

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of our diocesan staff members, Dan R. Ebener, has spent the past five years working on his book, [Servant Leadership Models for Your Parish](#), which gleans what he has learned from over 30 years of ministry and over 10 years of teaching graduate classes in organizational leadership. (See attached flyer with order form.)

I personally recommend this book and invite you to read and reflect on its message of servant leadership. As I state in the foreword to the book, servant leadership “offers the wisdom of the ages to a world that desperately needs new approaches to leadership.” As Dan points out in Chapter One, “Servant leadership is a paradoxical concept that fits the teachings and example of Jesus.”

Dan has a sense of mission to communicate the message of servant leadership. Therefore, he has graciously decided to donate all his royalties and proceeds from the sale of the book to charity. A teacher at heart, Dan has been conducting leadership trainings in our diocese for priests, deacons and lay people.

This book can be a useful source of ideas for parish discussions about leadership. Parishes might also consider having their parish councils or study groups read and reflect on one chapter at a time. Dan would also be willing to visit parishes and do book signings if you are interested. He may be contacted at ebener@davenportdiocese.org. As I am sure you realize, leadership development has become a critical aspect of faith formation in today’s parish. We need to form Catholic leaders in the theology, philosophy and practice of servant leadership.

I recommend you order a copy of Dan’s book. It can help us create servant leadership models in our parishes and develop servant leaders in our diocese.

Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Martin Amos
Bishop of Davenport

DIOCESAN OFFICES will be closed on Friday, April 2 in observance of Good Friday.

FROM THE USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Some Wireless Microphone Systems Must Be Scrapped: The Federal Communications Commission has promulgated a new regulation requiring users of wireless microphones operating in the 700 MHz band (frequencies between 698 and 807 MHz) to stop operating those wireless microphone systems no later than June 12, 2010. The manufacturers of those devices never adequately informed purchasers of these systems that they were required to obtain an FCC license to operate in the 700 MHz band. Until last year, wireless microphones were sharing the 700 MHz band with television broadcasters, and no harmful interference resulted from that sharing. However, as part of the transition to digital television, last year broadcasters vacated channels 52 through 69, and that spectrum was licensed to commercial and public safety users. Wireless microphone systems which continue to operate in that spectrum will cause harmful interference with public safety communications, such as police, ambulances and fire departments, as well as commercial wireless broadband systems.

The largest manufacturers of wireless microphone systems – Shure, Sennheiser, Audio-Technica, and AKG – are offering rebates to purchasers of their wireless microphones which used the 700 MHz band. The FCC decided that although wireless microphone users in the 700 MHz band had been violating FCC rules for years, it would not penalize those users, since they were not made aware of the improper use of the spectrum by the sellers of the wireless microphone systems. See: Federal Communications Commission, Operation of Wireless Microphones in the 700MHz Band is Prohibited After June 12, 2010, at www.fcc.gov/cgb/wirelessmicrophones.

VOCATIONS OFFICE

An *Exploring Priesthood Weekend* is scheduled for April 16-18 at Mundelein Seminary. Exploring Priesthood Weekends are retreat-like weekends in which men can visit Mundelein to discern a call to priesthood and learn about their community. For more information or to make reservations contact Fr. Joe Noonan, 312-751-8298, jnoonan@archchicago.org; Patty Drummond, 847-970-4814, pdrummond@usml.edu or Fr. Marty Goetz, 563-324-1912, ext. 259, goetz@davenportdiocese.org.

An *“Encounter With God’s Call”* retreat will be held April 17-19 at Conception Seminary College in Missouri. This retreat is for young men 16 and older who are considering a vocation to Priesthood. This is an excellent opportunity to meet priests and seminarians as they share their stories of responding to God’s call. This visit is free. For more information, please contact Conception Seminary College, 660-944-2886 or vocations@conception.edu or Fr. Marty Goetz.

