

ANNUAL PARISH CORPORATE BOARD MEETING

All pastors and lay directors (trustees) are to attend this meeting as required by the parish's by-laws. This meeting will be held on Sunday, September 23, 2:00 p.m. or Tuesday, September 25, 7:00 p.m. The Corporate Board meeting will be held in each deanery via the internet using GoToMeeting. Sites will be announced at a later date as well as the agenda. Members of the parish corporate board are the Bishop, Vicar General, pastor and two lay directors. It is pertinent that all members attend.

FINANCE OFFICE

Certified OSHA Training: Registration deadline is August 6. A minimum number is needed, which has not been met yet, so please register. This training will be held on August 23 (all day) and continue the morning of the 24th at St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. A designated Safety Person from each parish and school must have this training. There has been a positive response from the previous trainings so if you have not had someone from your parish/school attend please send your representative. A parish may send more than one person to be trained. This training is provided by Molyneaux Insurance and GuideOne. To register or for questions contact Char Maaske, maaske@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4365.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

Food, Faith, and Climate: The Challenge of Living Sustainably: Aug. 23, 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Des Moines, sponsored by Iowa Interfaith Power and Light. During the conference a new program, "Food, Faith, and Climate" will be launched to help people of faith connect the dots between their faith, their food choices, and climate change – and how we can lower our carbon "foodprint." Registration is \$35 and includes continental breakfast, lunch, and a resource kit for each participant. For more information and to register go to <http://www.iowaipl.org/calendar.html>.

Respect Life Materials: For those who ordered parish packets they will be mailed directly to the parish the end of August/early September. If your parish missed the notice to order, a few extras are available on a first-come-first-served basis. Contact Loxi Hopkins at 563-888-4212. Materials will be available soon at the USCCB website.

St. Vincent's Home Corporation Grant: For consideration at the October board meeting applications must be postmarked by September 15. Applicants are to be located within the 22 counties of the Diocese of Davenport or serve children within the Diocese of Davenport. The grant application and grant criteria can be found at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sastvincenthomecorporation.htm#applygrants>.

All organizations that work with children must document their efforts to perform background checks on employees and volunteers that work or have direct contact with children in order to be eligible for funding. If an organization received a grant in the past a Progress Report must also be submitted by September 15. An application for new funding will not be considered until the Progress Report has been submitted. For questions call the Office of Social Action, 563-888-4212.

2012 Pacem in Terris Award Ceremony: Sunday, September 16, 2:00 p.m. at Christ the King Chapel, St. Ambrose University, Davenport. Kim Bobo will receive the award for her local and national actions to mobilize people of faith in the battle to improve wages, benefits and conditions for workers in the low-wage economy. Go to <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sapaceminterris.htm> for more information.

Iowa Institute for Social Action: The 19th annual Iowa Institute for Social Action will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6 at St. Theresa Parish, Des Moines. Bishop Richard Pates will be the keynote speaker on the topic, "Threats to World Peace and the Church's Response." There will also be a variety of breakout sessions on the social concerns of the Church. Further details will be forthcoming. Please see/use the attached flyer for local promotion.

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

Catholic Household Blessings and Prayer Book has prayers for sending your children/youth/young adults back to school/college/work. Publish by United States Catholic Bishops Publishing, www.usccbpublishing.org.

Parenting Website: “*The family is to serve life, both physically by bringing children into the world, and spiritually by handing on values and traditions as well as developing the potential of each member to serve life at every age.*” *Familiaris Consortio*, 21. An excellent website for parenting, an extension of Boys Town, may be found at www.parenting.org. This website has valuable resources, articles and stories that offer parenting help in today’s world. It is easy to use with quick tabs to search by age of children/youth or by topic. To review *Common Sense Parenting* or for other family life information contact IlaMae Hanisch, 641-791-3435 or hanisch@davenportdiocese.org.

Three Ministry Formation Programs are being offered this fall. These are great opportunities for anyone interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church and in growing in their faith. Many participants are active in their parish in volunteer roles or are interested in becoming more active. They lead scripture study groups, are on the CEW team, teach faith formation, prepare young people for Confirmation, are dedicated to service projects, or journey with adults as they are initiated into the Catholic Church. Some participants are in part-time or full-time parish ministry and are being trained for specific roles. There are many reasons why people join the MFP (Ministry Formation Program). It is adult faith formation designed to be convenient, theologically sound, and comprehensive in its curriculum.

