

STEWARDSHIP

The International Catholic Stewardship Conference (ICSC) is holding its annual conference in downtown Chicago on October 22-25. Cost for the conference is \$499 through July 31 and increases to \$599 after that. The conference features:

- “First ever” Pre-conference Offerings:
 - Catholic Foundations Forum (additional fee)
 - Stewards of Our Strengths (additional fee)
 - Strategic Partner Workshops (free with full conference registration)
- Nine tracks featuring 79 sessions
- Plenary sessions and meaningful liturgies
- Long mid-day breaks for lunch on your own, networking or catching up on some work
- Friday Breakfast Program and Saturday Night Award Banquet and Program with wonderful meals

See the attached flyer and registration form or go to www.Catholicstewardship.com. You may also contact Dan Ebener, ebener@davenportdiocese.org or Sr. Laura Goedken, goedken@davenportdiocese.org.

LITURGY OFFICE

TeamRCIA Coming to the Diocese: August 14-15, St. Patrick, Iowa City (6:30pm Friday to 4pm Saturday).

Registration is now open! Go to: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm#Formation> to register or for more information. Our conference will focus on “Making Disciples” - the basic process and skills needed for RCIA... a great review for veterans and the perfect introduction for ‘newbies’! This offering aims to help participants:

- *Discover how the RCIA is a powerful conversion process
- *Learn how to apply the core principles of the RCIA to any faith formation process
- *Acquire the skills to build an evangelizing parish that involves the entire community in the RCIA
- *Know how to recruit and build a thriving RCIA team
- *Learn how to grow a pool of passionate, engaged sponsors

Please see the attached letter of invitation from Tammy Norcross-Reitzler.

Workshops for Music Ministers

Does your parish or choir have certain hymns that are done well for the glory of God? Are you looking for new hymns for your assemblies and/or choirs? Do you want to get together and sing/share music with other musicians from across the diocese? Then these *free* workshops are for you! We are inviting music ministers from around the diocese to come together and share resources for the various liturgical seasons: three workshops at three different sites around the diocese:

Place	Date and Time	Liturgical Seasons
St. John Vianney Bettendorf	Sunday, July 19, 2015 2:00pm-4:00pm	Advent / Christmastime
St. Mary Iowa City	Saturday, November 7, 2015 10:00am-Noon	Lent / Triduum / Eastertime
St. Alphonsus Mt. Pleasant	Saturday, May 7, 2016 10:00am-Noon	Ordinary Time Feasts & Solemnities

To register, simply send your music to the host at each site; that’s all! No other registration is needed and there is no fee for attending. A flyer for the first of these workshops is also attached.

SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

2015 Respect Life Materials: Parishes interested in receiving a free Respect Life Packet must submit their order request by June 10 to Esmeralda Guerrero, guerrero@davenportdiocese.org. Provide 1) parish name and address, 2) contact name, 3) contact phone number and 4) contact email address (if not the pastor or office contact).

The theme will be “Every Life is Worth Living.” Materials include (and also available in Spanish):

- Thematic poster with images of people at different stages of life
- Brief flyer expounding on the theme
- 6-8 articles on topics including chastity, terminal illness, unexpected pregnancy, and persons with disabilities, among others
- Prayer and program guide
- Catalog with additional materials that are available to order
- Bonus! Additional materials will be available online.

CRS Rice Bowl 2016 Materials: CRS has mailed the ordering information for the 2016 CRS Rice Bowl Lent Materials. It is not in an envelope, but it is a self-mailer and could be mistaken as advertising. Review and update your order quantities as needed otherwise you will be sent the same quantity of materials you received in 2015. If you don't have any changes you still need to mail the postcard back to CRS.

St. Vincent's Home Corporation Grant: The grant program derives from the St. Vincent Home orphanage and continues to serve children with more than an ordinary need through grants to organizations providing such services. For consideration at the October board meeting applications must be postmarked by **September 15**. Applicants are to be located within the 22 counties of the Diocese of Davenport or serve children within the Diocese of Davenport. The grant application and grant criteria can be found at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sastvincenthomecorporation.htm#applygrants>.