A *“Thinking of Priesthood Day”* will be held Saturday, April 24 at the Newman Student Center on the campus of Iowa State University in Ames. This event begins at 10 a.m. (registration begins at 9) and concludes at 5 p.m. with Mass and dinner following. Sponsored by the vocation offices of the four dioceses of Iowa, this day is for men, ages 17-45, who might be considering a possible call to priesthood. This day will include informal presentations and discussions, sharing from vocation directors of the four dioceses of Iowa and seminarians. Fr. Jonathan Fassero from St. Meinrad School of Theology will lead the discussions. For more information and to register, please contact Fr. Marty Goetz, 563-324-1912, ext. 259 or goetz@davenportdiocese.org or your local priest.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is Sunday, April 25. There will be materials sent to all pastors and parishes the week after Easter and can be found on the diocesan website at that time. In the words of Pope Benedict: “The 47th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, to be celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday – 25 April 2010, gives me the opportunity to offer for your meditation a theme which is most fitting for this Year for Priests: *Witness Awakens Vocations*. The fruitfulness of our efforts to promote vocations depends primarily on God’s free action, yet, as pastoral experience confirms, it is also helped by the quality and depth of the personal and communal witness of those who have already answered the Lord’s call to the ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life, for their witness is then able to awaken in others a desire to respond generously to Christ’s call. This theme is thus closely linked to the life and mission of priests and of consecrated persons. Hence I wish to invite all those whom the Lord has called to work in his vineyard to renew their faithful response, particularly in this Year for Priests which I proclaimed on the 150th anniversary of the death of Saint John Mary Vianney, the Curé of Ars, an ever-timely model of a priest and a pastor.”

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The 2010-2011 Budget forms have been sent to bookkeepers, pastors, business managers and principals. They are due August 1. Some items you will need for the budget:

1. Priest Compensation – no increase in salary except for the \$100.00 for year of service. The forms will be mailed as usual to the priests in late April.
2. Mileage rate - 50¢ per mile
3. Property and Liability Insurance – rates will not be known before June. Estimate insurance at a 10% increase.
4. Priests’ Aid – you can call Ann Ratliff at 641-792-2050. Priests’ Aid kept the rate calculation the same; but total billing may change depending on parish income.

ADA drafts will be sent out early this year. They will exclude the parish goal and will be sent for the purpose of having accounting checked.

The end of a quarter is here. Please send diocesan collections to Sheryl Lackey.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Sessions are open to all adults in the Diocese of Davenport and are mandated for all employees and those volunteers who work on a regular basis with children. To schedule a session contact your deanery facilitator listed on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org (Offices, Protecting Children, Safe Environment, Protecting God's Children) or Virginia Trujillo, trujillo@davenportdiocese.org or 563-324-1912, ext. 256. Current training scheduled (as of March 30):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
4/16/10	Keokuk Catholic Schools	6:00 p.m.
4/19/10	Our Lady of Victory Church, Davenport	6:00 p.m.

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002, or vacdav@attglobal.net or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

PASTORAL SERVICES

Social Action . . .

2010 Census: As mandated by the U.S. Constitution every one in the United States must participate in the census, both citizens and non-citizens. Please complete and mail back your form and encourage others to participate. Go to <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/index.htm> and find bulletin announcements to insert in your parish bulletin.

Free tax assistance for individuals and families earning less than \$45,000 annually is available in Clinton, Davenport, DeWitt and Muscatine. Click on this link for English and Spanish flyers: http://www.unitedwayqc.org/vita/2009_Vita_Flyer.pdf.

Similar help is available through the United Way or other local service agencies. If you are aware of services in your local area, please let us know so that we can help publicize them. Often those most needing the assistance cannot access computers, and need help finding tax assistance. If parishes could join with other local agencies and provide laundromats, drugstores and other places where folks often visit with flyers contain tax assistant information, it would a significant benefit. Many firms that advertize tax assistance with instant refunds are providing what are effectively high interest loans.

Immigration Postcard Campaign: If your parish participated in the Justice for Immigrants postcard campaign and has not returned signed postcards please mail them to the Social Action Department. Thank you to all the parishes that participated.

Proteus, Inc. & Immigration Program: To learn more about these two non-profits that help immigrants please attend a presentation on April 7, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Diocese of Davenport, 2706 N. Gaines Street, Davenport. Please RSVP to Esmeralda Guerrero, guerrero@davenportdiocese.org by April 5. See the attached flyer for more information.

