

BISHOP AMOS

Thank you to those who attended the Parish Corporate Board Meetings on September 14 and 16. Several resources were suggested that parishes might find helpful for evaluating their Six Areas of Ministry and their parish life.

1. *Rebuilt*, www.rebuiltparish.com. This is all based on a parish north of Washington, D.C. They have books, tools for rebuilding, videos, resources and podcast.
2. Paulist Evangelization Ministries, www.pemdc.org has many resources. You might be interested in their program, *Best Practices for Parishes*, a self-study and action planning tool. (They use seven areas of ministry.)

The video that was shown during the meeting depicting parish representatives speaking about one of the six ministry areas can be accessed at this You Tube link:

<http://youtu.be/7eumNIJCXZw?list=PLvo3gXe1sySWEJrwFnxIBfhwadbNRcNUj>.

Also at this You Tube site are six different videos depicting members from diocesan parishes speaking about one of the Six Ministry areas in their parish(es). Featured parishes are:

Sacred Heart, Newton	Holy Family, Davenport	St. Mary, Albia
SS. Mary Mathias, Muscatine	St. Joseph, DeWitt	St. Joseph, Columbus Junction
St. Anthony, Davenport	St. Mary, Solon	Our Lady of the River, LeClaire
St. John Vianney, Bettendorf	Cluster parishes of St. Mary, Lone Tree/St. Mary, Nichols/St. Joseph, Hills	

COMMUNICATION OFFICE

We have been notified that CatholicWeb.com will be discontinuing their Web hosting services on February 28, 2015. If you are using this service to host your parish website please make arrangements to transfer your website to another hosting provider prior to their March 1 2015 shutdown. For more information on the shutdown contact CatholicWeb.com. If you need assistance in selecting a Web Hosting Service please contact Rob Butterworth, 563-888-4223 or Tony Forlini, 563-888-4377.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Webinar for Local Safe Environment Coordinators: This session is for those who are new local administrators or for those who want a “refresher” on the new procedures. On July 1, 2013 the Diocese implemented a new procedure for performing background checks in which employees and volunteers complete the background information electronically through the VIRTUS Program. It is the responsibility of the local safe environment coordinator (SEC) to inform their employees and volunteers on how to use the VIRTUS Program for online training and background check completion.

The session will include information on 1) the background check procedure, 2) safe environment requirements, 3) VIRTUS Program, 4) compliance issues, 5) the Stonebridge Audit, 6) step-by-step instructions and 7) upcoming changes.

Offered two different times... so be sure to register for the correct one you will attend.

Date: Thursday, October 2, 2014, **Time:** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Register at: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/200932841>

Date: Thursday, October 16, 2014, **Time:** 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Register at: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/854953944>

Personnel may also attend onsite at St. Vincent Center, Davenport. To register for onsite attendance contact Laurie Hoefling, hoefling@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4220. For questions regarding the background check process or the webinar contact Lynnette Sowell, sowells@davenportdiocese.org, 563-888-4364 or Virginia Trujillo, trujillo@davenportdiocese.org, 563-888-4230.

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE

Servant Leadership Workshop: Last call for registrations! If ten new registrations are not received by Friday, October 10 the workshops will be cancelled. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the leadership style of Jesus and develop skills and talents needed for leading any ministry in the context of a parish, school or diocese.

- 1) October 17, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. Dr. Owen Phelps, author of *The Catholic Vision for Leading Like Jesus* will share his philosophy regarding **S³ Leadership: Servant, Steward and Shepherd**.
- 2) October 18, 9 a.m. – Noon. Participants may also attend the Leadership Facilitator Training and Certification. This training by Owen Phelps will provide you with some leadership training with a group (such as your parish or finance council). See the attached flyer to register.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

Respect Life Materials: Please use and display your Respect Life month packet materials at your parish and include in your parish bulletin. This year's theme is *Each of us is a masterpiece of God's creation*. If your parish missed the notice to order, a few parish kits are available by contacting Esmeralda Guerrero at guerrero@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4210.

