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Fr. Pat Lumsden: 480 Madison Ave. N., Unit 2, North Liberty 52317-2321; C=319-530-1859
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Explore How God May be Calling You to be a Minister of Mercy . . .

Mercy In Motion: A Ministries of Mercy Conference
July 30, 2016

Deadline is Approaching – Register Today

In observance of the Year of Mercy, the Diocese of Davenport will be hosting Mercy in Motion: A Ministries of Mercy Conference on Saturday, July 30 at St. Ambrose University in Davenport. Guided by keynote speaker Tom East from the Center for Ministry Development and music minister Sarah Kroger the faithful of the diocese are invited to reflect upon our call to be a Church of Mercy. The conference will feature a ministry fair with representatives from numerous local organizations and parish programs. Participants will select to attend three of the 15 different breakout sessions focused on how to develop and maintain various “ministries of mercies” within their parishes and how to be involved as “merciful ministers” with organizations or ministries that implement works of mercy in the community. Registration deadline is July 15. For more information see the attached flyer or go to the Year of Mercy webpage.
**PRE-CONFERENCE CONCERT**
Sarah Kroger, our music minister and a workshop presenter for the Mercies Conference will be offering *An Evening of Prayer and Music* the night before the Conference, Friday, July 29 at Christ the King Chapel, St. Ambrose University. This free will offering event will begin at 7:00 p.m. See attached flyer for more information.

**LITURGY OFFICE**
*Order of Celebrating Matrimony:* Workshops to introduce the new *Order of Celebrating Matrimony* and present updates in marriage preparation in the diocese will be held in each deanery beginning in August. The workshops are intended for those who preside at weddings and/or are involved in ministry to couples preparing for marriage, such as priests, deacons (especially those who will not be able to make it to the deacons’ fall convocation), coordinators and team members in marriage preparation programs, music ministers, and parish wedding coordinators.

Our schedule of dates and locations is as follows:
- August 27 = Iowa City (St. Patrick, IC)
- Sept 3 = Ottumwa Deanery (St. Patrick, Ottumwa)
- Sept 17 = Keokuk Deanery (Holy Family, Fort Madison) [NOTE DATE CHANGED]
- Oct 1 = Grinnell Deanery (Sacred Heart, Newton)
- Nov 5 = Clinton Deanery (St. Joseph, DeWitt)
- Dec 3 = Davenport Deanery (site TBA)

In addition, this material will be the topic of the Deacon Convocation on October 15-16. If a priest is unable to make it to one of the deanery workshops, please contact Deacon David Montgomery to arrange to attend the deacon convocation instead. Registration and other information will be posted on the [Liturgy Events page](#).

**DEACON FORMATION OFFICE**
*Deacon Formation Program:* The application and formation process for Deacon Class VIII will begin this fall. Formation for the (permanent) diaconate is divided into three phases: inquiry, aspirancy, and candidacy. During the inquiry phase, those discerning a possible call to the diaconate begin a period of purposeful reflection on this calling. To help in this process, we will host “information days” in each of the six deaneries. The purpose of these inquiry sessions is to introduce men to the diaconate, explain our formation program, and answer any questions that they or their wives might have. The application forms will be distributed only to those who attend one of these sessions. The table below lists the dates, times, and locations for these Inquiry Sessions. Please call the office, 563-888-4257 or e-mail the Director, [agnoli@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:agnoli@davenportdiocese.org) to reserve a place at one of these meetings.

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STEWARDSHIP OFFICE
Best Practices in Parish Stewardship: Tips from the Diocesan Stewardship Commission to effectively promote stewardship in the local community: Provide the opportunity for lay witness presentations. Identify and train individuals, couples or families who are willing to stand before the parish community and testify to the impact that stewardship has had on their lives. Presentations should not be a plea for money or volunteers, but a story about one’s real life journey and the change of heart experienced as a result of their commitment to stewardship. Helpful resources can be found at the International Catholic Stewardship Council web page at www.catholicstewardship.org. Click on Resources & Publications/Parish Resources/Lay Witness.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE
Mentoring Ministry Workshop: July 5, 6:00 p.m., St. Paul the Apostle Church, Davenport. In this the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are reminded of the Corporal Work of Mercy, Visiting the Imprisoned, but sometimes that means helping those as they finish their imprisonment. It might also mean walking side-by-side with someone as they navigate their way through a diversion program, one that allows them to meet their obligation to society while foregoing a prison sentence. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Davenport provides mentors to folks coming out of prison as well as those in diversion programs like Drug Court. To register see the attached flyer.

