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NEW BACKGROUND CHECK PROCEDURE

Effective July 1, 2013 the Diocese will be implementing a new procedure for performing background checks. Instead of completing paper forms for a background check employees and volunteers will now complete the background information electronically through the VIRTUS Program. To facilitate this transition we are providing training for *school and parish Safe Environment Coordinators (SECs), principals and pastors*. It will be the responsibility of local SECs to inform their employees and volunteers of how to use the VIRTUS Program for online training and background check completion.

Bishop Amos is requiring that the local coordinator of the safe environment (SEC) program attend one of the four half day webinar training sessions. Bishop Amos also highly recommends that pastors attend. The webinar will include information on 1) the new background check procedure, 2) safe environment requirements, 3) VIRTUS Program, 4) compliance issues and 5) the Stonebridge Audit. The sessions will be held as follows:

- **Session 1: Tuesday, June 18: 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.**
 - Register at: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/951212177>
- **Session 2: Thursday, June 20: 12:30 -4:30 p.m.**
 - Register at: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/269184736>
- **Session 3: Monday, June 24: 12:30 -4:30 p.m.**
 - Register at: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/613359280>
- **Session 4: Wednesday, June 26: 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.**
 - Register at: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/658335616>
- **On-Site:** Personnel may also attend onsite at St. Vincent Center, Davenport for any of the sessions. To register contact Laurie Hoefling, hoefling@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4220.

For questions regarding the new background check process or the webinars contact Lynnette Sowell, sowells@davenportdiocese.org, 563-888-4364 or Virginia Trujillo, trujillo@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4230.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT AUDIT

The Safe Environment audit deadline is June 30, 2013. All background checks to be processed must have forms submitted to Char Maaske no later than June 21. If you are unsure as to whether your entity must still submit forms for anyone, contact Lynnette Sowell, 563-888-4364 or sowells@davenportdiocese.org.

COMMUNICATION OFFICE

Webinars: The following “Tuesdays at Two” webinars have been scheduled. Details and registration information will be available as the dates approach.

- Aug. 6: National Alliance for Mental Illness – Kent Ferris, Director of Social Action & Catholic Charities
- Sept. 3: Confirmation – Faith Formation/Liturgy
- Oct. 1: International Students – Virginia Trujillo, Diocesan Schools Office
- Dec. 3: Vocations – Fr. Thom Hennen, Director of Vocations

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

Respect Life Materials: Any parishes interested in receiving a free Respect Life Packet must submit their order request by June 10 to Esmeralda Guerrero, guerrero@davenportdiocese.org. Please include the following information in your e-mail: 1) parish name and address, 2) contact name, 3) contact phone number and 4) contact email address (if not the pastor or office contact).

The Fair Trade Work of Human Hands Spring/Summer 2013 Catalog is now available. To view all the new fair trade crafts or to order a copy go to <http://www.wcv2.com/publication/?m=10169&l=1> or call 800-685-7572.

Fortnight for Freedom: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has called for a second "Fortnight for Freedom" from June 21 to July 4. This is a fourteen day period of prayer, education, and action in support of Religious Freedom. The event begins with the vigil of the Feast of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More and ends with Independence Day. For more information go to <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/fortnight-for-freedom/>.

CCHD Intern: Tony Raya has been selected as the new Catholic Campaign for Human Development Intern for the 2013-2014 school year. He is a junior at St. Ambrose University, Majoring in Exercise Science, Spanish, and Minor in Psychology. Tony will be working with the CCHD funded group [Quad Cities Interfaith](#).

FINANCE OFFICE

Molyneaux Change: Kay Goodwin is no longer at Molyneaux. The new contact for parishes is Lori Burroughs, lorib@moylneaux.com, 563-324-1011.

Reminders:

- Budgets are due August 1
- Fiscal year-end reports will be sent in June and are due August 1: 1) Internal Control Questionnaire, 2) Summary of Financial Data, 3) Finance Council Report
- Workers' Compensation reports will be sent in June and are also due August 1
- Balance Sheet and Income Statements for year end 6/30/13 and 6/30/12 as well as budget for fiscal year ending June 2014 need to be provided to parishioners.