Acts of Advocacy Survey: The Office of Social Action would like to know what forms of advocacy you have participated in, from simple prayer about a particular issue to meeting with a legislator and everything in-between. Please consider taking the two-minute *Acts of Advocacy Survey* at <http://bit.ly/1rA9H8X>. The results of the survey will appear in the November issue of the Two Feet Newsletter.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection: This year's collection will be held November 22 and 23. Promotional materials will be mailed to parishes in October, including posters, envelopes and bulletin inserts adapted to our diocese. If your parish materials don't arrive by mid-October; you need more materials; have questions or would like a speaker at Mass on or before the collection contact Loxi Hopkins, hopkins@davenportdiocese.org or 563-488-4212. Please use the insert for your parish bulletin the weekend of November 15-16 and display the poster. To learn more about the collection go to <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sacchd.htm>.

The 2015 Iowa Institute for Social Action will be held Jan. 18-19, 2015 at Saints John and Paul Parish in Altoona, Iowa. They keynote speaker will be announced next month. We are looking at ways to get as many from our diocese to the Institute as possible. If you have an interest in attending, please contact Esmeralda Guerrero at guerrero@davenportdiocese.org, 563-888-4210.

2014 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering: Join hundreds of social ministry leaders from across the United States. The gathering will be held from February 2-5 in Washington, D.C. For more details and registration please [click here](#) or go to <http://www.event.com/events/to-go-forth-encountering-christ-in-the-heart-of-the-world/event-summary-45867e9fce7444f9af42ed2b5d050392.aspx>.

Project Rachel is a confidential, post-abortion healing ministry of the Catholic Church offering hope and healing to women and men hurting from past abortions. Project Rachel staff understand the emotional pain that follows an abortion. Brochures are available by contacting Esmeralda Guerrero, guerrero@davenportdiocese.org. You may contact Project Rachel staff by calling the local Helpline: 563-888-4107 or email, projectrachel@diodav.org.

There are two ways to support Project Rachel:



Purchase "*Humble Angel Honey*" at \$10 bottle. (The bottle is shaped like an angel and is 100% pure premium quality produced honey by midwest beekeepers.) To purchase contact Esmeralda Guerrero or stop by St. Vincent Center at 780 W. Central Park Avenue, Davenport.

Make a *financial contribution*, payable to the Diocese of Davenport. In the memo line write Project Rachel and mail to Diocese of Davenport, Project Rachel, 780 West Central Park Avenue, Davenport, IA 52804

Fair Trade supports farmers and craftspeople in developing countries who are socially and economically marginalized. Fair Trade is about making an impact on artisan and farmer communities while offering great

products to the public. If you are interested in learning more about Fair Trade and want to promote it at your parish contact Julie Davenport, 563-888-4376 or davenportj@davenportdiocese.org.

Social Action E-Newsletter: The Diocesan Social Action office has an email newsletter filled with upcoming events and deadlines, calls to action and social justice news and views. You can view previous issues or subscribe to The Two Feet newsletter at <http://bit.ly/1mY1moJ> or send an e-mail to kerstena@diodav.org and we will add you to our subscription list.

FAITH FORMATION

DCYC (formerly High School Rally) will take place November 22-23 at St. Ambrose University in Davenport. Promotional and Registration materials are now available on our **DCYC webpage**, <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/DCYC.htm>. There is a brief explanation of what DCYC is and how it differs from the Rally, information on our Keynote Speaker, a few notes on Overnight Lodging, and the general program schedule. Review the “Instructions” document before you use any of the materials. The first registration deadline is October 31. If you have any questions, contact [Barb Butterworth](mailto:Barb.Butterworth@davenportdiocese.org), butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org.

