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**Souper Bowl of Caring  
February 1,  
2009**

**It is "souper" easy to participate in**

### FROM THE DIRECTOR...

As we enter more fully into this beautiful season of Advent, I find myself increasingly grateful to you for helping to make Christ "incarnate" to the young people of our Church. As God manifested Himself in a form that we could understand--so, too, do you make our Triune God known to young people through your witness in their lives, and in a manner that they can understand.

Our young people are longing---just as the Jewish people longed for the Messiah. Thank you for helping the youth to see that their longing cannot be satisfied by the things of this world, but only fulfilled in our wonderful Lord!

Blessed Advent and Most Blessed Feast of the Nativity of our Lord!

## March for Life Chaperone Meetings

All March for Life chaperones are required to attend an informational meeting prior to the March for Life Pilgrimage. The meetings are scheduled at the following locations from 7:00-8:00 pm:

Dec 11 - Church of the Holy Spirit, Goddard

Dec 15 - St. Francis Parish, St. Paul

Dec 16 - St. Vincent de Paul, Andover

Dec 17 - St. Anthony/St. Rose, Wellington

Dec 18 - Our Lady of Guadalupe, So. Hutchinson

### TRAINING AND FORMATION

#### Orientation to Catholic Youth Ministry

January 11, 2009  
1:00 - 4:00 pm

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

Eve of the Eve Dance

**January**

Orientation to Catholic Youth Ministry

Spiritual Life Center  
Great for new adult leaders, scout leaders, high school PSR catechists!  
FREE admission!

***Please RSVP by January 5***

## DIRECT MINISTRY FOR YOUTH

- [TEC](#) weekend December 13-15, 2008
- [Eve of the Eve Dance](#) in Derby
- [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.

#### [One Bread, One Cup](#)

Summer Liturgical Leadership Conference  
This conference is for mature high school students seriously interested in liturgical formation and leadership. Parish and high school groups are invited to attend. Registration and payment in full must be received by February 1, 2009.

### What is "new" on the Diocesan Website?

Here is a sampling:

- "Ask Fr. Bill" Q &A for youth
- Weekly Sabbath quotes for adult leaders
- How to start a young adult group in your parish

Look around the site and let us know what else you'd like to see!

### Young Adult Beginning Experience

YABE is a unique retreat designed for those 16 and older. The YABE program helps address the normal feelings of loss and pain when the family unit undergoes severe change due to death, or a changed parental relationship through separation or divorce.

The next YABE weekend will be held in Wichita on **March 20-22, 2009**.

Contact [Karen](#) for more information.

March for Life  
Pilgrimage to DC

[click here for full  
calendar](#)

RESOURCE FOR  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
MINISTRY

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for Ministry  
Development middle  
school service learning  
program. It provides a  
dynamic learning  
experience, helping  
adolescents learn  
about justice and  
giving them hands-on  
experiences of service.  
For more information  
contact [Ann Marie  
Eckert](#) at CMD.

## DCYC 2009 - REMINDERS!

Please make note of the following deadlines for the  
2009 Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference scheduled  
for March 28-29 at the Airport Hilton:

**Dec 31** - DCYB applications due

**Feb 06** - Regional Catholic Youth of the Year  
Nominations Due

**Feb 06** - Light of Christ Nominations due

**Feb 27** - All forms and payments due

All forms are now available on our [website](#).

wishing you a blessed Christmas,

Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministries  
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