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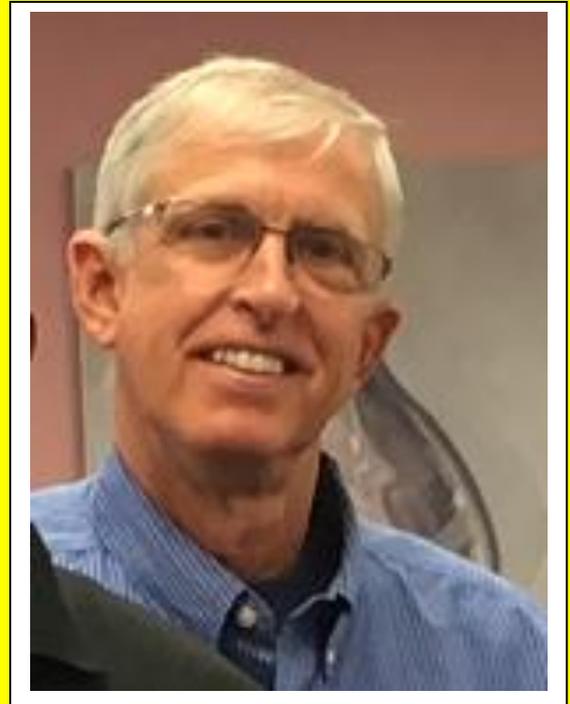


Chaddock School and Chapel, Quincy, Illinois

The President's Corner...

by Gary Livesay

Franciscan Retreat Center is here in Quincy where many many Teens Encounter Christ weekends have taken place. It is located in the north campus of Quincy University. Lodging fee would be \$25 per person per night plus tax. There is a conference room with a projector, no wifi—room would be \$15 a person per day. We would have several options at Chaddock which is only 20 blocks away which would have wifi, computer and projector. There is a food service which could provide all three meals for \$20 a day or



\$60 for all three days. I would see eating breakfast there, lunch at Chaddock, and supper in the community. Maybe even a Greek meal at our home depending on the number of attendees.

This retreat center has 2 nice chapels. We could even venture to the sacred site where Gay Crede [former president of NCAYR and chaplain at Cunningham Children's Home, Urbana, IL] was confirmed.

We at Chaddock (especially Quality Assurance) are doing quite a bit of work trying to determine how the results of the Daily Spiritual Experience Scale can be used to inform programming and support staff. This could be an area of study and could provide reason for our spiritual programming in our agencies.

We also have several people with quite a bit of expertise with Children and the effects of Trauma.

Hopefully this gets the ball rolling for this Fall.

I want to again say how much I appreciate all of you. Also how much I appreciate the work of Gene and Charlie for last year's conference in Niagara.

I'm off to B'Nai Shalom Temple tonight. My soul continues to need many sources of inspiration and options for grace and forgiveness.

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Blessings and Peace,

Chaplain Gary Livesay

[Gary is chaplain at the Chaddock campus and President of NCAJR]

PS I had a first in my 26.5 years yesterday. One young man during a spiritual assessment professed he wanted to become a preacher. At Supper a young girl said I reminded her of the pope. I said thanks, I like this pope!!

The Editor's Corner... By Gene Hausmann

NCAJR History repeats itself

We are meeting in Quincy, Illinois this Fall. Little did we know that nearly 70 years ago the very first conference of NCAJR Chaplains happened in Illinois! The first gathering organized the association of chaplains that was then called something like the National Association of Training School Chaplains. It all began with four of them meeting in Chicago in 1948. The name has changed a few times, but the association goes all the way back to Illinois—and next year we will be celebrating 70 years! Over the years, the training school chaplains became outnumbered by chaplains from Private and Christian agencies serving troubled kids and the name was changed to the National Chaplains Association for Youth in Rehabilitation (NCAJR). Then in 2000, then President Carol Mayernick hosted the conference in Indiana for the first time and proposed (and passed) a name change to our current one—National Chaplains Association for Youth at Risk (NCAJR). And here we are—going back to our roots in Illinois. And NCAJR has only met in Illinois 3 times—Chicago in 1948, Geneva, Illinois in 1958 and 1971. It's been 46 years ago...

It looks like Gary can host us for less than \$200. For each person for room and board... That's the best bargain we've had in a long time...

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- **To provide professional development and support to those who are engaged in ministry to youth at risk**
- **To advocate for at-risk youth to have access to the practice of their family's faith, and to be served by qualified chaplains**