Support Young Catholic Performers: *NCYC’s TOP TALENT* concert features talented teens who are winners or finalists of the talent competition held at NCYC. They are now on tour and will be performing at two locations: (1) Saturday, October 11, 7-9 PM, 7-9 PM at St. Ann, Long Grove, and (2) Sunday, October 12, 4-6 PM, at St. Mary, Pella. This will be not only a great program for teens, but also for families. Tickets are \$5/person and \$20/family and can be ordered by contacting [Barb Butterworth](mailto:Barb.Butterworth@davenportdiocese.org). Promotional flyers are available [online](http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/NCYC.htm), <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/NCYC.htm>.

Monthly Youth Ministry Leaders’ Gathering: On the first Tuesday of each month, from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at St. Patrick, Iowa City, adult leaders in ministry to youth gather for support, resourcing, and planning. The Gathering is open to youth ministers, faith formation leaders, catechists, clergy...in short, anyone, paid or volunteer, who works in any way with adolescents. No registration necessary. For more information, contact Don Boucher, boucher@davenportdiocese.org.

Young Adult Ministry Liaison: Our diocesan CYAN (Catholic Young Adult Network) seeks an individual from each parish to serve as a liaison for young adult ministry. This liaison will simply serve as a conduit between the parish and CYAN (and vice versa) on programs and events for young adults. *No meetings required!* Please designate someone in your parish (preferably a young adult) as your liaison and send his/her contact information to [Don Boucher](mailto:Don.Boucher@davenportdiocese.org).

MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM

Basic Year II:

On-Site Format Schedule:

All courses held at the Diocese of Davenport, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

	10/18/14: Moral Themes II , Dr. Corinne Winter
11/15/14: Old Testament I , Msgr. Drake Shafer	12/6/14: Old Testament II , Msgr. Drake Shafer
1/24/15: Liturgical Themes I , Dc. Frank Agnoli	2/21/15: Liturgical Themes II , Dc. Frank Agnoli
3/21/15: Canon Law , Fr. Bill Reynolds	4/18/15: New Testament I , Msgr. Drake Shafer
5/9/15: New Testament II , Msgr. Drake Shafer	6/6/15: Theology I , Fr. Ed Dunn
7/18/15: Theology II , Fr. Ed Dunn	8/1/15: Catechesis , Marianne Agnoli
8/15/15: Civil Law , TBA	9/19/15: Spiritual Themes , TBA

DVD Format Schedule:

The order of courses is as stated above; however each group will determine its monthly meeting time. Check with your facilitator about your schedule.

An application form and additional program information may be found on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org (Chancery-Faith Formation-Lay Ministry-MFP Forms). For information regarding the courses or the Ministry Formation Program contact Marianne Agnoli, agnolim@davenportdiocese.org, 563-888-4242.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Ministering with Children from Divorced or Separated Families: A Pastoral Care Model for Dioceses: A Conference Call Presentation on October 16, 12:00 p.m. Divorce grief is complicated particularly for children. Ongoing interventions are critical so children can heal and enter marriage free of unresolved hurts that, otherwise, may influence them to divorce themselves. What can we, as a Church, realistically do to help children heal their wounds while encouraging them to bring God and Church teachings into the solution? This presentation will share experiences with implementing a Catholic pastoral care model and solicit questions and comments for helping it spread nationally to other Dioceses. See the attached flyer for call in instructions and more information. For more information, contact NACFLM at 937-431-5443 www.nacflm.org or Marianne Agnoli at 563-888-4242 or agnolim@davenportdiocese.org.

FOCCUS 4th Edition Pre-Marriage Inventory Training Workshops: November 21 & 22 at St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. Participants may select from the following training options: 1) 4th Edition Updates for Current Facilitators, 2) Training for new FOCCUS Facilitators and 3) Instruction for FOCCUS Trainer Certification. See the attached registration form for more details.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass: At the request of Bishop Amos, the Office of Faith Formation is sponsoring a diocesan celebration for all couples who are celebrating fifty years of marriage this year. A Mass and informal reception will be held at SS. Mary & Mathias Catholic Church in Muscatine on Sunday, October 12, 2014 at 2 p.m. Contact your parish to confirm that they have submitted your names and address.

Marriage Encounter Weekend: November 14-16 at Our Lady of Victory Church, Davenport. This weekend is designed to strengthen a couple's unity and to help them discover God's plan for their marriage. Please see the attached brochure for more information.

