

Lo, I am about to create a new heaven and a new earth; the things of the past shall not be remembered or come to mind. Instead there shall always be rejoicing and happiness in what I create; for I create Jerusalem to be a joy and its people to be a delight.
(Isaiah 65:17-18)

Pastoral Perspectives

Serving Parish Leaders - Building Vibrant Parishes

Getting Together

We know that parish leadership is not so much about goals and objectives as it is about relationships. We also know that it is difficult to leave our offices and drive to a gathering with other parish leaders because the checklist of “things to do” will remain “undone” in our absence. Yet, we also know the personal benefit of reuniting with other ministers, trying to help their parish members encounter Jesus and live as His followers in their daily lives. Gathering together, face to face, is God’s way of renewing and informing us, and asking us to see our ministry from a broader perspective.

As you may know, this spring, the various Diocesan Departments have come together to offer one large opportunity for parish leaders. The idea of the *Spring Leadership Gathering* came to fruition after evaluating the number of individual events each department offered. If the event is successful, this large gathering model will take place every other year. On the alternate year, the individual departments will once again offer their specific days and workshops.

On May 10, 2016, all parish leaders, including clergy, staff, committee and council members, etc., are invited to attend the *Spring Leadership Gathering* at the KI Center. This day will give us the opportunity to be renewed together through the Eucharist, the keynote presentation with Bishop Ricken and twenty-seven workshops. New at this event, we will also be offering a variety of roundtable discussions. Of course, the Holy Spirit will be renewing and working through the wonderful fellowship and networking that naturally takes place when people who care about Jesus and their parishes come together.

As you review the workshop offerings for the day, we hope you are delighted at the variety of topics and contributing departments. It was our goal to offer something for all areas of parish life so you might consider bringing many of your parish leaders.

Let’s close our eyes and imagine a beautiful day in May. On this day we will not only be formed and informed, resourced and renewed, but it will also be a day where we can get together with others who are walking our walk and sharing our joys and challenges. Nice image! Open your eyes everyone! Now would be a good time to mark our calendars and register at www.gbdioc.org/SpringLeadership.

Blessings,

The Department of Stewardship and Pastoral Services



New Employee Orientation

New Employee Orientation for parish and diocesan employees who are new to working for the church or diocese will be April 28, 2016, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, St. Francis Xavier Conference Room, Chancery Building, Diocesan Campus. Also welcome are priests and long-term employees seeking insight into new diocesan operations.



Registration is available at www.gbdioc.org/orientation. For more information, contact Deb Wegner-Hohensee at dhohensee@gbdioc.org, (920) 272-8286 or toll free (877) 500-3580 ext. 8286.

Christ Renews His Parish

We are excited to share that Dynamic Catholic has added Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) to the life-changing programs offered by Dynamic Catholic Ministries. We are confident this powerful ministry will help Catholics worldwide rediscover the genius of Catholicism.



The research Dynamic Catholic has conducted provides incredible insights into the difference between highly engaged and disengaged Catholics and also uncovered what triggers engagement. Throughout the research, CRHP kept popping up as a highly effective way to trigger engagement. People who experience CRHP are very likely to become dynamic Catholics. We especially want to thank everyone who has been involved in CRHP over the past 45 years. We are excited to serve you and help you share this life-changing experience with more people in your parishes.

CRHP is a personal and parish spiritual renewal process, using prayer, scripture and sacraments to experience a "deep faith encounter with Christ." As Catholics, we are called to witness to one another the amazing things God has done for us. The CRHP process allows us to do just that: take a break from our busy lives, share our faith with others, and get to know God through his works.

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ACBA 2015-2016 Meetings

Association of Catholic Business Administrators meeting date is:

- May 5, 2016 - Sacred Heart, Appleton

Meeting is from 9:00 am -12:00 pm.

Spring Cleaning: Your Mission and Your Guidelines

Have you done your Parish Spring Cleaning? It may be time to review your Parish Mission and Guidelines. Do they represent the Parish Values and Vision? If not, it may be time for an update. For more information, contact Deb Wegner-Hohensee at dhohensee@gbdioc.org, (920) 272-8286 or toll free (877) 500-3580 ext. 8286.



