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It is "souper" easy to participate in

Diocesan Catholic Youth Confernce
March 28-29, 2009

Fall Gathering Highlights Spring Gathering
The World Youth Day Event held on October 26 was a nice preview to our annual Youth Conference. The youth from various regions led us in prayer and activities; we enjoyed a meaningful presentation from Bishop Jackels; and we even got a chance to kick up our heels!

Goals of Youth Conference
The Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) is designed to
1) Gather our diocese together and help promote unity
2) Highlight the gifts of young people
3) Inspire and promote enthusiasm for parish Catholic Youth Ministry

How you can help us achieve these goals
1) Bring your parish youth to the conference! We'd love to see all parishes represented.
2) Nominate worthy youth for recognition
3) Follow-up with your group after the conference with resources and ideas you will use back in the parish

Nationally-known speakers at DCYC
You will not want to miss Chris & Linda Padgett, our featured keynoters. Check out Chris' website to learn more about this dynamic couple!

Conference Booklet coming soon!
Each parish will be mailed a conference booklet by Thanksgiving, so that you can begin preparations. All forms and payments will be due by **February 28, 2009.**

Don't miss the bus!

this national event. Simply register your parish group to receive free promo materials; collect donations on Super Bowl Sunday; report your results; donate 100% of your collection to the charity of your choice.

Make it matter more!
This year, consider taking part in the Service Blitz with a hands-on volunteer experience.

UPCOMING

December

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) in Wichita

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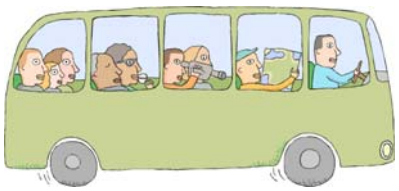
January
March for Life Pilgrimage to DC



The registration deadline for March For Life Pilgrimage is December 1st.

TRAINING AND FORMATION

NATIONAL:
OnCourse - The following courses and retreats are coming up for those who prefer online learning. Check them out:
Dec 10-15 - Advent Retreat
Feb 01-20 - Scripture & Magisterium 3-week course
Apr 01-08 - Lenten Retreat
May 11-29 - Sharing Faith with Youth

LOCAL:
Diocesan Lenten Small Group materials will be available in early January along with instructions for using the materials with youth and/or adults.

DIRECT MINISTRY FOR YOUTH

- All Saints Dance at St Elizabethe Ann Seton - November 1
- CYO Lock In at St. Jude - Nov 25-26
- TEC weekend December 13-15, 2008
- March For Life 2009

RESOURCES

CRS Food Fast - download free materials to help you coordinate a fast in your community to help feed the poor.

The Institute for Peace and Justice offers bi-monthly issues of "Peace Pieces" filled with program ideas on social justice topics.

Educating for Justice Website is a program of the Center of Concern containing activies, prayer services, lectionary reflections and more.

Choose Christ 2009 from Spirit and Song contains over 110 popular songs, songbooks, keyboard and guitar accompaniment, CD library and annual supplements to keep your musical resources up-to-date.

click here for full calendar

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CURRICULUM FOR YOUTH

The Religious Education Office has designed lessons to cover safe environment awareness for 9-12 graders. **All** students 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!**

Check with your parish DRE for more information.

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!

"ONE BREAD, ONE CUP"

Summer Liturgical Leadership Conference

This is an extraordinary experience for **mature** high school students seriously interested in liturgical formation and leadership. Parish and high school groups are invited to attend.

This program is designed to hlep meet the particular liturgical leadership formation needs of the community--so dialogue with principals, pastors, the Director of the Office of Worship and the bishop is highly recommended.

Sponsoring Pairsh/High School Registration and payment in full must be received by **February 1, 2009.**

Until next time,

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