

NEW DIOCESAN EMPLOYEE

We welcome our newest employee of the Diocese of Davenport, Marianne Agnoli as the Family Formation and Lay Ecclesial Formation Coordinator. Marianne has a Master of Pastoral Theology from St. Ambrose and a Master of Public Health from Illinois Benedictine College. She has certification through our own Ministry Formation Program and was commissioned a Diocesan Lay Pastoral Minister while living and working in Lexington, KY. Most recently, she had been teaching theology at Assumption High School in Davenport. Prior to the move to Davenport she worked at the Office of Natural Family Planning for the Diocese of St. Cloud. She is the wife of Deacon Frank Agnoli. She may be reached at 563-888-4242 or agnolim@davenportdiocese.org. Please welcome her when you have the opportunity.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY

These updated sections of the Diocesan Directory: priests, deacons and parishes will be emailed to the recipients of the *Mini-Messenger* in the near future. You can always access the parishes section on the diocesan website at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/library/ParishesDirectory.pdf>. It currently reflects the changes made due to the priest ordinations, retirements and parish moves this summer. For questions or other Directory information contact Laurie Hoefling, hoefling@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4220.

LITURGY OFFICE

Diocesan Liturgy Day of Renewal: September 27, 2014: Have you ever heard “Mass is boring” or “I don’t get anything out of going to church on Sunday”? Those of us who have experienced the transformative power and awesome drama of the liturgy cringe when we hear such complaints. We claim that the Eucharist is the “source and summit” of our lives as Catholics, yet attendance at the Sunday liturgy is decreasing—and even those who are there are not always fully engaged. How can we help the members of our communities return to and more fully immerse themselves in the Eucharist? How can we help our parishioners become re-energized and re-enthused about gathering on Sunday as a worshipping community? Gathered, how might we be changed and moved to be salt, leaven, and light in the world? Come and find out...! Visit the Liturgy Events webpage on the diocesan website for more information or to register for the event: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm>.

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE

Servant Leadership Workshops: 1) October 17, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. The presenter will be Dr. Owen Phelps, author of *The Catholic Vision for Leading Like Jesus*. The program is designed to improve the leadership skills of Catholics at home, at work, in their communities and in their parishes by teaching them to lead as Jesus did – as a servant, steward and shepherd.

2) October 18, 9 a.m. – Noon. (Location to be determined) Participants may also attend the Leadership Facilitator Training and Certification. This training by Owen Phelps will provide you with some leadership training with a group (such as your parish or finance council).

Additional information, including registration, will be available in the near future.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

Rural Life Presentation: DVDs of the June 10 webinar are now available. Fr. Jacob Greiner shared with the audience what Rural Life means to him and what he sees as the biggest challenges. Sister Margaret Wick talked about an innovative approach to learning more about the rural life experience in the Diocese. Teresa Dunbar, our Field Representative for Catholic Relief Services out of the Chicago office, provided information about a USAID program that CRS is promoting, *The Farmer to Farmer program*. For a copy contact Esmeralda Guerrero at guerrero@davenportdiocese.org.

The 2014 Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award Ceremony will be held on Sunday, September 21, 3:00 p.m. at Christ the King Chapel, St. Ambrose University, Davenport to honor Sister Simone Campbell, SSS. For

more information about Sister Simone and the award read the article on *The Catholic Messenger* website, <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2014/07/nun-on-the-bus-named-peace-award-recipient>. Please use the attached flyer for distribution.

St. Vincent's Home Corporation Grant deadline is **September 15** and all applications must be postmarked by that date. Applicants are to be located within the 22 counties of the Diocese of Davenport or serve children within the diocese. The grant application and criteria are available at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sastvincenthomecorporation.htm#applygrants>.

If you received a grant in the past you must also submit your progress report by September 15. New funding applications will not be considered until Progress Reports regarding previously awarded grants have been submitted. For questions or information contact the office of Social Action at guerrero@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4210.

Respect Life Materials: For those who ordered parish packets they will be mailed directly to the parish the end of August/early September. If our parish missed the notice to order, a few extras are available on a first-come first served basis. Contact the office of Social Action at guerrero@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4210. Materials will be available for purchase soon at the USCCB website.