Marriage and Parenting Resource: Attached is the October issue of "Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers." These may be used in parish bulletins or as links on parish websites.

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

Weekend and One-day

- October 18, 2014: Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias, *registration deadline is October 10*
- January 31, 2015: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, *registration deadline is January 23 (space is limited)*
- February 28, 2015: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, *registration deadline is February 20 (space is limited)*
- August 8-9, 2015: Mt. Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, *registration deadline is July 31*

The fee 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.

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

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.

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE RETREAT, WHEATLAND

To register contact: 563-336-8414 or olpretreat@gmail.com. All programs include a delicious homemade meal prepared with local and organic ingredients. To learn more about Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat visit www.chmiowa.org

Miracle of the Rosary: Wed, October 1 | 10am – noon. Mini-Retreat with Father Bill Kneemiller. Mass at 10am, "Miracle of the Rosary" program, lunch following. Fee: \$8 for lunch. (Come early, stay late!)

Knit One, Pray Too!: Thurs, October 2 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Karen Brooke, Ann Green & Anne Johnson. The rhythmic nature of knitting encourages contemplation and invites openness to the Spirit. Bring skeins of yarn 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. Price includes a nutritious and scrumptious lunch. Fee: \$20

Becoming Conscious: Tuning in to God’s Universe: October 3-5 | Fri, 5pm – Sun, 10am. Kathleen Spencer, SSND & Sandra Spencer. Participants will be led through teaching and practice of energization, simple yoga and meditation, supplemented with chant, breathing exercises and affirmations. With new awakened energy, we will engage nature in a system called *Flow Learning* by Joseph Cornell. These experiences and learnings will be integrated into a spirituality of the evolving universe through optional sharing, art, journaling and prayer. Fee: \$125

Taize’ Vigil Service: Sun, October 5 | 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.

Come to the Quiet – Harvest: Wed, October 15 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Savor solitude, walk in the green beauty, and relish the first fruits of the garden. Fee: \$20

Exploring Sacred Universe: Earth Literacy Weekend: October 17-19 | Fri, 5pm – Sun, 10am. Maxine Pohlman, SSND, director of Oblate Ecological Initiative in Godfrey, IL. Through ritual, presentations, conversation, DVDs, and activities, we will ponder the Universe Story as our sacred origin story and consider its profound implications for us as human beings on a planet in distress. Meals will be vegetarian. Fee: \$125

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

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

Sunday Brunch at the Monastery: First Sunday of each month; Lauds 9:30 am; Mass 10:30 am; Brunch 11:30 am. Single, Catholic women 18-50 years of age are invited to join Sr. Stefanie at St. Mary Monastery for liturgy, brunch and conversation about life as a Catholic Sister. Brunch will be served in the Sisters’ dining room overlooking the lake. You will have the opportunity to be with other women who are exploring religious life. Guests are invited to stay longer and use campus amenities for further prayer and reflection. There is no cost; you are our guest! For information contact Sr. Stefanie MacDonald, OSB (309) 283-2300.

Book Club: Gift of Years – Growing Older Gracefully: Tuesdays Oct. 7, 14, 21 and. 28; 1:30-3 pm. In her book, Sr. Joan Chittister says, “Life is about becoming more than we are, about being all that we can be.” Come and share Sr. Joan’s wit and wisdom, her challenge and encouragement. Facilitators: Sr. Helen Carey, OSB, Sr. Margaret Murphy, OSB, and Carolyn Bileddo. Free will offering, plus cost of book. You may purchase the book or order through Sr. Margaret Murphy.

Authenticity: Being and Becoming Our Truest Self: Oct. 13, 7-9 pm. We will address some of life’s challenges and note how God’s grace offers us the remedies for healthy human growth and development. Gain insights for reflection on how to live honestly and humbly on our journey of faith. Presenter: Fr. Angel Sierra, Pastor and Spiritual Director, has degrees in Theology, Psychology and Spirituality. Fee: \$20.

