

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

The 2016-17 Annual Diocesan Appeal is off to a successful start. Our goal is going to be achieved because of the many parishioners who give to this important effort. Donations assist every department at the Diocese and this year the diocesan staff is thanking donors “personally” via a You Tube video (7 minutes) on the diocesan [website](#). Please view and hear our appreciation.

NEW TO OUR DIOCESE

We welcome the following priests to our diocese as they pursue studies at St. Ambrose University and University of Iowa.

Fr. Denis Hatungimana: 780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport 52804-1901, hatungimanad@diodav.org, 563-349-2018

Fr. A. John Paul Otanwa, VC: Newman Center, 104 E Jefferson St., Iowa City 52245-1717; otanwaj@diodav.org, 415-672-3494

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

The **Social Action E-Newsletter** is filled with upcoming events and deadlines, calls to action and social justice news and views. The October edition of the newsletter will be dedicated to the legacy of **Msgr. Marvin Mottet**. You can view previous issues or subscribe to The Two Feet newsletter at <http://bit.ly/TwoFeetNewsletter> or send an e-mail to kerstana@diodav.org and we will add you to our subscription list. Please feel free to submit any parish event for inclusion at our monthly newsletter.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD):

- **The Annual Collection** will be held November 19 and 20. Help Catholics "take poverty off the map" by encouraging them to begin planning now for the collection! To learn more about the collection go [here](#).
- **Promotional Materials** for parishes will arrive in early October: posters, envelopes and bulletin inserts that are adapted to our diocese. If your parish does not receive materials by mid-October, you need more materials or have questions contact [Loxi Hopkins](mailto:Loxi.Hopkins), 563-888-4212. Please insert your parish bulletin and display the poster the weekend of November 12-13.
- **The 1st Ever CCHD Luncheon for parishes** will be held on Saturday, October 15, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. at SS. Mary & Mathias Catholic School (Mazzuchelli Center) in Muscatine. CCHD is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs. Participants will learn how parishes could benefit with becoming involved with existing CCHD funded groups and how a new funded group would become organized in your area. If you are interested in attending the luncheon please RSVP by October 10 to [Esmeralda Guerrero](mailto:Esmeralda.Guerrero), 563-888-4210. You will have an opportunity to hear from two of our CCHD funded groups, Quad Cities Interfaith, Davenport and Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa, Iowa City and what they are doing with your CCHD contributions. You will also see a video of our past and present CCHD interns and how the CCHD internship affected their lives. See the attached flyer for more details and feel free to distribute to those who might be interested. Your assistance in promoting this year's collection is essential to its success.
 - The following parishes will be awarded for significant increases in their CCHD contributions:

St. John Vianney, Bettendorf	Sacred Heart, Davenport	St. Patrick, Iowa City
St. Wenceslaus, Iowa City	St. Patrick, Marengo	St. Mary, Ottumwa
St. Patrick, Ottumwa	St. Mary, Oxford	St. Joseph, Richland
Holy Trinity, Richmond	St. James, St. Paul	St. Mary, Sigourney
St. Joseph, Wellman		

- **Kick-Off Event Opportunity:** If your parish would like to host a CCHD Collection Kick-Off Event contact [Loxi Hopkins](#), 563-888-4212. At the Kick-Off you will:
 - Learn what CCHD does to break the cycle of poverty by funding community programs.
 - Hear about what CCHD has done to enhance Catholic social teaching in our diocese.
 - Find out more about the history and purpose of the CCHD Annual Collection. Each year the Diocese retains 25% of the proceeds to fight poverty within our own diocese. You will hear how the collections have made a difference for Quad Cities Interfaith and Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa, two of our CCHD funded groups.
 - Receive print and video resources so you can help with the promotion of the CCHD collection in your parish and in doing so, help your community be a more just place to live!

October is Respect Life Month. Please remember to use and display your Respect Life Month packet materials, *Moved by Mercy*. If your parish missed the notice to order materials contact [Esmeralda Guerrero](#), 563-888-4210. Materials are also available at the [USCCB website](#).

