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Dear DREs and Youth Ministers:

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From the Religious Education Office

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*May each of you have a blessed Lent, inspiring
Holy Week and a Happy Easter!*

*Encourage your students, their parents, and all adult
parishioners to participate in the Triduum
(Holy Thursday, Good Friday,
and the Easter Vigil) at your parish!*



A Journey That Lasts a Lifetime

*Catechesis for All Adults
by Bryan Reising*

Catechesis is not just for children and youth, but it is also for adults, **all adults**. Yes, catechesis is a lifelong journey, no matter how many years of experience we have and how much theology we studied. All who are baptized – lay, religious, or clergy – have a lifelong catechetical journey. We adults need to take advantage of the many opportunities to learn the faith. Some parishes have intergenerational gatherings; other parishes have opportunities for parents; and yet others have opportunities like retreats, small Christian communities, and regular catechetical gatherings for adults. Adults are encouraged to do some self-study as well, like the study of the Scriptures and Church teachings, but adult learning should primarily be in communal settings.

In 1992, the US Bishops promulgated two important documents: *Go and Make Disciples* and *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*. Both have a connection with adult faith formation. First with *Go and Make Disciples*, the starting point is the *kerygma*, the proclamation of salvation in Jesus Christ, and the response in faith and conversion by the person who listens to God's Word. This can happen through the RCIA process, a process for returning Catholics, and a renewal retreat or experience. But we cannot rely on these

experiences alone. Follow-up is needed for a continuation of growth in the faith. Regarding the document on *Stewardship*, it is the mentality that we indeed are blessed abundantly and we have a real need to share our gifts. This includes sharing the Gospel and sharing what we learn by both actions and words.

In 1999, the US Bishops published a plan for adult faith formation in the United States, *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us* (OHWB). In this plan, the US Bishops determined three goals: Invite and enable ongoing conversion to Jesus in holiness of life, promote and support active membership in the Christian community, and call and prepare adults to act as disciples in mission to the world. It is interesting to see the similarities to *Go and Make Disciples*: renew, learn, and live your faith fully; invite and share your faith freely; and transform the world in Christ. In addition, there are six dimensions of adult faith formation: knowledge of the faith, liturgical life, moral formation, prayer, communal life, and missionary spirit. This book is extremely helpful in planning systematically adult faith formation in your parish or Area Faith Community. When a parish plans well, all people are impacted.

In 2003, the US Bishops promulgated the *National Directory of Catechesis* (NDC). In this directory, there are many things regarding adult faith formation like, "The catechesis of adults is the principal form of catechesis, because it is addressed to persons who have the most responsibilities and the capacity to live the Christian message in its fully developed form" (from the NDC, p.187, *Catechesi Tradendae*, 43, and OHWB, 38).

A fifth resource is the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* (USCCA) promulgated in 2004 and published in 2006. It is a companion to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC). The CCC is a reference work. The USCCA is both a reference book and can be used as a curriculum for adults. It is comprised of four parts, corresponding to the four pillars of the CCC: Creed, Sacraments, Christian Morality, and Prayer. These are divided into 36 chapters. Each chapter is structured the following way: a Story or Lesson of the Faith, Teachings, Sidebars, Relationship of Catholic Teaching to Culture, Questions for Discussion, Doctrinal Statements, and Meditation and Prayer.

Now that we have a background on these documents, my focus in this article is to look at the priority of adult faith formation.

The Priority of Adult Faith Formation

I will quote from the US Bishops document OHWB regarding the priority and *make some further comments (in italics)*:

38. "The challenge of responding to these many needs and opportunities creates a vast pastoral agenda for the Catholic Church. Disciples young and old are called by name to go into the vineyard. In responding to this call, adults 'have the greatest responsibilities and the capacity to live the Christian message in its fully developed form.' Their formation in faith is essential for the Church to carry out its mandate to proclaim the Good News of Jesus to the world. Effective adult formation is necessary to 'equip the holy ones for the work of ministry' (Eph 4:12)."

In other words, we need all adults to be equipped to do a variety of ministries and works of charity and justice, each according to their own gift. Can you imagine what our parishes, AFCs, and the diocese would be like if all adults took this priority to heart?

