

### VISION 20/20

The next **Gathering** for our Diocese's evangelization efforts will be June 14, 2020 at St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. Mike Patin will return as our featured speaker. To get acquainted with Mike view a 10-minute video clip from his General Session, *Vision 20/20: LensCrafters Wanted* at <https://youtu.be/EO-XSLoGi6g>.



### SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Chris McCormick Pries, chair of the diocesan Review Board provided the attached two documents (3 pages each and easy to read). This is valuable information for parents and all who work with youth.

#### *Distinguishing Wholesome Relationship Development from Grooming*

- ...boundary violations consistently occur before moving to overt acts of abuse. During the phase of boundary violations that is prior to sexual contact, others who observe the behaviors have an opportunity to interrupt the progression of behavior which is typically called “grooming.”

#### *How Online Disinhibition Affects Communication*

- That is, how interactions in cyberspace work to lower inhibitions and produce results that may or may not “fit” with the self we present in person.

### LITURGY OFFICE

The October edition of *LiturgyNotes* is available [here](#).

The 2020 liturgical calendar for our diocese is available [here](#).

As always, these and archived issues, are available at: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy-notes>

**See as Jesus Sees, an Afternoon Reflection with Steve Angrisano:** December 1, 1:30-3:00 p.m., St. Thomas More Church, Coralville. Steve Angrisano, composer, musician, and featured speaker at NCYC and many other liturgical and Catholic conferences is returning to the Diocese of Davenport. No tickets are required. A free-will collection will be taken.

**Choral Festival and Mass for Grades 4-12:** February 29, Chicago. Youth choirs from around the Archdiocese of Chicago and neighboring dioceses will join together to sing one shared repertoire at the Saturday Vigil Mass. If your youth choir is interested in attending see the attached Festival Brochure with all the details.

### MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL

**Marriage Annulments Q & A:** Thursday, October 24, 6:30 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, McAleer Hall in Fort Madison. Come to an Open Forum on Marriage, Divorce and Annulment presented by our Tribunal Staff. Bring your questions and learn what our Church teaches about marriage, divorce, and the healing ministry of annulment. No reservation required. For questions call Beth Blough, Tribunal Auditor, 563-888-4236.

### VOCATIONS OFFICE

**Project Andrew Dinner:** Thursday October 17, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport. The Project Andrew dinner is an evening that provides an opportunity for discerners high school aged and older to meet with Fr. Joseph Sia in a casual setting and get to know some of the local clergy and other discerners. In addition to a wonderful meal, there will be a short presentation and sharing of vocation stories with plenty of time for questions and conversation. Please visit [here](#) for more information, and click [here](#) for a printable invitation to share.

**Thinking of Priesthood Day:** Saturday, October 26, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Ames. This day is dedicated to young men, from Junior High School to young adult, who may be discerning the priesthood. The day allows time for discussion on vocation discernment and prayer. The guest speaker is Fr. Paul Hoelsing from the Archdiocese of Omaha, who has many years' experience of guiding men in their discernment of God's calling. We can make arrangements for carpooling from Davenport if necessary. If you could let us know some potential candidates for this all-day event, please email our office at [vocations@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@davenportdiocese.org). RSVP by October 18 to [Colleen Darland](mailto:Colleen.Darland), 563-888-4378.

**National Vocations Awareness Week (NVAW) is November 3-9.** This is an annual celebration dedicated to the promotion of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. Resources are available at the following websites: [Vocation Ministry \(in English and Spanish\)](#) and [USCCB](#).

## **MULTICULTURAL MINISTRY**

**Dinner with Bishop Zinkula Raffle:** The Multicultural Ministry office is sponsoring a raffle whose prize is a dinner with Bishop Thomas in his residence on November 17. Fathers Rudy Juarez, Joseph Sia and Guillermo Treviño will prepare the food. Fr. Ross Epping will accompany with music. All income will be used to organize an Encuentro (Conference) with young people. To purchase a ticket contact [Miguel Moreno](#), 563-324-1911.

