



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

The Diocesan Safe Environment Department wants to remind all School Administrators, Religious Education Directors/Coordinators and Youth Ministers that in accordance with the **USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People**: EVERY child enrolled in a Catholic School or Religious Education Program must receive programming regarding Safe Environment education issues annually. This requirement needs to be fulfilled **before the end of the academic year**. Thank you! Please contact Deb Knaus or Jayne Stefanic in the Safe Environment Department for more information: 920-272-8198.



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**RE/YM Catechetical Leadership Day**  
 Thursday, March 19 (9am-3pm)  
**Registration Closes Tuesday, March 17th!**

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.



**Calendar**

**Mar 1-31:** Information for Growth: ACRE Assessment at all parishes/schools

**Mar 2:** 1st session of PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY at St. Joseph,

**Cost:** \$10/person (transferable but non-refundable)  
**Place:** Chancery; Diocesan Campus, Green Bay  
**Registration:** [Online](#) **Open Now**  
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**Mar 5:** TEAM Day, Radisson Conference Center, Green Bay. See below.

**Mar 14:** Scouting Retreat at Camp Rokilio, Kiel (see right)

**Mar 17:** Last day to register for Catechetical Leadership Day!

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

**Mar 24:** Bishop Ricken, "God's Call in Your Life & Mine" at St. Thomas More Parish, Appleton. Dinner (\$10) at 5:30; Bishop's presentation at 7:30. All ages welcome. [Registration](#) required.

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

**Mar 31:** Final session of Nuts & Bolts for New RE Administrators

**Mar 31:** Last day to register at reduced price for the New Evangelization Symposium! (See article below)

**Apr 2-6:** Triduum, Easter Observance; Diocesan Offices closed

**Apr 15:** 1st Session of Methods A (Catechists), Diocesan Campus\*

\*visit [www.gbdioc.org/fcc](http://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.

## It's March: Any ACRE issues?

- [Fact Sheet](#) from 2013 Revisions
- [Ordering Materials](#)
- [Downloads](#)
  - 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 above.**

## Youth Ministry: Slots Still Available for Trips

**Steubenville St. Louis** (July 8-14th): Just a few spots left!

Register with the \$100 down payment by filling out the required form.



**Mission Trip to Mississippi** (June 13-21st) still has slots available, as well. Non-refundable deposit of \$100 due with registration.

[Lenten Survival Guide for Kids](#) by Paraclete Press.

[Sadlier Religion's](#) new website, with downloadable freebies.

[Dynamic Catholic Parish Book Program](#): Books as low as \$2-3 for distribution to entire parishes. Several titles available.

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 your review at the Education Dept).

K4J "Always Catholic" **Win the World for Jesus** VBS online [Starter Kit](#). This is the featured VBS from [Kids 4 Jesus](#) of Suwanee, GA.

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

## More Youth Ministry: Methods for Youth Ministers Scheduled

Methods C (Youth Ministry) is a component of the Diocese' Foundational Catechetical Certification program, which is required of all Catechetical Leaders.



This 5 session course, is being offered over two days: **Tuesday and Wednesday, May 26-27** on the Diocesan Campus in Green Bay. The course addresses the history of youth formation, related Church documents and targeting discipleship and formation for middle & high school students.

No fee (funded by the Annual Bishop's Appeal), but **registration is required**. Visit our [online registration site](#) for more information.

## Scouting Retreat at Camp Rokilio

(Ever wonder how to pronounce that? It's "rokah-LI-o")  
**Saturday, March 14**

Boy and Girl Scouts grades 5-12 are invited to this day-long retreat at Camp Rokilio in Kiel. Scouts will have the opportunity to work on several patches/emblems, and the retreat fulfills one of the requirements for the Ad Altare Dei emblem. Cost: \$10.



[More Information and Registration](#)

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)

## Certification Corner

### Lots of Summer Opportunities!



Our Summer 2015 and Camp Tek Opportunities are now posted at [www.gbdioc.org/fcc](http://www.gbdioc.org/fcc) for schedules and other details.

CREED and SACRAMENTS & LITURGY are also available online for an at-your-own-pace delivery. E-mail [cfountain@gbdioc.org](mailto:cfountain@gbdioc.org) to request a user name and password (be sure to specify which course you'd like to take online).

## 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)

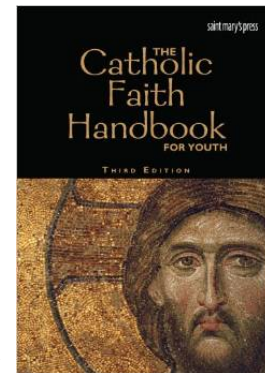
[Register Online](#); Last Call!

## Curriculum Help:

### Interactive Lesson Plans Online

St. Mary's Press has recently announced that it's lesson plans for the **Catholic Faith Handbook** are now available online in both PDF and Word formats, which allow you to modify them to meet your specific needs.

- Log-in (or create a log-in - you will need to become verified by Saint Mary's Press)
- Go to **Teacher Resources**
- Click on the **Catechist Guide** for the **Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth**
- Click on chapter needed
- Click on **Catechist Guide Handouts**
- Then choose Lesson Plan Lesson # (it will open to the lesson. On the top will be an option of PDF or Word.)



## Retreat Days for Adults with Cognitive Disabilities in an Integrated Setting:



## Pro Life Essay Contest

Each of Us Is a  
Masterpiece of God's  
Creation



Prizes will  
be offered in  
three  
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](#).

### Dates

Saturday, March 14, 2015

Saturday, April 25, 2015

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015

Two additional potential dates/locations (Oshkosh & Door  
County) to be determined. **Cost: \$10** (includes supplies &  
lunch). Scholarships available.

### Places

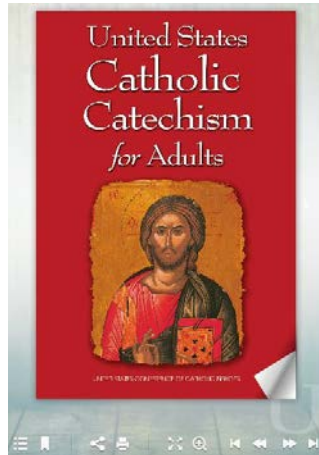
St. John the Evangelist Parish  
Green Bay

Holy Family Parish  
Brillion

St. Katharine Drexel  
Kaukauna

For complete information and registration, click [HERE](#).

## USCCA: Now Available Online



An interactive version of the **United States Catholic Catechism for Adults** is now available.

Access it [HERE](#), or by searching  
"uscgb uscca text" on your browser.

Also available in Spanish!

## Quick Links

[Diocesan Website](#)

[Education Pages of Website](#)

**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](#)

[Human Resources](#) (log-in  
required)

[Education Careers](#)

[Most recent Education  
Updates](#)

## Plan to Attend:

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](#)



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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](#)