PIZZA AND PRAYER: Interested in learning more about religious life and the Sisters of St. Benedict? Single Catholic women 18-50 years old are welcome to join us for pizza and prayer. Last Wednesday of each month through June 24. There is no cost; you are our guest! For information contact Sr. Stefanie MacDonald, OSB (309) 283-2300 or vocation@smmsisters.org.

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.

Healing Mass: October 14, 1 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:30. Reconciliation and prayer available after Mass.

Celebrate the Miracle of the Fire and Apparition of Our Lady of Good Help on October 9, 10:30 a.m. This is the only approved apparition of Mary in the United States. We were blessed this summer to visit the Shrine and purchased a DVD telling the story of Adele Brise, the Peshtigo fire, the apparitions and miracles that have happened on that site. Be our guest to see and hear about this beautiful story. Bring a sack lunch.

Generational Healing Day: October 30, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. In this informative and healing interactive day you will receive a better understanding of the need for healing of the generations. Prayer will be offered and the day will conclude with a Mass for healing of your family tree. The registration packet includes a questionnaire and family history for you to fill out ahead of time. The information is for you alone unless you care to share. Registration is \$65. Bring a sack lunch. To register call 563-324-7263 or email info@eagleswings.ws.

SHALOM SPIRITUALTY CENTER, DUBUQUE

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

Hope and Inspiration: Spiritual Support for Alzheimer's & Dementia Caregivers

Thursday, Oct. 30, 5:30 – 8:45pm

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Jade Angelica, Workshop Leader & Author of *Where Two Worlds Touch: A Spiritual Journey Through Alzheimer's Disease*

This mini-retreat is designed specifically for those who love and care for someone who has Alzheimer's or another form of dementia. The evening begins with a nourishing supper. Then in a safe and supportive environment, the group will explore spirituality as a way of finding healing in the face of an incurable illness. Participants will have the opportunity to acknowledge and share their feelings of confusion, frustration and grief with others who understand. By exploring our images of God and identifying our fears regarding Alzheimer's and dementia, we will uncover new ways of praying. Offering: \$25. *Register by Oct. 27.*

Centering Prayer and Visio Divina Retreat Day

Saturday, Nov. 1, 9:00am – 12:30pm & 1:00 – 3:00pm

Presenters: Marilyn Dansart: Centering Prayer (morning); Marci Blum OSF: Visio Divina (afternoon)

Marilyn's presentation will include an explanation of the history, benefits, and the "how to" of Centering Prayer. We will focus on this form of contemplative prayer, using Scriptural images and stories. Time will be given to a group experience of Centering Prayer followed by the opportunity to reflect on and ask questions regarding this prayer experience.

Visio Divina will focus on "looking" at St. John's Collegeville Bible pictures. While lectio divina is a way of praying with Scripture, visio divina (Latin for "divine seeing") is a way of praying with images. This is a time for meditation, quiet time, praying with a Scriptural image and group sharing. Offering: \$40, includes lunch. *Register by Oct. 28.*

Grieving the Loss of a Loved One: How Can Life Go On?

Tuesday, Nov. 4, 7:00 – 8:30pm

Facilitator/Sharer: Mary Potter Kenyon

If you are grieving the loss of someone dear to you, we invite you to join us for an evening of supportive sharing. Author and presenter Mary Potter Kenyon intimately knows what it is to face grief. In the space of three years she lost a mother, a husband and a grandson. Mary will speak of finding hope and healing in the midst of the darkness of loss, and share excerpts from her newly-released book, *Refined by Fire: A Journey of Grief and Grace.* After the presentation, those present will be invited to share, in small groups, as much as they wish of their own stories. The evening will close with a brief prayer service. Free will offering. *Register by Nov. 3.*

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.