Facilities Inspections: Authorize a person to be in charge of Buildings and Grounds on an ongoing basis. Have this person begin by walking the grounds and exterior of buildings. Develop a list of problems that need to be addressed. List what you see and its condition and then prioritize the work or projects. Roofs, concrete, asphalt and landscaping are the first things that take the toll of winter. The first priority should be for the safety of parishioners and visitors and to reduce the risk. Roofs should be the next item to be inspected. Repairs are a must to prevent water infiltration into buildings. This is also the time of year to start those larger projects that need to be completed prior to the start of winter 2013. That would be heating systems, roofing systems, windows, etc.

LITURGY OFFICE

Holy Hour for the Year of Faith: On June 2, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Pope Francis will be celebrating an hour of Eucharistic Adoration in St. Peter's Basilica at 5:00 p.m. Rome time. The Holy Father has asked that bishops around the world do the same, so Bishop Amos will celebrate Vespers with Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction at 5:00 p.m. our time at Sacred Heart Cathedral. All are invited.

David Haas Concert and Workshop

Concert: Friday, September 27, 7:30 p.m., St. John Vianney Church, Bettendorf. David will connect his inspiring music to the good news of Vatican II. Fee: \$15 (students and seniors); \$20 (adults) \$25 (at the door). Scholarships are available. Proceeds to benefit Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat, Wheatland.

Liturgy Workshop: Saturday, September 28, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., St. John Vianney Church, Bettendorf. Liturgists, church musicians, and choirs are invited to join David Haas to explore inspiring music of Vatican II. David will share his lively compositions and his 40 years of creating sacred music. Lunch and handouts provided. Fee: \$20 (students); \$25 (adults).

To register contact Sr. Rae Elwood, 563-336-8414, olpretreat@gmail.com or Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat, 820 West Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804. Make checks payable to Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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, Victim Assistance Coordinator: 563-349-5002, vacdav@attglobal.net or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Marriage Preparation: The Diocese of Davenport offers several marriage preparation program formats. **One day, Weekend** (two day) and **Online**.

Dates for Weekend and One-day

- August 10-11, 2013: Mt. Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, *registration deadline is August 2*
- October 12-13, 2013: Muscatine, Ss. Mary & Mathias, *registration deadline is October 4*
- January 25, 2014: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, *registration deadline is January 17 (space is limited so register early)*
- February 22, 2014: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, *registration deadline is February 14 (space is limited so register early)*
- Additional dates and locations for 2014 are still being arranged.

The fee, for both the One day and Weekend format, is \$125 per couple. The registration form and more information can be found on the diocesan website at

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Marriage%20and%20Family.htm>. If you have questions, contact Barb Butterworth, 563-888-4240, butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org or IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org.

Online

This online program has been approved by the Diocese of Davenport as a formal marriage preparation program. Information on the program can be found at

<http://www.marriageministries.com/courses/catholic-marriage-prep-class/>.

To register, pay and have access to the online class go to <http://www.catholicmarriageprepclass.com/>. The online class fee is \$195 per couple.

Marriage and Parenting Resource: Attached is the June issue of “Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers.” This is produced by Susan Vogt and she has excellent resources to support couples and families:

<http://www.susanvogt.net/index.html>.

Upcoming Youth Events/Retreats/Rallies:

- June 8-10, 2013: [Teens Encounter Christ \(TEC\)](#) – retreat for high school juniors and seniors, St. Mary, Solon
- June 17-21, 2013: [Notre Dame Vision](#) (week one) – Notre Dame, IN
- June 30-July 2, 2013: [Catholics in Action \(CIA\)](#) – service retreat for high school youth, Regina Catholic Education Center, Iowa City
- July 15-19, 2013: [Notre Dame Vision](#) (week four) – Notre Dame, IN
- October 27, 2013: [High School Youth Rally](#) – Marriott, Coralville
- November 21-23, 2013: [NCYC](#) – Indianapolis, IN

For information about these youth ministry events and resources go to [Youth Ministry Davenport Diocese](#) (<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Youth%20Ministry.htm>) or contact Barb Butterworth, butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org.