All organizations that work with children must document their efforts to perform background checks for employees and volunteers that work or have direct contact with children, in order to be eligible for funding. If an organization received a grant in the past a Progress Report must also be submitted by September 15. New funding will not be considered until the Progress Report has been submitted.

Diocesan Volunteer Program Grant: The Social Action Office has re-launched the Diocesan Volunteer Program (DVP). The primary focus of the volunteer program grant is to assist in providing support to individuals for short-term mission work and to support new and existing global projects and partnerships within the Diocese of Davenport. People interested in applying please visit our website to obtain a copy of the grant criteria and application: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/sadodvolunteerprogram.htm>. As the program is not supported by any diocesan collection, it is dependent on donations from those interested in promoting the global outreach the Holy Father seeks. If you would like to support this effort, please send a check payable to the Diocese of Davenport, with a memo line of “Diocesan Volunteer Program” to the Diocese of Davenport, 780 West Central Park Avenue, Davenport, IA 52804. Future volunteers will appreciate your support.

Two Feet Newsletter: The Diocesan Social Action Office has a variety of tools to keep you informed of relevant issues and activities. One of these is our Two Feet Newsletter which is distributed monthly via email. If you would like to read previous issues you will find those at <http://bit.ly/TwoFeetNewsletter>. You can subscribe from that page if you choose or you may contact Amy Kersten, kerstena@diodav.org.

Social Action Google Groups: The Social Action Office has two Google groups for people who wish to receive information related to parish social action or social action advocacy. The Google groups are intended to support discussion about issues, although you can simply read the emails without responding. If you wish to join either group, contact Amy Kersten, kerstena@diodav.org.

Project Rachel is a confidential, post-abortion healing ministry of the Catholic Church offering hope and healing to women and men hurting from past abortions. Project Rachel staff understand the emotional pain that follows an abortion. Brochures are available by contacting Esmeralda Guerrero, guerrero@davenportdiocese.org. You may contact Project Rachel staff by calling the local Helpline: 563-333-4107 or email, projectrachel@diodav.org. There are two ways to support Project Rachel:



Purchase “*Humble Angel Honey*” at \$10 bottle. (The bottle is shaped like an angel and is 100% pure premium quality produced honey by Midwest beekeepers.) To purchase contact Esmeralda Guerrero or stop by St. Vincent Center at 780 W. Central Park Avenue, Davenport.

Make a *financial contribution*, payable to the Diocese of Davenport. In the memo line write Project Rachel and mail to Diocese of Davenport, Project Rachel, 780 West Central Park Avenue, Davenport, IA 52804



FAITH FORMATION

Evangelizing Families & Empowering the Domestic Church: June 13, St. Mary Church, Solon, 10:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m. \$10. Registration deadline is June 5. Join Joan Weber of the Center for Ministry Development for this workshop on reaching out to parents and families to help them grow in faith at home. See the attached flyer for details.

Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies: Do you work in youth ministry, or know someone who does? The Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies is perfect for all who work with middle and high-school aged youth! Presented by the Center for Ministry Development since 1979, this certificate program equips youth ministers and workers with the skills, experience, and tools for vibrant youth ministry in parishes, schools, and communities. The certificate can be completed in as few as two summers (eight courses) at St. Ambrose University, with an option for undergraduate or graduate credit. Four courses offered this summer on June 11-12, June 13-14, July 9-10, and July 11-12. A great program for youth ministers, high school ministers, retreat directors, and anyone who works with youth. Contact Chris Clow at 563-333-6189 or ministry@sau.edu to learn more!

Diocesan Summer Youth Programming: Please be aware of the following two diocesan-sponsored opportunities for youth:

- ***CIA (Catholics In Action).*** June 28-30 at Regina Education Center. CIA is a service learning experience where young people (8th grade graduates through graduating high school seniors) engage in service and explore the scriptural and theological foundations of justice. Teens must register as part of a parish team. Early registration deadline is June 5; late registration deadline is June 15. Complete information and forms are available at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/CIA.htm>.
- ***CLI (Christian Leadership Institute).*** July 12-17 at St. Ambrose University. CLI equips youth (those entering 10th-12th grade) with the skills, values, and foundations necessary to serve as effective servant leaders in their parish and/or school settings. The Institute places leadership in the context of our Catholic faith and helps teens understand what it means to lead as Jesus led. Registration deadline is June 24. Complete information and forms are available at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/CLI.htm>.