Lead Like Jesus

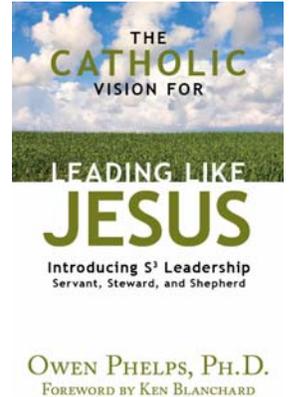
October 17, 2014

St. Patrick Church, Iowa City

Each of us is called to be a leader.

For all who desire to follow the leadership examples of Jesus Christ

The **2014 Diocesan Stewardship Day** will feature Dr. Owen Phelps, author of *The Catholic Vision for Leading Like Jesus*. The program is designed to improve the leadership skills of Catholics at home, at work, in their communities and in their parishes by teaching them to lead as Jesus did – as a servant, steward and shepherd.



Phelps, a former faculty member at Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee and diocesan staff in Rockford, IL, says: “Jesus is the best leadership teacher and role model of all time. The more we study effective leadership in the real world, the more we appreciate the leadership lessons Jesus provides for us.”

Registration: 8:30 a.m. Program: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$20 (includes lunch and materials)

Optional Facilitator Training and Certification: Saturday, October 18, 8:30-11: 30 a.m. at St. Vincent Center, Davenport. This is for anyone who wishes to share the *Lead Like Jesus* message by being a presenter/facilitator. There is no fee for this training. The Diocese is purchasing the kit of presentation materials that will be used by the facilitators.

To learn more about *Lead Like Jesus* go to www.yeshualeader.com or contact Dan Ebener, ebener@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4251. For other questions contact Laurie Hoefling, hoefling@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4220.

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Registration Form Due by October 13

Name _____

Parish _____ Parish Town _____

Email _____ Day Phone _____

Day(s) Attending: _____ Friday, October 17 (\$20) _____ Saturday, October 18 (\$0)

Payment Enclosed: _____ Yes (Payable to Diocese of Davenport)

Return to: Laurie Hoefling, Diocese of Davenport, 780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804-1901

Marriage Moments & Parenting Pointers
October 2014

FOR MORE extended marriage and parenting articles, plus archived Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers, go to:
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MARRIAGE MOMENTS

593. Oct. 5: A trip down Memory Lane #7: After your engagement you probably started the work of planning a wedding. Much of it was probably exciting and fun. Some of it may have been a burden or cause for disagreement. Reflecting on those days, what did you like best? What did you learn?

594. Oct. 12: "I know indeed how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance." (Ph 4:12) St. Paul gives us this lifestyle wisdom probably earned by receiving hospitality of many different kinds. Does one of you desire more creature comforts than the other? Be flexible.

595. Oct. 19: A trip down Memory Lane #8: Remember your wedding day. Perhaps it was very formal; perhaps you eloped. Either way, it was your day of public commitment for the rest of your lives. Recount your respective feelings and memories of the day. If you feel adventurous or playful perhaps you'd like to reenact the day. Renew your vows.

596. Oct. 26: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mt 22:39) This oft quoted phrase can be deceiving. It depends on an honest love of self and then transferring that attitude to your neighbor - and of course your closest neighbor is your spouse. Don't put yourself down today.

PARENTING POINTERS

592. Oct. 3: Respect Life Month. It's easy to pray for our own children. Their needs are so apparent to us. Pray today, not only for your own children, but for all children in our world, both born and unborn.

593. Oct. 10: If your child has a problem and wants your input, but you are caught off guard, try saying "Tell me more about that." or "What do you think you should do?" Responses like this can buy you time and clarify the situation. Works with spouses, too.

594. Oct. 17: (Respect Life Month) Consider all lives that are threatened or suffering in our society today, no matter the age. What life issue is dearest to your heart? (Abortion, Capital Punishment, Gun Control, Supporting single mothers, Poverty...) Tell your child why. Can you take one action together such as read up on it, donate, write letters, take political action, pray...?

595. Oct. 24: "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. (Ex 22:20) Your child may be too young to understand the politics of the current immigration issue, but you can talk about what it means to be an outsider and different, i.e. an alien. Tell them the story of the Exodus. Welcome a stranger into your home for dinner. Local resettlement services (like [Catholic Charities http://catholiccharitiesusa.org/find-help/](http://catholiccharitiesusa.org/find-help/)) can offer ideas on how to reach out and help.

