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Dear DREs and Youth Ministers:

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Ideas to Follow-up

Our Area Faith Community Missions

By Bryan Reising

I have been gathering ideas for follow-up to our Area Faith Community Missions and resources for Adult Faith Formation realizing that this is the goal for many Area Faith Communities' plans. I have consulted pastors, DREs, those who work directly with Adult Faith Formation, and experts around the country. Within our own diocese, parishes and Area Faith Communities have implemented Bible studies, small Christian Communities, intergenerational catechesis, and guest speakers for adults. The following is a list of some ideas:

Retreats

- ❖ "Living in Christ" retreats have been implemented in many parishes throughout the country. It is held on a Thursday evening with a meal, a Friday evening with a meal, and a Saturday morning concluding with Mass, lunch, and a ministry fair (which can be left up for the weekend masses). The theme is the Paschal Mystery of Dying in Christ and Living in Christ. For further information, order the *Handbook for Success in Whole Community Catechesis* from Twenty-Third Publications. See the following website:
http://www.twentythirdpublications.com/vie_wproduct.php?prodid=953083
- ❖ "Evangelization Retreat" from SINE (Systematic Integral New Evangelization). It is an opportunity for adults to hear the gospel message proclaimed, to discuss and contemplate that message, and to respond



on Earth

and Peace to Your Household

By Bryan Reising

*"Glory to God in the highest and on earth
peace to those on whom his favor rests"*

(Luke 2:14), proclaimed the angels to the shepherds tending their flocks on the night Jesus, the Prince of Peace, was born. This is my prayer this Christmas for you and for the world: that peace may enter your lives and the lives of all, especially those who live in places where violence happens frequently.

I invite each of you to pray for peace in your families, parishes, communities, country, and world. I invite each of you to offer a sign of peace, not only at Mass, but provide opportunities for a sign of peace at family prayer, family gatherings, religious education events, youth ministry gatherings, and other occasions. Let us offer peace during the Christmas season and encourage others to offer peace as well. May peace spread throughout the world!

May the peace of Christ be with each of you
and your loved ones this Christmas season!

Merry Christmas!

Bryan, Linda, and the Reising Family

to that message through a renewal of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. This weekend retreat is part of a plan for evangelization for parishes. It is also available in Spanish. For further information, contact Bryan Reising, Director of Adult Faith Formation, at 507-359-2966.

- ❖ "Christ Renews Our Parish" or CRHP (*chirp*) is a renewal retreat for parishes done on a weekend. The theme is the Paschal Mystery. For further information, contact St. Michael Parish in Saint Michael, Minnesota at 763-497-2745.
- ❖ "Called and Gifted" is a retreat/workshop that helps the participants discern their gifts and how to use them for service to the Church and society. For further information, see the following website:
<http://www.siena.org/Workshops.htm>

Small Christian Community Formation

- ❖ "Small Christian Community Connection" offers plenty of resources to help form Small Christian communities. For further information, see the following website:
<http://www.buenavista.org/>
- ❖ "The National Alliance of Parishes Restructuring into Small Christian Communities" has many resources for Small Christian Communities. For further information, see the following website:
<http://naprc.faithweb.com/interest.htm>

Intergenerational Catechesis

- ❖ "Generations of Faith" is a process for creating lifelong, intergenerational faith formation for the whole parish community. For further information, see the following website:
<http://www.generationsoffait.org/index.cfm?CFID=2526&CFTOKEN=64915092>
- ❖ Whole Community Catechesis is a process consisting on helpful ideas to begin and sustain intergenerational catechesis. For further information, see the following website:
http://www.twentythirdpublications.com/vie_wproduct.php?prodid=951846
- ❖ Harcourt Religion Publishers has additional information on whole community catechesis:
http://www.harcourtreligion.com/wcc_what_is_it.asp
- ❖ RCL/Benziger has further information on whole community catechesis as well:
<http://www.wholecommunitycatechesis.com/whatDEF.html>

- ❖ "Family Formation" is an intergenerational model created in a parish in Minnesota. For further information, see the following website:
<http://www.churchofsaintpaul.com/familyformation/>