2015-2016 DYMC Members Still Needed: It’s not too late for teens and adults to apply for the Diocesan Youth Ministry Committee. Committee membership calls for three youth and one adult from each deanery. The Committee plans and leads various diocesan youth events and advises the diocese on how to best respond to youth needs, issues and culture. Application deadline is extended to June 12, and information and forms are available at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/DYMC.htm>.

MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM

Basic Year II:

On-Site Format Schedule: All courses held at the Diocese of Davenport, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

	6/6/15: Theology I , Fr. Ed Dunn
7/18/15: Theology II , Fr. Ed Dunn	8/1/15: Catechesis , John Valenti
8/15/15: Civil Law , Dc. Bob Glaser	9/19/15: Spiritual Themes , Fr. Marty Goetz
10/3/15: Commissioning Liturgy	

DVD/YouTube Format Schedule: The order of courses is as stated above; however each group will determine its monthly meeting time.

An application form and additional program information may be found on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org (Chancery-Faith Formation-Lay Ministry-MFP Forms). For information regarding the courses or the Ministry Formation Program contact Marianne Agnoli, agnolim@davenportdiocese.org, 563-888-4242.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Sponsor Couple Training: June 20, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. St. John Vianney Church, Bettendorf. **Registration deadline is June 10.** Join Fr. Robert Ruhnke, author of *For Better & For Ever: A Resource for Couples Preparing for Christian Marriage* as he conducts a workshop for new and experienced Sponsor Couples. For registration information and a promotional flyer go to:
<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Marriage%20and%20Family.htm>.

Coordinating a Parish Sponsor Couple Program: June 21, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. St. Vincent Center, Davenport. **Registration deadline is June 10.** Fr. Robert Ruhnke, author of *For Better & For Ever: A Resource for Couples Preparing for Christian Marriage* will provide a workshop for those currently coordinating and those interested in establishing a Sponsor Couple Program in their parish. For registration information and a promotional flyer go to:
<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Marriage%20and%20Family.htm>.

World Meeting of Families: September 22-27, Philadelphia

- **Pilgrimage Opportunities:** The Diocese of Des Moines is offering two pilgrimage options. Both will include partial attendance at the World Meeting of Families and celebration of the Papal Mass. For information about the *Family Express Bus Tour* and the *Des Moines Airline Tour* go to <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Marriage%20and%20Family.htm>. Note that the bus tour is scheduled to make a pick-up stop in Davenport and may be open to adding additional stops along I-80 if there is a request.
- To register go <http://www.worldmeeting2015.org>. Preparatory Catechetical Resources on the ten themes of family church teaching are available at the site by clicking on About the Event>Catechesis.

Natural Family Planning:

Awareness Week is **July 19-25**. This year's theme is: *All Natural! Natural Family Planning – Good for the body. Great for the soul!* See the **attached** for flyers in English and Spanish. Additional parish promotional materials, homily helps, prayers and other resources are available on the USCCB website
<http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/awareness-week/index.cfm>

Natural Family Planning Link: A complete Billings Ovulation Method NFP course is available on line at <http://learnnfponline.com>. Engaged couples are encouraged to begin NFP instruction four to six months prior to the wedding date. A certificate of completion will be issued. Additional information and NFP contacts can be found on the diocesan website, <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Marriage%20and%20Family.htm>.

