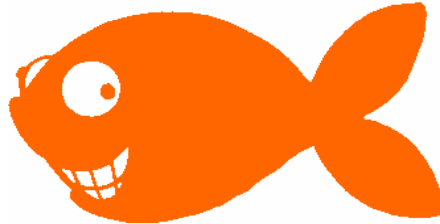


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a newsletter for adult youth ministry leaders

On the Web at www.cdowk.org/yyam

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For more details on any of the following, contact the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministries (316)269-3930



Casting into Deeper Waters

By Christine Edmonds



They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. – Acts 2:42

The end of the second chapter of Acts is filled with examples of the communal life of the early Christians. There are numerous characteristics or “hallmarks”, if you will, of the Christian life—how they prayed together, how they shared everything in common – and, how numbers of people joined them every day.

In Catholic Youth Ministry, there are hallmarks as well. These are indicators of a comprehensive youth ministry. Youth ministry has been defined as “the response of the Christian community to the needs of young people, and the sharing of the unique gifts of youth with the larger community.” To check the “health” of your youth ministry efforts, look for these five hallmarks:

Hallmark	Description	Present	Needs Work
Discipleship	Young people are “searching for a noble adventure”, a compelling and challenging vision of life, and a cause worth their commitment. They hunger to hear the Good News that finds response in discipleship.		
Connection	Young people have a hunger for connection, to be in relationship, and to belong. Family, peers, school, youth serving organizations, and church are primary connections for young people.		
Giftedness and Growth	Adolescence is an important time for mental, spiritual, social and physical growth. Their experiences and relationships greatly influence their healthy and positive development.		
Comprehensiveness	The eight components identified in <i>Renewing the Vision</i> , provide a comprehensive guide for proclaiming the Good News, connecting young people with the faith community, and calling our young people to the challenge of discipleship.		
Entire parish involvement	Comprehensive youth ministry utilizes the various resources of a faith community including people, ministries, programs and material resources. It is the response of the entire community.		

Just as the early Christians looked to the leaders for guidance and support, the youth of today are looking to us to lead them into life of the Church, and to the very heart of Christ. Our ministerial efforts should offer them no less!

AROUND THE REGION

Region 2 NEWS:

Softball Tournament

The Region 2 Softball Tournament was held Sunday July 15th, 2007 at the Wall Park Baseball Complex in McPherson. Three parishes participated in the round-robin tournament: Holy Family Parish (Marion County), St. Joseph (McPherson), and Holy Cross (Hutchinson). Holy Family won the round robin tournament. Through the heat, we all still had fun. We are hoping that next year, a few more parishes in our region will be able to make it to the tournament.

Region 2 Rally

Our Region Rally is coming up on Sunday, September 30. Our regional board has met once, already, planning for this event. We are looking for a good turn out from the parishes in our region. It will be exciting to meet many of the teens in our region at this event. The rally will include Mass in Fr. Kapaun's hometown of Pilsen, games, and pizza.

Heidi is dreaming up plans for the Region 3 Rally!



Region 3 NEWS:

St. Anthony, Garden Plain Lock-in

On Saturday, August 11, teens from Garden Plain, St. Mark and the Colwich area came to the annual CYO lock-in at Garden Plain. The doors were officially locked at 8:30 that night, which kicked off a night of movies, games and fun.

While some chose to watch movies such as *Music and Lyrics* and *Disturbia* others went to game rooms to play *Apples to Apples* and poker. A few even played a video game with guitars and rock music. While some tried to get some sleep early in the evening (this is around 11 or 12) others chose to down the soda and stay up all night long.

In the morning a great breakfast of biscuits, gravy and eggs was fixed and everyone went home tired, full and ready for some more fun. Thanks to all the chaperones and student volunteers who helped make the lock-in a success.

Chelsea Ridder – Region 3 Rep.

Kari says...

Come to our Region 2 Rally in Pilsen on **Sep. 30** from 10:30 a—2:30 p
Cost is \$3—for a really fun time! Includes Mass & pizza!



Gil is thinking the Region 3 Rally will be **Oct. 21** and will be filled with food & fun!



Region 4 NEWS:

Region 4 Rally

Region 4 is very excited about the Region 4 Rally. The Rally will be October 7th at St. Thomas Aquinas. It will be from 3 pm – 6 pm. It will be an exciting event, and will be a chance to bring together all the different parishes attending.