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

CRS (Catholic Relief Services) Rice Bowl

Collection: Thank you to all the parishes that participated in the 2014 collection. It was an excellent year as this year's collection was \$64,386.36 which was nearly \$11,000 more than last year. It was the highest ever diocesan Rice Bowl Collection to date!

Kick Off Breakfast: Due to the great success of the 2014 Kick Off Breakfast in Iowa City, we want to have three Rice Bowl Kick Off Breakfasts in different areas of the Diocese prior to Lent. If you will like to host one at your parish please contact Loxi Hopkins, 563-888-4212 or hopkins@davenportdiocese.org. For more information see this year's *Catholic Messenger* article, <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2014/01/catholics-gear-up-for-crs-rice-bowl/>.

2015 Materials: Start preparing for the 40th Anniversary of CRS Rice Bowl by placing your order for your free 2015 CRS Rice Bowl materials now. You may place your order by returning the postcard that was mailed to your parish in May; calling 800-222-0025 or going to http://crs.org/act/us-materials/itemlist.cfm?cat_id=1. Materials are available in both English and Spanish. Orders will be shipped in early January.

FAITH FORMATION

Youth Ministry Meeting: All youth ministry leaders, paid or volunteer, are invited to the next monthly gathering on **Tuesday, August 5**, 10 am-12:30 pm, at St. Patrick Church in Iowa City. Agenda includes reviewing the summer programs, reviewing the diocesan youth ministry 2014-2015 calendar, giving input into the upcoming Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference, free book give-away, door prizes, welcoming of new youth ministry leaders, and more. No registration required.

CYAN (Catholic Young Adult Network): All parishes are asked to designate one person – staff or volunteer – to serve as a liaison with our diocese's CYAN. The role of this liaison is to communicate to CYAN opportunities available in his/her parish or area for Catholic young adults and to receive communication from CYAN and disseminate it within the parish. By August 22 please submit your parish liaison name by going to <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Young%20Adult%20Ministry.htm>, download the form, and submit it

August Gathering: Naming and Claiming the Challenges of Parish Ministry Today, Part 2: August 22, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., St. Alphonsus Parish, Mt. Pleasant. Rich Curran will return as our featured speaker for this workshop. This program is not just for those that attended previously. We encourage new participants/parish

groups to join us! There will be a DVD of the first session, (plus handouts) for review. We will let you know as soon as they become available. *Please see attached registration form/flyer for additional information.* Registration deadline is August 15.

Orientation for New (and “Old”) Parish Leaders: September 19: The Office of Faith Formation will be hosting an orientation for all new parish leaders (Youth Ministers, DREs, PAs, etc.) at the Chancery. We would like to meet with you and get to know you. The day will be spent sharing our resources and information that will help you with your important ministry. A detailed flyer will be available soon.

Catholic Divorce Ministry: *Healing the Wounded – God’s Mercy*, September 19-21, St. Louis. This is a Catholic National Conference and Leadership Seminar; open to all who have experienced divorce, loss of a relationship and those who minister to them. Learn about the journey toward healing, growth, wisdom and peace with a focus on spirituality to understand that God never abandons us. Keynote by Bishop Kevin Vann, Diocese of Orange, California. For information go to www.nacsdc.org.

MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM

Track	Date	Course
Basic: Year I	August 16	Catholicism: Fr. Ed Dunn
	September 20	Retreat and Commissioning
Basic: Year II	October 18	Moral Themes

For information regarding the courses or the Ministry Formation Program contact Marianne Agnoli, agnolim@davenportdiocese.org, 563-888-4242.

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 SS. Mary & Mathias Catholic Church in Muscatine on Sunday, October 12, 2014 at 2 p.m. Contact your parish to confirm that they have submitted your names and address. Invitations will be sent in September. (Parishes received an email from Barb Butterworth butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org on July 1 which provided the necessary information about how to submit couple’s names and addresses.)

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

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

Weekend and One-day

- August 9-10: Mt. Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, *registration deadline is August 1*
- October 18: Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias, *registration deadline is October 10*

The fee is \$125 per couple. The registration form and more information can be found on the diocesan website at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Marriage%20and%20Family.htm>. If you have questions contact Barb Butterworth, 563-888-4240, butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org.