Bible Studies

- ❖ "Six Weeks with the Bible" series by Loyola Press (English and Spanish). This is a theme-based Bible study. For further information, see the following website:
<http://www.loyolabooks.org/seriesdetail.asp?prodcname=Bible>
- ❖ "Little Rock Scripture Study" (English and Spanish). They have lectionary, theme-based, and book-by-book Bible studies. For further information, see the following website:
<http://www.littlerockscripture.org/en/Default.htm>
- ❖ Jeff Cavins' Bible Studies: "Great Adventures." This is a good study of Bible history. For further information, see the following website:
<http://www.greatadventureonline.com/>
- ❖ Threshold Bible Study is a theme-based Bible study. For further information, see the following website:
<http://www.thresholdbiblestudy.com/>
- ❖ Various Bible Studies from Liguori Publications. They are also coming out with a new Bible study soon. See the following website:
<http://www.liguori.org/showproducts.cfm?FullCat=610>

Catechism

- ❖ "The Growing Faith Project" by Twenty-Third Publications. This treats 48 various themes from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. You can make unlimited copies for your participants from your parish. It includes a facilitator's guide and PowerPoint presentation. See the following website:
<http://www.twentythirdpublications.com/Se arch%20List/GrowingFaithProject.php>
- ❖ "Echoes of Faith" by RCL/Benziger in collaboration with NCCL is in stock at the Diocesan Media Center, 507-235-5330. It covers various themes and booklets can be purchased through the following website:
<http://www.rclweb.com/html/productSamples/eofPages/eof.html>
- ❖ "The United States Catechism for Adults" This is our local catechism for the United States. It could be used as a resource or for

group study. For further information, see the following website:
<http://www.usccbpublishing.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=702>

- ❖ "Catholic Basics Series" by Loyola Press (English and Spanish). This series covers a wide range of areas of study. For further information, see the following website:
<http://www.loyolabooks.org/seriesdetail.asp?prodcatname=Adult%20Faith%20Formation>

Catholic Social Teaching

- ❖ "JustFaith" is a conversion-based process that seeks to provide a context in which participants can grow in their commitment to care for the vulnerable and to become advocates for justice. JustFaith is an extended justice education process that meets weekly employing books, videos, guest speakers, discussion, prayer, retreats, and hands-on experiences. Participants are also afforded the privilege of becoming community with other participants and sharing a journey of faith and compassion that is both life-giving and challenging. For further information, see the following website:
<http://www.justfaith.org/JF1212.html>
- ❖ "A Concise Guide to Catholic Social Teaching" by Rev. Kevin McKenna covers the seven tenets of Catholic Social Teaching. For further information, see the following website:
<http://www.avemariapress.com/itemdetail.cfm?nItemid=475>
- ❖ USCCB resources for Catholic Social Teaching Like "Sharing Catholic Social Teaching" and "In the Footsteps of Jesus":
<http://www.usccbpublishing.org/productdetails.cfm?sku=5-318>
In addition, the USCCB has resources through the Catholic Campaign for Human Development with their "Sharing the Tradition – Shaping the Future" study series and through resources from Catholic Charities USA.

Eucharist

- ❖ "Living Liturgy" is a lectionary based resource and study for people involved in liturgical and catechetical ministries. The "Spirituality" sections can be used for study. For further information, see the following website:
<http://www.litpress.org/Series.aspx?ID=79>

- ❖ "Eucharist: Source and Summit of the Life and Mission of the Church" is a six week study for the whole parish or small Christian communities to deepen their understanding of the Eucharist. For further information, see the website:
<http://www.catholicfaithsharing.com/lpirc/cfs/ViewCfsProductPage.do?page=productSacramentsSSJsp>
- ❖ "The Mystery of Faith" is for small Christian communities. It guides the study group through each part of the Mass in detail by outlining the historical development, quoting in full the relevant official documents, providing theological reflection, and presenting discussion questions. It is also available in Spanish. For further information, see the following website:
<http://www.fdlc.org/Publications/TheMass.htm#TheMysteryofFaith>:
- ❖ The Eucharistic Community (PNCEA) helps parishioners to know the Mass and to love more deeply the gift of the Eucharist by reflecting on and discussing the parts of the Mass. For further information, see the following website:
http://www.pncea.org/store/index.asp?DEPARTMENT_ID=73

Speaker Lists

- ❖ Please contact Bryan Reising from the Diocesan Office of Adult Faith Formation for some ideas and a list of speakers for your parish or Area Faith Community. He can be reached at 507-359-2966.

