

Lay Ministry & Planning, Michael Davis



S.C.A.P. & Weekday Training

Sunday and Weekday Celebration in the absence of a Priest, trainings for currently authorized lay ministers and those newly selected by their pastors are being planned. Reverend James O’Kane will lead the trainings with Michael Davis assisting.

Collaborative Ministry

Lay Ecclesial (church) Ministers are women and men whose service is characterized by:

Authorization of the hierarchy to serve publicly in the local church

Leadership in a particular area of ministry.

Close mutual collaboration with the pastoral ministry of bishops, priests, and deacons.

Preparation & formation appropriate to the level of responsibilities that are assigned to them.

(U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops 2005)



CATHOLICS ENCOUNTER CHRIST
Grand Island Diocese

The Mens Weekend is scheduled for March 19-21, 2010 and the Womens Weekend is scheduled for April 9-11, 2010. For more information, please contact Nancy Willis (308) 836-2692; Fr. Paul Colling (308) 324-4648; or Kathy Lewis (308) 381-7206, kewis@kdsi.net.

Members of the Grand Island Diocese, and many others if they choose, have the opportunity to grow closer in the relationship with Jesus Christ through Catholics Encounter Christ (CEC) weekends for men and women scheduled this spring.

The CEC experience is a structured three-day weekend beginning on Friday evening and concluding on Sunday evening at Camp Comeca in Cozad. During this weekend you will experience how Gods grace works within you and how you can share this grace with others. This is accomplished through song, prayer, and talks presented by clergy and laity that inspire, educate, and motivate.



Across the Diocese of Grand Island

Catholics Encounter Christ (cont.)

The purpose of CEC is to: bring men and women to know and love Christ in order to build the Kingdom of God on earth; provide a method of Christian formation and evangelization helping people become more committed to Christ and His Church; call the members to make a commitment to Christ by directing their whole life to God, taking the Christian ideal as the ideal for their life, revitalizing the Church community by helping Christians identify their God-given gifts in answering Gods call to apostolic service, drawing others to Christ and building Christian community in families, neighborhoods, work situations and other places live the greater part of their lives.

On the weekend, 20 to 30 men or women meet with a team of priests and lay people. There is informal talk, discussion, singing, joking and laughter, and spontaneous informal prayer. Discussions are centered on talks emphasizing the true meaning of grace, the sacraments, the Mass, the nature and need of prayer, living ones daily life in union with God, studying to understand the gift of God, and introducing Christ to others by word and deed.

There is a daily celebration of the Eucharist and opportunities for spiritual direction and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The weekend is a lively, joyous opportunity for you to allow Jesus to work in your life. You will see and experience Him in the lives around you, learn a method of perseverance to keep Him in your life, and bring Him to others through your Christian leadership. The atmosphere of the three days is one of prayer, joy and grace.

CEC is approved by the Bishop Dendinger and is one of the diocesan ministries and receives support from the diocesan appeal is one of many movements within the local church.

Greg Viergutz

Registration available on the Lay Ministry website: <http://www.gidiocese.org/layministry/documents/CEDReg.Form2010.pdf>



Parishes, Councils, & Deaneries

The Annual Reports are due July 1st; let me know how I can assist you in the planning process.

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