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"Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17

**GoFish News: for Youth Ministry Leaders
in the Catholic Diocese of Wichita**

May 2011



"To participate, from this moment, in the life of the resurrected Christ, we must live as new men and women in this world, at the heart of this earthly city".

-Pope Benedict XVI



How are we developing our youth to be strong Christian leaders in this world? If Catholic Youth Ministry is to, with, by and for youth--how well are we doing in the WITH and BY dimensions of leadership?

Christian Endeavor challenges adults to get out of the way and let youth embrace their role as leaders in this [article](#). Welcome to the "dance" of shared leadership. Not easy, but so very, very rewarding!

Sincerely,
Christine Edmonds - Director

Training and Formation

Leadership Development in Catholic Youth Ministry

May 26: Dinner with Region 4 adults

6:30-8:30 pm at the St. Rose Building. Bring something yummy and join in the fun!

July 24-30: National Summer Program for Pastoral Juvenil Hispana

[Instituto Fe y Vida](#) offers four intensive formation opportunities in *Pastoral Juvenil Hispana*. The Symposium and Seminars are designed for diocesan and parish personnel adult and young adult leaders age 18 and over. Early-bird rates before May 31st. For more information email [Walter Mena](#) or [Jose' Maria Matty](#).

July 29-30: TEC Grains of Wheat

Dessert Pot-Luck Social, 7-10 pm, July 29 at the Magnificat Center
Planting the Seed, Part I, 9 am - 3 pm, July 30 at All Saints Parish

August 1-4: [Institute for New Youth Ministers](#)

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Around the Diocese

Regional Activities

Region 3:

April 30-May 1 -- **Divine Mercy Lock-In** (Garden Plain)

May 29 - **Region Meeting and Singing** at St. Anthony Garden Plain, 10:00 am Sunday Mass. Meeting follows Mass.

For more information, contact [Gil](#).

Region 4:

May 26 - **Adult Youth Ministry Leaders' Pot-Luck Dinner** (6:30-8:30 pm) at the St. Rose Building (at the corner of 3rd and Broadway). Join us for good food, good company and good conversation.

Region 4 softball starts in June. We will play a few select Sundays in June and July. Please email [Jay](#) if your interested in having a team or have questions. Each team will need an advisor to attend the

The INYM helps you focus on developing the right vision, the right lifestyle, the right relationships, and the right practical methodologies for growing a disciple-making youth ministry. Register by May 15 and save \$50. Partial scholarships available through the Diocese of Wichita YYAM office.

Online Certificate in Youth Ministry

Offered through the University of Dayton Institute for Pastoral Initiatives, this program is designed for adults in parish youth ministry wishing to develop skills for effectively engaging young people in parish settings. As a partner diocese, participants pay only \$15 for enrollment, and only \$40 per course! Register [online](#) and click on "**Certificate Programs**"

All parish adult youth leaders are encouraged to pursue their basic certification in Catholic Youth Ministry.

Catholic Youth Ministry Careers

Do you know of someone who would like to become a Catholic Youth Ministry Leader? Link them to a new [brochure](#) on our website.

Direct Ministry to Youth

Diocesan events

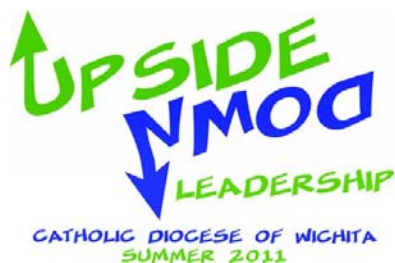
Do you think you can't afford NCYC?

It is not too late to organize some [fund-raisers](#) and send a delegation of youth to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, **November 17-19, 2011**. The Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA) is also offering a unique [fund-raiser](#) for youth to attend NCYC. This year's theme is "Called to Glory" and speakers include Jesse Manibusan, Mike Patin and Mark Hart. Follow this [link](#) for info and forms.



[Teens Encounter Christ](#) (TEC) is a weekend experience for high school juniors and seniors. Registrations are being accepted for the **June 11-13** weekend to be held in Hutchinson.

Registration for **Camp Totus Tuus** is in full gear. The early registration deadline is **May 1**; please register and postmark your payment before then in order to qualify for the discount. Details are available [online](#).



Coming soon to a region near you:
 Region 1: September 11
 Regions 2 & 3: September 18
 Regions 4 & 5: August 28

Special Announcements

"**Hey, Seniors! Stay Connected**" is a project designed to help track graduating high school seniors and invite them to College Age Ministry activities and events. Please encourage your seniors to complete this brief

weekends your team plays. No Advisor(or Parent) No Play. More info to come later.

Region 5:

Jun 04--The [Summer's Eve dance](#) will be held at St. Peter's in Schulte from 8-11pm. This will be an outside dance if the weather permits. If the weather is bad we will be moving it indoors. Cost is \$5 per person or 5 people for \$20. Flip-flops NOT recommended! For more info contact [Jen](#).

RESOURCES

[Healing the Culture](#)

"Changing the way people think about life"--new high school curriculum

[NCYC 2011 on Facebook](#)

[Catholic Youth Foundation](#) (CYFUSA) is now accepting grant applications for 2012 for worthy Catholic Youth Ministry projects!



Youth & Young Adult Ministries fan page includes resources, quotes and tips!

Calendar of Events

May 30 - Hey, Seniors! Parish rosters due

June 11-13 TEC weekend in Hutchinson

July 23-25 TEC weekend in Pittsburg

July 29-31 YABE weekend in Wichita

July 29-30 TEC Grains of Wheat Gathering

Quote-of-the-Month

"The value of life does not depend upon the

[online survey](#) by **May 30** and assure them that the info will *only* be used for Catholic Ministry announcements.

place we occupy. It depends upon the way we occupy that place."

About Youth & Young Adult Ministries / Catholic Diocese of Wichita

The mission of our office is to support parishes in responding to the needs of youth and young adults, empowering them to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in the Catholic faith.

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Quick Links

[Catholic Scouting](#)
[National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry](#)
[Totus Tuus of Wichita](#)
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What's new in the library?

For youth:

YouCat--the Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church. With its direct, honest questions and straightforward, relevant answers, YOUCAT will likely become the "go-to" place for young people to learn the truth about the Catholic Faith.

For adults:

On the Threshold of Transformation: Daily Meditations for Men by Richard Rohr

For ministry:

DVD--The Human Experience By spotlighting heartwarming stories from around the world, the uplifting documentary shows viewers that every single person, no matter his or her lot in life, is beautiful. (90 minutes, English, 2010)

DVD--God in the Streets of New York City by Grassroots Films (10 minutes; 2007)

Being, Becoming and Believing Church. Resource manual published by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.

Contact our office to check out these library resources FREE of charge

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