



Diocese of Green Bay  
 Department Of Education:  
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**

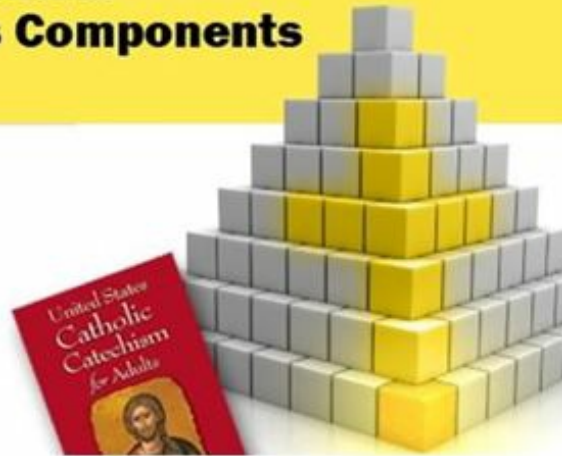
**Summer 2016 Learning Opportunities**  
**Foundational Catechesis Components**  
**and Ongoing Formation**

**Coming Soon . . .**

*Methods for Youth Ministers* (FCC): Mon-Wed, May 16-18, daytime. Maria Schuette, Instructor

**Looking Ahead . . .**

*Prayer & Spirituality* (FCC): Monday, June 6; Wednesday, June 8; Monday June 13 daytime. Sr. Elise Cholewinski, Instructor



**Ongoing Formation Classes, too!**  
**Check schedule for details!**

**[Complete Schedule and Registration](#)**

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**Social Communications**

**Safe Environment Policy Released**



Social networks and other digital communication offer individuals, groups and the Catholic Church an opportunity to connect in positive ways. We are able to encourage one another, strengthen community ties and boldly proclaim the Gospel of

Jesus Christ.

While communication has technically advanced, it is at its core a human interaction. This [Safe Environment Social Communications Policy](#) (with associated forms) creates clear standards and expectations for online and digital communication to protect children, youth and individuals at risk in virtual

spaces.

## Calling All Girl Scout Leaders . . .



We are trying to build a contact list of Girl Scout Leaders who host meetings in our parishes and Catholic schools.

If your parish/school hosts Girl Scout meetings, please e-mail [cfountain@gbdioc.org](mailto:cfountain@gbdioc.org)  
THANKS!



### Calendar

#### Consolidated list of RE-YM Dates to Remember.

**May 10:** Diocesan Spring Leadership Gathering (see article at right)

**May 10:** 1st session of ONGOING FORMATION ( Science & Christianity), Green Bay\*

**May 11:** 1st session of BIBLE at St. Paul Parish, Combined Locks

**May 16:** 1st session METHODS C ( Youth Ministers), Green Bay\*

**June 6:** 1st session of PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY, Green Bay\*

**June 13:** 1st Session of BIBLE,

## News from the Education Department

### New Team Member

Mr. Todd Blahnik has been selected as our new Assistant Director of Education for the Department of Education for the Diocese of Green Bay. Todd comes to the Department of Education with many years of experience as a Catholic school teacher and principal as well as his experience as the Director of Educational Services for the St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System in Appleton, WI. Todd will complete his duties with the St. Francis Xavier System on June 30, 2016 and will assume his new duties with the Department of Education on July 1, 2016.



## RE/YM Positions Open

Contact Parishes for Details

# HELP WANTED

- Holy Spirit, Darboy
- St. Nicholas, Freedom
- St. Mary, Crivitz
- Holy Family, Marinette
- Prince of Peace, Green Bay
- St. John the Baptist, Howard
- St. Thomas the Apostle-Humboldt, St. Killian-New Franken, St. Joseph-Champion
- St. Peter the Fisherman, Two Rivers

## Any Interest in Attending. . . this Fall?



*Presented by the Center for Ministry Development*

Click [HERE](#) for workshop details

This would be a four-session workshop over the course of one day and would include these topics:

- Session 1 - Following Christ - Mini-Retreat
- Session 2 -Calling Youth to Missionary Discipleship
- Session 3 - Becoming a Disciple Building Parish
- Session 4 - Disciple Building Action Plan

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



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

Sadlier offers a [free tip-sheet](#) on leading retreats for adults.

Bishop Robert Barren's latest book *Vibrant Paradoxes: The Both/And of Catholicism* is now available at [Word on Fire](#).

**Digital Edition of OSV Newsweekly**- [free 30-day trial](#).

*The Vatican Express* Vacation Bible School now available from Catholic Kidz Camp. See overview, reviews, lessons, music, video and complete details [HERE](#).

[Year of Mercy Resources](#) from Our Sunday Visitor.

[Free, 4-part series, An Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy](#) by Ascension Press.

Newly released: [Called to Mercy: Confirming Young People for a Mission of Witness](#) by St. Mary's Press.

Spring Cleaning =  
Free Books

Whether to host the event and its location will be based on interest in the field. **What do you say?** E-mail [Maria](mailto:cfountain@gbdioc.org).

