



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



March is ACRE Assessment Month. . .

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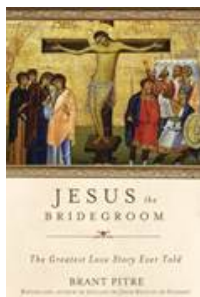
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**Starts March 7<sup>th</sup>!**

**Lenten Ongoing Formation Opportunity**

*Jesus the Bridegroom*



*Jesus, the Bridegroom* will consist of five, 2-hour sessions for Ongoing Formation (Catechetical Certification) or simply for enriching your faith life this Lent.

In *Jesus the Bridegroom*, author Brant Pitre shows the key to unlocking the mystery of the "bridegroom" that is found throughout Scripture from Mount Sinai to Mount Calvary; the divine love story of God and Israel, and Christ and his bride.

The book *Jesus the Bridegroom* (by Brant Pitre, copyright 2014, 199 pages) is required reading for this course (completely or at least partially, prior to first session, please).

Presenters: Sr. Jacqueline Spaniola, OSF and Rev. James Massart.

**Tuesdays: 4:30-6:30 pm**  
**March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4**  
**Diocesan Campus, Green Bay**

No fee to attend, but registration required; please e-mail: [cfountain@gbdioc.org](mailto:cfountain@gbdioc.org).

**Calendar**

**2017-18 Calendar Released!**

**Mar 6:** 1st Session of METHODS A (CATECHISTS) at St. Joseph, Wautoma\*

**Mar 8:** 1st Session of CREED at Notre Dame MS, De Pere\*

**Mar 13:** 1st Session of Science & Christianity (Ongoing Formation) at St. Therese, Stangelville\*

**Mar 15:** Single presentation of Science & Christianity at St. Nicholas, Freedom

**Mar 29:** Single presentation of Science & Christianity at St. Joseph, Green Bay

**Mar 16:** Catechetical Leadership Day, Diocesan Campus (artide at right)

**Apr 6:** Hebrews 10:25 Event, Green Bay (artide at right)

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

## Resources

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

[Catholic Word](#) offers *Seven Deadly Sins; Seven Lively Virtues*. These digital study programs now have LIVE online discussion groups each week for anyone who's purchased either the digital or DVD/printed study guide. Also, discounts on [Word on Fire](#) products.

The [USCCB](#) offers Lenten resources, including *Reflections for Lent and Easter; Cultivating the Gift of Self*. Also, the USCCB has improved its online store with easier navigation and lower shipping rates.

[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. Call 952-290-0483

[Tracking with Mary VBS](#), new for 2017, by Growing with the

# Summer Classes



Summer Schedule Released;  
Registration Open Today!

- [FCC Flier](#)
- [Ongoing Formation Flier](#)
- [Link to Registration](#)

Interested in online classes? See links [below](#).

## Catechetical Leadership Day in March:

RE Accreditation & 2 Key Ways to Improve Your Program

Come to this informational meeting to learn the benefits and the process of Parish RE accreditation.

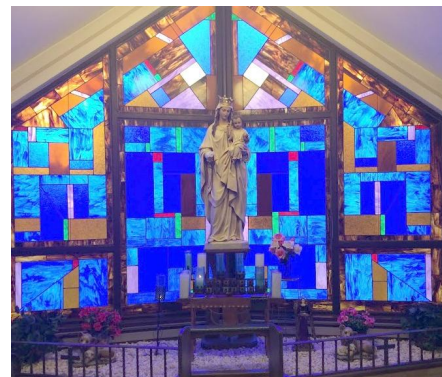
Whether you're ready to start the accreditation process now, or not until sometime in the future, there'll be useful explanations (including samples and templates) of two critical aspects of your RE program:

- Parent/Student Handbooks
- Strategic Plans

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 with an emphasis on a different standard each time.

**Thursday, March 16, 2017; 9am-11:30am**  
**New Location: Chancery, Diocesan Campus**

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



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



## Hebrews 10:25 Coming Soon!

Thursday, April 6

Denise Utter (more about [Denise](#)), from the Archdiocese of Dubuque, will talk about her experiences heading up faith formation at St. Jude Parish in New Lenox, IL and how the program **expanded their parish dramatically**

**after getting parents engaged.** You don't want to miss it!

Format for the day will follow past events: worship and praise, followed by morning speaker, lunch and a host of round-table discussions (you choose which topics to attend).

