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HOLIDAY CLOSING

The diocesan offices will be closed November 26-27 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

VOCATIONS OFFICE

Many thanks to all who supported the 24 Holy Hours of prayer for Vocations throughout the Diocese. Your support is greatly appreciated. Let us continue to pray for the precious gift of vocations in our Diocese. *Fr. Marty Goetz*

A “**Project Andrew Dinner**” will be held Thursday, November 5 starting at 6 PM at Holy Family Parish in Davenport. This is a great opportunity for young men – ages 15-35 – who may be called to serve in the priesthood, and their parents, to gather with Bishop Amos and area priests to talk about their vocation and share a meal. To RSVP or for further information or if you know of someone who is just waiting to be asked, please contact Fr. Marty Goetz, 563-324-1912, ext. 259 or goetz@davenportdiocese.org or your local priest.

An “**Encounter With God’s Call**” retreat will be held November 14-16 at Conception Seminary College. This retreat is for young men 16 and older who are considering a vocation to Priesthood. This is an excellent opportunity to meet priests and seminarians as they share their stories of responding to God’s call. This visit is free. For more information, please contact Conception Seminary College at 660-944-2886 or email: vocations@conception.edu or Fr. Marty Goetz.

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 October 29):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
11/02/09	DeWitt, St. Joseph Church	6:00 p.m.
11/07/09	Colfax, Immaculate Conception	1:00 p.m.
11/08/09	Davenport, Assumption High School	3:00 p.m.

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

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Employee Handbook from the Diocesan entities is due December 31. The parish council, finance council, and board of education/faith formation need to review the handbook and the trustees are to sign a corporate resolution. Send the following to Bishop Amos for his approval by December 31:

1. An electronic file of the handbook, bishop@davenportdiocese.org
2. The original copy of the corporate resolution by US mail

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.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Gifts of Grain: This is the time of year that donors have the opportunity to give a gift of grain to a parish, school or the diocese. To give donors the proper tax benefit, the grain needs to be put in a parish, school or diocesan account and then it is sold from this account. Guidelines for a gift of grain are attached.

PASTORAL SERVICES

Social Action . . .

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection: November 22. This year's theme is *Families are Struggling. Faith is Calling*. If your parish materials haven't arrived, you need more materials or have questions, contact Loxi Hopkins at 563-324-1912, ext. 246 or hopkins@davenportdiocese.org. Please place the insert in your parish bulletin the weekend of November 15-16 and prominently display the poster.

The Diocesan Immigration Program helps reunite families split by immigration, helps immigrants adjust their immigration status and advocates on their behalf. Appointments are held in the Chancery and consultation services are provided monthly in Oskaloosa the first Thursday and Columbus Junction the third Thursday. To schedule an appointment or to learn more about the services provided contact Karina Garnica, 563-324-1912, ext. 232. Please distribute the attached flyer to those who may benefit from these services. Bi-lingual information is also available at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/saimmigrationprogram.htm>.

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

The 2020 Iowa Social Action Institute will not be held in January as usual. The dioceses of Iowa, and the Iowa Catholic Conference are planning to continue the event in future years. If you would like to participate in planning the next event, please contact Esmeralda Guerrero.

JustFaith Materials: The following DVDs and books are now available for loan:

1. "Portrait of a Radical: the Jesus Movement"-three theologians explore the truly radical, dynamic, and passionate message of Jesus.
2. "My Own Four Walls"- this is a documentary that takes an intimate look at the issues faced by the homeless children and puts a human face on the problem of homelessness.
3. "Come Walk in my Shoes"- This award-winning documentary provides a fresh, first-person perspective on the non-violent protests that challenged segregation laws in the South and led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965.
4. "Renewal"-Gives us for the first time stories of the emerging movement of religious environmentalism across the United States.
5. *RISING TO COMMON GROUND: Overcoming America's Color Lines*: Book by Danny Duncan Collum, traces the 400-year history of racism and the efforts of religious congregations to find the common ground where we can address and eliminate this sin.
6. *HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?* Book by Arthur Simon, recipient of the Pacem in Terris Award, and founder of Bread for the World, showing us how to adopt simpler life styles that reflect our concern for others and our world.

