

Department of Education:  
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**



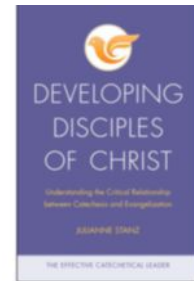
*We are missionary disciples striving to lead all people to the Kingdom of God.*

**Pilot Parishes: Religious Education Initiative**

Applications available; due 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](#)

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**Parish Planning Mission Planning Report for Religious Education**



Due January 15th, Please

In lieu of our RE Annual RE Report, we are collaborating with our colleagues at the Office of Parish Planning & Pastoral Services in collecting information about your RE program.

*Report for Religious Education 2017-2018*

One response per parish program, please. For more information contact [education@gbdioc.org](mailto:education@gbdioc.org)

**Calendar**

[2017-18 Calendar](#)



**Tickets Still Available for January 14th Mass Jubilee Liturgy for Youth and Youth Ministers**

**Bring your Youth Group!**  
 Sunday, January 14th; 11am

EPIC: Journey through Church History (Diocesan Campus)\*

Does Christmas End on Epiphany? Read more at the [Catholic Company](#).

**Jan 14:** Jubilee Liturgy at the Cathedral for Youth Ministers/Groups (see article)

**Jan 18:** 1st session of PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY at St. Thomas in Luxemburg\*

**Jan 20:** 1st session of Methods A at Holy Family, Marinette\*

**Feb 1:** Hebrews 10:25 at the Green Bay Distillery (see article)

\*visit [www.gbdioc.org/fcc](http://www.gbdioc.org/fcc) for complete schedule and registration instructions.

## St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay

Bishop David L. Ricken invites the faithful from across the Diocese to come together in thanksgiving to God during the 150th Jubilee by participating in a series of twelve special liturgical celebrations at the Mother Church of the Diocese, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay. Each liturgy will be followed by a special reception and gift for all participants.



**Complimentary tickets required. Limited number of tickets available. Website with schedule of all jubilee liturgies\* and ticket details:**

[www.gbdioc.org/jubilee2018](http://www.gbdioc.org/jubilee2018)

\*FYI: Jubilee Liturgy for Catechists and RCIA Leaders is scheduled for September 2018.

## Resources

(Much more at our [weebly](#) and our [facebook page](#) and our [youtube channel](#))

Does Christmas End on Epiphany? Read more at the [Catholic Company](#).

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.

## 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.

## Hebrews 10:25 Professional Development Event

February 1, 2018



At this installment of Hebrews 10:25, we'll hear several parish success stories:

- **Marcos Cisneros & Callie Kowalski** from St. Bernard Parish, Green Bay about their teen leadership teams in the parish.
- **Dcn. Lincoln Wood & Maria Scherer** from St. Mary/St. Rose, Clintonville/Bear Creek about their HS faith formation program which is broken up into two groups -- Seekers and Disciples. BTW, their program is free of charge to their students!
- **Shannon Ausloos & Kristin Bird** from Most Blessed Sacrament in Oshkosh about their revamp of religious education using Alpha as a way to engage parents.

Plus round table topics after lunch (included in registration). Don't forget . . . Brew time (social) starts at 9am; Introductions, Prayer, Praise at 9:30; followed by speakers; Lunch at Noon; Round tables after lunch.

[Register Now Until January 24th!](#)

Registration fee (\$17) transferable, but not refundable.

## 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

[PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY](#)

[METHODS A \(Catechists\)](#)

[METHODS C \(Youth Ministers\)](#)

[CREED](#)

[SACRAMENTS & LITURGY](#)

[MORALITY](#)

Questions? Please e-mail: [cfountain@gbdioc.org](mailto:cfountain@gbdioc.org).

## Save-the-Date (June 2018)

# 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 \(Prayer\)](#)

**Quick Links**

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](#)
- [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.

## 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](mailto:cfountain@gbdioc.org)

## March for Life Update



Washington DC trip is full!

**Day event to Chicago for March for Life with Pro-life Wisconsin** (reserve your spot on the pro-life Wisconsin buses - the Diocese is not leading this pilgrimage but promoting in case chaperones would like to

attend with their students!). Various [pick up locations](#). See [Flier](#).

**Steubenville:**

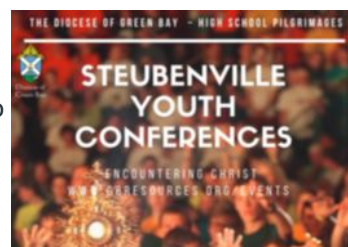
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[Parish RE Accreditation](#)  
[Camp Tekakwitha Website](#)  
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Any parish interested in attending a Steubenville through the Diocese - but were unable to join us for the planning and visioning meeting on Thursday, November 16th, please contact [Maria](#) so you can be kept in the loop!



More Info on the [GBResources website](#).

## Love Begins Here Summer 2018 Registration is on! Staff openings!

Host parishes slots filled.

See the [Resources website](#) for registration link/details as well as hiring info (2018 staff).

*"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.*



## Consider Hosting an FCC\* or Ongoing Formation Class in 2017-18

\*Foundational Catechetical Certification



These courses are required of catechists, teachers, youth ministers and administrators, but are also very sound adult faith formation for your parishioners (think potential catechists!).

For more information contact the [Education Department](#).

\*See the list of instructors willing to travel as well as the responsibilities of a host at [www.gbdloc.org/fcctrainers](http://www.gbdloc.org/fcctrainers)