Marriage and Parenting Resource: Attached is the June 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), Sponsor Couple (through your parish) and Online (under special circumstances-with parish approval)

Weekend and One-day

- August 8-9: Mt. Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, *registration deadline is July 31*
- October 24: Muscatine, SS. Mary & Mathias, *registration deadline is October 16*

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, 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

Meet GK Chesterton: Sat, June 6 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Jerry Schroeder. Become familiar with the most quotable and exuberant defender of Catholic Christianity of the modern era: GK Chesterton. His wit, humility and humor are magnetic, matched only by his masterful common sense and intellectual levity. We will explore a small sampling of his astonishing body of literature. Fee: \$25

The Labyrinth Walk Unfolds: Wed, June 10 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Sherry Nauman and Pat McLaughlin. Learn about the history of the Labyrinth and explore the three stages of a labyrinth walk: Purgation (Releasing), Illumination (Receiving), and Union (Returning). There will be time for group discussions, a labyrinth walk, reflection, journaling and sharing. Fee: \$20

Come to the Quiet: Standing Still: Tues, June 16 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. *Solstice* comes from two Latin words meaning “sun” and “standing.” In this midsummer season, reflect on the brilliance of light standing still. Stand still in the blessings of light and ponder how daylight connects us to the Holy. Fee: \$20

Summer Solstice Taize’ Vigil Service: Wed, June 17 | 6:30pm. Taize is an ecumenical movement, drawing Christians of all denominations together in compassionate prayer. All people of faith are invited. Pre-registration encouraged. No fee.

Honoring the Fathers in Our Lives: Sat, June 20 | 10am – 2pm. Celebrate our fathers, mentors and guides by sharing with them the importance of their presence in our lives. Come to The Prairie to meander the trails, enjoy a cookout and listen to words of wisdom. Fee: \$25

Contemplating the Holy in Nature through the Arts: July 5–11 | Sun 5pm – Sat 10am (after brunch). Enjoy a day or a week learning/practicing art and contemplating the Divine in the pristine beauty of The Prairie. Various artists will contemplate the Holy through their window on the world:

Mon, July 6 Sue Messer: The Art of Sketchbook Journaling

Tues, July 7 K.C. Barnes: Colours from the Heart (Water Color)

Wed, July 8 Joellen Price, PVB: The Mandala: A Pathway to One’s Center (Zentangle)

Thurs, July 9 Joe Maciejko and Elizabeth Thoman, CHM: Contemplative Photography: “The Art of Seeing”

Fri, July 10 Aubrey Jane Ryan—Honoring Earth through Poetry

Each day’s scheduled presentation and practice is from 9am – 4pm. Fee: \$30/day; \$150 for commuters for the full week; \$300 for the full week (meals and lodging)

Come to the Quiet: Pilgrimage: Wed, July 15 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Summer vacations can become a time of pilgrimage—walking gently upon the earth to sacred places, being transformed in and because of the journey. A Labyrinth provides the opportunity for us to walk the sacred way without traveling to faraway places. Fee: \$20

Home Tonight: Further Reflections on the Parable of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen: Fri, July 17 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Kathleen Storms, SSND facilitator. Henri Nouwen is best known for *The Return of the Prodigal Son* which he wrote after he suffered a personal breakdown. Within healing solitude, he reflected on and identified with the parable’s characters and experienced profound and inspiring life lessons. Now, never before published reflections comprise *Home Tonight*, continuing this spiritual path of homecoming. Welcome your unique *belovedness* through practices of “spiritual listening,” journaling, and communing with God. Fee: \$20

I’m Drowning: How to Care for Yourself While Caring for Others: Tues, July 28 | 9:30am – 3:30pm. Chris Pries. This program explores the concerns of the family caregiver and identifies strategies to reduce the stress of care taking. The day will offer both long time care givers, and those new to the role, practical exercises, discussion, and learning from each other. Community resources will be identified, communication skills and self care exercises reviewed and practiced. Please come in comfortable, casual clothing and footwear appropriate for walking. Fee: \$20

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

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

Sunday Brunch at The Monastery: First Sunday of each month; Lauds 9:30 am; Mass 10:30 am; Brunch 11:30 am. Single, Catholic women 18-50 years of age are invited to join Sr. Stefanie at St. Mary Monastery for liturgy, brunch and conversation about life as a Catholic Sister. Brunch will be served in the Sisters' dining room overlooking the lake. You will have the opportunity to be with other women who are exploring religious life. Guests are invited to stay longer and use campus amenities for further prayer and reflection. There is no cost; you are our guest! For information contact Sr. Stefanie MacDonald, OSB (309) 283-2300 or vocation@smmsisters.org