Cool Congregations, an Earth Stewardship program: People of faith across Iowa are caring for God's creation by reducing energy use in their own homes, reducing climate change pollution, and saving money in the process! Bring a team to a training workshop to learn how to get your faith community involved in a 'Cool Congregations' stewardship program. Saturday, April 24, 9 a.m. – Noon, Trinity United Presbyterian Church in Indianola or Saturday, May 15 at Community of Christ Church in Coralville. Register online at iowaipl.org/calendar. Cool Congregations is a program of Iowa Interfaith Power & Light, gathering people of faith to protect creation. iowaipl.org. Contact Sarah Webb at coolcongregations@iowaipl.org for more information.

Two Diocesan Grants Available: Operation Rice Bowl grants are made to support direct service (the first foot of Social Justice) to people who are hungry. **CCHD grants** are made to organizations for projects that promote systemic change (the second foot of Social Justice). If your organization is interested in applying, send your request in a 1-2 page letter to: Esmeralda Guerrero, guerrero@davenportdiocese.org or Diocese of Davenport, 2706 N. Gaines St., Davenport 52804-1998. For questions contact Loxi Hopkins, 563-324-1912, ext. 246. **Both grants must be postmarked by May 31.** Grant criteria are available at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/socialaction/index.htm>.

Social Action Institute: The Diocese of Davenport, in conjunction with the other three dioceses, is in the process of planning the 2010 Social Action Institute for the fall. The tentative date is October 9 and it will be a one-day event. More details to come in the near future.

SHARE Iowa: Who wouldn't like to save money on their grocery bill these days? The SHARE Program was begun in Iowa with funding from St. Vincent Home Corporation 16 years ago and can offer you up to a 50% savings on nutritious food packages for just 2 hours of volunteer service each month. Contact www.shareiowa.org or call 800-344-1107.

Faith Formation . . .

The Certificate Program in Youth Ministry Studies will be offered again this summer at St. Ambrose. This is a two-summer series, with four additional courses to be offered in the summer of 2011. This summer's offerings include:

June 10-11 (Th-Fr)	Evangelization & Catechesis	Tom East
June 12-13 (Sa-Su)	Pastoral Care	Deborah McDonald
July 8-9 (Th-Fr)	Justice & Service	Joan Weber
July 10-11 (Sa-Su)	Prayer & Worship	Susan Searle

Each class is \$180 for the first parish/school participant, \$135 each for 2 parish/school participants, and \$95 each for 3 or more parish/school participants. Books are included in price and housing is available upon request. For more information or to register please contact the site coordinator, Stella O'Rourke, at 563-333-6083.

June Institute: "Connecting Catholic Families with the Bible," Tuesday, June 22, St. Patrick Church, Iowa City, featuring Joan Weber of the Center for Ministry Development. This workshop offers practical strategies for making the Bible a vital part of the everyday lives of families in your parish. It is designed for parish faith formation leaders, youth ministry leaders, pastors, school principals and all who serve the church. Cost is \$39, which includes a copy of the new *Catholic Faith and Family Bible*, workshop materials, lunch and refreshments. The registration form is attached.

The Institute for New Youth Ministers will be offered July 27-30 in Chicago. Presenters include Bob McCarty, Mike Patin and Frank Mercadante. Early registration, prior to May 1, is \$549. For more information go to <http://www.cultivationministries.com/INYM1.html>.

August Gathering: August 6, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., St. Patrick Church, Iowa City. The presenter will be Joe Paprocki, author of "The Bible Blueprint: A Catholic's Guide to Understanding and Embracing God's Word." A registration form is attached.

"March with the Saints," the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry, will be held Dec. 9-12 in New Orleans. For more information, go to www.nfcym.org.

Opportunities for Youth

Diocesan Youth Ministry Committee: Applications for the 2010-11 Diocesan Youth Ministry Committee will be online April 1 at www.davenportyouth.org. The DYMC is a group of 24 people (three youth and one adult from each of our six deaneries) that promotes comprehensive youth ministry in our diocese. Youth applications must be received by your dean by May 7.

NET Ministries: National Evangelization Teams (NET) retreats will be offered in our diocese in the 2010-11 school year. An announcement of their three-week tour, along with the opportunity to sign up for retreat dates, will be made soon. For more information on NET services, go to www.netusa.org.

A Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) retreat will be held June 12-14 at St. Ann's Parish in Long Grove. TEC is a retreat for youth who will be high school juniors, seniors and college freshmen this fall. Youth can find more information at www.davenportyouth.org.

Catholics in Action is a three-day service retreat that brings together 100 youth and adults from across our diocese. CIA will be held this year June 27-29. Save the date!

Christian Leadership Institute (CLI), a weeklong empowerment experience for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors, will be held July 25-30 at the Christian Conference Center near Newton. CLI brings together dozens of talented youth every summer for six days to build their leadership skills for service the church. This year, only one week of CLI will be offered, so save these dates. Youth can find more information at www.davenportdiocese.org. A limited amount of scholarship funding also is available.

High School Youth Rally will be held Sunday, Oct. 24, at the Coralville Marriott. The theme is “Finish the Race – Be Exalted!” Our keynoters will be APeX Ministries, featuring the juggling, humor and solid faith message of Gene Monterastelli and Brad Farmer. Registration details will be available soon, but mark the date now!

Marriage Preparation Weekends:

April 24-25: Williamsburg, St. Mary (registration deadline April 16)

June 26-27: Sigourney, St. Mary (registration deadline June 18)

August 14-15: Newton, Sacred Heart (registration deadline August 6)

Corrected
date

November 6-7: Muscatine, Bishop Hayes School (registration deadline October 29)

The registration form is on the diocesan website, www.davenportdiocese.org (Faith Formation Office > Marriage Preparation). Registration is \$125 per couple. For information about marriage preparation in our diocese or neighboring dioceses contact Barb Butterworth, 563-324-1912, ext. 265 or butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org or IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org. If your parish is willing to host a weekend (diocese pays all expenses) please contact Barb Butterworth or IlaMae Hanisch.

Ministry Formation Program (MFP):

MFP Year I Basic Classes: Participants are welcome to join at any time. The remaining session is April 10 & 24 on Catholicism.

Year I for Spanish-speaking Participants: New members are welcome...even if you have missed previous sessions. The classes meet in West Liberty. Remaining sessions are

Abril 11: los Sacramentos de la Uncion de los Enfermos/Reconciliacion

Mayo 2: Sacramento del Orden

Junio 12: Catholicismo

Julio 11: Sacramento de la Confirmacion

Agosto 8: Sacramento de la Eucaristia

Septemre 12: Temas Personales/Pastorales Para el Ministerio

Information for both programs is available at <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/faithform/ffmfppg1.htm>. For further information contact IlaMae Hanisch, hanisch@davenportdiocese.org or 641-791-3435.

ST. AMBORSE UNIVERISTY, DAVENPORT

“Saint Ambrose: Yesterday and Today” will take place Tuesday, April 6, at 7 p.m. in the St. Ambrose University Christ the King Chapel. The presentation is free and open to the public. A reception will follow. Saint Ambrose of Milan was a master of theology, philosophy, arts, governance and diplomacy, a renowned writer and speaker, and a courageous advocate for social justice. Scholar Marcia Colish will examine the issues that preoccupied Saint Ambrose in his own day, as well as those of his ideas regarded as authoritative in modern times.

A lecturer at Yale University, New Haven, Conn., Colish has dedicated significant research to Saint Ambrose. Spanning decades, her work on Ambrose has been published in numerous books and professional journals. Colish has also researched and lectured on intellectual history, ranging from philosophers such as Cicero and Augustine through Lombard, Dante and Machiavelli. Her recent book, “Ambrose’s Patriarchs: Ethics for the Common Man,” is an important contribution to understanding the confluence of Roman and Catholic ethics. Prior to her appointment at Yale, Colish was a professor of history at Oberlin College, Ohio, for more than 35 years. She earned her doctorate from Yale University.

“Saint Ambrose: Yesterday and Today” is the inaugural lecture of The Center for the Study of Saint Ambrose of Milan. The newly established center is dedicated to advancing scholarship and awareness related to the university’s patron saint through lectures, publications, coursework, research, data collection and collaboration with scholars throughout the world.

CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH OF EASTERN IOWA

Silent Saturdays: Two periods of Centering Prayer, a silent break and closing with Lectio Divina, Humility of Mary Center, Davenport, 9:30-11:30 a.m. on April 17, June 19, July 10 and August 14.

Centering Prayer Retreat: May 14, 7:00-9:00 p.m. and/or May 15, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Prairie, Wheatland. This is for those who have attended an introduction workshop or are currently Centering. For registration information contact Lolita Dierickx, 563-285-7242.

SISTERS OF SAINT FRANCIS, CLINTON

All events at The Canticle, 841-13th Avenue North, Clinton – home of the Clinton Franciscans.

Earth Day at The Canticle – Celebrating the 40th Anniversary: Join students from Ashford University's Environmental Biology class and instructor, Dr. John Zimmerman, in a critical gaze on the significance of honoring Earth Day for the 40 years past and the 40 years ahead. On Earth Day, April 22, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Safe & Secure: Nukes, Terrorism, and the Budget Deficit: May 2, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. In a post-9/11 world, Americans are concerned about safety. In this time of economic recession, Americans are worried about the national debt. What can we do to get out of this mess? The solution may surprise you. Come together with other concerned citizens to learn about and discuss the role of nuclear weapons policy in the United States and how it affects our security and our budget.

“Pausing To Grow in Awareness”: A Spring Retreat with Rev. James Friedel, OSA, May 9-14. This is a preached, silent retreat. For details go to www.clintonfranciscans.com or contact Renée Williams, 563-242-7903.

SHALOM RETREAT CENTER, DUBUQUE

For more information or to register, contact Karen Knepper: 563-582-3592, kknepper@shalomretreats.org or visit www.shalomretreats.org.

Connected to the Earth

Saturday, April 24, 8:30am – 12:30pm

Presenter: Meg Gemar, OSF, MA, St. Mary's, Winona, MN; Over 40 years teaching high school biology; Working on Masters of Earth Literary, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, IN -- This program is an integrative study in environmental science and includes ecology, biology, anatomy, physics, sociology, art, economics. Meg will give a brief history of how our earth came to be and then lead participants in reflection and prayer regarding how we relate – and are related to – the rocks, soil, water and biotic community (plants and animals) that make up our planet. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes for outdoor walking. Offering: \$30. Includes coffee/rolls on arrival & concluding lunch. Register/prepay by April 21.

SUMMER RETREATS at Shalom

June 6-12

Meeting the Jesus of Luke, The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Me!

Director: Dr. Wendy Cotter, CSJ, Offering: \$360.

Early Bird: \$320 until May 6. (\$50 deposit)

June 13, 9:00am – 3:00pm

The Christ of the Miracle Stories: Meeting Jesus Downtown

Director: Dr. Wendy Cotter, CSJ

Offering: \$50. Register by June 10

June 13-19

The Spirituality of Thomas Merton

Director: Patrick Collins, SJ, Offering: \$425.

Early Bird: \$400 until May 13. (\$75 deposit)

June 28-July 3

Dancing with God

Charles Wehrley, CSsR, Offering: \$300.

Early Bird: \$285 until May 28. (\$50 deposit)

July 4-11

The Mirror of My Unseen Face: Using the Parables as a Map for Our Spiritual Journey

Nancy Schreck, OSF, Offering: \$400.

Early Bird: \$375 until June 4. (\$50 deposit)

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL

To register call 309-283-2108 or go online: retreats@smmsisters.org.

“Addiction: A Loved One’s Response”: April 14, 7-8:30 p.m. *Learn of the breakthrough advances made recently in the field of mental health in general and addiction in particular. Time will be spent on the importance of the spiritual dimension in treating those affected by these issues.* Presenter: Dr. Ted Wolgamot, PhD in Clinical Psychology. \$10

“Men’s Retreat: Essential Lessons in Male Spirituality”: April 17, 4:30-9:00 p.m. *Join other men in reflecting on the essential truths of life that remain unacknowledged in our culture.* Presenters: Rev. Jim Bracke, CSC, Chaplain at St. Mary’s College, South Bend; Dan Ebener, DBA, St. Ambrose University; and Jay Matlock, Ruhl & Ruhl. \$25 (includes supper)

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE RETREAT, WHEATLAND

To register, contact Barbara Gross at: 563/336/8414 or e-mail: olpretreat@gmail.com

KNIT ONE, PRAY TOO!

