

Department of Education:  
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**



*We are missionary disciples striving to lead all people to the Kingdom of God.*

**Contract Documents for 2018-19**

This information was included in the February 21 Parish Pages. Please note:

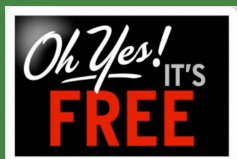
- Contracts for DRE/YM personnel only apply to those who hold a Master's Degree. All others are At-Will employees.
- Contracts/Non-offers are to be issued by March 15
- Contracts should be returned to School/Parish by **April 15**
- Documents are available in Word format; please e-mail [education@gbdioc.org](mailto:education@gbdioc.org)



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**FREE Materials**  
 Must claim by March 9th



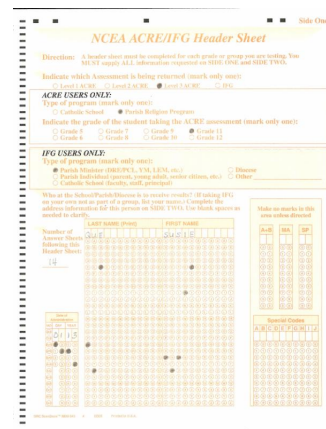
St. Bernard Parish, Green Bay is doing some spring cleaning and has

**Is it March Already?  
 Time for ACRE**

Please make sure your assessment answer sheets (w/cover sheet) are submitted by the end of the month.

Here are some helpful links:

- [NCEA ACRE general information/updates](#)
- [User Resources \(sample letters to parents; admin manual; proctor guides/practice items; more\)](#)
- [Resources for setting up online format of ACRE](#)
- [Materials Ordering Process](#)
- [Need-to-Know Information about ACRE sheet](#) (Diocesan)



The toll free phone number for NCEA consultation services regarding ACRE is: 1-800-711-6232.

Please note that materials are available in Spanish, too.

**MOST FAQ:**  
 "What's our Diocesan ID #?" **Answer:** 060

the following items to give away:

- *Call to Celebrate 1st Reconciliation* (OSV, 2007)  
40 student; 7 teacher
- *Call to Celebrate Eucharist* (OSV, 2007)  
42 student; 6 teacher
- *Catholic Faith Handbook* (St. Mary Press, 2003)  
22 copies
- Children's Bibles, 2001  
8 bibles
- Box of miscellaneous books

If you're interested in these items (first come, first serve; must be claimed by March 9th), please contact:

Jeannine Hadzima  
(920) 468-4811 ext. 118  
[Jeannine@stbernardcong.org](mailto:Jeannine@stbernardcong.org)

#### NOTE:

The Accreditation Info Meeting previously scheduled for March 15 has been cancelled.

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

## Calendar

### 2017-18 Calendar

**Mar 1-31:** ACRE Assessment

**Mar 12:** QPR Training (last day to register is March 7th!). Article at right.

**Mar 22:** Nuts & Bolts Professional Development (article at right)

**Mar 24:** Scouting Retreat at Shrine (article at right)

**Mar 28 - Apr 2:** Triduum/Easter Observance; Diocesan Offices closed.

**Apr 5:** Hebrews 10:25 Professional Development Event at the Green Bay Distillery. Registration to open in March.

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

## Resources

(Much more at our [gbresources site](http://gbresources.org))

## QPR Training in Little Chute

March 12: 10-11:30 am

Just like CPR, QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) is an emergency response to someone in crisis and can save lives. QPR is the most widely taught gatekeeper training in the world.



No Fee, but Registration Required:

[cfountain@gbdioc.org](mailto:cfountain@gbdioc.org)  
before March 7th

## Free Lifest Tickets

One for each student!



Each parish religious education program may pick up a bundle of free student tickets (based on the enrollment

numbers you provided in the recent annual report) for [Lifest](http://Lifest.org), a Christian music/activity event in Oshkosh.

Tickets may be picked-up at any of our remaining professional development events/meetings or may be claimed during regular office hours at the Education Department. So if you or someone from your office is coming to the Diocesan Campus on any other business, just let us know and we'll have the tickets for your school/parish ready for pick-up.

Distribute tickets to individual students, and/or hold them to bring a group down to Oshkosh!

## Nuts & Bolts Change of Date and Added Mentoring Dimension in March

The March date for the final session of our professional development series for new RE/YM Administrators is:



**Thursday, March 22, 2018**  
**9am-2pm**  
**Chancery**

We're adding a fresh look at mentoring at this session, and **ALL catechetical leaders/youth ministers who have been in their ministries less than four years are invited**

to attend this session and hear all about the exciting development of this rich source of support in your ministry!

Register to attend by e-mail: [cfountain@gbdioc.org](mailto:cfountain@gbdioc.org)

Get a video preview of [Catholic Kidz Camp's](#) most recent VBS release, "[Tracking Mary: Mysteries & Messages](#)".

Word on Fire sold out of Bishop Barron's [Lenten Gospel Reflections](#) booklet, but you can still get the via e-mail.

[USCCB resources for Lent 2018.](#)

USCCB's [Understanding the Sacraments for a Deeper Spiritual Life](#)

Attention HS Juniors/Seniors: [Affordable Colleges Online \(AC\)](#) publishes information to help students find and be successful in their college path and have just launched a guide on resources and scholarships for Catholic students.

Ascension (formerly Ascension Press) has published [Fulfilled: Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism](#). Book, workbook and DVD set available.

Loyola Press has a new curriculum map. See how each grades' texts match up to the Diocese of Green Bay's standards. Visit our [resource website](#).

St. Joseph Communications has made Jason Evert's talk *St. John Paul the Great* available on CD for \$1/each. [Pre-order now](#) (limited time offer).

Loyola Press' [Catechist's Journey](#) is a website filled with articles, comments and resources for catechists and leaders.