The representatives from the different parishes have been working very hard attending monthly meeting to help plan this event. It will be filled with music, snacks, speakers and fun activities. It will be a great way for the parishes to get together and enjoy a great evening together.

All region 4 parishes should attend for an exciting time!

Jay says...
See you at St. Thomas' on
Oct. 7 from 3-6 pm for the
Region 4 Rally!!



Carol says...
Thanks to everyone
who helped plan the
Region 4 Rally! You
rock!!!

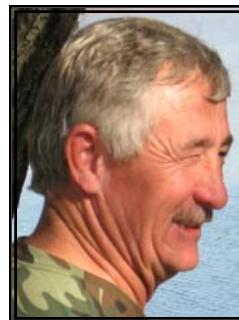


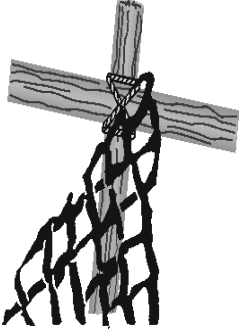
Jennifer is thinking... I
hope we have enough food
for the Region 1 Rally on
Sep. 23 from Noon til 3:30
in Pittsburg!

I hope people remember
Mass is at noon!



Rick & Irene are think-
ing...Our board is still
planning our Rally—
but it will be GREAT, as
always! I hope people
mark **Oct. 28** as the date
for Region 5's Rally!!





CAUGHT IN THE NET

He said to them, "Cast your net over the right side of the boat, and you will find something." John 21:6

Summer is winding down and school is starting up. Youth ministry groups that take the summer off are kicking things into high gear and year round programs just keep cruising along. Hopefully over the summer your group did lots of preparation for the coming year.

Perhaps as you've been planning for the year the subject of a youth Mass has come up. With that possibility in mind I have two sites for you this month. The first will let you know what the bishops have to say on prayer and worship, especially liturgy with youth. The second site contains youth liturgy tips from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Web-site of the month #1: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website on prayer and worship www.usccb.org/laity/youth/renewingpart3prayer&worship.shtml
"The ministry of prayer and worship celebrates and deepens young people's relationship with Jesus Christ through the bestowal of grace, communal prayer and liturgical experiences; it awakens their awareness of the spirit at work in their lives; it incorporates young people more fully into the sacramental life of the Church, especially Eucharist; it nurtures the personal prayer life of young people; and it fosters family rituals and prayer." Liturgy and prayer are vital to comprehensive ministry efforts. Several distinct dimensions of the ministry of prayer and worship with adolescents are discussed on this page.

Web-site of the month #2: Archdiocese of Cincinnati Youth and Young Adult Ministry
www.catholiccincinnati.org/youthmin/publications/youthandmass.pdf This site will not only help you prepare the liturgy well, but also help you prepare the youth for the liturgy. They even offer insight on what to say when the youth complain that *"Mass is boring, we do the same thing over and over again."*

Since the two sites above are fairly short reads I think I'll throw in a **Bonus site of the month:**
<http://www.usccb.org/liturgy/current/jp2.shtml> This page from the Committee on the Liturgy contains excerpts from Pope John Paul II on Liturgical Reform. Topics touched upon include the Assembly, the Word of God and Hymns & Sacred music.

Until next time, "keep on casting your net to the right side of the boat."

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Planning for Youth Ministry




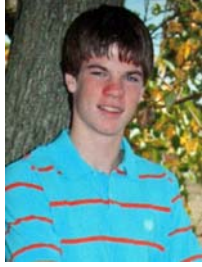



Adult Youth Ministry Leader Workshop
Saturday, Oct 6
9-12 noon

St. Mary's Cathedral—St. Pius Room
Continental breakfast provided






Learn basic elements for effective program planning for Catholic Youth Ministry and get tons of programming ideas!