A Day of Knitting, Fellowship & Prayer

Tuesday, April 13 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Presenters: Ann Green, Anne Johnson, Karen Brooke

Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch

“Everyone seems to be knitting these days . . . its very rhythm encourages contemplation and invites us to be open to the Holy Spirit.” Bring size 11 or 13 knitting needles, 3 six-ounce skeins of yarn (or a project in progress), and join us as we create a prayer shawl, a scarf or a special gift for someone in need of comfort. We will knit and pray together, share “yarns” of our individual journeys, and enjoy the beauty of a spring day at The Prairie.

Target Audience: All knitters, including beginners, women and men

Desert Pilgrim Spiritual Memoir Workshop

Sponsored by the Friends of the Bettendorf Public Library and Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat

Friday, April 16 9:30 am - noon

Presenter: Mary Swander, author and professor

Morning Fee: Free-will offering

The morning program will include readings from her memoir, “The Desert Pilgrim: En Route to Mysticism and Miracles,” and a discussion of the role of women healers through western civilization. Participants will be encouraged to meditate and write a short narrative on the courage and strength they have drawn from their own past experiences, whether physical, emotional or spiritual. Swander, who is also a licensed and certified massage therapist, will discuss the use of some simple herbal remedies and alternative healing techniques.

Mary Swander is the Poet Laureate of the State of Iowa and an award-winning author of 10 books of poetry and non-fiction. She is a professor of English and a distinguished professor of liberal arts and sciences at ISU in Ames, IA. She is on tour this week at the Bettendorf Public Library presenting "Farmscape: Documenting the Changing Rural Environment" on April 14 and "The Girls on the Roof" poetry reading enhanced by puppetry on April 15. She will close the week with us in a rural setting at Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat.

Private Retreat Following the Desert Pilgrim Workshop

Friday, April 16 Noon – 3:00 pm

Lunch will be available for those who wish to spend a quiet afternoon reflecting, writing, walking the prairie trails or the labyrinth.

Fee for lunch and afternoon: \$15.00

OUT ON A LIMB

Tuesday, April 20 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Presenter: Helen Schiltz, M.A.P.S., Spiritual Director

Fee: \$15.00 includes lunch

It's spring and all the trees are on the verge of leafing out. While they are still bare we will explore "going out on a limb" for God. When was the last time you were there? Did you follow God willingly? Fearlessly? Or with great trepidation? With stories both personal and from Scripture, with a mix of quiet and conversation, we'll consider all the daily, large and small ways we find ourselves "out on a limb for God." Are you standing at the trunk, clinging to the branch for dear life or enjoying the breeze?

Target Audience: Women of any age

WALK FOR SPIRIT

Wednesday, April 28 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Presenters: Lisa Martin Bellomy and Joan Sheil, CHM

Fee: \$15.00 - includes lunch

Be in the moment—observe the beauty around you and reconnect with yourself. Discover how walking can lead to inner peace, mental focus, and spiritual awareness. After a short warm-up we'll walk and explore The Prairie trails as a group. Following a healthy lunch break, enjoy a personal journey walking the labyrinth, hiking alone or continuing to explore the trails with new friends.

Walkers should be sure to bring a water bottle (preferably NOT plastic) and appropriate walking shoes. Long pants are recommended. In case of rain, bring appropriate rain gear!

Target Audience: People interested in walking as a spiritual exercise

Spring at Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat is especially beautiful. You will enjoy hospitality and service in an atmosphere of tranquility and splendor. If your schedule does not permit you to attend a scheduled retreat, consider reserving a day or several days for a private retreat. The serene and peaceful setting is ideal for prayer, spiritual renewal and solitude. Arrangements can also be made for using The Prairie facilities for conferences, study groups, seminars and workshops. Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat is a ministry of the Congregation of the Humility of Mary and New Horizons of Faith.