39. We are convinced that the energy and resources we devote to adult faith formation will strengthen and invigorate all the charisms that adults receive and the activities they undertake, in the Church and in society, to serve the Gospel of Christ and the people of today. Every Church ministry will be energized through a dynamic ministry of adult catechesis.

There will be more people equipped to do the various ministries of the Church and activities in service to the world. We would see a major difference in the life of our parishes and the Church in general. And others who are not Catholic would see a significant difference that Catholics make in the world.

40. Adult faith formation also benefits children and youth. An adult community whose faith is well-formed and lively will more effectively pass that faith on to the next generation. Moreover, the witness of adults actively continuing their own formation shows children and youth that growth in faith is lifelong and does not end upon reaching adulthood.

Parents are key to faith formation of the young. Can you imagine if parents and all adults do take the time to learn about their faith on a regular basis and the impact it would have upon children and youth? And parents and godparents would be more equipped to pass down the faith in their everyday family life.

41. In addition, adult faith formation should serve as the point of reference for catechesis for other age groups. It ought to be "the organizing principle, which gives coherence to the various catechetical programs offered by a particular Church." Maturity of faith is the intent of all catechesis from the earliest years. Thus, all catechesis is geared to a lifelong deepening of faith in Christ. How necessary, then, that the catechetical ministry with adults set an example of the highest quality and vitality.

Yes, if more energy is given to evangelization and catechetical formation of adults, children would see a lived example of lifelong catechesis. It would be important and relevant to living our everyday life.

42. For such reasons as these, the Church wisely and repeatedly insists that adult faith formation is "essential to who we are and what we do as Church" and must be "situated not at the periphery of the Church's educational mission but at its center."

So, the Church is calling forth that when we develop plans of evangelization and catechesis, we do need to focus on adult evangelization and adult faith formation in those plans and do it very well.

43. Yet despite the consistency and clarity of this message, the Catholic community has not yet fully heard and embraced it. While most Catholic parishes place a high priority on the faith formation of children and youth, far fewer treat adult faith formation as a priority. This choice is made in parish staffing decisions, job descriptions, budgets, and parishioner expectations.

Can you imagine if more of our parishes and Area Faith Communities place a high priority of adult faith formation? I believe pastoral and catechetical leaders need to see this as a priority and make it happen. And then the benefits? They will have more workers in the vineyard!

44. Once again, we praise the outstanding efforts that have been made for so many years to provide quality faith formation for children. This task is a sacred trust and a serious responsibility that we must always fulfill with utmost care and dedication. We do not wish to weaken our commitment to this essential ministry in any way. But to teach as Jesus did means calling and equipping all Christians of every age and stage of life to fulfill their baptismal call to holiness in family, Church, and society—their mission to evangelize and transform the world into a more caring and just society. Ongoing faith formation is essential to accomplish this mission; it does not end at Confirmation or graduation but continues until one's death. Accordingly, we strongly reaffirm that, "without neglecting its commitment to children, catechesis needs to give more attention to adults than it has been accustomed to do." Catholic schools and religious education programs will play a vital role in this plan through the quality faith formation they provide to the parents and families of the children they teach."

And those parishes that do adult evangelization and adult faith formation and do it well, they already know that children and youth benefit. It makes catechesis for children and youth that much better because the faith is taught and lived in the homes. Catechists in parishes and religion teachers in Catholic schools have ready-to-go collaborators with the parents. Catechesis does not end when they leave the parish or school, it is being learned, lived, and shared in the home and beyond. And like OHWB states, catechesis does not end with Confirmation or graduation. It lasts a lifetime!

FOUNDATIONS will take place again in the fall. This has been a wonderful opportunity for catechists, catechetical leaders, and any interested adult to learn more about theology and various aspects of our faith so that you may become more equipped in the ministry of catechesis. Faculty is from St. Mary's University in Winona and diocesan staff. Take the time to pray about this opportunity. It consists of one Saturday a month, and it begins in September and goes through the spring. More information will be forthcoming! Listed below are the dates, presenters, and topics.

