



Department Of Education:
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

As You Revise Your Handbook for 2015-16 . . .

Please keep in mind that the most up-to-date [Diocesan Education Policies](#) are now available online for your reference. Of particular interest as you're revising handbooks for next year, are the [Admissions Policy](#) and the [Religious Education Instructional Hours Policy](#)

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**It's almost March:
Are You Ready for ACRE?**

- [Fact Sheet](#) from 2013 Revisions
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 - Return Cover Sheet
 - Interpretation Manual
 - Admin Manual
 - Proctor Guides



Don't forget, our Diocesan Code (needed for return cover sheet) is: 060

Also--don't miss Deacon Tony Abts' presentation at Catechetical Leadership Day (March 19): All Things ACRE. Read more about Leadership Day below.



Calendar

- Feb 18:** Ash Wednesday
- Feb 20:** 1st session of CREED at St. Mary Parish, Hilbert *
- Feb 21:** 1st session of CREED at St. Mary Parish, Cato*

**Youth Ministry:
Slots Still Available for Steubenville St. Louis**

Steubenville St. Louis (July 8-14th): Roughly 10 spots left! Register with the \$100 down payment by filling out the required form. See registration details [HERE](#).



Feb 26: ProCLAYM's Day of Reflection at St. Norbert Abbey (see article at right)

Mar 5: TEAM Day, Radisson Conference Center, Green Bay.

Mar 19: Catechetical Leadership Day (see article at right)

Mar 26: 1st session of BIBLE at Notre Dame School, De Pere*

*visit www.gbdioc.org/fcc for complete schedule and links for online registration (required one week in advance)

Resource Ideas

Lenten and Easter products (bulk purchase discounts) from Word on Fire.

Lenten Survival Guide for Kids by Paraclete Press.

90-day Bible Reading Challenge (The Great Adventure). Started on January 1, but not too late to join and catch up!

SALE (60% off) on USCCB's Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers (use "paperback" discount code when ordering).

Growing with the Saints, Inc. "Catholic Kidz Camp" Vacation Bible School Plans.

Catholic VBS programs from God is Good VBS based in Minnetrista, MN.

Son Spark Labs VBS from Liguori (we have a sample set of materials for

More Youth Ministry:



Registration Still Open for Mission Trip

Spots still available for the mission trip to Mississippi from June 13-21st. Non-refundable deposit of \$100 due with registration. See details on our [website](#).



Certification Corner: We're Online!

FCC Components: E-mail cfountain@gbdioc.org to get username and password for PD360/Education platform for taking CREED or SACRAMENTS & LITURGY FCC courses online at your own pace. Available as make-up sessions, too!

Ongoing Formation: [Catholic Home Study Service](#) offers online courses at no charge (donations appreciated) that can serve as Ongoing Formation (certification) classes. The student works through a textbook and assessment and is issued a certificate of completion once finished. These classes ARE NOT equivalent to FCC Components, only Ongoing. Questions? Please e-mail education@gbdioc.org.

Visit www.gbdioc.org/fcc for current class schedules of locally hosted FCC Components and Ongoing Formation classes, **Our Summer 2015 and Camp Tek Opportunities will be posted as soon as they're available and will also be sent out as a separate e-mail. . . stay tuned . . .**

Scout Sunday

Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts pledge a "Duty to God", and Scout Sunday ([February 8 for Boy Scouts of America](#) and [March 8 for Girl Scouts of America](#)) is an opportunity for all scouts to demonstrate their understanding of this promise by attending Mass in uniform, preferably as a troop/den.

To recognize this devotion to God, the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting has designed a patch suitable for both Boy and Girl Scouts.

Patches are \$3.00 each (includes shipping/handling) and can be ordered through the Education Department using this [Order Form](#).



2015 Scout Sunday Patch

your review at the Education Dept).

Theology of the Body Institute, *A Head & Heart Immersion* week-long retreat coming to Chicago area April 26-May 1.

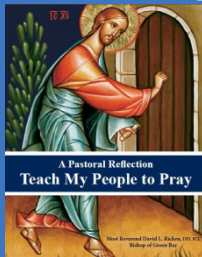
Our Sunday Visitor's Educational Resources (including free lesson plans for Grades PK-12) regarding the 2015 World Meeting of Families.