SISTERS OF HUMILITY, DAVENPORT

2013 Jubilee Celebration: The Congregation of the Humility of Mary (CHM) will celebrate the Jubilees of six vowed sisters at a special Mass of celebration at Christ the King Chapel, St. Ambrose University Campus in Davenport on Sunday, June 30 at 2:00 pm. Rev. Msgr. Francis Henricksen will be the principal celebrant at the liturgy honoring the following Jubilarians: Sister Corrine Foley – 75 years, Sister Marie Ven Horst (M. Helene) – 75 years, Sister Marita Bartholome – 70 Years, Sister Charlene Olear – 70 Years, Sister Marcia Costello – 60 Years, and Sister Elizabeth Thoman – 50 Years.

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS, CLINTON

Covering Ground to Ground the Drones: June 8, 3:00 p.m. at the Canticle, 841 13th Ave N, Clinton. Free and open to the public. The Sisters of St. Francis, through their Center for Active Nonviolence and Peacemaking, will be hosting American peace activist Kathy Kelly, along with Brian Terrell and British peace activist Maya Evans. They will give a presentation about the impact of drone warfare on thousands of innocent lives, as well as their upcoming walk from Rock Island, Illinois to Des Moines, Iowa, in protest of the drone command center.

Kathy Kelly is a co-coordinator of Voices for Creative Nonviolence, whose work has taken her to many war zones, including Nicaragua, Bosnia, Lebanon, Haiti, Pakistan, Gaza and Afghanistan. She has been nominated several times for the Nobel Peace Prize, and was the 2012 recipient of the Clare Award from the Clinton Franciscans.

Brian Terrell is a founder of the Strangers and Guests Catholic Worker Farm in Maloy, Iowa, and has taken a strong stand against the future of drones and ongoing war. He was released recently from federal prison, having served six months in Yankton, South Dakota, after protesting the United States drone program.

Maya Evans was arrested in October 2005, after she refused to stop reading the names of British soldiers killed in Iraq aloud, in front of a London war memorial. Upon her recent return from Afghanistan, she received the Peter Duffy Award for her stand in support of fundamental rights of peaceful protest and freedom of speech.

For information contact: Laura Anderson, 563-242-7611

CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH OF EASTERN IOWA

Centering Prayer Practitioners are invited to attend the following:

- Silent Saturdays: June 15, July 13, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 16, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Humility of Mary Center, Davenport
- Fall Retreat: Aug. 31, Our Lady of the Prairie, Wheatland
- Advent Retreat: Dec. 7, St. Andrew, Blue Grass
- Local support groups are also available.

“Taste of Silence” 10-Day Cruise: January 12, 2014 with Fr. Carl Arico. For information contact Deacon Ray Defendorf, deaconray@stny.rr.com or 607-426-1100.

For information on any of the above call Lolita Dierickx, 563-285-7242.

ST. PIUS X, ROCK ISLAND, IL

Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose with Matthew Kelly: November 2, 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Being a Dynamic Catholic means knowing how to apply the incredible genius of Catholicism to our everyday lives. Most Catholics feel inadequate about doing this so one day events have been created to change that. Doors open at 7:30 a.m., music begins at 8 a.m. There will be two breaks, but no food or drinks will be served. Registration fee is \$39 and includes materials. To register and for more information go to www.dynamiccatholic.com.

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE RETREAT, WHEATLAND

Visit www.chmiowa.org to learn more about Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat. For direct inquiries: 563-336-8414 or olpretreat@gmail.com.

Taize' Vigil Service

Sun., June 2, 5pm

Taize is an ecumenical movement, drawing Christians of all denominations together in unified and compassionate prayer. Friends of the Prairie and churches of all faith traditions in the area are invited to participate. Supper following. Free will offering.