2011-2012 * 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

St. Anastasia Church

460 Lake Street SW, Hutchinson, MN 55350

September 17 Introduction to the Christian Scriptures –

Sr. Judith K. Schaefer, OP, PhD. Revelation and the Study of Scripture; Gospels; Letters.

October 15 Introduction to the Jewish Scriptures -

Prof. Brian Singer-Towns. Torah: Covenant and Law; Prophets.

November 19 Introduction to Catholic Philosophy -

Prof. Kevin Rickert. Relationship of faith and reason; John Paul II's encyclical *Faith and Reason* (Fides et Ratio); Illustrations from St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, and Blaise Pascal.

December 10 Introduction to Catholic Theology - Prof. Greg

Sobolewski. The Mystery of God, The Trinity, Creation Jesus Christ; The Holy Spirit.

Jan-Feb Theology of Sacraments - Mr. Bryan Reising.

Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (University of Dayton).

February 25 Theology of the Catholic Church - Prof. Rose

Beal. Images of the Church; Mission of the Church; Church History, Role of Mary, Saints.

March 24 Prayer and Liturgy - Ms. Ann Przybilla. Ways of

Prayer; Liturgy and Ritual; The Eucharist and Liturgy of the Hours.

April 28 Morality and the Social Teaching of the Catholic

Church - Prof. Christopher Walchuk. Living in Relationship with God; The Responsibility to Take Care of Our Neighbor; The Social Teaching of the Church.

Upcoming Gather for April & May

- At our **April 11, 2011 Gather**, we will have our annual Curriculum Day here at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. We will begin at 10:00 a.m. with our regular meeting, have lunch, and then the entire afternoon is for you to look at our curriculum at various stations in our building. You can look at various curriculums side by side in order to compare curriculums to see which one will work best for your parishes.
- Also, save the date for our **May Gather**, the annual *Spring Fling* on **May 16, 2011 from Noon-4:00 p.m. at the Church of St. Clara in Clara City**. Our speaker will be Ann Przybilla and she will speak on "The Relationship Between Liturgy and Catechesis." She will include an update presentation on the Third Edition of the Roman Missal. See attached flyer.



Catechist Formation at Together in Ministry

If your catechists have not attended the regional catechist training that Bryan Reising has done recently (Canby, St. Peter, New Ulm – Cathedral, Clara City), invite them to come to Redwood Falls in April for this training. It will be **April 16** beginning with morning prayer at 9:00 am. Come and gather between 8:30 am – 9:00 am. It ends at 12:15 p.m. and lunch will be served at that time. To register, go to:

<http://www.dnu.org/word/documents/LayMinistryRegistration2010-11.pdf>

Faith Formation Days in September

Friday, September 23, 2011 at NUACS. The keynote speaker will be Most Rev. John LeVoir, our Bishop, on "Blessed John Paul II's Approach to Catechesis." The focus will be Catholic schools (parish catechists and catechetical leaders can attend this day as well).

Saturday, September 24, 2011 at Willmar, Church of Saint Mary. The keynote speaker will be Richard Drabik of the University of Dayton on "Catechesis in a Computer Age: Don't Fear the Server." The focus will be catechists and catechetical leaders (although Catholic school personnel are welcome).

Save the dates! More information is to come!

VIRTUS Trainings

4/05/2011 7:00 PM Green Valley - St. Clotilde (Marshall)

4/28/2011 6:30 PM Arlington – St. Mary

All Catechists are required to:

1. Have a background check before beginning to volunteer;
2. Sign Forms A & B of the diocesan sexual misconduct policy before beginning to volunteer;
3. Attend VIRTUS training within 90 days of beginning to volunteer;
4. Do the on-line training as assigned. This is to be done as soon as possible – communicate this with your catechists, volunteers, and youth ministry adult team.

The VIRTUS training is for ages 16 or older. An individual must be 18 to serve alone in a ministry with minors. If you have a question about VIRTUS, please contact Margy Manderfeld at **507-233-5305**. Please do not contact VIRTUS directly unless you need a password.

Remember: Both Lessons One, Two, and their Make-up Sessions should be sent in by now to Margy. If you have not done so, please do this as soon as possible. Remember catechists or teachers who are Virtus trained, have a background check, and have signed Forms A and B are to be the ones allowed to teach the Touching Safety program. Thank you!

