



## **March 9 PCL Connect/CLADD Professional Formation Session**

### **“I see you. You matter.”**

special guests Kelly Mantoan (Our Sunday Visitor  
author) and Scott Caldwell  
(Catholic Charities)

Saints Peter and Paul Parish Hall  
105 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Atlantic, IA 50022

Our March 9, 2023 PCL Connect/CLADD session is a full day program focused on helping each of us in our role as professional lay ecclesial ministers to support our families, dealing with so much these days.

- Kelly Mantoan will discuss the stages of grief many special-needs parents go through. How they can look past the sorrow of their child’s diagnosis to find the joy in everyday life? What is our role in accompanying parents, grandparents, children, and teens?
- Scott Caldwell, program director for Catholic Charities will visit with us about the level of mental health issues family members face today and help us orient our pastoral presence to meet them where they are at and help point them to the professionals who can help with healing.

9:00 AM Light breakfast provided by the Diocese of Des Moines  
9:30 AM Opening prayer – Julie Williamson  
9:45 AM Kelly Mantoan Session One  
10:50 AM Break  
11:00 AM Kelly Mantoan Session Two  
11:50 AM Meal Prayer  
12:00 PM Lunch provided by the Diocese of Des Moines  
1:00 PM Scott Caldwell session One  
1:50 PM Break  
2:00 PM Scott Caldwell Session Two  
2:50 PM Closing Prayer

Register by March 2 with Sherri Simmer at [ssimmer@dmdiocese.org](mailto:ssimmer@dmdiocese.org)