Pizza and Prayer: June 24. Interested in learning more about religious life and the Sisters of St. Benedict? Single Catholic women 18-50 years old are welcome to join us for pizza and prayer. There is no cost; you are our guest! For information contact Sr. Stefanie MacDonald, OSB (309) 283-2300 or vocation@smmsisters.org.

Women's Retreat: "Be Still and Know That I am God" (PS. 46:10): When we accept that God is in control and we are not, we can let God work in us. When we quiet ourselves and give God center stage, we build a relationship with God. We will journey together, seeking to "still" our being and let God befriend us and guide us. Presenter: Sr. Mary Core, OSB. Fri. June 26, 7 pm-Sun. June 28, 12 pm; Fee: Registrations/payments: \$190 (private room), \$175 (shared room).

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

Jesus – A Dangerous Memory: Monday, June 22, 5:30pm – Saturday, June 27, 9:00am. Director: Nancy Schreck OSF, D.Min. This retreat will seek to peel back some of the ways we have tamed the radical teachings of Jesus by using parables and miracles to probe the richness and challenge of his way. Participants are invited to do the inner work of applying these teachings to their lives. Daily Eucharistic liturgy. Offering: Overnight \$450, Commuter \$425. A \$75 nonrefundable deposit secures your registration and is credited to the offering for the retreat. Registration deadline: June 17.

Nature's Bill of Rights – A Morning of Observation and Reflection: Wednesday, June 10, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Presenter: Meg Gemar OSF. We all know about the U.S. Constitutional Bill of Rights. How about writing a bill of rights that also reflects an ecological point of view? It would address all areas of life that integrate economy, security, political and cultural systems, as well as the rights of plants, animals, and the land. We will spend time with the U.S. Bill of Rights and time in nature as background for this creative endeavor to address the rights of all God's earthly creation. Participants are encouraged to wear clothing & shoes comfortable for walking in a natural prairie area. Offering: \$30, includes lunch. Register & prepay by noon, Monday, June 8.

The Saint & the Pope: What the Spirituality of Two Men Named Francis Can Teach Us About Christian Living: Sunday, July 19, 5:30 p.m. – Friday, July 24, 9:00 a.m. Director: Fr. Daniel Horan OFM. This retreat will focus on what St. Francis of Assisi and Pope Francis can teach us about our relationship with God, with one another, and the rest of creation, in addition to looking at what Franciscan Spirituality and Gospel Poverty mean in our world today. Daily Eucharistic liturgy. Overnight and commuter options available. \$25 early bird discount if registered by June 19. Registration deadline: July 14.

Encountering God in Creation: God's Primary Revelation: Thursday, July 30, 5:30 p.m. – Wednesday, Aug. 5, 9:00 a.m. Director: Mary Schneiders OP. In recent years we have come to recognize that God's self-revelation began with creation. This retreat will focus on developing our contemplative vision to recognize God in all of creation. Daily Eucharistic liturgy. Overnight and commuter options available \$25 early bird discount if registered by June 30. Registration deadline: July 24.

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.



STEWARDSHIP

in the Footsteps of Pope Francis

Chicago, Illinois | October 22-25, 2015



"I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do." (John 13:15) The ICSC 2015 conference takes place less than a month from our Holy Father's visit to the United States. As Jesus demonstrated for the apostles, and us, in the washing of the feet, Pope Francis also leads us by example. As stewards, he inspires us to go forth in the world to both proclaim and live the joy of the Gospel, and to journey with and serve everyone we meet. Pope Francis encourages us to allow ourselves to be surprised by the God of surprises.

The ICSC annual conference is filled with workshops and forums providing us with practical information we can take home and use immediately as we journey, serve, proclaim, and live our faith. The conference exposes us to fundamental topics, as well as new ideas, innovations and strategies. It is a great opportunity to take a break from our hectic schedules to pray, reflect, learn, listen, share, and participate in uplifting liturgies.