Course listings are in the attached flyer *MFP Courses 2012-2013*. This page can also found on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org [Chancery>Faith Formation>Lay Ministry (MFP)].

Information and application forms for these programs will be available on the diocesan website soon. You may also contact IlaMae Hanisch, program coordinator hanisch@davenportdiocese.org or 641-791-3435.

Marriage and Parenting Resource: Attached to this issue is the newsletter, “Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers.” This is produced by Susan Vogt and she has excellent resources to support couples and families. You have permission to reprint these in your parish bulletins. Please include web address and information for those who want to read more written by Susan on these family life topics. Go to her website to review her ample resources: <http://www.susanvogt.net/index.html>.

Marriage Preparation Weekend:

August 11-12: Mount Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, *registration deadline is August 3*

November 17-18: Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias, *registration deadline is November 9*

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January 26-27: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, *registration deadline is January 18* (space is limited so register early)

February 23-24: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, *registration deadline is February 15* (space is limited so register early)

April 27-28: Williamsburg, St. Mary, *registration deadline is April 19*

June, Aug. and Nov.: TBA

New
dates

The registration form is on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org (Chancery>Faith Formation>Marriage and Family). Registration is \$125 per couple. For more information contact Barb Butterworth, 563-888-4240 or butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org or IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org.

A Natural Family Planning three-part series will be held September 17, October 15 and November 19. All sessions will take place in the Fanning Room at Mercy Medical Plaza, Iowa City. Persons attending are asked to sign up online at www.ccli.org. For more information contact the Pastoral Care office at Mercy Hospital, 319-339-3556 or the course instructors, Gary and Geralyn Ward, 319-360-4964. Sessions are sponsored by Mercy Hospital and the Couple to Couple League.

The Infertility Companion for Catholics - Spiritual and Practical Support for Couples: Written by Angelique Ruhi-López and Carmen Santamaria and published by Ave Maria Press, www.avemariapress.com. One in six couples in the United States experience infertility. Catholic couples often face additional confusion, worry, and frustration as they explore available medical options. Just published this new resource is comprehensive, compassionate, and Catholic!

Some of the chapters included are: *Reproductive Technology and the Catholic Church, Treatment Options for Catholics, Infertility's Effect on Marriage, A Male Perspective on Infertility, The Loss of Miscarriage, and How Family and Friends Can Help.*

This is not only a great resource for couples, but for parish nurses, pastors, deacons, parish life coordinators, pastoral associates, bereavement support teams and Elizabeth Ministry program directors. To review a copy before you order contact IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org or 641-791-3435.

“**All Things Are Possible!**” is the theme of the diocesan young adult conference to be held Saturday, October 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at St. Patrick’s in Iowa City. Our keynoter is nationally known speaker and Assumption High (Davenport) graduate Pat Millea. The day also will include thought-provoking breakout sessions, Mass, and plenty of opportunities to eat, have fun and pray with other young adult Catholics!

Catholic Young Adult Network (CYAN) is a new collaboration of leaders working to provide opportunities for young adults (ages 18-39) in our diocese to know, love, and serve God. For more information, e-mail: davenportcyan@gmail.com, call Kathryn Churchill at 319-631-8638, like us on Facebook or [visit our website](#).

“Made to Serve,” is the theme of our diocesan **High School Youth Rally** to be held Sunday, Oct. 21, at the Coralville Marriott. Our keynoter will be John Donahue-Grossman, and the day also will include breakout sessions, great food, Mass with Bishop Amos and much more. For more information [visit our website](#).

The 2012 Diocesan **Junior High Youth Rally** will be held Sunday, March 17, at Regina Catholic Education Center in Iowa City. The keynote act will be 5thousand.

Retreat Dates:

- Feb. 16-18: Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) retreat for high school juniors and seniors at St. Joseph, DeWitt
- March 2-3: Quest Retreat for high school freshmen and sophomores, location TBA
- March 8-10: Christ in Others (COR) retreat for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors at St. Joseph, DeWitt
- March 15-17: Christ in Others (COR) retreat for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors at Holy Trinity Parish in Keota
- June 8-10: Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) retreat for high school juniors and seniors, location TBA
- June 30-July 2: Catholics in Action service retreat for high school youth, location TBA

For information about these and other youth ministry events and resources, go to www.davenportyouth.org or contact Pat Finan at finan@davenportdiocese.org or 641-842-5148.