Processes for Returning Catholics

- ❖ "Catholics Returning Home" is an RCIA-like process for reaching out and inviting inactive Catholics to return "home" to the Church and resume an active practice of their faith. It is conducted in a non-judgmental support-group format. However, a sequence of topics on the basics of Catholicism is covered during the six-week series so that attendees are updated. The process is both formational and informational. For further information contact: Sally Mews, Chicago, IL; phone: 847-855-0629; e-mail: ssmews@msn.com
- ❖ "We Miss You" is an outreach program to inactive Catholics developed by the Omaha Archdiocesan Commission on Evangelization. It combines the faith journey of the RCIA process with a modern media campaign of invitation. What makes this program unique is the fact that it is a

"complete process." The We Miss You program is documented in book form under the same name. The authors are Gary Petri, Nancy Koley, and Sr. Marian Klostermann, OSF. For further information: Sheed and Ward Publishing, 7373 Lovers Land Road, Franklin, WI 53132; phone: 800-558-0850; fax: 800-369-4448

Upcoming Gathers

On January 7, 2008, we will feature Sr. Anna Marie Reha, SSND. She will speak to us about Religious Education/Youth Ministry and Hispanic Ministry. **Please RSVP to Cindy Blickem** if you plan to attend 507-233-5325 or cblickem@dnu.org. Upcoming dates include February 4, 2008 and March 10, 2008.

These gathers are for all catechetical leaders and youth ministers! They are important gatherings for formation, information, and networking. For those who cannot make these Gathers because of work schedule or other reasons, please let us know if there is a better time to meet. If we get enough interest, we will periodically offer an alternative date.

Parish Catechesis Questions

How do you involve others on staff with Religious Education? The pastor? Other leadership? Music ministers?



Future Safe Environment Trainings

The following are upcoming dates for Virtus trainings. Remember this is for all paid parish and school staff, catechists, youth ministers, and all volunteers who will be unsupervised with children and youth.

- 01/04/2008 12:30 PM [New Ulm - Diocesan Pastoral Center \(New Ulm\)](#)
- 01/17/2008 6:30 PM [Nicollet - St. Paul \(Nicollet\)](#)
- 01/18/2008 9:00 AM [New Ulm - St. Mary \(New Ulm\)](#)
- 01/19/2008 9:00 AM [New Ulm - St. Mary \(New Ulm\)](#)
- 02/15/2008 9:00 AM [Winsted - Holy Trinity \(Winsted\)](#)
- 02/24/2008 1:00 PM [Marshall - Holy Redeemer \(Marshall\)](#)
- 03/27/2008 6:30 PM [Canby - St. Peter \(Canby\)](#)
- 03/29/2008 9:00 AM [New Ulm - St. Anthony Elementary School \[NUACS\] \(New Ulm\)](#)
- 04/05/2008 9:00 AM [St. Peter - St. Peter \(St. Peter\)](#)
- 04/11/2008 9:00 AM [New Ulm - St. Mary \(New Ulm\)](#)
- 04/26/2008 9:30 AM [Olivia - St. Aloysius \(Olivia\)](#)
- 05/15/2008 6:30 PM [Benson - St. Francis \(Benson\)](#)
- 06/07/2008 9:30 AM [Litchfield - St. Philip \(Litchfield\)](#)
- 06/20/2008 9:00 AM [Bird Island - St. Mary \(Bird Island\)](#)
- 08/01/2008 9:00 AM [Winsted - Holy Trinity \(Winsted\)](#)

Jean Schmidt and family

I, Jean Schmidt, DRE and Youth Minister for St. Mary in Tracy, and St. Paul's in Walnut Grove, have much to celebrate this Christmas Season.



1st: My son, David, who experienced a head-on collision on November 23rd, is finally home. We brought him home after a 3 week stay at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. He has a lot of healing to do yet, but we believe God has gifted us with his life.