All for the low, low price of \$15/person (transferable, but non-refundable). Clergy registration fees waived (see registration), so please invite your pastor to join you for this inspiring day of

Saints, Inc. passenger train theme covering the Rosary, Apparitions of Mary and more. Family handouts in English and Spanish. Other VBS themes/titles also available.

professional development and fellowship in Christ!

Register Here



Free Event for Youth,  
Teens, Families

**DON'T GIVE UP,  
Be Transformed!**  
A LENTEN RENEWAL

Sunday, March 12; 3-6:30pm  
(Taize Prayer at 7pm open to all)

Prince of Peace Parish  
Green Bay

Speakers: Nick Efferson and Fr.  
Joel Sember  
Music by Mike Casey

Food, Fellowship, Prayer

Cathedral Book & Gifts and other  
organizations

For more information, contact  
Traci Lacrosse  
Eileen Gale  
Jessica Phillips

*Please pass this information  
along; hoping for a great  
turnout!*

This event is FREE through the  
generosity of the Catholic Foundation  
and aided by the Denmark and Eaton  
chapters of Catholic Financial

Meaningful Movies in  
Oshkosh



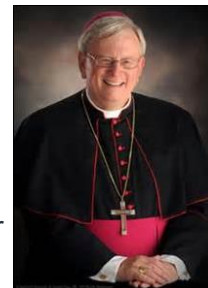
Seeds of Fire Film Series at the  
Grand Opera House

The next film is: *Not Just  
Pictures*, which is about child

## Pick a Date to Attend . . .

Discipleship Seminar

Bishop Ricken, in a [letter](#) dated January 24th to Catholic school system presidents, administrators, principals as well as directors and coordinators of religious education, and youth ministers, throughout the Diocese, requests them to come together for a day and a half of discipleship formation specific to their particular area of ministry.



There are two options offered, and everyone in one of the leadership roles mentioned above is expected to choose one of the following:

- July 31-August 1, 2017 at Silver Lake College of the Holy Family, Manitowoc
- October 24 at Green Bay Leadership Convocation Day (plus a half day TBD)

More information will be forthcoming. [Read Bishop's Letter.](#)

*"It is in our friendship with Jesus that you will find a richness that will sustain you in your areas of ministry and service. Open wide the door of your heart to Christ!"*  
--Bishop David L. Ricken

**Follow up!**

## Contract Documents 2017-18

Previously sent via Parish Pages  
and February 8 e-mail

Links are provided below to information regarding contracts for 2016-17:

- [Memo](#) regarding contracts and other supporting documents (pdf format) including sample contract and Acknowledgement of Continued Employment Letter
- [Church Unemployment Compensation Plan](#)
- [Guidelines for Just and Fair Salaries - 2017-18](#)

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

## Scholarship Funding to Attend Convention June 11-14 in Arizona!



Looking for an amazing  
experience for this upcoming  
June but just don't know if you can swing it financially?

exploitation. Saturday, March 11 @ 10:00 a.m. at the Grand Opera House.

The schedule is as follows: film is shown, followed by a break to visit the informational tables, and then a panel discussion, delving into the particular issue through the lens of being a Christian.

This film is suitable for students ages 14 and up. Would be quite eye opening for parents.

[Video promo of Not Just Pictures](#)

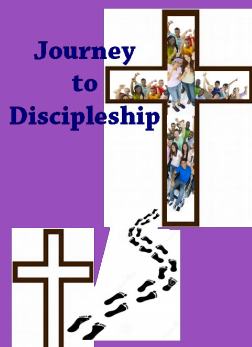
## Essay Contest



The Diocesan Living Justice Department is excited to begin this year's Respect Life Essay and Poster contests on March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation, when Mary said "Yes" to life by accepting God's will of conceiving Jesus in her womb. Using the theme "Moved By Mercy," reflect on how YOU have accepted Jesus in your heart and are personally moved by mercy to help someone (or a group of people).

[More Info and Entry](#)

## Retreat Days for Adults with Cognitive Disabilities



Saturday, March 25, 2017  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

LifeTeen is providing scholarships to those in our area who have never before attended the [Catholic Youth Ministry Convention](#). This [application](#) says LaCrosse diocese, but we are blessed to be able to use this scholarship in Green Bay.