To borrow contact Esmeralda Guerrero, 563-324-1912 ext. 289 or guerrero@davenportdiocese.org.

SHARE Iowa: Who wouldn't like to save money on their grocery bill these days? The SHARE Program began in Iowa with funding from St. Vincent Home Corporation 16 years ago and can offer you up to a 50% savings on nutritious food packages for just 2 hours of volunteer service each month. Contact www.shareiowa.org or call 800-344-1107.

Faith Formation . . .

NET Retreat Dates Still Available: NET (National Evangelization Teams) will be leading retreats across our diocese in December. Two dates – Friday, Dec. 4, and Sunday, Dec. 6 – are still available. For more information about NET, please go to www.netusa.org. To schedule one of these dates for your parish or school, contact Pat Finan at finan@davenportdiocese.org or 641-842-5148.

Upcoming Youth Retreats:

- Feb. 13-15: TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Retreat, location in or near Davenport to be determined. TEC helps older youth (11th and 12th graders; college freshmen also welcome) explore their faith in the context of the Paschal Mystery. For more information, contact Pat Finan at finan@davenportdiocese.org or 641-842-5148.
- Feb. 27-28: Quest Retreat at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Bettendorf. Quest is a retreat for 9th and 10th graders. This is the only Quest scheduled in our diocese in 2010. For more information, contact Joyce Kloft at bettlourdesdre@diodav.org or 563-359-0345.
- March 12-14: Ottumwa COR (Christ in Others Retreat) at St. Patrick's Parish in Ottumwa. COR is for youth in grades 10, 11 and 12. For more information, contact Anna Hanson at ottstpatdre@diodav.org or 641-682-4496.
- March 19-21: DeWitt COR (Christ in Others Retreat) at St. Joseph's Parish in DeWitt. For more information, contact Pat Sheil at dewittstjosephym@diodav.org or 563-659-3514.
- March 26-28: Keota COR (Christ in Others) Retreat at Holy Trinity Parish in Keota. COR is for youth in grades 10, 11 and 12. For more information, contact Georgia Gent at ggent@netins.net or 319-639-2550.

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

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

Christian Leadership Institute (CLI), a weeklong empowerment experience for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors, will be held July 25-30, 2010, at the Christian Conference Center near Newton. CLI brings together dozens of talented youth every summer for six days to build their leadership skills for service to the church. This year, only one week of CLI will be offered, so save these dates. Registration materials will be available later in November.

2010 High School Youth Rally will be held Sunday, Oct. 24, at the Coralville Marriott. Our keynoters will be APeX Ministries, featuring the juggling, humor and solid faith message of Gene Monterastelli and Brad Farmer. Registration details will be available soon, but mark the date now!

Upcoming National Ministry Conferences:

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

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

Marriage Preparation Weekends:

- February 20-21: Bettendorf, St. John Vianney (registration deadline February 12)
- April 24-25: Williamsburg, St. Mary (registration deadline April 16)
- June 26-27: Sigourney, St. Mary (registration deadline June 18)
- August 14-15: Newton, Sacred Heart (registration deadline August 6)

The registration form is on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org (Faith Formation Office > Marriage Preparation). Registration is \$125 per couple. For information about marriage preparation in our diocese or neighboring dioceses contact Barb Butterworth, 563-324-1912, ext. 265 or butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org or IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org. If your parish is willing to host a weekend (diocese pays all expenses) please contact Barb Butterworth or IlaMae Hanisch.

Ministry Formation Program (MFP):

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

The Ministry Formation Program is more than a program to train people for ministry, it is also a great way to **grow in your faith and learn more about how you can become more active in your parish**. Year I Basic is being offered for 2009-10. There are two options for attending: 1) Two Saturdays per month on the following dates with instruction via the ICN [Iowa Communications Network] or 2) Once a month (location and time TBD). You are welcome to join at any time. The remaining sessions are:

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

Information including overview, application, and schedule is available for download at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/ffmfppg1.htm>. Select Basic MFP Info Packet 2009-10. A brochure can be found at, www.davenportdiocese.org, faith formation office, Ministry Formation Program. If you would like full-color brochures for distribution contact Barb Butterworth, butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org. For further information contact IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org or 641-791-3435.