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, 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.

The Word Among Us: Read, reflect, pray and share with other committed Christians seeking to grow in reflecting on the challenges of Scripture for everyday life. We share a new book each month. Presenter: Sr. Charlotte Sonnevile, OSB; 2 Mondays each month, Aug. 27; Sept. 10 & 17; 6:45-8:15 pm; Fee: \$65 for the series or \$5/session & cost of books. For more information call 309-283-2109.

Centering Prayer: Join others in a weekly practice of this method for fostering a deeper relationship with God. Leader: Sr. Catherine Cleary, OSB; Wednesdays beginning Sept. 5, 1-2 pm; Free Will Offering

Friday Night at the Movies: Popcorn and a good movie followed by insightful conversation. Come and enjoy a relaxing Friday evening following your busy week. Join Sr. Bobbi who has chosen four movies with spiritual messages from the last four decades. Participate every time or as often as your schedule allows. Presenter: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB, MA Religious Education and 8 years experience as Vocation Director. 6-9 pm; Fee: \$5/session. Sept. 7: Places of the Heart (1984); Nov. 9: City of Joy (1992); Jan. 18: Freedom Writers (2007); Mar. 22: Made in Dagenham (2010).

Book Discussion: Many Christians remember being taught to avoid sin and “the near occasions of sin.” Richard Rohr’s book, *Near Occasions of Grace*, stresses the positive. It invites attentiveness to the mystery of God’s presence in everyday experiences. We’ll begin by sharing such moments in our own lives, and then do some reading to enhance our experience and understanding. Books may be ordered after the first session if desired. Facilitator: Sr. Helen Carey, OSB. Thursdays Sept. 13, 27; Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 8; 9:30-11 am; Fee: \$5/session or \$20 for the series.

Evening At The Monastery: Enjoy Vespers and dinner with the monastic community followed by reflection and sharing on Scripture and the monastic way of life. Presenter: Sr. Margaret Murphy, OSB. Thurs. Sept. 20, 4:45-7:45 pm; Fee: \$15

Women’s Body, Mind, Spirit Retreat: Journey to the Heart: This twenty-four hour retreat will explore how our relaxed mind, body and spirit all enable us to go deeper into our heart to ponder God’s presence within us. Prayer, presentations, discussions, and quiet time are built into the schedule. Chair massage is optional. Presenter: Sr. Mary Schmidt, OSB. Friday, Sept. 21, 7 pm-Sat. Sept. 22, 7 pm; Fee: \$105 (private room), \$97 (shared room)

Muslim/Jewish/Christian Women’s Dialogue: Under the Tent of Abraham: Join with other Quad City women for conversation, sharing stories, laughter, building trust and friendship. Come and bring friends. For more information call Sr. Catherine Cleary, OSB: 309-283-2118. To be held at the Moline Mosque, 6005 – 34th Avenue, Moline. Mondays, Sept. 24 and Oct. 1, 7-8:30 pm; Free Will Offering

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.

August 10: Vision Divina: New Way to Pray: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Join us for a day exploring the visual arts and how reflecting on an image can bring spiritual insight. We will explore “Divine Seeing” together. Fee: \$20

August 14: Late-summer in the Quiet: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Experience the warmth and beauty of the fullness of summer at The Prairie. Spend a lazy hazy day in quiet and reflection. Fee: \$20

August 15: Knit One, Pray Too!: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

The rhythmic nature of knitting encourages contemplation and invites openness to the Spirit. Bring size 11 or 13 knitting needles, 3-6 oz. skeins of yarn (or special project in progress), and join us as we create a prayer shawl, scarf or special gift for someone in need of comfort. We will knit and pray together, share “yarns” of our individual journeys, and enjoy the beauty at The Prairie. Fee: \$20

August 17-19: Weaving Prayers and Baskets: Fri. 7:00 pm - Sun. Noon

Learn simple basket weaving technique in the context of prayer and meditation. Several baskets will be made. Materials provided. No experience necessary. Fee: \$200