## Diocesan Spring Leadership Gathering

May 10, Green Bay

8:30am-3:45pm

Register before May 2: \$40  
(goes up to \$45 after May 2)



Spring Leadership Gathering is the first collaborative, interdepartmental event with something for every parish ministry. **Tons of practical sessions!** Of particular interest to Catechetical Leaders/Youth Ministers are:

- Safe Environment Social Communications Policy: No Fear - Trust Us!
- Attract, Engage, Retain: New Leadership & Volunteers
- Avoid-Deny-Defend: Violent Intruders

### **BONUS!! Just Added:**

Bishop Richard E. Pates, the Bishop of the Diocese of Des Moines, Iowa, will offer a workshop on *Laudato Si: A Clarion Call to Action*.

[Brochure with Complete Details](#)

[Quick Link to Registration](#)

## FCC: Summer Mode!



### **Notes about our summer classes:**

- Open to all interested adults (great for potential new catechists!)
- Participants should have a copy of the US Catholic Catechism for Adults (print or digital)
- No charge to register
- Minimum enrollment required for class to be conducted.
- MORALITY class has a prerequisite (successful completion of SACRAMENTS & LITURGY and CREED).
- Some classes will be filmed for future use in online format. Permission to use image, likeness and voice required.

Online Registration: [www.gbdioc.org/fcc](http://www.gbdioc.org/fcc)

Questions? [cfountain@gbdioc.org](mailto:cfountain@gbdioc.org)



First come, first serve. Must claim before May 31 and arrange for pick-up. E-mail to claim: [cfountain@gbdioc.org](mailto:cfountain@gbdioc.org)

*We Believe* series from Sadlier 2011 edition (1 each):

- Teacher Guides: Grades K and 6
- Catechist Guides: Grades K, 5, and 6
- Parish Student Text: Grade 6
- School Student Text: Grades 1, 2

2007 ed. *We Live Our Faith*:

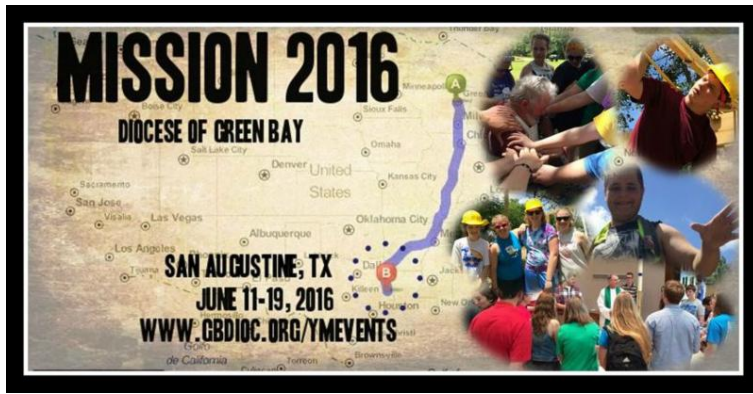
- *As Disciples of Christ*, Vol I
  - 2 Ldr Guides
  - 2 Sdt Texts
- *As Members of the Church*, Vol II
  - 2 Ldr Guides
  - 3 Sdt Texts

### Bishop Ricken's Article Published in Franciscan University Journal



The Franciscan University journal, "The Catechetical Review" has published an article by Bishop Ricken entitled "The Catechist as an Agent of Mercy" in its April 2016 edition. The article is available at no charge on the journal's [website](#).

### Seats Still Available:



### [Details and Link to Registration](#)



### Camp Franciscan

June 15-17 at Holy Family Convent, Manitowoc

Camp Franciscan is a 3-day camp at Holy Family Convent in Manitowoc for ladies 6th - 8th grades on June 15-17, 2016. Two additional leadership days (June 13-14) are available for high school/college ladies (June 13-17). Cost \$35 includes meal, activities, and lodging. Camp Franciscan is a wonderful opportunity for middle school-college ladies to interact with our Franciscan Sisters and meet other Catholic young women from across the United States. Prayer and Mass are part of each day. Space is limited. Please share the [registration form](#) and [health assessment letter](#) and [form](#) with your middle school and high school ladies through your family communications.

### Youth Mental Health First Aid Program

Coming to Appleton November 3



Youth Mental Health First Aid USA is an 8 hour public education program which introduces participants to the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental

health problems in adolescents, builds understanding of the importance of early intervention, and teaches individuals how to help an adolescent in crisis or experiencing a mental health challenge. Online registration will open after Labor Day. Seating is limited to 24 participants.

[Information Flier](#)

## Year of Mercy Patch Available for K-12 Students



The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry offers a special 2016 Year of Mercy patch to encourage youth to explore some of the wonderful aspects of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Requirements to earn the patch are written for grades K-12 and can be found [HERE](#).

This is NOT limited to Scouts; open to all K-12 youth.

## Looking for a Reason to Visit Illinois This Fall?

The 2016 Diocese of Springfield (IL) Adult Enrichment Conference will be held at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel November 4-5, 2016.



*Diocese of  
Springfield*

Keynote speaker will be author, radio personality, and podcaster **Greg Willits**. The conference is for all elementary and secondary school principals and teachers, pastors and pastoral administrators, directors and coordinators of religious education, catechists, directors of RCIA, liturgists and liturgical musicians and other adults desiring personal faith growth.

The Diocese of Springfield welcomes all of us north-of-the-border to join them at this event. Visit their [website](#) for more information.



## 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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