The 30th Annual Social Action Summer Institute (SASI) registration ends July 7. Who is My Neighbor? Discipleship in the Year of Mercy will be held on July 17-21 at St. Xavier University, Chicago. This national conference is organized by the Roundtable Association of Catholic Diocesan Social Action Directors in partnership with the USCCB Offices of Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Justice Peace & Human Development, Catholic Charities USA, Catholic Relief Services and JustFaith Ministries. To learn more and to register go here.

Workshop on Disaster Preparation for Houses of Worship: July 26, 9:00 a.m., St. John Vianney, Bettendorf. The purpose of the workshop is three-fold: 1) to assist houses of worship in developing an emergency operations plan for the facility, 2) to assist the house of worship in preparing their congregants for an emergency impacting them as individuals and families, and 3) to encourage them, as so many houses of worship are doing across the nation, to take a role in their communities in the event of a disaster. The workshop will feature speakers from FEMA, national faith denomination disaster organizations, and local pastors. The event is designed for all houses of worship throughout the state of Iowa. A flyer with more details, including registration information is attached and will also be sent to parishes. The Office of Social Action is working with the Scott County Emergency Coordinator and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. For additional information contact Glenn Leach, leach@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1911.

Respect Life:
- Respect Life Coordinators are invited/encouraged to attend the Mercy in Motion: A Ministries of Mercy Conference on July 30 at St. Ambrose University. Social Action Director Kent Ferris will be one of the breakout session speakers presenting on the topic, Respecting Life, Expressing Mercy. This interactive session will allow attendees to not only see the Respect Life resources still available from the past several years, but it will also be a planning session for parishes, deaneries, even the diocese. Go to the Year of Mercy webpage to learn more and to register.
- Respect Life Packet: Thank you to all the parishes who have ordered 2016-17 Respect Life Program (RLP) materials! If you forgot to submit your order, but would like to obtain a packet please contact Esmeralda Guerrero, guerrero@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4210. A few extras will be available on a first-come first-served basis. This year’s theme is “Moved by Mercy.” The flyer briefly unpacks the theme using the Parable of the Good Samaritan and includes the same quote from Pope Francis as the poster: “We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us.” Six topics are covered in this year’s program: post-abortion healing, end-of-life care, assisted suicide, infertility, Laudato Si’, and adoption.

CCHD Intern: We are pleased to welcome Nicholas Riedesel as the new intern for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development for the year 2016-17. Nick will be a sophomore at St. Ambrose University, majoring in Elementary Education. He is from Grand Mound and a member of St. Joseph Parish in DeWitt. Nick attended CCHD training in Washington, D.C. the end of May and will attend Gamaliel’s week-long organizer training this summer. He will be working with Quad Cities Interfaith on issues that are of concern to our diocese.
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 the Social Action grant page.

All organizations that work with children must document their efforts to perform background checks for 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. New funding will not be considered until the Progress Report has been submitted.

2017 Events
- Midwest March for Life: January 14. For more information go to http://www.iowartl.org/midwest-march-for-life/
- Iowa Institute for Social Action: January 15-16, SS. John & Paul, Altoona. See the attached flyer.

Project Rachel services for those wounded by abortion are:
- Dedicated Helpline: 563-333-4107 (calls answered personally Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm.) Voice messaging available all other times.
- Dedicated e-mail: projectrachel@diodav.org
- Dedicated national website: www.hopeafterabortion.org
- Confidential referrals for individualized counseling with a Project Rachel priest or counselor

How you can help promote Project Rachel in your parish:
- Distribute the free brochure, “Peace Starts Here.” Call 563-888-4212 to receive.
- On your parish website put a link to the Project Rachel website
- Pray for women and men that have been affected by abortion
- Include weekly bulletin announcements

There are two ways to support Project Rachel:
1. “Humble Angel Honey”: For parishes who are interested in having “Humble Angel Honey” for sale at their parish please contact Kent Ferris or 563-888-4210 to make arrangements.

