

Department of Education:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Dear Abby,

I am a procrastinator. I meant to register for a certain professional development event called **Hebrews 10:25** at the Green Bay Distillery, but the deadline is passed and now I'm on the outside, looking in! The event is **THIS THURSDAY!**

Should I just skip it? Or should I swallow my pride (one of the seven deadly sins) and contact the Education Office with a last-minute registration?

Signed,

Tomorrow-Never-Comes

Dear Tomorrow,

Don't skip this event! You know you'll benefit from the round table topics, the music, praise, prayer, best practices and networking with your peers (they're all going to be there!)

[E-mail](#) **NOW** and ask for late registration (and forgiveness). You can pay at the door (\$17 check or cash) or after the event.

Next year, you can make a better effort to register **before** the deadline out of consideration for the event planner!

-- Abby

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Confirmation at the Cathedral Paperwork Due April 11



Bishop Ricken celebrates Diocesan-wide Confirmation liturgies at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay, every spring and fall.

These liturgies are for any candidate unable to participate in their parish's Confirmation liturgy or for those who have been part of the Adult Confirmation Program through the Diocese and are prepared for the sacrament. Each liturgy is limited to approximately 60 confirmands (candidates).

Upcoming Celebrations

[More information and link to Registration Form](#)

Calendar

2017-18 Calendar

Apr 5: Hebrews 10:25
Professional Development Event at the Green Bay Distillery. Last chance to register: now !!!!!

Apr 11: Deadline for confirmation (at Cathedral) paperwork (see article)

Apr 12: Beginning of the end (last 4 sessions) of *EPIC: Journey Through Church History*. 4:30pm; Room 216, Bona Hall

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

Resources

(Much more at our gbresources site)

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) offers its faith studies on a digital platform for individual or small group use. Preview studies [HERE](#).

The USCCB's "Prayers against the Powers of Darkness" is now available in a [Spanish edition](#).

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

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](#), a Christian music/activity event in Oshkosh.

Tickets may be picked-up at Hebrews 10:25 at the Green Bay Distillery on Thursday 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!

How Can We Serve You?

Camp Tekakwitha is thrilled to share news of great growth in both summer camp numbers and offseason retreat group numbers during 2018.



Are you looking for a beautiful place to offer a retreat or summer experience for your students? Consider reaching out and sharing the word about Camp Tek! We would love to welcome you into the Camp Tek family by serving you and helping you form disciples within our diocese.

To learn more about Camp, visit our [website](#) or [email](#)

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us!

Encouraging 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.



resources for catechists and leaders.

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

Price Changes for Scouting Emblems



Due to price increases by our suppliers and increased postage, the Diocesan Committee on Scouting has had to raise its prices of the Girl and Boy Scout Catholic religion emblems/patches.

New prices are effective immediately.

[More Information and Link to New Price List](#)

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>.

FYI . . . Parish Safety & Security



Fr. Dan Felton, Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia, recently distributed to all parishes a Safety & Security Manual, developed by an ad hoc committee, for use by our diocesan curia, parishes and schools in the wake of recent gun violence in churches and

schools in the United States.

Parishes are encouraged to establish a Safety & Security Team and produce a Parish Emergency Operation Plan (PEOP) using the framework provided to prepare for an act of violence (i.e. active shooter).

Please be cooperative as your parish goes forward in this necessary direction.

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 registration just \$345 per athlete!

[More Info & Registration](#)

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

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 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

This Mass is for You (and your catechists)



The Jubilee Mass scheduled for Sunday, September 16 (4pm) at the Cathedral is intended Catechists and RCIA Leaders.

Please add this to your 2018-19 calendar and extend an invitation to your catechists to attend this special celebration!

Visit www.gbdioc.org/jubilee for more information and free tickets (seating is limited)

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](#)

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 \(Prayer\)](#)

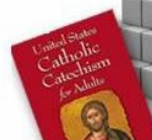
Coming This Summer!

Foundational Catechesis Components and Ongoing Formation

Open to any adult who would like to deepen their faith. No charge to attend!

Visit: www.gbdioc.org/fcc

[for schedule and link to registration](#)



Registration Opening Soon

The Education Department will be hosting several opportunities to take the BIBLE FCC course as well as MORALITY and THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (Ongoing).

The BIBLE course will be offered in both Green Bay and Manitowoc. It is the only FCC course not available online, so do take advantage of this summer opportunity!

Registration details are forthcoming, and will be found at www.gbdioc.org/fcc.

Steubenville (St. Paul, MN) This Summer

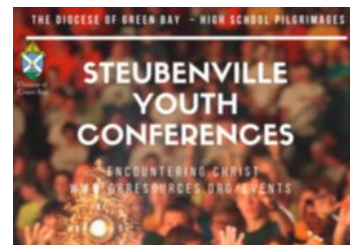
Registration Open; First-Come, First-Serve

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: lbhgbd@gmail.com

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

Questions? Please e-mail:
cfountain@gbdioc.org.

"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.

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[FCC Trainers' Page](#)
[Human Resources](#) (log-in required)
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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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