

Department of Education:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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Calendar**2017-18 Calendar**

Feb 1: Hebrews 10:25 at the Green Bay Distillery (handouts will be available [online](#) soon)

Feb 4: Boy/Cub Scout Sunday

Feb 10: Last day to submit Pilot Parish RE proposals (see article upper right)

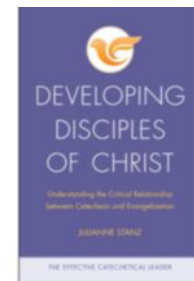
Feb 14: Ash Wednesday

Feb 17: KREWE lunch and learn at Camp Tek (see article at right)

Pilot Parishes: Religious Education Initiative

Applications accepted through February 10

As a progression of our great book study discussions around Developing Disciples of Christ, we welcome any parishes who would like to renew, rejuvenate, or reinvent part or all of their religious education and youth ministry to do so via this application!



We want to equip, accompany and resource you and your parishes as best as we are able. If you are looking to try something new but do not want to be considered as a pilot parish, please still complete this application as we would like to be in touch with you and keep Bishop Ricken up to date as to the changes in your parish!

[Link to Application](#)

Heads-up: March is ACRE Month

The NCEA IFG: ACRE edition is based on the Catholic Church's expectations for an organic, systematic, and comprehensive education in Christian discipleship.

Currently, it is the only tool that provides national scores for comparison and processes for tracking religious education program data over time, and **Bishop Ricken has directed that all Catholic schools and parish Religious Education programs in the Diocese will use the ACRE Assessment sometime during the month of March.**

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](#)



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

Resources

(Much more at our [gbresources site](#))

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.](#)

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

- [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.

KREWE:

Teen Leadership & Discipleship Training



Those youth ministers or coordinators who are interested in involving their teens in KREWE next year are invited to an afternoon on **Saturday, February 17th** for lunch at noon and then talks with youth ministers already involved until 3pm at Camp Tekakwitha as the Winter Summit is occurring. Please email [Maria](#) if you are interested in learning more about this experience of teens being trained to disciple other teens in their parish.

Scout Sunday Patches



(click on patch image to order)

Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts pledge a "Duty to God", and Scout Sunday (February 4 for Boy Scouts of America and March 11 for Girl Scouts of America) is an opportunity for all scouts to demonstrate their understanding of this promise by attending Mass in uniform, preferably as a troop/den.

This year, our Diocese will use the nationally issued patches. Please contact the appropriate Scout Shop to order your patches.

Environment foundation for our children it is the expectation that all 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 Begins February 14: Rice Bowl Time!



We are called to love our neighbor, but like the scholar in the scripture passage, we may find ourselves asking, "Who is my neighbor?"

This Lent, CRS Rice Bowl - Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program- will help answer that question.

CRS Rice Bowl makes it easy for educators to integrate Lenten spirituality and Catholic social teaching into their classrooms. Most importantly, it offers tools and tips for bringing Lenten spirituality into the home!

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

FCC Online

Classes may be used wholly or as make-ups

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



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 to register.

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

Looking for an Ongoing Formation Class? (It might be closer than you think!)



The following courses, when taken in a parish/group setting may qualify for Ongoing Formation (catechetical certification):

- Diocesan Charismatic Renewal *Life in the Spirit* Seminars
- *Cursillo* Retreats
- *Christ Renews His Parish* (CHRP)
- *Christian Experience* Weekend
- *Koinonia* Retreats
- *Catholic Evangelization Studies* Courses I, II, III
- *Introduction to RCIA* Seminars (Divine Worship)
- *Choice Wine* (Marriage & Family Life)
- *Alpha*
- *33 Days to Morning Glory* Group Retreat

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

Seth Alfaro in Appleton



St. Mary Parish, Appleton will be hosting Seth Alfaro, a young man from Grand Rapids, MI who made a miraculous recovery from a serious accident, and invites anyone interested in hearing Seth's inspirational witness and story of healing to attend one of the following events:

Thurs. Feb 8th 9:30: ProCLAYM meeting at Holy Cross Parish, Kaukauna

Fri. Feb 9th, 9am: Meeting and Greet with coffee at St. Mary Parish, Appleton

More appearances in the Fox Valley in March to be announced.

- 33 Days to Merciful Love Group Retreat
- Consoling the Heart of Jesus Group Retreat
- Science & Christianity
- Epic: Journey through Church History

*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 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 is again generously giving away scholarships to first time conference participants covering the flight, conference and hotel - a HUGE DEAL!

June 10-13th, Scottsdale, AZ.

Last year, we had 10 adults attend from our Diocese (CRE's, YM's, and adult volunteers such as parents and catechists who make up the team).

The scholarships are available to parish youth ministers, DRE/CRE's, and core team members/volunteers who have not participated in the conference before. Those who might be interested include those pursuing or implementing a LifeTeen model, those interested in learning more about how to build a youth ministry team, or simply want to be better trained in a large group/small group model are encouraged to attend this once in a lifetime conference. If you are interested, please contact Maria at mschuetter@gbdioc.org.

For a preview of Seth's story, visit:
[NBC Channel 8 News Story](#)
[You Tube Video, 1](#)
[You Tube Video, 2](#)

Scholarship Funds for Ag Students



The Diocesan Rural Life Committee will be awarding scholarships to high school seniors who are active in their parish and pursuing post-secondary education in an agriculture field.

The scholarships are the result of the offertory collection at our two Rural Life Masses. This year the Masses are being held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at Holy Family in Brillion and Thursday, March 22, 2018, at Sacred Heart in Shawano.

Please consider nominating a high school senior who is an active member of your parish pursuing an agriculture degree. Scholarship forms can be found at www.gbdioc/rural and are due no later than Wednesday, March 7, 2018.

Green Bay Students: Vocation Essay Contest Coming Soon!



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

"What Does Vocation Mean to Me?"

Sharpen your pencils; details will be available [HERE](#) in March (deadline for entries is April 2. Presentation of monetary prizes May 22).

Being a Lifeteen Parish is NOT required to apply for this scholarship funding!



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

Stuebenville (St. Paul, MN) This Summer

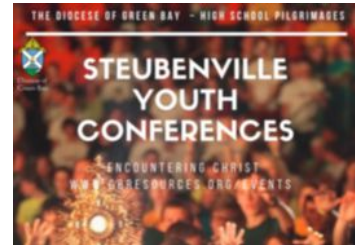
Registration Open; First-Come, First-Serve

Mini Pilgrimage:

July 27-29
\$300/student, chaperone

Extended Pilgrimage:

July 25-31
\$570/student
(\$470/chaperone)



[Information, including Registration](#)



Tim Collins

Love Begins Here 2018

Welcome, YM Intern, Tim Collins!

Host parishes slots filled.

See the [Resources website](#)

Know a young adult who'd like to work on this? Hiring info for 2018 available on the 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.

Quick Links

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For Single Catholic Women ages 17-30
For more information or to register, visit:
www.altonfranciscans.org/events



Contact Sr. M. Karolyn at (618)463-2757 or vocations@altonfranciscans.org
Can't make it? Save the date for our next retreat: October 19-21, 2018

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](#)