Free admission, but do RSVP to 316-269-3930
by October 1st

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR REGION REPRESENTATIVES

					
NAME	Debbie	Logan	Tyler	Gabriel	Jessie
Age	17	16	16	17	17
DCYB position	Region 4 Rep	Region 1 Rep	Region 5 Rep	Region 1 Rep	Region 3 Rep
School	Kapaun Mt. Carmel	St. Paul HS	Mulvane HS	St. Mary's Colgan	
Grade	Senior	Junior	Junior	Senior	Junior
Personal Goal for the Year	To grow even closer to my family, since I will be going away to college	To get more youth involved in their faith	Grow closer to God and make friends	Graduate high school	
Fave Food	Cheesecake	Italian	Tacos	Any Italian	
Fave Movie	Miss Congeniality	Tie: Invincible & Rudy	Talladega Nights	The Guardian	
Fave class	Calculus	Any math class	Science	Math	
Fave prayer place	At Church during my adoration hour	In my room	Church	In Church	
What prayer means to me	Prayer is my personal conversation with God where I can talk about anything I want and feel God's true presence and understanding	A conversation talking with God, thanking him and asking him for help.	To be in peaceful state. No distractions—and to be talking to God about what is bothering you.	Well Prayer to me is me having a talk with God, and Strengthening Our Relationship One thing you probably should know about me:	
One thing you should probably know about me	Coming from a family of eight, I am a very competitive person!	I'm a huge Notre Dame fan and I love sports	I have cracked my head open 3 times.		

Getting to Know Your Regional Representatives

					
NAME	Kristine	Mary Anne	Chelsea	Monica	Katie
Age	17	17	16	16	15
DCYB position	Region 2 Rep	Region 5 Rep	Region 3 Rep	Region 4 Rep	Region 2 Rep
School	Centre High School	Wellington HS	Bishop Carroll	Wichita South	Buhler HS
Grade	Senior	Senior	Junior	Junior	Sophomore
Personal Goal for the Year	To get the youth of the diocese to develop a stronger prayer life and realize the importance of prayer	To get more involvement in our diocese, especially at diocesan events and next year's DCYB elections	To be really involved, meet some new people, and have fun with friends!	Grow in my faith and build friendships in the Catholic faith.	To lead others on how to be a true disciple of the Lord by my example.
Fave Food	Steak	Chicken Casserole	Chocolate	Chicken Alfredo	Strawberries
Fave Movie	The original Yours, Mine & Ours	Pride & Prejudice	(Currently) Hair-spray	(short film) Most	Spiderman
Fave class	Ag Business Management	History		Choir	Math
Fave prayer place	At Totus Tuus Camp in chapel during adoration	Adoration	Our chapel at Bishop Carroll	My room	A beautiful, quiet church
What prayer means to me	Prayer allows me to develop a more intimate and stronger relationship with our Lord.	Prayer to me means a time where I sit and listen to what God has to tell me. I often ask for help in my own life or my friends' lives, but mainly to hear what God is calling me to do.	talking to God, offering my day to Him, and letting Him work through me	Everything, without it I couldn't start, end or go through my day.	Prayer is a huge part of my life, and the more I pray, the closer feel that I am to God.
One thing you should probably know about me	I'm a Farm girl	I love to act goofy. :-)	I've played the piano since I was 5 and the flute since I was 10.	I'm very busy....with Jesus.	I love to run

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SCHOOL OF FISH



Training and Formation Opportunities in Youth Ministry

WITHIN THE MIDWEST

Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies -- Omaha, NE

Scheduled for:

Sep 8-9, 2007 – Principles of Youth Ministry

Nov 3-4, 2007 – Practices of Youth Ministry

Feb 2-3, 2008 – Foundations for Ministry Leadership

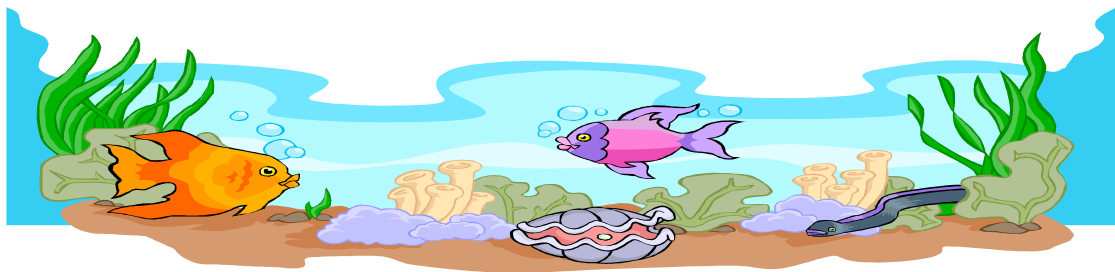
Apr 5-6, 2008 – Skills for Christian Leadership

The fee for each two-day course is \$175, plus housing. Discounts are available for groups of 4—sharing books. This program is offered in conjunction with the Center for Ministry Development.

