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### FROM THE DIRECTOR...

What I really want to say to you today is...DON'T GIVE UP! Catholic Youth Ministry can offer many rewards and blessings--but it also has its share of challenges and obstacles.

For example, your team plans a wonderful event, and then only 2 teens show up. Or you delegate a project, and someone (youth or adult) "drops the ball" and the project is a disaster. Or you find yourself driving all over Gods' creation collecting signed forms for an upcoming event, because most of the youth ignored the deadline, but you know they really want to attend this event. You may begin to think, "Why am I doing this?"

The answer to this question is as individual as each person reading this. But one thing is universally true for all of you: **If God has truly called you to this ministry, He will continue to support you through these challenges.** Just don't give up! Our Church desperately needs the gifts that young people bring. In many ways, you are the "gate-keepers" of those gifts. You help identify, nurture and allow those gifts to be acknowledged and celebrated in our Church.

So, you may have already given up on your New Year's Resolution, but don't give up on this. The benefits to the kingdom of God are so much greater than you may ever know!

UPCOMING

**February**

NET team in Diocese

March For Life Reunion

Region I Volleyball Tournament

## March for Life

[March For Life 2009 REUNION](#)

Sunday, February 15 from 2-4 pm

Church of the Magdalen

Please bring photos and snacks to share

Learn about the 2010 trip!

Open to *everyone*

**Thank you for your prayers which helped to keep all of our pilgrims safe!!**

## ADULT TRAINING AND FORMATION

Deadline to register for DCYC

### March

TEC Weekend

YABE weekend

Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC)

[click here for full calendar](#)

### At the Spiritual Life Center:

**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

### With the Religious Education Office:

**Mar 14** - Lenten Retreat in Clare Hall at St. Francis of Assisi (9:30 am -2:30 pm) **DEADLINE! March 5**

**Mar 15** - Lenten Retreat at OLL in Pittsburg (1:15-5:30 pm) **DEADLINE! March 5**

### With the Youth & Young Adult Ministries Office:

**Mar 28** - How to Reach Today's Youth - adult session during the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC)

### ONLINE RESOURCES

[CRS Food Fast](#) info

[One Bread One Cup](#)

Liturgy training for youth

[A Guide to Religious Ministries](#) resource

### With your computer:

[STEP](#) (Satellite Theological Education Program) at the University of Notre Dame has two online courses coming up. Time commitment: 3-5 hours per week; Cost \$79 per course.

**Youth Ministry 101** (June 8-July 10, 2009) online course to enhance your ministry and get you discussing and sharing with other youth ministers.

**Youth Ministry 202** (Feb 23 -Mar 29, 2009) online course designed for for dedicated to mentoring youth into adult faith in the Roman Catholic Church.

### Looking ahead:

Palm Sunday Weekend Retreat w/Bishop Jackels on **April 3-5, 2009**. This event fills up quickly!

KARE Conference **July 24-26** in Salina--featuring Dr. Robert McCarty, Fr. Bob Barron, Fr. Frank Coady and Sr. Linda Gaupin. **Scholarship apps due by June 1, 2009**

## DCYC 2009!

DEADLINE

**Feb 27** - All forms and payments due. Late charges will begin after this date.

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

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

## DIRECT MINISTRY FOR YOUTH

- [March for Life Reunion](#) Feb. 15, 2009
- [TEC](#) weekend March 7-9, 2009
- YABE weekend March 20-22, 2009
- [Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference](#) March 28-29
- [CLAY](#) retreat April 18-19, 2009

### Region I Volleyball Tournament

Sunday, Feb 22, 1:00 pm at Chanute High School (35th & HW 169). Registration fee is \$10.00 Mass available at 10:00 am at St. Patrick Church (424 S. Central, Chanute). FREE LUNCH & SNACKS!! To register: call Janie at 620-431-7069 by Feb. 20

## TEEN RESOURCES

These books are available in our lending library for you to

overcome."  
DCYB theme for  
2008-2009

### 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.

2009 Sister  
Cecilia Bush  
Award  
Nominations  
The Sisters of St.  
Joseph  
are seeking  
nominees  
whose ministry has  
benefitted  
those in need.  
Nomination  
deadline is March  
31, 2009. Forms  
may be found  
[HERE](#).

review free of charge:

### *Senior High Ministry That Works! A Parish-based initiation model*

This is a great resource that gives a step-by-step process on how to set up a program for freshmen through SENIORS that works together with Confirmation. Mirroring the RCIA process, this model leads youth through stages from invitation and welcome through discipleship and stewardship living!

### [Lenten Small Group Materials](#)

The Lenten Small Group Materials developed by Rhonda Lohkamp for our diocese are now available on the diocesan website in English and Spanish. Training materials and forms are also posted in English and Spanish.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY RESOURCES

Available in our lending library!

### *Creative Worship Ideas*

This books offer 70 meaningful ideas for prayer, music, scripture reading, teaching and encouraging. Create "aha!" moments for young people. Includes 8 complete services on various themes.

## 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 spiritually fruitful Lenten season,**

Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministries  
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