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

QUEST Overnight for 8th-9th Graders: This experience helps teens to focus on loving themselves, loving others and loving God. It's a chance to get away from their regular routine, meet new people, talk about important issues, grow in their faith, and have fun! November 5-6 at Our Lady of Lourdes in Bettendorf. Visit the [QUEST webpage](#) for more information and to register.

Diocesan Youth Ministry Awards: Every other year the diocese presents two youth ministry awards: The St. Don Bosco Companion on the Journey Award is presented to adults who have made significant contributions to the development of youth ministry in the diocese, and who are models of leadership that empower and accompany young people on their journey of faith. The St. Timothy Award is presented to high school youth who are strong witnesses to a life of discipleship and who have made significant contributions to the development of youth ministry in their parish or school. Both these awards will be presented at the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) on November 20. Nominations are due by October 28. For nomination packets, visit the [AWARDS webpage](#).

2016 DCYC (Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference): This biennial conference for high school youth takes place November 19-20 at St. Ambrose University in Davenport. This year's theme – *Signed. Sealed. Delivered. For Mercy.* – centers on the Kingship of Jesus in our lives. Through the keynote presentations of *Robert Feduccia*, the music of *Mathias Michael*, breakout sessions, prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation, Mass, and much more, young people will come to know deeper their call to be agents of God's mercy in the world. Early-bird registration deadline is October 28, and final registration deadline is November 12. For publicity, registration and medical/permission forms, visit the [DCYC webpage](#).

State of Faith Formation in the Diocese of Davenport: The Office of Faith Formation is undertaking an assessment of the current status of faith formation across the age spectrum. The goal of this assessment is to understand how each parish is forming faith in all its parishioners, discover what is most effective, identify key challenges, and determine the kind of assistance, support and resourcing most needed. The results will guide the Office of Faith Formation staff in developing future programs and service to better suit the needs of parishes. The assessment is also being conducted in anticipation of Bishop Amos' retirement to serve as an important orientation document to the new bishop on the state of faith formation in the diocese. Fr. John Stack is the project coordinator for this study, and he will be contacting all faith formation and youth ministry leaders to schedule interviews in each parish across the diocese. Look for more information in future editions of the *Mini*.

MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM

2016 Commissioning: Congratulations to the following MFP participants who are scheduled to be commissioned as Lay Ecclesial Ministers for the Diocese of Davenport on October 15, 2016 at St. Mary's in Iowa City:

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| Jane Doucette: St. Mary, Iowa City | Williams Doucette: St. Mary, Iowa City |
| Karina Garnica: Sacred Heart, Davenport | Rebecca Hannum: St. Mary, West Point |
| Jane Kauzalarich-Payle: St. Mary, Oskaloosa | Juana Plum: St. Mary, Albia |
| Andrew Reif: St. Mary, Dodgeville | Lori Smith: St. Mary, Oskaloosa |
| Donna Tylkowski: St. Mary, Oskaloosa | |

The commissioning liturgy begins at 11:00 a.m. and will be followed by a luncheon reception in the parish hall.

MFP Courses: Live classes are held at the Chancery in Davenport from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. or participants may instead choose to join one of the video small groups held at various locations throughout the diocese. Each small group location will determine its monthly meeting time. An 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

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

Report on Reception and Implementation of *Amoris Laetitia* in the United States

A Statement from Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz – President of the USCCB:

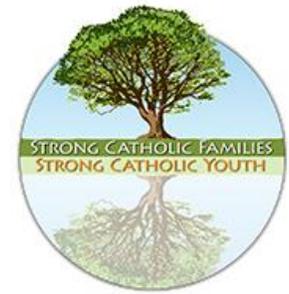
The Church in the United States, together with the Church throughout the world, has found in Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love) a wealth of encouragement, guidance, and wisdom about the beautiful gift and vocation of marriage and family life. Since its release date on April 8, 2016, bishops, lay leaders, and families in the United States have proactively sought to receive Pope Francis's teachings joyfully and to implement them in our shared task of caring for marriages and families. A request from the Office of the Synod of Bishops for a report on the reception and implementation of *Amoris Laetitia* in the United States has provided an opportunity to reflect on the good work that is already underway, as well as envisioned future plans to continue absorbing and unpacking this foundational document. The report presented to the Office of the Synod of Bishops, is available [here](#).