2nd: I celebrate also the friends and fellow DREs and Youth Ministers who have kept us in their prayers these past weeks. We felt the PRAYER!!!! God has given us so much and we celebrate this gift of my son's life along with the gift of God's own son, Jesus Christ. Remembering that HIS birthday is so close and we have so much to be thankful for this Christmas Season.

Please accept my thanks and my best wishes for the BEST CHRISTMAS EVER!!!!
May God bless each and everyone of you.

Mark Your Rel Ed / Youth Ministry Calendars for 2008

Mon, Jan 7	Gather for DREs & Youth Ministers	10:00-3:00	Center for Youth Ministry
Mon, Feb 4	Gather for DREs & Youth Ministers	10:00-3:00	Center for Youth Ministry
Mon, Mar 10	Gather for DREs & Youth Ministers	10:00-3:00	Center for Youth Ministry
Mon, Apr 7	Gather for DREs & Youth Ministers	10:00-3:00	Center for Youth Ministry
Sun, Apr 13	Jr High Festival	1:00-7:00	Canby Public High School
Mon, May 19	DRE Spring Fling	Noon-4:00	Victorian Inn, Hutchinson
Sun, June 1	DYC Selection Day	1:00-5:00	Center for Youth Ministry
Thurs-Fri June 19-20	Young Men's Discipleship Camp	Thu 9:30 am-Fri 5:00 pm	Center for Youth Ministry
Thurs-Fri June 26-27	Young Women's Discipleship Camp	Thu 9:30 am-Fri 5:00 pm	Center for Youth Ministry

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Christmas Hope



“Man is worth so much to God that he himself became man in order to suffer with man in an utterly real way—in flesh and blood.”

*-Pope Benedict XVI in *Spez Salvi**

What are you *hoping* for this Christmas and New Year? What would it take to make you perfectly happy this holiday season?

Pope Benedict XVI has just written a new encyclical document, *In Hope We Are Saved* or in Latin, *Spez Salvi*. “Hope” is the subject of the entire document. How appropriate and timely is his message of hope! I’m including a few especially good quotes *in the hope* of encouraging you to read it for yourself...Please visit the site http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/encyclicals/documents/hf_ben-xvi_enc20071130-spe-salvi_en.html for the entire text.

He says, “We need the greater and lesser hopes that keep us going day by day. But these are not enough without the great hope, which must surpass everything else. This great hope can only be God, who encompasses the whole of reality and who can bestow upon us what we, by ourselves, cannot attain. The fact that it comes to us as a gift is actually part of hope. God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who

has a human face and who has loved us to the end, each one of us and humanity in its entirety.”

Did you know that the word “hope” appears at least 174 times in the Bible? “Hope, in fact, is a key word in Biblical faith—so much so that in several passages the words “faith” and “hope” seem interchangeable.”

Let’s take a look at how hope is mentioned in Scripture: “Paul reminds the Ephesians that before their encounter with Christ they were ‘without hope and without God in the world’ (*Eph* 2:12). Of course he knew they had had gods, he knew they had had a religion, but their gods had proved questionable, and no hope emerged from their contradictory myths. Notwithstanding their gods, they were “without God” and consequently found themselves in a dark world, facing a dark future. In the same vein he says to the Thessalonians: you must not “grieve as others do who have no hope” (*1 Th* 4:13). Here, too, we see as a distinguishing mark of Christians the fact that they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness. ***Only when the future is certain as a positive reality does it become possible to live the present as well.***”

“So now we can say: Christianity was not only ‘good news’—the communication of a hitherto unknown content. In our language we would say: the Christian message was not only “informative” but also ‘performative.’ That means: the Gospel is not merely a communication of things that can be known—it is one that makes things happen and is life-changing. The dark door of time, of the future, has been thrown open. ***The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life.***”

The words “performative” and “informative,” as used by the Holy Father, remind me that **hope is both a noun and a verb**. Hope encompasses both knowledge and action.



