and it enables a local team to respond to the needs of detainees, their families, and the community through a network of dedicated local organizations and churches.

The approach depends on immigrants knowing and exercising their rights and on action by concerned community members to respond quickly and effectively. We encourage other communities who may be subjected to ICE raids to prepare in the same manner to assure that the humanitarian needs of detainees and their families are met during a period of extreme stress. Anyone interested in learning more about this training of responders is urged to contact Esmeralda Guerrero, guerrero@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 289.

Special Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration: Come celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by hearing a presentation by Msgr Marvin Mottet that will include excerpts from an historic speech given by Dr. King in 1965 when he accepted the Pacem in Terris Award in Davenport. This is the opening of this year's Iowa Social Action Institute to be held on January 20 and 21 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in West Des Moines. This year the team organizing the Institute has assembled a great program featuring Father Larry Snyder, the President of Catholic Charities USA as the keynote speaker. The Institute also includes twelve distinct tracks covering everything we need to help implement the recent US Bishops' statement on Faithful Citizenship by offering first hand contact with experts in a wide range of issues. Many of these issues will be the substance of debates during the coming election campaigning. This is an excellent way to do as the Bishops urge and build an informed conscience based on faith and knowledge. For information or to register, please go to <http://www.iowasocialaction.org/>.

Ministry of Worship . . .

LiturgyNotes is a monthly e-newsletter that provides a variety of information pertaining to liturgy and worship. If you would like to subscribe send an email to Laurie Hoefling, hoefling@davenportdiocese.org requesting to be added to the email group.

Ministry of Word . . .

Youth Retreats:

The diocesan Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) retreat will be held Feb. 16-18 at St. Joseph's Parish in DeWitt. TEC is for youth in grades 11 and 12; college freshmen also are welcome. Youth can find more information and applications at www.davenportyouth.org. Adults wishing to serve on the retreat team should contact Pat Finan at 641-842-5148 or finan@davenportdiocese.org.

Quest retreats are for freshmen and sophomores. The focus is on loving yourself, loving others and loving God. Quest will be held:

- March 1-2 at St. Mary's in **Grinnell**. For information contact Crystal DeNeve, 641-236-8838 or faithsmc@iowatelecom.net.
- March 1-2 at Our Lady of Lourdes in **Bettendorf**. For more information, contact Joyce Kloft, 563-359-1869 or lourdesyouth@qwest.net.

COR (Christ in Others) retreats are for sophomores, juniors and seniors. COR is a weekend full of personal reflection about family and relationships with other people in our lives. COR retreats will be held:

- Feb. 29-March 2 at St. Joseph's in DeWitt. For information, contact Pat Sheil, 563-659-3514, ext. 104 or sjyouth@gmtel.net.
- March 14-16 in Ottumwa. For more information, contact Anna Hanson, 641-682-4496 or annahansonre@mchsi.com.
- April 4-6 at Holy Trinity in Keota. For more information, contact Fr. Marty Goetz at 641-636-3883.

Diocesan Junior High Youth Rally is April 13: Bob Perron, the "Stooge for Christ," will be the keynoter for our second-annual Junior High Youth Rally. The theme is "CSI: Catholic Soul Inside," and the event will be held at the newly renovated Iowa Memorial Union in Iowa City. The day also will include exciting breakout sessions, lunch, Mass with Bishop Amos, games and much more. Cost is still just \$20. For information, go to www.davenportyouth.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 teaches them new ways to inspire and affirm each other. **Renee J. Crock** has led several MOMS groups in her parish and she has completed training with Sr. Paula Hagen (MOMS co-creator) at St. Paul's Monastery in St. Paul, Minnesota. We welcome her as a regional coordinator. If you have MOMS groups in your parish please let her know how she might resource you. If you would like more information about MOMS or would like to start this program, please contact Renee at rjayck@iowatelecom.net or 563-886-1249.

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

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

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

Marriage Preparation Weekends: The Registration Form is on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org (Faith Formation Office, Marriage Preparation). Currently scheduled weekends are:

January 5-6: Newton, Sacred Heart (registration deadline December 14)
February 9-10: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney (registration deadline February 1)
Future 2008 dates TBA

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

Christian Faith in a Skeptical Time is the theme for the Iowa Faith Formation Conference on March 6-7 in Coralville. Timothy Radcliffe, OP is the featured speaker. Space is limited and we recommend completing the attached registration form immediately and making your reservation at the Coralville Marriott.

MFP Basic Year I Courses 2007-2008

For ICN participants: Classes are from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at ICN locations around the diocese two Saturdays per month. Non-ICN participants review the recorded ICN classes then meet once a month for three hours for small group work. Your schedule is determined by your group and its facilitator. Registration and detailed information is on the diocesan website www.davenportdiocese.org (Libraries, Faith Formation, Ministry Formation Program, Forms).

Dec. 8 & 15: Reconciliation/Anointing-Fr. Ed Dunn March 1 & 15: Eucharist-Dr. Corinne Winter
Jan. 5 & 19: Confirmation-Pat Finan April 5 & 19: Personal/Pastoral Themes-IlaMae Hanisch
Feb. 2 & 16: Catholicism-Fr. Ed Dunn

Credentials may be reviewed to “waive” some course requirements. For more information contact IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org or 641-791-3435.