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Catholics for Family Peace has created a helpful media toolkit, with suggestions for engaging with various kinds of media during October. The toolkit includes suggested Prayers of the Faithful, social media posts, and more. Information will also be available throughout October on their [Facebook page](#). The toolkit can be found [here](#).

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.

Upcoming Webinars and Conferences

***Amoris Laetitia* Webinar Series: The Pastoral Response in Accompanying Families in Faith:** The Strong Catholic Families National Partnership invites ministry leaders, teachers, parents and clergy to join together with others around the globe in a four-part webinar series focusing on the pastoral implementation of Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation on the family, *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love). Four Master Teachers will be speaking to different aspects of a family’s faith journey over the next several months. Each month, two live panels will convene to reflect on the master teacher presentation and to discuss the pastoral issues, concerns and effective practices related to that month’s theme. Times are 1:00 or 6:00 p.m. each day.



- *Theme 1 (October 12): Listening to the Joys and Hungers of Families* presented by Dr. Tim Hogan, Director of Grace Counseling Center, Detroit
- *Theme 2 (October 16 & November 2): Accompanying Families* presented by Bishop Richard Malone, Diocese of Buffalo
- *Theme 3 (November 6 & December 7): Assisting Families in Discerning God’s Movement* presented by Julianne Stanz, Director of New Evangelization, Diocese of Green Bay
- *Theme 4 (January 8 & January 25): Engaging for Mission* presented by Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archdiocese of Washington

[Click here](#) to register for each panel and/or to download and distribute the informational flyer.

Going Natural - A Healthy Choice: Friday, October 7 at St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. Registration begins at 8:30am and conference runs from 9am-3pm. This conference will present a scientific analysis of sex, fertility, and relationships. Speakers include Vicki Thorn, M.S., Jamie Rathjen, M.A., Monica Minjeur, D.O., Robert Pranger, M.D. and Fr. Ray Atwood. Everyone is welcome! CEUs offered for medical professionals. \$25 for conference, materials, lunch and CEU credits. \$15 for students and financial scholarships available. An informational flyer is available on the [Marriage and Family](#) diocesan webpage.

An Invitation to Love – God’s Plan for Sexuality and Marriage: Saturday morning, October 8 at St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. Continental breakfast and registration begin at 7:45am and conference runs from 8:30am-12:15pm. Topics include: Marriage - A Reflection of the Trinity, What They Didn’t Tell You in Sex Ed, From Chaos to Restoration - Building a Culture of Life and Love, and NFP personal testimony. Speakers include Vicki Thorn and Fr. Corey Close. Everyone is welcome! Freewill donations accepted. An informational flyer is available on the [Marriage and Family](#) diocesan webpage.

Courage/Encourage

An Encourage Support Group (English) will begin meeting in November in the Diocese of Davenport.

Encourage is the *Courage* affiliate support group for family members, spouses, and friends of men and women experiencing same-sex attraction. *Courage* support groups for Catholic men and women who experience same-sex attractions and desire to live chaste lives following the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church are already meeting in the Diocese of Davenport. Sample bulletin announcements are attached to help you let your parishioners know about these diocesan support opportunities. In addition, a variety of printable informational brochures can be downloaded in both English and Spanish from the [Courage website](#).