Hope (verb)

intransitive verb 1: to cherish a desire with anticipation <hopes for a promotion> 2*archaic*: **TRUST** *transitive verb* 1: to desire with expectation of obtainment 2: to expect with confidence: **TRUST**

synonyms see **EXPECT**

— **hop-er** *noun*

— **hope against hope**

:to hope without any basis for expecting fulfillment

Hope (noun)

archaic: **TRUST**, **RELIANCE** 2 **a**: desire accompanied by expectation of or belief in fulfillment <came in hopes of seeing you>; *also*: expectation of fulfillment or success <no hope of a cure> **b**: someone or something on which hopes are centered <our only hope for victory> **c**: something hoped for

-Merriam Webster On-Line Dictionary

“Is it ‘performative’ for us—is it a message which shapes our life in a new way, or is it just ‘information’ which, in the meantime, we have set aside and which now seems to us to have been superseded by more recent information?”

Is hope a noun or a verb in your life?

“We who have always lived with the Christian concept of God, and have grown accustomed to it, have almost ceased to notice that we possess the hope that ensues from a real encounter with this God. The Ephesians, before their encounter with Christ, were without hope because they were ‘without God in the world.’ *To come to know God—the true God—means to receive hope.*”

So what is new about “Christian” hope? What did it actually change?

“Christianity did not bring a message of social revolution like that of the ill-fated Spartacus, whose struggle led to so much bloodshed. Jesus was not Spartacus, he was not engaged in a fight for political liberation like Barabbas or Bar-Kochba. Jesus, who himself died on the Cross, brought something totally different: an encounter with the Lord of all lords, an encounter with the living God and thus an encounter with a hope stronger than the sufferings of slavery, a hope which therefore transformed life and the world from within.”



“So now we must ask explicitly: is the Christian faith also for us today a life-changing and life-sustaining hope?”

“May the eyes of your heart be opened that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call.”

—Eph 1:18

How can we become more “hopeful” people?

“A first essential setting for learning hope is prayer. When no one listens to me any more, God still listens to me. When I can no longer talk to anyone or call upon anyone, I can always talk to God. When there is no longer anyone to help me deal with a need or expectation that goes beyond the human capacity for hope, he can help me. When I have been plunged into complete solitude ...; if I pray I am never totally alone.”

“To pray is not to step outside history and withdraw to our own private corner of happiness. When we pray properly we undergo a process of inner purification which opens us up to God and thus to our fellow human beings as well. In prayer we must learn what we can truly ask of God—what is worthy of God.”

How can we be hopeful with so much suffering?

“We can try to limit suffering, to fight against it, but we cannot eliminate it. It is when we attempt to avoid suffering by withdrawing from anything that might involve hurt, when we try to spare ourselves the effort and pain of pursuing truth, love, and goodness that we drift into a life of emptiness, in which there may be almost no pain, but the dark sensation of meaninglessness and abandonment is all the greater. It is not by sidestepping or fleeing from suffering that we are healed, but rather by our capacity for accepting it, maturing through it and finding meaning through union with Christ, who suffered with infinite love.”

What can we do?

“We can open ourselves and the world and allow God to enter: we can open ourselves to truth, to love, to what is good. This is what the saints did, those who, as ‘God's fellow workers,’ contributed to the world's salvation.”

“We can free our life and the world from the poisons and contaminations that could destroy the present and the future. We can uncover the sources of creation and keep them unsullied, and in this way we can make a right use of creation, which comes to us as a gift, according to its intrinsic requirements and ultimate purpose. This makes sense even if outwardly we achieve nothing or seem powerless in the face of overwhelming hostile forces. So on the one hand, our actions engender hope for us and for others; but at the same time, it is the great hope based upon God's promises that gives us courage and directs our action in good times and bad.”

“We know that this God exists, and hence that this power to ‘take away the sin of the world’ (*Jn* 1:29) is present in the world. Through faith in the existence of this power, hope for the world's healing has emerged in history. It is, however, hope—not yet fulfillment; hope that gives us the courage to place ourselves on the side of good even in seemingly hopeless situations, aware that, as far as the external course of history is concerned, the power of sin will continue to be a terrible presence.”



How do we find the way?

