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**March 4
National Do
Something Day**

**Mar 6 & 7
Annual Catechist
Lenten Retreats**

**Mar 20-21
DCYC at Airport**

FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Marching Forth in our Lenten Journey

Anyone who knows me knows that March 4th is my absolute favorite day of the year! Celebrating "the only day that tells you to do something"--namely march forth--has been my joy for numerous years. One of these years, it will become National Do Something Day, officially.

The desert journey--continuing to march forth

March 4th almost always falls within the season of Lent, and it is a good reminder to me to continue to move forward through the "desert" with Jesus--leaning on the truths of Scripture and remembering that it really isn't about me after all. During Lent, I try to practice "EGO" reduction--you know, reducing the times that I "Edge God Out" and try to pretend that I am in control. As if I could presume to know better than my creator what is best for me! It seems so ridiculous when I write it--but how often do my actions indicate that I must, on some level, think it?

2010 is a banner year for marching!

March 4th is even more significant this year for a couple of reasons. One, this has been a particularly long and cold winter, and we are all looking forward to marching forth into spring. Two, we are marching forth into the 50th anniversary of Catholic Youth Ministry in our diocese, so keep an eye out for special celebrations. And, on a personal note, I am now marching forth toward the Sacrament of Matrimony and am looking forward to the "EGO reductions" and many blessings that married life brings.

Blessings,
Chris Edmonds

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Region 2:

Mar 6 - [Spring Fest Basketball Tournament & Dance](#) at St. Teresa's, Hutchinson. Event includes b-ball, Mass, pizza, and dance

Region 3:

Mar 7 -- Volleyball tournament Kingman 11:00 to 5:00
Mar 14 -- Region reps Sing at St. Marks 10:00 meeting after

ADULT TRAINING AND FORMATION

Hilton

April 3
[Wichita Walk
Against Gang
Violence](#)

April 4
Easter Sunday!!!

[Click here for full
calendar](#)

Summer training opportunities:

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

Jul 27-30 Institute for New Youth Ministers [INYM](#) in Chicago

NCCYM coming to New Orleans!!!

The National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry is scheduled for December 9-12, 2010 at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. Online registrations begin in June.

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

Contact our office for details about partial scholarships.

**TOGETHER
as a Diocesan
Family**

On March 20-21, we will **GATHER** as a diocesan family to **LEARN** more about living our Catholic faith, and to **SERVE** others through our generous donations.

These are the themes of the TOGETHER vision for the Catholic Diocese of Wichita.

As the young church, we can participate in this vision in a powerful way!

**Youth Service
America - Global
Youth Service
Day**

Global Youth Service Day is scheduled for **April 23-25, 2010**. Find out how you and your young people can get involved by visiting the [Youth Service America website](#).

CONFERENCE UPDATE

"Faith, if not accompanied by actions, is dead." - Js 2:17

1) Donations

Don't forget to bring your collected items for the Diocesan Service Project. Items may be dropped off at the north doors. Suggested items to bring may be found [here](#).

2) Notification in case of an emergency

We are all praying for good weather for this year's conference. All parish contacts will be notified via a text message in case we need to make any changes.

DIRECT MINISTRY FOR YOUTH

Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference - March 20-21 - Wichita
[TEC #124](#) - June 5-7 - Hutchinson

Watch for details about the Summer Leadership Camps coming this summer!

TOTUS TUUS UPDATE

Registration for Camp Totus Tuus 2010 is now available online. Click [here](#) for complete information. Brochures will be mailed to last year's campers and distributed to parishes soon. Please contact Lisa Sharp at 316-440-1732 or by [email](#).

[Wichita Walk Against Gang Violence](#)

Come and show your support against gang violence. Featured speakers include Rev. Jerome Spexarth from St. Patrick Church.

Saturday, April 3
9:45 am - 1:00 pm
North High School

Walking Distance: Less than 2 miles
For additional information contact [Randy Wells](#)

RESOURCES

Available online:

[Lenten resources](#)

[Daily prayer for
Teens](#)

May your Lenten journey bring you to Easter joy!

The Staff

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"In the middle of
difficulty lies
opportunity."

- Albert Einstein

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