Internationally recognized as the most valuable conference for those involved in Christian stewardship, the ICSC annual conference is an opportunity to connect with others sharing the commitment to live and teach stewardship as a way of life. Many of our participants tell us that sharing experiences with peers is the main reason they attend every year. **We invite you to join us in Chicago...in the Footsteps of Pope Francis!**

First-Ever Preconference Workshops!

ICSC conference attendees have an opportunity to receive additional education at little or no extra cost. This year, ICSC has partnered with organizations to provide three separate pre-conference workshops! See brief descriptions below. For detailed information on these workshops and how to register, visit our website at

www.catholicstewardship.org

Strategic Partner Workshops

Thursday, October 22, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm

FREE for ICSC 2015 conference attendees

Twenty workshops for parishes and dioceses from our strategic partners on topics such as parish and diocesan capital campaigns, parish leadership training, ideas for stewardship, offertory increase programs, and new approaches that inspire faithful living and giving, and many more!

Catholic Foundation Forum

Begins Wednesday, October 21, at 4:00 pm

Ends Thursday, October 22, at Noon

\$95 for ICSC 2015 conference attendees

\$150 for non-conference attendees

Calling all Foundation Directors, CEOs, Board Members, etc. Join us for the First Annual Catholic Foundation Pre-Conference Forum.

This will be a highly interactive format, addressing challenging and timely topics of discussion facilitated by subject experts. Not to be missed!

Stewards of Our Strengths

Thursday, October 22, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

\$95 – Open ONLY to conference attendees

Led by Leisa Anslinger and Stephanie Moore, from Catholic Life and Faith, the morning session is divided for beginners and those more experienced with the StrengthsFinder® talent-identification tool. In the afternoon session, the group comes together to focus on strengths-based ministerial teams, and leaves with the knowledge and tools they need to quickly and effectively implement the experience when they return to their parish or diocese.

INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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REGISTER TODAY! **\$499 Early Bird Rate** (before July 15, 2015)

The 2015 ICSC Annual Conference offers something for everyone whether you are a priest, deacon, religious, parish life administrator, stewardship and evangelization coordinator or committee member, parish business manager, youth minister, ministry leader, or a faithful parishioner feeling called to do more. A sample of the conference's many sessions includes:



- Developing Leadership in Our Youth
- Stewardship and Evangelization: Two Sides of the Same Coin
- Best Practices for Successful Grant Writing
- Stewardship of Our Elders
- The Ministry of Parish Management
- Stewardship Success on a Budget
- Parish Strategic Planning
- Theology and Spirituality of Stewardship
- Engaging Parishioners With a Parish Covenant
- Best Practices for Working with Consultants
- Calling Forth Gifts of Time and Talent
- Stewardship and the Family
- Separate Parishes Moving Forward as One
- Numerous how-to workshops in Spanish
- Exclusive sessions and forums for diocesan staff working with stewardship, development and Catholic foundations
- And many, many more!

How does stewardship equip us to go forth in the world to proclaim and live the joy of the Gospel?

Join Catholic stewards from around the world at the annual conference of the International Catholic Stewardship Council October 22-25 in Chicago, Illinois, and we will learn together!

More details and online registration available at
www.catholicstewardship.org
or call 1.800.352.3452, or e-mail us at
register@catholicstewardship.org.

The International Catholic Stewardship Council has named the recently renovated Hyatt Regency Chicago at 151 East Wacker Drive as host hotel for the 2015 annual conference. The Hyatt Regency Chicago is conveniently located in downtown Chicago, is connected to the Illinois Center and within minutes of the Magnificent Mile. A block of rooms has been reserved from October 21 to 25, 2015, at the rate of \$229 single or double occupancy, plus taxes. For best availability, please reserve your room early! Reservations must be made through our conference coordinator, Plaza Meetings, at www.plazameetings.com/icsc/





2015 Conference Registration

Organization (if parish, include the name of your diocese)

Address

City

State/Province

Postal Code

Country

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Phone

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Fax

E-mail

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Name

Title

E-mail

2.