2. Make a financial contribution, payable to the Diocese of Davenport and mail to Diocese of Davenport, Project Rachel, 780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804-1901.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE
This is the theme for this year’s August Gathering on Saturday, August 13 at St. Alphonsus, Mt. Pleasant. Parishes and Catholic schools are called to form people as missionary disciples in the world. Let’s answer the call together! Our presenter, Jane Angha, Coordinator of Youth Ministry Services and Project Coordinator of Young Neighbors in Action for the Center for Ministry Development, will guide us through this workshop and share effective ways for parishes to engage children and youth, and empower them as young disciples who are growing as witnesses to their faith. Please refer to the August Gathering website or the attached flyer for complete details.

Strong Catholic Families: NOW is the time to explore your parish’s entrance into the Strong Catholic Families, Strong Catholic Youth Initiative. Explore how your parish can begin to move toward partnering with parents instead of simply providing a service to them on forming faith in families. Contact Don Boucher, 563-888-4243 or Marianne Agnoli, 563-888-4242 to schedule an onsite consultation in your parish on the Strong Catholic Families, Strong Catholic Youth Initiative. Hear how other parishes are moving in this direction, and start getting ready to join the next Initiative cohort that begins in September.
Major Youth Events Dates Announced: Mark your calendars for the 2nd DCYC (Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference) for high school students on November 19-20 at St. Ambrose University and the Junior High Rally on March 19, 2017.

MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM
All courses are held at the Chancery in Davenport, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Another option is the DVD/YouTube small group in which the order of courses is as stated below; however each group will determine its monthly meeting time. Application form and additional information may be found on the MFP website. For information regarding the courses or the Ministry Formation Program contact Marianne Agnoli or 563-888-4242.

2016-17 Schedule

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| 8/20/16    | Personal/Pastoral: IlaMae Hanisch   |
| 9/17/16    | Catholicism: Dr. Corrine Winter     |
| 10/15/16   | Commissioning Liturgy: St. Mary, Iowa City |
| 10/22/16   | Moral Themes: Fr. Thom Hennen       |
| 11/5/16    | Old Testament I: Dr. Matthew Coomber |
| 12/17/16   | Old Testament II: Dr. Matthew Coomber |
| 1/21/17    | Liturgy I: Deacon Frank Agnoli      |
| 2/18/17    | Liturgy II: Deacon Frank Agnoli     |
| 3/18/17    | New Testament I: Dr. Matthew Coomber |
| 4/22/17    | New Testament II: Dr. Matthew Coomber |
| 5/20/17    | Canon Law: Fr. Paul Appel           |
| 6/17/17    | Intro to Theology: Dr. Corinne Winter |
| 7/15/17    | Intro to Catechesis: Dr. Corinne Winter |
| 8/19/17    | Civil Law: Deacon Bob Glaser        |
| 9/16/17    | Spiritual Themes: IlaMae Hanisch    |

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
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 St. Mary Church in Pella on Sunday, October 2 at 2 p.m. Contact your parish to confirm that they have submitted your names and address. Invitations will be sent in September. (Parishes received an email from Barb Butterworth on June 1 which provided the necessary information about how to submit couple’s names and addresses.)

National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week will be celebrated on July 24-30. The slogan of the campaign this year is: Natural Family Planning, Love, Mercy, Life, opening the heart of marriage. Posters are available in both English and Spanish along with additional parish promotional materials, homily helps, prayers and other resources on the USCCB website.

Año Jubilar de la Misericordia (Jubilee Year of Mercy): Join Most Reverend Daniel E. Flores, Bishop of Brownsville, Texas in this free NACFLM Professional Development Conference Call in Spanish Thursday, August 18, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Additional details to follow in the August Mini-Messenger and on the Marriage and Family diocesan website.