HOPE AND HEALING MINISTRIES[®]

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

We are available to visit parishes and offer educational seminars. We are available to visit parish youth ministries and we offer educational seminars. For more information contact: 877-896-HOPE, 563-322-1645, or hopeandhealingtoday@gmail.com.

If a parish is interested in a Respect Life fundraiser, Hope and Healing Ministries would welcome your assistance. We depend 100% on donors for support.

HUMILITY OF MARY CENTER, DAVENPORT

The Gospel of Luke – Anticipating Year C: Nov. 21, 9:00 a.m.-noon, \$15. With Advent approaching, spend a morning looking ahead to the Gospel of Luke. We will consider the Gospel as a whole, its authorship and background, and highlight the passages and themes unique to Luke. Open to people of any faith, and should prove particularly helpful to liturgy and worship planners. Bring a bible. To register call 563-323-9466 *or* send your name, phone number and payment to 820 W. Central Park Ave., 52804-1900. Participants are welcome to join the sisters for lunch. If staying for lunch please indicate as such when registering. The presenter is Helen Schiltz, M.A.P.S. Helen is a married, Catholic woman with an MA from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis. She is a spiritual director and retreat leader for women and men of all faiths.

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL

To register call 309-283-2108 or go online: retreats@smmsisters.org.

Poetry: A Way to Nourish the Soul

Join Judy Valente, a correspondent for PBS-TV and Charles Reynard, an Illinois Circuit Court Judge in discovering how reading and writing poetry, like prayer, is a pathway to unlocking the sacred and deepening our inner life. Nov. 5, 7-9 pm \$15.

Practicing Gratitude: The Spirituality of Everyday Thanksgiving

Cultivate gratitude as a state of heart and a way of life through prayer and reflection. Presenter: Sr. Phyllis McMurray, OSB, Prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of St. Mary Monastery. Thursday, Nov. 19, 9-3pm \$30.00 including lunch.

Advent Day of Prayer: “They Shall Name Him Emmanuel: God With Us”

Prepare for Christmas with reflection, quiet and discussion on the birth of Christ. Presenter: Sr. Catherine Cleary, OSB, MA in Theology, Thursday, Dec. 10, 9-3 pm \$30 including lunch.

SHALOM RETREAT CENTER, DUBUQUE

To register, call 563-582-3592 or visit www.shalomretreats.org for details.

Embracing Life After the Death of a Spouse Retreat Day

Saturday, Nov. 14, 8:00am - 4:00pm

Facilitators: Barbara Meloy Callahan, Diane Fasselius, Pat Pierce, Charlotte Muehl, Anna Meyer, Margaret Jungers OSF

Reflections include: coping with loss, making adjustments, wrestling with fears, surviving and thriving.

Offering: \$35, includes continental breakfast & lunch. Register/prepay by Nov. 12.

Finding and Becoming Peace in a Troubled World Weekend Retreat

Friday, Dec. 4, 2009; 7:00pm – Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009, 1:00pm

Director: Dan Crosby, OFM.CAP, St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon, WI

We live in a world that seems increasingly violent and full of hatred. We long for peace—for ourselves, our families, our world. How do we discover the “peace the world cannot give” and then become bearers of that gift to those around us? This retreat will open up ways to satisfy these longings and hopes that we share with others throughout the world. Sunday Eucharist.

COMMUTER: Offering: \$115. Early Bird: \$ 100, if registered by Nov. 4. (includes 2 lunches)

OVERNIGHT: Offering: \$130. Early Bird: \$115, if registered by Nov. 4. (5 meals & overnight stay)

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS, CLINTON

To register or for more information call Sr. Mary Smith, 563-242-7903, x. 1369,
www.clintonfranciscans.com/Retreats

What is Spiritual Direction? An Introduction

Monday, November 16, 6:30- 7:30 pm in The Canticle Chapel

Come; explore with others how spiritual direction can be an essential tool for your growth. This introduction will address the “who,” “what,” “why” and “how” of the process. You are welcome to join us for 6 pm Evening Prayer. Dessert following the presentation.