Liturgical Ministry – MFP Specialization 2007-2008:

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. (See above)

Jan. 12: Liturgical Space, Gale Francione	June 14: Pastoral Care of the Sick / Funerals, Deacon Agnoli
Feb. 9: Parish Devotional Life, Fr. Thom Hennen	June 28: Practicum III, Deacon Agnoli & Patti McTaggart
Feb. 23: Practicum II, Fr. Hennen and Deacon McCoy	July 12: Overview of Other Rites, Deacon McCoy & Tammy Norcross
April 12: Volunteer Liturgical Ministers, Tammy Norcross & Patti McTaggart	Aug. 2: Leading Prayer & Planning Retreats (<i>recommended for SCAP certification</i>), Sr. Joann Kuebrich, Gale Francione, & Tammy Norcross
May 24: Music Ministry, Patti McTaggart & Diane Mahoney	Aug. 16: Practicum IV, Sr. Joann Keubrich, Gale Francione, & Tammy Norcross

Tentative Plans: Ministry Formation Programs 2008-2012

2008-2009: MFP Basic Year II, Catechetical Ministry Specialization
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

ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY, DAVENPORT

Service of Solemn Vespers: December 9, 4:30 p.m. in the University's Christ the King Chapel. Bishop Amos will preside and deliver the homily commemorating the Feast of St. Ambrose of Milan, 4th Century Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

SISTERS OF HUMILITY, DAVENPORT

Earth Charter Inspires Prayers for Peace: Special Mass for Peace every Wednesday, 11:40 a.m., Humility of Mary Center, 820 West Central Park Ave., Davenport. The Sisters are inviting the general public to pray with them for peace and non-violence in the world. On October 13th more than 200 people came away from the Quad City Earth Charter Summit with tremendous spirit and focus on doing what is right. The summit was presented by the Sisters of Humility who are motivated not to let the spirit of the Summit lose its momentum. "The Earth Charter calls us to recognize that peace is the wholeness created by right relationships with our God, oneself, other persons, other cultures, other life, Earth, and the larger whole of which we are a part," said Sr. Roberta Brich, CHM President. There is no need to call ahead. Just come. People of all faiths are welcome.

ST. MARY MONASTERY, ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

Advent Day of Prayer – "Be Filled with the Light of Christ"

December 6, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost \$20 (includes lunch)

A day of reflection, quiet and prayer in preparation for Christmas. Sr. Teresa Ann Harrington, OSB will lead the group.

A New Year's Day of Prayer: "A Fresh Start"

January 5, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Cost: \$25.00 (includes lunch)

Reflect on God's scriptural invitation to begin anew with prayer, reflection and quiet. Sr. Charlotte Sonnevile, OSB, will lead the group.

"Finding Peace in Times of Turmoil"

January 18, 7 p.m. - January 19, 7 p.m. Cost \$80 includes a private room and all meals.

An overnight retreat with Fran & Marilyn Riley and Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB. A TV journalist, a mother of an Iraq casualty and a cancer survivor sharing their journey to peace.

Evening at the Monastery

January 17, 4:45 - 7:45 p.m. Cost \$15.

Enjoy Vespers and dinner with the monastic community followed by 45 minutes of reflection and sharing on Benedictine life led by Sr. Marlene Miller OSB.

All events held at St. Mary Monastery, 2200 88th Ave., Rock Island. Call 309-283-2108 to register or for additional information.

CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH OF EASTERN IOWA AREA

Advent Retreat: December 1, 9:15 a.m. St. Andrew, Blue Grass. Registration requested.

Silent Saturdays: January 18, February 9 and March 15: Humility of Mary Center, Davenport

False Self Film Festivals: January 27, February 24 and March 30: Holy Family Parish, Davenport

For further information regarding these events contact Lolita Dierickx: 563-285-7242.

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.

CHRISTIAN FAITH IN A SKEPTICAL TIME

Presenter:

Timothy Radcliffe, OP

In his book *What Is the Point of Being a Christian?*, Fr. Radcliffe argues for a lively and living Christian faith in a time of skepticism and disbelief.

“What is the point of being a Christian? Are our lives shaped by some ultimate goal that gives them meaning or not?”

“This is a question that haunts many people today. Are we going anywhere? Are we pointed towards any ultimate goal? And if not, then is there any point in anything at all? It is a question which is often not explicit, perhaps because we fear the answer might be negative. It is a question about whether we may dare to hope or not.”

SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 6
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Reception follows

Friday, March 7
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
*Includes morning coffee,
breakfast and lunch*

“This is, potentially, a wonderful moment for Christianity. If we are able to find ways to live and share our Christian hope, then we shall offer something for which the world is thirsting. We have something extraordinary and rare to offer, which is hope stripped of its secular crutches, new and fresh and desirable.”

Come to name and recognize the struggles and stories of today's disciples, to search for hope along the way and to dare believe in a skeptical time.

Conference exhibitors include publishers, book stores, and religious goods stores.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Timothy Radcliffe, a Dominican priest of the English province, has taught scripture and doctrine at Oxford.

From 1992 to 2001, he was the leader for the Dominican order worldwide.

Renowned worldwide as a preacher, retreat director and speaker, he is author of numerous articles and seven books.