Mohr Catechist Formation Fund

A Gift for You, Catechists, Youth Team Members, Teachers of the Religion

This scholarship fund is a great gift for your catechists, teachers, youth ministry team, and many of you! You can receive scholarships for Faith Formation Day and other catechist formation opportunities, opportunities outside the

diocese like the NCCL Conference, online courses through the University of Dayton's VLCFF (Virtual Learning Community of Faith Formation), and even some college courses on faith formation. Please submit your applications soon! An application is on our website: <http://www.dnu.org/word/documents/MohrScholarship-CatechistFormationFund-Application.pdf>.

Interested in a Masters in Theology, Religious Education, Pastoral Ministry, Parish Administration, or Canon Law?

- St. Mary's University of Minnesota: www.smumn.edu/ipm. (They offer MA or a Professional Certificate in Pastoral Ministries or Pastoral Administration; they also offer a Graduate Certificate in Canon Law)
- St. Paul Seminary Graduate Program for Lay People: www.saintpaulseminary.org (this includes an optional online distance learning degree. Their degrees include an MA in Theology, Pastoral Ministry, and Religious Education).

**University of Dayton's VLCFF
Cycle 3: May 1 - June 4**

(Registration: Opens March 15; Closes April 27)

- [Advanced Catholic Social Teaching](#)
- [Catholic Beliefs](#)
- [Christology](#)
- [Church History I](#)
- [Communication and Community](#)
- [Ecclesiology: Beginnings of the Church](#)
- [Ecclesiology: Reframing Church](#)
- [Images of Jesus](#)
- [Introduction to Catechesis](#)
- [Introduction to Media Literacy Education](#)
- [Introduction to Practical Morality](#)
- [Introduction to Prayer](#)
- [Introduction to Scripture](#)
- [Many Faces of Adult Learners \(AFL -3\)](#)
- [Marianist Prayer Circle](#)
- [Marianist Studies: Charism](#)
- [Marianist Studies: Founders](#)

- [Marianist Studies: Leadership](#)
- [New Testament](#)
- [Old Testament](#)
- [On Bended Knee \(Seminar\)](#)
- [Our Hearts Were Burning \(Seminar\)](#)
- [Prophets](#)
- [Relational Ministry with Youth](#)
- [Roman Missal: Preparing for the New Translation](#)
- [Sacraments](#)
- [Spirituality in Adult Learning & Faith Formation \(AFL 6\)](#)
- [Survey of Catholic Doctrine](#)
- [Survey of Catholic Social Teaching](#)
- [Theological Reflection: Key to Connecting Faith and Life \(Seminar\)](#)
- [Vocation, Spirituality, and Discipleship of Catechists](#)

For new students for VLCFF:

<http://vlc.udayton.edu/profile/agreement.php>

For returning VLCFF students to register to another course: <http://vlc.udayton.edu/register/>

National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) Membership

The cost of an individual membership to NCCL is only \$60.00. This is only \$5.00 a month. Receive CL (Catechetical Leader) Magazine, CL Weekly from Lee Nagel every Monday, discounts on resources, and information on the national conference and regional workshops! Use the Mohr Scholarship Fund for this opportunity! For further information, check out the Web site: www.nccl.org.

For information on the national conference, go to www.nccl.us. Check out this NCCL Conference promo: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IpP8NvJlwBE>.

Parish Catechesis Question

What do you do for your adults in your parish? Do you have opportunities for evangelization and adult faith formation? What have you used for curriculum? Share with Bryan so he can share with others: breising@dnu.org.



Mark Your Calendars

Mon, Apr 11	DRE/YM Gathering (Curriculum Day)	10:00 am-3:00 pm	Pastoral Center, New Ulm
Sun, Apr 10	Junior High Festival	11:00 am-5:00 pm	Lakeview Secondary School, Cottonwood
Mon, May 16	DRE/YM Spring Fling	Noon-4:00	Church of St. Clara, Clara City
Check out the dates for the Summer Camps!			
Sun, June 12- Thurs June 16	Girls Discipleship Camp	Sun 6:00 pm til Thurs 9:00 am	Flandrau Group Camp (New Ulm)
Sun, July 10- Thurs July 14	Boys Discipleship Camp	Sun 6:00 pm til Thurs 9:00 am	Flandrau Group Camp (New Ulm)
Check out Riverbend TEC! For more details and an application check out the Web site: http://riverbendtec.org/			
RB236	June 25-27, 2011		Bird Island, MN
RB237	July 30-August 1 * NOTE CORRECTION		Winsted, MN

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What to Do

Don't waste a minute.