## **SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE**

**October is Respect Life Month:** This year's theme is *Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life*. Please review this year's materials and consider how you can implement the theme in your parish. Our office has a small supply of print materials provided by the bishops' conference, and additional information can be found [here](#). USCCB Respect Life designs may not be altered in any way other than size.

**Diocesan Social Action Saturday** will be held October 26, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at St. Ambrose University. Go [here](#) to register and for more information.

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection** will be held November 23–24. CCHD works to empower people who live in poverty to bring change to their community. 25 percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Promotional materials will be mailed to parishes in October. If your parish materials don't arrive by mid-October, you need more materials, have any questions, or would like a speaker at your Mass on or before collection weekend please contact [Loxi Hopkins](#), 563-488-4212. Please use the insert for your parish bulletin the weekend of November 16-17 and display the poster.

**Catholic Social Ministry Gathering 2020** will be held in Washington, D.C. on January 25-28. The theme this year is *Bearing Witness: Life and Justice for All*. [Learn more here](#).

**Social Action Two Feet Newsletter:** To view past issues or to subscribe please go [here](#).

**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](#). Local Helpline: 563-333-4107 or [projectrachel@diodav.org](mailto:projectrachel@diodav.org)

How to support Project Rachel:

1. Make a financial contribution, payable to the Diocese of Davenport and mail to Diocese of Davenport, Project Rachel, 780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804-1901.
2. The Office of Social Action has three banners for parishes to use to help promote Project Rachel Ministry. If you would like to reserve banners for your parish please contact [Esmeralda Guerrero](#), 563-888-4210. [Click here](#) to view new banners

[The Diocesan Immigration Program](#) is a non-profit program that provides immigration counseling to help reunite families split by immigration, assists immigrants in adjusting their status and advocates on their behalf. The Immigration Program focuses on family reunification immigration cases. The counselors are certified by the Department of Justice and work in close conjunction with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

## **FAITH FORMATION OFFICE**

### **Adult Formation**

***Creating Contagious Welcome and Hospitality:*** Thursday, October 10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Mary, Solon. Beginning from a perspective of what we are doing well, facilitator Jane Angha of Ministry Blueprints will help us deepen our understanding of hospitality as a parish-wide cultural transformation achievable through personal encounter. Attendees will leave with a renewed vision of hospitality incorporating Scripture, beauty, relationship and food. Cost is \$45 by October 7. Visit our [website](#), register [online](#) or contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244 for more information.

**Catechist Skills Workshop Series:** Offered one Saturday a month, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., this series will offer practical skills for all who work to share the faith with our students. The next workshop is *Partnering with Families in Faith Formation* on October 12 at St. Mary, Lone Tree. Visit our [website](#) to see additional dates and topics. [Register](#) online or contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244 for more information.

**Online Formation through STEP at Notre Dame:** The Diocese has partnered with STEP at the University of Notre Dame to offer online formation for parishioners. Courses are offered in a variety of topics and no prior formation is necessary. *Core Course: Introduction to the Catholic Faith* is a great course for catechists and adults who desire to deepen their knowledge of the faith. The next session of courses begins October 14. [Click here for a list of courses](#). Cost is \$74.25 per course after diocesan discount. For more information, contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244 or visit our [website](#).

**Evangelizing the Catechized Roundtable Discussions:** Friday, October 25, 9 a.m.-Noon, with lunch to follow, at St. Anthony, Knoxville and on Friday, November 1, 9 a.m.-Noon, with lunch to follow, at St. Anthony, Davenport. Join the Office of Faith Formation and colleagues from across the diocese for a day devoted to discussing how we evangelize those who have already been catechized, but may not yet have heard the Gospel message. Designed for clergy, catechists, ministry leaders, and adult parishioners, this is a day to hear from each other about what is occurring, discover best practices and identify challenges to implementing parent formation. Participants select one of the two dates to attend. A freewill offering will be taken for morning hospitality and lunch. [Register online](#) by October 23. For more information, visit our [website](#) or contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244.