“Human life is a journey. Towards what destination? How do we find the way? Life is like a voyage on the sea of history, often dark and stormy, a voyage in which we watch for the stars that indicate the route. The true stars of our life are the people who have lived good lives. They are lights of hope. Certainly, Jesus Christ is the true light, the sun that has risen above all the shadows of history. But to reach him we also need lights close by—people who shine with his light and so guide us along our way. Who more than Mary could be a star of hope for us? With her ‘yes’ she opened the door of our world to God himself; she became the

living Ark of the Covenant, in whom God took flesh, became one of us, and pitched his tent among us (cf. *Jn* 1:14).”



Hope: 1: TRUST, RELIANCE, DESIRE ACCOMPANIED BY EXPECTATION OF FULFILLMENT; also: something hoped for 3: one that gives promise for the future

Hope to see the Holy Father in April?!!

Pope Benedict XVI will be the USA April 15-20. A number of our young people have the option of going to see him in New York. If you or any of your young people are interested in this opportunity, you need to ask your priest or Pastoral Leader to write a letter of recommendation for you on parish letterhead and send it to: Wand Ubl
Catholic Pastoral Center
1400 6th St. North
New Ulm, MN 56073

Adult Leadership Training Session

“Your Toughest Leadership Challenge” on Thursday, January 10, 2008 from 9:15 a.m. to 12 noon. Amy Hansen from Partnership for Youth will be the speaker. This will be held at NET Ministries. See below for contact information.

Youth Leader and Teen Training Lifeline Mass with Archbishop Flynn

A dynamic training event for guys and girls to awaken, deepen, and equip you in the faith as leaders both young and old alike. YLT is held **Saturday, February 2, 2008, from 9:00 to 3:00 at NET Ministries in West St. Paul.** Go out for dinner and come back a few hours later for the Lifeline Mass from 6:00-9:30 p.m. Call **651-450-6833** for more information or to register. You may wish to check with Sr. Margaret if you plan to attend. She will be organizing and accompanying a group as well.

**Theology of the Body Retreat
February 16-18, 2008**

Cost is \$75 for the weekend. The event runs from 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 16, to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, February 18. Deadline for registration is January 21, 2008. **The first 100 paid youth will be accepted.** Jamin Harold 320-968-6836, Church of St. John, Foley, Minnesota.
info@TOBretreat.com or www.TOBretreat.com

**Diocesan Gathers: Lenten Retreat
February 4, 2008 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

Our monthly YM/DRE meeting at the Center for Youth Ministry in February will be a Lenten retreat with Paula Huston. Paula is originally from Minnesota and is a Catholic author. She is a National Endowment for the Arts Creative Writing Fellow and has published fiction and essays for twenty-five years. She's written Daughters of Song, Signatures of Grace, and By Way of Grace. Her most recent book is, The Holy Way: Practices for a Simple Life. She is a wife, mother, university professor, and Camaldolese Benedictine oblate. The retreat will be based on her book, The Holy Way.

**Lenten Day of Reflection
"Solitude, Stillness, and Silence"**

NET Ministries is hosting the event from 9:15 to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2008. Join them for Mass, teaching, wonderful food, and great fellowship. Come away for a time of personal renewal!

**Pure of Heart - Twin Cities
March 8, 2008
from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

A fun, faith-filled conference designed to encourage young men and women to discover the gifts that God has stamped on their hearts. Pure at Heart encourages teens to build a life of purity, purpose, and passion.

A number of teens attended this conference last year from New London-Spicer and gave it rave reviews. For more information or to register, please visit:

<http://www.partnershipforyouth.org/pure.html>

Church of St. Patrick
3535 72nd Street E
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

H.S. Young Men's Weekend Retreat

March 14-16, 2008 at the NET Center in West St. Paul. The weekend is packed with outstanding speakers, great music, challenging talks as well as Reconciliation, Adoration, and Mass. Hearty meals and cool activities are designed with guys in mind. For more information, contact:

110 Crusader Ave W
West St. Paul, MN 55118-4427
Phone: 651-450-6833 - Fax: 651-450-9984
or visit <http://www.netusa.org>

Junior High Festival

Please plan to bring a large group of young people April 13, 2008 to the Canby Public High School.