Mark Your Calendar: 2016 Training Workshops

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| April 5 | Rural Life Day Mass, Tisch Mills |
| April 7 | Rural Life Day Mass, Bear Creek |
| April 26 | PC and You Webinar (for potential nominees to Pastoral Council) |
| April 28 | New Parish & Diocesan Employee Orientation, 9:00 am-3:00pm |
| May 5 | Association of Catholic Business Administrators Meeting (ACBA) at Sacred Heart, Appleton, 9:00 am-Noon |
| May 10 | Spring Leadership Gathering 2016, KI Convention Center, Green Bay |
| August 8, 9,11 | You're the Chair Webinars for Parish & Finance Council. 6:30-8:00 pm |
| August 13 | You're the Chair Workshop, Chancery Building, Green Bay 8:30 am-12:30 pm |
| August 18 | New Parish & Diocesan Employee Orientation, 9:00 am-3:00 pm |
| August 27 | Trustee Boot Camp Workshop, Chancery Building, Green Bay, 8:30 am-12:30 pm |
| August 28, 29 | Trustee Boot Camp Webinars, 6:30-8:00 pm |
| September 24 | Pastoral Council Congress, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm |

For more information, contact Deb Wegner-Hohensee at dhohensee@gbdioc.org, (920) 272-8286 or toll free (877) 500-3580 ext. 8286.

Webinar: The Parish Pastoral Council and You?

Join us for a webinar for those who may have been nominated or are considering the possibility of serving on a parish pastoral council. This one-hour session would be a good refresher for existing members and as an overview session for those currently thinking about joining a pastoral council. The session will cover the basic purpose, role and responsibilities for the council. Suggestions on how to get orientated prior to the first meeting will also be offered. The content of both webinars will be the same information.



Tuesday, April 26, 2016 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm

or

Tuesday, April 26, 2016 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Please register for The Parish Pastoral Council and You?
at www.gbdioc.org/CouncilAndYou

For questions, please contact (920) 272-8295 or toll free at (877) 500-3580, ext 8295 or email pastserv@gbdioc.org.
For help on the day of the webinar, please contact Deb Wegner-Hohensee at (920) 272-8286 or dhohensee@gbdioc.org.

Pastoral Council Congress

This one day workshop begins with Mass celebrated by Bishop Ricken and is intended for Pastoral Council Members, Parish Staff and Parish Leadership.

September 24, 2016 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Location of the workshop to be determined. For any questions contact Deb Wegner-Hohensee at dhohensee@gbdioc.org, (920) 272-8286 or toll free (877) 500-3580 ext. 8286.



Rural Life



Rural Life Day Celebrations 2016



Celebrate and support "Rural Life 2016." Attend one of the two designated celebrations with the Bishops of the Diocese of Green Bay. Rural Life Day is a unique opportunity to praise God's abundant generosity, have your soil, seeds, animals and machinery blessed, and build relationships throughout the rural communities in the diocese. All are welcome! Collections during Masses go to scholarships for students pursuing a degree in a field that supports rural life.

- April 5, 2016, St. Isidore the Farmer, Tisch Mills
Bishop Morneau will celebrate Mass.
- April 7, 2016, St. Mary, Bear Creek
Bishop Ricken will celebrate Mass.

For more information, contact Deb Wegner-Hohensee at dhohensee@gbdioc.org, (920) 272-8286 or toll free (877) 500-3580 ext. 8286.

Spring Morning of Reflection: Living Hope: Consoling the Dying

The Spring Morning of Reflection will be held Saturday, April 23, 2016, from 9:00-Noon at St. Matthew Parish, Green Bay.



Registration is available at www.gbdioc.org/springministry. For more information, contact Mary Armbrust at marmbrust@gbdioc.org, (920) 272-8300 or toll free (877) 500-3580 ext 8300.

Parish Nurse Network Meetings

All Parish Nurses are welcome and encouraged to attend the quarterly meetings. This is a great opportunity to meet with your peers, to pray and reflect on your ministry and to share resources, ideas and gather in support of each other. The Parish Nurse Network meetings for 2016 will be quarterly on the third Tuesday of the month, March 15, May 17, September 20 and November 15. We will meet from 1:00-2:30 pm, Diocesan Campus, Bona Hall, Room 39. For more information, contact Mary Armbrust at marmbrust@gbdioc.org, (920) 272-8300 or toll free (877) 500-3580 ext. 8300.



Care Ministry Coordinator Meetings

All Care Ministers are welcome and encouraged to attend the quarterly meetings. This is a great opportunity to meet with your peers, to pray and reflect on your ministry and to share resources, ideas and gather in support of each other. The Care Ministry Coordinator meetings for 2016 will be quarterly on the third Tuesday of the month, March 15, May 17, September 20 and November 15. We will meet at 3:00-4:30 pm, Diocesan Campus, Bona Hall, Room 39.