**Justice and Service:** December 7-8, Chancery in Davenport. Join the Office of Faith Formation for a 2-day course exploring the foundations for fostering a justice and service consciousness. Through a combination of theory, experience and practice, participants will develop skills for creating integrated, action-learning models for catechesis and comprehensive ministry. Cost is \$150 for those active in ministry in the diocese. [Register online](#) by October 21. For more information, visit our [website](#) or contact [Rosina Hendrickson](#), 563-888-4244.

### **Marriage and Family**

**October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month:** This is an opportunity to draw attention to the scourge of domestic violence that some families experience – even in your own parish! Resources to assist you in this effort are available in both English and Spanish [here](#).

**50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass:** October 27, 2:00 p.m., Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport. Invitations have been mailed to couples whose names were submitted by the parishes. Contact [Colleen Darland](#), 563-888-4391.

**The National White Ribbon Against Pornography (WRAP) Week Begins** on October 27 in an effort to educate the public on the harms from pornography and the resources available to aid those affected. WRAP Week creates a unique opportunity to raise the issue of pornography within our faith communities and call our parishioners to lives of sexual wellbeing and freedom. Consider setting up an information table at your parish or school with white

ribbons and copies of the WRAP [flyer](#) for distribution. Additional information and resources are available at [WRAP](#) and on the diocesan [Pornography Awareness](#) webpage. Contact [Marianne Agnoli](#), 563-888-4242.

**Announcing the Launch of the Covenant of Love Marriage Mentor Ministry:** Trained *Covenant of Love* Marriage Mentors are now available throughout eastern Iowa. Mentors provide support, information, and guidance for restoring and strengthening Christian marriages. More information and registration for couples interested in being paired with a mentor couple is available on the diocesan [Covenant of Love webpage](#). Please consider periodically including the attached information in your parish bulletin.

**New! Remarriage Preparation Workshop:** Saturday, January, 25, 2020, Chancery, Davenport. This marriage preparation workshop is designed to meet the unique needs of couples in which one or both of the individuals have been previously married. Registration is available on the [Marriage Preparation webpage](#).

**Natural Family Planning:** Participation in an Introduction to Natural Family Planning or a method-specific instruction is required of all couples of childbearing age preparing for marriage in the diocese. Contact [Marianne Agnoli](#), 563-888-4242 if you would like to register or schedule an NFP instruction in English or Spanish in your parish or deanery.

## **PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN**

**To report child abuse call** the Iowa Attorney General Clergy Abuse hotline at 855-620-7000 (M-F, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) to speak with a trained advocate or the Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178. If it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, Victim Assistance Coordinator: 563-349-5002, [vac@diodav.org](mailto: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](mailto:olpretreat@gmail.com). To learn more about these programs and Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat visit [www.chmiowa.org](http://www.chmiowa.org). All programs include a delicious homemade meal prepared with local and organic ingredients.

- *Knit One, Pray Too:* 9:30am-3:30pm Tues, October 1, 9:30am-3:30pm
- *First Wednesday Mass:* Wed, October 2, 10:00am
- *Come to the Quiet: The Way of Peacemaking:* Thurs, October 10, 9:30am-3:30pm
- *Winterize Your Immune System Naturally!:* Wed, October 16, 9:30am-3:30pm
- *Retreat: Sanctuary of Song: Listening, Remembering, and Renewing with Women & Girls:* Nov. 1, 5pm-11am

## **BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL**

Contact Sr. Jackie Walsh, OSB at 309-283-2108, [retreats@smmsisters.org](mailto:retreats@smmsisters.org) or online at <http://www.smmsisters.org/retreats/retreats-and-programs> to register for the program mentioned below.

- *Vesper Time: Aging with Gratitude:* Oct. 8, 7-8:30 pm
- *Boundless Compassion Book Study:* Thursdays: Oct. 10, 17, 24 and 31; Nov. 7 and 21
- *Encountering the Sacred Heart of Jesus:* Oct. 25, 4:30 pm – Oct. 26, 4 pm
- *5-Day Directed Retreat:* Fri. Nov. 1, 4:30 pm – Wed. Nov. 6, 3 pm (Sr. Joyce Rupp is one of the Spiritual Directors.)

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To support the ministry of your parish, school and the diocese these groups automatically receive the *Mini-Messenger*:

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