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Dates to Remember

May 13
Region 4 Dinner
at Old Chicago,

FROM THE DIRECTOR...

The feast of Pentecost is such a powerful day! The image of the tongues of fire reminds me of the powerful "fire" of enthusiastic faith that is a gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church. This gift is most readily evidenced in our youth! They are energy personified. Our joy and our struggle is to fan the flame, but not let it burn out of control!

This is not unlike the controlled prairie fires across Kansas. How do they control those burns? It is a fascinating mystery to me, but I do suspect one thing. I suspect that they really must know what they are doing!

As you tend to the "fires of faith" among the young people of your parish, may you take some time this summer to attend the training and formation opportunities available to assist you in your ministry and maximize the gift of young people to our Church today.

Blessings,

Chris Edmonds

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Region 3:

July 16-18 (plus travel time)-- Steubenville of the Rockies in Denver

Region 4:

May 13 -- Dinner with adult leaders; [Old Chicago](#) in Old Town; 6:00 pm; participants pay for themselves; please RSVP to [Jay Headrick](#) or [Chris Porter](#).

Region 5:

June 12 -- A Summer's Eve Dance, St. Peter, Schulte parking lot; 8:00-11:00 pm \$5 per person or 5 people for \$20. Flipflops **not** recommended for this event. Priest "dance off" at 9:00 pm.

ADULT TRAINING AND FORMATION

Summer training opportunities:

Jul 23-25 [KARE](#) Conference in Wichita

[Institute for New Youth Ministers](#)

Jul 27-30, Chicago, IL

The INYM helps you focus on developing the right vision, the

Old Town

May 23
Pentecost Sunday

June 12
A Summer's Eve
Dance, St. Peter,
Schulte

June 26-28
TEC # 124,
Wichita

July 23-25
YABE weekend,
Wichita

July 23-25
KARE conference,
Wichita

July 23-25
TEC Congress,
Kansas City

July 31-Aug 2
TEC #125,
Pittsburg

[Click here for
upcoming events](#)

right lifestyle, the right relationships, and the right practical methodologies for growing a disciple-making youth ministry.
Save \$50 by registering before May 1
(some scholarship money available)

Diocesan Adult Youth Ministry Leader Training dates:

- Aug 08 - Region 2 parishes
- Aug 15 - Region 3 parishes
- Aug 29 - Region 5 parishes
- Sep 12 - Region 4 parishes
- Sep 19 - Region 1 parishes

LOOKING AHEAD:

December 9-12, 2010 National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry (NCCYM) Online registration begins in June.

Click [here](#) to watch a promo video and download the schedule

Contact our office for details about partial scholarships.

DIRECT MINISTRY FOR YOUTH

June 26-28: [TEC #124](#) - Wichita

July 23-25: [YABE](#) (Young Adult Beginning Experience) - Wichita

July 31 - Aug 02: [TEC #125](#)- Pittsburg

TOGETHER

Learn more about the goals of the TOGETHER vision.

A TOGETHER dvd is available for your use.

Contact our office for more details.

RESOURCES

Here are two links that concern sexting, cyberbullying and internet safety:

<http://www.athinline.org/>

Save the dates for the **Upside Down Rally** coming to a region near you:

- Aug 08: Region 2
- Aug 15: Region 3
- Aug 29: Region 5
- Sep 12: Region 4
- Sep 19: Region 1

Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus is coming to a parish near you! This year's topics are prayer, the Our Father, and the Luminous Mysteries. The day program serves grades 1-6; the evening program grades 7-12. A [schedule](#) of parish locations is available online; check with the parish for program times.

Registration for Camp Totus Tuus is open! A new promo [video](#) for camp is available for your teens. Early bird [registrations](#) must postmarked on or before May 15th. The final deadline to register for any camp is two weeks before camp starts. The [brochure](#) contains a schedule of the camps from 5th - 12th grades.

<http://wiredsafety.org/>

NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE

Looking for good movie clips? Don't forget about:

<http://www.Wingclips.com>



Click on the button above to reach Youth & Young Adults Ministries on Facebook.

Also look for these on Facebook:

- Catholic Diocese of Wichita
- College Age Ministry for the Catholic Diocese of Wichita
- Young Catholics of Wichita
- Diocese of Wichita Catechists

Check out the new diocesan [website](#) where you will find the following new items posted:

- Photos from March for Life 2010 and DCYC 2010
- Back issues of GoFish News to gather additional resources
- Updated medical forms (including forms in Spanish)
- Forms for the upcoming TEC and YABE weekends

Can't find something? Please let us know and we'll be happy to add it!

College Age Ministry

College Age Ministry wants to keep in touch with your graduating seniors and current college students! Please gather their names, contact info (especially email) and where they will be this Fall. An online [form](#) is available to make this easy!

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts with love!

The Staff

Youth & Young Adult Ministries / Catholic Diocese of Wichita

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