Anyone coordinating a parish Care Ministry, BeFriender or Stephen Ministry Program is invited to attend. For more information, contact Mary Armbrust at marmbrust@gbdioc.org, (920) 272-8300 or toll free (877)500-3580 ext. 8300.

Grief Support Directory Online

The Grief Support Directory for 2015-2016 is available online at <http://www.gbdioc.org/stewardship-and-pastoral-services/pastoral-ministrycare-ministry/bereavement-ministry.html>.



If you have updated dates or a new parish program to include in our directory, please call Stewardship and Pastoral Services at (920) 272-8312 or email pastserv@gbdioc.org.

Special Mass - Year of Mercy - Jubilee for the Sick and the Disabled

Pope Francis has declared that in June, he will celebrate a special Jubilee for the Sick and Persons with Disabilities. We will join in celebrating by inviting leaders from our Parish Nurse Network and the Retreats for Adults with Cognitive Disabilities Committee to join Bishop Ricken and the Curia Staff for a special mass to take place at St. Joseph Chapel on the Diocesan Campus on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 11:30 am.



For more information, contact Mary Armbrust at marmbrust@gbdioc.org, (920) 272-8300 or toll free (877) 500-3580 ext. 8300.

Year of Mercy - Visit the Imprisoned

There are dedicated parish volunteers who regularly visit the county jails and prisons that are located in our diocese. To assist them in this important ministry we are forming a lending library of DVD's, Music CD's and small group discussion materials.



If your parish would like to support this endeavor, please contact Mary Armbrust at marmbrust@gbdioc.org, (920) 272-8300 or toll free (877) 500-3580 ext. 8300.

New Resource in Pastoral Care Lending Library: Compassion: Being Kind to Self

This DVD is a recorded talk during a retreat that focuses on the need for those in Care Ministry to have compassion for themselves through:

- Respecting Self
- Caring for your Body, Mind and Spirit
- Listening to your Thoughts and Feelings
- Staying with Self in Times of Hurt
- Being Attentive to our Suffering.

All of our resources may be checked out online on the Diocese of Green Bay website <http://www.gbdioc.org/stewardship-and-pastoral-services/pastoral-ministrycare-ministry.html> or email your request to pastserv@gbdioc.org.

Hispanic Cursillos in Christianity

The purpose of the Hispanic Cursillo Movement is for Christ to become the prime influence in society. The transference of Christ's values to others in one's family, school, place of business, etc. is the Christianizing of environments which Cursillo promotes.

The Hispanic Cursillo goes from Thursday evening to Sunday night. During those three days, seventeen people live and work together listening to talks given by priests, religious and laity; share the Eucharist; and pray together. The talks which are followed by discussion include: Ideal, Grace, Laity, Piety, Study, the Sacraments, Action, Obstacles to a Life of Grace, Leaders, Evangelization of the Environment, Christian Life, Christian Community and Group Reunion. This "Christianizing of Environments" is what the Cursillo movement is all about and is funded in part by the Bishop's Appeal.

The Hispanic Diocesan Secretariat:

Lay Person Director: Daniel Garcia; Spiritual Director: Rev. William Hoffman; Chairperson for the School of Leaders; Ernesto Gonzales; Director of Cursillo: Francisco Rodriguez; Treasure: Esther Gomez; and Secretary: Rosario Gonzalez. The members of the Secretariat come from the School of Leaders. Their selection places them in a position to be of greater service to the Movement.



The Most Reverend Bishop David L. Ricken said: *"I offer my prayers and palanca as you experience this Spirit filled weekend to which you have been called by Jesus our Savior and friend. We pray you will open your hearts and minds to His Spirit and the Grace he is offering to each of you. May you come to know Jesus as your friend and enter into a closer individual relationship with Him as you continue your journey. Have a great weekend to know that Brothers and Sisters in Christ, from around the world are in unity with you in Spirit and in prayer"*.

Dates: All Cursillistas are welcome to attend Ultreya Meeting held on the first Sunday of each month from 10:00 am to 12:00 am at St. Willebrord in Green Bay and from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at St. Therese in Appleton. The School of Leadership "Escuela de Dirigentes" is held weekly from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at St. Willebrord and at St. Therese.



Men's Spanish Cursillo - March 10 – 13, 2016
Women's Spanish Cursillo - March 31 – April 3, 2016



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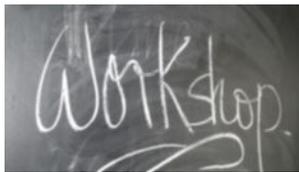
Hmong Pastoral Ministry

Hmong Masses

Hmong Masses are held the first and third Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm at St. Jude Parish, Green Bay. Hmong Mass is also celebrated at St. Bernard Parish, Appleton, two Sundays per month. For more information, call Stewardship & Pastoral Services at (920) 272-8312 or toll free at (877) 500-3580 ext. 8312.

