



Department Of Education:
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Two Important Notes:

Steubenville Registrations are Due Now!
Please submit numbers ASAP if you have them.



February's Leadership Retreat Postponed
Originally schedule at Camp Tek for Feb. 10-12. Please watch future Update for future updates!

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Hebrews 10:25* February 2nd!

Registration open January 13-30



This series of professional development days has been very well received, and we invite all Religious Education Administrators, Youth Ministers and Pastors, too, to join us for this installment of *Hebrews 10:25*.

Our main topic will be *National Trends in Catholic Religious Education* and will feature a show-and-tell of foundational blocks by Maria Schuette, Director, RE/YM; Julianne Stanz, Director, New Evangelization; and Michael Poradek, Director, Divine Worship. Includes a how-to on doing evangelization within the religious education structure. After lunch, you choose which 20-minute round table discussions to attend.

Office hours

Non-holidays:
Mon-Thurs: 7:45am-5pm
Friday: 7:45am-12:15pm

Registration
Opens January 13th;
Closes January 30th!

Happy New Year!



Calendar

[Consolidated list of RE-YM Dates to Remember \(Link\).](#)

Cost: \$15/person, includes lunch and handouts.

**"We should not stay away from our assembly, as is the custom of some, but encourage one another, and this all the more as you see the day drawing near." --Hebrews 10:25*

Jan 16: 1st session of MORALITY at St. Isidore, Tisch Mills*

Jan 17: 1st Session of PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY at Chilton Area Catholic Schools, Chilton*

Feb 9: RE Advisory Committee Meeting

Feb 16: YM Advisory Committee Meeting

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

FCC* Classes

*Foundational Catechetical Certification

Please use these links to register for online classes. You will immediately receive instructions about logging on and beginning the class.



[CREED](#)

[SACRAMENTS & LITURGY](#)

[MORALITY](#)

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

Questions? Please e-mail: cfountain@gbdioc.org.



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

God is Good publishes Catholic vacation bible school curricula.

Ascension Press has released *The Great Adventure Storybook*, a children's book using the same color-coding and chronological approach as the adult *Great Adventure Bible Timeline*. More [info](#) and [preview](#) available

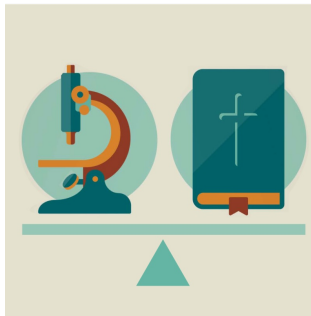
Our Sunday Visitor introduces a brand new sacrament preparation programs for Reconciliation & Eucharist, *Encounter with Christ*. [Free webinar](#) and [more information](#).

Loyola Press has developed *Adaptive Finding God!* for children with special needs. Developed w/National Catholic Partnership on Disability. [More information](#). Local contacts: Barb Zipperer and Maggie Melchior

St. Mary Press has revised the *Catholic Youth Bible Interactive Edition* by including interactive Sunday Gospel Readings with questions, personal reflection and group conversations.

Host an Ongoing Formation Class in 2017

Suitable as Parish Adult Faith Formation, too!



Integrating Science and Christianity is a course to assist in understanding and teaching the fullness of both science and Christianity. Our pursuit of truth will bring together both the objective truths of nature discovered by science and the spiritual truths taught by Jesus. Topics include: problems with making science a religion; limits of science, physics, cosmology, evolution; human origin; purpose; beauty; and errors arguing for a conflict between science and Christianity. The instructor, Warren Johnson, has a PhD in Biochemistry and many years experience teaching university science courses. The textbook for this course is: Baglow, Christopher T., *Faith Science & Reason*, Midwest Theological Forum, Woodridge, IL, 2012.

The course is conducted over five, 2-hour sessions, and Dr. Johnson is willing to come to your location at no cost to lead the course.

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[Ask Questions/Request Dates](#)

Note: Another option is to host an abbreviated, single 1-hour presentation (plus 30 minutes for questions) of *Science & Christianity*. No books or handouts required. Suitable for students in grades 6 and up as well as adults. Use button above to ask about scheduling this option.

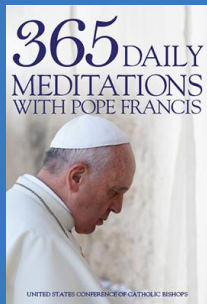
Scheduled so far:

St. Therese Parish, Stangelville (Pilsen site)
Monday evenings, March 13 - April 3
Contact: salentinefam@gmail.com

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; order by January 20 and receive 15% off. Call 952-290-0483

Flocknotes offers two daily e-mails starting this month:
Popes in a Year
Catechism in a Year

USCCB Presents:



This collection of short daily reflections and suggested activities help you grow in understanding and more fully live God's love in 2017.

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Quick Links

[Diocesan Website](#)
[Education Pages of Website](#)
[Education Policies: List, Links](#)
[Education Staff & Responsibilities Chart](#)
[Religious Education Curriculum](#)
[Religious Education Standards](#)
[RE/YM Resources \(Weebly\)](#)
[Parish RE Accreditation](#)
[Camp Tekakwitha Website](#)
[Dept. of New Evangelization](#)
[2016-17 Calendar](#)
[Certification Class Schedule](#)
[FCC Trainers' Page](#)
[Human Resources \(log-in required\)](#)
[Education Careers](#)
[Education Update Archives](#)

Open Confirmation Retreats



Two Options

One Day:
Sunday, March 19th
9am-5pm
\$34 per person - includes lunch

Overnight:
Saturday-Sunday, January 21-22
10am-10am
\$56.50 per student - includes meals and overnight accommodations

Visit www.spiritusministries.org

Catechetical Leadership Day in March: RE Accreditation Informational Meeting

What does a great Religious Education program look like? The accreditation process uses a team of people from within the Diocese to affirm, encourage, and challenge parishes to **evangelize with enthusiasm, pray with intentionality, and catechize with truth and charity** according to the Diocesan Quality Indicators. The Diocesan Quality Indicators highlight 12 general areas and corresponding sub-points which outline what a great program looks like. The accreditation members visit the parish and affirm and challenge them using the Diocesan Quality Indicators as a basic rubric.



St. Isidore the Farmer Parish Rel. Educ. program, Tisch Mills, was accredited in 2015.

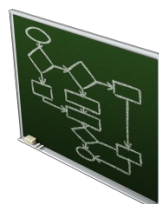
Come to this informational meeting to learn the benefits and the process of accreditation. This meeting is the **required first step** in the accreditation process. All interested parties are invited (Pastors, DRE's, Board Members, RE support staff). This meeting will be repeated in November 2017 and then once again in March of 2018.

Thursday, March 16, 2017; 9am-11:30am
Bona Hall, Diocesan Campus

No fee to attend, but [registration](#) required.

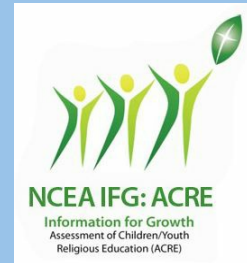
Wondering Who to Contact within the Education Department?

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



Looking ahead . . .
**March is ACRE Assessment
Month. . .**

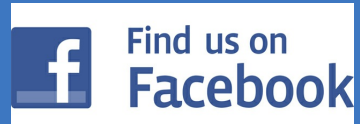
- Do you know where your assessment booklets are?
- How about blank answer sheets?
- Sharpened pencils?



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