Marriage Preparation Enrichment Videos: Marriage Ministries has just released a series of marriage preparation enrichment videos that include specific topics such as Cohabitation, Military Couples, Interfaith and Interchurch Marriages, Second Marriages, and Forming a Stepfamily. Clergy and Marriage Ministry leaders may register for free access to these and other videos to use during the parish marriage preparation process at http://marriageboosters.net. Click on “Parishes and Dioceses” and you will be asked to fill out a short registration form. You will then be given access to all of the videos and a list of questions that can be used for further discussion on the selected topic.

Marriage and Parenting Resource: Attached is the July 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: Sponsor Couple (through your parish), One-day, Weekend (two-day), and Online (under special circumstances—with parish approval).

**Sponsor Couple:** It is preferred that those preparing for marriage meet with a trained parish Sponsor Couple. Contact Marianne Agnoli to schedule a training in your parish.

**Weekend and One-day:**
- **August 6-7, 2016:** Mt. Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, registration **deadline is July 29**
- **October 15, 2016:** Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias, **registration deadline is October 7**
- **January 21, 2017:** Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, **registration deadline is January 13**
- **February 25, 2017:** Bettendorf, St. John Vianney, **registration deadline February 17**

As of July 1, 2016 the registration fee increases to **$150 per couple.**

The registration form and more information can be found on the Marriage and Family webpage. If you have questions contact Barb Butterworth or 563-888-4240.

**Online:** Go [here](#) — to be used only under special circumstance with parish approval.

**Natural Family Planning Links:**
Engaged couples are encouraged to begin NFP instruction at least four to six months prior to the wedding date.

**NFP Local Instructor** contact information can be found on the diocesan Marriage and Family webpage.

**Recommended NFP Online Instruction**
- **Billings Ovulation Method NFP course** is available at [http://learnnfponline.com](http://learnnfponline.com). A certificate of completion will be issued. Cost is $49.

- **Couple to Couple League (Sympto-thermal) Method** offers two online options for those couples who do not have a local teaching couple, or for those whose schedule prevents them from attending a local instruction. Couples will receive the same materials as those attending any on-site class, plus have access to professional chart reviews until confident in their method skills. Check the [CCL website](#) for the schedule of **Live Online** and **Self-paced Online** classes.

Additional NFP Distance Learning Resources are available [here](#).

**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, [vac@diodav.org](mailto:vac@diodav.org) 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](mailto: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](http://www.chmiowa.org).

**Introduction to SoulCollage:** Wed, July 6 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Join us for a fun day of creating personal SoulCollage cards using magazine images as I guide you through the process. See how your cards reveal your true inner self and how they can assist with life questions. Images and cards provided. Bring scissors and non-acid glue stick. Cynthia Huffman, SoulCollage Facilitator, Wellness Consultant. Fee: $30

**Contemplating the Holy in Nature through the Arts:** July 10 –16| Sun 5pm – Sat 10am (after brunch). Enjoy a day(s) or a week learning/practicing art and contemplating the Divine in the pristine beauty of The Prairie. Each day will begin and end with quiet reflection. Various artists will contemplate the Holy through their window on the world:
Mon, July 11  Sue Messer: The Art of Sketchbook Journaling
Tues, July 12  Joellen Price, PVBM: The Mandala: A Pathway to One’s Center (Zentangle)
Thurs, July 14  K.C. Barnes: Colors from the Heart (Acrylic painting)
Fri, July 15  Aubrey Jane Ryan: Honoring Earth through Poetry

Each day’s presentation and practice is from 9am – 4pm. Fee: $30/day (includes lunch); $150 for commuters for the full week (includes lunch each day); $300 for the full week (all meals plus lodging)

Come to the Quiet: The Gift of Humility: Wed, July 20 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. This gift is perhaps often misunderstood. The gift of humility isn’t about putting ourselves down; rather it helps us remember, as one spiritual writer said, that we are all “equally human.” The gift of humility brings a freshness of spirit and renewed awareness of community. Pat Shea. Fee: $20