596. Oct. 31: (Halloween) Parenting is a hard and serious business, but sometimes we conscientious parents need to loosen up. Amid the hectic search for costumes and treats, take time to enjoy this playful holiday with your younger kids. Yes, check their candy, but it's not a sin to eat something less than nutritious once a year.



4th Edition Pre-Marriage Inventory Training Workshops

November 21 & 22, 2014

Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. & Saturday 8 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

4330 St. Patrick’s Drive, Iowa City, IA 52240

Participants may select from the following training options:

- **4th Edition Updates for Current Facilitators**
- **Training for new FOCCUS Facilitators**
- **Instruction for FOCCUS Trainer Certification**

In addition to providing resources that help couples discuss issues important to establishing a healthy foundation for a life –long marriage, the FOCCUS© Fourth Edition Pre-Marriage Inventory addresses critical areas of evangelization and formation while drawing upon today’s research regarding the needs of interfaith couples, cohabitating couples, couples previously married and couples entering marriage with children.

Deacon Mike Conzett, a National FOCCUS© Trainer will present Fourth Edition updates, certify new FOCCUS© Facilitators and/or present Trainer training for experienced Facilitators who wish to apply for Trainer Certification. Please note: to take part in Trainer Certification on Saturday one must already be a certified facilitator or attend the appropriate Facilitator Training on Friday.

* A Fourth Edition Facilitator Manual is required for all training sessions. Current Facilitators may use their own manuals as long as they are the Fourth Edition; couples may share a manual.

Please indicate if you need a manual and include payment with your registration fee.

For Questions: Contact Marianne Agnoli at agnolim@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4242.

Please complete the Registration Form and return it with payment by **November 7, 2014.**

Make checks payable to Diocese of Davenport and return to: **Diocese of Davenport, Attn: Barbara Butterworth, 780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804-1901**

Name(s): _____ **Parish:** _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

___ **4th Edition Update Only (Fri. a.m. only)** **\$75 (\$125 couple) + \$50 /manual***

___ **New Facilitator Training (Fri. all day)** **\$150 (\$250 couple) + \$50 /manual***

___ **Trainer Certification (Sat. a.m.)** **An additional \$50 (\$75 couple)**

Friday Box Lunch (select one) Turkey Ham Beef Tuna Egg Salad Veggie

Professional Development Conference Call

Ministering with Children from Divorced or Separated Families: A Pastoral Care Model for Dioceses

Join Us

Divorce grief is complicated particularly for children. Ongoing interventions are critical so children can heal and enter marriage free of unresolved hurts that, otherwise, may influence them to divorce themselves. What can we, as a Church, realistically do to help children heal their wounds while encouraging them to bring God, Jesus, and Church teachings into the solution? This presentation will share experiences with implementing a Catholic pastoral care model and solicit questions and comments for helping it spread nationally to other Dioceses.



Lynn Kapusinski is the President and Founder of the Faith Journeys Foundation, Inc., a Catholic nonprofit that has been providing pastoral care for children from divorced or separated families since 2002. She is also a school counselor in the Archdiocese of Baltimore and the author of three books for these young people. Her latest book, **When Parents Divorce or Separate: I Can Get Through This**, won

a first place award from the Catholic Press Association. Lynn has been featured on SIRIUS Catholic Radio, The Catholic Digest, Columbia Magazine, Notre Dame Magazine, and other media outlets across the nation.

Date of Call:
October 16, 2014

Time of Call:
1:00 pm Eastern
-12:00 Central
-11:00 Mountain
-10:00 Pacific

Procedure for Participants:

Dial in Number:
605-475-4000

Access code:
680838#



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What is Marriage Encounter?

Marriage Encounter is a Christian movement open to couples of all faiths. It is designed to strengthen a couple's unity and to help them discover God's plan for their marriage.

