

Diocese of Sioux City
Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry
Youth Ministry News



January 2006

What's Out There...

From Jessica La Fleur, Director

As I sit at my computer to write the newsletter, I am struck by today's (Jan. 10) reading from Mark. Jesus said "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." There are many neat reflections on this passage, and in ministry I find it beautiful (and clever, for that matter) that Jesus called these to not only follow Him, but to transform their skill of fishing in the sea to fishing in the world. Jesus noted their gift and ability to catch fish, and helped them see that they could use that ability and gift to glorify God. Simon and Andrew GOT CAUGHT by Jesus and wanted to know and serve Him more!

Through Baptism, we are called to use what we are given to serve the Lord. We don't always have to create something new, but we must use what we have.

There are many opportunities this Winter and Spring for all of us to strengthen and build our gifts and abilities. There is a Effective Practices Workshop (info to the right), a workshop on the NDC and the National Study of Youth and Religion (see page 4), Generations of Faith Workshops, and many more. I encourage you to check these out and GET CAUGHT and grow in ministry.

The new year has started, and with that we welcome Bishop Walker Nickless! What a great start to the new year...I look forward to his presence and guidance within our diocese.

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Effective Practices for Dynamic Youth Ministry Workshop

February 23, 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Buena Vista U, Storm Lake

Brought to you by the **Center for Ministry Development** & Paid in part by **Centennial Campaign Funds**

The **Effective Practices in Dynamic Youth Ministry** workshop will...

- ⇒ Introduce you to the latest research on Catholic Youth Ministry
- ⇒ Explore the qualities and dimensions of parishes with effective youth ministry
- ⇒ Highlight high impact programs that capture the imagination of youth
- ⇒ Engage you in assessing your parishes' current youth ministry efforts
- ⇒ Affirm you in your current efforts and highlight areas of growth

Effective Practices for Dynamic Youth Ministry is a workshop designed for parish

leaders including

- ◆ **pastors**, parochial vicars, & parish administrators
- ◆ **coordinators of youth ministry** & adult leaders
- ◆ **religious education coordinators** & catechists
- ◆ **other parish leaders** interested in developing dynamic parish ministry with youth

To register, contact the Youth Ministry Office!

St. Cecilia Youth For Christ

Four hay racks departed from St. Cecilia's Parish on Thursday, December 22nd. These 30 middle school students, part of the area Catholic Youth For Christ, decorated Christmas cookies right after their early dismissal from school and delivered them to Algona homebound residents. The youth also shared some joyous Christmas carols at each stop. Each song chosen was selected only if the lyrics were about Christ as the group wanted to truly "keep Christ in Christmas." The group met together at the end of the meeting at the POW Nativity Scene at the fairgrounds. (The next Youth For Christ activity will be a ski trip on Sunday, February 12th.) For more information contact Pat McCall at 515-295-7318 or Darcie Kramer at 515-295-3435.

Lip Sync Contest

We want to challenge the youth in the diocese to find music they like within a Christian format. Our prayer is to have a fun filled family night where we sing, act and give praise to God. Our church is open to host groups for lodging if needed. We want to fill the theatre with spectators, and would like to see a lot of groups from the diocese participate.

Saturday, January 28th, 2006 @ 7:30 pm

Sioux Center High School (Tepaske Theater)

Open to all high school students

\$25.00 Entry Fee per act

REQUIREMENT: Entry song must be from Christian Artists, any format or songs where words have changed to center around God.

There will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

Contact Vickie Ryan at 712-722-4073

Mail entries to:

Vickie Ryan

1108 S. Main St.

Sioux Center IA 51250

Coming Soon!

A new Diocesan Youth Ministry Handbook is in the works, so be prepared to receive more insights into the world of youth and campus ministry! The handbook is projected to be finished by April...just in time to plan for next year!

A Teen's Thoughts on Prayer

From Gineal Schrunk, Diocesan Core Team

Have you every thought: Mass feels so long, why is it so important that I have to go? Well if you are like any other teenager the thought might have crossed your mind. Besides the very obvious reason of receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, what you might not know is that the prayer of Mass is the highest prayer of the Church.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines prayer as the "Lifting up the mind toward God in an expression of our adoration of God: prayer of praise and thanksgiving, intercession and petition. Prayer is an indispensable condition for being able to obey God's commandments. '[We] ought always to pray and not lose heart.'" (2098 & Lk 18: 1) Simply put, prayer is a conversation with God, we must pray to keep a relationship with Him.

Prayer is a necessary part of our walk with God. Saint Therese of the Child Jesus taught us that when we pray we become like sweet smelling flowers before God! Furthermore, Pope John Paul II said "How to pray? This is a simple matter. I would say: Pray any way you like, so long as you do pray." (*The Way of Prayer*)

It is clear to see that our awesome Catholic Church not only give us many opportunities to pray, but also teaches us that prayer is necessary to live our lives to the fullest. After all who among us doesn't want to live our lives to the max?