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Title

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ICSC Member Rate (through July 31)

@ \$499 × (# persons) = \$

ICSC Member Rate (after July 31)

@ \$599 × (# persons) = \$

Parish Membership Commitment (see levels at right)

\$

ICSC Non-Member Rate

@ \$1899 × (# persons) = \$

Pre-Conference Programs

Stewards of Our Strengths Workshop

(Thursday 8:30 am – 3:00 pm)

ICSC conference registration required

@ \$95 × (# persons) = \$

Catholic Foundations Forum

(Wednesday 2:00 pm – Thursday 2:00 pm)

with conference registration

@ \$95 × (# persons) = \$

if attending forum only

@ \$150 × (# persons) = \$

Strategic Partner Workshops

(Included in conference registration fee)
You MUST sign up for the workshops you plan to attend prior to the conference at:

<http://catholicstewardship.com/pre-conference-workshops-strategic-partner>

Total Amount Due

\$

Method of Payment (Please check one)

☐ Credit Card Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: ____/____/____ CVV: _____

Cardholder Name: _____

☐ Check (Make checks payable to ICSC)

Complete this form, keep a copy for your records and return it with your payment to:

ICSC – 2015 EVENT REGISTRATION

26300 Ford Road #317

Dearborn Heights, MI 48127

Toll Free: (800) 352-3452

FAX: (313) 446-8316

e-mail: register@catholicstewardship.org

ICSC Membership

Join the ICSC family and connect with hundreds of parishes and church leaders who share in the mission of nurturing disciples of Jesus Christ through stewardship.

Membership Commitment

Up to 250 families \$ 180.00

251 to 500 families \$ 240.00

501 to 999 families \$ 300.00

1,000 to 1,999 families . . \$ 360.00

2,000 to 2,500 families . . \$ 420.00

2,501 to 3,000 families.. \$ 480.00

Over 3,000 families \$ 540.00



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Dear RCIA Coordinators and Teams,

Like many of you, I started working with RCIA before I ever had any training in it. And, although I wanted to do it right, I simply didn't know much about the process. And even now, many years and many institutes later I still wonder if I couldn't be doing things better, with a stronger impact on those joining the church and on the faith community.

I'm sure you know that today, initiation ministry is more important than ever. Pope Francis has been talking almost nonstop about our mission to reach out to those who are most in need of God's infinite mercy. We need disciples who can do just that kind of missionary outreach.

I believe wholeheartedly that the RCIA process is the perfect tool for making disciples. What if we could maximize the potential of the RCIA so that every person who was touched by the process—catechumens, candidates, team members, the entire parish—became passionate disciples, committed to fulfilling Jesus' mission to bring all people into God's loving embrace?

As a member of the diocesan liturgy commission, I am inviting all the RCIA teams of the Davenport Diocese to gather August 14-15, to learn exactly how to do that. If you've never been trained in how to do the RCIA, this is your opportunity. And if you have mastered the RCIA process, your insight and experience will be valuable for the rest of us to learn from. In addition, you will also learn some advanced skills that go beyond just the RCIA basics.

During the Institute (Friday evening – Saturday) we are going to do five things:

- Discover exactly how the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults forms missionary disciples
- Learn how to apply the core principles of the RCIA across all ministries of the parish
- Acquire the skills to build an evangelizing parish
- Know how to recruit and build a thriving RCIA team
- Learn how to grow a pool of passionate, engaged sponsors

Please pray about this and make an investment in yourself and your team by participating in this RCIA training weekend. I know this is going to change the way you do RCIA.

Our presenters for this day are Nick Wagner and Diana Macalintal from TeamRCIA. Both Nick and Diana have over 25 years of experience helping parishes master the fundamentals of the catechumenate process and build teams that form passionate disciples of Jesus Christ.