On the Bus

Don't waste a minute!



I was recently asked for ideas or suggestions on bus games and activities that could be done on a longer bus trip.

- 1. Pray.** Start and end with a prayer. Pray for the bus driver and the chaperones. Pray for all the youth participating in the event. Pray for all the kids from all over the diocese who are travelling to the event. Pray for the Diocesan Youth Council. Pray for Margaret McHugh. Pray for Bishop LeVoir. Pray for the priests of our diocese. Pray for the speakers and presenters: Chris Padgett, Zack Goodman (Kennedi and Bethany by video). Have the kids pray for the person in front of them, the person behind them, the people directly across the aisle from them. Say the Rosary. Take turns having the left side, right side, front, and back of the bus take turns leading.
- 2. Have two adults at the very back of the bus.** Have the adults or chaperones take turns sitting in the back.
- 3. Observe a moment of silence for a specific intention** (i.e., the Japanese people affected by the disaster.) Repeat as needed when needed.
- 4. Show a short promo DVD clip** of the performer, artist, or place you are going to see. Play a

song or two from a CD of the music. Play a song or two from a CD of the musician/songwriter...anything to get them thinking about what they are about to do.

- 5. Sing all the silly songs you know.** (i.e. "Found a Peanut," campfire songs, rounds, songs from Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts). Have the girls sing one part and the guys another, or the left side of the bus alternate with the right side. Let them sing as loud as they can! Have a contest to see if the left side sings louder than the right side or the guys sing louder than the girls. Change the sound effects for "The Wheels on the Bus" to make it really silly.
- 6. Plan to bring a pair of earplugs to use as needed.**
- 7. Sing Praise and Worship songs with all the gestures.** Appoint kids as song leaders or conductor.
- 8. Plant crafty people on the bus** who know how to make friendship bracelets, macramé/lanyard crafts, or knotted rosaries (with the material they need). For example, a lanyard zipper pull is something easy and inexpensive. Kids will want to watch and learn how to do the craft.
- 9. Play games.** Appoint some of the youth with leadership skills as "Game Leaders." Some suggestions are listed below.

Repeat steps one through nine in any order as needed.

Bus Games:

All for One

Form groups of four. In this game all four group members must agree on one thing. For example, you might ask what snack food they enjoy. Each group must find an answer everyone agrees on. If even one person doesn't agree, they must find another answer. This isn't as easy as it sounds! Read each of the following phrases aloud, and allow time for each group to agree upon an answer:

- Something you like to do when you have free time
- A snack food you like to eat
- A story of Jesus you like
- A place you like to go for fun
- A holiday you enjoy
- A TV program you enjoy

Working Together

Use this game as a time filler or as a way to get group members interacting with one another. Appoint three youth judges so that the adults do not have to judge this activity. Have the judges discuss among themselves and come up with a "virtual" 1st, 2nd, 3rd and honorable mention prize, i.e., a virtual peppermint patty for honorable mention, a virtual Babe Ruth for third, a virtual Mars bar for second, and a virtual Almond Joy for first prize. Please have an

adult responsible for approving the virtual prize selection before the judges make the announcements. Virtual means nothing more than the idea of a prize.

Have participants get into pairs as they are already seated in the bus and then explain that they must create a “secret handshake.” It can contain as many different moves and actions as they like; for example, high-fives, knocking elbows, and snapping fingers. Encourage them to be as creative as possible without getting out of their seat. After each pair has had some time to create, have them demonstrate their handshakes. Your three youthful judges will then announce the winners and their “virtual prizes.”

