



Diocese of
Green Bay

Department Of Education:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Summer Greetings
from the Office of Safe Environment
to all RE/YM Leaders,

As you encourage employees/volunteers to support your upcoming RE and Youth Ministry Programs, as teachers, chaperones, prayer leaders, aides, etc., please keep in mind the diocesan Safe Environment Requirements. All employees (paid personnel regardless of position/job title) and all adult volunteers who have contact with minors as part of their volunteer duties are required to:

- 1) Have a Diocese of Green Bay approved background check,
- 2) Complete a VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" Adult Awareness session,
- 3) Review and sign either the Our Promise to Protect (employees) or the Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct for Volunteers (volunteers).

Instructions on how to complete each step can be found by following this [LINK](#).

Thanks for your help in keeping all God's children safe!

KEEPING OUR PROMISE
TO PROTECT
Child and Youth Protection



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Professional Development:

Nuts & Bolts

for New Catechetical Leaders/Youth Ministers

First Session: August 4th

Receive practical knowledge on how to build an RE/YM program, receive guidance and mentorship. This is a 4-part series, each session with timely information as we navigate through the academic year.



First Session (9am-2pm): August 4th, 2016

Following Sessions(9am-11:15am):

September 15; November 22; and March 30 (2017)

There is no charge to attend, but registration is **REQUIRED!**



Calendar

Consolidated List of RE-YM Dates to Remember.

Aug 4: 1st (of 4) Nuts & Bolts for New Catechetical Leaders/YMs, Diocesan Campus

Aug 15: Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Holy Day of Obligation: Diocesan Offices Closed.

Aug 17: 1st Session of PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY at St. John Nepomucene, Little Chute*

Sept 2: Deadline to submit paperwork for Diocesan-wide Adult and Youth Confirmation at the Cathedral (Oct. 2). Contact: jphillips.sfx@gmail.com

Sept 8: Board In-Service

Sept 10: Teen Leadership Day at High Cliff State Park

Sept 13: 1st session of THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (Ongoing) at St. Thomas the Apostle, Luxemburg*

Sept 14: 1st session of BIBLE at St. Thomas More, Appleton*

Sept. 15: 2nd (of 4) Nuts & Bolts for New Catechetical Leaders/YMs; Diocesan Campus

*visit www.gbdioc.org/fcc for complete schedule and registration instructions.



(Much more at our [weebly](#))

The Religion Teacher is a website that provides practical resources and teaching strategies to help religious

Guideline Released: Home Schooling of Religious Education

Bishop Ricken recently approved a guideline regarding the home schooling of religious education in order to provide a framework of understanding between parish RE program and parents who choose to school their children at home in the area of religious education. The guideline provides a Sample Agreement for Parishes and Families who desire to teach at Home.



This guideline was sent to pastors/staff via the monthly electronic Parish Pages on July 27.

[Link to Diocesan Guideline on Home Schooling of Religious Education](#)

Our online courses are now **closed** for re-tooling and will be re-launched later this year on a new platform. Watch future Updates for the next opportunity to register!

FCC: Hosting a Class This Fall?



Please keep in mind . . .

-Instructors must submit a *Request to Teach* to the Educ. Dept. to get the class on the calendar.

-Classes make great adult formation for the parish; widen your invitation beyond your RE/School staff.

-Host parish is responsible for registration, promotion, and meeting the needs (to include mileage, if appropriate) of the Instructor.

Questions? Please e-mail: cfountain@gbdioc.org or call 920-272-8309.

Did you know that your parish programs (like *Biblical Walk through the Mass*, etc) may qualify as Ongoing Formation? Check this [Summary](#) for details!



Save the Date: ProCLAYM Kick-Off Day!

Friday, September 30, 2016
at Camp Tekakwitha

"Evangelization - Inside & Out"

Mr. Thomas Quinlan, Director of Religious Education
Diocese of Joliet, Illinois

educators transform the lives of the young people they teach. Get a FREE copy of the book [*Religion Teacher's Guide to Lesson Planning*](#)

God is Good publishes Catholic vacation bible school curricula, including an Advent program.

Word on Fire presents *CATHOLICISM School Enrichment*, an annual, digital subscription of video vignettes for MS/HS students based on Bishop Robert Barron's series. See a free trailer of the series [HERE](#).

Ascension Press is having a sale on all its program starter packs, including *Bible Timeline, Chosen, Theology of the Body, Mary's Biblical Walk through the Mass*, etc.

Empower Training in
LaCrosse
September 24



But you don't have to be a Life Teen parish to attend!

Sarah Gavin, Sturgeon Bay, is planning to participate and willing to drive (will leave on the 23rd).

Empower is a daylong training for youth ministers and adult core members in the best practices in youth ministry (small groups, relational ministry, Edge / Life Nights, etc.). Its goal remains simple: to help parishes lead teens closer to Christ. Three links:

[Learn more about Empower.](#)
[Register for the LaCrosse event](#)
[Contact Sarah Gavin](#)

Like a Bargain?
Here's One:



Watch next month for details/registration.

Looking Ahead

Get your calendar out . . .



Cancelled: Adult Leadership Day scheduled for **Saturday, August 27, at the Diocesan Campus, Green Bay has been cancelled.**

However, but individual trainings are going to be offered at individual parishes instead. Contact [Maria](#) if you would like a visit!