Presenters: Sisters Paschal Hocum and Mary Smith

Call 242-7611 to reserve a place. No fee.

Advent Vespers

Join us for Solemn Vespers at 6 pm in The Canticle Chapel every Sunday evening in Advent.

November 29, December 6, 13 and 20

Vespers are composed of Scripture readings, hymns, psalms, prayers and reflection chosen and composed around the Advent themes an ancient tradition of thanksgiving a song of salvation.

Advent Retreat: Nourishing an Attitude of Gratitude

Friday evening, Dec. 4, 6:30 pm, through 4:00 pm, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 5

Led by Clinton Franciscan Sisters Mary Smith and Paschal Hocum, the retreat experience includes silence, presentations, creative sharing, and contemplative prayer in the quiet beauty and renewing power of The Canticle.

Cost: (including overnight accommodations and meals) \$50.00

Should you wish, come early, join us for Eucharistic Liturgy at 9:00 am Friday and spend the day in quiet.

Cost: \$60.00

If you cannot spend the night but wish to attend the retreat presentations: Cost: \$30.00.

Scholarships available

Personal Retreats and Days of Rest and Solitude

The Canticle offers a serene place for a day or two of quiet reflection, the opportunity to pray with the Sisters, or seek spiritual direction. Please call to reserve a time for spiritual refreshment.

A New Year's Eve Retreat

Check in time: Thursday, December 31, 4:00 pm with dinner at 5:00.

The evening will include brief presentations on the gift of stillness that creates love, and on the movement that creates life...and perhaps a bit of dance! Concludes at 10:00 pm with refreshments and early welcoming of the New Year. Our retreat will close with prayer together the following morning.

COST: \$20.00. The overnight stay is optional.

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

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

Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Davenport

Guidelines to assist with accepting grain donations:

- The farmer alerts the Catholic Foundation, the parish office, or the school development office of their intent to donate grain to the foundation, the parish or the school and the grain elevator location.
- The foundation, parish or school opens an account with that elevator in anticipation of the donation.
- The grain **MUST** be delivered into the foundation, parish or school account. An authorized representative of the foundation, parish or school must call the elevator upon delivery and approve the sale of the grain. The elevator will then send a check to the foundation, parish or school.
- The foundation, parish or school will send a thank you letter to the donor indicating the number of bushels of grain and the date received. Do not make reference to the IRS code sections or mention documentation for income tax purposes and do not include the dollar value of the grain. Also, exclude the dollar value of the grain donation on the year-end contribution statement.
- A farmer-donor saves both income taxes and self-employment taxes by donating grain to a non- profit organization. As always, the donor needs to consult with his/her tax preparers.

10/13/09



**Diocese of Davenport
Immigration Program
2706 N. Gaines St.
Davenport, IA 52804-1998**

Services Offered

Ofrecemos Servicios de:

Naturalization/Naturalización
Certificate for Citizenship/Certificado de Ciudadanía
Family Based Petitions/Peticiones Familiares
Replace/Renewal Permanent Resident Card
Reemplazar/Renovar su Residencia Permanente
Tourist Visa Invitation/Invitación para Visa de Turista
Removal of Conditional Card/Remover las Condiciones de
su Residencia
USCIS status inquiries/Carta al USCIS sobre su Residencia
Adjustment of status/Ajuste de estado legal
Fiancé(e) Visas/Visas para prometidos(a)
V-Visa extensions/Extenciones de Visas V
Consular processing/Proceso consular
Immigrant Visas/Visas de Inmigrante

Office Hours

Horas de Oficina

Monday through Friday

Lunes a Viernes

8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

**Now open during Lunch
Abierto durante el Almuerzo**

**(Contact)-Para Mas informacion hable con Gricelda Garnica & Karina Garnica
Phone/Tel. 563-324-8119
563-324-1912 Ext. 232 or 262**