Retreat into the Universe Story: July 29 – August 4 | Fri, 5pm – Thurs, 10am (after brunch). Deepen your awareness of the Universe as the primary revelation of the Divine, awaken a consciousness of the sacred dimension of Earth; experience the single integral community of Earth that includes every being – oak trees, deer, squirrels, humans – and ponder their rights to be recognized and revered. Enjoy vegetarian meals from Prairie gardens. Janet Mallak, SSND, Jeanne Wingenter, SSND, Paulette Zimmerman, SSND. (Limited to 12 participants) Fee: $500

Knit One, Pray Too!: Tues, August 9 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Seasoned knitters and novices are invited to bring their latest projects for a relaxing day of knitting, sharing, praying and enjoying the peace of The Prairie. Karen Brooke, Ann Green & Anne Johnson. Fee: $20

Come to the Quiet: The Gift of Discernment: Tues, August 16 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Among all the clamor and clutter of our culture, the Spirit bestows the gift of discernment to help us grasp and comprehend our call to follow the sacred way. Pat Shea. Fee: $20

Sixth Annual Spirit of the Prairie: Sun, August 21 | 3 – 6pm. (Proceeds benefit Our Lady of the Prairie Programs.) Join us for a spirit-filled afternoon at The Prairie: Summer Buffet ~ Spirits ~ Music. Locally produced food, wines and beer! New this year – a silent auction of artworks created by local artists. Guests will have the opportunity to “Meet and Greet” Ralph Iaccarino, Michale Blaser, David Zahn, KC Barnes, Judy Heath and Tom Hempel. Presentations by each of these fine artists will also be on the Spirit of the Prairie schedule. New visitors and return guests to Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat will find this a wonderful opportunity to experience and explore the Spirit of the Prairie. Call 563-323-9466 for additional party information and to make your reservations OR register on-line at www.chmiowa.org. Fee: $50

“Do not resist the Holy Spirit!” A New Pentecost for a New Evangelization: Tues, August 30 | 9am – 4pm. Building upon Pope Francis’ plea, we will reflect on how 2000 years of Christian Wisdom can help our Church keep Pentecost alive in today’s post-modern world. Rev. Bob Miller, Pastor of St. Dorothy Church, Chicago, with Mark Nimo. Fee: $30

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

Contact Sr. Jackie Walsh, OSB at 309-283-2108, retreats@smmsisters.org or online at www.smmsisters.org/retreats/retreats-and-programs to register for programs mentioned below.

Silent Directed Retreat: God Speaks. Are We Listening?: Sun. July 10 (Check-in: 4-6:30 pm; Conference: 7 pm) - Wed. July 13, 4 pm. God speaks to each of us in a multitude of ways. How well do we listen? How do we respond? Take time to listen to God and, perhaps, deepen your listening skills during these few days in July. Come with an open heart and be amazed at what God wants to say to you. Meet daily with a certified spiritual director: Sr. Mary Schmidt, OSB; Sr. Margaret Murphy, OSB; Abbot Philip Davey, OSB. Fee: Register and pay in full by June 10: $315. Registrations after June 10: $325. Commuter fee: $225, includes lunches and dinners.

Voices Serving the Holy in All: Fri. Aug. 19 (Registration: 6:30 pm; Evening Session: 7-9 pm)- Sat. Aug. 20, 9 am–2 pm. Do you long to twine your voice with others in song? Do you remember that you were born singing, as
your ancestors before you? Join a growing global movement, knitting the world together through songs of love, play, spirit and freedom. This retreat is for people who 'don't sing' AND for people who love to sing. Join as we use our voices to deepen our sense of communion with others and our sacred respect and wonder in the face of all nature. We'll sing easy-to-learn, playfully challenging songs that speak to critical themes—spiritual, environmental, social, interpersonal—in a way that brings joy, a sense of success and an expression of shared meaning. Follow along as we relax into the voices we were born to sing with, sharing beautiful, fun, simple songs that can reshape the world. Community Song Leader Liz Rog will lead this music retreat. Liz is a songleader in the global Ubuntu tradition. Liz lives in the Driftless Region of northeast Iowa with her family, where she leads weekly community singing for all ages and hosts guests at Fern Hollow Cabin, her ancestral home. Fee: $70.