This is a private weekend devoted to renewing your marriage relationship. It is a time to become reacquainted. A time to learn, talk, and listen to self and spouse.

This weekend allows time and opportunity to share more deeply with each other: weaknesses and strengths, attitudes toward each other and family, hurts, ambitions, disappointments, desires, and joys. The living presence of God can be discovered in your marriage.

Who is it for?

The *Marriage Encounter* is for all marriages:

- ◆ Those with good dialogue--to deepen it.
- ◆ Those with poor dialogue--to improve it.
- ◆ Those with no dialogue--who are willing to be open to this particular method as a means of restoring or reawakening their love and communication.

There is no age limit. Newly married couples and couples married over 50 years have attended *Marriage Encounter* weekends.

The History and Growth

Marriage Encounter was developed in the mid 1950's in Spain by Fr. Gabriel Calvo and couples with whom he worked. It came to the United States in 1966 and has spread rapidly. It is now offered in many cities and towns across the United States.

What about the Diocese of Davenport?

The first Encounter Weekend was in April of 1970. There have been weekends held in many different locations every year since then. Our Lady of Victory has hosted Marriage Encounter Weekends since 1995.

Dates, Time, and Cost

The Marriage Encounter Weekend is at Our Lady of Victory, Davenport, in the Parish Center on **Nov 14, 15 & 16, 2014**. The cost for the weekend is \$95 per couple.

Schedule:

Friday	7:00 PM to 10:00 PM*
Saturday	8:00 AM to 9:00 PM*
Sunday	7:30 AM to 5:30 PM*

* Ending times are approximate.

Meals provided:

Saturday - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sunday - Breakfast, Lunch

At night, couples are encouraged to spend the weekend away from home if possible, or if not, to be alone in their own home. Couples do not sleep at Our Lady of Victory facilities.

What Happens at an Encounter?

Marriage Encounter is presented by a team of married couples and a spiritual leader to a group of married couples. The method of *Marriage Encounter* is developed through the following process:

First...a **PRESENTATION** by the team. There are 12 different talks relating to the various aspects of marriage.

Second...**PERSONAL REFLECTION**. Each person is given time to privately reflect and write responses to the talks.

Third...**COUPLE DIALOGUE**. Each couple is given private time to exchange their reflections and then dialogue in an effort to better understand each other.

The primary responsibility of the team is to set the atmosphere for the attending couples. Actually each spouse gives the encounter to the other.

This is Marriage Encounter:

"We have fallen in love again and feel closer than we ever had before," says one husband.

"I gained a greater realization of our need for dialogue... a deeper assurance of my husband's love for me... and insights into the spiritual depth of my husband," says a wife.

Register Now:

Although registrations can be accepted through the week before the event, you're encouraged to return this form by November 1, 2014 so that the Marriage Encounter team can adequately prepare for the correct number of couples in attendance. Please mail to:

Joe and Tracy Ripslinger

1517 W. 48th St.

Davenport, IA 52806

with your \$95 check payable to:

Marriage Encounter

**Financial assistance can be arranged if a couple may have difficulty paying the \$95 fee. Feel free to contact the Ripslingers at: Ph: (563) 940-7092 or (563) 388-0355.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
REGISTRATION**

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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

HUSBAND'S FAITH _____

WIFE'S FAITH _____

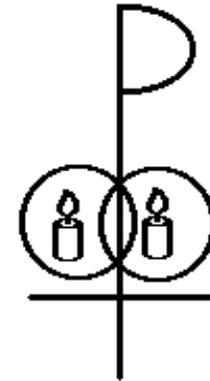
DIETARY NEEDS _____

Note:

Your reservation will be confirmed by mail or email and further information will be provided at that time. Please contact the Ripslingers at (563) 940-7092 or (563) 388-0355 if you have any special dietary/ health needs or if you have any other questions.

For further information on the Marriage Encounter Program, view the National Marriage Encounter Web Page: www.marriage-encounter.org

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Weekend Retreat

**November 14–16,
2014**

**Our Lady of Victory
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