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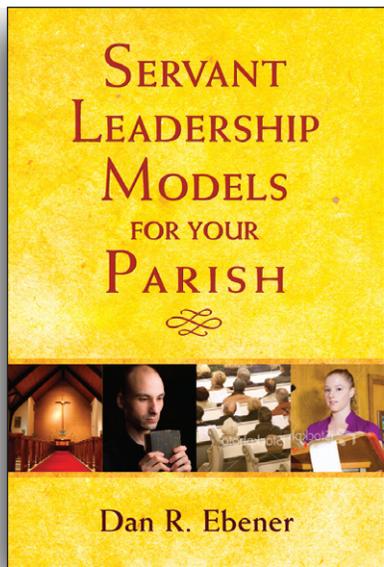
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Immigration Program: a non-profit program to provide services of Immigration counseling to help people with their immigration status.

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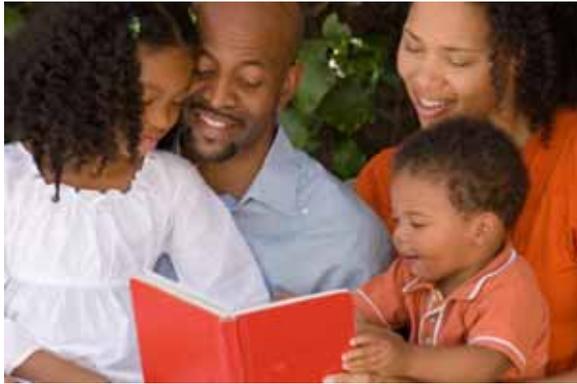
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Connecting Catholic Families with the Bible
A Workshop for Parish Leaders

Tuesday, June 22, at St. Patrick's Parish in Iowa City



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The Center for Ministry Development is offering a national workshop in the Diocese of Davenport on June 22 to provide parish leaders with strategies and resources to help families break open the Word of God. This experience, which runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with registration beginning at 8:30, will:

1. Share a strategic vision and practical resources to bring Catholic families and the Bible together
2. Discuss the Catholic approach to Scripture in light of Catholic family living
3. Explore practical ways to improve biblical literacy in Catholic families
4. Provide ideas and activities to connect family life and the Bible – gathered and non-gathered, parish and home
5. Let the Word inspire participants with its power and presence

The workshop is designed for Pastors, Faith Formation Leaders, DREs, Coordinators of Lifelong Faith Formation, Youth Ministers, Catechists (Parish & School), and Leaders of Sacramental Preparation.

Registration deadline: June 7th

Workshop cost: \$39 (includes Catholic Family Bible, lunch and a handout packet rich in practical ideas and resources)

For information, contact Barbara Butterworth butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org (563) 324-1912, ext. 265

Register online with credit card at <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e2tq644h51c7de0c>

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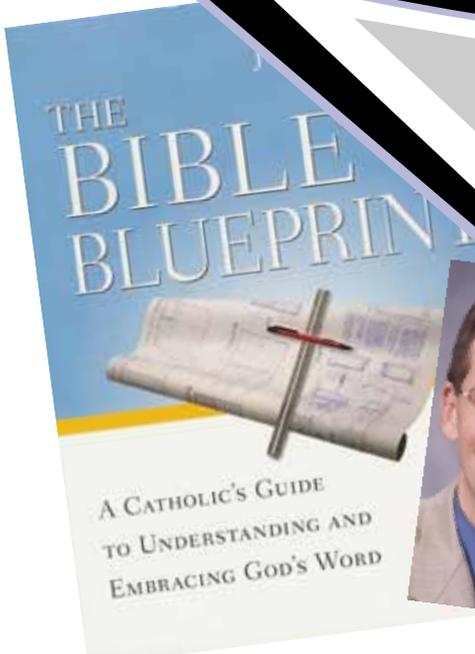
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Joe Paprocki makes understanding the Bible easy and fun! He guides Catholics to a solid sense of the structure and purpose of God's Word. He covers different genres of biblical writing, key figures in biblical history, and the methods Catholics rely on to interpret the Bible. Readers will grow in their understanding of the Bible and their ability to find their way in Scripture.

Friday, Aug. 6, 9 a.m. ~ 3 p.m.
St. Patrick's Parish, Iowa City
4330 St. Patrick's Drive, Iowa City, 52245

Registration deadline: July 30th

Cost: \$15 (includes lunch, refreshments and workshop materials)

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