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

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

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

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE RETREAT, WHEATLAND

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

Wed, August 6 | 10am – noon

Forgiveness: Mini-Retreat with Father Bill Kneemiller

Mass at 10am, “Forgiveness” program, lunch following. Fee: \$8 for lunch. (Come early, stay late!)

Thurs, August 7 | 9:30am – 3:30pm

Come to the Quiet - Hazy Days of Summer

Savor solitude, sit a spell on the swing or porches, spend time relaxing in the beauty of the Prairie. Fee: \$20

Wed, August 13 | 9:30am – 3:30pm

Knit One, Pray Too!: Karen Brooke, Ann Green & Anne Johnson

The rhythmic nature of knitting encourages contemplation and invites openness to the Spirit. Bring skeins of yarn and join us as we create a prayer shawl, scarf or special gift for someone in need of comfort. We will knit and pray together, share “yarns” of our individual journeys, and enjoy the beauty at The Prairie. Price includes a nutritious and scrumptious lunch. Fee: \$20

Mon or Tues, August 18 or 19 (select one) | 9am – 4pm

Trinity – Knowing God and Being Known by God

Rev. Bob Miller, pastor of St. Dorothy Church, Chicago, with Mark Nimo

We continue our spiritual journey of making the Trinity truly central in our everyday lives. We will tell “God’s Story” through the Divine Energies of Trinity, AND through seeing our own lives as “sacred stories.” Prepare to read Scripture, go “deep”, and have your spirit “expanded!” Target Audience: Anyone who loves the Lord and Scripture, and seeks to know, love and serve God more totally! Fee: \$30

Sun, August 24 | 3 – 6pm

Fifth Annual Spirit of the Prairie

The Spirit of the Prairie event will feature locally raised and prepared food, locally made wines and beers, and local entertainment in the beautiful Iowa countryside. Cost is \$40 per person with proceeds benefitting The Prairie Retreat program fund. Entertainment includes Ron May playing relaxing tunes on the piano inside the beautiful Prairie Heights building. Outside under the tent the father and son duo, Steve & Sam Price, will bring to life traditional folk blues, with a taste of Chicago. Walking and golf cart tours of the retreat center and the grounds featuring the Cosmic Walk, a labyrinth, a nature pond, timber and lush gardens will be conducted throughout the afternoon. There will be a silent auction of handmade baskets filled with local gift items plus other fine offerings. Guests will depart feeling relaxed, renewed and ready to return.

Aug. 29-30 | Fri, 5pm – Sat, 4pm

Gospel Stories of Compassion: John McHugh & Janet Mallak, SSND

The Gospels speak of a Jesus who has incredible compassion for a widow at the city gate, a woman who has been ill for twelve years and a father whose son needs healing. Join John McHugh as he explores the stories of tender compassion in the Gospels. Be led by Sister Janet in reflective prayer experiences based on these stories. Fee: \$75

EAGLES’ WINGS COUNSELING AND RETREAT CENTERS, DAVENPORT

To register, for questions or information about obtaining a spiritual director, or Christian counseling contact Marcia Moore, marcia@eagleswings.ws or 563-324-7263, <http://www.eagleswings.ws>. Located at 5816 Telegraph Rd., Davenport.

Healing Mass: August 12, 1:00 p.m.

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

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

Silent Directed Retreat: “Listen with the Ear of Your Heart”: Sun. Aug. 3, 4 pm-Wed. Aug. 6, 4 pm. As Christians we all believe that God is speaking to us to teach, console and guide us. Listening on a deep level is a skill that can be learned and improved, so we hope you will join us for a few days in August. God speaks exactly what we need to hear, but we are often blocked by many factors. 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. A limited number of retreatants will be accepted. Fee: \$275.

The Word Among Us: Two Mondays monthly Aug. 25-May 18; 1:30-3:00 pm. Read, reflect, pray and share with other committed Christians seeking to grow through the challenges of Scripture in everyday life. Participants are asked to purchase a year’s subscription to *The Word Among Us* for \$23.00 and are encouraged to read and reflect on a Scripture passage each day. We share a new book each month. Presenter: Sr. Charlotte Sonnevile, OSB. Fee: \$50 for the series or \$5 per session. For information contact Sr. Charlotte Sonnevile, OSB (309) 283-2100 or csonnevile@smmisters.org.