August 20 and 21 (select one) – Journeying With Jesus Through Human Desires & Holy Longings

Mon. or Tues. 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

As Romans 7 describes, we wrestle with confusing desires, longings and “dark nights” in our spiritual journeys. How do we find the “Elijah’s jug” of sustenance as we walk through life’s struggles? We will use Scripture to seek out God’s anchoring Passion in human passions. Fee: \$30

September 11 – Walking for Spirit

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Discover how walking can lead to inner peace while exploring the nature trails and labyrinth at The Prairie Retreat. Rain or shine. Bring water bottle and good walking shoes. Fee: \$20

September 18 – Fall Come to the Quiet

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Experience the crisp September air at The Prairie. The day is yours to shape as you will after a brief introduction to mindfulness. Fee: \$20

September 26 – Jean Vanier & Henry Nouwen

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

We will listen to and learn from Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche and Henri Nouwen, spiritual writer and member of L'Arche community in Canada. Focus will be on what is most essential: relationships with Jesus and others. The day includes prayer, input and personal reflection." Essential Writings by J. Vanier" and "Essential Henri Nouwen" books included in fee. Fee: \$30

Or come for a personal day of quiet at the Prairie. Kathleen Storms, SSND is available for spiritual direction. Call to set up an appointment: 563-374-1092.

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

Serenity Retreat Weekend (designed for those in AA/Al-Anon/anyone in recovery)

Friday, Sept. 7, 7:00pm – Sunday, Sept. 9, 1:00pm

Director: Allan R. Smith

This powerful and exciting Serenity Retreat will be based on the themes of FORGIVENESS and RECONCILIATION, as these subjects touch our lives every day. Topics include an actual method of forgiveness and powerful hints on how to make relationships more life giving and the consequences of not forgiving. Sunday Eucharist. Offering: \$165. Commuter: \$145. Register by Aug. 31.

Days of Quiet & Prayer

Book: *Jesus: Uncovering the Life, Teachings and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary* by Marcus J. Borg
Wednesdays, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec 12. 9:30am - 2:30pm (9:15am cont. breakfast). Facilitator: Eileen Miller OSF. Offering: \$75/series of four - includes book, programs, materials, meal & private room. Register by Aug. 30.

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		

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

Threats to World Peace and the Church's Response

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DATE!

Registration will soon be
available at
www.iowasocialaction.org



Keynote Speaker:

**Bishop Richard E. Pates,
Chair of the USCCB Committee on
International Justice and Peace**

*Saturday, October 6, 2012
St. Theresa Church – Des Moines, Iowa*

The public is welcome and invited to attend. The Iowa Institute for Social Action is sponsored by the Catholic dioceses of Iowa and the Iowa Catholic Conference.



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Bishop Richard E. Pates, ninth bishop of the Diocese of Des Moines, will be the keynote speaker for the 19th annual Iowa Institute for Social Action.

Bishop Pates was elected by his fellow bishops to be the chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on International Justice and Peace. The committee assists the bishops in advancing the social mission of the Church on international justice and peace through policy development, advocacy, education, outreach and acts of ecclesial solidarity. The committee advises the bishops on international public policy issues as well, especially integral human development, human rights, religious freedom and peace. In his role as chairperson, Bishop Pates has authored statements and letters on the banning of landmines, federal budget decisions, the 2012 Farm Bill, and nuclear arms reduction.

**Breakout sessions will feature the latest
information on the social concerns
of the Church.**



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Marriage Moments & Parenting Pointers

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I offer you these tidbits of wisdom as prayer prompts to remind you (and your constituents) of the sacredness of marriage vows and the value of every child. The commitment to love a spouse forever, and the generous gift of life parents offer a child are indeed spiritual undertakings and cannot be done alone. May the God of Love be with you and your work.

***FOR MORE** extended marriage and parenting articles, plus archived Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers, go to: www.SusanVogt.net

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

480. Aug. 6: "The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses." (Ex 16:2) It's tempting to grumble against one's spouse, or even God, when things aren't going well. An occasional grumble can be an OK way to let off steam, but try to balance it with expressions of gratitude.

481. Aug. 13: As desired as children usually are in a marriage, they also bring stress. Don't let arguments over child discipline sap your energy and alienate you from each other. Take a break. Build a list of a few reliable sitters or friends.