Ideas & Resources

- ⇒ *The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth*, St. Mary's Press
- ⇒ *Jump Starters*, Group Publishing
- ⇒ *Group Magazine*, Group Publishing
- ⇒ *Prayers with Pizzazz for Junior High Teens*, St. Mary's Press
- ⇒ www.sacredspace.ie is an awesome online daily prayer experience by the Irish Jesuits.

Retreats

Discover something about yourself

The last Discover retreat of the year will be March 11-12 in Cherokee. The deadline to register is March 3.

Kick back and look within at Search

The next Search retreat of the year will be held March 4-5 at Spalding High School. The deadline to register is February 24.

Discover & Search Retreat Teams

If you or youth in your parish or school are interested in being on a retreat team, contact Jessica for an application.

Please remind youth that if they are going to be 18 years old at the time of the retreat that they should complete Virtus training and a background check form.

Retreat Date	Team Application Deadlines
<i>Search</i> Mar. 4-5	February 5, 2005

<i>Discover</i> Mar. 11-12	February 12, 2006
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A note on Evangelization

From Brigitte Boever, Diocesan Core Team

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Evangelization is simply the proclamation of Christ and His Gospel both by word, and the testimony of life in fulfillment of Christ's command. (See Mt 28: 19-20) In other words, we are called to not only *preach* the Gospel and spread the good news, but to evangelize by our "testimony of life", or by our *example* of living in the Spirit of Love.

"God doesn't require us to succeed, he only requires that you try." -Mother Teresa

Diocesan Core Team

Jessica La Fleur	Diocese	Sioux City
Ashley Bennett	St. Margaret	Rolfe
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Ashley Evans	St. Mary	Remsen
Justine LaBruzzo	Sacred Heart	Fort Dodge
Ashley Langel	St. Michael	Kingsley
Heather Schneider	St. Mary	Alton
Gineal Schrunk	St. Mary	Spirit Lake

CL.I: Christian Leadership Institute

The news is out! The Christian Leadership Institute, sponsored by the Iowa Catholic Conference, is back again! This is an awesome week where youth and adults learn leadership skills and have fun. It is a great way for youth and adults to get excited about their faith and youth ministry. Check out the enclosed flier for more information!

Middle School Youth Rally

Are you interested in helping with a diocesan middle school youth rally for next fall? If so, contact Jessica to be on the planning team! Both adults and youth are invited to be on the planning team.

Share Your Ideas With Us!!

If you have a great resource, a good website, or held a great youth gathering, let us know here. E-mail or call 712.233.7561 or Jessical@scdiocese.org.

Add Your Friends to Our List

If you know of anyone who would be interested in receiving this newsletter via email, please have them send an email to Jessica at Jessical@scdiocese.org.

**Two for One
\$25**

*Two great workshops for the price of one!
(including lunch)*

Thursday March 16

9:00 am-4:00 pm

St. Leo's, 1920 N. 102nd, Omaha, NE

National Directory for Catechesis

1:00-4:00

Presenter

Daniel Mulhall

**Asst. Secretary for Catechesis and Inculturation
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops,
Department of Education**



This workshop will explore the key concepts found in the new *National Directory for Catechesis* and help us to consider how this directory will affect how we do catechesis here in the Archdiocese. Particular attention will be given to both **Adolescent and Adult Catechesis**.

The National Study of Youth and Religion

9-noon

Presenter

Dr. Robert McCarty

Executive Director

National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry

The National Study on Youth and Religion is a six year research project to research the shape and influence of religion and spirituality in the lives of American adolescents. This presentation will be on the results of this study and our rethinking of our cultural and institutional practices, as well as a look at the parental influences with regard to youth and religion.

An In-Service for Pastoral Leaders

Priests

Coordinators of Religious Education

Coordinators of Youth Ministry

Coordinators of Adult Formation

Campus Ministers

Catholic School Educators

National Study on Youth and Religion and National Directory for Catechesis Registration

Early Bird Special (by March 10) \$ 25

After March 10: \$30

These prices include lunch

Name _____ Parish/School _____

Address, City, Zip _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

My ministry is: Priest Religious Educator Youth/Campus Ministry Young Adult

Adult Formation Catholic School Educator Other _____

**Make checks payable to Office of Religious Formation, Box 4130, Omaha, NE 68104
402-554-8493**

What Teens Say About CLI

"CLI was one of the most fun things I have ever done in my life! I'm so glad I went. I made tons of new friends and I learned things about myself that I never would have learned if I hadn't gone."