With this scholarship, they cover up to \$700 in flights and hotels! It is a great opportunity and you don't have to be a LifeTeen subscribed parish to attend - worthwhile for anyone:)

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

### Training for Catechists of Children Ages 6-8

CGS is a Montessori-based Catholic faith formation program where children can grow in their relationship with God through a deep engagement in Scripture and liturgy. It is based on the belief that God and the child are already in relationship. Our work as adults is to provide a place for the child and God to come together and grow.



#### Level I, Part I Formation Course:

Date/Time: August 7-12, 2017; 9am-4:30pm

Location: Green Bay (TBD)

Cost: \$200

(Level I, Part II coming Summer of 2018)

[Flier/Registration](#)

Questions? [mschuetter@gbdioc.org](mailto:mschuetter@gbdioc.org) or [dvadney@gbdioc.org](mailto:dvadney@gbdioc.org)

## SOPHIA INSTITUTE FOR TEACHERS

### Sophia Institute

Sophia Institute will be presenting a two-day institute at St. Francis Xavier Conference Room on diocesan campus on June 14 and 15, 9am-3pm. **The event is a blend of content, practical pedagogy, and grade level collaboration.**

The Institute is free, thanks to a generous donor and includes breakfast and lunch.. Free classroom-ready materials and access to the Catholic Curriculum Exchange.

**By attending both days you can earn your Ongoing Formation certification for the year.** The program has earned high reviews. Brochure information and registration at these links:

[June 14: Beatitudes](#)

[June 15: Story of Love and Mercy](#)

Please note: you need to register for each day. You can attend one day or two days. Attending both days = Ongoing Formation (certification).

## Scout Sunday Patch on Sale

**Saturday, April 8, 2017**

Holy Family Parish  
Brillion

Retreats begin at 9am and  
conclude at 3pm

Fee: \$10 (Scholarships  
available)

[Flier](#)  
[Registration Form](#)  
More info: [pastserv@gbdioc.org](mailto:pastserv@gbdioc.org)

### Faith and Football...



Do you know any Catholic football players who want to be their best on and off the field? Check out the Our Lady of Victory Football Camp... a 3.5-day, overnight high school football camp held at St. Norbert College June 22-25. Space is limited...

[More Info & Registration](#)

### 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](#)
- [2017-18 Calendar](#)
- [Certification Class Schedule](#)
- [FCC Trainers' Page](#)
- [Human Resources \(log-in required\)](#)
- [Education Careers](#)
- [Education Update Archives](#)

Scouts (Cubs, Boys, Girls) who observed Scout Sunday by attending Mass in uniform, are eligible for this patch!

Patches are on sale for \$3 each and available at the Department of Education.

Please use this order [form](#) and send payment (check) along with it.

Questions? Please contact [cfountain@gbdioc.org](mailto:cfountain@gbdioc.org) or [gsx@charter.net](mailto:gsx@charter.net)



### Scouting Retreat at the Shrine . . .

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in grades 5 to 12 are invited by the Green Bay Catholic Committee on Scouting and the Milwaukee Archdiocese Catholic Committee to join them on **Saturday, March 18th, 2017 at Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help.**

This is a one-day retreat for Catholic youth (adult leaders and parents are encouraged to attend with their children.) The day starts at 9:30am and concludes with a 4pm mass; there will be a number of fun and faith lifting activities as well as the sharing of dialogue and fellowship with fellow Scouts. Participation in the retreat fulfills part of the requirements for those working on their Ad Altare Dei emblem; it also earn participants the Rosary patch. [Read more . . .](#)

### Open Confirmation Retreats



One Option Remains

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

Visit [www.spiritusministries.org](http://www.spiritusministries.org)

### Diocesan-wide Spring Confirmation

June 3/4, 2017 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral  
[Information Form](#) and supporting documents due April 28th.  
Questions? Please email [mporadek@gbdioc.org](mailto:mporadek@gbdioc.org)

### ProCLAYM Save-the-Date

Annual R & R Day

May 18, 2017; 10am-2pm  
St. Mary Magdalene Parish,  
Waupaca



Relaxing day with artist Ashley Gordon. Painting. Lunch. Joy. Laughter. Celebration.  
RSVP: [gschuh@holycrossKaukauna.org](mailto:gschuh@holycrossKaukauna.org)



## FCC\* Classes & Ongoing Formation

\*Foundational Catechetical Certification

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

Links to the registration for our online FCC Classes are below.

[PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY](#)

[CREED](#)

[SACRAMENTS & LITURGY](#)

[MORALITY](#)

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