Date and place

August 14-15, 2015, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 4330 Saint Patrick Drive, Iowa City, IA 52240

Registration

The registration fee for this event is just \$45.00. To learn more and to sign up, go to <http://teamrcia.com/institutes/> or <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm>

I look forward to seeing you there and, together, building a powerful RCIA process for the coming year.

Sincerely,

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"SELECT FOR, SHARE WITH, SING TO - THE LORD" WORKSHOPS -



Does your parish or choir have certain hymns that are done well for the glory of God? Are you looking for new hymns for your assemblies and/or choirs? Do you want to get together and sing/share music with other musicians from across the diocese? Then this workshop is for you!

WHEN: Sunday, July 19, 2015

WHERE: St. John Vianney Church
4097 18th St.
Bettendorf, IA 52722-2120

TIME: 2:00pm to 4:00pm

What to bring:

20 copies of 2-3 music selections for Advent/Christmas from your parish to share (they will be returned). Please send one copy to the host site 2 weeks beforehand.

ATTN: Eleanor Kiel

A notebook: To write down titles of music selections that may appeal to you.

A smile and a song in your heart! ☺



Evangelizing Families & Empowering the Domestic Church

June 13, 2015

**St. Mary Catholic Church
1749 Racine Avenue NE, Solon IA**

Join **Joan Weber** of the Center for Ministry Development for this workshop on reaching out to parents and families to help them grow in faith at home.

We will explore the following:

- Parents of today—their faith journeys;
- The challenges and opportunities for faith-sharing in contemporary family life;
- Evangelizing families, not just individuals;
- Ways to strengthen family faith in the parish;
- Key strategies for supporting families in sharing faith at home.

Utilizing the most current research from a survey of Catholic parents, the workshop will engage participants in conversation on being more family-friendly faith communities.

Registration/coffee 10:00

Prayer & Introductions 10:20

Presentation begins at 10:30

There will be a short lunch break – sandwiches and chips will be provided.

We should conclude by 1:30

Workshop Cost: \$10

Registration deadline: June 5th

A copy of this flyer and link to the online registration can be found at:

www.davenportdiocese.org/faitform/index.htm

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



Marriage Moments & Parenting Pointers

June 2015

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MARRIAGE MOMENTS

626. June 1: "They worshiped, but they doubted." (Mt. 28:17) No matter how much spouses love one another, there are bound to be times that we doubt. We are human and crave reassurance that we are loved. Offer that reassurance today.

627. June 8: A Trip Down Memory Lane #12. First Joint Purchase. Whether it was major (like a home) minor (like a book) or sentimental (like a pet) how you join your finances shows your values. What have you learned about joint decision making from that first purchase?

628. June 15: Summer is vacation time for many people. Have you planned a time away for just the two of you? It need not be long or expensive. The important thing is to do something for at least a day that both of you love. It's marriage insurance.

629. June 22: "Why are you terrified?" (Mk 4:40) What terrifies you about your marriage? Infidelity? Loss of income? Lack of intimacy? Harm coming to your beloved? Your beloved's death?... Find a safe time and talk it over.

630. June 29: Is it any wonder that couples are finding it more difficult to make and keep marriage vows when promiscuity is portrayed as normative on TV, movies, websites, and annoying emails. This week, be mindful of what the media is feeding your psyche.

PARENTING POINTERS

627. June 5: Don't think that you have to rush in with a solution to every problem your child has. Sometimes all that a child needs is your listening presence to figure out his or her own solution.

628. June 12: There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other is wings." (Hodding Carter) If YOUR life is rooted in faith, let your child see it. If your child takes a different path, believe that the Spirit will take care of him or her. As a parent of adult children your job is to let go but not give up.

629. June 19: Father's Day is coming up. What qualities do you think make an ideal father? Did you learn any of these from your own father? Tell him in person or prayer. Identify one quality that you especially want to pass on to your own child. Take a step to do it today.

630. June 26: Parents are rightly concerned about their children's health and safety but we cannot protect our children from all danger. What worries you about the future of your child? Take normal precautions of course, but sometimes a child has to fail, get hurt, or make a mistake to grow. Be available. Pray. See "7 Mistakes" next week.

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