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RELATIONSHIP-BUILDING TIME

The summer time provides a perfect opportunity to build relationships with the young people in your parish. All of the summer events--road trips, conferences, camping, swim parties or sporting events--can help develop a sense of family among the youth, and allow the kind of time required to get to know people and really learn about what's going on in their world. If you don't think relationship building is an essential component of youth ministry, just read this [quote](#) from a 13-year old participant and then check out the [quick reference](#) for adult volunteers.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH 2008-2009 THEME:
"We suffer all kinds of afflictions, yet with Christ are not overcome."

- based on 2 Cor 4:8

SPOTLIGHT ON:

NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORLD YOUTH DAY

October 26, 2008

This is the day the US bishops have set aside to celebrate the young church! The 2008 Youth Ministry Resource Manual "Our God -

TRAINING AND FORMATION

LOCAL:

Aug 9 - Theology of the Body for Teens Training - SFA, Wichita --[Download form](#)

Live & Local: Ministry Formation in Your Backyard - for all adult leaders and volunteers!

Sep 13 - Our Lady of Lourdes, Pittsburg

Sep 20 - St. Michael, Mulvane

Sep 27 - St. Joseph, McPherson

Oct 18 - Cathedral, Wichita

Oct 25 - St. Joseph, Ost

NATIONAL:

Aug 9 - Equipp Catholic Youth Ministry Conference - Littleton, CO [Click here for details.](#)

Dec 4-7 NCCYM 2008 in Cleveland [click here](#) for details

The Great I Am" contains lots of ideas for parish celebrations. Also, make plans to attend our diocesan World Youth Day Event at SEAS on October 26!

DIRECT MINISTRY FOR YOUTH

- [XLT](#)
- [UpsideDown Leadership Camp](#)
- [March For Life](#) 2009 - Scholarship deadline in September!

GRADUATES: Where Do They Go From Here?

The Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministries is forming a task group to create a plan for college campus ministry, including community colleges, to help ensure that college age young adults are being ministered to during these crucial years. If you are interested in serving on this task group, please contact our office at 316-269-3930. The group will begin meeting in September.

DIOCESAN WORLD YOUTH DAY EVENT!

Mark your calendars for **October 26, 2008** our first Diocesan World Youth Day Event featuring Bishop Jackels as our keynote! This event will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish from 1:00 - 6:00 pm.

Until next time,

Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministries
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UPCOMING

August

[Theology of the Body for Teens Training](#)

[Leadership Camp](#)

September

Leadership Camp Fredonia

Live & Local Formation

[2008 Life, Justice & Family Fall Gathering](#)

[CLAY retreat](#) in St. Mark

October

Live & Local Formation

Diocesan World Youth Day Event

[click here for full calendar](#)

CREATION PLAY

[Here is](#) a refreshing prayer based on the

creation story. Let
your creativity
soar!

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