For more information, contact:

- **Family Life Coordinator** – Marianne Agnoli, 563-888-4242, agnolim@davenportdiocese.org
- **Courage (English)** – Fr. Thom Hennen, 563-888-4255
- **Encourage (English)** – Fr. Tony Herold, 563-888-4363
- **Encourage (Spanish)** – Fr. Joseph Sia, 319-728-8210

Marriage Preparation

An overview of the revised diocesan marriage preparation policies will be presented in each deanery during the workshops to introduce the new Order for Celebrating Matrimony. 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. Remaining workshops are:

Nov. 5 - Clinton Deanery (St. Joseph, DeWitt)

Dec. 2 - Chancery (St. Vincent Center), Davenport

Dec. 3 - Chancery (St. Vincent Center), Davenport

In addition, this material will be the topic of the Deacon Convocation on October 15-16.

Registration and other information is available on the diocesan website on the "[New Order of Celebrating Matrimony](#)" page. You can directly access the registration form [here](#).

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 to serve in this important ministry with couples preparing for marriage.

Weekend and One-day:

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*

Additional 2017 dates TBA.

Registration fee: *\$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

Participation in a diocesan approved *Introductory NFP Instruction* will be required for all engaged couples of child bearing age that begin preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony in the diocese after December 31, 2016.

Both general information as well as method specific content is offered in a variety of formats:

- Individual couple or group on location instruction
- Live or self-paced online instruction
- One-on-one Skype instruction
- Video instruction and study guide

Couples may select to participate in one or more of these resources based on their individual level of interest or particular life circumstance. Most instruction is available in both English and Spanish.

Engaged couples are encouraged to start NFP instruction at least four months prior to their wedding date.

Diocesan approved NFP online and local instructional resources can be found [here](#).

ST. STEPHEN MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations. Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. A Stephen Minister

usually provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour. Twice a month, Stephen Ministers gather with their Stephen Leaders for supervision and continuing education.

An introductory workshop will be held Saturday, November 12, 9:00a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi in West Des Moines. The fee is \$15 person or \$50 for a group of four or more. Additional information and registration for the Introductory Workshop can be found on the Stephen Ministries [website](#). An informational flyer is attached for your use.

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. 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.

Knit One, Pray Too!: Thurs, October 13 | 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 Patience: Tues, October 18 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Such a wonderful gift that helps us remain calm, even in very difficult situations. Through prayer and good works, we use our gift of patience to respond kindly and generously to others, even as we live through our own problems and difficulties. Pat Shea, Fee: \$20.

The Promise of Restorative Justice: October 21 – 23 | Fri 5pm – Sun, 10am. The program will compare and contrast restorative justice with the traditional justice system; chart the history of restorative justice in the United States; introduce the participants to basic restorative practices; and engage the participants in conversation on where we are now and where we need to go. Fred Van Liew, Author of “The Justice Diary - An Inquiry into Justice in America”. Fee: \$125

A Day of Respite and Retreat for Those Who Care For People with Dementia: Sat, October 29 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Caring for people with dementia is stressful and draining, but can be inherently rewarding. This retreat will offer caregivers an opportunity to be refreshed and renewed in their courageous efforts to love people affected by cognitive diseases. The day will be filled with inspiration and ample time for contemplative reflection and interaction with others walking the same journey. Jerry Schroeder, Senior Program Specialist, Alzheimer Association. Fee \$20

Weaving Prayers and Baskets: Thurs, November 3 | 9am – 4pm. Learn simple basket weaving in the context of prayer and meditation. Make small baskets for holiday gifting. Kathleen Storms, SSND. Fee: \$30

Heading into the Autumn Time of Life – with Grace or Denial?: Thurs, November 10 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Through the story, “A Time for Leaving,” participants will engage in reflection and shared conversation. This day is designed for persons approaching retirement, the struggles with letting go, the search for who I am now (identity), the anticipation of closer relationships with family, friends, and God. Participants: Age 65+ Mary Bea Snyder, CHM. Fee: \$25