Participants may register at any time. Contact: Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies

Box 4130 Omaha, NE 68104, Phone: 402-554-8493, FAX: 402-554-8402,

e-mail: rmramos@archomaha.org, www.archomaha.com/ORF/ORFPages/cert.html



WITHIN THE DIOCESE

Quarterly workshops on Youth Ministry topics – Wichita, KS

These workshops will be held from 9:00 am –3:00 pm around the diocese. They are free of charge and will be filled with helpful information for adult youth ministry leaders.

October 6, 2007 – Planning for Youth Ministry—St. Mary’s Cathedral, Wichita

November 03, 2007 – Catholic Morality and Youth

January 26, 2008 – Building Community with Youth

April 26, 2008 – Planning Youth Retreats

Fall Regional Dinners – Various Locations

Adult youth ministry leaders and their spouses are warmly invited to attend these dinners. There will be a brief presentation on a youth topic, followed by idea swapping—and dessert swapping, if appropriate. This is a fun way to get to know the other crazy adult youth ministry leaders in your region! Everyone buys their own meal.

Scheduled for:

September 27 – 7:00 pm — Little Bear’s in Andale for Region 3

October 04 – 6:30 pm – Stroud’s for Region 4

October 11—5:30 pm—El Portrillo in Hutchinson for Region 2

October 13—TBA—Region 1 dinner

October 30—6:30 pm—Applebee’s in Derby for Region 5

WITHIN YOUR OWN HOME

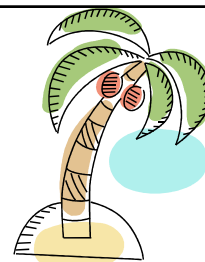
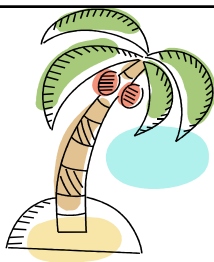
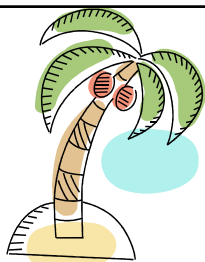
New Distance Learning Opportunities

University of Dayton. With the approval of the Maria De Mattias Committee and Bishop Jackels, the Diocese of Wichita has joined 34 other dioceses to establish a partnership with the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). This partnership enables us to offer more extensive opportunities for quality catechist and adult formation courses via distance learning.

These courses are:

- Available to any and all adults in our diocese at the reasonable cost of \$40 per course.
- Able to be created and/or closed for only people within our diocese or within a particular parish.
- Able to be facilitated by trained people within the diocese as well as by the faculty at UD.
- Offered in Spanish.
- Assigned from 1.5 to 3 CEUs or 15 to 30 clock hours of credit.

To see a sample course, log in to the website <http://vlc.udayton.edu> with the username vlc123 and the password vlc123. After logging in you will see a list of sample courses under the heading MY PROFILE at http://vlc.udayton.edu/courses/sample_course.php. To see the complete course schedule, click on "Calendar" on the upper right of the home page.



WHAT I WISH I KNEW WHEN I STARTED

Randy Raus, President and CEO of Life Teen, shares thoughts on ministering to youth:

- Spend more time listening to teens than you do talking.
- We can't fix every teen. You will reach some and not be able to reach others.
- It's not our role to be a buddy to the teens -If you're hanging out with teenagers all the time and see them as peers and best friends, something is wrong with you, and you shouldn't be in youth ministry! Sure, you'll befriend kids. But you're their leader, and that defines you as a different kind of friend. Yes, you'll hang out and talk about things other than Jesus. But your relationships with students, as close as they may seem at times, need to maintain the foundational understanding that your reason for hanging is not to be a pal; it's to have a spiritual impact on their lives.
- Spend more time building relationships than you do planning.
- Don't think you know it all or more than anyone else. Ministry to teens is always changing, a challenge, surprising and evolving all the time.

TEC NEWS



Members of the TEC Congress 2008 committee met to play, I mean PLAN the National TEC Congress scheduled for August 2-4, 2008 at the Spiritual Life Center right here in beautiful Wichita. Now TEC adults (18 and up) have NO excuse to miss this national event!

