



Diocese of  
Green Bay

Department Of Education:  
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**

## Summer 2017 Learning Opportunities Foundational Catechesis Components and Ongoing Formation

Open to any adult who would like to  
deepen their faith. No charge to attend!

### Coming up in May:

"Love, Meaning, Marriage: A Conversation"  
Ongoing Formation (see article below)

### And in June:

Methods A; Methods B; Creed; Morality;  
Discerning of Spirits; Jesus the Bridegroom

Go to [www.gbdioc.org/fcc](http://www.gbdioc.org/fcc) for more info!



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**Today (NOON) Last Day to Register**  
**Hebrews 10:25 Coming Soon!**  
Thursday, April 6

Denise Utter (more about [Denise](#)), from the Archdiocese of Dubuque, will talk about her experiences heading up faith formation at St. Jude Parish in New Lenox, IL and how the program **expanded their**

**parish dramatically after getting parents engaged.** You don't want to miss it!

Format for the day will follow past events: worship and praise, followed by morning speaker, lunch and a host of round-table discussions (you choose which topics to attend).

All for the low, low price of \$15/person (transferable, but non-refundable). Clergy registration fees waived (see registration), so **please invite your pastor to join you** for this inspiring day of professional development and fellowship in Christ!

Register Here



### Calendar

[2017-18 Calendar](#)

## Released!

**Apr 4:** 1st Session of MORALITY at St. Edward, Mackville\*

Apr 4: 1st Session of PRAYER SPIRITUALITY at All Saints School, Denmark.\*

**Apr 6:** Hebrews 10:25 Event, Green Bay (article at right)

**April 13-17:** TRIDUUM and EASTER Observance: Diocesan Offices will be closed.

**Apr 24:** 1st Session of PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY at Holy Family School/St. Agnes Parish, Green Bay.\*

**May 3 & 4:** "Love, Meaning & Marriage" (Ongoing Formation); Diocesan Campus\*

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\*visit [www.gbdioec.org/fcc](http://www.gbdioec.org/fcc) for complete schedule and registration instructions.

## Resources

(Much more at our [weebly](#) and our [facebook page](#) and our [youtube channel](#))

USCCB offers [Promise to Protect: Pledge to Heal](#) resources for Child Abuse Prevention Month (April)

[Pocket Gospels & Acts of the Apostles](#), a pocket-sized, durable book similar to the one Pope Francis hands out is available from the USCCB for \$7.95 each.

Ascension Press invites you to subscribe to its [podcasts](#) of its *Ascension Roundtable*, *The Jeff Cavins Show* and *Fr. Mike Schmitz Podcast*.

Know someone who's bored at Mass? Dynamic Catholic offers the [Understanding the Mass and Mass Journal](#) as resources to transform a person's Mass experience. FREE + \$5.95 s&h.

Catholic Word presents *Kerygma 4 Kids*, inviting your students into a friendship with

## A Reminder about First Reconciliation Certificates

From Diocese of Green Bay Chancery Bulletin #334 (October 2010):

"There have been reports that some parishes have issued certificates of first reconciliation to the children when they make their first confession. **While the intention may be to remember an important moment in the child's spiritual life and the gift of God's mercy, this practice does not respect the seal of confession**[emphasis added]. Only the priest and penitent know whether the penitent actually confessed any sins and whether absolution was then given. Thus, to "certify" that someone has in fact received the sacrament does not respect the integrity of the seal. This practice, if it still exists, must be discontinued. For this same reason, first reconciliation is not recorded in the parish's sacramental registers."

## Ongoing Formation Opportunity in May!

*Love, Meaning, and Marriage: A Conversation*

Joy is a gift we cannot grasp for ourselves; we receive it as we surrender ourselves to the love of our Heavenly Father and to God's perfect plans for human relationships, sexuality, marriage and family. Come, join the conversation: the course is based on the themes discussed in the (required) book entitled: *Not Just Good But Beautiful!* edited by Helen Alvare and Steven Lopes and in the videos from the November 2014 HUMANUM Colloquium held at the Vatican. The class will be led by Sr. Marsaia Kaster, OSF).