My Favorite Things *(This is a LOUD one!!)*

Explain that you (or one of the youth) are going to read a list of categories. Each time you name a category, group members must call out their favorite thing in that category. Have them continue calling it out until they find other people who have the same favorite. For example, if you call out “movie,” everyone will begin calling out the title of his or her favorite movie. Those who call out the name of the same movie are to form a group. Inevitably there will be people who will be the only one with a favorite thing. That’s OK. It’s a good reminder of how diverse your group is, and the unique interests of all group members. Here are some categories; you may wish to call out: pizza topping, dessert, singer or band, color, movie, sport, season, holiday.

Other Game Ideas

“Simon Says,” “Three Truths and a Lie,” or spin-offs and variations of “American Idol,” “The Price is Right,” “Mafia,” “Wheel of Fortune,” and “Jeopardy.”

Shoe Pass

Bring an extra pair of shoes or remove your shoes. Give one shoe each to the person in the first seat on both sides. Pass the shoe to the back of the bus and then return it up to the front again. First shoe to return wins.



Quota

Divide the bus into four sections or quadrants and have each group agree on a make, model, and color car, i.e., white Honda Accord, silver Chevrolet Impala, black Ford Fusion. Have each group estimate how many cars they might pass of that particular make and kind. Appoint an official counter or counter and helper. Any two members of a group (not sitting right next to each other) must see and call the car in order for it to count. Have the counter keep track of it and note the intersection or street. Whichever group has the highest count or meets their quota can be the first to exit the bus on arrival at destination. This can be played with any object, not just cars.

Even More Bus Games~eHow.com

Sit-Down Charades

Write down the names of 20 or so movies on strips of paper and shuffle them in a hat or empty paper bag. Have each player draw a title at random. Each player must act out the movie to the best of his ability while sitting. This should make for a more amusing and more challenging game as the constrictions of remaining seated should provide a difficult but not insurmountable obstacle. Make sure each player gets at least one turn to act out a film.

Travel Scavenger Hunt

This game keeps passengers attentive to the passing scenery and surroundings. Make up a list of things to watch for while the bus is in motion. Create list of items appropriate to the landscape you are driving through. If you're driving through a rural area, don't make a list of items containing things you'll probably only find in a city. Instead, for a rural landscape, put things on the list such as a "tractor" or a "silo" or a "pond." For a city scavenger hunt, you could put a "bike messenger" or a "sign in a foreign language." As passengers see items on the list, they check them off. You could divide passengers into teams and have a small prize for the team that spots the most items.

Geography Game

This is a classic game to play on trips in a bus or car. One person starts by naming a city or country such as "New York," and the next person has to name a city or country that starts with the last letter of the place the first person just named. Thus, in this case, you would have to name something that begins with a "K" such as "Kalamazoo" or "Kenya." Clarify to players that they can only use the name of a place once. You can make the game harder by implementing a two- or three-second time limit.

Name That Tune

Players have to sing, hum, or whistle the first few bars of a song. You can choose a theme for each round of the game such as "theme songs to television shows" or "show tunes" or "1980s songs." The person who guesses correctly gets to be the singer for the next round.

Telephone

Start with the left-hand front seat on the bus. The player in the first seat comes up with a sentence or phrase and whispers it into the person's ear that sits behind him. The message is passed along through whispers until it circles the bus and reaches the person in the right-hand front seat. That person says the phrase she has heard told and says it aloud to see how close it matches the original.

Who said it?

One player is assigned as the "It" person. He must close his eyes and slouch slightly in his seat. A random person on the bus then says, "I did it." The "It" person must guess who said this phrase. If he is correct, the person who said "I did it"

becomes the new guesser. If wrong, the "It" person must restart the round and try again.

Street Sign ABCs

Players must find every letter in the alphabet on street signs. License plates do not count, and the letters must be found in alphabetical order. Only one letter can be used per sign. For example, on a sign reading "Ballpark," players can use the "A" but not the "B." The "B" must be found on another sign. The first player to find all 26 letters is the winner.

The State Game

For bus trips on highways or out of state, the State Game is an easy and fast-paced activity. Players try to find as many different state license plates as possible. If there are more than four players, you can keep track of state-variant license plates. For example, the state of the Connecticut has a plain blue plate, a pet plate, and a lighthouse plate.