## From the Office of Safe Environment



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 issues each academic year.

In order to provide a consistent Safe Environment foundation for our children it is the expectation that all

## And Have You Seen This?

A new activity patch dedicated to Our Lady of Good Help and the National Shrine



Check it out at [www.ourladyofgoodhelp.com](http://www.ourladyofgoodhelp.com)

**Opportunity to earn this new patch, along with several other patches, emblems:**

Saturday, March 24 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, Champion. 9am-3pm, lunch included. Open to all Catholic Boy & Girl Scouts and adults. Activities, Rosary Walk, Reconciliation available. \$15-\$20. Contact Chris at [gsx@charter.net](mailto:gsx@charter.net) to register.

## Talking about Vocations?

Essay Contest for Middle-Schoolers  
Cash Prizes!

The Green Bay Serra Club is sponsoring an essay contest for 6-7-8th grade students (Catholic School, Parish RE and Homeschool).



**"What Does Vocation Mean to Me?"**

Deadline to enter is April 15.  
Prizes awarded May 22,  
Manitowoc.

[Complete Rules, Submission Details](#)  
[Writing Contest Resources for Teachers/Catechists](#)

The Serra Club is an international lay organization that promotes vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Club works locally with Bishop David L. Ricken and the Diocese of Green Bay's Office of Vocations. For more information about the Serra Club see <https://serraus.org>. For more information about the Serra Club of Green Bay see <http://www.gbdioc.org/vocations/promoting-vocations/serra-club.html>.

## Looking for an Ongoing Formation Class?

(It might be closer than you think!)



See the list of courses, descriptions and contact information at [www.gbdioc.org/fcc](http://www.gbdioc.org/fcc)

For more information contact the [Education Department](#).

Ongoing Formation classes are required annually of those Catechetical Leaders, Catechists, and Teachers who have completed the Foundational

Catholic Schools and Religious Education programs use the VIRTUS® Lesson plans as the base program; these lesson plans and introductory videos are available [online](#).

Other programs, materials and resources may be used to supplement these lesson plans but should not be substituted for these lesson plans.

Please contact Deb Knaus or Deacon Dan Wagnitz in the Office of Safe Environment for more information: 920-272-8198. Thank You!

**Lent:**  
Not too late to encounter it!



Handy Links:

- [Information sheet](#) from Diocesan Catholic Social Justice Director
- Direct link to [CRS Rice Bowl resources](#), including lesson plans, activity sheets and order info

## Faith & Football Be Uncommon!



Do you know any Catholic football players who want to be their best on and off the field?

Our Lady of Victory Football Camp is a 3.5-day, overnight high school football camp at St. Norbert College June 14-17. Space is limited . . .

**New Special Offer:** If a parish sends 4 kids (or more!) to the camp, each athlete will receive a \$150 discount – making the total camp

Catechetical Certification components (BIBLE; METHODS; PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY; MORALITY; CREED; SACRAMENTS & LITURGY). Click [HERE](#) to read Diocesan policy on Catechetical Certification.

## SOPHIA INSTITUTE FOR TEACHERS

Sophia Institute for Teachers/Catechists is hosting two days in Green Bay (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish on the west

side) on **June 13-14**.

The topics are *Encounter the Person of Jesus and Prayer: A Conversation with God* (including guided prayer and adoration experiences). Mass is included on both days.

No cost, and meals are included. You may attend one day or both days. Attendance at both days is required to receive Ongoing Formation credit (for catechetical certification purposes).

[Online Registration for June 13th \(Encounter Jesus\)](#)

[Online Registration for June 14th \(Prayer\)](#)

## Lifeteen... Arizona... Scholarship!

An Unbeatable Combination

LifeTeen has once again given scholarships to first time conference participants covering the flight, conference and hotel - a HUGE DEAL!

All scholarships have been taken; here are the parishes who were chosen to take advantage of the generous offer this summer:

- St. Mary/St. Hyacinth, Antigo
- Our Lady of Lourdes, De Pere
- St. Francis of Assisi, Manitowoc
- St. John Nepomucene, Little Chute
- St. Mary/St. John, Menasha



Learn More about the [Catholic Youth Ministers Conference](#)

## Stuebenville (St. Paul, MN) This Summer

Registration Open; First-Come, First-Serve

registration just \$345 per athlete!

[More Info & Registration](#)

## FCC Online

Classes may be used wholly or as make-ups

Links to the registration for our online FCC Classes are below. Please forward this information to your catechists so they have access to this option of completing their FCC requirement for the year.

[PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY](#)

[METHODS A \(Catechists\)](#)

[METHODS C \(Youth Ministers\)](#)

[CREED](#)

[SACRAMENTS & LITURGY](#)

[MORALITY](#)

Questions? Please e-mail: [cfountain@gbdioc.org](mailto:cfountain@gbdioc.org)

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

## Mini Pilgrimage:

July 27-29

\$300/student, chaperone

## Extended Pilgrimage:

July 25-31

\$570/student

(\$470/chaperone)

[Information, including Registration](#)



# LOVE BEGINS HERE

LOCAL, LIFE CHANGING MISSION TRIPS

## Need a Speaker for An Event?

Tim Collins, YM Intern will be happy to come to your

parish/school to talk to folks about Love Begins Here.

Contact Tim at: [lbhgb@gmail.com](mailto:lbhgb@gmail.com)

For more information about the program, see the [Resources website](#).

*"Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the action that we do."* –Mother Teresa, in her Nobel Prize acceptance address.

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Start or continue your training this summer!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (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.



## Save the dates for the following Formation Courses:

Level I, Part A July 9-14; Appleton

Level I, Part B July 16-21; Green Bay

[Brochure/Registration Form](#)

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Happy St. Patrick's Day