**Wednesday and Thursday; May 3 & 4; 8:30am-3:30pm**  
**Diocesan Campus, Green Bay**  
**No fee, but [registration](#) required.**

## Summer Classes



Summer Schedule Released;  
Registration Open Today!

- [FCC Flier](#)
- [Ongoing Formation Flier](#)
- [Link to Registration](#)

Interested in online classes? See links [below](#) and a **special note** about your submitting your Completion Form!

## Have You Chosen Your Date to Attend?

Discipleship Seminar

Jesus. [Free Grade Level Sample](#) and order information.

[Discovery Mission VBS](#), a new vocations-themed summer program for kids ages 4-12. God is Good VBS mission: to provide authentically Catholic catechesis. Teamed up with Vianney Vocations, a company with expertise in vocation ministry. Director's Kit \$229. Call 952-290-0483

[Tracking with Mary VBS](#), new for 2017, by Growing with the Saints, Inc. passenger train theme covering the Rosary, Apparitions of Mary and more. Family handouts in English and Spanish. Other VBS themes/titles also available.

Spaces  
Still Available:



Stuebenville

Love Begins Here

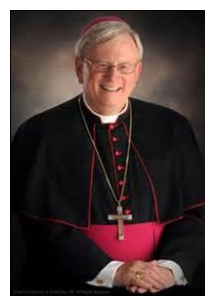
[Check it Out!](#)

Spiritual Journey  
Retreat in Appleton



Fr. Albert Haase, OFM will present four talks over two days based on his two

Bishop Ricken, in a [letter](#) dated January 24th to directors and coordinators of religious education, and youth ministers throughout the Diocese, is directing them to come together for a day and a half of discipleship formation specific to their particular area of ministry.



**There are two options offered, and everyone in one of the leadership roles mentioned above is expected to choose one of the following:**

- July 31-August 1, 2017 at Silver Lake College of the Holy Family, Manitowoc
- October 24 at Green Bay Leadership Convocation Day (plus a half day TBD)

More information will be forthcoming. [Read Bishop's Letter.](#)

*"It is in our friendship with Jesus that you will find a richness that will sustain you in your areas of ministry and service. Open wide the door of your heart to Christ!"*  
-Bishop David L. Ricken

## Scholarship Funding to Attend Convention June 11-14 in Arizona!



Looking for an amazing experience for this upcoming June but just don't know if you can swing it financially?

LifeTeen is providing scholarships to those in our area who have never before attended the [Catholic Youth Ministry Convention](#). This [application](#) says LaCrosse diocese, but we are blessed to be able to use this scholarship in Green Bay.

With this scholarship, they cover up to \$700 in flights and hotels! It is a great opportunity and you don't have to be a LifeTeen subscribed parish to attend - worthwhile for anyone:)

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Training for Catechists of Children Ages 3-6

CGS is a Montessori-based Catholic faith formation program where children can grow in their relationship with God through a deep engagement in Scripture and liturgy. It is based on the belief that God and the child are already in relationship. Our work as adults is to provide a place for the child and God to come together and grow.



### Level I, Part I Formation Course:

Date/Time: August 7-12, 2017; 9am-4:30pm

Location: Green Bay (TBD)

Cost: \$200

(Level I, Part II coming Summer of 2018)

[Flier/Registration](#)

Questions? [mschuetter@gbdioc.org](mailto:mschuetter@gbdioc.org) or [dvadney@gbdioc.org](mailto:dvadney@gbdioc.org)



bestselling books: *Coming Home to Your True Self: Leaving the Emptiness of False Attractions and Catching Fire, Becoming Flame: A Guide for Spiritual Transformation.*

April 21-22, 2017  
St. Bernard Parish, Appleton

[More Info & Registration](#)

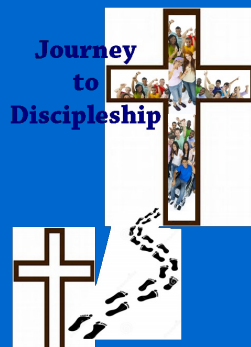
## Essay Contest



The Diocesan Living Justice Department is excited to begin this year's Respect Life Essay and Poster contests on March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation, when Mary said "Yes" to life by accepting God's will of conceiving Jesus in her womb. Using the theme "Moved By Mercy," reflect on how YOU have accepted Jesus in your heart and are personally moved by mercy to help someone (or a group of people).

