

Department Of Education:
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

*I felt this course was very much worth while! I wasn't sure exactly what to expect from it and will admit I wasn't sure whether or not I would get all that much out of doing it on my own. **I ended up loving it and feel like I learned so much.** It probably took me about 12-14 hours to complete in total, but I enjoyed that I could do it a bit at a time when I had the time. Overall the course was wonderful and I will definitely be choosing to do another course through CHSS in the future.*

--Teacher at St John the Baptist Catholic School, Howard, on using [Catholic Home Study Service](#) for Ongoing Formation

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Are You Ready for ACRE Next Month?

Bishop Ricken has directed that **March** is the month for all parish RE programs and Catholic schools to implement the NCEA Information for Growth: Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education (NCEA IFG: ACRE edition).



So February is the time to plan ahead, if you haven't already! Parishes and associated schools should coordinate and collaborate use of assessment booklets and orders of blank answer sheets, etc. New this year, an online option! Find more information at these links:

- [Order Materials Online](#)
- [Downloadable Resources and Online Assessment Options](#)
- [User Resources](#)



Calendar

NOTE: Diocesan Office non-holiday hours are 8am-4:30 M-F through spring.

Feb 4: Hebrews 10:25 event at

Got Scouts?

Boy Scout Sunday is observed nationally on Sunday, **February 7th**. This year Scouts are invited to attend Mass in uniform at 11am at the [Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help](#) in



GB Distillery (registration now closed)

Feb 7: Scout Sunday Mass at the Shrine (see article at right)

Feb 10: ASH WEDNESDAY

Feb 25: Registration for Summer FCC/Ongoing begins!

Mar 17: Catechetical Leadership Day (see article at right)

Mar 20: [Open Confirmation Retreat](#) at SPIRITUS (Menasha)

*visit www.qbdioec.org/fcc for complete schedule and registration instructions.



Resource Ideas

On Sale until Feb 12: Word on Fire is offering up to 20% off of all study program materials- even more in volume discounts. All prices are already discounted on this [webpage](#).

Also from Word on Fire: Limited quantities still available of [Lenten Reflections](#) book (English & Spanish) by Bishop Robert Barron.

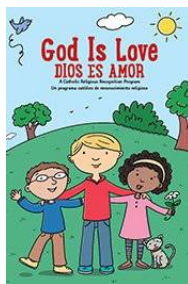
[Best Lent Ever!](#) Free daily e-mails from the publishers of [Rediscovering Jesus](#) (get a free copy of the book, too).

[Year of Mercy Resources](#) from

Champion. Refreshments and Shrine History after Mass.

Patches (at right) will be available for sale (\$3 each) at the reception. Patches also available through the Scout Shops in Green Bay and Appleton or [online](#).

Girl Scout Sunday is designated as Sunday, March 6th. Plans for Mass at the Shrine are pending. Girl Scout Sunday patches are available through [GSUSA](#).



New! An emblem for Daisies! Daisy Scouts (Kindergarten and 1st grade) can now earn the Catholic emblem, God is Love. Workbooks (in Spanish and English) are available (\$7 each) through the Education Department.

The Fine Art of Lesson Planning: Catechetical Leadership Day

Thursday, March 17th 9am-3pm

Diocesan Campus

Come join your peers as we discuss and learn the best way to draw a road map of what students need to learn and how it will be done effectively during the class time, based on your



specific curriculum and the Diocesan standards and benchmarks for religious education. We'll have roundtables for each of the Diocesan approved curriculum, so please bring one student book and the corresponding catechists' guide to the event.



After Mass and lunch (lunch included with registration), we will have break out sessions where a plethora of best practices and ideas will be exchanged in the high school and elementary school programs. You don't want to miss these little nuggets that will enhance and simplify your program tremendously!

Registration will open February 17th . . . Stay tuned!!

Newly Enacted Policies

Our Sunday Visitor.

Free, 4-part series, *An Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy* by Ascension Press.

Called to Mercy: Confirming Young People for a Mission of Witness by St. Mary's Press. Previewing in February 2016.

Confirmation at Cathedral



The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Pentecost, May 15 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay. This is often a help to students who have scheduling problems attending their own parish's celebration of the sacrament. Check the January 13 edition of *Parish Pages* for necessary forms, requirements. Point of contact: Jan Phillips, jphillips.sfx@gmail.com
Last date to register: April 15!!

Ash Wednesday February 10th: Is Your Rice Bowl Ready?



- 41st year of Catholic



Diocesan Board of Education has recently passed the following policies, and they have been approved by Bishop David Ricken. They are effective immediately:

- 2050 - School Accreditation - Revised
- 2070 - Affiliation as a Catholic School - New
- 2080 - Publishing Comparative Information - Revised
- 5030 - Travel and Field Trips - Revised

For a complete list of policies and links to them in their entirety, please visit our [website](#).

Certification Corner

Please check www.gbdioc.org/fcc to see schedules of classes hosted by parishes/schools.



CREED and SACRAMENTS & LITURGY are online now! E-mail cfountain@gbdioc.org to get started!

Summer schedule of classes (FCC and Ongoing!) has been released ; start planning to attend and be a part of history! Registration opens February 25th!

If you are hosting an FCC course, please be sure that your instructor submits a Request to Teach form to our office, so the class can be added to our schedule and others may register to attend; thanks!

March is National Disability Awareness Month

In 1987 President Ronald Reagan proclaimed March "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month." We are challenged each year to spend time reflecting on how to treat all persons as having dignity and being created by God in the image of God. This includes persons with physical, cognitive, learning, and emotional disabilities.



This [resource](#) has suggestions how to observe National Disability Awareness Month in your programs, including a Prayer for Persons with Disabilities.

Area religious education groups that serves people with

- Relief Service' Rice Bowl Lenten Program
- [Diocesan Letter of Invitation/Support for staff and families](#)
- Daily reflections and activities included in the Rice Bowl calendar and on the mobile app.
- [Resources for educators from CRS.](#)



Quick Links

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disabilities:

- [Green Bay Area Religious Special Education](#)
- [SERV \(Oshkosh Area\)](#)
- Fox Valley Special Religious Education

Also, the Education Department has samples of [Loyola Press' Adaptive](#) Sacrament Preparation Kits for individuals with autism and other special needs (Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation) for your review anytime.

Please share this information with families in your parish.



Share Prayer Resource

From the Department of New Evangelization

A quick guide to intercessory prayer, "[Share Prayer](#)" explains an easy way to pray with and for someone in a simple and non-threatening manner. This simple, 2-page resource would be a good resource for catechists and teachers of prayer or anyone wanting to introduce/share prayers with others.



Camp Franciscan

June 15-17 at Holy Family Convent, Manitowoc

Camp Franciscan is a 3-day camp at Holy Family Convent in Manitowoc for ladies 6th - 8th grades on June 15-17, 2016. Two additional leadership days (June 13-14) are available for high school/college ladies (June 13-17). Cost \$35 includes meal, activities, and lodging. Camp Franciscan is a wonderful opportunity for middle school-college ladies to interact with our Franciscan Sisters and meet other Catholic young women from across the United States. Prayer and Mass are part of each day. Space is limited. Please share the [registration form](#) and [health assessment letter](#) and [form](#) with your middle school and high school ladies through your family communications.

Wondering Who to Contact within the Education



Department?

Click [HERE](#) for a handy chart of staff responsibilities, and direct your next question precisely to the person who can answer it for you!