Guessing Game

A player chooses a random celebrity and acts like this person, giving out as few clues as possible. Players have to guess which celebrity the player is portraying. The one who guesses correctly takes the next turn acting. To keep the game more controlled, make a list of popular celebrities and put them into a hat. This method may be also be more challenging for players to act out.



Junior High Festival

When: April 10, 2011 * 11:00 am – 5:00 pm
Place: Lakeview Secondary School, Cottonwood
Theme: Planted Firm In Faith
Keynote: Chris Padgett, well known Christian musician, with an appearance by Zack Goodman – at age 10 he started the 1st Rocky Mountain March for Life in Colorado!
For more info: <http://www.dnu.org/word/youth.html>

Diocesan Youth Council Applications

We need six DYC members for the 2011-12 year.

Below are listed the openings:

Region 1	1 position open
Region 2	1 position open
Region 3	1 position open
Region 4	1 position open
Region 5	0 positions open
Region 6	0 positions open
At Large	2 positions open

We have three at large members and they can be applicants from any region. **See applications on the diocesan Web site:** <http://www.dnu.org/word/documents/DYCreistrationform2011.pdf>

NCYC Update

To date we have heard from 19 out of 22 parishes that are planning to participate. Final registration forms were sent to the groups we have indicated that they are attending. If you have not received yours, let Cindy Blickem know. Deadline for these forms are May 14.

Summer Discipleship Camps

New! Longer format & new location at Flandrau Group Camp (New Ulm)

Girls Discipleship Camp Sun, June 12-Thurs June 16
Sun 6:00 pm til Thurs 9:00 am

Boys Discipleship Camp Sun, July 10-Thurs July 14
Sun 6:00 pm til Thurs 9:00 am

NOTE: CHANGE IN TIMES

Camper ages: Going into Grades 6-12 in the fall.

For information and registration forms go to:

<http://www.dnu.org/word/documents/2011CampFormsPostersAcro9.pdf>

NET Team Visit to our Diocese

Please let us know if you'd like the NET Team to come to your parish or AFC next fall. They will be available for retreats October 21 to November 9. They are booked October 22 and 23 and Monday is their usual day off. For request form click on this Web site:

<http://www.dnu.org/word/documents/201NETeaRequestForm.pdf>

World Youth Day August 14-25, 2011 Madrid, Spain and Lourdes, France

Bishop LeVoir plans to attend WYD 2011! We still have room for a few more pilgrims. The cost per person is \$3,040 plus the cost of transportation to Chicago. May 1 is the absolute cutoff date to let us know if you plan on attending and full the payment is due at that time also.

The official brochure from Pentecost Tours is posted on the diocesan Web site for more details: <http://www.dnu.org/word/documents/WYDSpaindetailedbrochure-final.pdf>. This will have details for registration and a request for a \$500 first deposit.

Please contact Margaret McHugh immediately if you have someone interested – 507-233-5327, mmchugh@dnu.org.



Spring Fling

for DREs, Youth Ministers

Come be motivated, refreshed, and renewed for another year of ministry!

Monday

May 16, 2011

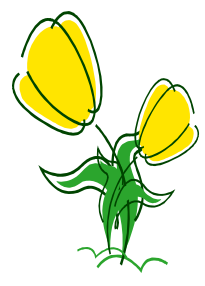
Noon-4:00

(lunch included)

Church of St. Clara

Clara City

414 N Main Street



“Relationship Between Liturgy & Catechesis”

with an update presentation on the Third Edition of the Roman Missal

with Ann Przybilla

of the Diocese of New Ulm

About the Presenter...Ann Przybilla



Ann Przybilla currently serves as the Director of the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life, and the Director of Lay Ministry Formation for the Diocese of New Ulm. Ann completed a B.A. degree in Liturgical Music from the College of Saint Benedict in 1993. Following that, she worked for small and large parishes as organist, music coordinator, and director of liturgy. She completed a Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Ministry from St. John’s University School of Theology in 2007. Ann has served the Diocese of New Ulm as an interim director of Religious Education. She and her husband Scott and their five children reside in Tracy, MN.

Spring Fling Registration Form

Monday, May 16, 2011 * Noon-4:00 p.m.* Church of St. Clara, Clara City

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