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## QUICK LINKS:



## CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE

The Catechetical Institute is offering free webinars! Click on the topic below you are interested in to register. Each begins at 1pm CST:

**May 10:** [Montessori Formation as a Gift to All Those Involved in Forming Others](#)

**May 17:** [Family Faith Formation and Accompaniment as a Diocesan Priority](#)

## YOUTHWORKS MISSION TRIPS FOR \$149

Youth Works is offering a huge discount on their mission trips this summer with select trips costing \$149 per person. If you are interested in getting a group together for a mission trip this summer, there is still time! Visit Youth Works [HERE](#) for more information on the locations and cost of each trip. If you have never led a mission trip before, they are highly recommended to empower teens and adults in service.

## TRANSFIGURATION COUNSELING

Counselors are hard to come by, especially Christian or Catholic counselors. Transfiguration Counseling offers online counseling, spiritual care, and life coaching. Click [HERE](#) to meet the team of professionals at Transfiguration Counseling and to learn more about what they offer. This is a great resource to share with your parish families.



# PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR



Take a deep breath, the school year is almost over...but the next one will come sooner than you realize! Rather than hitting the "pause" button on ministry, spring and summer is the time to be planning for the next faith formation school year. Now is a great time to stop and take inventory on how the past year went, what you would like to change, and what you definitely want to keep. Below are some thoughts and suggestions of what to look for when evaluating your outreach and programming.

**Do you have a family component?** If not, I strongly suggest implementing something for families at each level. It could be once a month parent meetings, combined formation for parents and children, or take home family activities for prayer or formation. [CLICK HERE](#) for resources.

**Are you accompanying youth and parents?** Faith formation and youth ministry is much more than imparting knowledge - it is journeying with youth and families as they grow in relationship with Jesus and His Church. [CLICK HERE](#) for ideas.

**Do you have a team?** It takes a village to raise a family...and build a healthy ministry to youth and families. If you feel like you are flying solo, focus on finding others to be on your ministry team for youth and faith formation this summer.

May God bless you abundantly for the many seeds you have planted in the hearts of young people this year!

## CONFIRMATION 2022

Blessings and prayers to all who will and have been Confirmed in 2022! If your parish takes a group picture, I would love to post it in the Courier. Please send me your parishes Confirmation group pictures from 2022 by June 15. As we plan for next year and wrap up this year, I have a few reminders regarding Confirmation Requirements from the Diocese of Winona-Rochester that can be found [HERE](#). Please take some time this spring or early summer to review the [Confirmation Preparation Guidelines](#). Paperwork for liturgy planning for Confirmation Masses should be completed 2-3 weeks before your Confirmation Mass using the [Confirmation Liturgy Planning Forms](#). We record all confirmations that occur at your parish using the [Confirmation Register Form](#). They should be mailed 10 days after your Confirmation Mass. Please know of my prayers for your Confirmandi, that they receive the fulness of the gifts of the Holy Spirit with open hearts!



## MINISTRY DAYS 2022

Registration is now available [HERE](#) for Ministry Days 2022, "My Flesh for the Life of the World': Encountering Jesus Anew." It will be held Tuesday, June 14 through Wednesday, June 15, at St. Mary's University in Winona. Focusing on the National Eucharistic Revival Diocesan Year initiated by the U.S. Catholic Bishops., our speakers are Fr. Tom Margevičius (serves as the director of the Office of Worship for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul & Minneapolis and as Sacramental Minister for Latinos in St. Dominic Parish in Northfield) and Kristin Bird (serves as the Executive Director of Burning Hearts Disciples). We hope to see you there!



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