Measure Twice, Cut Once, Quilting Retreat: November 11 – 12 | Fri, 9am – Sat, 4:30pm. Color and design of fabric encourage creativity, communication, and connection with God. From a bag of prepared materials, we learn the basics of quilting while creating a table runner/wall hanging. Prayer will be “basted in” while applying quilting to daily life. A basic quilting kit will be provided. Participants bring: Sewing machine, fabric scissors, ruler or tape measure, quilting pencil, thread (beige or gray) Janet Heiar, SSND, quilter and instructor at Heartland Cottons, DeWitt, IA. Fee: \$125

Come to the Quiet: the Gift of Courage: Tues, November 15 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. How challenging, and even at times terrifying, it can be to remain on our spiritual path. The gift of courage blesses us with the moral strength to continue our sacred journey, knowing we will be protected and sustained by the Holy Spirit. Pat Shea, Fee: \$20

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.

Monthly Mass with prayers for healing on Tuesday, October 11 at 1 PM. Adoration at Noon with reconciliation available before Mass.

Introduction to Unbound Prayer on Saturday, October 22, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Unbound prayer is a gentle way of helping individuals pray through areas where they may feel 'stuck', bringing inner healing and freedom. Please join us to learn more and bring a friend. No registration necessary. Free will offering.

Eagles' Wings offers professional Christian counseling and certified spiritual direction. Retreats available for individuals and small groups.

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.smmisters.org/retreats/retreats-and-programs to register for programs mentioned below.

Prayer and Service for High School Students: Oct 8 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The Benedictine monastic life is centered around prayer and work, "Ora et Labora." Experience a day with the Sisters and learn about and experience our daily life of prayer and work. You will be of service in different areas of the monastery such as reading to our elderly sisters, working in the gardens, or other helping opportunities. Lunch with the Sisters is part of this day, too. There is no cost; you are our guest!

Evening at the Monastery: Oct 27 4:45 PM - 7:45 PM. Do you wonder what life is like in a monastery? Come for an evening of prayer, pleasant conversation and a chance to ask the questions you have not had an opportunity to voice. Enjoy Vespers and dinner with the Benedictine Sisters followed by reflection and sharing on Scripture and the monastic way of life. Presenter: Sr. Margaret Murphy, OSB. Fee: \$18.

H.U.M. Through Scripture: Oct 29 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM. We know how nourishing God's Word is in our lives. H.U.M. provides an opportunity to reflect on three rich themes in Scripture: H (Humor) U (the Unexpected) M (Mercy). Using the writings of Fr. James Martin, SJ, this morning focuses on Humor in the Bible. Presenters: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB and Linda Clewell, St. Mary Monastery Oblate. Fee: \$30.

Expressing the Psalms with Music and Writing: Nov 5 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Take time to more deeply appreciate the Book of Psalms in a creative way. This retreat begins with a reflection on the Psalms and how they can touch our life experiences. Then you will have the opportunity to work with a writer and a musician to express your Psalm in a prayerful manner. Maybe one specific line, verse or Psalm touches your heart and you can create a melody for it. Maybe you would find writing your own Psalm a prayer for your life. Let loose your creative side and deepen your prayer with the Psalms. Writing material provided or bring your own. Keyboards available or bring your musical instrument. No writing or music skill required!! Presenter: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB; Artists: Misty Urban, who coordinates the Writing Center at Muscatine Community College and her short story collection, *A Lesson in Manners*, won the Serena McDonald Kennedy Award and was published by Snake Nation Press; and Lori Carroll, St. Mary Monastery Oblate, a graduate of Iowa State University, has been an Iowa music teacher for 35 years and is currently teaching vocal and instrumental music at Louisa-Muscatine Elementary School, and is music director, organist, and choir director at Trinity Episcopal Church in Muscatine. Fee: \$70.

Catholic Sister for A Day: Nov 12 9:00 AM - Nov 13 1:00 PM. Experience life as a Sister with other single Catholic women 18-50 years old. Enjoy prayer, meals and conversation with the Sisters, discover how the Benedictines serve God with personal and communal prayer, and learn about the process of discernment. Come to and take the step you need to discover whether God is calling you to religious life. There is no cost; you are our guest! Go [here](#) to register.

