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What is World Youth Day?

There are actually 3 different Catholic celebrations with the name "World Youth Day."

- 1) The International Gathering of World Youth Day (primary for young adults) is held every 2 or 3 years around the world. The next WYD will be in Madrid, Spain in 2011.
- 2) In addition, the Holy Father calls on young people throughout the world to join him annually on Palm Sunday in Rome.
- 3) Finally, the Catholic bishops of the United States, wanting to place full attention on the youth of our nation, voted to move the celebration in the US from Palm Sunday to the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time--**this year occurring on October 26**. During this weekend, parishes are invited to acknowledge the teens by involving them in Mass, affirming them, and blessing them.

- A Liturgical Planning Guide for October 26 containing liturgical recommendations, suggest General Intercessions, and various blessings may be found in the 2008 Youth Ministry Resource Manual (distributed at the 2008 Diocesan Youth Conference.) Contact our office for an additional copy.
- [Click here](#) for the pope's message to young people.
- [Click here](#) for information on the Diocesan World Youth Day Celebration taking place on October 26 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish.

Diocesan Catholic Youth theme for 2008-2009:

We suffer all kinds of afflictions, yet with Christ are not

Don't miss the boat!

[March for Life](#) is January 20-25, 2009

[Register](#) now for the easy monthly payment plan. Do not give up! We CAN turn the tide!

TRAINING AND FORMATION

LOCAL:

[Live & Local: Ministry Formation](#) in Your Backyard - for all adult leaders and volunteers!

Sep 20 - St. Michael, Mulvane

Sep 27 - St. Joseph, McPherson

Oct 05 - Our Lady of Lourdes - **new!**

overcome.

-based on 2 Cor 4:8

Oct 18 - Cathedral, Wichita

Oct 25 - St. Joseph, Ost

NATIONAL:

[OnCourse](#) - an online training program developed by Ministry Training Source and the National Association of Catholic Youth Ministry Leaders (NACYML)--check it out!

Dec 4-7 NCCYM 2008 in Cleveland [click here](#) for details - **early bird discount deadline is October 17!!** (Save even more by joining NACYML)

UPCOMING

September

Live & Local Formation

[CLAY retreat](#) in St. Mark

October

Live & Local Formation

Diocesan World Youth Day Event

December

NCCYM in Cleveland

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) in Wichita

Eve of the Eve Dance

January

March for Life Pilgrimage to DC

[click here for full calendar](#)

DIRECT MINISTRY FOR YOUTH

- [Diocesan World Youth Day Event](#)
- [TEC weekend December 13-15](#)
- [March For Life](#) 2009

What is currently featured on the [NFCYM website?](#)

- Information on the online training program "OnCourse"
- Stand Up and Take Action against Poverty Campaign (Oct 17-19) info
- Year of Saint Paul resources
- Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship document
- Stewardship and Teenagers: The Challenge of Being a Disciple document
- and more!

NCYC

COMING TO A DIOCESE NEAR YOU!!

As many of you know, The 2009 National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) will take place November 19-20 in Kansas City! This means a *much* shorter bus ride for us, but it also gives you an opportunity to invite your pastors up for a day or two to experience this amazing Catholic event!

Until next time,

Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministries
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NET DATES

STILL

OPEN!

The [National Evangelization Team](#) will be in the Catholic Dicoese of Wichita

in February of
2009. The
following dates are
still open for
parish/school
and/or regional
retreats:

Feb 08

Feb 14

Feb 21

Feb 22

Please contact our
office to schedule
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