

Department Of Education:
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

It's Dec. 1st: Have you submitted your Annual RE Report?

This was our first [Annual Religious Education Report](#) - and every parish was asked to participate! Your participation will assist the Education Department as well as Bishop to know how well each parish is doing in their religious education program. We only need one response per program, but we need to hear from EVERY program!



If we haven't heard from you yet, we'll be calling to remind; please save us both a telephone call by going online to complete the report today. Thanks!

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Funding for Professional Development

Diocesan Scholarship named for St. John Bosco

No teacher can teach what he/she doesn't know, thus this scholarship was developed to positively support and influence our diocesan youth ministers and religious education administrators so they can better teach, love, and disciple the young people in their midst. The St. John Bosco scholarship will be awarded to four youth ministry or religious education employees throughout our diocese.



This is a one-time \$500 scholarship awarded for a professional development opportunity in 2016.

Details and application [HERE](#).
Deadlines for applications is December 10!



Calendar

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

St. Pope John Paul II Youth Scholarship

For High Schoolers

through spring.

Dec 6: GBYC at St. Agnes Parish

Dec 6: [Open Confirmation Retreat](#) by Spiritus 9am-5pm. \$35 at Mt. Tabor Ctr. Menasha.

Dec 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Diocesan Offices closed

Dec 24-Jan 3: Diocesan Offices closed in observance of Christmas Holidays.

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

Resource Ideas

Free weekly video series w/Jeff Cavin: *Encountering the Word*. Sign up [HERE](#).

Children's books by [Catholic Kids](#), "Gifts from Our Father: A Catholic Prayer Book for Kids". Also free coloring pages by the book's illustrator including one of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego) .

Christmas Gift Guide from [Loyola Press](#) (save 30%).

Full color pictorial directory folder of Diocesan Seminarians available from vocations@gbdioc.org

An Advent Day VBS called *Jesse Tree Journey Day VBS!* It is a week-long VBS program condensed into one day onto a flash drive. Everything leaders need, including lessons, promotional materials, art

This one-time \$250 scholarship will be awarded to a high school student (anyone entering HS in Fall 2016 to those graduating in 2016) in the Diocese of Green Bay.



Scholarships can be applied toward mission experience, conference, retreat, or other Catholic opportunity which enriches the HSer's faith life.

Details and application [HERE](#).

Applications for this Scholarship are due January 31st!

Help Fund Your Ministry with These Grant Opportunities. . .

Catholic Foundation *for the Diocese of Green Bay, Inc.*

Grant Applications Now Available - Due Dec.31*

- **Advancing the Mission**
(Evangelization, Leadership Development; Lifelong Catechesis)
- **Catholic Foundation Grants**
- **Lumen Christi Grants**

Questions? Call Tanya or Cindi at 920-272-8181 or e-mail catholicfoundation@gbdioc.org

[Applications Available Online](#)

***One month earlier than prior years.**

[Note: If you received a grant in 2015 and have not yet completed the [online grant report](#), please do so today. Report due by December 15 in order to be considered for additional grant funds].

Certification Corner

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



CREED is back online!

extras, prayer handouts, music and dances, is for sale at www.Godisgoodvbs.com for about \$60. Also available: new summer VBS called Our Magnificent Four: St. Luke the Evangelist.

[Year of Mercy Resources](#) from 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.

Sacrament Preparation Family Packs from Our Sunday Visitor
LIMITED TIME OFFER!

Cool lectio divina podcasts: www.pray-as-you-go.org

Suicide prevention resources from [Community for Hope, Oshkosh](#) which offers [QPR Gatekeeper](#) training.

Missionary Childhood Association (MCA)



Free Resources:

www.onefamilyinmission.org

[Information Letter with list of ideas, resources for developing your own missionary](#)

SACRAMENTS & LITURGY to be re-launched soon. . . stay posted.

E-mail cfountain@gbdioc.org to get started!

Rural Life Essay Contest

"Why God Created Farmers"
in 200 words

Two categories:

- Grades 1-5
- Grades 6-8



Prizes:

- Culver's Gift Card
- Publication of Essay in Rural Life edition of the *Compass*

E-mail entries to pastserv@gbdioc.org (please include name, grade and school/parish)

Deadline to enter: December 18

From the Xavier Fine Arts Theater, Appleton



You and your students (including RCIA students/sponsors) are cordially invited to attend a special ninety-minute performance of the Easter musical, the [Northeast Wisconsin Passion Play](#), in March 2016, at a discounted price.

To reserve tickets for your group of ten or more, visit www.newpassionplay.org and click on the "Tickets" menu to access the Religious Education reservation form.

In the meantime, our spectacular, holiday-themed extravaganza, [Christmas Stars](#), celebrates and honors the joy of the season with a mix of secular and religious music, dance, skits and plenty of fun! Daytime and evening performances through December 13th!

disciples!

[2015-16 World Missions
Projects Booklet available
online.](#)



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2016 Steubenville Trip. . .

Everything you need to know here:

- [Steubenville](#)



2016 Mission Trip to Texas. . .

Everything you need to know here:

- [Mission Trip](#)

**REGISTER
NOW**



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!

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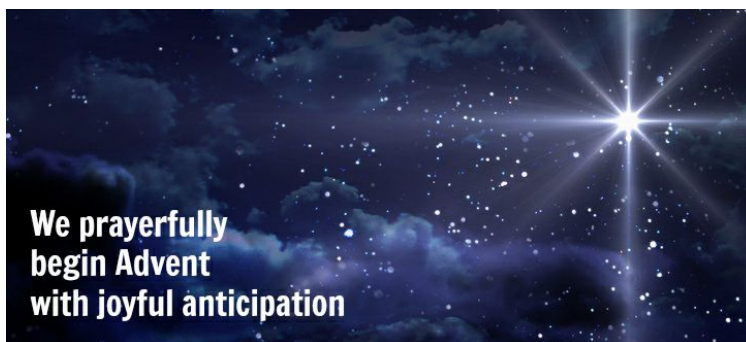
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**We prayerfully
begin Advent
with joyful anticipation**