-Maye Caslavka

"CLI was an amazing experience. Going into it I had no idea what I was getting myself into... but I came out with bunches of new friends, awesome confidence, and a whole lot of knowledge on leadership. I would recommend this camp to ANYONE. It was an amazing week, and I am truly glad that I got the chance to be there."

-Emily Bormann

"CLI was one of the best weeks that I have ever experienced. I went to it, not really knowing what to expect. It was awesome to see so many people that believe the same things that I do. Everyone is so nice there, and you don't have to worry about what people are going to think, you can be your total self and people will accept you for who you are. I definitely recommend going to this camp --it was a blessing to be there! My only regret is that, for the first couple of days, I was holding back (because I'm more on the shy side), and I really didn't start to open up until the week was close to an end. I wish that I could have gone back to the beginning of the week, so I could have started opening up then! But, I still learned so much from this experience, and I am so glad that I got the opportunity to go."

-Lizzie Wunder

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Christian Leadership Institute

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Want More Info? Contact Your Office of Youth Ministry

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finan@davenportdiocese.org
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Archdiocese of Dubuque Office of Youth/Young Adult Ministry

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Dubuque, IA 52003
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dbqcyam@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us
www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us/YAC/yachome.html

Diocese of Des Moines Office of Youth Ministry

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July 16-21, 2006

July 23-28, 2006

Sponsored by the Iowa
Catholic Conference

What is the Christian Leadership Institute?

The Christian Leadership Institute or CLI is a week-long training event designed to teach young people the skills necessary for effective leadership with other youth and adults in a parish or school youth ministry setting. CLI offers an opportunity for leadership development through an intense period of learning and community living. The program is an in-depth experience of skills development in the areas of organization, communication, and motivation, as well as personal growth which enables each young person to discover his or her own leadership style.

Who Should Go to CLI?

- ◆ **Young people ages 15-18, who are preparing to enter at least their sophomore year of high school.** Each candidate should be either currently involved with or beginning a leadership role in a parish, school, or diocese.
- ◆ **Adult Youth Ministers, parish pastoral and school personnel.** CLI is a highly valuable learning experience for the adult. Adults are expected to be present for the entire week and participate fully in the CLI Process.

What Else Should I Know?

- ◆ There are 72 participants per session.
- ◆ Registration is a first come first serve basis.
- ◆ Registration will not be taken over the phone.
- ◆ Registrations for the 1st week must be postmarked by June 15th, 2006. Week 2 by June 30th.
- ◆ Cost is \$210.00 (includes Room, Board, Materials, and Tuition)
- ◆ Non-refundable \$75.00 deposit due with registration.
- ◆ Balance should be paid two weeks prior to your week. Failure to do so means you forfeit your spot.

After the registration, each candidate will receive a packet with a confirmation letter, medical release form, packing list and any other necessary information.

Where Is CLI?

Des Moines Y Camp
1192 166th Drive
Boone, IA 50036

If you need directions to the YMCA camp please contact your Diocesan Director or go to Mapquest.com for detailed directions.

Components of CLI

Skill Workshops:

Each day includes a large group workshop on one of these leadership skills.

- * Leadership Styles
- * Communication
- * Planning
- * Group Dynamics
- * Consensus Seeking

Support Groups

Throughout the week, CLI provides an opportunity for participants to practice these new skills by working in small groups. The small group is also a place to share insights on special topics such as:

- * Prayer
- * Decision Making
- * Call to Ministry
- * Youth Ministry
- * Affirmation

Prayer, Worship and Social Time

Each day there is time for recreation and relaxation, prayer and the Eucharist, and getting to know other youth throughout the state of Iowa.

Group Registration:

If a group is registering from the same school or parish, or under the leadership of one youth minister, the registration forms should be sent together.

Maximum of seven youth from one parish or school will be accepted per CLI session. If seven students are registering from one area, we request that at least one adult from that area also be a participant. Contact your local diocesan office for team training information.

CLI Registration Form

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____
Email Address _____
Male _____ Female _____ Birth date ____/____/____
Class of (circle one) 06 07 08 09 Adult
School Name _____
Parish Name _____
City/State/Zip _____
Diocese _____
Youth Minister or DRE _____
I wish to attend CLI:
_____ Week 1 (July 16-21) _____ Week 2 (July 23-28)
Enclosed is:
_____ \$75.00 Non-refundable deposit
_____ \$210.00 Full Fee _____ Other (amount: \$ _____)

Photo Release: Pictures of my child taken during the event may be used in print or electronic media for the purposes of publicity for future events, unless I indicate to my Diocesan Youth Ministry Director in writing to the contrary.

Please send this registration form and make check out to:

Office of Youth/Young Adult Ministry,
Archdiocese of Dubuque
1229 Mt. Loretta
Dubuque, IA 52003

CLI Registration Deadlines:

Week 1: June 15, 2006 Week 2: June 30, 2006