**Community Sing-A-Long:** The local community is invited for a community sing, Aug. 20, 2-4 pm by the lake at St. Mary Monastery. Free will offering. Community Song Leader Liz Rog will lead this music gathering. (see above)

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To support the ministry of your parish, school and the diocese these groups automatically receive the *Mini-Messenger*:

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

**Mercy in Motion**

*An Ministries of Mercy Conference*

**Saturday, July 30, 2016**

St. Ambrose University
Davenport, Iowa

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
4:45 Closing Liturgy
(Bishop Amos Presiding)

$30 – includes hospitality, lunch and materials

**Online Registration & Additional Information at:**

http://www.davenportdiocese.org/YearOfMercyConference.htm

**EXPLORE HOW GOD MAY BE CALLING YOU TO BE A MINISTER OF MERCY IN YOUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY**

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Hallelujah Is Our Song:
An evening of prayer and music with Sarah Kroger

Friday, July 29, 2016
Christ the King Chapel at
St. Ambrose University
7:00 PM
Free will offering

Sarah Kroger is a Catholic singer/songwriter from Melbourne, FL. With parents involved in parish ministry, music and ministry have always been a part of her life. As a teenager, she began to develop her personal relationship with God and grew in her musical abilities during school and church music programs. She started composing music at Rollins College, where she graduated with a degree in vocal performance.

Sarah is passionate about delivering the message “that we are fearfully and wonderfully made.” (Ps 139)...that even in the midst of chaos, confusion, pain, suffering and sin, we can always find hope in Jesus.

Her tender heart of prayer combined with the rare talent of her voice has made for a unique and intimate experience of prayer at a range of national and international events. Her goal as a worship leader is to “…create a space for people to encounter God in an authentic, personal way.”

Sarah is a published artist with Oregon Catholic Press / Spirit and Song and released her second EP entitled “Hallelujah Is Our Song” in 2013. When Sarah isn’t on the road, she currently resides in Atlanta, GA with her husband.

For more information call:
Diocese of Davenport Office of Faith Formation at (563) 888-4240
MENTORING MINISTRY

Don’t miss out on a two hour information and training session!

Tuesday, July 5
6:00 p.m.

St. Paul the Apostle
Rectory Room

916 East Rusholme Street
Davenport, IA

More information & RSVP
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In this the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are reminded of the Corporal Work of Mercy, Visiting the Imprisoned. But sometimes that means helping those as they finish their imprisonment. It might also mean walking side-by-side with someone as they navigate their way through a diversion program, one that allows them to meet their obligation to society while foregoing a prison sentence. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Davenport provides mentors to folks coming out of prison as well as those in diversion programs like Drug Court.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Davenport
780 West Central Park Ave | Davenport, IA 52804 | 563-324-1911 |
http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sajailministry.htm
Save the Date!

Iowa Institute for Social Action

Jan. 15-16, 2017
Saints John and Paul Parish, Altoona

Keynote by Brian Corbin, executive VP of Catholic Charities USA. Breakout sessions to feature the latest on the social concerns of the Church, including poverty, immigration and protecting the vulnerable.

www.iowacatholicconference.org  info@iowacatholicconference.org  (515) 243-6256
Faithful Readiness:
An Emergency Preparedness Workshop for Faith Communities

A collaborative effort between the FEMA, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Center for Faith-based & Neighborhood Partnerships, and state and local partners

Tuesday, July 26, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
4097 18th Street
Bettendorf, Iowa

*** Registration is free ***

Please register at: http://goo.gl/forms/dWb72AXfz84ej09C3 or email dave.donovan@scottcountyiowa.com with subject line “RSVP-Iowa” and include name(s) of participants, organization(s), title within the organization, e-mail address and phone number

As a participant you will:

• Meet FEMA Region VII liaisons who will be available to discuss FEMA’s Faithful Readiness Initiative involving the faith communities throughout the region

