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Prayers Please!!

Chase Kear from Sacred Heart parish in Colwich suffered severe

World Youth Day is October 26!

Suggestions for Preparations

Inform the Parish
Advertise and promote World Youth Day by hanging posters and using the parish bulletin to announce any activities your parish is planning.

Involve the Parish in Praying for Teens
Make your own prayer cards using the Our God, the Great I Am prayer and place the name of a young person from your parish at the bottom of each. Distribute these at Mass and ask parishioners to keep these young people in prayer throughout the year.

Involve youth and their gifts in various liturgical ministries during the weekend Masses.

Include prayers for youth during the **General Intercessions.**

Highlight Youth leadership; decorate bulletin boards with pictures of youth doing various forms of ministry and service; create a list of youth involved in ministry and insert in parish bulletin; offering a blessing of youth involved in leadership roles in Catholic Youth Ministry or in your Catholic Youth Organization.

The World Youth Day prayer, suggested bulletin announcements, General Intercessions and additional ideas may all be found in the blue *Our God, The Great I Am* resource manual sent to every parish.

Check out the NFCYM website for additional blessing and prayers you can use to celebrate youth on World Youth Day and at other times throughout the year.
Click here for information on the Diocesan World Youth Day Celebration taking place on October 26 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish.

October is Respect Life Month

Make a commitment to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to DC for the March For Life

head injury while pole vaulting. Please join with Chase's family and friends in praying for his recovery. Add prayers and get updates here. The password is prayers4chase. To petition Fr. Emil Kapaun for a miraculous healing download this prayer.

UPCOMING

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

Register now for the monthly payment plan.

TRAINING AND FORMATION

LOCAL:
Live & Local Ministry Formation in Your Backyard - for all adult leaders and volunteers!These seminars have been very well received by participants. Don't miss out--there are two remaining!
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)

DIRECT MINISTRY FOR YOUTH

- Diocesan World Youth Day Event
- TEC weekend December 13-15, 2008
- March For Life 2009

THE POPE WANTS TO MEET YOUR FAMILY!

The organizers of the 6th World Meeting of Families are creating a mosaic of family photos that will form an image of Benedict XVI. They are collecting 7,000 digital images of family photos.

Families who want to send their picture to be included in the mosaic should downsize it to less than 4 megabytes and email it in JPG or GIF format. The email should include the name of the person sending the image, the last name of the family, along with the family's hometown and country. The deadline to send the images is December 12.

Welcome Anna!

The Offices of Religious Education and Youth and Young Adult Ministries have a new Office Coordinator. Please join us in welcoming Anna Gittemeier to our staff! Chris Edmonds caught up with Anna recently for a chat:

C: What in the world possessed you to sign on with the Youth &

March for Life Pilgrimage to DC

click here for full calendar

SAFE ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION FOR YOUTH

All 9-12 graders whether they are in PSR, CYO or CYM are expected to cover safe environment issues each year. Reports are due to the Religious Education Office by November 14th! Click here for curriculum.

New Diocesan Website!

From the diocesan front page, just click on "Ministries and Offices" to find the Youth and Young Adult Ministries page. Our new site features youth, leaders and young adult sections. check it out!

Religious Ed offices?

A: I had no idea what I was getting into!
Well I have done a lot of volunteering with Youth Ministry in churches in the past and I thought it might be fun. A friend at my church knew I had been looking for a new job and brought the ad to me one week and just said that she had thought of me when she found it and thought I might be interested. I guess she was right.

C: What has been the most gratifying thing so far with your new job?

A: Definitely the people I work with here. I get to talk to so many people that are here because they want to help people and make a difference. You just don't get that with corporate or government jobs. Everyone smiles when they meet and blesses you when you sneeze. It's such a wonderful and welcoming place.

C: What has been the most surprising/unexpected thing?

A: I had no idea the diocese had such a huge library. I guess just being a librarian surprised me. That, and the back closet. I really didn't expect to find hula hoops and jump ropes in the office.

C: What is something quirky about you that most people don't know? (Of course, if this is a lie, we'll never know!)

A:I love to do kids crafts. Gluing wiggly eyes on things is just always a stress reliever. I make ornaments for everyone at Christmas out of whatever I find. I have quite a collection of snowmen/reindeer/santas ornaments made out of odd things like tin cans.

C:What is one thing you'd like to tell everyone reading this about your service to them? (Is this a leading question?)
A: I think this is a leading question.

Until next time,

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