Teen Leadership Day (FREE!)

Sunday September 11, 2016; NOTE DATE!!

High Cliff State Park

Geared toward teen leaders, peer ministers, and teens ready to go a step deeper! e-mail cfountain@gbdioc.org to register.

Youth Jam

Sunday, October 23rd

St. Francis Xavier Middle School, Appleton

Day of music, fun, formation, Mass and community geared specifically towards middle school students!

Teen Leadership Weekend (FREE!)

February 10-12, 2017

Geared toward teen leaders, peer ministers, and teens ready to go a step deeper - a whole weekend of fun, snowshoeing, leadership, prayer, and time to grow as a parish team!



Catechetical Sunday: September 18

Resources Available for Your Parish Observance from the [USCCB](#)

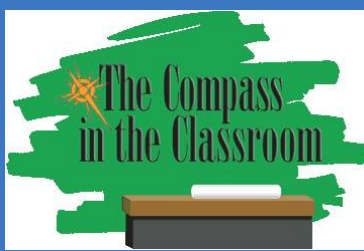
[Free, downloadable resources:](#)

- Commissioning Service
- Catechists' Prayer
- In-services, other teaching resources

[For purchase:](#)

- Posters
- Prayer Cards (Catechists and Parents)
- Certificates

Articles/Resources from a [New Evangelization](#) perspective.



The *Compass* in the Classroom is FREE to schools & religious education programs.

Not receiving your 25 FREE copies of the *Compass* each week? Contact them today for more information:

920-272-8208
 compasscirc@gbdioc.org
www.thecompassnews.org

BONUS!

September 23 issue will have the Diocesan Directory in it!

Facility Available for Retreats



The St. Thomas the Apostle Religious Education Center, Eaton (located at County T and Hwy 29), has been hosting Rosary Camp and now offers the facility for other parish religious education programs at a reasonable rate. The downstairs of their building is set up for a camp: tents, chapel, with a big screen for movies. Rosaries to pray with and other unique things to make this an area that students can break away from electronics and learn the mysteries of the Rosary.

Daytime retreats or overnight retreats (capacity limited to 40 overnight). Located 13 miles from the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help.

For more information, please contact Nancy Metzler by e-mail or phone (920-655-2700)

Hebrews 10:25 Event Dates Set for 2016-17

Wildly popular last year; don't forget to register!



Those serving in Religious Education and Youth Ministry:

Please join us for a day of spiritual enrichment, practical take-aways, sharing of best practices, fellowship and lunch.

October 6 features **Jared Dees**, creator of the *Religion Teacher* and author of *To Heal, Proclaim, and Teach*.

Musical inspiration by Mike Casey

GREEN BAY DISTILLERY
 835 Mike McCarthy Way
 Green Bay, WI 54304

Thursday, October 6, 2016
 10am-2pm
 2pm-3pm After-hours with Jared

All participants get a copy of Jared's book!

Other dates for Hebrews 10:25 are:
 February 2, 2017
 April 6, 2017

Registration opens about a month prior to each event.

[Click Here to Register for October 6 Event \\$15/person \(includes lunch\)](#)

Registration closes September 29.
 Registration transferrable but nonrefundable.

Save the Date:

**Monday,
 November 14**



The workshop is designed for all parish leaders whose ministries touch the lives of adolescents-including pastors, deacons, pastoral associates, coordinators of youth ministry, leaders in faith formation, catechists, Confirmation preparation leaders, and service/social concerns leaders. Cost of the workshop is \$54, which includes handouts and lunch. For more information, contact [Leahe Wyatt](mailto:Leahe.Wyatt@cmdnet.org) at (253) 853-5422. Or check out the sites and dates at www.cmdnet.org.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE](#) for the Calling Youth to Mission Workshop!

World Mission Sunday
October 16, 2016



Resources from the Catholic Foundation. Resources will change throughout the year, so feel free to bookmark this [site](#):

- World Mission Services Mission Cards
- Missionary Childhood Association Works of Mercy
- World Mission Month activities-k-2
- World Mission Month activities-3-6
- World Mission Month activities 7-12
- World Mission Month poster

[Also, read Pope Francis' remarks about World Mission Sunday.](#)

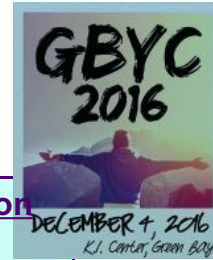
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Too Early to Start Thinking about GBYC*?

Never!

Yeah, it's not until December, but you know how long it takes to get organized to attend such an awesome event. Start early! Avoid the rush! Here's a link to the



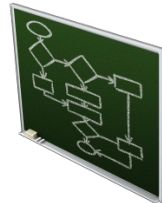
[GBYC 2016 Registration Packet](#)

*GBYC = Green Bay Youth Conference

And if you're thinking nationally . . .

National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry is in San Jose, CA December 1-3. Theme: "Connect in Christ" Link to info:

[NCCYM 2016](#)



Wondering Who to Contact within the Education Department?

Click [HERE](#) for a handy chart of staff responsibilities, and direct your next question precisely to the person who can answer it for you!

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