



# DIOCESE OF WINONA-ROCHESTER

## YOUTH MINISTRY AND FAITH FORMATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## CAMP SUMMIT UPDATE

We are looking forward to resuming Camp Summit with our Day Camp options this summer! If your group needs to make any changes to their list of attendees, please do so by July 19 by visiting <https://www.campsummitwinona.org/registration>.

## NEED A RETREAT?

Looking for a way to recharge your prayer life before the school year begins? Join us for the next Spiritual Friendship retreat at Shalom Hill in Windom with Fr. Jonathan Fasnacht and Deb McManimon Aug. 13-15. More info can be found at [www.dowr.org/event-details/733](http://www.dowr.org/event-details/733). There are only 6 spots left so register soon!

## MINISTRY/ CATECHETICAL DAYS

Our diocese will be hosting "Building a Culture of Discipleship" Ministry Day on Aug. 26 (parish focus) and Catechetical Day on Aug. 27 (school focus). This is a hybrid event, so you are welcome to join us in person (Aug. 26 in Adrian and Aug. 27 in Rochester) or virtually. For more information or to register, visit [www.dowr.org/event-details/732](http://www.dowr.org/event-details/732).

# PLANNING FOR A NEW YEAR



I will never forget my first job as a youth ministry coordinator and the realization that planning for the next year oftentimes needs to take place before the current "school year" even ends. If you find yourself overwhelmed by this, you are not alone. Or maybe you are reading this thinking, "Planning for the next school year? I certainly haven't done that yet, so I must be behind." Luckily the Holy Spirit is in charge, not us, and God works outside of time! However, now is the time (if you have not done so already) to begin looking at planning for the next school year.

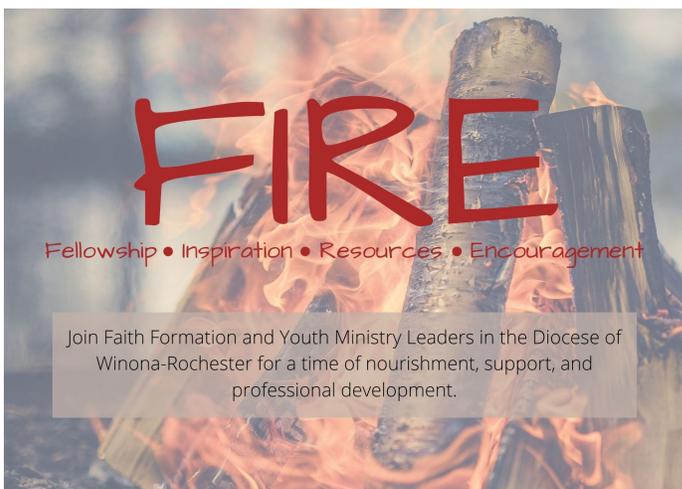
COVID-19 has thrown many of us for a loop, and we may be uncertain of how to proceed with ministry this year. If you are thinking about a new approach post-COVID, this resource may be helpful to you: [www.wordonfire.org/covid/](http://www.wordonfire.org/covid/).

The best place to start any planning process is in prayer. Begin praying now for your current and future leaders and catechists as well as the families you and your team will serve. Work on building a great team of volunteers you can empower into mission throughout the summer. If you have any questions at all about how to begin the planning process or how to train a team of leaders, please don't hesitate to reach out to Dana at [dpetricka@dowr.org](mailto:dpetricka@dowr.org).

## NCPD NATIONAL CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP ON DISABILITY

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester has recently teamed up with the National Catholic Partnership on Disability to better serve our parishioners with special needs. Your parish secretary, administrator, or priest will soon be receiving a link to a survey to let us know of any services your parish currently offers to those with disabilities.

By compiling this information, we to offer various resources through the NCPD but also connect people with parishes who are already serving those with disabilities. For a link to the NCPD, visit <https://ncpd.org/>.



## FIRE SUGGESTIONS

Please help make FIRE as beneficial to you as possible! I would love your feedback on how FIRE can better support you as a parish staff person. If you have not done so already, please take five minutes to fill out a brief survey at [forms.gle/Srow4m5oeHQ1x4pXA](https://forms.gle/Srow4m5oeHQ1x4pXA). I would greatly appreciate your feedback! You are also welcome to call or email me directly. So far, the group seems quite interested in discussing more on Family Ministry and Ministry Post-COVID. I look forward to hearing from you, and look for a FIRE schedule in the August 2021 newletter.

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