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### FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Welcome to a shiny new year! As I begin to live into another year of blessings from our Lord, I cannot help but review last year, and think about what I might like to do differently with this one. So many ideas, so little time!

If like me, you are thinking about some new ways of being this year, I encourage you to look at some ways you can deepen your faith journey---and, in turn, guide the young people you so generously serve in their own faith journey.

Yes, it will require some of that precious commodity known as "time"---and it may be something you've never considered doing before. But, as they say, "Life begins at the end of your comfort zone!"

Check out some of the offerings under Training and Formation--and have a very happy and inspiring new year!!

### March for Life

You are invited to join all of the 2009 March for Life participants at the Send-Off Mass on **Janaruy 20**, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Wichita, at **6:00 pm**.

**Please keep all of the M4L pilgrims in your prayers!**

### ADULT TRAINING AND FORMATION

UPCOMING

#### January

Orientation to Catholic Youth Ministry

March for Life Pilgrimage to DC

#### February

#### At the Spiritual Life Center:

**Jan 11** Orientation to Catholic Youth Ministry (see side bar for details)

**Jan 15** - Saint Paul: The Man His Writings, His Theology w/ Msgr. Carr 3-day series begins.

**Jan 30 - Feb 1** Silent Retreat w/Fr. Lanzrath. 9 - Introduction to Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body series.

**Feb 12** - Practical Steps to a Better Prayer Life w/ Fr. Kent Hemberger 3-day series begins.

**Feb 28** - The Drug Culture: What Parents and Educators Need to Know" w/ Dan Oblinger 3-hour workshop

Souper Bowl of Caring

NET team in Diocese

Deadline to register for DCYC

**March**

TEC Weekend

YABE weekend

Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC)

[click here for full calendar](#)

**ONLINE RESOURCES**

[Souper Bowl of Caring](#)

February 1, 2009

[CRS Food Fast](#) info

[One Bread One Cup](#)

Liturgy training for youth

[A Guide to Religious Ministries](#) resource

**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:

Looking ahead: Make plans to attend the Palm Sunday Weekend Retreat w/Bishop Jackels on **April 3-5, 2009**. This event fills up quickly!

**DIRECT MINISTRY FOR YOUTH**

- [TEC](#) weekend March 7-9, 2009
- YABE weekend March 20-22, 2009

**TEEN RESOURCES**

These books are available in our lending library for you to review free of charge:

*As Morning Breaks and Evening Sets*

This resource offers prayer services for teen events and themes set within the format of our traditional liturgy of the hours. It also includes an appendix on how to prepare and plan your own services based on the liturgy of the hours. What a wonderful tool to give a fresh approach to this time-honored prayer form!

*God to the Rescue: Exodus*

*Six Weeks with the Bible for Catholic Teens*

This Bible study from Loyola Press includes warm-up questions, guides to the readings, closer look questions, questions for application and prayer for all six weekly topics. You may adapt this format to meet your needs.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY RESOURCES**

**Check out these titles in our lending library!**

**Community**

*Jump Start* by Michael Amodei

*Community-Building Ideas for Ministry with Young Teens* by Marilyn Kielbasa

**Catechesis**

*Ready-to-Go Game Shows That Teach Serious Stuff* by Michael Theisen  
(both Bible Edition and Catholic Teachings and Practices Edition)

**Prayer & Worship**

*Junior-High Prayer Services by Themes and Seasons* by Gwen Costello

*One-Day Retreats for Junior High Youth* by Geri Braden-Whartenby

**Service**

*Justice & Service Ideas for Ministry with Young Teens* by Joseph Grant

**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

**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](#).

**"We suffer all kinds of afflictions yet with Christ are not overcome."  
DCYB theme for 2008-2009**

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.

### LOST AND FOUND!!

**FOUND:** Several area grocery store gift certificates from a Catholic Youth Organization dated January 3, 2008 were found loose in the US mail. Please contact our office to claim.

**LOST:** Several books from our lending library are out, and need to return "home" so they can be enjoyed by other parish groups. Please look around for books you may have borrowed this past Fall, and either call to "extend your lease" or kindly return them to our office. Thanks so much!

**wishing you a healthy and happy new year,**

Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministries  
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