482. Aug. 20: "Live, not as foolish persons but as wise." (Eph 5:15) Who is the wisest (not smartest) living person you know? Who is the most foolish? Do you and your spouse share the same opinion of these people?

483. Aug. 27: Balancing couple, parent, work, and personal time is a challenge in marriage. Which one gets the least attention in your marriage? Fix it.

PARENTING POINTERS

479. Aug. 3: Are your kids spoiled? Too many sweets or toys? Do they complain about doing reasonable chores? It's hard to know how much is too much. Many parents err on the side of too much. Read Elizabeth Kolber's article, [Spoiled Rotten](#), for comparison.

480. Aug. 10: "Whoever... teaches the commandments will be called great in the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:19) To instruct the uninformed is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy. Parents do this daily by word and action. Pick a commandment to focus on today.

481. Aug. 17: [How to "parent" an adult child](#) - You may still have plenty of wisdom to be shared with your 20-30 something but are they able to hear it. Learn to practice "Silence of Words," a virtue that trains you when to speak and when to bite your tongue.

482. Aug. 24: "The best message that parents can send children is 'I love you but I expect you to behave properly.'" (Mary Pipher) Parents get tired and it's tempting to overlook bad behavior because it takes energy to hold our children accountable. Summon up an ounce of energy the next time you need to hold your child accountable.

483. Aug. 31: Is there a vowed religious (sister or brother) who has taught, helped, or inspired you? Tell your child about it. Nuns need our support these days and we must remember how they have educated, healed, and served the least of God's people.

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Ministry Formation Programs
**Calendar 2012-2013
Courses and Instructors**

	MFP Yr II English	MFP Yr II Español	CATECHETICAL
Month/Year	Chancery 3rd floor conference room 9:00 am-4:00 pm	St. James-Washington 3:00 pm-6:00 pm	Practicum: Chancery 2nd floor conference room 9:30 am-3:00pm Online Courses: VLCFF https://vlc.udayton.edu
October 2012	Oct 6 St. James-Washington Retreat & Commissioning	Oct 6 St. James-Washington Oración Retiro Sr. Jane McCarthy, OSF	Oct 6 St. James-Washington Retreat & Commissioning
October 2012	Oct 20 Moral Themes-Dr. Corinne Winter	Oct 28 Spirituality-Rev. Ed O'Melia	Oct 14-Nov 17 (5 wks) Intro to Catechesis Univ of Dayton On line
November 2012	Nov 3 Moral Themes-Dr. Corinne Winter Nov. 17 Spirituality- IlaMae Hanisch	Nov 18 Canon Law-Rev. Rudy Juarez	
December 2012	Dec 1, 15 Old Testament-Dr. Micah Kiel	No class	Dec 1 Practicum Catechetical Certification Mary Wieser
January 2013	Jan 5, 19 Theology-Rev. Ed Dunn	No class	Jan 13-Feb 16 (5 wks) Faith and Human Dev Univ of Dayton On line
February 2013	Feb 2, 16 New Testament-Dr. Micah Kiel	No class	
March 2013	Mar 2 Legal (Canon)-Rev. Wm Reynolds Mar 16 Legal (Civil)-Dc. Wm Olson	Mar 17 New Testament- Rev. Dennis Martin	Mar 3-23 (3 wks) OHWB Adult Faith Formation Univ of Dayton On Line
April 2013	Apr 6, 20 Liturgy-Dc. Frank Agnoli	Apr 7 Theology-Rev. Ed Dunn	Apr 7-May 11 (5 wks) Comprehensive Youth Ministry Univ of Dayton On line
May 2013	May 4 Catechetical-Pat Finan	May 19 Moral-Rev. Joseph Sia	
June 2013		June 23 Old Testament-Rev. Bernie Weir	June 22 Practicum Catechetical Models, Methods, and Resources IlaMae Hanisch
July 2013		July 21 Liturgy-Rev. Rudy Juarez	July 20 Practicum Designing a Catechetical Plan Pat Finan
August 2013		Aug 4 Catechesis-Rev. Troy Richmond	Aug 3 Practicum Catechetical Leadership, Supervision, Management IlaMae Hanisch