

VICAR GENERAL'S OFFICE

Save the Date, June 5: Hear the authors of the book [Rebuilt](#): Fr. Michael White and Tom Corchoran who wrote a very popular book on parish renewal called *Rebuilt* will be leading the June Clergy Institute. Due to the nature of this presentation and its practical applications to many parishes in our diocese we are opening the session on Tuesday, June 5 to parish staff and lay leadership at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The presentation will explore the experience of Fr. White and Mr. Corchoran in changing the culture of their parish to reach out to lapsed Catholics and the unchurched. This should be an insightful, informative and inspiring day. More information will be sent at a later date, but we encourage you to share this date with your staff and leadership.

LITURGY OFFICE

The [May edition of LiturgyNotes](#) is available.

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE

Stewardship: A Disciple's Response: An important document for moving the conversation about stewardship deeper into the life of a parish was given to the Church 25 years ago by the U.S. Bishops' Conference.

Stewardship: A Disciple's Response communicates a compelling vision with rich theological and spiritual rationale for all parish activities. Pastors, parish leaders and those who want to know more will want to explore our simplified guide to the Bishop's Pastoral. Six short study sessions are available [here](#) and may be accomplished at your own pace—in as little as one day. Participants who return brief written reflections from all sessions by June 1 will be entered into a drawing for a basket of current stewardship resources to help inspire and motivate others.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

Remittances are due for your CRS Rice Bowl donations and CCHD 2017 Collection funds. Please send to the Finance Office immediately as grant determinations will be made on the funds received. Thank you for your participation in both.

Available Grants: Application deadline May 31. The Social Action Department is accepting grant applications for the local share of the CRS Rice Bowl and Catholic Campaign for Human Development collections. For more information call Loxi Hopkins, 563-888-4212.

- **[Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl](#):** For those providing/supporting direct services to people who are hungry (first foot of social justice).
- **[Catholic Campaign for Human Development \(CCHD\)](#):** For those organizations and projects that promote systemic change (second foot of social justice).

CRS Rice Bowl 2019 Materials Postcard will be arriving by US mail. Please [review and update your postcard \(sample\)](#) quantities if needed otherwise your order will be as it was for 2018. [If you don't have any changes you still need to return the postcard.](#)

2018 Respect Life Materials: Parishes interested in receiving a free Respect Life Packet can submit their orders to [Esmeralda Guerrero](#). Please include the following information in your e-mail. 1) parish name and address, 2) contact name, 3) contact phone number and 4) contact email address (if not the pastor or office contact).

2018 Serrv Summer Fair Trade Catalog is now available to buy Fair Trade handcrafts and gourmet food items from disadvantaged producers around the world. [Request Catalog.](#) [View Digital Catalog.](#)

CCHD Intern: Alicia Ordaz has been selected as the new Catholic Campaign for Human Development Intern for the 2018-2019 school year. She will be working out of the Center for Worker Justice Center in Iowa City. Alicia is fluent in Spanish and loves meeting and working with new people.

Tenth Anniversary of Postville, Immigration Raid: On Friday, May 11, the tenth anniversary of the Postville, Iowa, and Immigration Raid will be observed in Postville. It will be a time to remember the 389 persons who were arrested on May 12, 2008, and to recognize this defining moment as a Summons to challenge current anti-immigrant rhetoric and behaviors, and to unite in demanding just, humane, and comprehensive immigration reform. [More information](#)

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Youth and Young Adult:

Catholics In Action: *Two different formats, St. Mary, Solon.* [More information, promo materials & registration](#)

For 6th-8th graders: June 25-27. Help your middle school/junior high youth to make a difference in people's lives this summer. This year's program will incorporate the "Share the Journey" campaign endorsed by Pope Francis, focusing on understanding the journey of immigrants and refugees. Send or bring a team or two from your parish.

Family Style: July 26-29. **Note change of date due to scheduling conflict.** Give your families an opportunity to vacation with a purpose while incorporating the "Share the Journey" campaign. Children of all ages are welcome as well as families of all types and sizes. If you know of a family or two in your parish that would welcome such an opportunity, download the flyer and share it with them. Please include something in your bulletins NOW to help families plan for this. Those who take advantage of this opportunity will thank you for doing so!

Adult Formation: Upcoming Courses: May 12 Matrimony by Deacon Frank and Marianne Agnoli and June 16 Holy Orders with Fr. Thom Hennen and Deacon David Montgomery, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Chancery. \$25 per course. [Register](#) or contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244.