Choosing the Right Community for You: Benedictine ... Franciscan ... Dominican? Choosing the Right Community for You!: Labor Day Weekend 2014: Fri. Aug. 29, 4 pm-Mon. Sept. 1, 1 pm. This unique discernment weekend is for single, Catholic women 18-50 years old. It will feature information from Sisters from a range of communities including apostolic, monastic and cloistered. The weekend includes quiet time, presentations, and personal interaction with the Sisters. Fee: There is no cost; you are our guest! For information contact Sr. Stefanie MacDonald, OSB (309) 283-2300 or vocation@smmsisters.org.

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

Walking the Labyrinth Retreat Day: Saturday, Aug. 9, 9:00am – 3:00pm. Presenter: Marci Blum OSF, D.Min., Director, Shalom Spirituality Center. The labyrinth, an ancient medieval practice of prayer, is a walking meditation. Walking the labyrinth clears the mind and gives insight. We will walk the labyrinth inside the building. Day includes presentation, opportunity to walk the labyrinth, quiet prayer and group sharing. Offering: Commuter – \$40, includes lunch. *Register/prepay by Wednesday, Aug. 6.* Overnight stay available for additional \$32 per night.

Embracing Life After the Death of a Spouse or Significant Other Retreat Day: Saturday, Sept. 13; 8:30am – 3:30pm. Team: Jon Brachman, Barbara Meloy Callahan, Diane Fasselius, Jay Kiernan, Pat Pierce, Jim Swenson & Marci Blum OSF. Gather with others who have lost a spouse and share experiences of loss, grief and healing. Topics include: coping with loss, making adjustments, dealing with fears, surviving and thriving. Offering: \$40, includes snacks and lunch. *Register/prepay by Wednesday, Sept. 10.*

Discover the Joy of Forgiveness: Saturday, Sept. 13; 8:30am – 4:00pm. Presenter: Sandy Hoenig, BA, MA
There's never been a better time to remove the barriers to a healthy, productive life! Even though people have hurt you and you cannot forget it, you can be free from grudges, resentment, self-defeating habits, and negative feelings. Forgiving is the only way to stop the pain and bring hope for the future. Come on a “healing journey” through a practical and personal retreat. You’ll discover that forgiveness is a profound emotional strength. Together we’ll identify and process the stages of forgiveness and healing. Along the way, you’ll learn strategies for your personal and work life to avoid or resolve hurtful situations. Make peace with your past so you can go on with your life! Offering: \$45. Includes continental breakfast & lunch. *Register/prepay by Tuesday, Sept. 9.*

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.

An Invitation to Attend the 2014 Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award



Sister Simone Campbell, SSS
Executive Director of NETWORK

Sister Simone Campbell, Executive Director of NETWORK, a nonprofit Catholic social justice lobby based in Washington, D.C., organized the “Nuns on the Bus” campaign in 2012 that riveted the nation’s attention.

A member of the Sisters of Social Services, an international Roman Catholic religious community rooted in the Benedictine tradition, she has devoted her ministry to advocate for social and economic justice.

She is a driving force for programs and policies that support faith, families and fairness.

Following the first “Nuns on the Bus” tour of nine states, Sister Simone followed up a year later with a tour dedicated to bringing about immigration reform.

Award Presentation by Bishop Martin Amos
Sunday, September 21, 2014
3:00 P.M.
St. Ambrose University
Christ the King Chapel
518 W. Locust Street, Davenport, Iowa
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Previous award recipients include Martin Luther King, Jr.; Dorothy Day; Dom Hélder Câmara; Mother Teresa; Archbishop Desmond Tutu; Eileen Egan; Cesar Chávez; Daniel Berrigan, SJ; Adolfo Pérez Esquivel; Lech Walesa; Bishop Álvaro Leonel Ramazzini; Kim Bobo; and Jean Vanier.

Award Co-sponsors: Diocese of Davenport, St. Ambrose University, Augustana College, The Catholic Messenger, Churches United of the Quad City Area, Pax Christi Quad Cities, Muslim Community of the Quad Cities, Congregation of the Humility of Mary, Sisters of St. Benedict (Rock Island), Sisters of St. Francis (Dubuque, Iowa), Sisters of St. Francis (Clinton, Iowa)

Naming and Claiming the Challenges of Parish Ministry Today – part 2

Diocese of Davenport's 2014 August Gathering

August 22nd at St. Alphonsus, Mt. Pleasant

(607 S. Jackson Street)

This workshop is designed for: Pastors - Parish staff - DREs - Youth Ministers - Faith Formation Council members - Principals - BOE and Parish Council presidents, Campus Ministers and ...