Summer Come to the Quiet

Wed., June 5, 9:30am – 3:30pm

Come to the Quiet and savor solitude, nutritious food and the glory of summer at The Prairie. Fee: \$20

Gospel Stories of Compassion

June 14-15 – Fri., 7pm – Sat., 4pm

John McHugh

The Gospels speak of a Jesus who has incredible compassion for a widow at the city gate, a woman who has been ill for 12 years and a father whose son needs healing. Join John McHugh as he explores the stories of tender compassion in the Gospels. Fee: \$100

A Week in Retreat

June 14-20 – Fri., 7pm – Thurs., 10am

Begin the week with reflection on the Gospel stories of compassion; continue your own days of quiet reflection or sharing with a guide. (Spiritual Direction, \$50/session). Nutritious, locally grown food provided throughout the week. Fee: \$375

Spiritual Pilgrimage

June 21-22 – Fri., 7pm – Sat. 3pm

Pastor Dianne Prichard, Community Church of Toronto, Iowa

Develop a greater sensitivity to God's presence and inspiration, learn basic spiritual disciplines to nurture your relationship with God, and experience ways to read Scripture. Includes lodging, nutritious locally grown meals, speaker input and time for quiet walks. Fee: \$100

EAGLES' WINGS COUNSELING AND RETREAT CENTERS, DAVENPORT

To register, for questions or information about obtaining a spiritual director, or Christian counseling contact Marcia Moore, marcia@eagleswings.ws or 563-324-7263, <http://www.eagleswings.ws>. Located at 5816 Telegraph Rd., Davenport.

Icon Workshop: Monday, June 24-Friday, June 28 (possibly part of Sat.), 9:00 a. m. - 4:30 p. m. Iconographer Leanne Spacek will be teaching this class. The Icon we will be writing will be "Mother of Mercy, Gate of the Dawn". Icons have been called "a window into heaven". You will be drawn into a deeper relationship and love for Mary as you peer into the mystery of mercy. No artistic ability is needed. Call Cyndi Jarvis for reservation, 563-323-9945. Registration: \$300. Space is very limited. \$100 will reserve a place.

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER/ST. MARY MONASTERY, ROCK ISLAND, IL

All events held at Benet House Retreat Center, 2200 88th Avenue West, Rock Island, IL 61201-7649. To register, contact Sr. Jackie Walsh at 309-283-2108 or retreats@smmsisters.org.

Women's Retreat: Seeing With New Eyes – A Woman's Spiritual Journey

Fri., June 21, 7 pm-Sun., June 23, 1 pm. Much has been written about what happened at the second Vatican Council since the celebration of the 50th anniversary began. During this weekend, we will engage in trying to reclaim insights of the Council by taking a deeper look at the documents that gave us hope for renewal. We will do this through reading, prayer and discussion. Presenter: Sr. Marilyn Ring, OSB. Registration: \$175 (private room), \$160 (shared room).

SHALOM RETREAT CENTER, DUBUQUE

To register call 563-582-3592 or send check payable to Shalom Retreat Center with your contact information to: 1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001. www.shalomretreats.org, info@shalomretreats.org

Who Do You Say That I Am? Longer Retreat

Sunday, June 9, 5:00 p.m. – Saturday, June 15, 9:30 a.m.

Director: Don Goergen OP, Dominican priest, preacher, teacher, author; Teaches at Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, MO; Author of many articles and ten books, the most recent being “The Fire of Love: Encountering the Holy Spirit”. We will consider together our life in Christ. Who is the Jesus of the New Testament? Who is Jesus for us today? Why did Christ come? What does it mean to be his disciples? How do we put on the mind of Christ? What is Christ consciousness? We will think together, pray together, and be together in silence. Daily Eucharistic liturgy. Offering: \$400. \$75 Deposit.

Jesus – Through a 21st Century Lens Longer Retreat

Sunday, June 23, 5:00 p.m. – Saturday, June 29, 9:30 a.m.

Director: Michael Morwood - From Australia, is presently Theologian in Residence at Kirkridge Retreat Center in Bangor, Pennsylvania; Author of many books, including *Tomorrow's Catholic: Understanding God and Jesus in a New Millennium*; *Praying a New Story* and *From Sand to Solid Ground*. Over 40 years' experience in retreat work and adult faith education. The 21st century provides us with images, data and an understanding of the cosmos and how life developed on earth that are radically different from the worldview and cosmology which have shaped formal religion's understanding of Jesus as revealer of God-with-us. We will use this “lens” to focus on God, on the human endeavor, on revelation, on Judaism, on Jesus and his message of the “kingdom of God” here on earth, on what Jesus was ready to die for, on the mystery of what lies beyond death, and on prayer and sacraments. Daily Eucharistic liturgy. Offering: \$400. \$75 deposit.