Christmas Manger Evening for Families with Young Children: The Real Christmas: Dec 6 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM. This evening is designed for families with infants, toddlers, preschool age, and primary age children, however, all ages are welcome. Bring your family's manger scene/set and gather as a family to enjoy an evening of simple

stories, explanations and activities about the first Christmas. If you do not have a manger one will be provided. Don't be concerned if your children are active and noisy. Jesus was once a very young child himself. He understands and so will we!!! Presenters: Deacon Steve and Kathy MacDonald. Fee: Free will offering. Go [here](#) to register.

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

Personalities and Finances: Create A Brighter Future: Saturday, October 22, 9:00 am - 3:00pm, Facilitator: Christina Rader. Christina is a Certified Sacred Money Archetype® Coach and marketing consultant for Rethink Marketing. She is trained and certified by Kendall Summerhawk, creator of the Sacred Money Archetype® system. Christina founded Rethink Marketing in 2012 and is passionate about helping people live out their God-given purpose in life. She resides in Dubuque with her husband, two boys, and two dogs and enjoys camping, cycling, and scrapbooking.

We have gifts and strengths as well as challenges in achieving financial independence. Sacred Money Archetypes® is an assessment that categorizes eight different money archetypes or personalities found in people. Knowing your top archetypes enlightens you when it comes to money blind spots and empowers you to make wise financial decisions. Learning to recognize the traits of different money archetypes will illuminate innate strengths when it comes to money, give you a better understanding of money triggers when making financial decision, help you overcome money challenges and reduce stress.

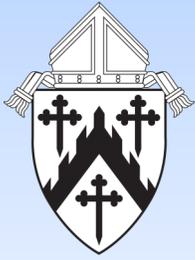
Join us in a one day retreat where we'll crack your money code and discover your unique Sacred Money Archetypes® and the special significance these have for you in your life and business/career, discover your money voice and how to discuss money in situations with courage and confidence, create a powerful new money story and eliminate lingering negative self-talk, and create a brighter future with a life plan that will help you break free of "should" and outline exactly the specifics of how you can live a life of freedom on your terms.

Event Offering: \$75, includes materials and lunch. Deadline: Register & Prepay By Tuesday, October 18.

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.



Diocese of Davenport

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Luncheon

Mark your calendar for the first ever CCHD luncheon to be held:

FREE EVENT

Saturday, October 15, 2016

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

SS. Mary and Mathias Catholic School—Mazzuchelli Center

2407 Cedar St, Muscatine, IA

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs. Your assistance in promoting this year's collection is essential to its success. Together we can make a difference. We are inviting everyone throughout the diocese to attend this event.

Speakers include Catholic Campaign for Human Development funded groups:

Leslie Kilgannon, Director

Quad Cities Interfaith

Davenport, IA

Rafael Moratoya, Director

Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa

Iowa City, IA

At this event participants will learn:

- How parishes could benefit from becoming involved with the CCHD funded groups already in place.
- How a new funded group would become organized in your area of the Diocese.

If you are interested in attending please RSVP by October 10th to:

guerrero@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4210.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



A Half-Day Workshop *Featuring:*

Session 1: Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief

Session 2: An Introduction to Stephen Ministry

Session 3: How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way

When:

Saturday, November 12, 2016

9:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M. (check-in and on-site registration begin at 8:00 A.M.)

Where:

Saint Francis of Assisi
7075 Ashworth Rd
West Des Moines, IA 50266

Cost:

\$15 per person, or \$50 per congregation (four or more)

To Register:

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Sample Bulletin Announcements

Courage/EnCourage: Ministry to those Experiencing Same-Sex Attraction

Courage

If you or your loved one is struggling with same-sex attraction and want **confidential** Catholic support, please contact Fr. Thom Hennen at 563-888-4255.