There are LOTS of ways to help with this event from sewing to cooking to putting together little gift bags to picking up folks at the airport. If you would like to help in any way or to get more info, please call David Walker at 316-269-3928.

QUARTERLY TEC ADULT GATHERINGS

Saturday, October 6, 2007
Church of the Magdalen
Monsignor George Schmidt Parish Hall
2-5 p.m.

The afternoon will start with a potluck luncheon, followed by our speaker, Steven Polley, Chairman. of the National TEC Conference Leadership Council and Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries & Religious Education for the Dodge City Diocese. Following Steven's presentation there will be discussion & social time, with Mass at 5:30 for those able to stay. Everyone is asked to bring a favorite dish; drinks and service will be provided.

Please mark your calendar TODAY and reserve the date, October 6, 2007, for this exciting event.

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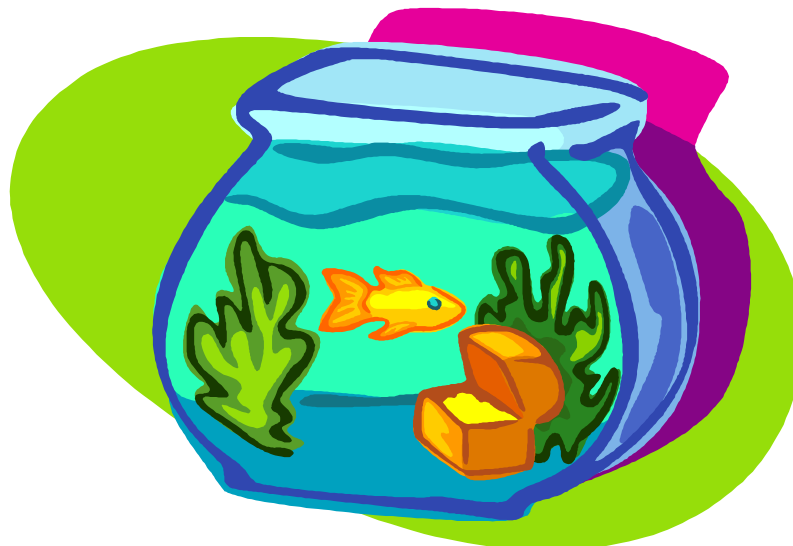


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YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2007	JANUARY 2008
09 - Diocesan Youth Rally 15 - Catechist Retreat - "Encountering the Living Christ" 22 - Religious Studies Program classes begin 23 - Region 1 Youth Rally 27 - Region 3 Dinner-7:00 pm at Little Bear's in Andale 30 - Region 2 Youth Rally	18 - Mass for Life at Cathedral 18-23 - March for Life 25-31 - NET (National Evangelization Team) in the diocese 26 - YM Workshop #3 - Building Community with Youth
OCTOBER 2007	FEBRUARY 2008
04 - Region 4 Dinner - 6:30 pm at Stroud's 06 - YM Workshop # 1 - Planning for Youth Ministry 07 - Region 4 Youth Rally 11 - Region 2 Dinner - 5:30 pm at El Portrillo in Hutchinson 13 - Region 1 Dinner - TBA 14 - 100 Days 'Til we March Rally 21 - Region 3 Youth Rally 28 - Region 5 Youth Rally 30 - Region 5 Dinner - 6:30 pm at Applebee's in Derby	1-14 - NET (National Evangelization Team) in the diocese 23-25 - TEC # 115 - Wichita
NOVEMBER 2007	MARCH 2008
03 - YM Workshop # 2 - Catholic Morality and Youth 8-10 - National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) - Ohio 10 - Hispanic Youth Encuentro at St. Patrick's in Wichita 22-23 - <i>Chancery closed for Thanksgiving break</i>	29-30 - Diocesan Youth Conference - Airport Hilton
DECEMBER 2007	APRIL 2008
1-3 - TEC #114 - Wichita 25 - <i>Chancery closed for Christmas</i>	26 - Special Workshop - Technology & Youth
	MAY 2008
	3-4 - CLAY retreat 31 - YM Workshop # 4 - Planning Youth Retreats
	JUNE 2008
	28-30 - TEC #116 - Pittsburg



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