30% off of Plush Jesus, a part of the Loyola Learning Tools™ collection, Adaptive Finding God program which brings the faith to life for children with special needs (available January 2015).

2015 Year of Consecrated Life Resources:

- Local (Wake Up to God; Events, Photos, Blogs, Links)
- USCCB (Prayers, Press Releases, Activities)

Teach My People to Pray Ideas for RE/YM Programs



In response to Bishop Ricken's pastoral reflection "Teach My People to Pray," is this compilation of over forty



ProCLAYM's Day of Reflection

Thursday, February 26 [Corrected date]
St. Norbert Abbey

Judy Turba and Sr. Judy Miller will help us renew our spirits and our hearts for ministry!

8:45am - 11:45am followed by Lunch (included in Registration)

ProCLAYM Members: \$30.00

Non-Members: \$40.00

[Registration](#)



ProCLAYM on Facebook

TEAM Day

Thursday, March 5

Radisson Center, Green Bay



A day of study and reflection for parish staffs & key volunteers. This year TEAM Day will focus on the area of Prayer and Spirituality from Bishop Ricken's pastoral reflection "Teach My People to Pray." featuring Timone Davis, D.Min.

Registration Fee: \$55.00 (incl. lunch & handouts)

[Register Online](#); Open Now!

ideas to support catechetical leaders as they help their students encounter and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

This free, downloadable resource, can be found on the [Resource Page](#) of our website, while the Bishop's Pastoral Reflection itself is found [HERE](#).

Pro Life Essay Contest

Each of Us Is a
Masterpiece of God's
Creation



Prizes will be offered in 3 categories:

Grades 7-8, 9-12 and College-Age

Prizes: \$75 Gift Certificate to any Catholic Book Store of your choice within our Diocese (provided by funds from the Monica Meyer Grant through the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Green Bay)

Contest runs from January 22, 2015 (Anniversary of Roe V Wade, when abortion was made legal in the USA) through March 25, 2015 (The Annunciation when Mary said YES to life by accepting God's will of conceiving Jesus in her womb)

Details available on the [Diocesan Website](#).

Quick Links

[Diocesan Website](#)
[Education Pages of Website](#)

RE/YM Catechetical Leadership Day

Thursday, March 19 (9am-3pm)

This day of professional development, learning and networking will include topics that affect all ages/grades:

- All Things ACRE
- Helping Families of Different Faiths (or No Faith at All),
- 10 Things You Should Know about Confirmation Prep (It Starts A Lot Earlier than You May Think)
- Facing the Toughest Questions Kids Ask about Faith

We'll also have Mass (St. Joseph) and lunch together.

Cost: \$10/person (transferable but non-refundable)

Place: Chancery; Diocesan Campus, Green Bay

Registration: [Online](#) **Open Now**



Finding the info you're looking for . . .

NEW: [Education Policies: List, Links](#)
[Religious Education Curriculum](#)
[Camp Tekakwitha Website](#)
[Dept. of New Evangelization](#)
[Education 2014-15 Calendar](#)
NEW: [2015-16 Calendar](#)
[Certification Class Schedule](#)
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Navigating the Diocesan Website . . .

The screenshot shows the Diocese of Green Bay website. A sidebar menu on the left lists various categories, with 'Form' and 'Teach' highlighted. Two callout boxes provide details for these categories:

Form

Click to Find:

- Policies, FAQ's and Summary of Diocesan Policy on Foundational Catechetical Certification (FCC) and Ongoing Formation
- Current schedules of certification classes being offered around the Diocese

Teach

Click to Find:

- Link to Curriculum4Schools (username & password = GBDIOC)
- Documents related to approved Religion Texts (K-8 and HS)
- HS Curriculum & Confirmation (including Sample Outline Using Confirmation Curriculum and Textbook information)

Click [HERE](#) for a closer look.



Save the Date:
 April 23, 2015 (9am-4pm)
New Evangelization
Symposium 2015

Held at: Silver Lake College of the Holy Family, Manitowoc
 Hosted by: the Departments of New Evangelization & Education
 Keynote Speaker: Nationally known presenter [Marcel LeJeune](#)

Please Note: This event also serves as Catechetical and School Leadership Day! Hope to see you there!

Cost: \$25 by March 31; \$30 after March 31
[More information and Registration](#)



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