Topics for the day will be:

*Mapping our Target * Mapping out a GROWTH strategy
Getting Co-Worker in the Vineyard * Communication 101
Pastoral Management * Immediate Action Steps*



Rich Curran has spent more than 25 years building successful programs for youth and families at both the parish and diocesan level of ministry and has worked as a counselor and outreach worker for abused and neglected children with Catholic Charities.

Rich is known by his titles... father, husband, disciple, trainer and itinerant preacher. His passion and enthusiasm for living life fully is highly contagious. Using humor, stories and specific action steps Rich moves the audience to action and ready to make a difference. Inherent to all of his keynotes, workshops and retreats is his message of hope and invitation to embrace the gifts God has given you.

Coffee and rolls will be served at 8:45am. The program will run from 9am until 3pm.

Registration deadline: August 15th.

Workshop cost: \$30 per person (includes lunch, material etc.)

For more information, contact Barbara Butterworth butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org (563) 888-4240

Make checks payable to *Diocese of Davenport* and return form and payment to:
Diocese of Davenport, attn. Barbara Butterworth, 780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804

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Marriage Moments & Parenting Pointers
August 2014

I offer you these tidbits of wisdom as prayer prompts to remind you (and your constituents) of the sacredness of marriage vows and the value of every child. The commitment to love a spouse forever, and the generous gift of life parents offer a child are indeed spiritual under-takings and cannot be done alone. May the God of Love be with you and your work. Susan

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

585. Aug. 4: A trip down Memory Lane #3: As your relationship developed and you started to grow fonder of each other, what is one of the first endearing qualities you can remember that attracted you to your beloved?

586. Aug. 11: Just as Elijah recognized the Lord in a "tiny whispering sound" (1 Kings 19:13) so we must attune ourselves to the sometimes subtle signals our spouse gives of distress, warmth, concern. Learn to read between the lines.

587. Aug. 18: "A Canaanite woman...called out, "Have pity on me, Lord!...My daughter is tormented by a demon." (Mt 15:22) Jesus healed the daughter. Sometimes it is our intense love for our children that drives us to seek God. Let a child be a vehicle of grace for you today.

588. Aug. 25: A trip down Memory Lane #4: Can you remember when you first said "I love you" to your beloved? The place? The time? Recollect the feelings that welled up in you as a result.

PARENTING POINTERS

583. Aug. 1: "All you who are thirsty, come to the water!...Come receive grain and eat...wine and milk!" (Isaiah 55:1) What is your family's favorite drink or food? Pick a day this week for each person to have one favorite food or drink.

584. Aug. 8: [10 Life Skills Your Teen Needs Before Leaving Home](http://imom.com/10-life-skills-your-teen-needs-before-leaving-home/). #4 is **Good Social Skills and Manners**. #5 is **Auto Maintenance**. #6 is **Essential Domestic Skills**. Only Auto maintenance needs to wait till the teen years. Start at whatever age your child is. <http://imom.com/10-life-skills-your-teen-needs-before-leaving-home/>

585. Aug. 15: The Assumption. Mary's "Yes" of the Magnificat was the vehicle for God's entry into human history. Her Assumption into heaven brings closure to her role on earth - or does it? Just as the birth of your child is not the end of a mother's labor so when your child moves out of your home it is not the end of your parenting.

586. Aug. 22: Jesus said to the apostle, Simon, "I say to you, you are Peter" which means rock. (Mt. 16:18) Does your child know what his/her name means? Do you have nicknames or pet names for any of your children? Do they know the saint that their name comes from?

587. Aug. 29: [10 Life Skills Your Teen Needs Before Leaving Home](http://imom.com/10-life-skills-your-teen-needs-before-leaving-home/). #7 is **Being a Good Judge of Character**. #8 is **Work Skills and Basic Responsibility** Any teen will flub these goals occasionally. That's what you're there for - to be there for the training period. <http://imom.com/10-life-skills-your-teen-needs-before-leaving-home/>

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