Workshop for Parish Teams

Workshop ideas for staff, councils, committees, etc. These are perfect for a Parish Leadership Day.



- *Stewardship and Rebuilt: What are the Messages from the Church of the Nativity's Transformation*
- *Stewardship 101: Where Do We Begin*
- *Stewardship and Pope Francis: Hitting the Mother Lode*
- *Stewardship and the New Evangelization*
- *The Stewardship Committee: Getting Started Being Fruitful*
- *Living Your Strengths for Parish Leaders: Identifying and Using Strengths for the Mission*
- *Putting Together a Plan for Parish Stewardship*
- *Stewardship and Hospitality: What Does Love Have to Do With It?*

For more information, contact Mary Ann Otto at motto@gbdioec.org, (920) 272-8301 or toll free (877) 500-3580 ext. 8301.

Recommended Resources

Helping your parish, faith formation program or school to understand stewardship at a global level:

World Mission Services Project Booklet

www.catholicfoundationgb.org/projects-available-booklet

Communicating the Gospel message in easy and effective ways for homilists, teachers and lay leaders:

Rebuilding Your Message

By Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran

www.avemariepress.com

A beautiful new resource for parish leaders to enhance their prayer lives:

Living Prayer - A Simple Guide to Everyday Enlightenment

By Bishop Emeritus Robert F. Morneau

www.FranciscanMedia.org

A new resource for personal reflection or small group study:

Everyday Stewardship - Reflections for the Journey
tracyearwelliver.com/everyday-stewardship/

Resources for Parishioners on Gratitude, Prayer, Service and Sharing

Inexpensive Resources from Twenty-Third Publications at <http://www.pastoralplanning.com/> or (877) 944-5844

What Pope Francis Says About Prayer
(30 Days of Reflection on Prayer) #851343

What Pope Francis Says About Service
(30 Days of Reflection on Service) #851350

What Pope Francis Says About Mercy
(30 Days of Reflection on Prayer) #851138

What Pope Francis Says About Jesus
(30 Days of Reflection on Prayer) #850513

Walking in Praise with Pope Francis
(30 Days on *Care for Our Common Home*) #PRAISE

From Bishop Morneau

Embracing a Generous Life-The Joy of Stewardship
#959112

Embracing Hospitality
Ten Reflections on the Virtue of Welcoming #850346



From Franciscan Media

Living Prayer, A Simple Guide to Everyday Enlightenment

Save the Date-Stewardship Day 2017!!

Join us for workshops, resources and networking on May 11, 2017 at St Mary Parish, DePere. For more information, contact Mary Ann Otto at motto@gbdioec.org, (920) 272-8301 or toll free (877) 500-3580 ext. 8301.

Updated Be Not Afraid - How to Follow Christ - A Small Group Session

This six-session, small-group sharing process is being updated to include thoughts from Pope Francis. It is meant to inform and challenge participants to explore a life of stewardship and is a great resource for parish leadership and parishioners. *Be Not Afraid - How to Follow Christ* is funded through the Bishop's Appeal and can be reproduced.



Download a copy available May 1, 2016 at <http://www.gbdioec.org/stewardship-and-pastoral-services/stewardship.html>. For more information or facilitator training, contact Mary Ann Otto at motto@gbdioec.org, (920) 272-8301 or toll free (877) 500-3580 ext. 8301.



TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016

8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

K.I Convention Center

333 Main St

Green Bay, WI

Spring Leadership Gathering is the first collaborative, interdepartmental event with something for every parish ministry. Pastoral leaders, parish staff, school administrators, religious education and ministry leaders are invited to this day of practical nuts and bolts sessions. It is also a key opportunity to hear Bishop Ricken present his first reflection on the next two years of our journey of Disciples on the Way.

Register Online at www.gbdioc.org/SpringLeadership

Contact Stewardship & Pastoral Services for additional information:

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8:00 am - 8:30 am	Registration
8:30 am - 9:45 am	Mass
9:45 am - 10:00 am	Break
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Keynote Bishop David L. Ricken
11:00 am - 11:15 am	Break
11:15 am - 12:15 pm	Section One Workshops
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm - 2:15 pm	Section Two Workshops
2:15 pm - 2:30 pm	Break
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Section Three Workshops or Round Table Sessions
3:30 pm - End	Gather for Closing Prayer

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