• Be introduced to FEMA’s booklet, “Developing a High Quality Emergency Operations Plan for your House of Worship” by staff from the Department of Homeland Security’s Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

• Connect with new partners ready to help support your house of worship’s members prepare for emergencies

Please make all reasonable accommodations requests to Mike Pickerel at mike_pickerel@fema.dhs.gov

Seating is Limited

Lunch will be provided by the Red Cross
MARRIAGE MOMENTS

682. July 4: Independence Day How much independence is good in a marriage? Certainly husband and wife should be able to stand on their own two feet and not rely on their spouse for identity and self-worth; BUT interdependence is better. What do you depend on your spouse to do around your home?

683. July 11: "Be your partner's cheerleader, not his/her teacher, supervisor or critic. This creates a partnership rather than a hierarchy." (Trudy Costa, "How To Create a Satisfying, Lasting Marriage")

684. July 18: Lk: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things." (Luke 10:41) What worries and burdens are you carrying today? (Money? Children? Health? Job?) Let your beloved (your spouse and God) be a comfort to you. Be present to who is most important to you today.

685. July 25: Do you ever bargain with your beloved? "If you watch the kids, I'll be able to do this repair project." OR "If only you could give me 5 more minutes, 1 hour, 1 day to finish this, we could spend some quality time together. It's not bad to negotiate, but keep your end of the bargain. (Gn. 18: 20-32)

PARENTING POINTERS

683. July 1: July 6 is Eid El Fitr (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eid_al-Fitr) - an Islamic feast similar to Easter. It is a day when the fasting of Ramadan ends and Muslims feast. Religious ignorance is not good for our society. Teach your child about how others know God.

684. July 8: "...love your neighbor as yourself (Luke 10:27)-It's a familiar verse; perhaps so familiar we take it for granted. How do I love myself? (Do I take care of my health, my mind?...) Help your children identify their strengths today. Not just general strengths. Be specific. Later you can go on to apply this to your neighbors.

685. July 15: "Love your neighbor as yourself" follow up. Once appropriate self-love is acknowledged, help your child expand this to loving others. Teach them to be hospitable to everyone they meet whether or not they take an instant liking to the person.

686. July 22: The 4th Sunday in July is Parents Day. Go beyond the "Hallmark Holiday" notion. Perhaps use it as a time to tell your child what it was like for you to await their birth. How did you prepare?

687. July 29: "One's life does not consist of possessions." (Luke 12:15) How many "toys" does your family have? For adults it may be electronics, for kids it may be stuffed animals, dolls, or cars. Challenge the family to reduce by 10 % or even just one item. Click here for ideas. http://www.susanvogt.net/blog/tag/toys/
Parishes and Catholic schools are called to form people as missionary disciples in the world. Let’s answer the call together! This workshop will share effective ways for parishes to engage children and youth, and empower them as young disciples who are growing as witnesses to their faith. We will include vision and practical ideas for these topics:

- Calling Children and Youth to Missionary Discipleship
- Growing as Leaders in Our Relationship with Jesus
- Transforming Faith Formation and Youth Ministry into Disciple-Building
- Supporting Families of Disciples
- Knowing Young People Today
- Equipping Young Disciples (Providing an Encounter, Building Relationship, Forming Faith, Empowering for Mission)
- Accompanying Children and Youth

**Feas**

- Early-Bird (by July 29): $30/person; $150 maximum per parish
- Standard (after July 29/bys August 10): $35/person; $175 maximum per parish

**To Register**

Go to http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/. Click on August Gathering.

**Presenter**

**Jane Angha** is Coordinator of Youth Ministry Services and Project Coordinator of Young Neighbors in Action for the Center for Ministry Development. She previously served as Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry at St. Bernard Parish in Appleton, Wisconsin.

She has worked with high school youth for the past 20 years as a high school teacher, youth minister, and coordinator of religious education. Jane holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Wisconsin and a Master's degree in Theological Studies from St. Norbert College in DePere, Wisconsin.

**Workshop Schedule**

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