There is a ministry in the Diocese of Davenport to help men and women experiencing same-sex attraction. For **confidential** Catholic support contact Fr. Thom Hennen at 563-888-4255.

Contrary to popular belief, the Catholic Church does not reject or hate persons with same-sex attraction; in fact they are loved! For **confidential** Catholic support contact Fr. Thom Hennen at 563-888-4255.

Are you tired of the gay/lesbian lifestyle? Disillusioned? Do you miss the Catholic faith? Do you long for the Eucharist? There is **confidential** Catholic support available. Contact Fr. Thom Hennen at 563-888-4255.

If you feel attraction for persons of the same sex, can you love that person and remain a faithful Catholic? For **confidential** Catholic support contact Fr. Thom Hennen at 563-888-4255.

EnCourage

Are you concerned because your child or loved one has “come out” as homosexual? There is **confidential** Catholic support available. Contact Fr. Tony Herold at 563-888-4363.

Does your child or family member’s same-sex lifestyle weigh on your heart? **Confidential** Catholic support is available through the EnCourage ministry. Contact Fr. Tony Herold at 563-888-4363.

EnCourage (Spanish)

¿Está preocupado porque su hijo o un ser querido ha "mostrado" su homosexualidad? Existe un apoyo católico **confidencial** disponible. Contacta al P. Joseph Sia al teléfono 319-728-8210.

¿Tiene su hijo o algún miembro de su familia un estilo de vida homosexual que está pesando en su corazón? El apoyo católico **confidencial** está disponible a través del ministerio de EnCourage. Contacta al P. Joseph Sia al teléfono 319-728-8210.

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MARRIAGE MOMENTS

695. Oct. 3: Trading places with your partner can increase your ability to understand and connect with each other. The next time you have a disagreement, physically trade places with your partner to remind yourself that there is more than one way to see and understand an issue. (adapted from www.CoupleTalk.com)

696. Oct. 10: "Only 1 leper returned to give thanks to God" (Luke 17:18) Gratitude is a popular poster virtue these days, but inspiration does not always translate into action. Today do 2 acts of gratitude. #1: Notice and thank your beloved for an act of kindness. #2: Note a problem in your life. Turn it around by imagining how it could have been worse. Thank God.

697. Oct. 17: It's easy to say "Pray always" (Luke 18:1) but is it really practical? If we broaden our concept of prayer it is. Service to the family can be a form of prayer. Think doing dishes, fixing stuff around the house, taking care of sometimes crabby kids, providing an income for necessities... Bring prayerful mindfulness to one such act today.

698. Oct. 24: When it's hard to forgive a spouse who has 'done you wrong' (or voters who you believe are wrong) try praying this way, "Oh Lord, let me forgive those who sin differently than I do." Now is the time for healing, not self-righteousness

699. Oct. 31: Oct. 31 is Halloween in which our culture celebrates spirits - both scary and beautiful. Nov. 1 is All Saints Day on which we remember the godly humans who came before us. Who inspires you to goodness?

PARENTING POINTERS

697. Oct. 7: October is Respect Life month. Are there people in our world that you find difficult to respect? (criminals, people who are lazy or mean, people of a different political persuasion...) Yes, even these are worthy of human respect. Talk to your children about giving respect - even to people they don't like.

698. Oct. 14: "Moses' hands grew tired." (Ex 17:12) We all grow tired at some point in life. (Even kids eventually get tired of crying.) When this happens we need the support of those close to us. Ask your family to lighten another member's load in some way this week.

699. Oct. 21: Try this bedtime ritual: What did I do well today? What can I do better tomorrow? (adapted from Family Memory Calendar, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown)

700. Oct. 28: Some grumbled when Jesus stayed at the house of Zacchaeus, a wealthy tax collector and sinner. (Luke 19:7) Who does your family consider wrong headed or bad? Accepting the innate (sometimes hidden) goodness of another can prompt them to become their better selves.