[More Info and Entry](#)

## Retreat Day for Adults with Cognitive Disabilities



Saturday, April 8, 2017  
Holy Family Parish  
Brillion

## SOPHIA INSTITUTE FOR TEACHERS

### Sophia Institute

Sophia Institute will be presenting a two-day institute at St. Francis Xavier Conference Room on diocesan campus on

June 14 and 15, 9am-3pm. **The event is a blend of content, practical pedagogy, and grade level collaboration.**

The Institute is free, thanks to a generous donor and includes breakfast and lunch.. Free classroom-ready materials and access to the Catholic Curriculum Exchange.

**By attending both days you can earn your Ongoing Formation certification for the year.** The program has earned high reviews. Brochure information and registration at these links:

[June 14: Beatitudes](#)

[June 15: Story of Love and Mercy](#)

Please note: you need to register for each day. You can attend one day or two days. Attending both days = Ongoing Formation (certification).

## Scout Sunday Patch on Sale

Scouts (Cubs, Boys, Girls) who observed Scout Sunday by attending Mass in uniform, are eligible for this patch!

Patches are on sale for \$3 each and available at the Department of Education.

Please use this order [form](#) and send payment (check) along with it.



## Open Confirmation Retreats



One Option Remains

Sunday, April 9th  
9am-5pm  
\$34 per person - includes lunch

Visit [www.spiritusministries.org](http://www.spiritusministries.org)

## Diocesan-wide Spring Confirmation

June 3/4, 2017 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral  
[Information Form](#) and supporting documents due April 28th.  
Questions? Please email [mporadek@gbdioc.org](mailto:mporadek@gbdioc.org)

## ProCLAYM Save-the-Date

Annual R & R Day

May 18, 2017; 10am-2pm

Retreat begins at 9am and concludes at 3pm

Fee: \$10 (Scholarships available)

[Flier](#)  
[Registration Form](#)  
More info:  
[pastserv@gbdioc.org](mailto:pastserv@gbdioc.org)

St. Mary Magdalene Parish,  
Waupaca

Relaxing day with artist Ashley Gordon. Painting. Lunch. Joy. Laughter. Celebration.

RSVP: [\\_gschuh@holycrossKaukauna.org](mailto:_gschuh@holycrossKaukauna.org)



## Faith and Football...



Do you know any Catholic football players who want to be their best on and off the field? Check out the Our Lady of Victory Football Camp... a 3.5-day, overnight high school football camp held at St. Norbert College June 22-25. Space is limited...

[More Info & Registration](#)

## FCC\* & Ongoing Formation Classes

\*Foundational Catechetical Certification

Find current schedules of live, classroom sessions [HERE](#)

Links to the registration for our online FCC Classes are below.

**NOTE:** Please send in your component completion form **as soon as you've completed all five sessions, whether online or in-person or in combination.** For online make-up's, **DO NOT WAIT** for acknowledgement of sessions completed online; simply note "Online" in the Location block of the completion form.

[PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY](#)

[CREED](#)

[SACRAMENTS & LITURGY](#)

[MORALITY](#)

Questions? Please e-mail: [cfountain@gbdioc.org](mailto:cfountain@gbdioc.org).

## Quick Links

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[RE/YM Resources \(Weebly\)](#)  
[Parish RE Accreditation](#)  
[Camp Tekakwitha Website](#)  
[Dept. of New Evangelization 2016-17 Calendar](#)  
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[FCC Trainers' Page](#)  
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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**HEBREWS 10:25**  
**UNPLUGGED**  
August 17-18, 2017  
\$50 for One Night, Two Days  
Green Lake Conference Center

RENEWAL - PRAYER  
COMMUNITY  
PERSONAL ENRICHMENT  
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