Seraphic Love: The Franciscan Way Longer Retreat

Sunday, June 30, 5:00 p.m. – Saturday, July 6, 9:30 a.m.

Director: Ramona Miller OSF - Wide experience in pastoral ministry-parishes/retreat centers; Served 25 years on Franciscan Pilgrimage team; Past-president of the Franciscan Federation; Author of *In the Footsteps of Saint Clare*, and co-author of *Praying With Clare of Assisi*. Franciscans are members of the Seraphic Order, religious whose Love for God enflames their hearts for prayer and for ministry. Two conferences each day will incorporate Scripture, and excerpts from the writings of Francis, Clare and Bonaventure. Daily Eucharistic liturgy. Offering: \$400. \$75 deposit.

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	Directors/Coordinators of Faith Formation
Parishes	Catholic Foundation Board	Sisters	RCIA Parish Contacts	Diocesan Liturgical Commission
Priests	Parish Lay Directors	Bookkeepers	Diocesan Board of Education	Diocesan Planning Commission
Seminarians	Diocesan Pastoral Council	Principals	Parish Life Coordinators	

Other interested persons are welcome to subscribe. If you have questions regarding your subscription contact Laurie Hoefling, hoefling@davenportdiocese.org.

Marriage Moments & Parenting Pointers

June 2013

If you are a pastoral minister or marriage and family educator, you are welcome to reprint these in bulletins, your church or agency website, or other similar resource as long as you use the credit line: "by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net". If you use these on a website, please also link to my website. You may also send these out to your own database. Please abide by the following:

1. Send e-mails only to people who request it, i.e. "opt in"
2. Use the entire quote.
3. Include the credit line: "by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net"

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MARRIAGE MOMENTS

523. June 3: "This is my body that is for you." (1 Cor 11:23) Christ gives his body to us in the Eucharist. Spouses give their bodies to each other in the marital act of intimacy. Cherish and honor each other's body. Although we don't have complete control over our health, do what is possible to keep your body healthy for your beloved.

524. June 10: "Do not weep!" (Lk 7:15) There are many things to be truly sad about - the death or injury of a parent, spouse, child, or dear friend. We weep; and that is human. But the presence and touch of those who love us can comfort us and eventually soften the weeping. How do you comfort your beloved when hard things cause him or her to weep.

525. June 17: How does your life honor your father? What's one positive thing you learned from your father about life? Share this part of your history with your spouse. You might also acknowledge the fathers who come by their role indirectly (foster and adoptive fathers, fathers-in-law, step fathers, and those who have been like a father to you. What have you learned from them. Honor an honorary father this week.

526. June 24: A good argument can be a labor of love. Have something sensitive or difficult to talk about with your spouse? Try holding hands and maintaining direct eye contact when you are having a discussion about a disagreement.

PARENTING POINTERS

523. June 7: The 1st week in June is National Barefoot week. Go barefoot with your child this weekend for an hour or a day. Feel the grass, dirt, stones, or pavement under your feet and delight in it together. Remember those who don't have shoes. [Soles 4 Souls](#) can help you help others.

524. June 14: Delayed gratification is one of the most important life skills you can teach your child. Find a way to model this skill for your child today - waiting for a treat, doing a chore before relaxing, waiting for a friend to arrive, waiting to open a present...

525. June 21: Parents try hard to raise their children well. It takes a lot of effort and time. Even the best kids sometimes disappoint their parents. Even the best parents sometimes disappoint themselves. How have you been disappointed? Forgive your child and yourself today. It's OK.

526. June 28: 4-year-old Maya had an earache. She tried in vain to take the lid off an aspirin bottle. Seeing her frustration, her Mom explained it was a childproof cap and Mom would have to open it for her. Eyes wide with wonder, Maya asked, "How does it know it's me?" Sometimes our kids are the humor we need.