Marriage and Family:

Parents, Kids, and Porn: The Conversation: May 15, 11 am - 12 pm or May 22, 7 pm - 8 pm. This free webinar conversation will address how to initiate age appropriate discussion free of fear and shame, how to approach technology, social media and pornography, and ultimately how to create an atmosphere of openness and honesty in your home where you are the go-to person for your kids. [Information](#) and [Registration](#)

Divorced and Separated Ministry: On June 6, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Church in Iowa City a 12-session program will begin using *Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for Catholic Families*. See [brochure](#). To register contact Stephanie Zeising, 319-530-5487 or joyingratitude@gmail.com.

Contact [Marianne Agnoli](#), to discuss starting a support group in your school, parish or deanery. Additional resources are available on the [Ministry to Divorced and Separated webpage](#).

Radical Listening in the Family: June 9, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., St. Mary Church, Riverside. All couples are invited to enhance their listening skills for the benefit of their marriages and families by participating in this practical workshop. Sponsor Couples are especially encouraged to attend to meet their annual marriage enrichment requirement and to gain insights on how to model effective listening skills for the engaged couples with whom they journey. [Registration and flyer](#).

Sponsor Couple Training/Refresher: June 23, 2:30 – 5:15 p.m., St. Mary Church, West Point. Contact [Marianne Agnoli](#), 563-888-4242 by June 15 to register or to discuss hosting a training in your parish/deanery.

Marriage Preparation Instructional Programs: Several marriage preparation program formats offered. More information: [Marriage and Family webpage](#).

Natural Family Planning: Participation in an Introduction to Natural Family Planning or a method specific instruction is required of all couples of child bearing age preparing for marriage in the diocese. [Listing of free upcoming introductory sessions and specific method classes](#). Contact [Marianne Agnoli](#), 563-888-4242 if you would like to schedule an NFP instruction in your parish or deanery.

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 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. To learn more about these programs and Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat visit www.chmiowa.org. All programs include a delicious homemade meal prepared with local and organic ingredients.

- *Lectio Divina through Current Writers Book: Invention of Wings*, Sue Monk Kidd, May 3, 6:00pm–9:00pm
- *Walk as One at 1 on World Labyrinth Day*: May 5, 10:00am–3:00pm
- *Preserving Stories of Family & Faith*: May 8, 9:30am–3:30pm
- *Come to the Quiet: The Iridescent Word*: May 10, 9:30am–3:30pm
- *Visio Divina through Film-To Kill a Mockingbird*: (1962 version), May 10, 5:00pm meal, 5:30pm film
- *Knit One, Pray Too!*: May 24, 9:30am–3:30pm
- *Building your Intuition*: June 2, 9:30am – 3:30pm
- *Centering Prayer Intensive Retreat*: June 3 – June 9
- *Come to the Quiet– Responding to the Divine Word*: June 12, 9:30am – 3:30pm
- *Visio Divina through Film-Mary and Martha*: June 12, 5:00pm light supper followed by 5:30pm film
- *Weaving Prayers and Baskets*: June 19, 9:00am – 4:00pm

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL

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

- ◆ *Bookmarks: The Grace in Aging: Awaken as You Grow Older* by Kathleen Dowling Singh, Tuesday mornings: Final 2 sessions: May 8, 22; 9:30-11 am
- ◆ *Discernment Weekend: Common Life, Common Prayer, Joy: The Benedictine Way*: Sat. May 19, 9 am-Sun. May 20, 1 pm
- ◆ *Women’s Retreat: “Listen Carefully, My Daughter…” (Rule of St. Benedict Prologue)*: June 22 5:30 PM - June 24 1:00 PM
- ◆ *Silent Directed Retreat*: July 8 4:00 PM – July 13 4:00 PM or optional 3-day retreat July 8-11.

SHALOM SPIRITUALTY CENTER, DUBUQUE

To register call 563-582-3592 or email info@shalomretreats.org. 1001 Davis St., Dubuque, IA 52001, www.shalomretreats.org,

Retreats:

- *Healing: Myth, Magic, or Miracle?*: June 15, 5:30pm — Wednesday, June 20, 9:00am. \$25 Early Bird discount if registered by May 15. Registration Deadline: Monday, June 11.
- *Wisdom from St. Francis of Assisi for the 21st Century*: Sunday, July 15, 5:30pm — Friday, July 20, 9:00am. \$25 Early Bird discount if registered by June 15. Registration Deadline: July 10.

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

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Parishes	Catholic Foundation Board	Sisters	RCIA Parish Contacts	Diocesan Liturgical Commission
Priests	Parish Lay Directors	Bookkeepers	Diocesan Board of Education	
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.